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"President Report "



Hi all and ho ho ho.

This is the last entry of 2004; next time we all meet again will probably be down at Beachport on the January long weekend. I have posted some club events on the new web forum, so if you haven't yet had a chance to log on, go the web site, and have a look around. Go to http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/mlr_4wd/ and log in.

The committee meeting was held earlier this month, and there is a real concern about the lack of trips. Without 4wd activities, we are not much of a 4wd club. Some of the new members have been posting trips on the board, but we are still very much lacking in the number of day and weekend trips. All we have to do is one trip per year per member and we'll have heaps, so everyone think about some where to go in 2005. If you need help, don't be shy and ask, it can be anything from a day wine tasting to a long weekend in the flinders or Grampians. If you've been some where in the past, and have ever thought about revisiting, then hold a club event, and have everyone come along. A group can make for more



Merry Christmas



fun.

We are without a trips co-ordinator, so I will be looking for someone to help out in the role until the next election, as Alby has now moved to the NSW state. But this person can not be expected to be the only person holding trips, everyone must help out.

Hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas, and hope to see you all safe and well in 2005. Until then 😊

Regards

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How To Join The Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club Yahoo Group.

The simplest way to start is to send an email to...

mlr_4wd-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

I would strongly advise you to join Yahoo! as the group also provides other functionality that can only be accessed after you have logged in to Yahoo! The two simplest functions the group's home page (http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/mlr_4wd/) provides are a calendar and photo albums. There are other goodies and we will use them appropriately in due course. If there are any further questions I can answer them for you via email (langy67@tpg.com.au).

Langy! (Group Owner/Moderator)



Future Meeting Dates

January	No Meeting
February	14 th
March	14 th
April	11 th
May	9 th (AGM)
June	13 th
July	11 th



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SOCIAL SCEN



DECEMBER MEETING & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Monday 13th December

I am sure you will all have a great evening tonight. Hopefully Santa delivered some great presents to the children and I am sure we will all have a laugh with Jingo the Clown.

The Social Committee wishes you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a great NEW YEAR.

BEACHPORT 2005

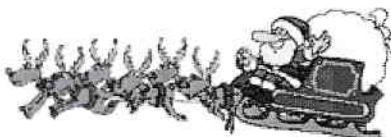
We will organise an area where we can have Happy Hour at least one evening during our stay at Beachport, there will probably be more opportunities for Happy Hours but it depends on what time we return to camp. Please bring some nibbles to share. We will decide the final details for this when we are down at Beachport so we will let you all know during the day over the radio.

Hope to see you there.

Don't forget it is up to you all to book your own camp site at The Southern Oceans Caravan Park at Beachport. Telephone no. 0887358153.

As always please come and speak with Linda, Jo, Julie or Lyn tonight if you have any suggestion or question regarding our events for the year. Have a great night!

Social Committee



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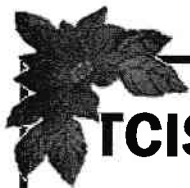
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ROAD SAFETY UPDATE No 1
Taken from Road Safety Pamphlet
“CARRYING LOADS on a Motor Vehicle”



Light Vehicle Mass and Loading Regulations (GVM 4.5 tones or Less)

On 1 December 1999 nationally consistent vehicle regulations were introduced into South Australia. These regulations specify how loads are to be carried on a motor vehicle. The specifications provide for the safety of all road users and ensure efficient operation of vehicles and the free flow of traffic.

Before transporting loads on a motor vehicle, you must ensure that all safety measures and loading regulations have been met. The following information covers the key requirements relating to carrying loads on motor vehicles. Detailed information is contained in the Road Traffic Act and Regulations.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Securing Loads Safely

The owner / driver of a vehicle is responsible for ensuring that any load on a vehicle is securely and safely restrained in accordance with the load restraint guide and does not present a danger to people and property.

