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Lynette & Darrell Burr exhausted at Robe (See report page 7)

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



It may come as no surprise to most of us that day trips are so popular, especially for the younger families whose time is consumed by work and children that a turn up of 22 vehicles congregated for a simple journey to Goolwa Beach. This indicates that a trip does not have to be extra special or something completely out of the ordinary to entice others to join in and simply have fun. Because of this we have made extra effort to have at least one day trip every month starting as from May. Some of these will have a ceiling for the number of vehicles that may attend as not all trips can accommodate 22 vehicles. The average is 12 so as they appear on the trip board put your name down promptly to avoid disappointment.

The men's trip to the Coorong was excellent although not productive with an almost dodge tide to eliminate any chance of a catch but the weather was fine and a good time was had by all who attended. This trip will need to be re-run later in the year to once again take advantage of all that the beautiful Coorong has to offer including those illusive fish.

The duo that organizes our social outings provided the club with another exceptional day. We all learnt a bit of local history whilst visiting the Adelaide Oval - one of the city's famous icons & full of memorabilia. A place right under our noses and one of which most of us have not studied closely was open for a guided tour to improve our local knowledge and appreciate just what we have in our own beautiful city.

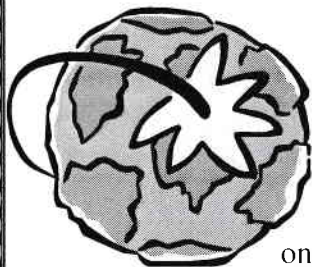
Keep your eyes open for the new dates for driver training. This is especially important for new members who want to learn the skills of driving off-road. It will enable them to be confident when participating in the more arduous trips that may come up during the year. Members actually require a minimal skills level before they can par-take in some of the more difficult trips.

To conclude, your nominations are now due for a brand new committee. All positions are vacant and some fresh blood is needed to keep the club going at the same high level & standard as it is today. A.G.M. is May meeting so bring a plate to share and celebrate your new position on the committee.

See ya round,
MOSSIAH.

HOW TO GET TO GOOLWA

by Allan Drazil



The day started off at the Victoria Hotel up at O'Halloran Hill where we all slowly gathered on a bright and sunny Sunday morning at around 9:00am. Mark Moss (the Pres.) welcomed us, as new members, and explained the days proceedings. As there was quite a large number of vehicles it was decided that we would be split into 2 convoy groups, those of us who had little or no experience in convoy procedures would travel with Mark as leader and those who did have some would travel with Paul's convoy. We set off about half nine, leaving behind some nicely turned out cars in the car park on their own outing, including that cute little blue Trojan.

We split into our two groups and headed off along South Rd to the Victor Harbor turn off. At the turn off a bit of shuffling of vehicles was conducted and the two convoy's numbers were balanced out and we were on our way again. We left the bitumen at Quarry Road and followed the well made dirt roads for approximately 6 kms. These roads were just a bit dusty and common sense prevailed in convoy. Turning south onto Amery Rd headed us in the Goolwa direction, for Natalie and I this became our first real off road drive as the road condition soon narrowed to a goat track with those rotten olive branches. Crossing over a bitumen road, I don't know what road it was, but the only reason we weren't lost was because we were all following Mark and by this stage he had told us that he knew this great little short cut to Goolwa and assured us that we would be there before sunset. The convoy followed this road and before we knew it we reached the Kangarilla to McLaren Vale Road and headed through McLaren Vale. Once again we were on the dirt and the tracks were dry and dusty but certainly not difficult.

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News In Brief


☆ The 2nd Annual Ladies Weekend has had a destination change.
☆ The ladies will now be going to Hahndorf. For details see our So-
☆ cial Report on page 6.

☆ The Clayton Raft Race 2001 and 2002 is now our responsibility. A
☆ committee will be formed shortly to help take on this great event
☆ and Mark Moss is organising to catch up with the Barossa club
☆ some time in May to learn the ropes. Please speak to Mark if you
☆ are interested in attending or helping in any way.

☆ The Annual General Meeting will be held at the May meeting. We
☆ need people to nominate suitable people for all positions. Nomina-
☆ tion forms are available from Mark Moss or Barb Almond at the
☆ April meeting.

☆ This is a great opportunity for you to become involved in your club
☆ and have your say. So don't be shy and come forward and be
☆ counted.

☆ Please bring a plate to share for supper afterwards, so everyone
☆ can celebrate their new positions in the club.



NEXT MEETING
Annual General Meeting
Monday May 8th 2000
@ 7.30pm
Please Bring A Plate To Share

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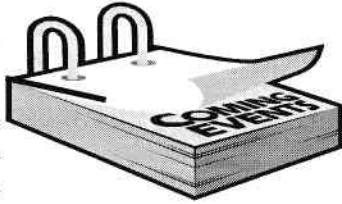
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SOCIAL REPORT

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 on these or any other outings please call Jane Raphael on 8358 2552.

