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Vehicle Line-up, Club Trip to Loveday 4x4 Adventures, Easter Long Weekend, April 2009



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday June 3rd 2009

Club meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Holden Hill Community Centre (Cnr Valiant Road and Bentley Drive, Holden Hill, SA).

There is no meeting in January.

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Club Newsletter

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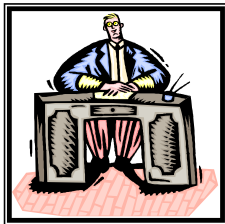
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Club & Association News

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From the Presidents Desk

Hi and Welcome

This may sound like a trip report but I can't help it, Judy and I have had two fabulous weekends away with good company and good 4WDDriving.

The first weekend was at Loveday (just out of Barmera) and I believe there is everything a 4WD enthusiast could want to do there. An excellent weekend there was arranged by Murray Martin.

The second was at Bendleby which was Lloyd' trip but as Lloyd and Monica are travelling around France at the moment he asked me to look after it. I gave the maps to Darryl McManus so he could study them before we got there, guess who led us. Darryl, Allan and James did a wonderful job guiding us around some very challenging tracks.

Please support the trips which are put on the board as the trip leader do get a thrill seeing people enjoy their 4WDDriving and taking advantage of the trip leaders research into the trip.

Also please support our sponsors whenever you can, as we all benefit from their ongoing support. You may notice that we have an additional newsletter sponsor this month - Northern Springs Works. I would like to thank them on behalf of the club for advertising in the newsletter.

Thanking you, Rob Stennett, President 4WD Adventurers Club



Editor's Notes

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There are trip reports in the newsletter from the Easter and April school holidays. The weather was ideal for the trips (just before the recent rain). A new trip has been added for the July school holidays - a Naracoorte Caves plus Border Track combination lead by Kym Kinnear - add your name!

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4WD Matters - Burra AGM Wrap-Up



FWDSA Family Fun Weekend & AGM Report - 19/04/2009

Burra March 27-29 2009 - the Complete Package

From as far away as Ft. Lincoln and Murray Bridge, participants came for the day or stayed for the weekend.

Above: Some of the 59 vehicles, 46 Caravans and Campers and Tents from 16 clubs at the Burra Showgrounds.

1. Burra Town Hall: Burra, and particularly its historic Town Hall, was the perfect setting for the FWDSA Family Fun Weekend.

2. FWDSA AGM: 20 Clubs were represented at the FWDSA AGM. Vice-President Ken Bradey (Mt.Lofty Rangers 4WD Club) and President Lee Smith (2A) (Northern 4WD Club) were elected.

3. FWDSA Barbecue: Saturday lunch for 130 on the banks of the Burra Creek. Cooked and served by the Burra Cricket Club.

4. Carroona Creek CP Tag-a-long Tour: The last of 3 tour groups leaving the Showgrounds for a 3hr 4WD trek east of Mt.Bryan. Thanks to Tony Metcalf (4A) and the Range Rover Club.

Waters Bakery supplied Afternoon Tea at the Showgrounds.

5. Dinner and Quiz Night: The weekend highlight for 100 was the food, entertainment, raffles and prize giving (conducted with enthusiasm, bad jokes, and head scratching for quiz answers). Thanks to caterers Burra Golf Club, Denise Ratsch (5A) from Quiz Night Constructions and Fay Cameron, and various club members who helped with the set up and clean up.

Special Thanks: for 2 years of effort by organisers (6A) Ian and Alison Kinlough (Northern 4WD Club) and (6B) Ken and Val Paget (High Range 4WD Club). In turn they would like to thank:

• Sponsors - Peter Kittle Motors, Genco National, National Pharmacies, Camping World, Mitre 10, and the Burra Information Centre.

• Helpers: - the Wigglesworth's (Toyota 4WD Club), Jack O'Connell and Lee Smith (Northern 4WD Club), and anyone else who helped out - it was all greatly appreciated.



Acknowledgements

Detail:- Alison Kinlough (Northern 4WD Club); Ken Paget (High Range 4WD Club). Edited by 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc - Direct all correspondence to Editor FWDSA email:- saafwdc@saafwdc.asn.au

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4WD Matters - DEH Vehicle Access (Track) Policy



DEH Vehicle Access (Tracks) Policy and Procedure Finalisation Notice - 06/04/2009

DEH Vehicle Access (Tracks) Policy and Procedure finalised

What Are They About? These documents will enable the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) to balance maintaining sustainable vehicle access to SA's parks and reserves with the protection of natural and cultural values.

