



Newsletter

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Hi all

We are in need of around 40 marshals and other people to help with general stuff on the day of the trial - 1 Dec 2018.

To marshal you need to be available ALL DAY on Saturday 1 Dec, as well as be available for some training the weekend before on Saturday 24th Nov. Pegging out will also be done on 24th Nov - trip sheet coming soon.

If you can spare the time and can keep an eye on the pegs, count backwards in 20s and hold a flag - then please let Greg know asap! Greg's number is 027 2560470.

If you can help with anything else on the day, please let Greg know too. We will find a job for you!

As thanks for helping the club out you will get free entry, lunch, a sausage sizzle at the end of the day and your membership fees (including the association fee) next year will be free!

What's been happening?

Has been a busy few months with quite a few good trips on, including the gymkana in Woodville, mud drags at Santof and the yearly Taranaki pairs event.

A lot of trips coming up and a lot of work to be done as we are hosting a round of the national trials, if anyone is able to lend a hand please contact Greg Booth.

Coming up

Monthly Meeting: Next meeting is Thursday 15th November, 7.30pm at the WillowPark Tavern, Tremaine Ave.

Manawatu 4WD Club

October	River Trip Date TBC, Trip Leader: Paul McElroy
11th Nov	Hills Hills, Trip Leader: Phil Shailer
16-19 Nov	Rallywoods, Trip Leader: Shaun Roberston
24th Nov	Peg Courses for trials, Trip Leader: Greg Booth
1st Dec	Club Hosting Round 2 National trials
8th Dec	Round 2 Club Champs, Trip Leader: Daniel Morris
25-27 Jan	Round 3 Club Champs, Trip Leader: Daniel Morris

Other Events

27th Oct	Central Zone Round 1 Taranaki
18th Nov	Central Zone Round 2 Manawatu
23rd Feb	Central Zone Round 3 Wellington
23-24 Mar	Central Zone Round 4 Ohakune

National 4x4 Trials Events

Dates are available to be viewed on <http://www.nz4x4trials.co.nz/calendar-and-results/>

10th Nov	Round One: Valley 4WD Club
1st Dec	Round Two: Manawatu 4WD Club
19-20th Jan TBC	Round Three: South Waikato 4WD Club
9th Feb	Round Four: Waikato Four Wheel Drive Club
16-17th Mar TBC	Round Five: Bay of Plenty Four Wheel Drive
13th April 2019	Round Six: Mt Egmont 4Wheel Drive Club

Trip Info

If you are a club member and you have not had your vehicles tow hooks checked and put on the tow hook register, *that vehicle will not be allowed on club trips*. Prospective, new and visiting members can attend trips without vehicles being on the register. Please contact Lee Turner (021 834 819), Nathan Thomsen (0273036432), Bruce Gilmore (021815907), or Andrew Francis (0276864765) to arrange for your vehicle to be checked.



Presidents Report October 2018

Hi,

Question, how come the older I get the less time I have and the harder I have to work??

It's been a bit hectic round here over the past 6 weeks, my worker got poached by my neighbour in the middle of August, and the middle of calving. No Christmas card for them next door this year. That left me on my own at the silly time of year with Megan turning down work and helping the best she could. It left no time for lunch some days never mind club work.

The plus side is that I lost a ton of weight!

The negative side is that my blood pressure went through the roof. At least I'd die looking good!!

So moving on, I have a new worker started on the 1st of October, free up time for me to cultivate and plant crops and get onto overdue maintenance work. It would be nice to dust of the safari and get some mud.

And so life goes on, there have been a few trips over winter that have been well attended. Thanks to those club members that put their hand up to lead a trip, it's very much appreciated.

Plenty of stuff happening, trials competition just over last weekend, our own trials competition coming up in December. Our first club competition on weekend of 13th 14th October here at my farm. Rallywoods in November. Waitotara valley weekend after Christmas . Fundraiser trip in March.

Plenty of opportunity for everyone and anyone to find a trip or event that floats their boat. It's always great to see other likeminded people out enjoying the same thing.

I can't say anything about my truck, like I mentioned earlier, its covered in dust and still waiting for work to be done that it was waiting on getting done 2 months ago, not at the top of priorities at the moment. One day!

Our committee members contribute their time to running the club to the best of our abilities. Support them as best you can, often it's a thankless job and nice to know our members appreciate the sacrifice to personal time.

The club meetings at the Willowpark continue to be well attended. If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker to attend to make it more interesting please come forward with your suggestions.

Before the next club meeting the first round of our club competition will be held here, would be great to see new faces out here giving it a go. It's a great way to learn the capabilities of your truck and also knowing when to stop.

That's me over and out. Looking forward to catching up and meeting new members when I can.

Regards

Philip

Mr President.

