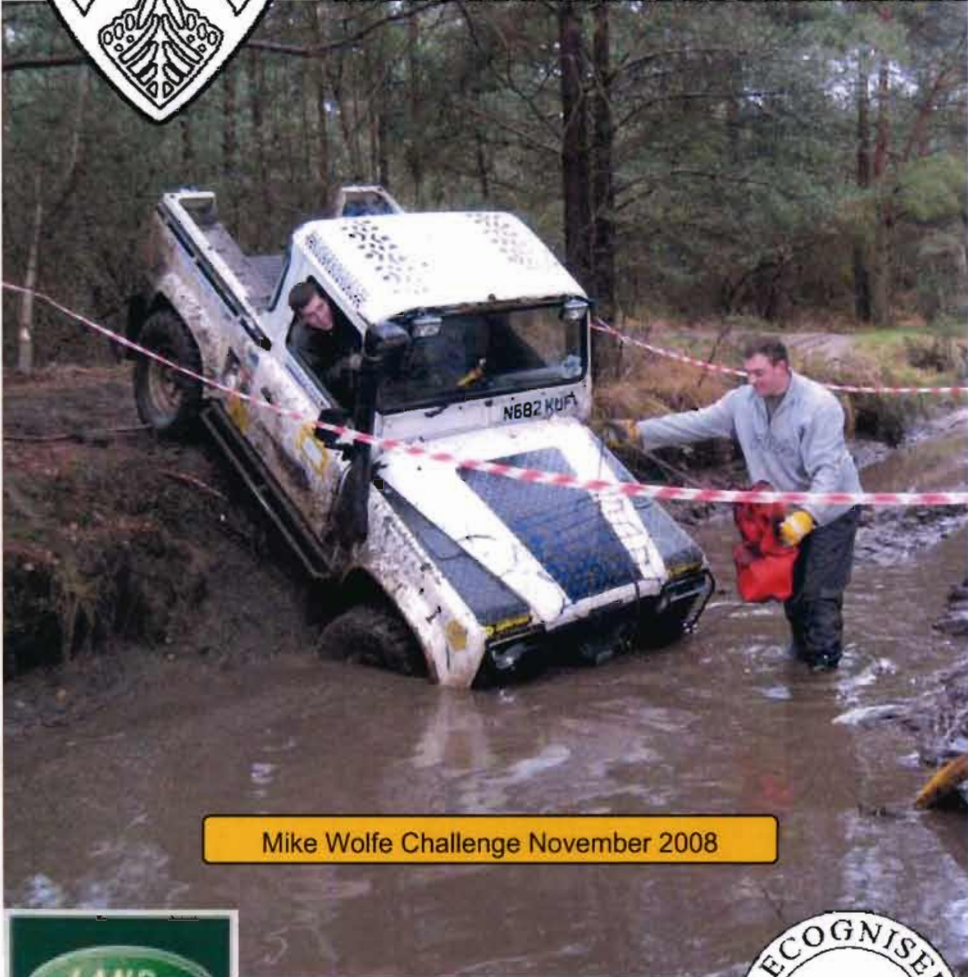




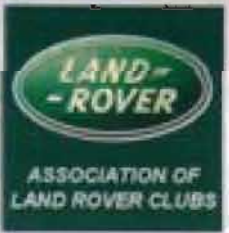
Green lane trip 9th November 2008.



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Mike Wolfe Challenge November 2008



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## Hugh's Hectic Happenings

Hello All

Well, this is really déjà vu. I gave myself up at the AGM and I'm back in the hot seat. Do you know it was two years ago when I did this last, it does not seem that long. Things seem to be over quicker the older you get, but perhaps I won't go into that.

Moving quickly along, my thanks go out to Richard and the committee for doing such a good job running the Club last year whilst I have been enjoying myself just being a member, oh, and also secretary to the Treasurer.