They will guide the processes that DEH staff will employ and the factors that they will use in assessing the viability of keeping tracks open or maintaining access to areas within their sphere of responsibility.

When Did They Start? The process began in May 2007, and public consultation occurred in mid-2008.

How Was FWDSA Involved? There were a number of face-to-face meetings between DEH and FWDSA to provide input and submissions.

FWDSA also joined a DEH policy reference group with representatives from Friends of Parks, the Conservation Council of SA and the Australian Motorcycle Trail Riders Association.



THIS IS NOT GOVERNMENTAL GOBBLEDEGOOK - IT INVOLVES US ALL
IT WILL CONTROL OUR DRIVING AND CAMPING ACCESS TO PARKS AND BEACHES IN THE FUTURE



FWDSA was represented by various members of the NRAU (Natural Resources Advisory Unit). In particular (from left) NRAU member Keith Plastow (Off Road Vehicles Club), and NRAU Chairman Don Ransom OAM (Toyota Landcruiser Club SA).

What Do We Do? Well pretty much it is business as usual - at least as it has been done from May 2007 since the suspension of the Recreational Vehicle Advisory Committee (RVAC) contact between FWDSA and DEH Visitor Management Branch (the RVAC is under annual review).

What is new is the knowledge that, in general, before any non-urgent or permanent (gazetted) changes are made in the future, the track issues will be advertised and the stakeholders (ie us) will be consulted. From our perspective the most important factors are,

How will DEH Handle Track Matters?

- (Central DEH) Visitor Management:**
 - consult/receive comments on state-wide policy.
 - assist in track plans and liaison with stakeholders
 - promote vehicle access to the public.
 - consider vehicle access in management planning
- (Local DEH) Regional Conservation:**
 - develop track plans and liaise with stakeholders
 - maintain vehicle access tracks.
- General:**
 - recognise volunteer contributions through signage, publications, DEH website or awards.

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How will FWDSA/Clubs Handle Track Matters?

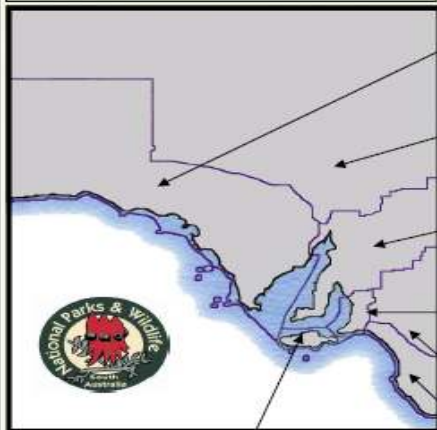
Stakeholders and User Groups should,

- maintain ongoing liaison with their local Regional Conservation Delivery contact.
- Liaise with Regional NPWSA Consultative Committees to raise local issues with DEH.
- volunteer for DEH approved projects, eg track maintenance/realignment/rationalization, revegetation, weed removal/control, monitor impacts/wildlife/vegetation/track condition/visitor behaviour
- promote safe and sustainable driving practices to other users.

NB: Care should be taken by clubs to co-ordinate issues for presentation to the local and State DEH contacts to prevent multiple contacts on the same matters. All contact on state-wide issues to DEH Visitor Management will be done by/through the FWDSA NRAU Chairman

DEH Regional Conservation Delivery Directorate: Regional contacts - motor vehicle access issues

All regional boundaries and contact details correct as at February 2009. Subject to change.



West Region: Manager Operational Services: Ross Allen Phone: (08) 8688 3111 Email: Allen.Ross@saugov.sa.gov.au West Regional Office: (08) 8688 3111

Outback Region: Regional Conservator: Geoff Axford Phone: (08) 8648 5309 Email: Axford.Geoff@saugov.sa.gov.au Outback Regional Office: (08) 8648 5300

Northern & Yorke Region: District Ranger, Southern Flinders: Danny Doyle Phone: (08) 8634 7068 Email: Doyle.Danny@saugov.sa.gov.au Northern and Yorke Regional Office: (08) 8841

Adelaide Region: District Ranger, Fleurieu District: John Bracken Phone: (08) 8552 0302 Email: Bracken.John@saugov.sa.gov.au Adelaide Regional Office: (08) 8336 0924

