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General Meetings are held at the

Canberra Deakin Sports Club, Grose St, Deakin

at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

General Meetings are a focal point of the Club where members can meet and get information about past and future Club activities. Meetings are structured with a minimum of formality. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest ranging from vehicle mechanics to bush lore. Reports on past trips are presented and new trips are announced. Visitors introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members. Don't forget to wear your name badge.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome. Contact Greg Taylor if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation.

Many members gather before and after the meeting to enjoy a meal or drink at the Canberra Deakin Sports Club.

Publications

Website www.st4wdc.org. The site is used to provide timely information regarding Club activities and variations from previously announced plans. Especially, check for any last minute variations to trips you are undertaking.

Southern Trails is the ST4WD Club monthly magazine.

Trip reports, and articles that are relevant to Club members are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations.

Closing date for all material is the Friday following the monthly meeting. Send contributions to publications@st4wdc.org

Talooge Park

Talooge is the Club's 700+ ha bush block in rugged country east of Bredbo. It is used for club activities and members are welcome there for camping and enjoying the bush. Areas are set aside for basic bush camping. Some have firewood, but no other services – no water, no electricity, no phone, very limited mobile phone coverage.

Pets and the discharging of firearms are not permitted on the property.

Visitors should assume that they are solely responsible for their own well-being and be conscious of the risks of fire, snakebite, etc. In an emergency, neighbours Mr Richie Southwell and his sons, can usually be contacted using UHF ch 18.

Members are urged to inform the Property Coordinator or President of their plans to visit Talooge as from time to time the club allows use by other organisations. Your visit may also coincide with maintenance activities that may pose health hazards (for example, aerial weed spraying). You can then be informed if there are any issues to be aware or confirm combinations for locks to the property including our clubhouse.

Code of Ethics

These are the rules of conduct that we should all observe when using our vehicles in the bush. We should all take them to heart. Image is a difficult thing to change!!

1. Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
2. Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
3. Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
4. Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
5. Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
6. Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
7. Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
8. Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
9. Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent, in radio contact.
10. Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
11. Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
12. Support four wheel driving as a responsible and legitimate family recreational activity.

Training

The Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club is devoted to providing the best driver training possible. The Driver Training Team provides a range of courses throughout the year. Students are assigned an instructor over the period of the course. The 1:1 instructor/student ratio ensures maximum transfer of skills and experience.

The current courses are:

Main Courses

Basic Driver Training,
Very Difficult Terrain, and
Advanced Recovery (for Grade 4 and 5)

Supplementary Courses

Water Crossing,
Sand Driving,
Practical Map Reading,
Navigation,
Route Planning,
GPS, and
Other specific training relating to Club activities such as camper trailers etc may also be introduced..

Training for Driver Training Instructors

Trainee Instructor,
Assistant Instructor,
Instructor, and
Chief Instructor

Visit the ST4WDC web page for full details which are expanded on in detail in the Driver Training Policy document located under the Training menu tab.

Partners are encouraged to undertake the Basic Driver Education course, and any of the other courses offered from time to time. Unfortunately couples cannot undertake the course at the same time as only one driver per vehicle can be instructed during a training course. Training of a member's child is subject to approval by Club management and only when spare places are available. Couples may attend the Navigation, Map Reading & GPS courses.

A special offer to travelers - Sewing Machine - medium/heavy duty - available for short term loan.

I have custody of a medium duty Singer sewing machine that is ideal for all those small canvas repair jobs or to create new tent peg bags, tool rolls, billy can bags, camp oven bags, etc. How far does your creative imagination go? The machine will handle up to three layers of medium weight canvas and uses very strong upholstery weight nylon thread that is great for reasonably heavy jobs.

Don 02 6161 1880 or 0408 649 732

Taylor Torque

Greg Taylor



The doonas are well and truly out and the heating system is getting a bit of a work out. Camping is chillier and the fires are not just for cooking any more. Vickie and I had a great trip last month and visited many of the places we mentioned in May ST. The one we didn't get to was the Warrumbungles – so will have to go again!! Although I think Coolah Tops is in the Warrumbungle Region... On one of our trips west I was given some sage advice by a seasoned traveler – don't try and do it all at once you have to save some for next time!

Dunns Swamp was truly great with its magnificent sandstone formations, trees and lagoon/waterway. The only detraction was the bollards, steel cables and fees – not my style of campground I prefer to go further away from this sort of regimented thing when we can. A bit of wet weather but it didn't last long. Coolah Tops was great and certainly needs another look during the summer months as we camped next to a great little creek called Cox's Creek and there were two other camp grounds in the park – the Barracks and the Pines. Coming home over the Barrington Tops was majestic but also damn freezing. The wind was howling at 1500 metres and the shorts and t-shirt did not cut it. Definitely, a warmer weather visit for here.