What have we done since the last magazine? Several of us travelled to darkest Somerset, near Cheddar, to take part in the Mendip Challenge in October. This is a two day event, RTV trial on the Saturday and CCV on the Sunday. I entered the RTV trial, a hard challenging event with a variety of water, mud, rocks and steep ups and downs. A very enjoyable weekend made better by the glorious sunny weather despite two things. First my diff lock light decided not to work, so at first, I did not know whether it was actually engaged until I started the first section which had a steep rocky climb at gate 8, and yes, to my relief it was working. Secondly, I was sitting in the caravan forcing my cornflakes down (nerves you know) before the trial when suddenly there was a loud bang and hot water pouring all over carpet. The water heater had blown itself apart. Another job to add to my list keeping me busy through the winter months.

Also in October, we held an RTV at Aldermaston where Mark Furnell and Matt Hewitt stepped in at the last minute to set out. The original COC realised she had to be in two places at once sixty miles apart. I'd like to see that!! All went well with a reasonably good attendance and thanks to Mark and Matt for a good day out.

The Club led by Julian, our ROW man, helped Hants County Council cut back and clear a lane near Droxford on the National Green Lane Clearance day.

Early November saw us try out a new event where we run a Tyro and RTV trial together. The idea is you set out eighteen gates gradually getting

more difficult from start to finish. The Tyro starts at the beginning and ends after twelve gates and the RTV starts at gate six and goes on to the end. Mike Fitzgerald was COC for this event and I have to say this seemed to work well for our first attempt. Well done to Mike and his helpers. We intend to have more of these events next year so watch the website calendar for more information.

Lastly, before I go, I would like to thank all the members who help make this a good Club to be a part of. For those members out there who would like to help out in some way but not sure how to go about it, talk to me or a committee member. It's surprising how much fun you can have doing something constructive.

Speak to you soon.

Hugh Duffett, Chairman.

## Editor's bit....

Hi it's me, I'm back. I'd like to thank Matthew for taking over the editorship a while back; but now it's my turn again.

One of the things the committee have been discussing recently to save the club some money is the matter of an e-mail version of the newsletter. We can e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses and post to those that haven't. Just to see how many would be interested, and also to see how many of you have e-mail, just send a simple "hallo" to me from your normal e-mail address and I can pick up your address from the message. I'll then report back to the committee. Watch this space.

Steve Kirby, Editor.



## 2009 National Rally Children's Bike Trial.

Anglian Land Rover Owners Club have offered to run the Children's Bike Trial at the 2009 ALRC National Rally - but they would like some help. If you're willing to lend a hand, probably just marshalling on the day, please let me know.

Steve Kirby. ALRC Representative.

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## Comp Sec's Round Up



By the time you all read this, Christmas will be well and truly out of the way, and people will be back into swing of work (or not as the case may be). Unfortunately, I have missed several events recently due to other commitments, but will hopefully be back on the trialling scene for 2009. Certainly need to get the practice in before the Nationals. So what have you lot been up to? Thanks to Ian, I can put together a bit of a report!

There have been 5 competition events since I last wrote this column. This does not include the Mike Wolfe Challenge which hopefully someone else will write a piece about. It was, however, a great event which I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in, even in a swimming capacity! Huge thanks to all those who put in time and effort to pull this off.

The Nellies RTV was well attended with 17 competitors and some new faces which is always good to see. As you would expect the site was pretty wet & slippery. The pond in the Dell had filled quite nicely and made for a good addition to two of the sections. There was a very ambitious addition to the section in the form of one of the biggest climbs, but a few competitor made it. Apparently, since the heart transplant in Neville's Series I, he made this hill look like a walk in the park.

Other events have seen equally good turn outs, with an average of twelve competitors. The driving day at Slab Common also attracted a good crowd, with lots of smiles showing that they had found mud somewhere along the line!

I am greatly indebted to all those who have helped out with the setting out and running events, particularly in the last few months when I have not been able to attend. Make sure you take time to check out the website for those who have won awards this year and who have contributed in some way by appearing on the marshals league table. Thanks to Ian for compiling and maintaining this. I leave this write up wishing you all a very fun filled 2009, and a happy trialling New Year.



