

# Offroad Wairarapa Inc. 4x4 Club

The official club newsletter of the Offroad Wairarapa four wheel drive club. The views reflected in this newsletter are not necessarily those of Offroad Wairarapa Inc.



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Colyton Nationals, there are four local trucks in this picture

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Reminder: Club Meeting, 19h30, Tuesday 9 March, 35 Perry Street, Masterton.



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# Editors Note

Hello all, with another year well under way I hope that you all had a great holiday period however short it was.

Please feel free to contribute to the newsletter this year, it does help to fill in the pages and makes it easier if for me if I don't need to write all the articles. So if you have something you want to put into the newsletter send it through and I will put it in.

The trip to Reef Hill did not happen due to work commitments but will be rescheduled, we are going to have our first round of the club champs on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting at the end of Miki Miki Rd. We plan to have a gymkhana late March and a trip to Owahanga Stn in April.

It has been brought up at the last meeting about those vehicles that do not have a WOF and Reg will need to have a club safety sticker to attend club trips.

Don't forget about the dipstick awards for those that do something stupid and get caught. The holiday festivities are bound to have brought about a few nominees so be sure to let Tom or Trish know so we can share it with everyone at the next meeting.

If you have any ideas for any trips or trips that you would like to do then pass these on to a member of the committee so that it can be included into the calendar, if appropriate.

I am open to any other suggestions that you would like to see appear in the following pages. You are also very welcome to submit any stories, articles, pictures and the like.

For those interested Nationals coverage on DVD can be found at [www.sbi-productions.co.nz](http://www.sbi-productions.co.nz) under the sbi store tab for \$36.95 per DVD

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## Club Committee

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Club Subscriptions: \$50.00 \$25 if affiliated to another club

Club meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except January.

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# Club Calendar

Trip Date	Days	Trip Name & Date	Trip Grade	Trip Leader	Status	Trip Notes & Times
To be set	1	Reef Hill	2/3	Tom Barnes (06) 379 8922	P	Details to follow
28 Feb 10	1	Club Champs Rnd 1	2/3	Tom Barnes (06) 379 8922	C	End Miki Miki Rd 8-30
9 March 10		Club Meeting		Trish Merrin (06) 372 5852	C	35 Perry St Masterton
March 10	1	Gymkhana Rnd 1	1/2	Tom Barnes (06) 379 8922	p	Details to follow
13 April 10		Club Meeting		Trish Merrin (06) 372 5852	C	35 Perry St Masterton
April 10	1	Owahanga Stn	1/2	Tom Barnes (06) 379 8922	p	Details to follow

**P = Pending C= Confirmed**

**Grade 1:** Suitable for any 4wd vehicle with any tyre pattern. Tow rope to be carried. The club requires that minimum requirements for club trips be met. No damage expected.

**Grade 2:** Suitable for 4wd vehicle and driver with reasonable off-road experience. Possible contact with shrubs and banks. Securely fitted approved rated tow points front and rear. Suitable tyres required. All safety equipment required, same as for Grade 1.

**Grade 3:** Vehicles equipped for serious off-roading with mud tyres. Contact with terrain expected. Front and rear tow hooks suitable for high shock loads. Club approved safety equipment required. Tow ropes to be carried.

Minimum Requirements For Club Trips	Registering for Trips
1. Vehicles must have properly fitted tow hooks front and rear	Although trip details are published in the newsletter or on the website, <b>it is important to contact the trip leader and register your interest</b>
2. Good first aid kit.	
3. Fire extinguisher (minimum 1 kg)	That way you will be kept up with the changes or cancellations that inevitably can occur.
4. Selection of rated D shackles 3.75 and 4.35 swl	Vehicle numbers on trips can at times be limited by the trip leader due to weather or track conditions, land owners requirements or types of vehicles registered
5. Rated (approved) towing rope/strap 8000 kgs Breaking strain	
6. Spade	So come on folks let the trip leader know! <b>PLEASE</b>
7. Spare wheel, jack and wheel brace	
8. Roll cage in open or soft top vehicles	
9. Current drivers licence	

