

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.



Monthly Newsletter

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A pink scarf calms the nerves

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Reminder: Club AGM, 19h30, Tuesday 11 May, 35 Perry Street, Masterton.



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Editors Note

Last month we held our first round of the club gymkhanas which was not so well attended this time around but those that did turn up had a ball none the less. The results are at the end of the newsletter.

On the 11th May we will be holding our AGM as decided at the last meeting we were going to have another Fish and Chip night before the AGM and as it has turned out its on the house. The only catch is you need to place an order by the 10th May or you will miss out. The club is shouting the fish and chips. If you do not like fish we will include sausages, hotdogs, and pineapple fritters in this package. If you wish for anything else you pay for it. Drinks, bread and sauce will be provided. So let Trish know your order before the 10th. If you do not want to have fish n chips then the AGM will start at 7-30 as usual.

The club has been approached by a group that is interested in us taking them on a shiny trip at Queen's birthday weekend. The number in the group will be about 10 people but this will be confirmed closer to the time. We were looking to take them down to Ocean Beach and along the spit at Lake Ferry depending on availability of access. This will be run as a fundraiser for the club and we will require seats to take the group. So if you think you may be able to help out let Tom or a member of the committee know.

It has been put to the club members the idea of purchasing a gas BBQ with club funds to use at our events as so far we have relied on the generosity of club members to supply one. If you think this is a good idea we then need to think about whether we hire or purchase a gas bottle to go with it. Bring your thoughts to the next meeting or let a committee member know what you think.

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. Thanks Mark for the photos.

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.

For those interested Nationals coverage on DVD can be found at www.sbi-productions.co.nz under the sbi store tab for \$36.95 per DVD

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

Club meetings: 2nd 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	Tony Oliver (027) 552 2202	P	Details to follow
11 May 10		Club Meeting and AGM		Trish Merrin (06) 372 5852	C	35 Perry St Masterton
30 May 10	1	Rd 2 Club Champs	3	Trish Merrin (06) 372 5852	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, it is important to contact the trip leader and register your interest
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! PLEASE
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 this month are;

Tom Barnes

- Tom fell into an open drain at night and got up fast so that no one would see him but got busted for owning up to it later on.

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.

Five Pearls of Wisdom to Remember

Money can't buy happiness, but somehow, it's more comfortable to cry in a BMW than on a bicycle

Forgive your enemies, **but remember their names**

Help a man when he is in trouble, and he will remember you when he is in trouble again

Many people are alive only because it is illegal to shoot them

Alcohol doesn't solve any problems, but neither does milk...



National Trial Series Results

As has been mentioned earlier we had a number of drivers that had entered into rounds of the Nationals for the 09/10 season. All six rounds have now been completed and those that attended had seen some mixed results with others showing some good form.

Congratulations to Brent Ward and Mark Smith, Kevin Galbraith and Mike Fitzgerald, Greg and Chris Mason, Russell and Glen Hall, Sandy Jackson and Barry Larsen, newcomers to the Nationals Steven and Marcus Merrin, Pete Williams and Tony Oliver, and Graham McClymont and Vic Jacobson for the results they achieved whether good or bad and may we all see you represent the Wairarapa next season.

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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	7	10	8	13
Kevin Galbraith	Suzuki	D	DNF		21	28	25	36	19	27	DNF		25	40
Greg Mason	Homebuilt	D	DNF		DNF		DNE		DNE		DNE		DNE	
Russell Hall	Homebuilt	D	21	28	35	79	20	26	DNE		13	17	DNE	
Sandy Jackson	Suzuki	C	18	70	18	64	15	50	DNE		15	50	20	54
Steven Merrin	Homebuilt	D	DNF		23	35	DNE		DNE		21	31	DNE	
Pete Williams	Nissan	D	DNE		29	56	DNE		DNE		29	60	DNE	
Graham McClymont	Homebuilt	D	DNE		36	80	DNE		DNE		28	57	DNE	

IC - In Class OA - Overall DNF - Did not finish DNS - Did not start DNE - Did not enter

Driver			Overall Results		Central Zone Results	
	Vehicle	Class	IC	OA	IC	OA
Sandy Jackson	Suzuki	C	18	70	5	21
Brent Ward	Homebuilt	D	3	3	2	3
Kevin Galbraith	Suzuki	D	26	42	25	40
Greg Mason	Homebuilt	D	-	-	-	-
Russell Hall	Homebuilt	D	25	50	10	15
Steven Merrin	Homebuilt	D	38	75	20	29
Pete Williams	Nissan	D	41	87	23	36
Graham McClymont	Homebuilt	D	44	95	24	39

There were at least 103 trucks that entered the National series while not all entered every round it does go to show that the sport is being well supported. Greg Mason does not score a result as they DNF'd the two events they entered.



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

1984 double cab flat deck hilux, has sb chev engine, turbo 350 auto, hilux transfer box, power steering & 33" mud tyres, all certified. Will have new wof & reg when sold. \$7,300 o.n.o ph: Tom 027 6310402

Because this truck is modified it will be sold in an as is where is condition.



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

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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



A TRIP TO PAK N SAVE

Yesterday I was at my local Pak n Save buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit the Wonder Dog, and was in the checkout line when woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's ass and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Pak n Save won't let me shop there now.



4X4 RALLY

DATE 28 | 3 | 10

FEEES ENTRY \$

LUNCH \$

LOCATION MOTORPLEX 1st ROUND GYMKHANA

NAME	FEEES		HAZARD		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	TOTAL	
	ENT	LUN	1	2																
SEAN	✓	✓	35	49	33	33	47	37	33	38	70	37	21	50						483
IAIN	✓	✓	64	44	37	32	42	28	27	37	80	33	18	39						481
ALEX	✓	✓	37	55	46	33	47	73	44	53	86	39	39	49						601
TONY O	✓	✓	40	61	51	45	62	48	54	53	88	41	25	48						616
JOHN	✓	✓	39	51	42	39	51	54	37	42	49	38	21	43						506
MIKE	✓	✓	35	51	37	31	48	30	25	43	78	37	21	44						480
MARK J	✓	✓	37	50	36	34	50	42	52	40	47	37	19	44						488
PETE	✓	✓	44	42	33	31	43	32	27	36	100	41	31	51						511
PRACINES										RAMY										
1 st SEAN										1 st MIKE										
2 nd MARK J										2 nd IAIN										
3 rd JOHN										3 rd PETE										
4 th ALEX																				
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