All told, I was lucky to spend most of the last month on trips and camping. While I am writing it is getting close to the seven days away in the Victorian High Country. I am co-piloting the 'Wolf-wagon' with Frank. Should be a great trip with a few stories to tell I bet.

Last month we tried to contact members who are Nissan owners to let them know of an opportunity offered by Nissan – to be part of the re-enactment of Reg Sprigg's historic crossing of the Simpson Desert fifty years ago in a G 60 Nissan Patrol. If you missed out on this email me and I will send it on to you. Doc Baldwin told me he was one of the ones that missed the message so maybe there are others too.

At last month's meeting I talked a bit about what are the issues affecting members that perhaps we can pursue as a club. The topic I used as an example was the potential issue of dirty fuel. Have you had any issues being stuck due to contaminated fuel?

If so, please let me know as I am doing a bit of a poll to find out how big an issue it is for us in this region. Diesel is often talked about but what about petrol? If fuel has been a problem please email me briefly what happened, how it was resolved and what is believed to be the cause of the issue.

Also at our meeting it was mentioned that you can get adapters to fit your filler that will stop a petrol bowser nozzle from going into a diesel filler. Jeanette Flanagan mentioned to me after the meeting that they had seen issues with these adapters when trying to fill your tank from tipping in a jerry can. The adapter interfered with the jerry can nozzle and was not easily removed to facilitate tipping in the jerry contents so beware. This could be an unforeseen issue in the middle of nowhere that you do not need! I am sure there are solutions for this but you need to know there may be an issue to start with.

For some eighteen months or more I have been hearing or reading bits about the Arthur-Pieman Conservation area including the Tarkine in Tasmania. There is a push by people to close this area of bush land and tracks to vehicles (other than authorised vehicles of course). A member Michael also mentioned this to me at our meeting suggesting it as a topic to make others aware. I have not been to this area but would appreciate the opportunity to go there one day as I have read a bit about it in researching Tassie generally.

I hear stories in our club about locations closer to home, such as, the Goobarragandra (near Talbingo), that are now behind closed gates called 'wilderness'. These areas are no longer accessible by either us or the general public with the exception being able bodied walkers. It makes me question whether as Australians we are equally entitled to access the Australian bush – such exclusiveness is discrimination to me. I am not sure what I or we can do to sway any lock it up approaches in Tasmania but writing to politicians and letting them know that we expect ongoing access to our heritage bush land would certainly help.

I regularly look at lots of maps and tracks for potential club trips only to find gates at one end or the other blocking our access. This is not on private land – this is public land! Many people are simply unable to walk the distances now required beyond the gates to enjoy these bush land areas.

Taylor Torque

Greg Taylor



Similarly, many other users are denied access such as horse riders, motor cycle riders and even bicycle riders in some situations. Many of us practice car based camping so need to camp beside our vehicles too.

I do worry that the only accessible four wheel driving one day will be on private property such as Talooge. It makes me value our property that much more but I hope I never see that day. We need to individually and collectively question the activities of small groups who pursue an agenda to lock others out of large tracts of land in our country. For now, luckily we are not far from the Victorian border where authorities seem to have the right balance and welcome us to visit. But we should protest these restrictions to enjoying our bush heritage long and loud!

I will be talking to our Association on these access matters. As many heard from Peter Fenwick (President, 4WD NSW and ACT) during the meeting, there are also some access issues with State Forests that the Association has been resolving on our behalf. I expect to publish details of this in the next month or so.

It seems everyone but us are now readying to head off on winter trips to the Centre, the west and the north. Several of the committee will be away over the next few months and I know of some other member's trips that are organised for destinations warmer than the Southern Tablelands in winter. Travel safely and send the odd gloating post card or photo for us to share at the meetings and be envious.



Greg.

Editors Bit

In the May 2012 edition there was an error on my part where I published an editorial on page 38 called Trip Coordinators Rave. This should never have been published, as it was an old editorial from some years ago. This editorial referred to Chris Nicholls as the Trip Coordinator, this is not so Richard Brand is the Trip Coordinator.

OOPS on my part.

Thanks to the efforts of Rob Dobson, Lennox Motors have purchased a full colour page advertisement for Southern Trails. The result of this, forced me to add four extra colour pages. This is great except, what do I fill the unused pages with?

Colour photos of course!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

I am desperately in need of high definition colour photos for these new pages. Please burn your photos to disk and either mail them to GPO Box 2122 Canberra ACT 2601 or give the disk to the President at the general meeting. The club will supply the disks if required.

When you create these disks, you do not have to label each photo, just the directory they are in. ie Brindies June 2012

When you are participating in a trip and the Trip Leader is asking for a volunteer for the written trip report, please think of the Editor of this magazine who every month is desperately looking for articles to publish. Southern Trails is your magazine but it will only survive if club members are willing to make contributions. Contribution can come in many forms.