Sam Parker  
Competition Secretary

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## Social Events - Have your say

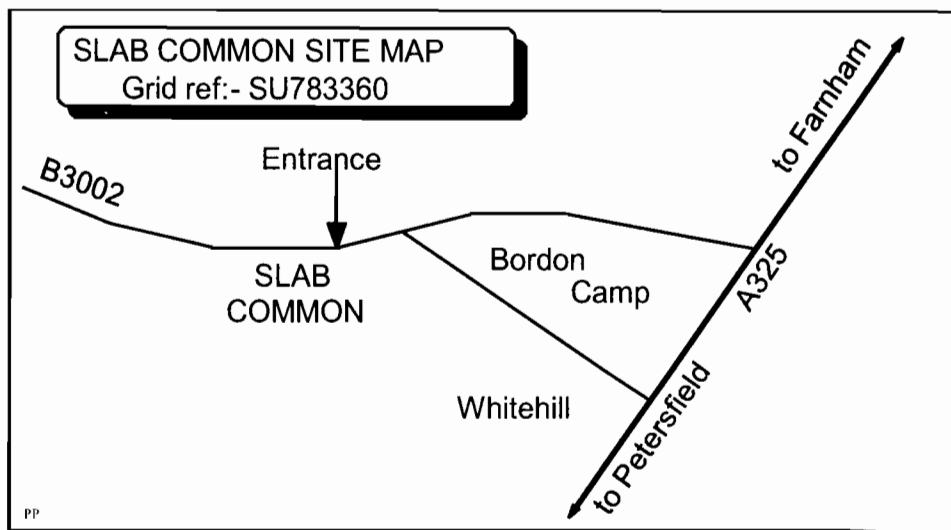
Due to lack of support for the Christmas Party this year, the Committee made a tough decision to cancel this event in an effort to avoid wasting precious funds which might otherwise be spent more wisely. In doing this, discussion then followed about what we could do in the future and a suggestion was made to perhaps organise and hold a summer event. This would be along the lines of a mid summer party, hiring a marquee, holding a barn dance with spit roast etc. - something that the whole family could have the opportunity to get involved in if they so wished.

If we are to do something such as this, the event would be held in June hopefully when there is better weather and lighter nights but not too close to the annual summer holidays.

The committee would appreciate your thoughts and input on this so please contact us - our telephone numbers and email addresses are inside the front cover of this magazine or speak to us at any of the forthcoming events.

Remember, this is your Club and if you want social events such as this, the Committee are prepared to organise them but only if you as members are prepared to attend.

Hugh Duffett



## Rickshaw 2009 24<sup>th</sup> January

The Rickshaw event is the first of the BAFMA Championship season. This year it will be again based out of the Longmoor camp. We have been asked if the club can run the trials sections again for this event. Don't worry if you have not helped before or even trialed before as it's a good way of learning a bit about trials.

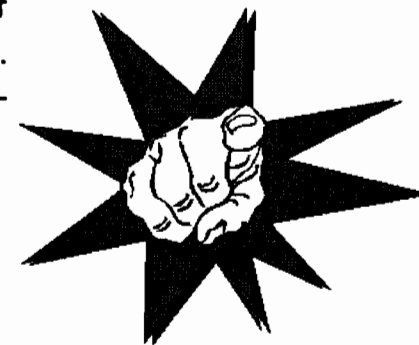
We will be setting out the trials on the morning of the 24th January for them to start at 13.00. The area we will be using will be Slab Common. We will meet at SU783360 at 08.30. This is the entrance we normally use. If you would like to help please get in touch; via e-mail is the best.

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Slab Common location map is on page 10.

## Your Club Needs You

We really do need you to turn out and help to marshal at our events. On the RTV front things are looking up and we seem to be running in the order of 20+ competitors at each trial.



If we have enough marshals to split the entry into two groups, we can probably get 8 sections in.

So what do you say? Please come out and marshal. You never know there might well be a prize at the end of the year.

Mike Wolfe Challenge 2008.  
"Perhaps I can drag this tank over a bit to reach the punch card."



