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Happy New Year.

This edition of e-News is a little smaller than usual for a couple of reasons. The first is that as Editor, I've been on holiday touring New Zealand's South Island for nearly three weeks (yes it's our summertime down here... not that it behaved perfectly during those weeks!).

The other reason is that UFWDA have been busy gathering material and for some of us, proof reading "The Voice", as we are about to launch the second digital edition, but this edition is in partnership with JPFreek Adventure magazine.

Yes, I know what's in it and we welcome new contributors like Bill Burke and others. The new design includes more photography, so we'll be wanting your great adventure photos with some accompanying words, for future editions.

The use of photos and color, allows UFWDA to emphasize what it is that we stand to lose, if we don't stay active and resist the continuing pressure to eliminate 4x4 use on public lands.

UFWDA is the original organization in the USA that is entirely dedicated to four wheeling, by uniting a wide range of member 4x4 organizations for a common cause.

That same common cause is the reason that UFWDA has international affiliations with the national 4x4 organizations in several other countries. United we have strength and knowledge. We need your active support.

Peter Vahry / editor

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THINKING OF HAVING AN EVENT BUT COULD NOT AFFORD THE INSURANCE?

UFWDA NOW OFFERS

Event Insurance

Do you already have events and the insurance costs you over a thousand \$ and sometimes thousands of dollars? Check out the new UFWDA insurance program!

**SIGN UP TODAY AND
SAVE THOUSANDS!**

United Four Wheel Drive Associations is excited to advise that we now offer event insurance. The event insurance will be available to full roster supporting organizations, at a very affordable rate and will save them money to use in our united efforts to preserve and protect land access! If you are not yet a full roster supporting organization, we may still be able to help. Contact us to find out if our rates can save you money.

The insurance rates are very affordable and in many cases should save our full roster member organizations thousands of dollars throughout the year. The insurance will allow organizations that may not have been able to afford an event because of insurance, an opportunity to now hold an event.

The policy covers liability around trail rides (including the trail ride portion), as well as club meetings, competitions and much more. For more information please email insurance@ufwda.org or call 1-800-44UFWDA(448-3932).

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The Voice January 2010

A brief excerpt or two from the next issue....



Over the last days of December 2009, the Land Rover Owners Club (Otago) hosted members of other New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association (NZFWDA) clubs for four days of four wheeling in the Central Otago region at a latitude of around 45° South and as far from the sea as one can get in the South Island. The club provided an excellent campsite with great facilities that coped well with the many families attending.

As I write this I am parked in Asheville, North Carolina, pretty much right between Tellico ORV area and the Uwharrie National Forest, which has the Badin Lake ORV area - two really great places to “wheel!” Here locally, I am reminded from all sides of the various issues regarding Mountain Top Removal for coal, siltation of creeks and watershed regions from new construction, logging, and yes...recreation. I am also reminded of how strong the bond between people that work, live, or play in nature with our planet.



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Check a couple of recent clubs trips

<http://www.core4x4.org/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=117>

<http://www.core4x4.org/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=114>

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UFWDA encourage member organizations to provide their member email lists directly to e-news@ufwda.org for including in the UFWDA master list, so that all members can be kept directly informed about UFWDA. Lists can be supplied as .xls, csv, or txt files.

BFG Outstanding Trails Nominations Wanted

Nominations are now requested of trails for the 2010 BFG Outstanding Trails. UFWDA assembles nominations and assists BFG with the selections. Some Eastern US trail nominations would be useful. For 2010, selection will be from US trails only.

Information needed about nominations:

1. Name of Trail
2. Location of Trail.
3. Club or organization responsible for 'adopt a Trail' or maintenance.
4. What is special about this trail.
5. Why it should be selected.

Trails that have been previously selected, include:

Rubicon, Fordyce, Superstition, Barnwell Mountain, Beasley Knob, and many others.

Check www.bfgoodrichtires.com/bfgapp/outstandingtrails/index.jsp for a complete listing of prior selections and www.ufwda.org/smf/index.php?topic=3056 for a list of 2010 nominations to date.

Send your nominations to: president@ufwda.org

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14525 SW Millikan Way #22622, Beaverton, OR 97005-2343
or call 1-800-44UFWDA (448-3932) for credit card contributions.



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UFWDA 2010 AGM Deadlines

All member organizations should submit their 2009 reports for the 2010 AGM Annual Report to the board of directors no later than May 1, 2010. The report may be sent to business@ufwda.org.

The following is a list of deadlines in preparation for the 2010 Annual General Meeting. If you have a candidate, or you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, please submit a nomination to Wayne Groom at president@ufwda.org as soon as possible, so that the Board of Directors will have time to review the candidates application.

1/15/ - Call for Organization 2009 Reports for 2010 UFWDA AGM Annual Report

2/15/– Appointment of Nominating Committee for June AGM by President

5/01/ – Nominating Committee Report provided to Board of Directors

5/01/ - Deadline for member submission of report for UFWDA Annual Report

5/15/ – Nominating Committee Report published to membership by President

5/15/ – Notice of changes of by-laws, if any

5/15/ – Absentee Ballots provided electronically by UFWDA

5/15/ – Deadline for closure of membership roll qualified to vote at 2010 AGM

6/01/ – Deadline for submissions of Organization Delegate Credential Form

6/05/ – Deadline to file “Petition for Nomination” for prospective candidates for UFWDA board of directors not otherwise listed in nominating committee report

6/05/ – Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots at UFWDA

Southern Africa “4-Words” Newsletter



Check the 'Latest 4-Words newsletter' in the Quick Links list at www.aawdc.org.za

Australian Four Wheel Drive Gathering 2010

The Mitsubishi 4WD Owners' Club of Qld Inc is proud to be hosting the 8th Australian 4x4 Gathering over the period 11-15 June this year. This is the first time the Gathering has been held in Queensland and we are working hard to ensure it will be a great event for all.

<http://www.anfwdc.asn.au/news.php?id=44>

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