- Trip reports
- Write ups on our vehicles
- Creative ideas
- Recipes
- Cooking tips
- A trip you took outside the club
- Your profile
- Your pets

In this edition I have added a write up of my second truck the Suzuki. This is an example of the many diverse items we are happy to publish.

Michael



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Trips and Events



7 - 8 Jul

Christmas in July, Laurel Hill, Tumbarumba

2012-046

Trip Leader: Marj Jones
Email: marjorie.jones@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 0427 284 236 (m)
Limit: unlimited
Grade: 1
Start: 9:00 AM
Meeting Place: Uriarra Homestead
Fuel: full tank at start
Requirements: Cost \$76 per person paid by 30 June, BYO sheets, blankets, pillows, towels and personal items, BYO alcohol / drinks (tea and coffee are provided)
Description: This trip continues the tradition of Christmas in July at Laurel Hill Forest Lodge, Tumbarumba. After meeting at the very respectable time of 9am at Uriarra homestead we will travel via the back roads over the Brindabellas for lunch in Tumut and then on to Laurel Hill in time for afternoon tea.
Accommodation is in the lodge style cabins that have been converted from the low-security gaol / forestry camp. Each lodge accommodates 8 to 12 people on a twin share basis in separate bunk-rooms. The lodges have a common area with a heater, fridge, chairs and tables and a sink.
The weekend is well catered with afternoon tea of homemade biscuits and cakes on arrival, a three course Christmas dinner on Saturday night and full breakfast comprising bacon and eggs, cereal, fruit, toast and homemade Jams on Sunday morning. After breakfast we pack up and head off again via the back roads on a different route for the drive home.
Comments: special dietary requirements and times for meals can be catered for – please notify the trip leader of these by 30th June 2012

11 - 12 Aug

Cold at Bendethera Caves

2012-035

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick
Email: michael.patrick2@bigpond.com
Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)
Limit: unlimited
Grade: 3
Start: 8:30 AM
Meeting Place: McDonalds Car Park Queanbeyan
Fuel: Full tank
Requirements: reliable well maintained vehicle, good tyres, basic recovery gear, cooking gear, water, radiator blind for water crossings
Description: This will be a cold trip, temperatures will drop into the low minus so rug up warm and bring a good sleeping bag. Bendethera valley is great in winter, crisp and dry. The plan is to travel via Araluen and have morning tea at Dry Creek. From here will travel via Merricumbene fire trail. This track can be quite rutted and tricky in certain sections. There will be three water crossings that can be quite deep. We will depart Sunday midday and head out via Dampier fire trail and other tracks leading to Krawarree road. Parties may split up here to head to North Canberra. The rest will travel Snowball Road into Tallanganda National Park and eventually reach Michelago
Comments: Can possibly encounter snow in Tallanganda National Park

ABOUT TRIPS

TRIP GRADING

For trips in the club's calendar a grading system of levels 1 to 5 is used to assist members in deciding which trips they would most enjoy and which grade suits the driver's level of skill and experience. This system of grading is a guide only. The grade assigned to a trip may change due to weather conditions, and the trip leader should be consulted in such circumstances. The trip leader has the right to deny a request from a driver who is considered not to have the necessary level of skill in 4W driving, or whose vehicle is deemed inadequate.

- *GRADE 1:** very easy with little, if any 4w driving involved; will usually consist of a scenic tour or a trip to camp. No 4WD skills are needed.
- *GRADE 2:** a relatively moderate 4WD trip with winching and/or towing unlikely. Moderate level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of Basic Driver Education Course.
- *GRADE 3:** a medium 4WD trip which requires cautious driving; winching should not be required. Good level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of Basic Driver Education Course.
- *GRADE 4:** a moderately difficult 4WD trip with some winching and/or towing almost a certainty. High level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of both the Basic and Advanced Driver Education Courses.
- *GRADE 5:** an extremely difficult 4WD trip. Participants must be experienced at traveling over difficult terrain. Winching and/or towing will definitely be required and participants must have all their own recovery equipment. Skill levels the same as Grade 4.

DRIVER EXPERIENCE

Conditions on some trips at Grade 3 and above may prove too difficult for inexperienced drivers. Please advise the trip leader of the level of skill, and vehicle equipment when signing up for such a trip. Members must have attended the 'Safe-One' Basic Vehicle Operation Course before driving on a Club trip above the Grade 1 level, unless they have satisfied the Club's Education Coordinator that they have the necessary experience.