Mike Wolfe Challenge 2008.  
Below is Malcolm Whitbread with his Peugeot 205 mid engine special (First run out and still managed to get 4th overall)



Mike Wolfe Challenge 2008.



Mike Wolfe Challenge 2008.  
How not to overtake a tank in the rain.



Mike Wolfe Challenge 2008.



## Green Laning Trip 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008

"Dodgy Disco Downs Doughty Defender"

by Sean Comber

After last month's green laning trip around north Hampshire I foolishly said I'd be happy to plan and lead the November trip out. Having volunteered I spent several evenings poring over my Anquet map program trying to find a route with some interesting lanes I knew, with plenty of new ones I fancied trying for the first time. On top of that I wanted to take in some of the more interesting/challenging lanes we had driven before. My first attempt produced a route covering most of Hants, Berks and Wilts and added up to over 100 miles, too far for one day. I was desperately trying to maximise off-tarmac time, particularly with the clocks going back now restricting daylight hours. Eventually after a few evenings of playing with routes I came up with a run starting at Ludgershall just outside Andover and taking a clock-wise arc touching on Salisbury Plain, up over the Vale of Pewsey, skirting south of Marlborough then heading south back to where we started. Having got the OK from Julian and checking the council websites for TRO's etc, the day was planned.

Sunday morning dawned fairly bright and, most importantly dry. We trundled down the M4, A34 and A30 to Ludgershall and met the rest of the party in the entrance to the first lane. The group was slightly on the large side, 2 Discovery's - ours and Mike's 300 TDI auto now shod with mud tyres and still sporting the monstrous light bar on the roof and determined to have another go at scraping it off after October's impressive efforts. The 2 Discos were accompanied by 5 'proper' Land Rovers, Julian's 90, a military spec 110 driven by Richard and Peter, a modified 90 driven by Simon, a modified 110 driven by Mark and Nicks 90. Once everyone had made their introductions were saddled up and ran down the first lane linking the A346 and A342. Crossing the road we squelched through a farm covered in a combination of mud, straw and dung - nice. What was worse was that Mac was driving our Disco out front and I had to get out and unhook/hook an interminable number of electric fences across the lane. The lane ran round the back of Sidbury Hill an old iron-age fort. Being on the edge of Salisbury Plain meant that Byways were running everywhere and with only my printed out map to follow, I was struggling for bearings on a fairly featureless land-



scape. After missing yet another turn and shuttling between ours and Mikes Disco where he had a fully loaded GPS and laptop set up, I at least could see where I was going wrong. To improve matters we gave Mike and Jason one of our short wave radios so at least I could avoid getting out to find out where we were.



It was only a bit later when looking in everyone else's cabs did it dawn on me that here was us leading with a map stuck together from numerous A4 sheets when everyone else had GPS and PC/Pocket PC set ups.... Doh! No wonder everyone looked so smug as I was scratching my head! Anyway we passed Sidbury Hill covered in lots of other Land Rovers all competing in a AWDC Comp Safari, so there was some pretty impressive looking kit there. We got a few odd looks as we trundled past heading towards the Old Marlborough Road which provided an easy run north for a few miles. From there we passed down a couple more easy lanes around Hog Down, with me at least being able to map read clearer with less tracks and more features. A byway

towards Milton Lilbourne on the edge of the Vale of Pewsey provided a bit of muddy entertainment and the ruts caused us to lock the diff as our ground clearance became marginal, something which was not going to be a problem for the Defenders obviously. The Discos came through with flying colours though and we moved on into the Vale of Pewsey, through Manningford Bourne and back up onto the ridge looking for a byway I've driven before which was very good fun. After a missed turn we hit upon it and apparently it is called "the steps" which was self explanatory when you get half way down a fairly innocuous looking lane only to be confronted with a series of greasy sill and diff-bashing steps. However, with a bit of momentum, too much according to Mac, and gravity to aid us we bumped down over with only a few scary metallic sounding crunches. It is in lanes like those that you realise what fantastic machines Land Rovers are. At that point we broke for lunch at a pub in Marden. It was a relief to get out of our Land Rover as Mac had let Alfie, his dog, out earlier who proceeded to roll in fox cack and absolutely stank. The pub was a bit of a 'gastro-pub' which meant small portions but big cost, but the ploughman's and hotpot were very edible.

