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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



G day,

I can't believe we're into winter all ready. You all know what that means, it's going to be cold, wet and a lot of day trips coming up and hopefully no dust but a lot of mud and more mud for us all to get loose on and get our cars wet through all the local rivers and creeks.

Anyway that's enough of all that dirty stuff, let's get on with the job at hand.

Things are going flat out at the moment, for with every new committee there's lots of new good ideas kicking around to keep the club active and the members busy for the next 12 months.

Boy o-boy are we all in for a busy social scene for the next 12 months. The new social committee have gone ballistic with things to do so you need to listen carefully when Colin fills you all in tonight.

The day trip on the 30th of May down South led by the one-and-all-track-encyclopaedia Mev Tucker was a little ripper from what I have heard from Graham and Barb West. Merv always surprises me when you think you have been on every track in that area he all ways seems to pull another one out of his book. I wish I was on the trip but I was moving house that weekend and the hand brake (Angie) has put the clamp on for a while if you know what I mean.

The Australian 4WD & Adventure Show is coming up later in the year so everyone put on your thinking caps and when it gets a little closer I will be putting it to the members for some good ideas for the stand theme.

From May 31st we are all non-financial members of Mount Lofty Rangers, so pay up to guarantee your membership with the best 4WD club in SA, and believe me the membership spots are filling fast with a lot of enquiries from new interested 4WD people.

Please if you have any questions or ideas that you think the club may benefit from don't hesitate to approach myself or one of the committee members on the back page of the magazine.

I think I have covered everything at the moment so I wont bore you any longer except I wont be at the meeting tonight due to work commitments so Christian will be sitting in for me so have a good meeting and I will hopefully catch up with everyone on the next day trip coming up in a few weeks.

Happy trails...Shaun Lawson — River Rats

TRIP REPORT - ADELAIDE HILLS

Sunday 1st June:

Report by: Joan & Murray Tucker

Due to the truck being out action (need to fix the little red wagon), for the weekend we decided to join Mervyn & Anne for the day in their car with Cooper and the new puppy Oscar. We left in plenty of time as not to be last car at club. Fifteen cars were in our convoy. Today's drive would be "Ladies Day", for shopping maybe a stop at Milang where there is a wide variety of goods (Ha.Ha., ice-cream were good though).

We went out though the Paech Town fire trail to Mount Barker continuing through Wistow and into the Bugle Ranges on our way to Strathalbyn for Lunch. It was a nice to see 15 cars all along the track, twisting and winding its way along.

The lunch at the Terminus Hotel was quite good with all impressed, then went for a walk around Strathalbyn, until 2.00pm. Then onto more 4WD Driving. It started out through Sandergrove and onto the best road of the trip, of course it had to be TUCKER Road.

At Milang it was time to check out the wide choice of goods I mentioned earlier ah everyone loves ice-cream. Afterwards it was off for a river crossing, we all successfully crossed the River Angas, but I suppose I should mention it was dry at the time. Along the lake front at Tolderol a few members collected mushies.

At Bleesdale Winery all 15 carloads just sneaked through the door at 4.45pm. The winery staff was obviously eager to get home, as the reception was interesting to say the least,



it closes at 5.00pm. Must remember this is just a taste test not time to guzzle a full glass or two of Muscat.

Most members left from here to go home. It was a very enjoyable day.

Thanks to

Merv & Layne Holberton

for organising this trip and the lunch.

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News In Brief

Club Magazines

Various magazines from other 4WD clubs are available for your reading at the meetings. See Notice Board.

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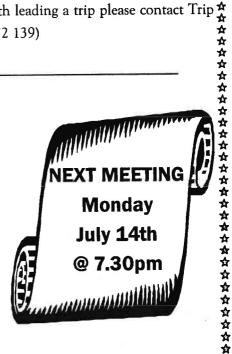
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TRIP REPORT - MINALTON

Saturday 17th May:

Report by: Dean Saunders

After strong winds and rain overnight we woke up to a bit of sunshine but that soon passed with some passing showers. We left the caravan park at 9:15 am. Our first stop was Marion Bay. There was only 8 cars going because Graham had to leave early to go to work. To get to Marion Bay we had to do a little bit of mud driving through big puddles so we were pretty much slipping and sliding the whole way until we got back on the road. and our windows were covered in mud. Shaun led us to the Davenport Fishing Charters for a quick stop which has now closed down. The kind man let us on his property for a look at the view we all posed for a group photo then we hit the road again. We walked to see the shipwrecked S.S. Willyama on the beach which sank on the night of April 13, 1907 because it went off course and hit a reef while it was transporting coal. We went searching for a bit of its coals on the beach because it is a hundred years old my brother and I found one in the water which we kept. We finally arrived at Innes National Park but before we could go any where we had to pay a permit per car. Travelling through the park we passed a couple of Bays and islands and also a couple of emus. Our first stop was at the Inneston Historic Township and we walked on the Thompson-Pfitzner walk trail. When we were walking on the trail we passed heaps of different things a couple of them Care the Post office, the township school and a Belco Chalk Factory. We then had lunch and hit the road until we got to the Ethel Wreck. When we arrived we went down the Estairs and found that we weren't allowed down to the beach. When we were reading the sign a passing shower came and we all ran back to the cars. Our next stop was West cape where we saw Pondalowie Bay and the Cape Spencer Lighthouse. We all had to pose for another group photo. We had a quick stop at Pondalowie Bay then it was straight to the Cape Spencer Lighthouse. There was strong winds up at the lighthouse but we still had a blook and we found out that there has been 6 shipwrecks up at the island in front of us which was Althorpe Island. We then headed back to the caravan park with 6 cars opting for the dirt track and 2 staying on bitumen. It had been poring down with rain while we were gone so there was puddles everywhere. While everyone was cooking tea Christian campfire going ready for the damper. For supper we all enjoyed cooking got the the damper on a bamboo stick then filling it with honey, jam and cream. After a little While I cooked some bananas with choc chips in them for everyone which sometimes

didn't have choc chips in them because Jackson ate the choc chips. I had a great time on the first trip with the 4WD club.

I hope Karen & Phil Bryant will take us again.

Sunday 18th May:

Report by: Seal's

After a leisurely 10am start we headed towards the coast for some sand driving. When we reached the dunes we found a new fence that was not there on the last Minlaton trip a few years ago. This stopped us for a while but further down we came to a gate. This however turned out to be a track to nowhere. It was decided to head to Port Vincent and then come back along the beach where there was definitely access. We arrived at Port Vincent at about 11am and decided to have morning tea. It was very windy and as it started to rain we headed along the beach. It wasn't long before sand driving became seaweed driving. The beach was covered in mountains of seaweed. We were all heading along well until Graham and Barb came to a stop in front of us. At first we thought they had got their back tyres stuck, but as we headed around the car everyone burst out laughing. In front of their car, just below the level of the hood was a huge mound of seaweed. As they were the 3rd car through it was not that they had hit a mound but they had gradually collected a mound. So Graham earned the nick name Graham the Grader. After a quick recovery we headed toward Port Rickaby where we found a lovely shelter near the beach for lunch. After lunch we headed back to the beach towards Browns Point. Steve and Paula left us and headed back by the bitumen as his new clutch needed a rest. We tried a couple of tracks through the dunes but they were unused and a bit tight. Finally we found a track through to the beach. This beach was definitely sand and a little soft. As no one had let their tyre pressure down it was only a matter of time until someone got stuck. Unfortunately it was Graham and Barb again. It didn't take long before we were on our way again and back at camp at around 4pm. Overall it was an enjoyable day without much stress finished with the roasting of many marsh mallows interspersed with a shower or two of rain.

Darren & Alison Seal, Nathan and Jayden (forequarters)



Hello darlings,

Are you feeling frisky? Well, lets hope so because this year the Social Committee, comprising the delectable Linda Moss, the irresistible Jo Reed, the sensual Julie Holbertson and the incredibly lucky me (and these was my impressions after our first meeting last week!) hope to bring you 12 months of events guaranteed to tantalize all of us.

How are we going to do this, I hear you cry (or weep)? Well, we have put together events this year that will not only give you plenty of notice (and let's face it, in our busy lives these days, the more we can get the better), but also cater for our extended families.

We have provisionally planned 6 events for the year and have tried to avoid the dreaded January-February 2004 period when many of us are either recovering (liver or hip pocket) from Christmas, or touring. If you check out the notice board this evening, or check out the website for more regular updates between meetings, you will notice our "Interest Sheets". Please check out the dates and events and write your details down if you are interested. Whilst I fancied 6 events comprising gerbil racing, paintball skirmish, alligator wrest.... Well, you get the picture – the girls beat me into submission and we came up with the following:

MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Evening Saturday 19th July 2003

FRUA

Lots of Christmas frivolity, mistletoe and hot-toddies. Location for the event has

laide Jail, St Francis Winery, or here at our very own Football Club. The Adelaide party band, The Spice Boys, will be entertaining us and our own President may sing us a song! I will have more information on this for you later this evening.