Note: A copy of the Load Restraint Guide can be obtained from the Transport SA Customer Service Centre, PO Box 2262, Regency Park, 5942, at a cost of \$5.00

When loading a vehicle ensure that:

- The load will not move or become dislodged from the vehicle
- The position of the load will not affect the vehicle's stability, steering and braking performance: and
- The tyres and axles of the vehicle are not overloaded.

During the journey a driver should periodically check the load and its restraints to ensure it remains secure and will not move with sudden braking or cornering.

Note: Penalties apply for not securing a load properly

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MASS LIMITS

Mass of the Load

The mass of the load being carried on a vehicle must not exceed the maximum load capacity specified by the vehicle manufacturer.

Total Mass of Load and Vehicle

The mass of a vehicle and its load must not exceed the GVM (Gross Vehicle Mass) specified by the vehicle manufacturer or the GVM specified on the Vehicle's registration certificate, whichever is the lesser.

NOTE: For the Information about Towing and trailer regulations see the leaflet "Light Vehicle Towing and Trailer Regulations" available from Transport SA Customer Service Centre or through the Regulation Hotline 1300 656 243.



Mass on Tyres and Wheels

The mass on any of the tyres and wheels fitted to a vehicle must not exceed the limit specified by the manufacturer. The tyre rating can usually be found on the side wall of the tyre. Wheels should not be used unless marked or stamped by the manufacturer.

PROJECTION LIMITS

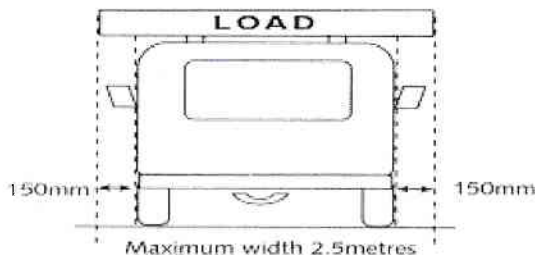
Side Projection

The maximum width of a load is 2.5 metres.

In addition, a load must not project more than 150mm from the side of a vehicle, regardless of the width of the vehicle. For example, if a light vehicle is 2 metres wide, then the width of the load it may carry will be a maximum of 2.3 metres.

The side projection of a load is the distance measured from the side of the vehicle to the side edge of a load being carried. (This does not include mirrors, lights etc)

Note: Under certain conditions, a permit may be issued to carry loads that tend ore than 150mm from the sides of a vehicle or loads that are more than 2.5 metres wide.



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Front Projection

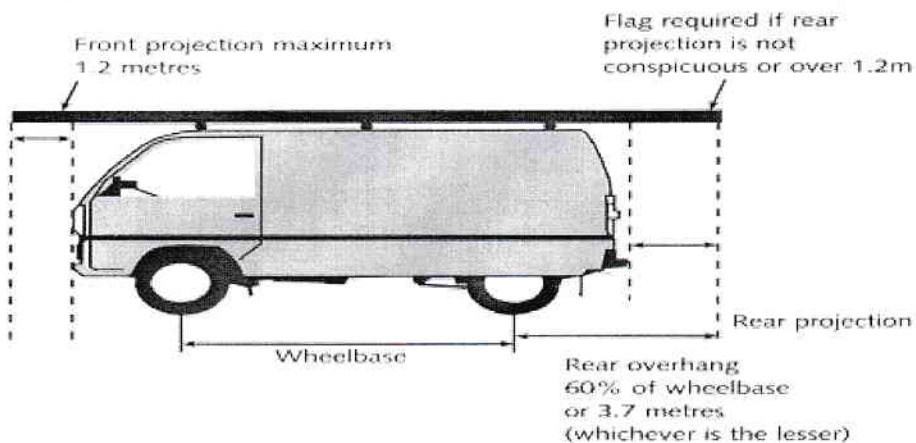
The load being carried on any vehicle must not project more than 1.2 metres forward of the vehicle.

Rear Overhang

The rear overhang of a vehicle is the distance measured from the centre of the rear axle or axle group, to the rear of the vehicle and includes any rear load projection. The rear load projection is the distance measured from the rear of the vehicle to the rear of the load being carried and is included in the rear overhang measurement.

