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On the Produce Trail

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



G-day,

Well I can't believe it's November and we all know what happens at the beginning of November the boy's high country trip and I can only dream about it. For the last 3 years I've been saying I will get there next year and I still haven't got there. Any way I heard the guys came across a little more snow than they bargained for - stay turned for more info when they get back.

The four-wheel drive show this year was once again a good one. Hot and sticky on the Saturday and cold and wet on the Sunday but it still didn't stop people coming through the gates. The Daytona car machine was a bit of a flop but we made up with it with the raffle to cover our expenses and still have a bit over to give to charity. Thanks to all members that helped with the stand over the 3 days. Since the girls did such a good job with selling raffle tickets I'm going to put forward to the next committee to maybe ask the ladies to wear tight tops and mini skirts out the front of the tent next year. We gave out 110 mags with info sheets on the club so we should see some new faces around the place.

Justin's fishing trip to 42 mile crossing is next weekend - I wonder if they will catch anything else other than a hangover — I guess we will find out at the December meeting.

The Blackwood Xmas Pageant is coming up on Friday the 5th December and I have taken it on my own back to enter two Utes in it this year, (but someone

sold the Ute we normally use not naming any names TIM BY...) so if you drive a Ute and are able to attend the event please let me know. Members with kids please bring them along to fill up the back of the vehicles. We will meet at Edenwood Motors at 5.30pm to dress up the cars and then proceed to line up in the parade on Gulfveiw Road at 6pm, so if you are running late you can meet us there. The parade starts at 7pm. SEE YA THERE!

Because December is a busy time of the year for everybody and with the quiet attendance at last years Christmas picnic the **Christmas Picnic has been combined with the December meeting and will be held on Monday the 8th December at the club from 6.30pm.** There will not be a guest speaker, but maybe we will have some videos eg. 2002 high country etc,. We will put on a BBQ tea with salads, which will start at 6.30pm. Could members please bring a desert for everyone to share on the night. There will be a clown or face painter for the kids so please don't forget them and Father Christmas will also attend, so if you want your child to receive a gift make sure you bring one with his or her name on it on the night.

One last very important announcement - Scott and Nicole Young (Tax-Man) are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Sophie Louise born on 23 September 2003.

See ya tonight.

Happy trails

Shaun Lawson



News In Brief

Club Magazines

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

TRIP LEADERS WANTED

We need more day trips & weekend trips for 2003. Anyone interested in leading a trip or requiring assistance with leading a trip please contact Trip Coordinator: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

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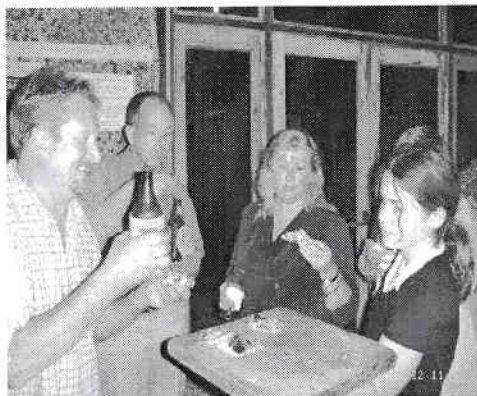
Russell's Pizza Shed, Willunga

Saturday 18 October 2003

Well it was a great night folks, starting with one of the best sunset's over the coast I have seen for a long while on the drive up through the hills from Blackwood. I am sure the moonlit waters over the gulf would have been just as enchanting on the way home, but I honestly can't remember the journey, as was the case for the rest of our mini-bus – what a patient driver we had!



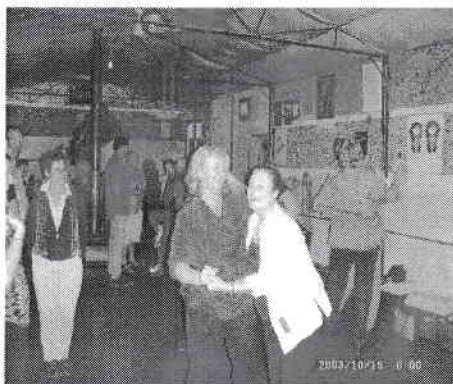
.... let the feeding frenzy commence



..... with some liquid refreshment

Russell's once again put on a good show in the shed, although the pizza was a little slower this year (this could have something to do with a small group (OK, I admit it, myself included) who hovered around the space between the shed and the kitchen in anticipation of

the delights to follow. The crowd quickly got wise and instructed the staff to bring the pizza in via the rear. I think we could have all eaten pizza all night if it had been forthcoming.