TRIP PLANNING

If you are planning a Trip or Social Event for the Club contact the Club Trips Co-ordinator, preferably at least two months in advance of your chosen dates. This will allow time to give your event a 'good plug' in the Southern Trails, and it helps to avoid clashes with other people's plans. However, if a good event opportunity comes up at short notice our rules are sufficiently flexible to enable a quick approval. Club policy requires that a Club event shall be publicised in the Club magazine, or at a General Meeting of the Club, or on the Club's website in order for it to be considered a formal Club event and so be covered for the purposes of insurance, subsidies and so forth.

For a trip using tracks that are not public roads it is Club policy to confirm with the appropriate authorities that access is permitted on the chosen dates. This includes National Parks, State Forests as well as private property.

UHF RADIOS

The Club strongly recommends that a UHF radio be carried to facilitate convoy procedures. UHF channel 14 is used as the standard channel for trips.

FIREARMS & PETS

Firearms are not permitted on club trips. Pets are not allowed in National Parks, otherwise refer to Trip leader.

Trips and Events



8 Sep **New members picnic**

2012-043

Trip Leader: Robert Tiele
Email: robert.tiele@cit.edu.au
Phone: 0406 377 527 (m)
Limit: 10 vehicles
Grade: 1
Start: 8:00 AM
Meeting Place: Queanbeyan Red Rooster car park
Fuel: Full tank at Queanbeyan
Maps: Hema Australia
Requirements: Vehicle in good working order and registered, UHF radio (handhelds are OK). The Club will provide a barbeque but bring your own salads and drinks, plus morning and afternoon tea
Description: An easy drive on good dirt roads through Forbes Creek and Majors Creek visiting the Big Hole then back home via Braidwood and Mayfield. The trip is designed for new members who have not done the basic driver training, but existing members are encouraged to participate.
Comments: A great day out to meet new members.

8 - 9 Sep **Explore The Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park**

2012-036

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick
Email: michael.patrick2@bigpond.com
Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)
Limit: 10 vehicles
Grade: 2
Start: 8:30 AM
Meeting Place: Federal Highway, Eagle Hawk car park
Fuel: Full Tank
Maps: Taralga, Fullerton, Zone55 MGA OZF
Requirements: UHF Radio, Good Tyres, Vehicle in good condition
Description: Abercrombie River National Park is located 60km North of Goulburn. The park preserves the largest remaining intact patch of low open forest in the south-west central tablelands area. Casuarinas stand beside deep waterholes on the park's three main waterways. We will transit to the park via Goulburn/Abercrombie road and enter the park via Felled Timber road and Brass Walls fire trail.
Once inside the park we will travel the various tracks Saturday afternoon and either camp at Silent Creek or at Bummaroo Ford. On Sunday we will re-drive the tracks and lunch at one of the river sites. After lunch we will have a leisurely drive back to Canberra.
Comments: This is a easy trip with only a couple of sections that will require definitive picking of the line. This is an excellent bedding in for new members. Bring food, water and happy hour supplies.

Trips and Events



12 Sep

Information Night, Sand and Water course

2012-059

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds

Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)

Limit: 25 people

Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting Place: Weston Club

Description: This is a compulsory once only pre-meeting to give all members that are booked in all the information required to get your vehicle prepared in advance for this challenging course.

There will not be any other opportunity to get this information so please don't miss it. We will confirm your place and organise convoys on the night.

Please bring pen and note pad as we will have DVDs to look at and lots of information for you. NO need to confirm. Just turn up OR send someone to fill in for you.

14 - 16 Sep

"Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park

2012-016

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds

Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)

Limit: 20 people

Start: 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Bredbo Service Station

Description: This is the Club's official and accredited basic driver education course.

Comments: You must phone Peter to book this event

15 Sep

South Coast Forests Loop

2012-025

Trip Leader: Dan O'Hara

Email: ohara5@homemail.com.au

Phone: 02 6231 3872 (h); 0406 375 677 (m)

Limit: 10 vehicles

Grade: 3

Start: 8:30 AM

Meeting Place: Bredbo, Jerangle Road, 100-m off the Monaro Hwy

Fuel: Bredbo and Cooma. The estimated round trip distance is approx. 400kms.

Maps: The South Coast Forest Map

Requirements: Basic driver training, recovery gear, good tyres, UHF CB radio, well-maintained and reliable vehicle, food and water for the day.

Trips and Events



- Description: The basic route will be Bredbo, Jerangle Rd., Peakview, Badja F/T, Belowra Valley, Wandello Rd., Peak Alone and Brassknocker F/Ts, Wadbilliga Rd, Two Rivers Plain, Cooma and Monaro Highway. Return ETA 6.00pm.
- Comments: This will be largely the same as Ian Goodacre's trip in April 2010. Some variation from the route may occur. Fire trails may be overgrown and if rain occurs in the days before hand fire trails may become more difficult. Wadbilliga River crossings are normally shallow. Tuross River crossing to be made as well.

