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On behalf of the AAWDC, we would like to wish all our members an excellent 2008 and may you find enough time during this year to venture off the road enough!

NOW

I am relieved to say that the NOW representatives, together with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) and Grant Thornton (GT) have had the last workshop on the proposed Self Regulating Strategy (SRS) in January. It is now a matter of wrapping up final proposals and the strategy will be ready to hand over to the Minister. As soon as all is done the SRS will be published and we will let you know.

DRIVER TRAINING UNIT STANDARD

The unit standard is published on the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) website for comment until 1 February. Thereafter the Subject Matter Expert (SME) workgroup will work through comments and suggestions and once finished, the Unit Standard will be registered. All goes according to plan the registration of the Unit Standard will be done by end March. Holding thumbs!!

ENVIRONMENTAL/ COMMUNITY PROJECT

During the latter part of 2007, the AAWDC launched an initiative to get volunteers together that would assist in getting an AAWDC Environmental / Community project up and running. It is also an initiative to bring various clubs and their members together in a worthy cause. We have received nothing less than 20 volunteers and it looks like it would become an excellent project in the future!! Thanks to all those volunteers.

Unfortunately Alan Goodway, who volunteered to lead the Focus Group, pulled out in the beginning of 2008. Leon Zaayman, our Vice Chairman, is now taking it further and he will call the group together soon to plan the road ahead. We are anxiously waiting to hear from this group!

AAWDC WEBSITE

Unfortunately my computer packed up during January and that has pulled the project back a little, but I am back on track and after a little catch-up, we will finalise the contents soon.

AAWDC PRO

We are relieved to report that Annemie Louw has volunteered to take up the PRO position in the AAWDC. Annemie is a member of the McCarthy 4x4 club and she is bringing a lot of enthusiasm and new ideas to the table. Annemie will be contacting the various clubs soon for newsletter content. If we could all support Annemie with articles and stories for the upcoming newsletters. Annemie could be contacted at 072-427-0964 or hibbera@health-worx.co.za.

AAWDC MEMBERSHIP FEES 2008

The invoices for the 2008 membership have been sent out. Please ensure that the AAWDC receives payment before end March. If any club has problems with payment, please contact Isla at members@aawdc.org.za or at 08611-AAWDC.

AGM

Everybody should by now have received the notice for the AAWDC AGM to be held on Thursday 21 February at Toyota Headquarters in Sandton. Items for the agenda close 7 February and should be forwarded to Isla at members@aawdc.org.za. All clubs are welcome and we hope to see at least one representative from your club there!!!

Until we 4-WORDS again, happy off-roading!!

Jakob Jordaan
Chairman

Please note that Alan Reid has completed his 3 year term as the chairman of the Off Road Rescue Unit (ORRU).
With immediate effect Ivor Rimmer is the new chairman. His contact details are as follows:
Cell: 083 326 3020. Tel: 011-6911600.
E-mail: ivor@bateleur.co.za

How to order Driver Training Manuals:

Driver Training Manuals cost R50 each (excl. postage / courier fees). Please send your request with the quantity required, delivery requirements, as well as delivery address to: members@aaawdc.org.za
Or fax it to 08611 AAWDC. An invoice will be generated and on proof of payment, the manuals will be posted or couriered, as per your request.

Bridgestone Fundi Challenge 2008

Just a reminder again:

Bridgestone SA, one of the AAWDC associate members, has announced that they will continue with the **Bridgestone Fundi Challenge** in 2008.

The challenge is open to all clubs and individuals. It consists of a series of events on which the participants are judged on.

* There are great prizes to be won!*

The entry fee is R200.00 per vehicle per event.