Mid-Year Dinner – Weinstadt Restaurant

Friday 2nd June 2000

Cost: \$25 per person

Time: 7.30pm

3 course meal

Where: Main Road Coromandel Valley \$5 deposit April meeting

Being held in June not July because of GST and the start of school holidays, the evening is a Tyrolean Night with entertainment from Austrian National Dance Group, Bell Ringers and live music so we can dance.



2nd Annual Ladies Only Weeked

Saturday 29 July 2000

Cost: \$135 per double

Where: Hahndorf Tourist Village

For those of you who couldn't join us last year, come and have a great weekend away without the kids, husbands or 4WD's! Price includes 3 course meal in Hans Heysen Restaurant, cooked breakfast, free use of all facilities at village. Staying in twin share European Spa Chalets. For more details speak to Jane Raphael or Isobelle Brett.



Beachport/Robe Trip Report

January 22 – 26th 2000

Calendar of Events

April – May 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 APRIL	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16 Yabbie Hunt- Tailm Bend	17	18	19	20	21 Good Friday	22 Easter Saturday
23 Easter Sunday	24 Easter Monday	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Annual General Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Minlaton Ngarkat Clean Up</i>

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

SOUTHERN VALES WINERIES – SEPTEMBER

To be held on a Sunday in September, we will be touring some of the beautiful wineries in our Southern Vales but enjoying some 4WDing as well.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324



Upcoming Trips

APRIL 2000

MURRAY RIVER YABBY HUNT

Our fearless leader thought a beer and yabby trip was on the cards. Bring the family, lunch, rods and yabby nets.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324

AYERS ROCK – Easter/ANZAC Weekend – 21st – 30th

An extended long weekend has given the club the opportunity to go that bit further than usual and go straight to the red centre. Need to be self-sufficient.

Details: Peter Jones 8358 3040

MAY 2000

MINLATON - Adelaide Cup Long Weekend - 12th - 15th

Take the chance to explore new territory to the club - expect sand driving and camp fires. Base camp will be at Minlaton Caravan Park telephone 88532435 or www.users.bigpond.com/minpark. Powered sites - \$12.00, non-powered \$10.00. Michael Brett will make a group booking if you sign on before 17 April, or make your own arrangements with the caravan park (cabins are available). A convoy will be leaving from Globe Derby Park on Friday 12 May at 2.00 pm, otherwise arrive when you can.

Details: Michael Brett 8387-1163 or isobelbr@dm1.tafe.sa.edu.au.

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK WORKING BEE 13th – 15th

This twice yearly clean up of the border track is being held over the May and October long weekends this year. Meet in Main Street, Pinnaroo Saturday 13th at 10am. Bring strong gloves, a bow or pruning saw and an axe if you have them. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do.

Details: Border Track Maintenance Committee – Kevin 8264

JUNE 2000

PEAKE – 24th – 25th (Exclusively booked for Mt Lofty Rangers)

This is a great opportunity to do the sand driving component of your basic 4WD certificate. Bush camping but there is a toilet. \$10 per vehicle per night.

Details: Ted Bal 8382 1963

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JULY 2000

INAMINKA – JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bush camping at Cullyamurra Water Hole, this 9 day trip will be relaxing but enjoyable and a great chance to see the surrounding areas of Inaminka.

Details: Hubert Orbons 8278 8142

OCTOBER 2000

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK WORKING BEE 30th Sept – 2nd

Meet in Main Street, Pinnaroo Saturday 30th at 10am. Bring strong gloves, a bow or pruning saw and an axe if you have them. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do. These working bees include cutting back overgrowth on the Centre Track.

Details: Border Track Maintenance Committee – Kevin 8264 1656
or Ian 8532 4945

THE CURDIMURKA OUTBACK BALL – SATURDAY 7th

A gala night so you can dress to the hilt, dance and enjoy. Discount prices available if purchased before 30th April. Camping is free, and there will be showers and toilets available. Details: Shaun Lawson 8381 7865

NOVEMBER 2000

ADVANCED HIGH COUNTRY TRIP – 3rd – 12th

This course is for those who would like to get their Advanced 4WD Certificate. Vehicle must be up to the challenge as must participants.

Details: Ted Bal 8382 1963

DECEMBER 2000

HIGH COUNTRY FAMILY TRIP – 27th – January 6th 2001 Approx.

To be held during the school holidays so all the family can attend this trip to the high country. Camping at 2 different areas and day tripping from these.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324



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Mobile: 0409 092 252

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Theory: 22nd & 24th May at Cavan.

