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Clayton Raft Race - Is this the second sinking of the Titanic?

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



The problem with the start of the year is that the months seem like weeks. The Editor was just on the phone requesting another report already!

I'd like to start off this month by informing everyone that after the Clayton weekend I went to my record collection and pulled out the broken one on group effort and participation and threw it out. What a magnificent turnout our club displayed at Clayton. We proved to be very competitive due to a ample number of rowers and peddlers for both rafts. The river bank was lined with Lofty Ranger supporter and a continual chant of "go Rangers go" assisted teams across the finish line, sometimes in first place. Everybody who made the effort to attend, for participation of the water sports or supporting their club, should give themselves a big pat on the back (it made me feel so proud to be Club President).

For next year we shall be constructing a new prop-driven Hi-Tech Raft, large enough to accommodate ever our larger members. This was decided when a member (who shall remain anonymous) proved our prototype to have a buoyancy flaw.

Two months from now is the May meeting and the AGM. So may of you are potential and natural organisers and leaders so let's see a few nominations for each position. Do not be put off by the idea of being part of the committee, it is not difficult to do anything if you enjoy it. This night will be a bring a plate-to-share with me again.

To encourage new trip leaders we are holding a "how to prepare for a trip" day. This will detail everything you need to know about organising day trips through to long distance trips. Place your name on the notice board and if enough are interested we will set a date. There is a suggestion box up the front so if you have something to say, please write it down and forward your constructive suggestions now.

To conclude, it is my belief that all members should have a minimal requirement of the basic driving skills. This not only instils confidence when participating in club trips and outings but is for the safety of yourself and others. More training days will be organised soon so see Ted Bal for details.

See ya round

MOSSIAH



MARCH 1999

SATURDAY 20th & SUNDAY 21st – FROLIC IN THE RIVERLAND

SA4WD Club Annual General Meeting. Stay at Chowilla Station 37km NE of Renmark. More information on board. Costs involved
Details: Peter Graham 8370 6224 AH

APRIL 1999

EASTER 2nd – 5th – PT LINCOLN

Catch up with Dean & Kathy Dayman and visit this beautiful area of our state. Camping at Curtain Point Caravan Park with 4WD day trips including Whalers Way and sand driving at Coffin Bay National Park.
Details: Paul West – 8387 1571

EASTER 2nd – 5th

- MORE TRIPS REQUIRED -

PLEASE CONTACT PETER GRAHAM 8370 6224

MAY 1999

LONG WEEEEKEND 15th – 17th – MARION BAY

Ken has organised access to a large shed held on private property with bunk area, hot shower, flushing toilet, living area with open fire and a wood stove. You can camp here and make it your base to do your own thing such as sightseeing or fishing.

Numbers required by March meeting.

\$10 per adult per night (deposit required) Children free.

Details: Ken Bradey 8278 2787 AH

JUNE 1999

LONG WEEKEND 12th – 14th – FLINDERS RANGES

Trip in the pipe line. Put it in your diary. More information as it comes to hand.

Details: Denny or Mark Moss 8383 6324 AH

News In Brief

If you have any ideas of where to go on a trip but do not want to be involved in organising it, please put your ideas in our new "SUGGESTION BOX". We are trying to share the load around to everyone so we are all actively involved. Keep tuned for an upcoming "How To Become A Trip Leader" session.

After a very successful attendance at the Clayton Raft Race this year, it has been suggested that there should be no trips scheduled for the second weekend in February as we would like to see such a good turn out from the Mt Lofty Rangers every year. Please keep this in mind if you are thinking about planning trips in the future.

Talking about Clayton, there were lots of people to thank for a great day but none more than Peter & Chris Chapman who organised competitors and made sure everyone was in the right place at the right time. Well done!!!

Congratulations to Sheryl & Neil Penno on the news of their pregnancy. The new sibling for Darien is due in late July.