The maximum rear overhang allowed is 60% of the wheel base up to a maximum of 3.7 metres, whichever is the lesser. The wheel base is the distance between the centre of the rear axle or rear axle group to the centre of the front axle.

NOTE: The rear of a load on a vehicle must carry a warning signal if the load projects more than 1.2 metres or cannot be easily seen. In daytime, the warning



signal must be brightly coloured flag measuring at least 300mm x 300mm. At night, the warning signal must be a red light that can be seen for 200 metres.



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DEFINITIONS

Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)

This is the maximum mass of the motor vehicle.

Gross Combination Mass (GCM)


The maximum loaded mass of a motor vehicle and any vehicles or trailers being towed by that motor vehicle.

Safety Checklist

1. Ensure that a brightly coloured flag or, at night a red light, is attached to a load if it projects more than 1,2 metres from the rear of the vehicle, or is inconspicuous.
2. Ensure that ropes and lashings are tight and not likely to lose tension with travel
3. Ensure that the load is safely secured to the vehicle and does not present any danger to other people or property if it projects past the body (even if it meets all the dimension and safety requirements).
4. Ensure that the load is correctly balanced and restrained so that there is no movement with braking or cornering.
5. Ensure that the load being carried does not exceed the length and projection limits.
6. Ensure that the total mass of the load and vehicle does not exceed the vehicle's GVM.



December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13 Meeting	14 II	15	16 I	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	

I) DTU General Meeting - Cavan 07:30 pm

II) DTU Training Committee Meeting—Cavan 07:30 pm




January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2	3	4	5	6	7	
9	10 No MLR Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Beachport
23 Beachport	24 Beachport	25 Beachport	26 Beachport	27	28	29
30	31					



February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 
6	7	8 I	9	10 II	11	12
13	14 Meeting	15	16	17 III	18	19 IV
20 IV	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

- I) DTU Training Committee Meeting – Cavan 07:30 pm
 II) DTU General Meeting—Cavan 07:30 pm
 III) Association General Meeting - Cavan 07:30 pm
 IV) Club Training / Fun Weekend—Morgan



March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 I 
6 I	7	8 II	9	10 IV	11	12 III
13 III	14 Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Easter	26 Easter
27 Easter	28 Easter	29	30	31		

- I) Association AGM – Yankalilla
 II) DTU Training Committee Meeting – Cavan 07:30 pm
 III) SAAFWDC Clean Up event
 IV) DTU General Meeting – Cavan 07:30pm



Upcoming Trips



JANUARY 2004: Beachport 22nd to 26th

Proposed Agenda

Saturday: 22nd

Arrive at Beach Port around midday, setup camp and go for a short drive to the dunes north of Beachport for some fun and or training, etc

Sunday: 23rd

We will split up into a couple of groups. One will go to Robe and back to Beachport, while the other group will head off to Carpenters Rocks and back to Beachport.

Monday: 24th

Do your own thing. Maybe visit the local winery 's, etc, some training and assessing if required. (Contact J Morgan to arrange training, etc)

Tuesday: 25th

We will do the opposite that we did on Sunday or if you want you can do the same trip again.

Wednesday: 26th

Pack up and travel home

Any Questions contact Layne Holberton on 0412572139



MARCH 2004: Murray River Fishing & Camping Details
yet to be confirmed

JULY 2004: Anne Beadell Highway: 9th to 24th July

Will head west from Coober Pedy along Anne Beadell Highway. At this

stage return route unknown, may head north and back through the Great Australian Desert or south and back along the Nullarbor. Remote Bush travelling and few refuelling places (1350km 's without fuel or water), so vehicles must be prepared to suit conditions. Persons interested MUST be prepared to commit to trip early next year as permits need to be organised.