Practical: Saturday & Sunday 27 – 28th May 2000

9.00am – 4.00pm at Hackham.

Cost: \$30 per manual per person \$50 Track hire per vehicle.

Advanced 4WD Course

3rd – 12th November 2000 with Ted Bal.

Practical 10 days of great time in high country

Sand driving to be conducted elsewhere.

Cost \$25 per manual.

OR

May Long Weekend with SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

Warren Gorge in the Flinders Ranges.

Sand, water and mud driving to be conducted elsewhere.

Cost \$25 per manual.

Training

Anyone who has 4WDing experience and would like to be involved in the training area.

Assessor Course

17th – 18th June

For current Cat. 1 trainers..

Please speak to Ted Bal for more details or to enrol.



MT LOFTY RANGERS

ITEMS FOR SALE

Lets Promote Our Club!!!

Cloth Badges	\$6.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50
Name Badges	
Initial 2 on joining	\$2.50
Additional	\$6.00
Replacement	\$6.00
Sand Flags	\$2.50
Tyre Plugs	\$7.50

Please see Hubert Orbons for the above purchases 8278 8142.

Windcheaters (fleecy lined)	\$29.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i>	
Rugby Tops	\$52.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i>	
Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	\$25.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i>	
Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	\$15.00

If you require clothing please speak to Max Almond 8278 3848.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

Books	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfer Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	2 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* *Please replace used items*

Please see Michael Brett for any items you wish to loan 8387 1163.

Happy Birthday

Chelsea Moss (13)

6th May

*Please pass on your family's birthdays to our editors
so we can share the event with all our members.*



ANNUAL FEES

A reminder that our annual fees will be payable
from May 2000 meeting.

Cost will include the raise from the SAAFWDC.

Exact costs to be confirmed once we estimate the effect
of the GST. The price rise will be kept to a minimum.

Any questions call Hubert Orbons – Treasurer on 8278 8142

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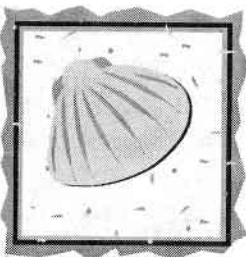
Mark said that the roads in this area are good fun in winter, if you like mud, and they are an interesting way to get to some of the local wineries, including a nice water crossing to clean the cars. Sounds like another little trip might be on the cards. We were soon heading back along the main road into Willunga.

Morning tea was at the local park in Willunga, with a chance to stretch our legs and visit the high tech loo. This was quite an amazing loo if you have never seen one before. Pleasant music, self flushing and self cleaning piece of engineering. This break gave us a good chance to discuss the remainder of the trip to Goolwa and the steep hill to follow. It was here that Jackson Lawson joined the convoy for his first club trip. We then set off for old Sellicks Hill Road and wound our way until we came to the track which would take the convoy over Sellicks Hill. The advice to the inexperienced was well heeded and Natalie chose not to tackle it this time round. I went with Mark and Linda went with Natalie to where we would rejoin with them. The ride up the hill was good and didn't seem as steep on it as it looked from the bottom. In Marks group there were no real problems for all to get up to the top except for a bit of traction problem for one of the lighter vehicles. We wound our way down the back of the hill and back onto Old Sellicks Hill Road. Running along the top hill line through some gates we caught sight of Paul's group climbing the hill so they weren't that far behind us. The 'Tourists' with their tourists from England were hoping to see some wild life but only a few sheep were to be found. 'Next time we will pack a few treats for the Tail End Charlie for those gates'. The remainder of the trip to Goolwa was along the bitumen to the Goolwa car park for lunch.

With such a nice morning a lot of us expected good weather for the afternoon, however heading towards Goolwa there was a noticeable change in the weather. Lunch saw Mark's group well set up and eating by the time Paul's group arrived with some other members of the club joining us for the BBQ. This gave us a good chance to chat and it appeared everyone enjoyed the challenge of Sellicks Hill.

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After lunch the majority of members headed off to the Murray mouth for some sand driving. Although the tide was going out it sure seemed as if it was coming in as the beach was getting narrower the further we went. The mouth certainly doesn't look that well and people remarked how much it had changed in a relatively short time. We all congregated at the mouth with around twenty cars parked along the coast it certainly was worth the drive. I don't know how cold it was down there but I think the young girls were very brave to go for a swim.



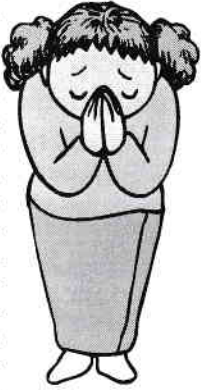
After spending about half an hour at the mouth Mark, and myself, Allan, with families headed back along the beach to find a promising spot for a bit of cockling. I think some of the group thought we were as mad as the girls for wanting to get into the water but we were slowly joined by more people wanting to get their feet wet.