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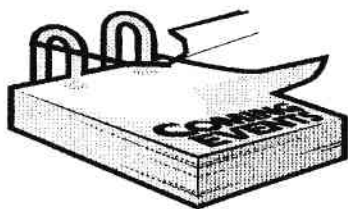
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SOCIAL REPORT

If you would like to attend any of the outings suggested, please register by putting your name on the appropriate list and support your interest.
Any further questions please call Joyce Gray 8278 1576.

Warrawong Sanctuary - Sunset Walk

Saturday March 13th

Time: 7.10 pm for 7.15 pm Start

Where: Stock Road, Mylor

Duration: 1 - 1½ Hours

Cost: \$12.00 adults

\$8.00 child (5-12 yrs)

Free (Under 5)

BYO Coat as it gets cold up there!!!

If you would like to join us for a meal beforehand we are
meeting at Mylor Oval for at 5.30pm.

Bring a desert to share. Otherwise see you at 7.10pm sharp!
Coffee & Cake at 10 Elizabeth Avenue, Glenalta after the walk.

Visit to ALLTRAC Workshop

Friday April 30th

Time: 7.30pm Meet at Alltrac's

Cost: Free

They would like 15 - 20 in group.

Please support this visit as their sponsorship is valuable to the club.

Visit Old Adelaide Gaol

Sunday May 23rd

Time: 10.55 am for 11.00 am Start

Duration: 1½ hour

Cost:

Adults \$6.00

Children \$3.00

Family \$15.00

Conc. \$4.00

BYO Lunch after in Bonython Park and then to

Penfolds Magill Winery for wine tastings. Tour of the winery is available for
\$10 per adult with tastings at conclusion of tour. Duration of tour 1½ hours.

Please let Joyce know if you are interested.

Mid-Year Dinner

Saturday June 26th

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MID-YEAR DINNER

Saturday 26th June 1999

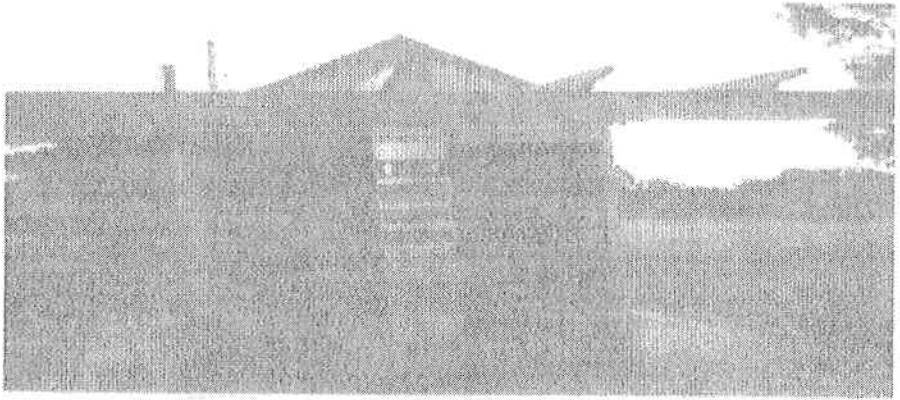
Time: 7.30 pm

**Cost: \$21 per head
drinks extra**

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RACQUETS SA CLUB
SOUTH ROAD
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Numbers are limited to 50 so first in best dressed. There will be a choice of 3 main courses and 2 sweets with soup as first course. Numbers have to be confirmed in May and \$10 per head deposit is required by May meeting. Final payment to be made at June meeting.

The Hi-Tech Loo featured in last months magazine.



Paul West has kindly given us some information on the "Non Genders Specific Auto Loo" at Willunga. It was built about 3 years ago at a cost of \$45,000 as an experiment. It is computer controlled and it counts the number of persons who use it as well as recording the amount of materials used e.g. paper, soap, etc. The Council can retrieve this information on a print out sheet. When it was initially installed it would only recognise adults and not "little people". To overcome this problem stronger infra red beam sensors were installed. Signs were also erected to ensure children under 5 were accompanied by an adult so that the adult could follow the instructions.

