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Enjoying the Rockleigh Terrain some of which can be challenging But all was OK

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"President's Report"



One month in a some great trips have gone on, especially to Melrose and a great effort to the trip leaders, it was a brilliant event. There was a great trip to both Rockleigh & Peake well done to the trip leaders their too.

The committee are busily working away and they cannot be thanked enough, the website is coming along and we plan to have it completed by the August meeting.

We hope you like the new information boards please feel free to bring along some pictures of any

recent trips you may have been on and if there is any suggestions or things you would like to see please feel free to drop me a line or see me at the meetings. .

In July the events we have are clubs mid year dinner, which is a great time for members to get to know each other and in August the border track.

I have received a few concerns about vehicle set up and minimum standards. The club has a copy of the bylaws that are being handed out, please review those requirements. They are there to protect yourself and other club members. Those of you who are not prepared may find themselves with no one to assist you during a recovery.

To assist you we have many experienced 4wdriver within the club, please ask around for assistance as it is the best way to learn.

Did you know we have items for loans for any trip you may plan, as well as video's, yes VHS (Do you still have a VHS? I can lend you one) if you would like to borrow them please see Merv for

details. It is always good for Trip Leaders to take along the club Banner to publicise the Club. Recent additions to the video collection are the adventure camper trailer DVD.

The 4wd show is booked, Dave Goodenough needs our support so if you can help please list your name on the roster on the trips board.

The clubs bank balances are looking good, they will be better when we have all the subs in so please bring your subs by the August meeting and see the bean counters Nick & Sam

Winter driving safety, I know winter is upon us but it is a timely reminder for winter vehicle inspections, simple things like ensuring wipers in good condition, headlamps and tail lights are working, if you have fog lamps ensure they are correctly adjusted, good tire tread and most of all SLOW DOWN in the wet.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting

Pres Anthony (Antman)

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Peake Weekend

Paul Tabone ,Frank A, Matt Eastmure met at Tailem Bend at 6pm ,then headed off to Peake Pub for a meal & a couple of beverages. Arrived at Peake camp site at 8.00pm and set up camp & lit the fire. Skippy & I Shorty, Jack & Dave Koch arrived at 9pm & set up. Great clear cool night couldn't believe this weather for winter. We had some rain overnight. Next morning after a bit of a sleep in woke up to a foggy morning which cleared about 10am to a great sunny day.

Jeff Morgan, Bill, Brian & Kim arrived about 9.30am. We all then aired down and went out for a drive in the sand a lot of soft steep sandy tracks up the dunes. Some rather testing than others, Crooza had a flat tyre, sand in the bead, we all stoped to lend a hand. Drove in the sand till 12noon & headed back for lunch .Ken Bradey, Brett & Jen had arrived & set up camp,after lunch we headed to a different area of sand. Some of the group headed off to play in the dunes & 3 of us stayed with Jeff & Paul and did some basic training. Proceeded back to camp at 4pm for a couple of drinks & nibbles. Paul, Frank & Matt packed up & headed home & the others revved up the fire and had a good chat around the fire before dinner.Great meals that night ,another cold,clear night

<u>Sunday</u>, Woke up to a cool sunny morning, great breakfast of bacon & eggs .Anthony turned up & then we were off to do some more sand driving Jeff put us all through snatch strap recovery training We drove around in the sand till lunch.Cooked a bbq for lunch & packed up camp and headed home.We all had a great time at Peake and good that we had a fair turn out of members.

Dave Willsmore (Shorty)



Obviously needs lift kit



The solution is not in there





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MID-YEAR DINNER- Saturday 22nd July at THE BELAIR HOTEL at 7.30pm

This year our mid year dinner is going to be at The Belair Hotel, in the

Conservatory. It will commence at 7.30pm and is \$25.00 per

buffet. Deposits of \$10.00 per person can be paid now or at the latest by the end of the July meeting. Put your names on the list now and pay your deposit to either the Treasurer, Lyn Morgan, Jo Reed or Julie Holberton.

CAMP COOK WEEKEND AT JACK'S PADDOCK - Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September.

Jack's Paddock is at Kuitpo Forest and you can arrive any time after 12.00noon. You can camp the night or just drive home after you have a great evening of camp cooking and tastings. As in previous visits to jack's Paddock we will be bush camping (Camper Trailers, Vans, Tents or swags). Dinner will be shared on Saturday evening with each family cooking either your favorite camp meal or why not try something new.

We will not start a trip list at this stage but mark your diaries with the date; a list will be started a bit closer to the event.