For more details and entry forms, contact us, or visit www.bridgestone.co.za



AAWDC 2008 COMMITTEE

Position	Name	E-mail		Contact No	Representing
Chairman	Jakob Jordaan	jakob@global.co.za	W Fax Cell	082 808 1422 0866 857 292 082 808 1422	LROCSA / NOW
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Trustee & Logistics	Peter Claasen	admin@4x4atv.org	W Fax Cell	012-379 1715 012-377 3975 082 558 6184	4x4 ATV
Trustee & Driver Training	Glyn Demmer	glynd@nissan.co.za	W Fax Cell	011-695 4389 011-695 4242 083 399 3565	Nissan Leisure Vehicles

AAWDC 2008 FOCUS GROUPS

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Interclub Fun Day	Jacques de Lange	jacquesdl@mcmotor.co.za	W Fax Cell	011-607 2700 / 082 783 4053	McCarthy 4x4
Interclub Fun Day	Anthonie Coetzee	mc4x4@mcmotor.co.za	W Fax Cell	012-659 9400 / 082 928 7702	McCarthy 4x4

AAWDC Meeting Dates -

For 2008:

- 15 January – gets moved from the 14 January
- 12 February
- 21 February – AGM Meeting
- 11 March
- 15 April
- 13 May
- 10 June
- 15 July
- 12 August
- 16 August – Interclub Fun Day
- 9 September
- 14 October
- 11 November

For 2009

- 13 January
- 10 February
- 24 February – AGM Meeting



AAWDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

DATE : Thursday, 21 February 2008

TIME : 18h30 for 19h00

VENUE : Toyota SA Auditorium in Sandton

1. Welcome
2. Attendance:
 - 2.1 Present
 - 2.2 Apologies
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
6. Chairman's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. General
 - 8.1 Proposed changes to ORRA constitution
9. Election of New Office Bearers
10. Election of Honorary Auditors
11. Handing Over of Chair
12. Next Meeting

Off Road Rescue Unit

The Off-Road Rescue Unit (ORRU) has a permanent team of volunteers, who are all members of the 4x4 club and who utilize their own time and equipment to assist in the event of disaster or search and rescue.

They have built up an outstanding track record over the years and have played a vital role in saving lives. The objective of the club, is to assist when and where possible. The prime objective is to provide efficient, logistical support, either by means of off road transport or communications.

The members are all highly experienced, trained and able to transport personnel and equipment in most weather conditions and over difficult terrain.

As all the vehicles are equipped with VHF radios, they are able to assist with the relaying of radio communications in difficult areas and between different organizations on land, sea and air. The bottom line means that the casualty must receive the best treatment and attention possible.

The ORRU works closely with organizations like The Mountain Club of South Africa, National Sea Rescue, Metro Rescue Services, The South African Airforce, as well as the South African Police.

Members are on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be called upon by means of a paging system or cellphone.

Regular training takes place with other role players such as NSRI, MCSA, METRO etc. The unit also likes to work closely with the Conservation unit and to assist them when necessary.

Although all this sounds very daunting, it is just another way to enjoy your vehicle and the outdoors, and in the process do something for your fellow citizen.

The ORRU is actively recruiting new members. If your life is lacking some excitement, you should seriously consider joining this unit!.

Why should I volunteer?

- 4x4 Owners have a poor public image. This is a chance to prove otherwise.
- Your support can and will make a difference. Safely and quickly, people and equipment can be moved from command or staging areas, closer to where it is required. Food and drinks can be taken to where the action is. Tired and hungry people can be brought back for food and rest.

- You get to drive your vehicle to places you might not normally be allowed to go.
- You are part of the action and really helping.

What do I need?

- An off-road vehicle.
- An ability to drive it skillfully.
- A radio and a cellphone.
- A basic first-aid kit.
- Suitable clothing for cold and wet weather.

How do I sign up?

Contact the [Unit Leader](#) NOW!



ORRA Newsletter

We are experiencing a phenomenal growth in licensees, and would like member clubs to let us know how many new radio users they expect in their respective clubs. We have to pay ICASA for the number of licenses that ORRA issues and when we get to this number, we can no longer issue licenses to our members. Let us get the numbers right so that we can keep everyone happy and legal.