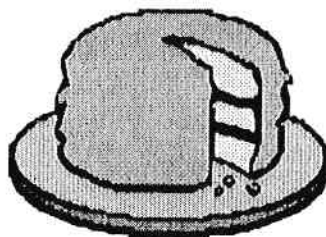


LAKE GEORGE TRIP **LONG WEEKEND 23-26/1/99**

After a few problems during the week we packed up Friday night & went to bed early to get a very early start. You would think that if you arrived at the campsite at 8.45 a.m. you wouldn't have to write the report, but you would be wrong. Being the last crew to arrive before heading off to Robe for the day, we were seen as the logical choice.

One benefit of arriving 45 mins "before take off" was the help we rec'd from the nearby campers. We really felt part of a friendly club when several adults & children came over to help us set up camp quickly. Special thanks to the Jones, Brett & Bal families for pitching in. At 9.30 a.m. about a dozen vehicles including some Toyota Club members headed for the beach to start the excursion to Robe. No need for the usual "get to know your vehicle in the sand again" as most of us had our Basic FWDing certificate. This part of the coastline never disappoints with magnificent views & some tricky sandhill/beach driving. The sea fog was eerie until it lifted at about 10.30 a.m.

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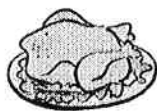
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some of us
drivers so

those hoping to complete their Basic FWDing certificate sand driving could get some practice. Hint - stop on the northern beach, not Stinky Beach, as it is well named! Before playing in the sand again you must divert about

10km to Little Dip Con Park on gravel/dirt roads & tracks that can do damage to deflated tyres & high flagpoles. The rest of the tracks to Robe are the best with soft vehicle eating beaches, switch back sandhill tracks & some steep & stepped entrances/exits to the beaches. Most of these were done without drama but with a convoy of this size a few cars inevitably got bogged. With people helping, only one Toyota was stuck for any length of time on a very soft beach. Shovels were used several times.



For lunch we were left to our own devices in Robe for about an hour. Our daughter Kimberly & her friend Miriam managed to buy & eat lunch, look at magazines & check out the clothes shop, the pontoon in that time! After lunch we retraced our steps back to Lake George with further driver & car changes. There were a few "forced" stops plus an afternoon tea stop where a few of the children splashed in the shallows or swam at a sheltered beach nearby. Considering the number of people in new cars, or new to sand driving, it was a relatively incident free day.



We arrived back at camp about 6.30p.m. & decided to have Happy Hour anyway. After tea Happy Hour resumed as usual & the days' activities relived. Having only a few hours sleep on Friday we slept like babies until the sun came over the hills.

Next day bacon & eggs & on the road (?) to Beachport via the sandhills of course. During this section our transfer case started to get a bit noisy so we had to leave the convoy at Beachport & call RAA Plus. To cut a long story short it appears that the changing of my transfer case oil has been "overlooked" by a



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series of different mechanics & I will pay the price - again. The rest of the convoy then headed down the beach via Southend towards Carpenters Rocks & returned about 3.00 p.m. We returned to Lake George via the blacktop while

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most of the others followed a lakeside track through the sandhills helping 3 bogged vehicles along the way. That evening we saw 2 satellites being launched & a few saw a bright shooting star with a blue tail (so they say). Clipper who was down with the Holden Club popped in to say hello & gave us the benefit of his astrological knowledge.

Monday morning was the big day for those wishing to pass their sandhill driving for Basic & Advanced certificates. Everyone passed so we will have another



2 Basic certificates to be handed out soon & several members on their way to the Advanced. Thankyou to the assessors for your time, effort & patience with us all for without you it wouldn't happen.

Unfortunately a few had to leave on Monday to give the children a day at home before school started on Wednesday. The Jones' had a very special reason to leave on Monday – they were to be neutralised (oops!) naturalised as true blue Aussie citizens on Australia Day. Congratulations & bonza bewdy mates to Peter & Jenny.

Big thanks to Ted for once again organising a great weekend in the sandhills & to everybody else for their company & humour making it another fun club trip.