WINE TASTING AND KARAOKI - GOD HELP US!

Evening Saturday 16th August 2003

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Pretty self-explanatory, and to be held at the Stonyfell Winery. This will be a BYO supper. Lets just hope we can hold it down when the singing starts.

WET BOTTOMS AND VERTIGO

14/9/03

Daytime Sunday 16th August 2003

A day for all of us (including the kids) at Mount Thebarton. Ice Skating, skiing and tobogganing feature for some of us, whilst behind the facility, indoor rock climbing may tempt the daring few.

AN EVENING OF PIZZA

Evening Friday 17th October 2003 6 5 5 7 7 18 7 14

A night at the infamous Russell's Pizza "Shed" at Willunga. An evening not to be missed, unless you are on a diet, in which case just come along and shove the thick, luscious pizza down your pants — it has the same effect on you waistline — but tastes yummo!

MOUNT LOFTY RANGER CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Daytime Sunday 14th December 2003

We have historically used Clarendon Oval, but have put up some options for Morphett Vale, Scotts Creek, Macclesfield and Hazelwood Park this year. Tell us what you think?

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SPOOK'S & GHOULS NIGHT

2013/04

Evening March 2004

\$35 HEAP

A guided tour through the Port Adelaide haunted precinct. Bring the kids for a guaranteed sleepless night. Specific date to be decided at this stage.

Well, here's our first tranche. As the year goes on, I am sure we will have more to do and say, but it's your club and it's up to you to have your say. I'll feed more details, namely prices and some specific dates, as I get them. Come and grab me, Jo, Julie or Linda and let us know what interests you – if

we scare you (and I can understand that), visit the website and let us know via the social scene talk-back section.

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We currently have one of the best looking web sites about.

But unfortunately its lacking some content. We will be making a concerted effort to remedy this over the next month.

Please take a visit to the site. Pass back comment.

" www.tcis.com.au/rangers.htm

I would like to get as much information as possible, especially photo's / video's of past major trips. Editor

Also see "Library Update" page 21.



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Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 1 Adelaide Hills	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pine Lakes
8 Pine Lakes	9 Pine Lakes Queens Birthday	10	11	12	13	14
15	ber Weins	17	18	19	20 SE Border Track	21 SE Border Track
22 Kapunda + SE Border Track	23 SE Border Track	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	July 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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3 Martins Wash Pool SE	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	Meclane	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Geranium
24 Geranium	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Upcoming Trips

JUNE 2003

KAPUNDA AREA DAY TRIP: - SUNDAY 22ND

Details on the trip board

Contact: Merv Tucker (8278 1414)

SOUTH EAST BORDER TRACK: - FRIDAY 20[™] - Monday 25[™]

Explore Pinnaroo Ngarkat / Border track —Refer to the trip board for

more details

Contact: Mark Curtis (8358 4776)

JULY 2003

SIMPSON DESERT: - SATURDAY 5TH to FRIDAY18TH

Cancelled at this stage unless NEW TRIP LEADER can be found

Contact: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

CAPE YORK: - SATURDAY 12™ JULY to WEDNESDAY 13™ AUGUST

Details on the trip board

Contact: Mark Curtis (8388 4776)

AUGUST 2003

MARTINS WASH POOL: - SATURDAY 2ND to Sunday 3RD

Bush camping and driving (Further details later)

Contact: Merv Tucker (8278 1414)

GERANIUM: - SATURDAY 23RD to Sunday 24[™]

Bush camping at Darado Downs. Main emphasis is on a big group camp

cooking meal on Saturday night, Sand driving available.

Contact: Greg Goding (8387 3118)

SEPTEMBER 2003

BOYS TRIP TO FLINDERS: FRIDAY19™ TO SUNDAY 21st

Lots of Driving around the Flinders and Bush Camping

Contact: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

Upcoming Trips

OCTOBER 2003

BURRA: - SATURDAY 4TH - Monday 6TH

Based at Burra, or nearby, with day trips around the surrounding areas

Contact: Mark Moss 8383 6324

WEEKEND AWAY TO ???: - SATURDAY 25[™] to Sunday 26[™]

This will be you last chance for camp fires / camp cooking before the

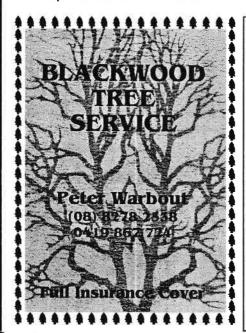
Fire Bans start. Who's prepared to organise this one ???