After lunch we covered a few road miles up to a very pleasant lane leading from the top of Knap Hill towards East Kennet, giving a lovely view of Silbury Hill in the distance. This marked the most northern extent of our drive and from there we headed east through a gorgeous beech wood showing off its radiant autumnal colours. On through Easton Royal and we climbed up out of the Vale of Pewsey once more into a fairly innocuous looking lane skirting round Crowdown Clump. Nearing the end of the lane, everything went wrong.....

The last 100 or so yards were a bit of a quagmire, mud and water sloughed off the rolling chalk down land. It was around 3pm and already the sky was darkening (ominously) and the wind was whipping up the valley. The disco came to a halt and Mac declared that we were grounded. We all got out and surveyed the situation. Two options presented themselves, pull out onto the edge of the field and skirt the worst of the goo or floor it get as far as we can then get towed through the rest, which only extended a few 10's of yards before recovering to hardstanding once more. Coincidentally, two other Land Rovers approaching from the other direction, took one look and drove the other way.....

Anyway full of hubris and having a safety net of supporting Land Rovers with winches, waffle boards, tow ropes etc etc I took the 'floor it' option and drove/skidded on the steering guard around half way through the mud, then stopped. At this point the others decided to haul out and skirt the field. Julian nipped around and backed up to tow me out. Having attached a strop to the towing eye of the guard the Disco was unceremoniously yanked yard by yard through the morass. The fact that every yank moved us a few yards provided both myself and Julian confidence in keeping going. Unfortunately we were to pay for this hubris. The smoke I could see coming from Julian's 90 was not from the tyres creating friction in the ruts but was in fact a cooking clutch. With safety but a few yards away, Julian lost all drive and the jig was up. Julian was winched out followed by us and we surveyed the situation. The only course of action was to tow Julian out and get his recovery people to pick him up. We towed him the mile or so into Everleigh and the tow truck was set to arrive within the hour.

By this time it was almost dark and raining hard, so we decided to call it a day, said our goodbyes and went our separate ways, our Disco with its tail between its legs. Next time I promise we'll tow Julian out.....

So lessons learnt:

- Use the tricked up Land Rovers for recovery not the ones with AT tyres and a rope.
- An extra inch or so really does make the difference, Mac and my procrastination regarding a 2 inch lift and bigger tyres really needs to proceed beyond chatting about it and looking on Ebay. Fantasy needs to become reality.

Next time go around the muck.....

## Competition Events; General Information

- Events are open to all paid-up HBLRO members. Bring your membership card.
- Entries to be on an official HBLRO entry form whenever possible.
- ALRC rules and HBLRO Supplementary Regulations apply. 2007 ALRC Handbooks (2009 version coming soon) are available to all HBLRO members.
- All HBLRO RTVs are qualifying rounds for the "Red Leader Shield" (standard class Leaf sprung LR), the "Pilot Trophy" (Standard Range Rover) and the "Performance Trophy" (for 90s)
- When you come to help set out the sections on the day before the competition, please find the Clerk of the Course (or whoever is in charge at the time) and sign on the attendance sheet. The event insurance covers those members setting up the event and is there for your benefit; but it is valid only if you sign to say that you are there.
- Please help to marshal the event. Attend the marshals briefing and then ask an experienced marshal for guidance on how to score and how to assist in the safe running of the event. We'll show you how to score if you've not done it before. A Marshalling Guide booklet is available on request.
- If you are interested in scrutineering, please ask to accompany one of the scrutineers on the day. They'll show you how the checks are done and what to look for. A Scrutineering Guide booklet is available on request.