Murraylands Region: Please contact: Murraylands Regional Office: (08) 8595 2111

Kangaroo Island Region: District Ranger: David Heard Phone: (08) 8553 4422 Email: Heard.David@saugov.sa.gov.au KI Regional Office: (08) 8553 2381

South East Region: Senior Ranger Southend: Glenn Jackway Phone: (08) 8735 6053 Email: jackway.glenn@saugov.sa.gov.au South East Regional Office: (08) 8735 1177

Where to from here? FWDSA and Clubs will benefit from further work to be undertaken by DEH Visitor Management Branch, FWDSA and other Stakeholders over the next 6-12 months to develop a series of policies "to guide the management of recreation and tourism in South Australia's parks and reserves" and "a long term Visitor Strategy for the provision and management of visitor experiences in DEH managed national parks, reserves and trails".

Acknowledgements & Thanks - Don Ransom OAM Chairman FWDSA Natural Resources Advisory Unit (NRAU) - Department for Environment and Heritage Vehicle Access (Tracks) Policy & Procedure v01-00 (Download the documents direct from the DEH website at http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/visitor/latest.html) - Michael Kidd Policy and Planning Officer Visitor Management Branch Department for Environment and Heritage Edited by 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc.- Direct all correspondence to Editor FWDSA email:- 22afwdc@22afwdc.asn.au

Bendleby Ranges Hidden Valley "Rhagodia" Campsite

The club trip to the Bendleby Ranges property has in the past used the shearers



quarters for accommodation. This time the club trip used the "Rhagodia" campsite in the Hidden Valley, one of the many bush camp sites on the property for some real outdoors camping. The autumn weather was perfect and the campsite was ideal.



The images will give you an idea of the large size of the Rhagodia camp site. There was ample shade from the pine trees with a large open area with a fireplace near the creek bed. A large cache of firewood was supplied by the property owner (Warren) to help keep us warm in the evening as we watched the parade of wildlife pass by.



Recent Trip Reports (Pre-May 2009)

Loveday (Barmera) - 10th- 13th April (Easter) 2009



The next day was bright
It felt just right
So off to the markets
We took our baskets
Filled with bric-a-brac galore
There was room for no more
We needed a ute
To bring back our loot
Then back to the camp
To leave our stamp
There was more fun in store
And we played some more
Up and down humps
With plenty of bumps
We hit no stumps
And came up trumps!
Some played in the river
Why didn't they shiver?
Faye fell in
Oh what a din!

Our cars were disgusting
They needed a good blasting
With yabbing and canoeing
Driving and swimming
The Camp fires were blazing
And the stories amazing!
We'd all had a ball
Thankyou one and all.



Now Disco Murray
Was in a flurry
Had he booked a trip
To the Loveday tip?
But no, I'd got it wrong
And there was no pong!
So off we set
Shirley & Allan we met
We needed a pee
So stopped at Waikerie
All too soon
It was afternoon
So with our 4wd brothers
And a couple of others
We went out to play
What a fabulous day
Up hill and down dale
Our cars were not frail
Ray thought it a cinch
Wayne made it with a pinch
Murray missed by an inch
So out came the winch.

We were off early next morn
It was still bloody dawn
We drove to Chowilla
With our beer in the chilla
Far away from the rat race
At Ron's final resting place
In the fridge to a note to say Hi
And that the Adventurers came by
The roads were all dusty
And our cars looked real crusty
Again out came the map
Oh no! not another wrong track?
Our 'U' turn Murray
Was just in no hurry
We stopped at Renmark
For a look at the park
Then our 4wd party
Enjoyed their gelati
All day on the road
We heard morse code
We were feeling quite green
And ready to scream.

Report by Murray & Faye Martin



Bendleby Ranges - 16th - 19th April 2009

The Bendleby Ranges are situated (roughly) about 50km north of Orroroo along the Johnburgh (graded dirt) road. The way to the property is well signposted now, so it is easy to find.



Ruins on the Bendleby Ranges Station

The club trip to the Bendleby Ranges last year was washed out by the rain but this year the weather was perfect -mild autumn weather, ideal for a day of 4WD'ing.

My family arrived on the Thursday followed by Rob & Judy Stennett and Wayne & Jane Modystach (with son Daniel) on the Friday.

For the few hours available on the Friday afternoon we travelled the many tracks of the Bendleby Ranges including a challenging drive to Dinnertime Springs along a severely rutted and eroded track. Warren had warned me that recoveries may be needed but all



Long Ranging Vistas from the peaks of the Bendleby Ranges

vehicles navigated through safely.