Saddle Bridge Carnage

So we had done the Mud drags to Ratana beach run trip which was a really fun wet muddy day out in a dairy farm paddock that had been used well and yes the trucks definitely did need a good dam clean as they were covered in sh!t inside and out.. lol

Pete and I with Caitlyn decided to drop by saddle bridge river to have a bit of a clean up under the trucks and also went for a bit of a wander down as far as we could get to the Ashurst bridge where the river had changed so much compared to where it used to be, there used to be quite a few tracks in "the island" as we called it when we played there in the past but half of those tracks had been washed away... Future working bee to open them up we thought.

It was time then to head on home and get dinner and unpack after the day so we drove back up river. After a few crossings we both found a good part to have a blast around in the water to wash a bit more mud off we actually ended up side by side and decided it'd be fun to have a bit of a water drag race so we planted boot and sent water flying everywhere it was too fun to stop but we obviously didn't compensate for the current flow in the river as I was downstream from Pete at the time when all of a sudden we felt this massive KA-DONK!!! As the corner of Dads truck ploughed into the passengers side of my trucks roll cage and side step... Oh dear 8-/

After we exited the water we wound the windows down laughing so hard until I spotted a big chunk of metal missing off Dad's right shiny Aluminium rim!!! And a nice big dent in my thick walled rollcage bar which saved denting the door and guards (more than they already are, lol) Dammm, oops, ummm was all we could say but we had to change the wheel before we hit the road as there was probably only a couple of mm of bead at least holding 35PSI in the tyre lol (not ideal) time to dump the air and get the spare simex out!! And after doing that we all left the river and went home and had dinner and Dad jumped online to look for another rim to replace the broken one and he ended up getting the only one left in the country!

By Shaun



Committee Profile

Who: Daniel Morris

Role: Clerk of the Course

And that means: My main job is to put on a handful of fun rounds of club champs and present some trophies at the end of the year.

Truck: Currently have a Hilux surf not so standard anymore and recently brought a trials buggy I'm fixing.

Favourite Tracks: Rallywoods or Guavas forests.

Favourite Trips this year: Mud Drags to Santof.

Known for: Having a fiancée that is letting me put half of my shed in the second lounge.

Blurb: Has been a crazy few months for myself buying my first home and now buying this trials truck im trying to fix up to compete in this season, down to only a couple weeks away and the bodys still off the chassis. Will be quite a few more late nights I think.

Future goals: Hopefully finish a complete season of nationals trials.



Placings	Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
1	Stu Earle	Outlaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.19	0	0	13.60	13.00	50.79
2	Dean Wells	Outlaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28.44	0	0	15.50	14.47	58.41
3	Jamie Elms	Outlaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	24.22	0	0	15.36	14.15	133.73
4	Sam Thomsen	Outlaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	25.40	0	0	16.43	13.65	135.48
5	Mitchael Caldwell	Outlaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	20	0	0	26.97	0	0	16.77	18.69	162.43
6	Michael Thomsen	Modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	0	35.71	0	0	18.16	16.31	170.18
7	Peter Robinson	Modified	0	20	0	0	0	60	0	20	0	0	40	0	35.29	0	0	21.72	19.78	216.79
8	Brendan Watchorn	Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	80	0	46.75	60	0	20.27	18.56	245.58
9	Les Thomsen	Modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	100	0	58.65	60	0	21.33	19.16	279.14
10	Lachlan Fee	Production	0	20	0	0	0	40	40	40	0	0	100	0	38.84	0	0	23.52	18.72	281.08
11	Shaun Roberston	Modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	80	0	74.57	60	0	19.76	18.03	292.36
12	Nathan Thomsen	Modified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	20	60	0	56.78	60	0	20.41	17.66	314.85
13	Mark Watchorn	Rebel	0	20	0	0	0	40	40	20	0	20	100	0	48.16	60	0	20.29	19.47	347.92
14	Caitlyn Thomsen	Modified	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	40	100	0	51.00	60	0	21.43	17.69	350.12
15	Daniel Cole	Rebel	0	40	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	40	80	0	57.97	0	60	21.98	21.09	361.04
16	Phillip Law	Production	0	60	40	0	0	60	60	20	0	20	80	0	46.16	0	0	18.91	17.05	362.12
17	Tyran Ashford	Production	0	20	20	0	0	20	20	20	0	0	100	20	61.85	60	0	22.31	18.91	363.07
18	Jason Hamilton	Modified	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	80	40	0	60.04	60	0	28.57	40.50	369.11
19	Jordan Law	Production	0	20	40	40	0	0	0	20	0	0	80	0	63.63	60	0	26.20	21.33	371.16
20	Stephen Andreil	Production	0	20	20	30	0	40	40	40	0	20	100	0	48.67	20	0	22.59	24.28	385.54
21	Paul McElroy	Rebel	0	0	20	0	0	60	60	20	0	20	80	0	92.65	40	20	26.69	20.13	399.47
22	Lee Turner	Production	0	40	40	0	0	40	40	20	0	20	80	20	60.75	40	0	21.17	20.28	402.20
23	Ryan Mills	Production	0	20	20	0	0	40	40	20	0	80	100	0	56.09	60	0	21.32	20.04	437.45
24	Keith Blackie	Modified	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	100	80	57.00	60	60	36.38	28.15	481.53
25	Marcus Thomsen	Modified	0	0	20	100	0	20	80	20	0	40	80	0	43.31	40	0	22.56	20.31	486.18
26	Cameron Kronast	Rebel	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0						DNF

