

# Dirty Weekend 5-7 June 2009. All you need to know.

## **Accommodation**

Most guests have indicated their preference for camping, but three local Bed & Breakfasts would also be pleased to take a booking. Mail me for their details!

A large piece of veld has specially been mowed and cleared for camping. A hot shower and men's toilet is provided. A brand new fancy ladies toilet just had her first flush and has been constructed specially for us! The modest entry fee is to cover part of this new addition. There will be erected one spare 5m x 5m sided army tent should you have tent troubles and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## **Food & Drink**

Do your own thing, except Saturday lunch which is provided. Water is on tap and a generator will be running in the evenings. Braai fires will be burning on both evenings. If you plan to spend the weekend, a length of wors, some rolls and two breakfasts should do it. Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and a two plate gas stove top with kettle is available. A large zinc iced bath is available for drinks and some Coke, Coke Zero, Windhoek, Windhoek Light and Vodka is available at cost with an honesty box system.

## **Entry Charges**

Truck and Driver R400 for the weekend

Adult R50 per day or R100 for Friday to Sunday

Kids R30 per day or R60 for Friday to Sunday

All entries include a very cool, random sized, pre-loved, fire-resistant German Army Tank Crew shirt that doubles as your ticket, a basic lunch at Beaumont Eston Farmer's Club on Saturday and "help yourself tea and coffee" all weekend.

## **Risk**

Mogs are big vehicles capable of amazing things. They can also squash people without difficulty in a surprising number of ways. We ask you to please be sensible and considerate but still require at the gate that you indemnify the farmer, Mercedes, the organisers, the Boy Scouts and anyone associated against any conceivable sort of claim arising from anything related to the Dirty Weekend. All rights of admission remain reserved and completed indemnity forms (available at the gate) are a condition of entry. This weekend is **entirely at your own risk!** While you are free to bring and consume alcohol we insist on no drinking whatsoever on Saturday before the course is completed and mogs packed away at 17h00.

**No smoking** on the course, as the veld is extremely dry! **No alcohol** until Mogs are safely packed away!

## **Course**

8km easy and scenic course with a few optional fun obstacles. The Quarry obstacles after lunch will also be scored and while quite suitable and appropriate for mogs are also not mandatory. The Boy Scouts have kindly volunteered to monitor and score the technical gates and the scoring system will be explained on departure. Several farmers have kindly lent their land, time and resources so please be considerate!

## **Security & Cleaning**

Despite the peaceful country life, two uniformed guards have been employed to keep an eye out for us in shifts. A cleaning maid will be handy and rubbish will be collected on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

## **Fishing & Spares**

The dam at the campsite is over-run with Bass. If you fancy your chances at killing our cunning watery friends, you are most welcome to bring your fishing gear. Tim, the farmer has a large number of odd spares for the Unimog and would be pleased to exchange some for cash!

## **Moaners**

Please leave whining friends behind! The weekend is an informal gathering to have fun with our mogs and other friends. The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing and have a good time. While a great effort has and is being made to plan and run a superb weekend, please note that this is the first time it is happening and that we may make mistakes and oversights. Please also consider that the weekend has cost a few of us a lot of time, effort and money which certainly will not be recovered by a paltry gate charge and minimising administration will be much appreciated.

## Program

A fun program has been planned with much consideration and will be available in print at the gate. In short, gates open at 17h00 on Friday with a Technical Mog Driving Skill DVD (in English) screened at 20h00. Saturday, please have your mog fuelled and ready to roll at 08h30 for the briefing on safety, route, scoring and day program. If you can safely accommodate spectators in / on your mog, please help. They will need to get off and out the way for the obstacles. The course pauses at the Quarry where we break for lunch and return for the balance of obstacles and fun events before returning to camp by gravel road. There are some small prizes presented on Saturday evening after braai for good driving, followed by a technical presentation by Duncan "The Punk" Prince, a film, bonfire and tunes. Maybe worth considering pitching tents a little way from the action if you fancy a long sleep? Sunday has several options, but more driving, a tractor museum and local curiosities all available.

## Directions

From Johannesburg, get onto the N3 towards Durban and around 20km past Pietermaritzburg take "Camperdown" turnoff at 29°42'54.44"S 30°29'45.90"E. This off-ramp glides over the N3 and is the start of the Umbumbulo Road (R603) that runs parallel to the N3 for some distance. Passing smelly Rainbow Chickens on your left, Trevton Eggs on your right, Tala Game Reserve on your left and Tala Valley then Beaumont Eston Farmer's Club on your right you will find 20km from freeway a T-junction at the BP service station. Turn right onto the R624 passing the smelly Eston Sugar Mill on your left, the tiny village of Eston at the bottom of the dip at the speed humps and past the Mid Illovo and Stony Ridge turnoffs. 8km from the T-junction you will find a 6 meter white banner reading "Dirty Weekend" on the right. Turn right here, keeping right and follow the arrows to the campsite at the dam at 29°53'7.53"S 30°27'50.74"E.

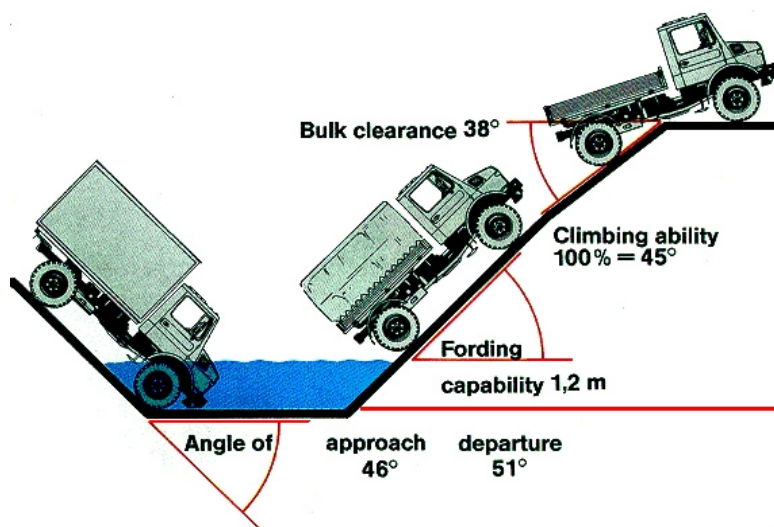
From Durban, get onto the N3 towards Pietermaritzburg. Pass Cato Ridge and take the off-ramp marked "Camperdown" at 29°43'49.91"S 30°32'33.73"E. Do not go over the bridge into the town, but keep left and follow the windy road for 3km past the chickens to a T-junction. Turn left here onto R603 towards Umbumbulo and travel 8km before turning right onto R624 at the Eston Sugar Mill. 18km later you will find a white banner on the right reading "Dirty Weekend". Turn right here, keeping right and follow the arrows to the campsite at the dam at 29°53'7.53"S 30°27'50.74"E.

## Spectators

Please feel free to visit. If safe to do so, and drivers are willing, we will try to get you onto the course by Mog. Safety first! The convey must stop at all obstacles and unload all passengers.

## Spread the word

Please feel free to invite fellow enthusiasts and let us know to expect them!



## Lost or more info?

Call Rob 082 440 3538, Roy 082 414 0910 or Tim 083 644 4996

**Photo's** of the outing to be posted at [www.unimog.org.za](http://www.unimog.org.za) soon after!