23 Sep **“Safe One” Basic Driver Training Course Follow-up Day** 2012-017

- Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
- Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
- Limit: 20 people
- Start: 8:00 AM
- Description: This is day three of the basic driver education course and MUST be attended before participating on any Club trips where the proposed route is expected to be at Grade 2 or above

28 Sep - 1 Oct **9th Australian 4WD Gathering 2012** 2012-011

- Trip Leader: John Turbill
- Email: webmaster@st4wdc.org
- Phone: 0418 568 358 (m)
- Limit: unlimited
- Start: 12:00 AM
- Meeting Place: Gawler Ranges SA, Mt Ive Station
- Description: The 9th Australian 4WD Gathering 2012 brings together four-wheel drivers from across the nation to participate in four-wheel driving, the opportunity to meet new 4WD friends and enjoy a brilliant long weekend in South Australia's stunning Gawler Ranges. The National 4WD gathering includes some meals, 4WD tours, demonstrations, guest speakers, workshops, bush dance, happy hours and much more... Whether you are in a 4WD Club, prefer to travel alone or with friends, you are invited to be part of this memorable 4WD Gathering event

Are you selling or disposing of your vehicle? If so, please remember to remove your ST4WDC sticker if the buyer is not a member of our club.

Trips and Events



6 - 8 Oct

Rutherglen Winery Trip

2012-060

Trip Leader: Ian Brown
Email: ibr05930@bigpond.net.au
Phone: 02 6241 9468 (h); 02 6141 2754 (w); 0412 148 096 (m)
Limit: 6 vehicles
Grade: 1
Start: 8:00 AM
Meeting Place: Stromlo Forest Park
Fuel: full tank at start
Requirements: Well maintained vehicle, good tyres, UHF radio. Don't forget happy hour supplies and to sample wine responsibly
Description: Meet at Stromlo Forrest Park (bike park entry) at 8am on Saturday morning. Drive through Wee Jasper and on to Tumut. Follow back road through Wondalga and Rosewood to Holbrook then Culcairn aiming for Walla Walla, then Burrumbutick, Brocklesby, Balldale to Corowa. Stay at the BallPark Caravan Park, Bridge Road, Corowa. Happy hour
Sunday visit two small wineries, starting with Scion winery in Rutherglen and then on to and Valhalla winery near Wahgunyah for wine tasting with the wine makers. Enjoy wood fired pizza for lunch at Valhalla (small cost for pizza - but well worth it). An opportunity to find out about Valhalla's environmentally sustainable approach to wine making.
There are many other wineries in the area to fill the afternoon followed by happy hour to compare tasting notes.
On Monday travel home via Albury, Hume Weir, cross the Murray River on the Wymah Ferry (2 car ferry), through to Jingelic and on to Welaregang and Tooma and then to Cabramurra. From Cabramurra through Kiandra to Adaminaby and then the Boboyan Road back to Canberra.

6 - 8 Oct

Mystery Bay Tuross R and Wadbilliga

2012-027

Trip Leader: Dan O'Hara
Email: ohara5@homemail.com.au
Phone: 02 6231 3872 (h); 0406 375 677 (m)
Limit: 20 vehicles
Grade: 2
Start: 8:30 AM
Meeting Place: Williamsdale
Fuel: Full tank at start. Fuel is available at Cobargo and along the coast, Bodalla, Cooma.
Maps: South Coast Forests, Zone 55 or Bega 1:250,000 topo. And for those with these Vector maps - OzTopo 3.0 or Shonky of course.
Requirements: Your camping equipment / trailer. Happy hour supplies. Food etc. Recovery gear, UHF radio. Vehicle and tyres in good nick. Basic Driver Training.

Trips and Events



Description: Mystery Bay is one of the most beautiful spots on the South Coast, just a few kilometres from Narooma. We stay in the Primitive Camping Ground for a daily charge (to be confirmed). The camp area is huge, shaded by trees and close to beaches and fishing spots. A nearby lagoon is ideal for canoes. There are long drops and cold showers. The trip is suitable for off-road camping trailers.

Outbound we travel via Numeralla through Wadbilliga and Yowrie Roads to Cobargo then travel to the Primitive Camping Ground at Mystery Bay. We will stay there for two nights doing as you like. Home bound we travel through Bodalla, Nerrigundah, Comans Mine and along the Tuross River back to Numeralla. There will be water crossings but they should be fairly shallow.

If you forget happy hour supplies, Narooma is just a few minutes away.