Mark Curtis: Trip limit 8-10 vehicles — enquiry has made about camper trailers on trip, under consideration and investigation _



Four Wheel Drive Courses

Training / Fun Weekend
19th & 20th February 2005
Morgan

Skills Update 002 & 003
7th & 8th May 2005
Warren Gorge

Training Small Groups
4th & 5th June 2005
Unknown

Skills Update 002 & 003
30th & 31st June 2005
Kuipto

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Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	\$13.00
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Bucket Hats <i>(including logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	\$13.00

If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

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I would like to say thanks to Mark Curtis & Steve Harding for their assistance in setting up the display Thursday night and also providing some DVD's of recent club trips to play on our DVD stand.

Friday morning started off a bit slow then picked up after lunch. There were several inquires about the club and its activities.

Saturday and Sunday mornings were busy with a steady stream interested coming through the tent, it tapered off at lunch time, but picked up again later in the day.

I was advised that on Saturday over 3 000 people past through the gates, I felt a lot more came through on Sunday.

June had her time taken up with one family, while their kids decided to pull apart the DVD Player and camp fire setup.

Hopefully a few new members will eventuate from the weekend.

Thanks to all the members who helped in the tent and packed up on Sunday.

The Nissan Club won the best stand.

David

On behalf of the Club, we would like to thank David very much for all the time and trouble he has gone too, to ensure our club was represented at the 4WD show and also for his effort at the recent Jack's Paddock weekend.

Editor



BUSHFIRE SEASON

With Summer looming, the state is once again facing the threat of bushfire. If you intend to visit fire prone areas during the season, make sure your aware of when you can legally light a fir, restrictions involved, and how the current Bushfire Emergency Warning System works. Check the CFS web site to find the answers:

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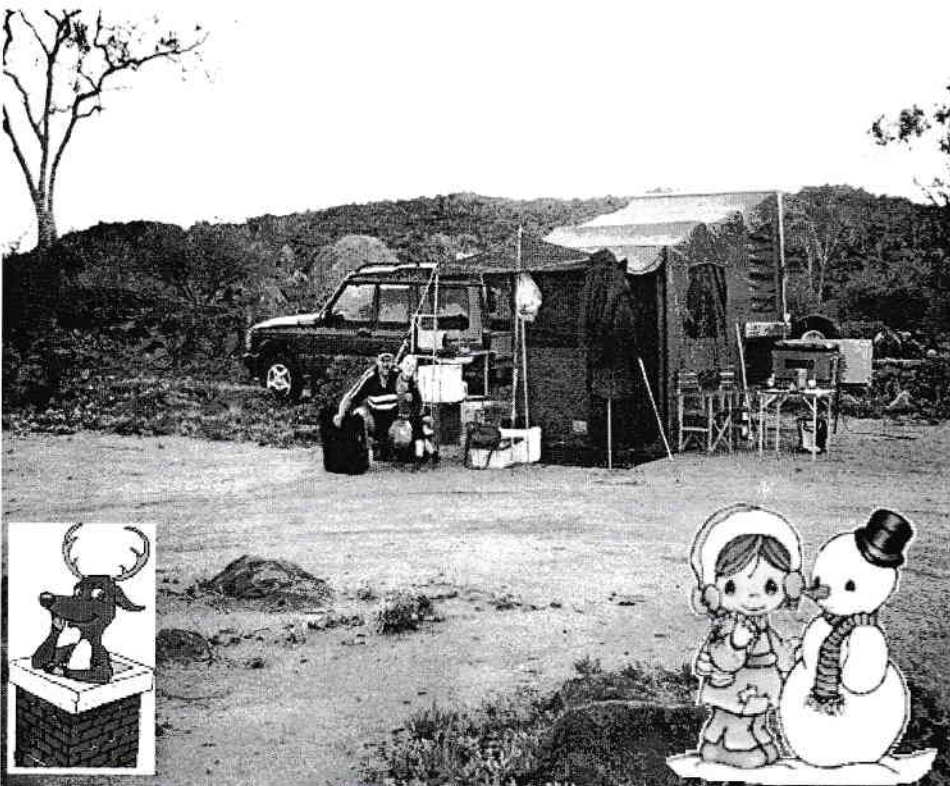
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