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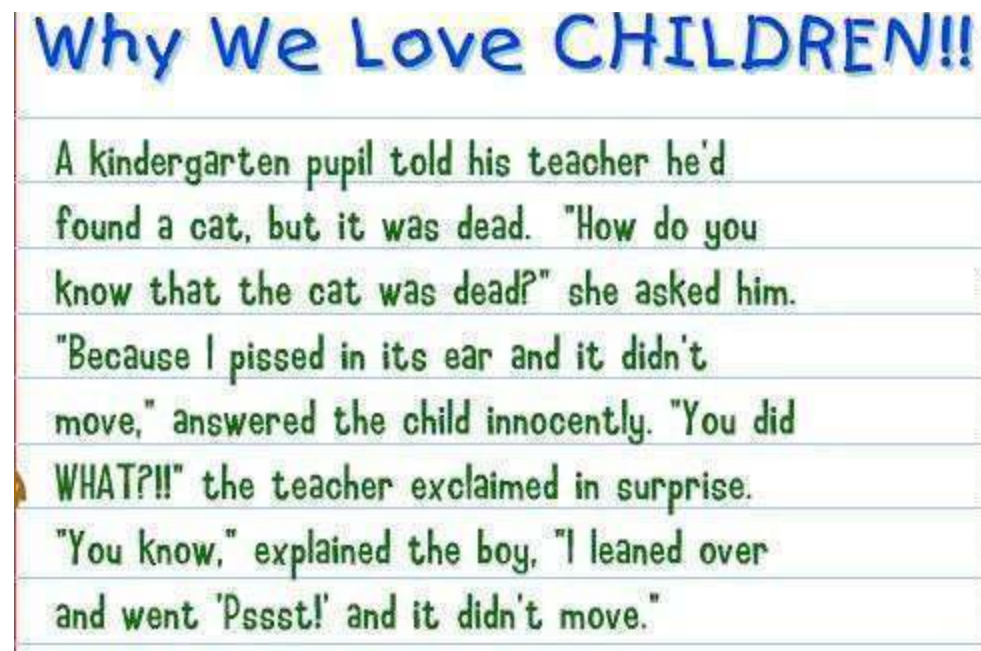
## Dipstick Awards

The dipstick awards are given to those that have done, said or tried not so clever things and been caught doing them or have told others what they did wrong. For this you receive a certificate with your name and achievement and a mention in the newsletter.

Those that have been nominated so far are;

Pete Williams and Tony Oliver	- Turning up to a meeting a week early
Alex McMillan	- Going out alone and getting his truck stuck in a puddle and having to walk back to get a tractor to tow him out
Sean Cushing	- Asking if he could angle the motor in his truck from a nth/sth direction to more ntheast/sthwest direction to allow it to fit better
Tom Barnes	- For scaring a driver at the nationals by sliding down a hill on hands and knees and under a truck
Graham McClymont	- For letting his truck roll down a hill at Nationals, with no one in it.

So if you have someone that you wish to nominate (dob in) contact Trish Merrin or Tom Barnes with the nominees name and what they have done.



# National Trial Series Results

As has been mentioned earlier we have a number of drivers that have enter into rounds of the Nationals for the 09/10 season. As to date two rounds have now been completed and those attending have seen some mixed results with others showing some good form.

Brent Ward and Mark Smith, Kevin Galbraith and Mike Fitzgerald, Greg and Chris Mason, Russell and Glen Hall, and Sandy Jackson and Barry Larsen have all re-entered. Newcomers to the Nationals are Steven and Marcus Merrin, Pete Williams and Tony Oliver, and Graham McClymont and Vic Jacobson.

Having eight trucks at the last round of the Nationals meant it was hard trying to keep tabs on everyone but was a great showing from the Wairarapa Clubs. We hope they do well in the upcoming rounds.

## Results to date

Driver	Placings		Rnd 1		Rnd 2		Rnd 3		Rnd 4		Rnd 5		Rnd 6	
	Vehicle	Class	IC	OA	IC	OA	IC	OA	IC	OA	IC	OA	IC	OA
Brent Ward	Homebuilt	D	4	4	6	9	1	1	3	3				
Kevin Galbraith	Suzuki	D	DNF		21	28	25	36	19	27				
Greg Mason	Homebuilt	D	DNF		DNF		DNE		DNE					
Russell Hall	Homebuilt	D	21	28	35	79	20	26	DNE					
Sandy Jackson	Suzuki	C	18	70	18	64	15	50	DNE					
Steven Merrin	Homebuilt	D	DNF		23	35	DNE		DNE					
Pete Williams	Nissan	D	DNE		29	56	DNE		DNE					
Graham McClymont	Homebuilt	D	DNE		36	80	DNE		DNE					

IC - In Class

OA - Overall

DNF - Did not finish

DNS - Did not start

DNE - Did not enter

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."