.... Merv shows his skills with some fancy footwork....

...but Lynette finally finds solace in the arms of a woman

The night was one of the best turnouts we have had for a long time, and I would like to thank the persistent efforts of the social committee girls for once again doing a great job in organizing this event. Again, it



.... "more pizza anyone???"



..... "no we're stuffed !"

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is through great extra-club activities like this that we can really get to know each other and generally have a wonderful time. See you on the next adventure.

Colin

CHRISTMAS PICNIC/DECEMBER MEETING

Evening Monday December 8th 2003

This year it has been decided that we will combine the December Meeting and the Christmas Picnic. These will be held on Monday 8th December 2003. The evening will commence at approx 6.30pm with a Face Painter/ Balloon Modelling. There will then be a BBQ dinner which will commence at around 6.45pm. Father Christmas will arrive at around 7.30pm.



If you would like your child/ren to receive a present from Father Christmas this evening you **MUST** bring a present wrapped and clearly labelled with your child/ren's name, on the evening of the 8th December. Please speak with Colin, Linda, Jo or Julie on the evening prior to 7.25pm and they will arrange for your present/s to be put into Santa's sack.

Salads and Meats etc will be provided for the BBQ but we ask if you could please bring something for desert to share. To ensure we have enough food for the BBQ could you please indicate you will be attend-

ing the December meeting by completing the list which is attached to the Attendance Book. Please also indicate how many children you will be bringing with you.

SPOOK'S & GHOULS NIGHT

Evening March 2004

A guided tour through the Port Adelaide haunted precinct.

Specific date to be decided at this stage.

As always please come and grab myself, Jo, Julie or Linda tonight if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our events for the year. Have a great night !

Colin

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Produce Trip—Sunday 26th October 2003

The day started with everyone meeting at Woodcroft Woolworths Shopping centre for a 9-30 am departure. This felt like a very early start for us since we had a late night before and lost an hour to daylight savings. There were a couple of people who had their names on the list but didn't show up and we did wonder if perhaps they were casualties of daylight savings but since there were nine of us we decided to head off.

Our first stop was "The Olive Grove" at McLaren Vale where the hostess explained the history of the grove and some of process's involved in getting these plump little olives from the trees to our tables. The olives in jars are all handpicked to avoid bruising and it takes a year to process the 'Olive Grove' Kalamata Olives ready for sale. She also told to us to never eat an olive straight from the tree as they leave a really bad taste in your mouth and she said they have often had people running in begging for a drink quickly. They had a nice selection of olives, sauces & oils for tasting and we weren't disappointed! I think everybody made at least one purchase and I know there are a lot of jars of olives travelling to the high country shortly.

Next stop was Kay's winery where they were holding a craft market. This stop was not actually planned but we spotted some signs for it on the way to the Olive Grove and our kind trip leader Tim succumbed to a little pressure and let us have half an hour to explore. Foodstuffs again seemed to be the general purchases ranging from cinnamon almonds, jams, chutneys, to chocolates and fudges. We are definitely a club that appreciates food!

Onwards and up Willunga Hill and the old Victor Harbour Road had us arriving at Kookaburra Farm for lunch. The hosts had actually made a big campfire for us but it decided to rain so we opted for lunch in the large shed. Greg

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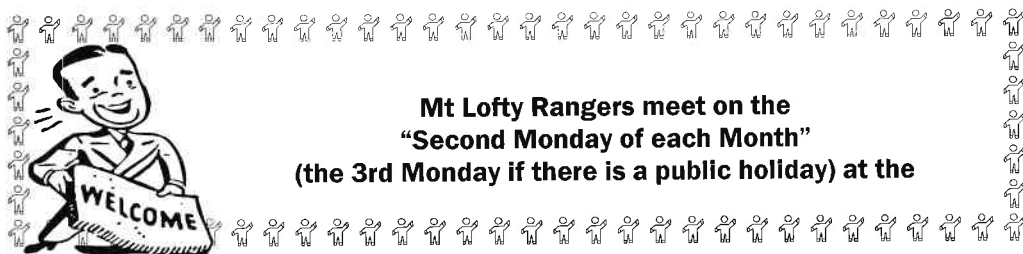
the owner has varied business interests such as fish, irrigation equipment, imported pottery and farming Christmas trees. We had a rustic lunch of barbequed barramundi fillets and Coorong Mullet with salad.