Start of the Kokoda Trail Descent, Bendleby Ranges.

On the Saturday evening we tried out the training track that Warren has created near the homestead. Rob Stennett took a number of video sequences there so when we have the new club video projector system we'll all be able to enjoy the training track challenges.

On the Saturday we undertook a full day of driving along tracks in the Hungry Ranges including

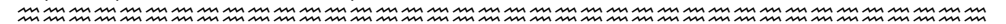
the notorious Billygoat Ridge track. Once again magnificent views for over 50 km in all directions and challenging low range descents with steep drop-offs either side - then the ascent back up to really try out the driver and vehicle. This was all followed by a night drive up the Link Track in the Bendleby Ranges with a stop at the top to enjoy the delightful night time sky.



Time to Head Home again!

We headed back to Adelaide on the Sunday morning. (Note, James McManus recommends the Wedges with Sour Cream at Maggies Rendezvous Café In Orroroo!)

Report by the McManus Family.





Upcoming Trip Details (From May 2009)

Peake - 30th - 31st May 2009

Location	Peake - Day Trip or 2 days
Dates	30th to 31 May 2009
Trip Leader(s)	Colin Schubert, Mobile 0416 132 434
Trip Starting Point	Tailem Bend Shell roadhouse, contact trip leader for meeting time.
Trip Route	Scenic trip to a private property at Peake 2hours from Adelaide
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is Easy maybe some more difficult sand dunes, Low range. Standard Recovery gear essential, UHF radio
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping costs on Private property \$15 per day. Long drop Toilets, shelter shed. Suitable for campers and normal caravans.
Trip Costs	No Driving costs

Cabaret Social Evening - 13th June 2009

Location	British Workingmen's Club Corner Davis Street and Morgan Street, Wingfield.
Dates	Saturday 13 th June 2009, 6:30pm start to 12 midnight.
Trip Leader(s)	Rob Stennett 0400 552 872 or Judy Kinnear 0407 883 717.
Trip Route	Make your own way to the location.
Trip Requirements	Adults (18+ years age) with neat casual dress.
Trip Costs	\$15 per person for meal and entry into the cabaret.
Extra notes	The band will be Graeme Hugo & Fully Loaded - country music with soft rock. Names must be on trip board by 30 th May to allow for bookings.

Poonunda (North of Burra) - 6th - 8th June 2009

Location	Poonunda, North of Burra in the North Mt. Lofty Ranges. (approx 1.75 hr drive)
Dates	6 th - 8 th June 2009
Trip Leader	Ziv Golubovic 8263 9942 Home or 0400 707 930 Mobile
Trip Starting Point	Burra Main Street - meet at 9.30am Saturday
Trip Route	Private property "Poonunda" and surrounds.
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Grade of driving varies, depending on participants. Something for everyone from grade 2 to 4. Vehicles must have low range and adequate clearance. Standard 4WD vehicles are quite acceptable.
Fuel Requirements	Burra Main Street - Poonunda - Burra Main Street 300Kms.
Accommodation	Bush Camping, shelter shed, 2 drop toilets. Camper Trailers and smaller caravans with adequate clearance can access property (No low steps or anything that can bottom out in the creek beds*). Wood available for campfire*. (One modest fire only please - no towering infernos).
Trip Costs	\$40 per vehicle for the weekend includes driving and camping for Saturday and Sunday, returning Monday AM. One day drive \$20, Two days & One night \$30 (conditions apply*).
Trip Description	This is a unique property consisting of dry creek beds and steep hills with magnificent views, and a permanent flowing creek with yabbies. All driving skills can be catered for. Only do what you are comfortable with. Lots of relaxation around the campfire, no rushing, no early morning starts. 4WD Adventurers have exclusive use of the property. Visitors welcome
Conditions*	Check with the trip leader for an details on points marked with *.



Innamincka & Birdsville - 13th - 27th June 2009

Location	Innamincka and Birdsville (Expression of interest)
Dates	13 th - 27 th June 2009 (14 day trip)
Trip Leader(s)	Michael Cox 82981659.
Trip Starting Point	To be advised close to the trip commencement.
Trip Route	Scenic trip through the northern SA deserts.
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is rated as moderate, with some harder sections (2-4). Vehicles will require low range and high clearance. Possible water crossings. Standard Recovery gear essential, UHF radio, vehicle spares.
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping in desert parks.
Trip Costs	Desert Parks pass will be required.
Notes	Trip dates are flexible, to suit interested trip participants.

