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Peter Graham negotiating Cox's Scrub Hill - part of Merv Tucker's Eastern Hills/Murray Flats day trip

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Finally, spring is here, trees are blossoming, the flowers are in bloom, and the sun is starting to thaw out the winter chills. This is the time of year when 4WDing should reach its pinnacle.

There has been a lot of activity in this past month with two successful and well responded day trips - one to Mt, Crawford and the other to Burra. The Social outing to look over 'rescue 1 & 2' at the airport surpassed all expectations. The Jays will elaborate on this in their report. One interclub trip organised by the Murray Bridge 4WD Club has shown a pitiful attendance by our club. I don't understand why some people pay good money to join such a quality and sociable club like ours, and do not take advantage of anything it has to offer. Those who do not participate really are missing out on some top outing and excellent company.

There are 4 trips scheduled in October with other clubs. Geranium and Ngatkat both on the long weekend 3, 4 & 5th. Friends of the Park at Medindie Area School Stadium 9.10 & 11th. There is a vacancy to join The Adventurers & Barossa Clubs to trek around some Private Property north of Burra on the 17th & 18th of October. SO MAKE SOME TIME and JOIN IN, YOU MAY LIKE IT.

Mallee Boy(Merv) and I will be planning a night drive possibly for November 18th. There will be no risks involved, but it will give a different perspective on some familiar & some not so familiar tracks. Look on the trip board for details and only definites need place their names.

You may have read, Joyce has compiled a list of places to visit as a group. If you are interested with any of these get your name down. Remember the lines on the trip sheets are to be filled with people WHO WILL attend.

Do not forget the 10 pin Bowling Challenge on the 20th of this month, should be a laugh.

THE SUN IS OUT, THE WEATHER IS FINE AND THE 'CROWS' ARE ALMOST DONE FOR, SO GET OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF

see you 'round
Moss-lah

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mt Lofty Rangers Inc
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24th August 1998

To the members of the Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club

The purpose of this letter is to thank the members who were out on a day trip at Mt Crawford on Sunday 23rd August

After being precariously bogged on the side of a hill for over an hour, the sight of a convoy of 4WD vehicles was a sight to behold.

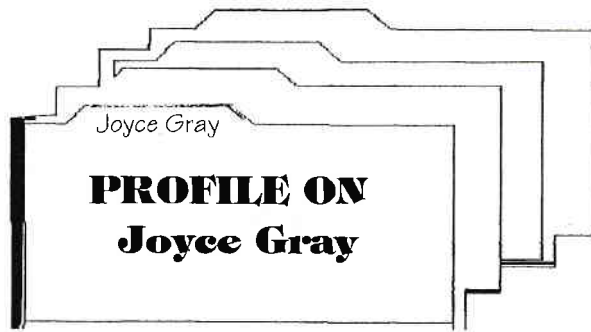
We sincerely thank the club members for interrupting their day trip to spend the time to rescue us. Their generosity and friendship was greatly appreciated.

Please accept this small gift as a token of our appreciation.

With thanks
Neil & Aileen McNaughton

see photo on page 5

Mt Lofty Rangers thanks Neil & Aileen for the tin of biscuits and maybe we just may see them as Club members. It proves the point it is safer to travel in numbers



My name is Joyce Gray, the Mt Lofty Rangers Social Secretary. My other half, Brian and I have been married for many years and have 3 children (one a club member) and 2 grand children. We have lived in Glenalta since our marriage.

I have been involved in many sporting activities, played & coached netball until 12 years ago, been a member of service clubs, take an interest in many topics and enjoy reading, gardening and murdering the keyboard.

We both enjoy travelling and spent years "tenting it" as our family holiday. We travelled further afield as the family got older and then XW Wagon was put to the test. Creek beds in the Flinders Rangers and steep slopes in other areas pointed to a 4WD(in the other half's opinion)

I needed some convincing, having another project in mind and being a 'cautious' driver. The suggestion of seeing areas of Australia accessible only by 4WD helped and the Hi-Lux joined the family in 1985.

We have travelled around much of Australia since then, I am still not entirely convinced and have been known to walk if possible, But afterwards was glad I didn't miss out.

