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Rick shows some creativity with a glow stick!

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"Editor's Report"

Here we are for another year. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year, with lots of good toys in the Santa sack. Even better if you managed to get away somewhere for a few days or weeks as well.

There are quite a few trips in pre planning already this year. Have a look at the board and see if you can come along to something.

Of course more are welcomed if you have somewhere good you would like to share with the rest of us.

The 4WD Swap Meet has been moved due to a clash with the Adelaide Cup long weekend. This is now on the 2nd of April at Anembo Park Sports and Recreation Ground, Littlehampton. The club is assisting with this and volunteers are needed to help with parking control and so on, about all you need is time and a handheld radio which I am sure someone can lend if you need one. Enquiries to Brad 0416 341457 or Peter 0427 269029.

The ARB Gawler store is also having an open day on 18 Feb from 9am to 3pm.

Another event is the annual association get together, this is called the Riverland Rondayvoo and is to be held at Blanchetown on 25-26 March. This year the Riverland 4WD Club are hosts, and entry forms close on the 28th of February.

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

2006

BORDER TRACK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE

Well, 2006 has come around quicker than ever and it is time to start organising the 4WDSA working bee in Ngarkat Conservation Park; so I suggest that you start dusting off your gear as May will be upon us before you know it.

As there is no long weekend in May, this year's working bee will be on a "clayton's" long weekend, a long weekend without being a long weekend. The programme will consist of spreading rubble on some soft clay sections of the Border Track and the closing and fencing of some alternative "tracks" at the two big sand dunes on the one way section.

Rubble is already stockpiled at the base of one of the dunes on the Border Track. A trailer, hydraulic tipping 7'x4', will be supplied, but you might also like to bring your own trailer to make things a little quicker. Could you also bring shovels, rakes and gloves?

Depending on numbers for the weekend, a second group will be planting our famous 'Dead Wood Forest' on the closed tracks and dragging brush over the degraded areas to stabilise the sand.

For those who can make the working bee, there will be a special treat to another section of the Park at the conclusion of the work.

So I hope you can get all your gear up to scratch and the Mallee team will see you for a fun filled adventure in the near future...!

Rob Laver A/Senior Ranger, Mallee District



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SOCIAL SCENE

MURRAY RIVER FISHING & CAMPING MARCH 18TH & 19TH

This is a fun weekend of fishing & camping which is sponsored by Dave Goodenough. There are fishing competitions for all and various prizes can be won. You can either come for the day or camp over night.

Dave will have more information at the meeting or you can call him on 0439687166.

MID YEAR DINNER – July or August

We are in the early stages of organizing our mid year dinner. We will advise you more details in future magazines.

OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITY

We are gathering information about Archery and Laser Skirmish. If you have any other suggestions for a fun day or afternoon please let Lyn, Julie or Jo know. We will advise you of more details soon.

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

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

Social Committee

Feb 24-27 Blinman. Anthony Tavelli is organizing a trip this weekend, staying at the Blinman Hotel or camping. A few day trips and general light 4WDing is planned. Contact Anthony on 0401 700 715,

March 11-13 the Suzuki Club, have arranged with the Barmera Caravan Park for the long weekend in March 11-13 2006 for the Annual Raft Regatta. No entries from our club this year, but something is planned for 2007.

March 18-19 Murray Fishing trip. See Dave Goodenough for details.

Easter—Pyrenees. Peter Ellery has a trip planned into Victoria for Easter this year. Stay tuned.

May 6-8 Ngarkat Working Bee. See notice elsewhere, meeting at Doggers Hut near Pinaroo.

June long weekend—Melrose A possibly Navrun event to be organized.

July School Holidays—Simpson Desert. Rick Luff is organizing another trip up the Oodnadatta Track, across to Birdsville then home via Innamincka and Cameron Corner. Put this one in your diaries if you can get away for two weeks.

