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### Letter from the Chairman:

To all our Members and Associates – May 2009 be good to you!!

Responses from various clubs suggests that long holidays are now substituted with shorter away weekends and that organised club events over weekends see more bookings than last year this time!! May this growing trend serve you as clubs well and may the Associates see more 4x4 goodies being sold because of that. It is our hope that the drop in interest rates, a consistent low fuel price, the upcoming Federations cup midyear as well as the 2010 soccer will all contribute to growing membership numbers and club activities – Keep the wheels roll'n!

### National Off-Road Workgroup (NOW)

We are still awaiting the final signature of the Minister on the NOW Strategy for Self-Regulation (SSR). The good news in the meantime though is that the SSR is approved to that extend that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) has

agreed to process the Government's grant for this year and that we should have the money in the bank by the time you read this newsletter. The next step in the NOW process will be to finalise the implementation plan and then to start with the implementation thereof. It is our wish that we would be able to report on deliverables by year end. It is a slow process but if you look back at where we were in October 2005 at the George workshop, it is actually amazing what we have developed. This is the only Self Regulation Strategy that suggests a co-regulated agreement between Private sector and the Government of this proportion that exists anywhere in the world today!!

### DRIVER TRAINING UNIT STANDARD

The Driver Training Unit Standard (DTUS) has been approved and is now official!!! The AAWDC is busy with a strategy that would ensure Service Provider status, finalising the course works material and identifying the assessor, trainer and admin infrastructure across all member clubs

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in South Africa that would enable an affordable Driver Competency Certification (DCC) for club members. We are going to tackle this strategy in specific on Saturday 14 March at LA Sport in Pretoria. All clubs are welcome to attend. Please book with Isla at [admin@aawdc.org.za](mailto:admin@aawdc.org.za) by 9 March.

### AAWDC STRATEGY

During the past year we have finalised the AAWDC Strategy which is now posted on the AAWDC website. We have worked on the subsequent detailed implementation plans per Focus Group (FG). The individual FG Chairmen will present these FG strategies at the AAWDC strategy session on 14 March and attending member clubs, which are all invited to this session, will have the opportunity to comment, improve and ask questions. It is the plan that the FG strategies will be finalized soon after and also placed on the AAWDC website. Please book for the AAWDC Strategy session with Isla at [admin@aawdc.org.za](mailto:admin@aawdc.org.za) by 9 March.



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### **AAWDC POSITIONS**

We have a very exciting position available in the AAWDC. We are looking for a person that could identify an Environmental project on a national basis and then to get all member clubs over Southern Africa to participate. Interested parties can forward their detail to Isla at [admin@aawdc.org.za](mailto:admin@aawdc.org.za). If anybody needs more info they can contact Jakob at 082-808-1422.

Environmental Project Chairman –

- Identify and promote a national 4x4 Environmental project amongst AAWDC members.
- Promote interclub relations by accommodating representatives from the AAWDC membership base in organising the event.

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

Jakob Jordaan  
Chairman

### **Bloemfontein 4x4- Ekoklub**

#### **Gemeenskapsprojek: Bejaardes**

Ons het aanvanklik beplan om 'n groep bejaardes op 24 September 2008 op 'n uitstappie te neem maar aangesien 'n groep lede op die Suid-Kaap Safari was het ons nie genoeg lede gehad om die uitstappie lewensvatbaar te maak nie. Na artikels in koerante van hoe swaar bejaardes asook gewone mense in ons gemeenskap kry, het ons besluit om die formaat van die projek te verander en is lede gevra om pakkies met nie-bederfbare voedsel en basiese lewensmiddele op te maak. Tien lede en hulle gades het deelgeneem en 'n groot voorraad is verkry wat weer in kleiner pakkies verdeel is. Ons het die voorraad verdeel onder KMB (Kerk Maatskaplike Dienste) De Bloem- gemeente en Gruisstraat 5 waar dit met groot dankbaarheid ontvang is. Ons hoop om hierdie projek vroeg in die nuwe jaar te herhaal.

#### **Gemeenskapsprojek: Nasorgsentrum Uitstappie**

Op 8 November 2008 neem ons 30 dames en 'n

koshuismoeder op 'n uitstappie na Pierre Maartens en Daan Havenga se naweekhuise langs die Modderrivier naby Maselspoort. Groot opgewondenheid heers Saterdagoggend en ou bekendes kom groet. Phanus stel voor dat ons die N1 neem en dan die Glen/Maselspoort-afrit waar ons dan lees en skaars bokspesies naby die pad te sien kry tot almal se verbasing. Na aankoms by die rivier ontmoet Nelus ons en vertrek ons op 'n 4x4-roete, hierdie was werklik soos altyd 'n wenner en al die dames het dit baie geniet, natuurlik met uitbundige kommentaar en benoude gille. Terug by die rivier geniet almal koeldrank en heerlike sjokoladekoek wat baie welkom was na al die opwindings van die 4x4-roete. Intussen was die vure aangesteek en word daar heerlik vleisgebraai met die hulp van Ruan Havenga en sy 3 maats.