Comments: Fees apply. We are going on the ACT Family and Community long weekend (off peak \$15 per site per night) rather than the Labour Day weekend. However, it may still be peak rates (\$25 per site per night). The "name for this campground is "Mystery Bay Camp Ground"; <http://www.mysterybaycampground.com/index.html>

20 - 21 Oct Bush Skills Weekend at Talooge

2012-054

Trip Leader: Rosemary Orr

Email: ROrr@moray.com.au

Phone: 0414 568 358 (m)

Limit: unlimited

Grade: 1

Start: 8:30 AM

Meeting Place: Williamsdale

Fuel: Full tank

Description: Our Club members have an amazing range of skills they can impart! These range from bush welding using car batteries, through preserving food for long trips, damper cooking using camp ovens, to extracting survival water from vegetation, plus fixing tyres and navigating with and without GPS and lots more. We need attendees and especially contributors.

Comments: Help wanted! This event takes a lot of preparation and will be cancelled if we have fewer than 30 web enrolments by the start of October

27 - 28 Oct River Crossing and Sand Driving

2012-022

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds

Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)

Limit: 20 vehicles

Start: 8:00 AM

Description: This is the Club's annual training course covering river crossings and sand driving. You must phone Peter to book this event.

Trips and Events



9 - 11 Nov "Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park

2012-018

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit: 20 people
Start: 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Bredbo Service Station
Description: This is the Club's official and accredited basic driver education course.
Comments: You must phone Peter to book this event

18 Nov "Safe One" Basic Driver Training Course Follow-up Day

2012-019

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit: 20 people
Start: 8:00 AM
Description: This is day three of the basic driver education course and MUST be attended before participating on any Club trips where the proposed route is expected to be at Grade 2 or above

24 - 25 Nov Christmas Party at Talooge Park

2012-050

Trip Leader: The Committee
Email: aroundtownplumbing@grapevine.com.au
Phone: 02 6161 8846 (h)
Limit: unlimited
Start: 8:30 AM
Meeting Place: Williamsdale
Description: This is our club's 2012 Christmas party at our property Talooge Park. Put it in your calendar now!
There will be lots of activities and fun for kids and the bigger kids too. A monster raffle is being organised to be drawn at the party as well as the riotous Adult gift giving / stealing game - the Gift Grab. We are planning a return of the famous Funkhana on Sunday to test driving skills, patience, trust and communication.
Further details coming soon - but get it in or on your calendar!

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Trips and Events



9 Dec

Winching and Recovery Exercise

2012-021

Trip Leader:	Peter Reynolds
Phone:	02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit:	12 people
Start:	8:30 AM
Meeting Place:	Casuarina Sands
Requirements:	Basic driver training, vehicle with electric winch or hand winch, full recovery kit
Description:	Winches are great if they are working and you know how to use them. This training day will help on both counts.
Comments:	You must phone Peter to book this event

How Children Perceive their Grand Parents

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...

2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."



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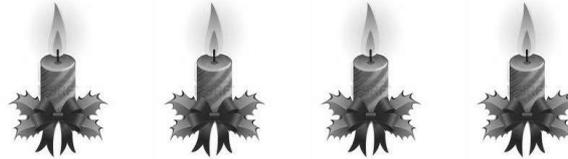
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The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Party at Talooge.

Date 24th November 2012

There will be lucky door prizes to those that attend the Christmas Party.

Bring along your money to the Monthly meeting and buy some tickets to be in for a chance to win some cash.



Wanted

High quality Photos of Club Trips

The editor is currently creating a picture library of club trips. Can any club member please burn their high quality photos onto disk and either mail them to the club PO box or drop them off at the club meeting.

This is not just for the past but any club trips in future

Michael Patrick Editor

NEW MEMBERS PICNIC

21 April 2012

Ashley Byrne



The new member's picnic was designed for all new comers to the Club to get out on an easy grade one trail to meet other Club members and learn a little about the Club and of course four wheel driving. The trip was initially organised by Ian Goodacre; however, due to a last minute problem Ian could not attend and David Whight was our substitute trip leader.

All up there were 15 people who attended the trip. This included our trip leader David who was driving Ian's Hilux as it was already set for the trip, including the all-important barbecue, table and sausages! Other experienced members included Garry and Pauline Lymbery in their Kia Sportage with grandchildren Isabel and Adelle, their son-in-law Matt Gaul driving a Navara volunteered for 'tail-end-Charlie' and also brought along a few of his friends Ryan, Susie and John. The Club's new members included Neil and Glenda Lynch driving a Prado, Ashley Byrne and his son Liam in a Colorado, Jake Vanderstok in a Hilux and Stephen O'Connor driving another Navara.

The trip began fairly early Saturday morning at Williamsdale. We followed the Monaro Highway down as far as Bredbo where we turned off and followed the Jerangle road to our morning tea stop at Numeralla. The driving conditions on this leg were excellent with varied weather conditions ranging from bright sun shine to low level cloud and mist that added an eerie but beautiful atmosphere to journey. This was a great opportunity to begin to mingle and meet some of the new members in the Club.