August 5—September 2. 16 DAY CANNING STOCK ROUTE - North To South. Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Alice Springs, Tanami Track to Billuna - (3-4 days), Wiluna, Kalgoorlie (1-2 Days), Eucla, Whales at Head of Bight – (Scenic Flight), Port Augusta, Adelaide (2 Days). Canning 16 days. 4 days Tolerance / extra rest stops, Limit 5 Vehicles, No Trailers. Must be equipped for long range travel – Longest distance between fuel 1400 km's (No fuel Dump). Trip leader Mark Curtis , Hm 8358 4776 / Mb 0408 297 065,
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MLR Club Training

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Under Development:

1. GPS—Overview of use of GPS's - Date TBA
2. Oziexplorer—Overview of use of Oziexplorer — Date TBA
3. Sand Driving Training for the next Peake trip if required

CLUB TRAINING—Training Books: \$55

Costs associated with Basic theory, and or any training event, will be based on the number attending, venue costs and travel costs of Trainer's and Assessor's. The number of trainer's / Assessors will be determined by the club's training officer.

Club Trainers

Advisor's: Shaun Lawson, Paul Tabone.

Trainer's: Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West, Tim Byrne

Assessor's: Max Arlmond, Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Layne Holberton, Jeff Morgan, Christian Whamond, Ricky Esser.



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If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

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CM Club Meeting.
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 B Blinman Trip—see Anthony Tavelli

March 2006

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- CM Club meeting.
 RR Raft Race—Barmera—contact Suzuki Club for info
 AC Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
 M Murray River Fishing trip
 AGM SAAFWD Annual General Meeting / Riverland Rundayoo—
 Blanchetown. Registrations closes 28 February.

BEACHPORT AUSTRALIA DAY WEEK TRIP

Trip report Beachport to Carpenters Rocks by Shorty
Wednesday 25th January 2006

Departed Beachport caravan park on a warm sunny morning at 10am. With Paul Tabone (Croozza) being trip leader he was joined by Dave, Sheralyn & Jack Willsmore (Shorty), Dave, Briggitta Koch & kids (Woody), Anthony, Sharon Tavelli & kids (Fish), and Pete & Jo Reed & kids. Exited road just outside Beachport township and after approx 10km of sand driving exited to bitumen at Southend, a small, pretty coastal town in sheltered bay. Turned off bitumen onto dirt track at "Boozy Gully", into the Canunda National Park, then took the "Kyber Pass" track which signalled 52kms to Carpenter Rocks. (no need for comment on track names here) This was a rocky, shaley track which was quite good, with quite a lot of green low growing vegetation alongside. We turned left, however couldn't get over hill which apparently was taken last year, so took another, entering beach onto very soft sand and driving approx 6.5kms, exiting beach at oil rig square.

11am, and as we were exiting sand we came across the Channel 7 Discover vehicle. Its 3 crew (Jamie, Pete and Kendall) had been filming for an upcoming segment about the wind turbines and were about to do some filming of their vehicle in sand. Sadly (for them) none were experienced in 4wd and were not up for driving their vehicle on sand. Our esteemed trip leader Paul offered his assistance and jumped in their vehicle so they could film it in the sand. This was made difficult by the fact that they had fully inflated tyres on soft sand, so Pauls exceptional driving skills were filmed. What won't appear on (their) film is the fact that exiting the beach was achieved by some "hard grunt" at the back end of their vehicle! But thanks to our very own MLR film crew, we have various footage of this event, which we will forward onto them (perhaps for a "woopsies" episode). After a quick chat and "celebrity photo shoot" they had our vehicles drive down the beach, and filmed us in convoy returning. So we may see this footage used in future episodes! Look out for their

story in April – Discover, on Channel 7.

After a quick loo break we headed off for lunch at Millicent Hill, and then played in the sand. Pete headed down first, appearing to easily ascend. All fired up, Paul and Shorty descended, providing many photo/film opportunities of “I think I can, I think I can” back up, but sadly, after “almost and nearly”, this was not to be their day. Pete decided to give it another go, and to lots of cheering was declared the days “King of the Mountain”.