Naracoorte Caves, Border Track & Big Desert - 4th - 8th July 2009

Location	Naracoorte Caves and Border Track /Big Desert
Dates	Saturday 5 and 6 July Naracoorte Caves Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 Border Track / Big Desert
Trip Leader(s)	Kym Kinnear Mobile 0417848114
Trip Starting Point	Tailem Bend on Saturday behind Shell Roadhouse
Trip Route	Adelaide to Naracoorte, Border track, Big Desert
Trip Requirements	Type and grade of driving relatively easy, combination of sand dunes, tracks and beach driving. Air compressor essential and standard recovery gear (snatch straps) essential. Sand flag preferred.
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping on private property 25km from Naracoorte. Flushing toilets, suitable for 2WD vehicles, campers & caravans.
Trip Costs	Cave tour costs start from \$9.00
Extra notes	This is a 2 part trip, you can attend either or both.
Trip Plan	Saturday - Travel to private property, cave visit late afternoon. Sunday morning - Naracoorte caves, return to Adelaide. For those coming on the Saturday and Sunday only, you can

drive a normal 2WD vehicle, you do not need a 4WD.
For the Monday to Wednesday trip, you will need a 4WD and off-road camper trailer/caravan or a tent for bush camping.

SAAFWDC Indicative Training Dates for 2009

The following dates are an indicative list of SAAFWDC training dates for 2009. These training events are arranged by the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit (DTU) to enable club members to attain a desired level of proficiency in skills and techniques applicable to their 4WD. An application form needs to be completed when undertaking DTU organised training events. Contact the club training officer, Werner Pompeuse, for more details.

SAAFWDC Indicative Training Dates for 2009

Date	Time	Location	Type of Training
23 rd to 24 th May	9.00 am	Cherry Gardens	Basic driving practical.
13 th to 14 th June	9.00 am	Warren Gorge	Advanced Recovery and Driving.
25 th to 26 th July	9.00 am	Kuitpo	Basic & Advanced Mud and Water Driving.
15 th to 16 th August	9.00 am	Kuitpo	Basic & Advanced Mud and Water Driving.
29 th to 30 th August	9.00 am	Morgan	Basic and Advanced Recovery and Driving.
20 th September	10.00 am	SAAFWDC Cavan	Tyre Repairs.
10 th to 11 th October	9.00 am	SAAFWDC Cavan	Basic Theory.
31 st October to 1 st November	9.00 am	Peake	Basic Sand Driving.

Notification of Possible Trips at or beyond November 2009

Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Type	Notes
None				



Trip Calendar Legend
Bold Italic Club Trip Days
Underline Long Week End
 Shaded School Holidays
 ☺ Club Meeting



1 Easy Maybe 4WD.
 2 Mild 4WD High range.
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries.
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage.

Trip Calendar
 From May
 2009

Club Trip Calendar (From May 2009)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
May	4	5	6☺	7	8	9	10						
2009	11	12	13	14	15	16	17						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24						
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	==> 29/05-31/05	Peake	Colin Schubert		Sand & Hills (2-4)	Details in newsletter. Bush Camping.
June	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7	==> 06/06-08/06	Poonunda	Ziv Golubovic		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Details in newsletter. Bush Camping.
2009	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	==> 13/06	Wingfield	Rob Stennett		Social Evening	Details in newsletter.
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	==> 13/06-27/06	Innamincka	Michael Cox		Desert & Hills (2-4)	Details in newsletter.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28						
July	29	30	1☺	2	3	4	5	04/07-08/07	Naracoorte Caves	Kym Kinnear		Sand & Hills (2-3)	Details in newsletter. Bush Camping.
2009	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	==> 11/07-12/07	Coonalpyn	Rob Stennett		Sand & Hills (2-4)	Camping Fees. With Subaru Club.
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19						
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26						
August	27	28	29	30	31	1	2						
2009	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9						
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16						
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23						
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
September	31	1	2☺	3	4	5	6						
2009	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	==> 13/09	Kersbrook	Leader Required		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Day Trip.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27						
October	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	==> 03/10-05/10	Arkaroola	Ziv Golubovic		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Camping at Arkaroola Caravan Park.
2009	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11						
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18						
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25						
November	26	27	28	29	30	31	1						
2009	2	3	4☺	5	6	7	8						
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						