We left at about half past four with one soaked child and only a handful of cockles but it was well worth it. As relatively new members it was certainly a good day's outing, with a chance get to meet other new members and to pick up a few tips along the way. I hope that other people enjoyed the day trip as much as Natalie and I did.

Mt Lofty Rangers meet on the second Monday of each month at the
Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood.
All welcome.

You can e-mail us at: loftyranger@hotmail.com
or visit our Web Site: www.tcis.com.au/mlr/

PRAYER FOR TOURISTS



Heavenly Father, look down on us, your humble obedient tourists, servants who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip dry underwear. We beseech You, O Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed.

Protect us from surly and unscrupulous taxi drivers, avaricious porters and unlicensed English speaking guides.

Give us this day diving guidance in the selection of our hotels, and remember our morning call for the sake of others on tour and that there is no mail awaiting us from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of our trip.

Lead us, dear Lord, to good, inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal.

Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand.

Forgive us for under-tipping out of ignorance and over-tipping out of fear.

Make the natives love us for what we are, and not for what we can contribute to their worldly goods.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and the castles listed as "MUST" in the guidebooks.

And if perchance we skip a historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

(This part is for the husbands)

Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from "bargains" they don't need or can't afford.

Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

(This part is for the wives)

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Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and remind them that they are on a "FIXED MENU" and not "A LA CARTE".

Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all, PLEASE do not forgive their trespasses, for they know EXACTLY what they do.

(Together)

And when our trip is over, and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our videos and listen to our stories, so our lives as tourists will not have been in vain.

This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Submitted by Clyde and Susan Paton

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WELCOME TO

Tim's Tech Corner

Sorry about last month's issue. The short month caught me by surprise!! This month the question was asked about jump starting vehicles fitted with electronic fuel injection.

Most people understand the theory of correctly jump starting vehicles but most are very wary of doing so, to a vehicle with EFI, or any type of computer management (this includes late model diesel's).

This is the correct procedure.

- First stop and assess the situation.....(mmm this sounds familiar)
- Identify the cause for the condition, is the battery discharged?
- Identify the starting battery and battery's polarity.
- Connect the jumper leads as per standard procedure using the earth of the engine block on both vehicles.

I usually recommend not to have the donor vehicle running initially, but once the connection has been made it can be a good idea to start and run the donor vehicle for a short period, say 15 minutes, to attempt to charge the recipient vehicle's battery. Then stop donor vehicle, and attempt to start recipient vehicle. This method can avoid potential spikes.

WARNING... Most reports of computer failure after jump starting whether it be donor or recipient, I believe were as a result of incorrect procedure and or technique!!!!!!!!!!

Most of the time incorrect polarity connection of the jumper leads or poor battery terminal connections even an open circuit battery ie faulty battery could cause a problem

For this reason, it is recommended that a spike protection device is used at all times, it is good insurance, if in doubt at all. These units are available through any retailer of Matson products.

Specific jumper leads with spike protection are available, costing between \$80 and \$200 depending on strength. Upgrade units for existing jumper leads are also available for a permanent fixed unit for the vehicle approx \$26.00.

When all is said and done poor quality jumper leads will not start anything and are just a waste of valuable space. Someone once told me it is better to spend more than you want to; once, than spend less on inferior products, twice!!!!



TRADING MART

Sell, Buy or Exchange

Sell - Toyota Landcruiser 75 Troop Carrier 1993 Diesel, fully equipped (diff locks, PTO winch, CB radios, bull bar, etc). Ready to go bush with a fully setup shelf, and draw setting. 155,000kms. One Owner.
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Sell - Pack rack. 1200mm long . Heavy Duty steel to suit dual cab 1984 -1988 Hilux or similar with gutters \$120. Contact Peter Graham 8370 6224 AH

Sell -One fuel filter. CAV unit to suit any diesel. Complete unit not just a adaptor kit. As new. \$100
Roof rack. ARB full length 2400x1250 suit Nissan GQ LWB \$450 ono.
UHF radio, Uniden sundowner plus fittings \$150.00 ono
Finer filters main plus pre-cleaner unit suit Nissan 4.2 diesel \$50.00
Contact George Vlahos 8278 9229 (AH) or 0419040407

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Contact Max Savige 8276 5883

Sell - Barrett 550 HF Auto Tune Aerial \$2,200 ono.
Contact Paul Shep 0408 271 385

Sell - Cameron Camper Trailer Top. Suit 6x4 4WD trailer. New floor, mosquito screens and waterproofing. \$1,700 ono.
Contact Natalie Drazil 8370 5869

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