I heard a rumour that the 29 MHz frequency will be scrapped. ICASA assures me that it is exactly that, a rumour. The boating fraternity is moving away from 29 MHz to VHF because 29 MHz is a shared frequency, and lots of people have acquired radios and are operating them without a license causing congestion, but 29 MHz is still available. VHF is also a lot clearer and not prone to interference. With the higher power output on VHF, you should also get better range.

ORRA does have a VHF frequency, although it is also shared in certain areas. We are negotiating with ICASA to see if we can get a national exclusive frequency just for our members.



OFF-ROAD RADIO LICENSES

Cobus Bosch
ORRA Chairman
e-mail: boschjf@sabc.co.za

It is an offence for anyone to operate a two-way radio without the necessary license, and in fact, also for anyone to sell such an apparatus without establishing whether the purchaser is licensed.

ORRA is aware that the authorities are clamping down on unlicensed radios, and we strongly suggest that you ensure that you have the correct license.

The fines are prohibitive. ORRA holds some licenses from the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), and provides these licenses to members on behalf of ICASA.

Through ORRA the application for licenses is made much easier while ORRA abides in all respects with the regulations as set down in the Radio Act. Members of 4x4 Clubs will find that it is easier to obtain a license through ORRA than through the offices of ICASA, although a small administration fee needs to be paid. ORRA expects that all license holders will use proper procedures. Remember that rudeness and bad language are offences under the Radio Act. The 29 MHz band is a shared band, and users should always afford anyone using the channel the same courtesy as they would expect.

On extended trips, in convoy, the correct use of radio's ensure that all in the convoy can keep in contact with one another. In spite of this, radio's do sometimes develop faults. Therefore it is recommended that in convoys, the front vehicle always keeps the following vehicle in sight.

Our ORRA chairman is Cobus Bosch and any queries that you may have with regard to radios should be addressed to him at 082-655-6626 or boschjf@sabc.co.za

AAWDC BENEFIT STATEMENT

HISTORY OF THE AAWDC

The Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs of Southern Africa (AAWDC) had its inaugural meeting in 1993.

It was formed under the guidance and efforts of the three major Four Wheel Drive Clubs in South Africa, namely the *Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa*, the *S.A. Jeep Club* and the *Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa*. Today the Member Clubs and Associates are spread over all the provinces of South Africa, Swaziland and Botswana.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AAWDC

The main objective of the Association is to promote and support the activities and interests of 'all wheel drive clubs in Southern Africa. (Herein after referred to as 'Clubs') Also who are members of the Association, relating to the protection, preservation and conservation of our fauna & flora, natural resources and places of off-road recreation, in Southern Africa.

The ancillary objectives of the Association are:

- 1.1. To have a voice and to liaise with any person, body, authority or Government structure for the purpose of achieving the main objective of the Association, including but not limited to:
 - 1.1.1. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism.
 - 1.1.2. Road Traffic authorities.
 - 1.1.3. Civil Defence authorities.
 - 1.1.4. Nature Conservation authorities and bodies.
- 1.2. To institute a code of conduct for the members of the member Clubs.
- 1.3. To promote safe practices and procedures with member Clubs.
- 1.4. To gather and supply information to members of the Association.
- 1.5. To establish or to assist in establishing new Clubs.
- 1.6. To co-ordinate and encourage Clubs to get involved in Civil Defence/Search and Rescue.

1.7. To communicate and benchmark on a global & local level with associations, member clubs, associate members and other decision makers on matters relating to the all wheel drive vehicles and outdoor lifestyles.

1.8. To professionally develop a Driver Competency qualification program, Driver Training program and Instruction manual.

To develop, maintain and promote an Associate program where related businesses can join the AAWDC as Associated members to the benefit of those Associates and the AAWDC member clubs.

We urge all four-wheel drive owners to join a club affiliated to the AAWDC. We request all the clubs to join the AAWDC for the benefits listed above.

Clubs or individuals who are interested to join or want more information on the AAWDC, can forward their request to Isla Blasa at 08611 AAWDC or members@aawdc.org.za