Mt Egmont Pairs Event

What started off as a winter with minimal plans on the Phantom turned out to be a full on period of tinkering and everything was all back together middle of September. Just in time for a quick shake down before heading over to inbred country (Inglewood) for the annual pairs event. Cheers Dave for all of your help.

The Pairs Event is an awesome preseason event to get some seat time before the national series gets underway. You drive on effectively national level courses however your scores are kept as a team and the emphasis is on fun.

This year was the biggest yet with 26 teams (52 trucks) competing which ironically is more trucks than at most national events. Shows how popular it is and a great opportunity to have a look at the new trucks on display.

Team "Mudder Fockers" was formed again with this year Liam having to put his big boy pants on and fill in for Dave who had work commitments. This added another twist to the day as was going to be a big step up for Liam from club champs and also my mindset of pushing harder with him in the truck.

Liam took it all in his stride however I did notice the nerves starting to build as the day got closer. For months he had been calling me a "pussy" for not rolling the truck while he was in it. Time to ramp it up a bit!!!!

Scrutineering was again held at Bucky Motorsport and while sunny the wind was absolutely freezing. Camping that night was going to be cold but that's ok at least we weren't in a tent.

One of the highlights of the trip is always the dinner prior at the local takeaway shop. Liam getting his usual of hot chips, coated in butter chicken, coated in grated cheese. Also known as heart attack in a bucket.



We were amazed when we arrived at the pits how dry the ground was. Exactly twelve months earlier the pits were a swamp and everyone had to park on the road.

Finally a restless night passed and we lined up at the first course. Hoping for a nice easy one to get things underway we were faced with a vertical bank and a steep climb if we managed to get over that. Only option was to take a couple of deep breaths, close the eyes and feed it the jandal. The truck flew up the hill and once settled down we managed to clear it. What went from being "bugger look at that shit course to start on" turned to "hell yes that was awesome". Dean and Greg also cleared this one and we were off to a roaring start.

Trip Reports

The next course didn't go to plan however from there we went to the speed section which was a good way to stretch the legs on the truck. Love speed sections that have nice long straights.

Couple more courses down and then a slight ohpsy. After getting a little keen on avoiding a hole gravity decided it was time for a quick lie down and over we went. Initial reaction was shit I hope Liam keeps his wings in the truck but all I could hear through the intercom was cheering and laughing. Joys of being young and having no fair. Luckily we rolled onto our wheels and after a quick "you ok" "yip" conversation it was time to check on the truck. No damage so sweet. Mars was there watching and she managed to control herself and luckily didn't (as Nathan suggested) come running with her arms in waving in the air screaming for her baby. She did however go straight past me to check on Liam – I'm okay by the way Mars!!!!!!

The rest of the morning went past smoothly except for being beaten by Dogg in a borrowed 4 banger on two courses. Don't think I will ever live that down.



There were smiles all round at lunchtime with the truck and the muppets in the seats working well together. After an extra-long lunch break we were back into it again.

The afternoon was flowing along nicely until this time Dean and Greg decided it was time to dance and did a nice pirouette and leaving a big dent in the ground and a squashed water bottle. After a quick check we were ready to move on.

The rest of the afternoon went smoothly and back to load up with no damage and even more amazing given how dry a fairly clean truck.

Mitch and Sam were also competing as team "Mad Dogs" with this being the first major event for Mitch in his new truck. Unfortunately Mitch had issues early on and spent the day in Sam's truck. Unfortunately it turned out that the problem could have easily been fixed and Mitch missed the chance of some decent seat time. Advantage of the pairs event is being able to drive the other members truck and therefore not a complete write off.

Trip Reports

Hintzy was also there teaming up with another ex F class member team "WF Men". As per usual was smiling at the end of the day, not sure how their day went but any day 4wding is a good day.

Prize giving is a must attend event with a massive amount of prizes being given away as spot prizes. I walked away with a welding helmet and Liam some cable ties. Both are useful in holding the truck together.

Other prizes included complete tool boxes, chainsaw and even a wife was given away (or at least a proposal made on the spot).

By all accounts the aftermatch kicked on into the early hours but for this old fella it was off to New Plymouth for a family holiday.

Thanks again to the Egmont 4wd club and especially Bucky and Rachel for all of your hard work. I'm sure the event will be back bigger next year.





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