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

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MLR Club Training Contact: Jeff Morgan Home:8381 5404 Mobile:0410 665 019

Club Training

- 1. Oziexplorer- 3-4 Small Groups required preferable to have own laptop.
- 2. Formalised Group/Workshop Dependat on Numbers Date TBA
- 3. Basic Practical Training Peake 24th-25th June (Sand, Rock, Recovery)

Basic Training:Theory - 22nd- 23rd July Date to be finalised. Location: DTU Training Rooms, Cavan Time: 8.00am-4.00pm over one weekend. (<u>Trainers Required</u>) Cost: Approx \$80.00 to be confirmed. (includes Training Books)

DTU Training Dates

Certificate 4 Coarse 10-11 Sept,24-25 Sept, 8-9 Oct, 22-23 Oct. Advisor Coarse 12-13 November

Trip Leaders

For those Trip Leaders planning trips this web site is good value http://www.toiletmap.gov.au For those with Garmin GPS's check for your latest updates http://www.garmin.com/support/blosp.jsp

Club Trainers

Advisor's:Shaun Lawson.Trainer's:Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West, Tim Byrne, Paul TaboneAssessor's:Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Layne Holberton, Jeff Morgan, Christian Whamond, Ricky Esser, George Haniotis.

FUTURE EVENTS

TGS Update (Existing Trainers) 19th-20th August 4WD Drive Show 13th-15th October Training Small Groups 21st-22nd October Skills Upgrade (Sand) 4th-5th November

Upcoming Trips

Summary of trips:

- 1. Birdville Coongie Lakes. 23 July 5 August.
- 2. Border Track 29-30 July.
- 3. Barmera Trip 26 -27 August.
- 4. Camp cook weekend 2 3 September.
- 5. Murray Sunset National Park Dates to be confirmed.
- 6. Whyalla extended trip 23 September 2 October.
- 7. Whyalla weekend 30 September 2 October.
- 8. Cheese & wine social event Wall Flat 21 22 October.
- 9. Beachport 2007 We need a trip leader for this the clubs main annual event.
- 10. Googs Track 21 29 April 2007

Trip	Maree, Birdsville, Walkers Crossing, Innaminka, Coongie Lakes, Strezlecki Track.	
Date/s – Duration	23 July to 5 August – 14 Days	
Trip Leader	Steve Wrobel Contact No : 8276 4505	
Convoy limit	6 Vehicles.	
Distance – Kms	Probably a fair few see Steve. Maximum distance between fuel 500kms.	
Departure / meeting point & time	See Steve for details.	
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel	
RSVP – deposit	?	
Special requirements	Some bush camping –Camper trailers okay	
General comments	compressor - minimum recovery equip- ment is 1 snatch strap.	
Difficulty Rating	Moderate	

TRIP DETAILS

Trip	Border Track
Date/s – Duration	Saturday 29 July to Sunday 30 July
Trip Leader	Neil Cook Contact No : 0409 286 629
Convoy limit	Minimum – 5 vehicles
	Maximum – 10 vehicles
Distance – Kms	Adelaide CBD to Pinnaroo to Keith to Ade- laide Approx 600kms
Departure / meeting point & time	Saturday morning - place to be decided
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	B end of July meeting
Special requirements	Bush camping – camper trailers still to be discussed.
General comments	Will need sand flag, snatch strap & compres- sor.
Difficulty rating	moderate
Trip	4x4 Adventure Park Loveday (Bar- mera)
Date/s – Duration	26 August – 27 August weekender
Trip Leader	Glen Bull Contact No : ?
Convoy limit	None
Distance – Kms	Approx 200kms
Departure / meeting point & time	See Glen for details.
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	?
Special requirements	Bush camping –Camper trailers & cara- vans okay –
	Compressor & sand flag - minimum recov-
General comments	ery equipment is 1 snatch strap.



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Additional		\$6.00
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Please see a committee member for the above purchases.

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Caps (including logo embroidered on)	\$13.00
NEW ITEM	
Bucket Hats (including logo embroidered on & GST)	\$13.00

If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

Books (hopefully in the future)	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfor Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.
* Please replace used items	
lease see Merv Tucker for any items you	wish to loan Ph 8278 1414.

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30 Border Track	31					1
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Border Track

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AUGUST 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Club Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Barmera Trip
27 Barmera Trip	28	29	30	31		

Notes

Melrose Trip

Pat O'Kane

I'd been looking forward to this trip for some time now, a chance to have a play with the GPS, drive in some new areas and have a bit of fun along the way. I was not to be disappointed at all, Melrose turned out to be a great time.

An early finish at work on Friday gave me the chance to load up the Patrol before the kids got home from school and we were on the road by 4-00pm. Despite it being a long weekend the road north out of Adelaide was pretty quiet and it was an easy drive along Main North Road to the Melrose showgrounds. There were a few early arrivals which meant the fire was blazing when we got there and I was glad of it, it was very cold. Not too cold to stop me having a couple of beers from the fridge, but cold enough. Several more cars arrived as the night wore on and the circle around the camp fire grew ever bigger so a few more logs were added to keep the cold night air at bay. It was hard to drag yourself away from the fire and I soon realised a new sleeping bag might be required; I couldn't get warm at all.

