



Club Newsletter Spring 2011

A view from the Chairman



With 2010 over it's time to look forward to what 2011 has in store. With more and more pressure facing all of us under the current financial climate we want to do everything we can to reduce the costs to members but still bring in sufficient funds to pay for our private insurance cover that enables us to run our events safely and in the way that suits us. We have again managed to keep membership rates and entry fees at the same level but have removed the free T-shirt for existing members when they re-join. All new members (not joined previously) will still get an initial free T-shirt but after that they will be able to purchase T-shirts and other goods from the new online club shop very soon.

We are also looking at ways of branching out to run other sorts of events to build a better social side and encourage new members to join the club. We ran a very successful camping weekend last year and so have put it in the calendar again this year. The more members we have and the more events members enter the more funds we can raise and then hopefully further down the line we can maintain the cost of membership and entry fees or even reduce them.

We are very fortunate to have a large and dedicated team on the committee who give up their own free time to help run the club and organise events. That does not mean however that they are the only ones who can set up and run events. We have many volunteers who to help marshal which is a fantastic way to learn for new members and we can't run these events without this support on the day. Anyone can help with the setting up of an event or even run their own event which has its own rewards and is also a lot of fun! Anyone interested in helping or even running an event can contact your area rep or a committee member for more information.

Chris Pedlar
Chairman

Latest News

New Websites and online Shop!

Last year we announced plans to bring you a club shop and would like to thank Ally Harding for stepping forward and volunteering to take on this role for the club.

Rick has been extremely busy designing a new website for the club and the De-Cider and includes the new online shop page where you will be able to buy items like T-shirts and stickers from stock and



also order other items which will be produced to order. Obtaining items to order will result in a slight delay in receiving goods, but will also keep the clubs financial outlay to a minimum and allow us to offer a much wider selection of items.

As agreed at the AGM all new members will get a free T-shirt on joining and thereafter all members will be able to purchase them from the shop. To keep costs to members to a minimum and wherever possible we will try and bring orders to events. Should you wish goods to be posted, we will ask for the additional cost of post and package. Eventually there will be a delivery option available on the shop page. There will be a CSW and De-Cider line of goods available. If there is any item not in the shop you would like to see available please contact Ally direct at clubshop@challenge-south-west.co.uk

Events Page

14th & 15th May 2010

The Clubs traditional 2 day event in May is a popular event on the calendar. This year's event location is still being decided but is likely to be in the Tiverton area. We will again open this event so members can enter the whole event or just the Saturday or Sunday. We want to allow as many members the chance to enter and enjoy what will be a social camping weekend and didn't want to exclude anyone who maybe couldn't stretch to the whole weekend or may have other commitments on one of the days. We hope to try and include many of the elements of a larger event so new members and novice entries can gain experience and knowledge of how to do tasks and navigate but also enjoy a good social weekend with a few hours in the evenings sat round a camp fire. We will issue scores at the end of each day, but to help reduce costs we will only give prizes for the combined weekend event.

Club Family Camping and Social Weekend Cornwall 6th & 7th Aug.

Last year we ran a camping weekend in North Devon to replace at short notice a cancelled competition event. The weekend included two nights camping from the Fri evening, some gentle lanes on the Saturday and then a driving driver training day on the Sunday. This provided an excellent weekend for novice drivers and new members, as well as existing club members with their daily road going vehicles. With cooking on an open fire and some social drinking in the evenings this is a great weekend for all the family to enjoy. More details will be available nearer the time.



2011 Interclub Challenge 20th & 21st Aug.

Having taken the Club to victory for the second year in a row I am confident we can do it again this year with another top team of 5 vehicles from the ranks of CSW.

For more info contact the team captain Martin Hounsell martin@challengesouthwest.co.uk

2011 Event Series

Last year's mini-series was not overly successful despite some amazing prizes being put up by our extremely generous sponsor Devon 4x4 and we found that other non-series events suffered as a result. This meant the cancellation of two events which would usually have been reasonably well attended. This year we will be going back to the old system of running an unofficial series for the entire year and will present trophies at the AGM after the last event.

Terra Tagging & 4x4 Trials Events for 2011

We have been in discussions recently with a group of enthusiasts who want to join forces with the club and start running Terra Tagging/Trials events within the club. This is an exciting new development for us as it will be a good starting point for new members to get into the world of 4x4 competitions. These will be run as non-winch events and allow non-taxed/Mot'd vehicles for an easy route into the sport with a fairly basic vehicle level but without compromising on any of our high standards of safety. We will be very much encouraging a friendly cross discipline club atmosphere and sharing of information and expertise.