Joining the Rangers to gain more information on all aspects of 4WDing will help in the future as we learn more and gain confidence while meeting other with similar interests. Our aim now is to tour Australia for 12 months using the 4WD and who knows, I may not walk as much

Joyce



from left to right:- the other half Brian, the Hi-Lux and Joyce Gray our Social Secretary



The Mt Lofty Rangers 'White Knights' at work in rescuing the McNaughton's - Mt Crawford



OCTOBER 1998

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 2ND, 3RD, 4TH , 5TH GERANIUM

KEEP IT IN MIND (SEE NEXT PAGE)

CONTACT KEN BRADEY 8278 2787

NGATKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 3RD, 4TH, 5TH

This is a beautiful Mallee Park in the East of the State. These weekends are not all work and its a great way to visit with people who know the area. Meet in Pinnaroo, Main St at 10 am Saturday Morning. Contact ROD HARTVIGSEN Phone 8388 6083

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS 14TH ANNUAL FORUM. 9TH TO 11TH

Hosted by the Friends of the Coorong and held in the Medindie Area School's Stadium. Discussions, exhibitions and tours will be held over the weekend. For further information contact PETER GRAHAM
PH 8370 6224

SUNDAY 25th - TINTINARA DAY TRIP

Following the Gold Escort Route- National Heritage Trail of the 1850's through the Adelaide Hills and back tracks to Wellington, Hawks Nest, Cold n' Wet, Mt Boothby Conservation Park. A full day - must be self sufficient - this is a repeat trip. Some 4WDing - Good family day Trip Leader Dean Dayman

SATURDAY 31ST-1ST NOVEMBER CLARE WEEKEND

Tour some of the wineries, Homesteads and Bungaree Station plus local places of interest. Various charges for camping approx \$67.00 per couple for the weekend

TRIP LEADERS PETER & NATASHU GRAHAM PH 8370 6224

NOVEMBER 1998

SATURDAY 28th MYSTERY NIGHT TRIP

Start the evening off with a BBQ at the Club Rooms then get misled by the Mallee Boy & the Moss-iah, only as these two could for a night drive with a twist and a turn.

Christmas is coming we all know, but we still have a few great months before hand - Plan your trip now before it gets too late



Is Proud to Announce

The Social and Sand Driving Event of the Year
the

Dorado Desperados

October Long Weekend at Geranium

Yes it's true, after years of Bar Room bravado and unfocused enthusiasm we have finally organised a music and party Weekend. To be held at Dorado Downs 25km from Geranium on this October Long Weekend. The property has been booked from Friday night for those wishing to get an early start

The Plan

The event is open to members of the Rangers and the Holden 4WD Clubs. Come down Friday or Saturday to camp on site with a flush toilet, hot shower, shed to protect us from the rain(should it dare fall) and generally a great camping area. Its a great spot for and driving with tracks ranging from easy to impossible. Driver training and assessment can be undertaken or you can just take it easy.

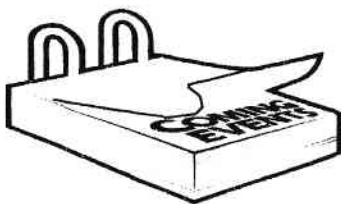
Bring all your own requirements

Saturday Night

We would like to organise a combined Roast Dinner, if those of you with camp ovens bring them along, and we all contribute some food we should be able to arrange a feast. The food will be supported by a CD and tape based music system. Each person is invited to select their two all time favourite pieces of music which will be played on the night. For those classical buffs a piece of music can't be longer than 7 minutes(just long enough to fit in Stairway to Heaven - I think!)

The Hassle

We must know definite numbers well before the event. Please ensure you record your name on the trip sheet at the September meeting. and yes it will be noisy, but you can camp ½km away if you wish!



SOCIAL REPORT

- SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 20TH:- 10 Pin Bowling at Cross Road Bowl
Time 2.30pm Approx \$10.50 per person for 2 games
& shoe hire. \$5.00 deposit per person
at September meeting. Rest on the day.
- DECEMBER SUNDAY 6TH Club Christmas Picnic at Clarendon Oval.
Time 10.00am-8.00pm We have shelter whatever the weather.
Bring your own chairs, Food & BBQ.
There will be a Community Table for
Desserts or Christmans Goodies.
- Names please & ages of children attending by November's meeting
Tea, Coffee & Cordial available
- JUNE 1999 Club Dinner

List of suggested outings on Notice Board.

More ideas welcomed

Joyce Gray Phone 8278 1576

COMING EVENTS

Why Not Plan a Trip or a Days Outing Around One of These
Attractions

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| September 27th | RAA Bay to Birdwood Run |
| October 10th | Curdimurka Ball |
| October 23-25th | 4WD & Outdoor Show, S.W. Parklands
(Discount tickets can be purchased through the Club) |
| November 1st | 'Life be in it' Show, Bonython Park |
| November 21-22nd | Murraylands Big River Steam and
Riverboat Rally, Murray Bridge |
| February 13th-14th | Raft Race Inter Club Challenge, Clay- |

EASTERN HILL/MURRAY FLATS

On the 19th July we went on one of Merv Tucker's marvellous trips that entailed spending an hour at Brownhill Creek with all the excitement of wheels lifting into the air (boys with their toys). Then we progressed along the Freeway to Heysen Rd, Hahndorf, then onto a track through Windmill Hill where we had morning tea.