Saturday morning was bright and clear, not a cloud to be seen. This was a good omen, today's drive was to be in Wirrabra Forest, as long as there was no rain, and the weather was looking good. It also gave me my first good look at the campsite in the Melrose Showgrounds. If you haven't been before, I can recommend them, it's very picturesque in the shadow of Mount Remarkable, lots of room to move with some powered sites, hot showers and flushing toilets, I'll be back for sure. Wirrabra Forest is not normally open to the public and access is by a key from the ranger. This had been organised by **Jim and Julie Deer** from the **Holden 4WD club** and is one of the benefits of being in a 4WD club, you get access to places that others will never get the opportunity to drive. The tracks in the forest weren't overly challenging but some of the views over the gulf are spectacular. It would be a great place for someone new to 4 wheeling to do a few hill climbs and get a feel for driving along forest trails in a safe location. The only problem we encountered was fallen trees, we had to cut and remove four from the track. As there were a few people heading to Melrose on Saturday morning we had arranged a rendezvous at Wirrabra at lunch time to meet up with the late comers. We made our way back through the forest to Blesing's Garden winery for a spot of wine tasting before heading back to camp.

We gathered in the main hall for happy hour before dinner and Saturday night's entertainment, a quiz night. Quizmaster for the night was **Langy** and he did a great job. There was a good variety of questions covering a wide range of subjects, some were a little out of left field which made for a very entertaining night, and a good time was had by all. There were plenty of prizes on offer too, so thanks to all those who donated.

Just so those who couldn't make it don't feel left out here are a few questions for you to tax your brains.

What is the little seal thingy on the end of a shoe lace called? (hint: It's not a flugelbinder)

What is Homer Simpson's middle name?

What is a homonym?

Which city is nearer to Alice Springs: Perth, Melbourne or Sydney?

See Langy for the answers because I sure as hell don't know.

Whilst the quiz was taking place Jim was busy downloading coordinates into dozens of different types of GPS ready for Sunday's navigation and observation run. With all the various GPS's loaded up it was time to head back to the fire, it was another clear and very cold night. We were paired into teams of two cars for the navigation run, Myself and my two boys were teamed with **Pete and Jo Reed** and their two kids **Zoe and Jake**. We had to navigate our way to 30 or so waypoints and answer a few questions or take some photos at those locations to prove we'd successfully found the right spot. Not quite as easy as it sounds, the photo had to match the original ones we had been give as closely as possible. They had to be framed correctly, have the right number of people and vehicles in exactly the right place and position. It was great fun, There were also a couple of geocaches hidden along the way, this is a very popular hobby and is good way to spend an afternoon driving around on a big treasure hunt with the family. The **Total Traction Tyres** team won the day, and once again there were plenty of good prizes to be had. Sunday night's dinner was in the North Star Hotel, I'm not sure how many were there but it was close to 40 club members, which was a great turnout.

I'm not sure if I've mentioned the cold before, but Sunday was real brass monkey weather. We woke up to find ice on the cars, this made for a slow morning packing up the camping gear and allowing the tents and campers to dry our properly. We all headed back to Adelaide via our various routes, some via the wineries in Clare, some via the coast and a few doing a bit of geocaching on the way. The huge turnout reflected the huge amount of organisation that went into the weekend. **Jim and Julie**, plus our own **Peter and Ky-lie** deserve a big thank you for organising the weekend, special thanks to **Langy** for the quiz, and a final thanks to those who donated the prizes.

Answers:

Aglet

Jay

A homonym is a word that has the same pronunciation or spelling as another word, but a different meaning.

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Dear Member Club

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As a matter of course, the Executive will be sourcing various quotes from qualified tradespersons for the completion ofd thes required works.

The Executive believes that it makes sense to provide Club Members with the benefit and (who are capable ,qualified and licensed) to carry out any building renovations. Therefore the opportunity exists for Club members to participate in the quoting process.

The Executive understands that due to the geographical locations of Clubs, some or most of those Clubs located in the "Country Areas" will not be able to participate.

The Association is looking for Electrician, Plumbers, Carpenters etc, so if you are an interested party and able to assist your Association you can contact the SAAFWDC Secretary, Lee Smith and leave your details at the Association on 8359 0627

Kind Regards Lee Smith On behalf of the Executive 25/06/2006

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MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS EVENT SUGGESTION SHEET

If you have any ideas or suggestions on the things that you would like to do or see please fill out this sheet and forward it onto Paul Tabone for trips, Social Committee for events or Dave Willsmore for Guest Speakers

Social Events
Trip Ideas
Guest Speakers
Please help us to make the Meetings & Trips enjoyable for everyone
Thank You Committee

PRODUCT RECALL

From Products Recall Australia

Toyota Land Cruiser 100 Series

Date: 27/06/2006

Supplier Name: Toyota Motor Corporation

Product Make: Toyota

Product Model: Land Cruiser 100 Series

Target Number: 2024

Model Years From:

Consequences:

Campaign Number: 6527D

VIN Range:

Serial Range: Bullbar Identification: PZQ29-60170,

PZQ29-60171, PZQ29-60180, PZQ29-60181, PZQ29-60182.

Product Info: Manufactured between December 1997 and October 2004.

Defect Details: During heavy winching operations, there is a possibility that the welds on the bullbar adaptor mounting brackets which attach the bullbar to the vehicle may fracture and in the worst case allow the bullbar to become detached from the vehicle.

Consumer action: Contact your local Toyota dealer.

Market Coverage: National

Recall Coverage: National

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