There were a few interesting comments when our leader David broke out the map on the tail gate of the Hilux. We began to wonder if this might be a longer journey than we had planned. However, these concerns were later proven to be unfounded.

After a well-earned biscuit and coffee we headed off again towards our main destination Tuross Cascades. We entered the Badja State Forest and once again we found the road conditions were very good. We were getting used to the convoy procedures now, especially the UHF radio calls, although some calls were a little garbled and required interpretation. After one hour we arrived at the Cascades car park to find the actual camp ground was closed due to fallen and dangerous trees. So we 'circled the wagons' and set up our portable barbecue in the centre of our vehicles. We enjoyed our Bunnings style lunch and walked the short distance to view the Cascades. Due to the recent rain the water was pounding over the rocks making a spectacular sight and sound!

Following lunch we departed the Cascades about 2 pm and headed towards Captains Flat via the Snowball Road. Along the way David pointed out sites such as the turn off to Bendethra as well as the odd Echidna. We arrived at Captain's Flat about 4 pm and stopped for afternoon tea. Following this the convoy split up and separately made our way home.

All up it was a long but excellent day out and certainly achieved the aim to welcome the Club's new members. Thank you to Ian for organising the event as well as David for leading and the other

A Melbourne Zoo had acquired a female of a very rare species of gorilla.

Within a few weeks, the gorilla became very cantankerous and difficult to handle.

Upon examination, the Zoo veterinarian determined the problem. The Gorilla was on heat.

To make matters worse, there were no male gorillas of the species available.

While reflecting on their problem, the Zoo management noticed Graham, a big Kiwi lad & former All Black, responsible for fixing the Zoo's machinery.

Graham, like most Kiwi males, seemed to be possessed with ample ability to satisfy a female, of any species. So the Zoo administrators thought they might have a solution.

Graham was approached with a proposition. Would he be willing to have sex with the gorilla for \$500?

Graham showed some interest, but said he would have to think the matter over carefully.

The following day, Graham announced that he would accept their offer, but only under three conditions:

Fust, 'he said, I don't want to have to kuss er."

Secondly, you must niver niver tull anyone about thus."

The Zoo administration quickly agreed to these conditions, so they asked what his third condition was...

Wull, 'said Graham, 'Can you guve me another week to come up wuth the \$500?

Work at Talooge

19 – 21 March 2012

DonW



John Kjar Graeme Kruse Don Wiltshire

The first day at the block was a bit overcast with occasional drizzle patches. This meant there would be no weed spraying on that day, leaving us plenty of time to catch up on other chores.

There is nothing unusual to report on the wildlife front. As he headed home John saw two sows with several piglets racing across Rayners Fire Trail. We came across a few more red browed firetail finches during a ramble around the block. I suspect these have been attracted by the seeding of native grasses following such a great growing season. There were no signs of goats in the home paddock. They are probably finding good green pickings off in the hills where they feel safer from hunters.

Weed management

Due to the continued good rains in the Bredbo/Jerangle area the proposed aerial spraying of serrated tussock by Cooma Council has been deferred to April sometime. It seems they are having trouble surveying some of the target areas in the district due to the boggy ground. To give an indication of their problem, we recorded 160mm of rain at the driver training shed in the three weeks prior to our visit. Going by the signs of flooding at Strike A Light Creek, most of this came down as one heavy storm. Most of the usually dry gullies on the block are still trickling water.

Chemical shed plumbing

The final pieces were installed to complete the plumbing on the new bench behind the chemical shed. We tested it out over the next couple of days and it is truly a wonderful thing! As an added bonus the backpacks can now be thoroughly washed out after any spraying activity which will maintain them in more reliable condition. I am informed by people who have tested it that the work bench makes a nice place to sit in the shade with a beer at the end of the day. Well, as they say, everything should have more than one use.

Mowing

Graeme sharpened the blades on the mower and got stuck into mowing the upper paddock. As usual the place looked marvelous when he had finished.

The camping came up a treat. Graeme also bit the bullet recently and purchased a new motor mower for home. It means we now have a 'not quite new' Victa down at the block. He put it to good use trimming around the rocky areas where the larger mower has difficulty. Being an old Victa, I'm told there is a secret way to get it to start. That reminds me of why I went off Victas back in the 1980s. Anyway I am glad we have it as it will be another tool for block maintenance.

The big mower did it again! When Graeme had finished mowing he cleaned it off, hit the seeming dozens of grease nipples with a feed and checked the belts. One had stretched and become loose past the point of adjustment. It was decided to replace it with a used spare we had on hand. Not so easy! More seized bolts of unusual size were discovered. This will be another job for the next visit, after we get replacement bolts and maybe two new belts.