Eventually Paul and Shorty quietly exited via the chicken track. We departed around 1pm, and shortly after when going over small hill with sharp RH bend approaching beach, Woody got stuck. After a quick snatch, we were mobile, naming this “Woody’s Hump”. We entered the beach again, to find heaps of debris scattered along our path. Bottles, wood, large pilons and stones to name just some. Approx 2pm and the sand became really soft, with Woody sinking, and family members becoming rather nervous because of approaching incoming tide. After letting down tyres and lots of digging and pushing he got out. Next came Fish and after providing some great “swinging of the back end”, had to be recovered by Pete snatching him out. Several minutes after we were all through, Pete has done a rear tyre, and after pumping it up we’re away again.

A unanimous decision was made by the drivers to take the nearest exit track off beach, so we headed inland. This track was hard, appearing to once have been sea bed or volcanic rock. Once again thick low growing vegetation to side of track. Non-eventful 18km drive with only a small brown snake providing a slight gasp. At 4pm we stopped at roadside to pump up tyres and headed to Carpenter Rocks for icecreams. Uneventful trip home along bitumen.

Since Paul had been driving solo for the day, Shorty Jnr took his passenger seat to film the days events, and after tea another “night at the movies” was had.

Thanks to Paul for a great trip.

Tuesday 24 Jan 2006 Beachport.

With Steve AKA Bull Winkle as our trip leader we headed for the Buggy club with approx 10 vehicles. There was the mandatory stop and play on little red along the way.

The Buggy club was as always good fun and a good place for the new members to get a feel of their vehicles in the steep dunes and also for those with new accessories fitted such as diff lockers.

On the way back the now named Matts hill from last years trip was proving hard to predict being easy to drive up the previous day but much harder today. Making it necessary for a couple of vehicles to be snatched over the top and for others to take the chicken track. All of this while Brians Rodeo decided to have a coughing fit which was eventually I think sorted out with a good blast along the bitumen. Then back to camp for lunch before heading out again for Millicent Hill.

Once again meaning putting air back in the tyres then out again then back in again this is where the worth of a good air compressors pays off.

We headed for South End and through the Canundra National Park between Bull Winkle and Crooza leading us through the dunes and along the beaches and a nice steep dune which got some interesting comments from both drivers and passengers once at the bottom.

Millicent Hill proved to have the better of the 3 vehicles which tried the hill but it was very soft this particular day much harder than any of the other days Peter R J

A couple of good sized Tiger snakes were spotted on the way out then it was back to camp to watch some videos and generally have a good time.



New member Rick tries some right boot above!



Friday 27 Jan.

This trip with only 5 vehicles was lead by Peter E the birthday boy with Carpenters Rocks via the beach to be our aim. Well we didn't even make South End along the beach before Peter was having troubles which seemed to haunt him for the rest of the day. The final outcome was don't always trust your tyre guage even if it is new Hey Pete. We continued along our way to Millicent Hill once again to meet Rocky and Bull Winkle who was keener than mustard to conquer the hill with the other Mount Lofty members which some say made it over the top. Must have been easy that morning too J

No vehicles in our group of 5 made it over but Frank did provide some good entertainment getting caught out on a hill near by with an uneasy side slope which he couldn't be winched over after plenty of effort and had to be winched down instead.

Back on to beach towards Carpenters Rocks and as always this run delivered the goods with long soft runs of sand and many boggings mainly too the birthday boy sorry Pete.

An excellent day was had by all which was finished off with the traditional ice cream at the rocks.

If you have never been on this club trip book your holidays in now for 2007 and you will not be disappointed this trip caters for all levels of experience and is a great way to learn a heap about driving in sand and a way for the whole family to feel a part of our club.

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