Silver Fox (alias Hubert and Lyn Orbons)

THE BOSS ASKED FOR A LETTER DESCRIBING BOB SMITH

Bob Smith, my assistant programmer, can always be found hard at work in his cubicle. Bob works independently, without wasting company time talking to his colleagues. Bob never thinks twice about assisting fellow employees, and he always finishes given assignments on time. Often Bob takes extended measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee breaks. Bob is a dedicated individual who has absolutely no vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Bob can be classed as a high-caliber employee, the type which cannot be dispensed with. Consequently, I duly recommend that Bob be promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be executed as soon as possible.

S.D.

Project Leader

NOTE – BOB WAS LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER WHEN I DID THIS LETTER – SO PLEASE READ ONLY THE ODD LINES 1,3,5,7 ETC.





Clayton Raft Racing

Weekend 13-14 February

An excellent turn out on Saturday; doubled by day visitors on Sunday

We arrived about lunch time Saturday after a leisurely drive down and reported to the shop to collect the key for the cottage we had booked for the Saturday night to be told "But your booking is for March 13 and that cottage is taken by the owners." (Their mistake not ours) Panic Panic, what do we do now? No problem, a couple of alternatives available.

We finally unpacked at a roomy house not far from the campsite and after a bite of lunch made our way down the waters edge for the afternoons activities. The RAG Race (Rough as Guts) Each team was given several identical items with which to make a raft. (Dictionary definition being: a floating mass of objects for support or conveyance on water) These objects were several large plastic containers some lengths of wood and some lengths of rope. The "raft" had to be made to support one person and pushed the distance. This was a fun race with great support and cheering. Some odd "floating Masses" were seen with odd pieces floating off in different directions! The Mount Lofty Rangers design was imitated in each relay. We came 2nd. What an excellent effort.

Sunday, an early start to get the heats underway for the Basic and Hi Tech raft racing. Such imaginative and innovative contraptions were seen repeatedly rowed or cycled up and down the course. It was great fun and a laugh a minute.

These heats took all morning and after a lunch of a sausage sizzle, we were ready for the excitement of the Final.

All races were pretty close and many members of our club were happy to be part of the events. Mount Lofty came 2nd again. Well Done.

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The Saturday night's entertainment under the stars was headed by Bush Poet Christopher Price who related some poetical yarns and melodic tales. This was followed by some Red Faces sketches put on by most of the clubs. These brave and bold entertainers created a good laugh.

Our president did his bit by participating in a "Stuff the Marshmallow in Your Mouth" competition and set a precedence with 20 Chubby Bunnies! The winner achieved 30 Chubby Bunnies with a slight mutter on completion.

There was some excellent raffle prizes to be won several going to our club members.

It was a great weekend with some superb support, many of us first timers, vowing to return next year.

Thanks to Peter and Chris Chapman for their tireless organisation and co-ordination of our clubs participation.

Jenny Jones

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The cost is \$94 per person (twin share), or \$83 per person (3 single beds in a room). Bring along a bottle of whatever and some nibbles for pre and after dinner drinks. Closing date is 26 March, with a 20% deposit to secure your room. You will need to indicate your interest and whether you require a two bed or three bed room on the trip noticeboard.

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This is an extract from a book called Strange but True

Several years ago, the local priest of the English village of Ewhurst was on his rounds making house calls to his parishioners. He had heard that a potential new member for his flock had moved in to the village and so he made a special effort to go and visit him. He became friendly with the man, who's name was Eric and on a later visit discovered his parishioner playing the guitar. The priest suggested that it might be nice if Eric would come down to the village hall and entertain the

Strange Stories No. 1

Wednesday afternoon get-together for the old people in the village. Sensing that Eric might be a little apprehensive, the priest gave him a month or so to polish up his guitar playing skills before facing the elderly of Ewhurst. And so it was a pensioners group in a small English village were the first people to see Eric Clapton perform his finest songs in what was his debut unplugged performance.

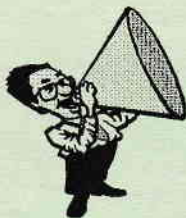
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