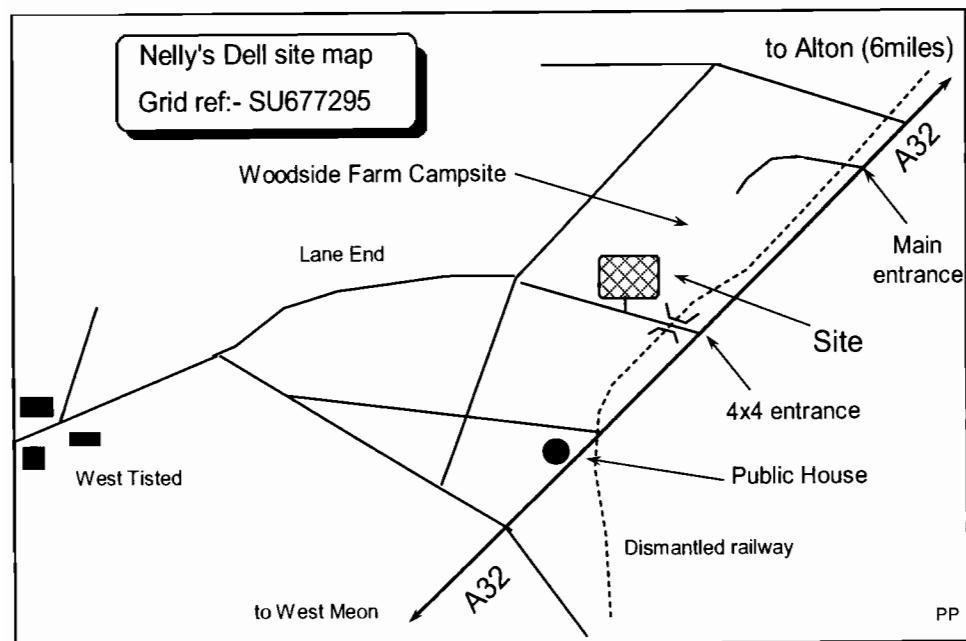


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<b>January</b>		
24th	Slab Common	Rickshaw (Details page 11)
25th	Nellies Dell	RTV
<b>February</b>		
8th	Military	DRD / RTV
22nd		<i>Greenlane clearance</i>
<b>March</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8th	Hook End	Camping
8th	Hook End	RTV / Tyro / JTV
21 <sup>st</sup> / 22nd	Aldermaston	Camping
21 <sup>st</sup>	Aldermaston	RTV
22nd	Aldermaston	Timed Trial
<b>April</b>		
10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> /13th	TBC	RTV/Tyro/JTV
<b>May</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3rd	Nellies Dell	Camping
3rd	Nellies Dell	RTV/Tyro
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> /25th	Manby	Nationals
<b>June</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> /7th	Eastnor Deer Park	LRW Show
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> /14th	Ingrams Green	Clearance and winch practice
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> /28th	Newnham Park	2 day Charity RTV
<b>July</b>		
19th	Aldermaston	RTV / Tyro
<b>August</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> / 2nd	Ingrams Green	Fun winch / RTV
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> /16th		West Berkshire Show
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> /31st	Hook End Farm	RTV / Tyro / JTV
<b>September</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> /13th	Eastnor Deer Park	<i>Majors</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> /27th	Nellies Dell	RTV / Tyro
<b>October</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /11th	Lambs Lair	<i>Mendips</i>
25th		Green Lane Clearance
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> November	Hook End Farm	RTV

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- \* Green-lane trips will usually be as advertised elsewhere. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. Please bring your own maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, in case you get lost. If there is a lot of rain on the few preceding days, anticipate postponement.

I've printed the dates of everything I know about at the moment on the previous page, so get your diaries out! Note that *provisional* events are printed in *italics*. Will event organisers please let me know when any of these is confirmed / changed / cancelled etc.. Major changes, cancellations etc. Will be highlighted in **bold text**.

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

Green laners:-See article(s) elsewhere for details of the next trip(s).

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Mike Wolfe Challenge 2008.  
Malcolm Whitbread's latest creation.



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