AAA Slaghuis het weereens heerlike vleispakkies geskenk vir die dames en Coca-Cola het koeldrank geskenk. Hierna wag daar 'n groot verrassing op almal, Pierre Maartens het 'n groot Plesierboot/Vlot

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gerêel en die dames vertrek op 'n heerlike vaart op die rivier. Die opgewondenheid op almal se gesigte was iets om te aanskou. Met ons terugkoms is daar net tyd vir vinnige dankies en totsiens-sê voordat ons vertrek om laatmiddag terug in Bloemfontein te wees. Die dankbaarheid van almal was weereens 'n plesier om te aanskou en ons almal het vele drukkies gekry wat ons sal bybly.

Willie Pieterse

### **CHARITY 4x4 FUN DAY FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND DISABLED RESIDENTS OF THE VITA NOVUS HOME (SPRINGS)**

For the last six or seven years in succession the McCarthy 4x4 Club have been involved with the Rotary Club of Boksburg who arrange a charity 4x4 fun day for the mentally retarded and disabled residents of the Vita Novus home. For the previous years the day was held at



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Wolwekloof, the previous home of the McCarthy 4x4 Club. Last year November we held the day at Rhino Park for the first time, where the facilities are better to host such a day for the disabled, making it easier for the disabled to move around as the terrain is flatter. many guests are bound to wheel chairs and cannot do anything for themselves.



After the guests, (round 60 people) arrive in busses they are given a few minutes to visit the cloakrooms, whereafter they are loaded into 4x4's which have kindly been made available for the day by McCarthy 4x4 Club members and friends to drive the guests around a short 4x4

track. For most of the guests this is a day which they look forward to for the whole year and cannot speak enough of the previous years experiences. When the busses arrive they cannot get off fast enough to look for the kind people whom they do not forget from all the previous years, who have driven them around. They remember them by name and ask for "oom Tonie, oom Wynand, tannie Linda, oom Neels, oom Mac, tannie Lilla,

tannie Sonya, oom Ben" and many, many more, names I cannot remember them all. We also run around looking for all our favorite guests whom have touched our hearts and who we speak a lot of. After all the greetings and visiting the cloakrooms the 4x4's are loaded and then all the excitement begins.

After we have driven for approx. an hour or two

with the guests then we return to the Lapa. where the guests and the kind people who have come with their 4x4's to assist are treated with boere wors rolls and cool drinks that were prepared by the Rotarians. After everyone has had enough to eat and drink, then father Christmas arrives on the back of a bright colored 4x4 to the excitement of the guests. Many excited guests escort father Christmas from the 4x4 he has come to his place set for him under the lapa.

Father Christmas then calls out each of their names one by one to come forward to collect their present. Those who are mobile enough come running forward so full of excitement to collect their present which the Rotarians have kindly donated. Others in wheel chairs and who are more

disabled have to be assisted by helpers from the home to help them collect and carry their presents. They are also given a bag filled with many items (like sweets, chips, cool drinks, deodorants, toothbrushes etc) that have been donated by many of the people (helpers) who have come to assist on the day as well as other people who's hearts have just been open for this very worthy cause. I would like to again just take this opportunity to thank everyone who have donated so generously. No matter how big or how small it was. Some who just came to help others who assisted with their 4x4's, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!! May everyone just be blessed by the Lord who knows their hearts.

Last year there were so many generous





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donations that we had to load everything into 2 x kombi's and 1 x bakkie to send to the home.



This is a day when many of our helpers shed lots and lots of tears, especially when we see how thankful the guests are when they receive anything, whether it be a sweet, a small packet of chips, an ice-cream or anything small, that we so often just take for granted and then still complain about and say I do not eat that, or I do not want that one, I want that color and so on and so on. We all know how it goes in our homes. These people are just so different. They will go and show others what they received, even though they all receive the same.

### DATES FOR THE McCARTHY 4x4 CLUB CALENDAR - 2009

14Mar.

Basic 4x4 Training

15Mar.

Club Day(McCarthy Toyota Midrand will be the hosts for the day)

21Mar.

McCarthy 4x4 Club Family 4x4 Fun Day

28 Mar. to 5Apr.

Kalahari/Namibia 4x4 Trip

10 to 13 Apr.

Loskop 4x4 Breakaway

18Apr.

Basic 4x4 Training

19Apr.