Event Catering

Having found a new caterer we hope to have a catering van at most of the events this year. We will endeavour to let people know if catering will be available or not at each event.



Rules & Regulations

Vehicle log books Launched

Last year saw the introduction of our new vehicle log books. These are a record of your vehicles scrutineering and must be presented at each event at sign on for you to be able to compete.



Rule Changes for 2011

At the recent AGM club members voted to formalise the previously unofficial rule on swapping drivers during a competition. The driver who signs on as a driver must remain the driver for the whole event. Anyone competing for points during a competition found to be swapping will have their points for that entire event disallowed! If you co-own or share a vehicle you will need to swap per event if you both wish to drive. Anyone competing just for fun or learning may swap with no points being counted but should state this at signing on.

We will endeavour to make punch cards more robust but if a card becomes detached it is up to the competitor to bring it to the attention of the marshal at the section where this has occurred so a replacement a replacement card can be provided. All points will be lost from any card that is detached by an unauthorised person. It is recommended that competitors take care of their cards and cards getting in a poor condition should be taken to a marshal for replacement before they get detached by mistake (otherwise all the points will be lost).



De-Cider Trophy 2011

24th and 25th September

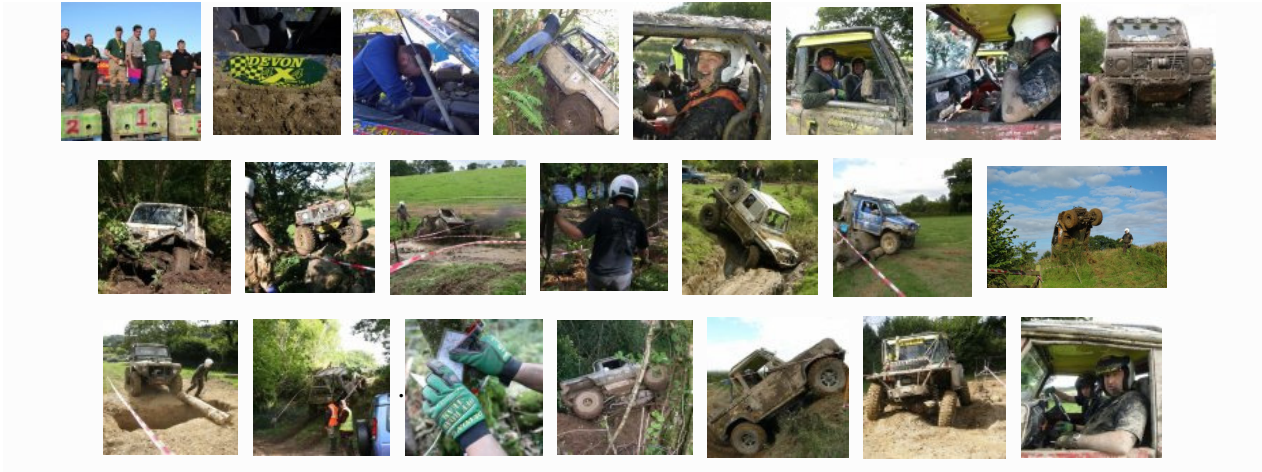


We are in the process of developing a new event website for the De-Cider. This will give us more control of the website and make it easier to update and change the information as required. Now in its 4th year the De-Cider Trophy offers competitors the chance to compete in what has become a major UK and International event. We are also developing an extremely high reputation for looking after our marshals and VIP guests with people traveling from as far afield as many of the

distance traveling competitors, just to be a part of the event and help marshal. Don't forget that this event pays for a substantial part of our insurance and marshal support is very important. So if you're not entering and free to help out get in touch with Simon Parsons to volunteer.

Places as always will be limited to a maximum of 30 vehicles and will be on a first come first serve basis. Competition is fierce and we have consistently had a majority of podium places by club members. Martin & Derek Hounsell will be attempting to retain their title for the third year in a row, so this year is likely to be as hotly contended as ever.

Entries will again be opened to Club Members one week in advance of going live for general competitors. Club members will also have the option not available to general competitors of securing your place with a deposit.