We then headed to Macclesfield where we found an oval for a lunch stop.

After lunch, we headed for Cox's Scrub, where we had a rattle and rumble up a lumpy track. Next we went to Lakeview at Sandigrove to see the Tucker Cemetery, where Merv explained some of the family history.

Then we turned towards Milang where we had afternoon tea by the lake's edge. We tried to follow the lake around its edge. Merv came across a small creek and leak tested his new Prado. The creek had been empty 3 weeks earlier.

On the way home we went along a track between Harrogate and Wistow, and tried some near night driving. The weather for the day was beautiful, but rain would have made it a lot more interesting.

Joan Tucker



Merv Tucker Leak testing the Prado

A Social Event - Visit to Rescue 1 at Adelaide Airport

On Friday evening 28/08/98, 19 Members of the Club attended a visit to Lloyd's aviation helicopter base. We were met by Nigel Edwards who gave us not only a complex & interesting overview of the Rescue 1 operations but a real life response to an actual emergency which occurred during the visit.

The operations centre building on the site is the communications centre, which processes emergency/operation calls for medical retrieval, rescue, accident and police service work. The rescue operation is manned 24 hrs/day and is financed by the South Australian Government. There are 3 crews of 3 men consisting of pilots and crewmen and there are ground staff as well. Each shift is 3 days & 3 nights on followed by 3 days off. The building also provides sleeping quarters and TV room for crews.

Along side this building is a large maintenance hanger where currently a Bell 412 helicopter is being refurbished to the standard of Rescue 1 for work in Canberra and the ACT. This area also provides storage for their rescue equipment - stretchers for use by the helicopter hoist, wetsuits for water rescue, backpacks of food, clothing, blankets for overnight drops which also included a pack of cards! The fleet consists of 2 helicopters - Rescue 1 is a Bell 412 4 Blade twin engine jet powered machine backed up by Rescue 2 which is a small Bell Longranger (2 Blade). Rescue 1 is used for medical retrievals & rescue and is a very complex machine also capable of marine operations which require it to be equipped with flotation safety equipment. In an emergency situation this operates automatically through water sensors being activated when coming into contact with water. A hoist is fitted which can retrieve patients from ships or rough terrain, this can lift up to a maximum of 600lb. Very powerful spotlights are remotely controlled by the pilot for night use.

Rescue 2 helicopter is used mainly for police operations and is fitted with a FLIR system. This system detects body heat from altitudes as high as a 1000 feet and gives an accurate black & white picture on a video screen.

Extremely useful for night searches in finding people lost in the bush as well as criminal detection.

During our inspection of Rescue 1 an actual emergency call came through and our party was asked to stand back and we watched whilst the crew readied the helicopter for a medical retrieval from Waikerie. Just prior to lift-off the operation was cancelled so the aircraft was shut down and placed back in standby. The time from the call coming through & readiness for lift-off takes 10 minutes. With the incoming call is the instruction of which hospital, either the RAH or the FMC, is providing the Medical Team to be collected on the way to the emergency destination.

After this emergency operation was aborted it gave us the opportunity to meet

the duty pilot, David Hogan. David gave a detailed description of the technical layout of the helicopter and it's capabilities as well as a description of the complexity of skills required to pilot the machine. David's qualifications includes 12,000 hours of fixed wing flying and 5000 hours of helicopter flying, as he explained helicopter operations don't come cheaply. The cost of running Rescue 1 exceeds \$1000.00 per hour and the machine is on standby 24 hours per day. Last year Rescue 1 attended 400 call outs and this year has been averaging one emergency per day.

The evening concluded with a detailed inspection of the helicopter under refurbishment in the maintenance hanger. Both Nigel and David provided us with a complete picture of the maintenance routine that is required by regulations to keep these essential machines in safe operation. Observing this craft in it's stripped down condition we could appreciate the complexities and skills required for this very important task undertaken by the aircraft engineers.

Our 2 hour visit concluded with many grateful thanks to both Nigel & David for their detailed tour of the complex and of course out thanks to Joyce & Brian for organising such an interesting and enlightening experience.

Ian & Valerie Jays



Rescue 1 coming in to land

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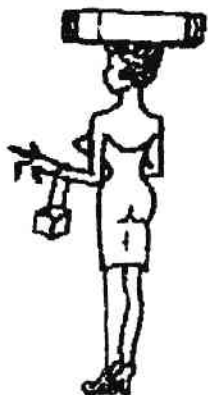
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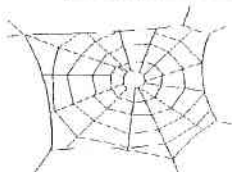


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