Club Day(McCarthy Toyota Edenvale will be the hosts for the day)

**4x4 NISSAN OFF-ROAD CLUB –**

New Committee elected:



Chairman – Nico Pienaar  
Vice-Chairman – David v/d Merwe  
Secretary – Kobus Pienaar  
Treasurer – Joenetta Bisset

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**4x4 NISSAN Off-Road Club en die NG Kerk Garsfontein Botswana Uitreik**

Uitreik April - Mei gaan 'n GROTE wees: Gaan DV in twee 'bene' verloop

(i) Eerste groep gaan net uitreik in die Xanagas bedieningsgebied met die 3-Ton Klere vir Ranyane asook Jesusfilm Uitreike by afgelee veeposte en die plekke waar Ds Gawi nie self kan uitkom nie - vanaf 25 April tot 3 Mei

(ii) Uitreik 2 gaan dan vanaf 3 Mei tot 9 of 10 Mei verder teen die Botswana / Namibie grens op tot by Mohembo, gaan daar met die pont [ferry] oor die Okavango en doen dan verder uitreike met die Jesus Film noord rondom die Delta tot by Maun [dis bietjie rof ,,]

Diegene wat nie week 1 kan meemaak nie sluit dan op 3 Mei by ons aan, die wat nie wil in die "rof" deel gaan nie, draai terug - Teerpad huis toe. En andere sal sekerlik ook die hele 2 weke meemaak.

My hoofdoel met hierdie uitreike is om mense in die 4x4 gemeenskap en wel heelwat wyer as





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mens dit tot 'n enkel Gemeente beperk, en ander met 'n liefde vir die Natuur en die wilder sy van Afrika ook 'n liefde vir Uitreik te kweek - want ek weet, as 'n mens eers die eerste Uitreik beleef het, is die kans goed dat die mens self ook met uitreike [weliswaar op ander

gebiede] betrokke raak - En dit is die mooi en goeie hiervan.

Vir verdere ontwikkelings hieroor, hou die volgende webblaaie dop, asseblief:  
[www.fourwheeler.biz](http://www.fourwheeler.biz)  
[Die Outreach Forum daarin]  
[www.hilux4x4.co.za](http://www.hilux4x4.co.za)  
[Outreach to Botswana: Okavango]  
[http://www.nissan4x4.co.za/forum/forum\\_posts.asp?TID=6229&KW=Kagiso+II](http://www.nissan4x4.co.za/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=6229&KW=Kagiso+II)

Indien daar vrae is re die Uitreik ens, e-pos my asseblief na: [okavangoreached@gmail.com](mailto:okavangoreached@gmail.com)



### 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. 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 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.

The unit also likes to work closely with the Conservation unit and to assist them when necessary.

The ORRU is actively recruiting new members. 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 Ivor Rimmer:  
[ivor@bateleur.co.za](mailto:ivor@bateleur.co.za)

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### OFF-ROAD RADIO LICENCES

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



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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, and to remember that rudeness and bad language is an offense 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 radios ensure that all in the convoy can keep in contact with one another. In spite of this, radios do sometimes develop faults, and it is recommended that in convoys, the front vehicle always keeps the following vehicle in sight. Any queries that you may have with regard to radios should be addressed to the ORRA Administrator, Kim Carmichael, on 0861 393 272 or

email:  
fwdcsa@icon.co.za.

### **AAWDC Strategy**

#### **VISION**

The Vision of the Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs of Southern Africa is to promote and support the activities and interests of "all wheel drive clubs" in Southern Africa who are members of the association.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

##### **1. LIAISON AND COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER REGULATORY BODIES**

- 1.1. To support the Strategy for Self Regulation for the Off-Road Sector through the National Off-Road Workgroup (NOW).
- 1.2. To comply with local and cross-border radio license legislation through the Off-Road Radio Association (ORRA).
- 1.3. To support Government and Emergency Management Service (EMS) rescue events through the Off-Road Rescue Unit (ORRU).
- 1.4. To support local and cross border disaster relief events through the Disaster Management Unit (DMU).

##### **2. PROMOTION OF STANDARDS IN THE OFF-ROAD SECTOR**

- 2.1. To promote 4x4 driver training standards through the Driver Training Manual (DTM).
- 2.2. To promote 4x4 overland travel standards through the Overland Travel Manual (OTM).
- 2.3. To promote the Driver Competency Qualification (DCC) that would enable access to Eco-Sensitive Areas.

##### **3. PROMOTION OF INTERCLUB RELATIONS**

- 3.1. To promote the Annual Interclub Fun day.
- 3.2. To organise a National 4x4 Environmental support project.
- 3.3. To maintain the 4x4 Words newsletter to member clubs.
- 3.4. To maintain an informative website.

##### **4. GROWING THE AAWDC MEMBERSHIP BASE**

- 4.1. To increase the AAWDC club- and associate membership base.
- 4.2. To assist member clubs to grow their membership base.

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**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:  
[admin@aawdc.org.za](mailto:admin@aawdc.org.za)  
Or fax it to: 08611AAWDC.  
An invoice will be generated and on proof of payment the manuals will be posted or couriered, as per your request.