Contact: Need Leader and somewhere to go.

ADVANCED NOTICE — 2004

MILDURA - SAAFWDC AGM: - MARCH 12TH to 14TH, 2004 Staying at the River Beach Camp Ground, APEX Park, Mildura

See trips board for more details



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Caps (including logo embroidered on)	\$13.00

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Maps 4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* Please replace used items

Please see Mery Tucker for any items you wish to loan Ph 8278 1414.

Happy Birthday

Steven Harding (41)	16 th June	Jayson Drazil	21st June
Jayden Couprie (5)	22 nd June	Liam Fiddick (6)	22nd June
Hubert Orbons	27th June	Edward Travers	28th June
Phil Bryant	27th June		
Scott Fiddick	18th July	Angie Lawson	9th July

The birthday list will be updated soon to reflect new members.



Googs Track —one of many Dunes

TRIP REPORT **CHOWILLA STATION EASTER 2003**

Thursday lunch was our intended departure time. As always, the company present made the arduous drive to Renmark easier.

Short stop of at the station's homestead, for the gate key, then onto the island. All were basically set up by nightfall. Shaun and myself were eager for the arrival of Layne and his jet boat; we couldn't wait to get wet. The weekend spent water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding and joy rides confirmed the effort by Layne to bring up his boat, was worth it. Thanks Layne!!

By the next day the majority of the 11 cars were present. Mark Curtis f Zfollowed Saturday, Richard and Samantha arrived soon after for a welcomed daytrip from Berri.

Many people brought pushbikes to keep the kids entertained. With a choice of three canoes, two tinnies and the jet boat ensured no one was bored. Canoe rides were entertaining with Phil and Karen showing us how not to keep balance.

The boys and myself enjoyed a quiet paddle with Peter in the canoes though the beautiful Murray back waters exploring the views. normally out of sight.

Shaun showed us how to refuel the tinny from below the water level. Flash showed us how to start the outboard engine from over board !!! Christian once again reaffirmed his position of campsite wood collector (one of his favourite pass times), and keeper of the fire. Thanks to his efforts no one went cold.

Karen and Barb found out how to "keep ones toosh warm" around the campfire with warm coals under their seat.

Easter bunny arrived Sunday morning ensuring the kids had their chocolate fix for year. Sunday night campfire was a culinary delight with many opting for roast, some BBQ but all enjoying the company.

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Lynette showing off her natural talent, successfully cooking two chocolate self saucing puddings, and thanks to the leimack freezer, topped with vanilla ice cream, yum.

All who enjoyed our late night treat wait eagerly for the next time Lynette calls out "anyone for desert".

Monday afternoon the boys went out for a drive to find a challenge, this gave Mr Young a chance to "locking his hubs" much to Mrs Young's disgust.

Nick and Sam Howel had a chance to inspect camper trailers and compare (word has it that they have recently made a purchase) with various different types on display.

Monday morning the pack up fights started with the Lawson's breaking the ice. Lynette and myself opt for the silent method.

Always the most depressing part of any trip. THE PACKUP

All good things must come to an end, as did Chowilla 2003.

Thank to everyone one who made the effort and made it another special Easter holiday to remember

Those that didn't your loss

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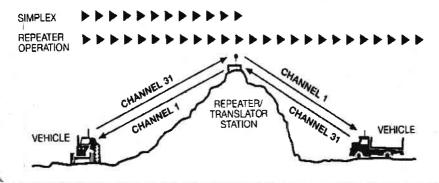
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The Mount Lofty "Library" is in need of VIDEO'S / BOOKS & MAGAZINES. ANYTHING of Interest to 4WD Drivers.

We currently have in stock "1 Video" and quite a number of Maps. I will detail these in a later addition of the magazine so people are aware of the contents of the library.

In the mean time, Please don't throw away any unwanted magazines, pass them on to Merv. He'll find a loving home for them for reference and loan.

Trip leaders: When researching your trips, a copy of your documents for our library would greatly be appreciated.

Photographers: Everyone loves the photos on the notice boards. Keep them coming. Anyone with Videos of our Past Club trips? Could we get copies.

See Editor for best method of obtaining information.

We're also looking for some interesting Photos / Video's for the web site.



SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit Unit 2 9 Cardiff Court Cavan

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Those interested in the Basic training course, could you please add your name to the list. When there are enough interested, then I will schedule the course.

Trading Mart

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Trading Mart — Members no charge

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