# National Trial Competition 2009/2010 season calendar

 <p><b>Round 1</b>  <b>Date:</b> 25 October 2009  <b>Club:</b> Wanganui 4wd Club  <b>Location:</b> Wanganui  <b>Zone:</b> Central Zone</p>	 <p><b>Round 2</b>  <b>Date:</b> 15 November 2009  <b>Club:</b> Manawatu 4WD Club  <b>Location:</b> Feilding  <b>Zone:</b> Central Zone</p>
 <p><b>Round 3</b>  <b>Date:</b> 24 January 2010  <b>Club:</b> Counties 4 Wheelers  <b>Location:</b> Pokeno Area  <b>Zone:</b> Northern Zone</p>	 <p><b>Round 4</b>  <b>Date:</b> 20 February 2010  <b>Club:</b> Whangarei 4wd Club  <b>Location:</b> Whangarei  <b>Zone:</b> Northern Zone</p>
 <p><b>Round 5</b>  <b>Date:</b> 14 March 2010  <b>Club:</b> Hawkes Bay 4WD Club  <b>Location:</b> Hawkes Bay  <b>Zone:</b> Central Zone</p>	 <p><b>Round 6</b>  <b>Date:</b> 4 April 2010  <b>Club:</b> Thames Valley 4WD Club  <b>Location:</b> Thames  <b>Zone:</b> Northern Zone</p>

We have numerous club members entering into the Nationals so if you can make it to any of these events please support them.

## Club Items for Sale

Caps: \$15  
 Sew on Badges: \$10  
 Club Stickers: \$5.00 per pair

Club t-shirts are also available from Mangan graphics unit 8 Business Enterprise Village, 392 Queen Street, Masterton. Order your own shirts as required, they have a good selection and are not overpriced. They have the club logo on the front and Offroad Wairarapa on the back. The shirt colour is black, but ladies might like another colour.



## **For Sale**



### **For sale**

One LJ80 Suzuki club or trials truck, Nissan 1200 motor and 4speed box, LJ80 running gear, comes with A-frame and assorted spare parts

Offers over \$1500

For more information contact John Eades (06) 377 4116 or [john@trusthouse.co.nz](mailto:john@trusthouse.co.nz)

### **For sale**

SWB Landcruiser 1973, goes well good motor brakes and tyres, duel fuel, \$1200 ono

For more information contact John Draper (027) 656 8655 or (06) 306 9497

### **For sale**

Suzuki, no Reg or WOF, a little rust in right pillar, needs new head gasket, red, offers welcome.

For more information contact Tim (027) 361 6876



# Offroad Wairarapa Inc. 4x4 Club



## Club Trip Information Sheet

Information is correct at time of printing. Arrangements may change. Please contact the Trip Leader(s) prior to the advertised date and time and check it there have been any changes.

<b>Trip Name &amp; Type:</b> ROUND 1 CLUB CHAMPS		<b>Number of days:</b> 1																															
<b>Date:</b> 28/02/2010		<b>Departure Time:</b> 9am																															
<b>Meeting Time:</b> 8.30 am		<b>Trip distance:</b> ± Km																															
<b>Departure Point:</b> End of Miki Miki Rd		<b>Phone:</b> (06) 379 8922																															
<b>Trip Leader(s):</b> Tom Barnes		<b>Phone:</b> (06)																															
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<b>Additional Notes:</b> Meeting in carpark from 8.30am \$10.00 per driver. B.B.Q lunch \$5.00. Landowners son selling muffins as fundraiser so bring a little extra cash to help him out For more info contact Marcus Merrin (06) 372 5852		<b>Grade 1:</b> Suitable for any 4wd vehicle with any tyre pattern. Tow rope to be carried. The club recommends that you carry a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, shovel. No damages expected.  <b>Grade 2:</b> Suitable 4wd vehicle and driver with reasonable off-road experience. Possible contact with shrub / banks. Securely fitted approved tow points front and rear. Suitable tyres required. Damage possible. All safety equipment required as for Grade 1.  <b>Grade 3:</b> Vehicles equipped for serious offroading with mud tyres. Contact with terrain expected. Front and rear tow hooks suitable for high shock loads. Club approved safety equipment required. Damage likely. Tow ropes and additional recovery gear to be carried.																															
<b>Safety:</b> Ensure that you have read Offroad Wairarapa Inc.'s safety rules, as published on our website. The safety rules outline the minimum equipment that must be carried on a trip. Failure to have the minimum equipment can cause you to be refused for the trip, so – Please check your equipment before showing up for a trip. See <a href="http://www.orw.org.nz/">http://www.orw.org.nz/</a>																																	

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