The Big Shed at Mount Compass was our next destination. We have actually passed this shed on many other trips but have never been allowed to stop and look before. It has many different stalls and some working demonstrations such as lead lighting, painting, teddy bear making and woodcarving.

Tim had a track to try out on the way to the final stop for afternoon tea at the Amaroo Water Gardens but since the Holbertons and ourselves had left our 4wd's at home we ventured on to the Alexandrina Cheese Company for some tastings where we purchased some curd cheese. Now we understand why Little Miss Muffet was happy sitting on her tuffet! We still had time to kill so we stopped at Mt Compass to do some venison tasting but we found it a little deer!

By the time we met the others the sun was out again which made exploring the gardens more enjoyable. The proprietor Richard Hill had tea, coffee and a selection of cakes and biscuits awaiting us. He was a very interesting speaker as well giving us a run down on the history of the gardens which he purchased back in the 80's - \$38,000 for 20 acres (sounds like a good deal now). His house is made of rammed earth, he really thinks outside the square he lives in utilising old, interesting materials wherever he can. He had the most beautiful bevelled glass doors that had come from an old movie theatre. The old pulpit

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Upcoming Trips

NOVEMBER 2003

CONFLUENCES TRIP: -

POSTPONED until next March

COORONG FISHING TRIP: - FRIDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 16TH

Boys only annual fishing trip to the Coorong. beach fishing, come prepared for the conditions, camping on the beach.

Contact: Justin Probert:

DECEMBER 2003

NO TRIPS PLANNED AT THIS STAGE

JANUARY 2004

BEACHPORT / CAPE JAFFA TRIP: - FRIDAY 23TH - MONDAY 26TH

Refer to trips board for details

Contact: Mark Moss / Denny Couprie

FEBRUARY 2004

CLAYTON RAFT RACE: - FEBRUARY, 2004

Note: Advice received so far is, **"that the event is ON, and the Caravan park is staying Open"**. Mark and Linda Moss have managed this event for a number of years (thanks Mark and Linda), but would like a rest.

The Subaru 4wd club are holding the event, but we are looking for some one to represent and keep the club up-to-date with the organising of the event. Interested please see Shaun Lawson / or Mark Moss

Contact: Shaun Lawson / Mark Moss

Upcoming Trips

MARCH 2004

CLEANUP AUSTRALIA :- MARCH 7TH, 2004

See trips board for more details

MILDURA - SAAFWDC AGM : - MARCH 12TH to 14TH, 2004

Staying at the River Beach Camp Ground, APEX Park, Mildura

See trips board for more details

CONFLUENCES TRIP: - DATE TO BE ADVISED

Visit the co-ordinates 140°E 33°S and 141°E 33°S (Yunta area) and record presence at these sites to register under club banner at the Confluence Web site: www.confluence.org

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* Please replace used items

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Happy Birthday

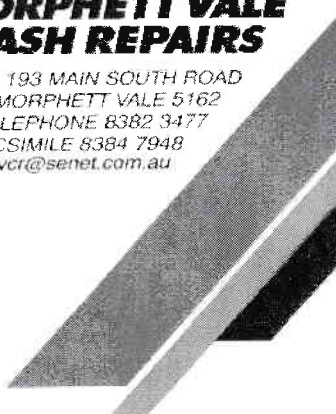
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from a church was featured at the end of his kitchen and he had large glass windows in every room. His chunky dining table was made from the end of a large wine barrel and he seemed to be the kind of person who could find a good and tasteful use for anything. This part of the day was my particular favourite stop and after walking around the extensive gardens, we all said our goodbyes.

Our thanks to Tim & Lynette Byrne for organising a vèry enjoyable different type of club outing. This was a very pleasant way of spending a Sunday and if you ever have to entertain those guests from interstate or overseas and want something a little out of the ordinary then perhaps you should give the produce trail a try!

Linda and Mark Moss

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