De-Cider Trophy Hog Roast

Last year thanks to Rick saw our very own club pig being grown for the De-Cider hog roast. After 7 ½ hours of cooking over the open fire hog roaster loaned by our very own Matt (Cookie) Cook and prepared by first time hog roasters Rob and Dale, competitors and marshals were presented with one of the tastiest hog roasts ever! The traditional Berkshire breed of pig are obviously well suited to this long roasting process and produced some of the best crackling I have ever tasted! Rick is considering offering to repeat the process this year and I will again try and drop in with something made from apples to help them grow sweet!



Photo by Gemmie V

2011 Shows

Land Rover South West

The LR 4x4 show held at the Bath & West showground last year unfortunately appears not to be going ahead this year. This is a great shame for the club being a local event and as it also gave us the opportunity to do a winching demo in the main ring last year. In light of this we will be looking for other shows where we can have a presence and raise our profile in the local South West community. There is currently one new show of interest ([see below](#)) and any details of other events we find which may be of interest will be posted on the forum events page as information becomes available.



Adventure Travel Film Festival & Camping Weekend Bideford 3rd - 5th June 2011

I had details of this event passed on to me recently and having contacted the organisers we can get a £7 a head discount per person (£47 instead of £55 for the whole weekend which includes camping and all the films) if we can get 15 or more adults to attend. We can also have our own camping area but will also welcome anyone else who wants to join our camp or hang out during the day or evenings.

The Adventure Travel Film Festival is a fun-tastic weekend of films, camping and outdoor action, hosted by Austin Vince and Lois Pryce.

It takes place annually in Arizona, USA and Devon, UK. More details via the event website:
<http://www.adventuretravelfilmfestival.com/about/>

Anyone interested please contact the Chairman direct via email:
chris@challengesouthwest.co.uk

Or via the discussion on the club forum:

<http://www.makephpbb.com/phpbb/viewtopic.php?t=403&mforum=challengesouthw>

Devon 4x4 mini Series 2010



Class Winners

Many thanks go to our extremely generous sponsor Devon 4x4. Thanks also to Matt Cook for presenting the prizes and Trophies.

1st Prize: Go Pro Camera

2nd Prize: Leatherman Multi Tool

3rd Prize: High Lift Jack Cover & D44 Tax Disc Holder



Standard Class

1st Stu Ball

2nd Oli Mathews

3rd Ian Hawes

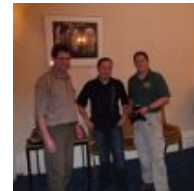


Intermediate Class

1st Andy Baker

2nd Wayne Martin

3rd James Pike



Modified Class

1st Martin Hounsell

2nd Roger Pardy

3rd Alistair David



Club Membership

All memberships now run over a rolling 12 months. For any queries regarding membership please contact Jemma (email frank@challengesouthwest.co.uk)

Membership fees 2011

- Full £25 (driving member).
- Associate £15 (non-driving crew/members).
- Day membership: This may be an option available at special events.

Q: So what do you actually get for your membership fee?

- 12 months rolling membership with membership card.
- Full membership gets you a free T shirt (First time new members only).
- Associate membership is for those who are not driving and competing, and comes with no logbook or T-shirt.
- Free Vehicle log book (all competing and marshals vehicles).
- *Personal accident cover for all club members at any CSW run event!
- Full Public Liability Insurance cover (£5 Million) for all events run by CSW.
- Advance access & discounted entry fee to The De-Cider Trophy.

Q: So where does your membership go?

We have many costs involved in running the club and all the events etc that we put on for you the club members. For a new member after you take into account the cost of a T shirt and log book and insurance contribution we actually make very little.

Some of the typical costs involved (although not exhaustive) are listed below.

- The largest single annual expense is for our private Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance cover at well over £2500!
- Purchase of equipment: paper, laminate sheets, printer cartridges, event arrows, wooden stakes, punches, punch chords, cable ties, advertising banners, stands, signs, stickers, club clothing, printing and embroidery, trophies and engraving, marshals vests and website subscriptions.

* Most people can get their own personal accident cover but will probably find that they are not covered for motorsport events. Our personal accident insurance policy is designed to overcome this failing and covers all club members during CSW events only. It is a policy designed specifically for motorsport and is there to give peace of mind for all club members and their families and is for major injury i.e. loss of limb, sight or death. We need to make sure that we continue to run our events as safely as possible and learn from any incidents should they occur. As with our Public liability insurance in the event of a claim on either policy we would most likely be unable to afford any new or renewed policy premiums.