Track clearing

While Graeme was mowing, John and I went off on a track clearing trip around the block. In the course of an afternoon we travelled all the tracks and cleared half a dozen trees. Some required the use of the chainsaw while others could be dragged off the track with a bit of grunting. A couple of months ago a large tree came down right at the Rayners F/T entry gate to Talooge. We cut up this one and took the timber back to the driver training shed as winter fire wood for the heaters. The wood box is now overflowing.

Weed spraying

By the second day the rain had gone away so we were into the weed spraying. As planned from the previous trip we set out to define the edges of a large serrated tussock infestation in the vicinity of the broken dam. The area also has some good portions covered with desirable native tussock that we would like to preserve. In most cases the two types of tussock don't grow together. There tends to be one or the other. John and I set out to spray Roundup on the serrated tussock in the line where the two types merged. This is hoped to make it easy to define where the aerial spraying is needed. The line of dead serrated tussock should stand out clearly.

Graeme took to the sides of the Calabash gully with a light mixture of Taskforce which is the same chemical the aerial sprayers will be using.

Work at Talooge

19 – 21 March 2012

DonW



Graeme is trialing the impact of low concentration Taskforce on established tussock and on other plants growing in the same area. He hopes to come up with a formulation that suits our local environment in that it will eradicate serrated tussock over time but not have lasting impact on native vegetation.

After our romp through the wilds of the broken dam gully, Graeme, John and I spot sprayed the whole of Thurbon Flat and up through the camping area. In total we delivered over 160 litres of mixture during the two days. Not a bad effort.

On the third day Graeme woke up with a grudge against briar roses. We spent the morning with the tractor and a drag chain ripping the larger briar bushes from around the camping areas. This method of extraction won't work on smaller plants so there are still lots of those around. The bushes we removed were put on the woodpile in the depression near cooper gate and burned. The place looks a lot better with them gone.

Tree planting

Weeds in the tree seedling enclosures were sprayed during the last visit. With the weeds now out of the way, we can see the trees more clearly. Some are now well over a meter tall. It is amazing what good rainfall and protection from goats will do. Four red callistemon seedlings were planted in the enclosures to add to the development of the under-story level of trees.

Next Visit

More spot spraying of weeds.

Repair the mower.

Clean the gutters on the big shed.

Clean up dead timber around Lower Thurbon Flat
Put metal caps on the corner posts of the post and rail fence to reduce splitting due to moisture/drying cycles. (Still outstanding)

Property Report

Rob Tiele



Hi all

Well this is my first Talooge topic report.

The property is always open to be used by any club member any time of the year, all you need to do is let the president or myself know when you will be going out and returning, this is not for permission it is for your safety and for statistics. I will let you know the codes for the gate and the shed.

The tracks can all be driven if you have had the appropriate training; there are plenty of bushwalking areas as well. Talooge is there for your benefit.

In the last 2 months there have been about 50 visitors to Talooge, the bulk of which came out at the Relax at Talooge weekend. Graeme and Don ran a couple of small working bees doing weed spraying, firewood collecting and a bit of track clearing. I would like to also thank the other helpers.

There will be 2 working bees this year, one in August and one in October, so I will be looking for people to help out with general maintenance, track clearing and widening, fencing, gardening and firewood collecting.

Look forward to seeing you out there.

Rob



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Work at Talooge

11 – 13 April 2012

DonW



Greg Taylor
Dan O'Hara
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Don Wiltshire

We now have a bookcase in the clubhouse to hold the magazines and books that have accumulated there. Graeme and I have been scouring Lifeline and the op shops looking for old bird identification books. Feel free to borrow any of them while you are down at the block but please put them back when you have finished for others to use. There are also a couple of reference books on weeds, weed management and trees found in the SE of Australia. We hope to increase the collection on general interest topics as we find them. Donations of books relevant to the environment around the block and places we travel through would be very welcome.

Grass Mowing

As the slasher was already attached to the tractor, Graeme used this heavy duty beast to cut the grass on the river side below the camping area. Apart from a few lumps and bumps caused by our resident wombat population, this area comes up very well when the long grass is gone. The cleanup also exposed some piles of firewood that had been there for some time. We collected most of the timber and shared it between the camping area fire places and the upper and lower fire pits. There is still more wood down on the bank to be moved. Maybe next time...

As is our usual start to grass mowing, first we had to fix the mower. Bolts on the deck plate were replaced with the correct size high tensile items. We have not yet obtained the new drive belts so these will be replaced sometime before next spring. Once the mower was going again Graeme got stuck into the lower half of the home paddock.

With a bit of luck this should be the last mowing session of the season. Winter will put the brakes on most grass and weed growth.

Firewood

Some months ago part of a large tree came down at the intersection of Rayners Fire Trail and the home paddock turnoff.

It made an unsightly jumble of dead timber and branches sitting beside the track. Greg had brought his chainsaw and was keen to rip into something so we took to the jumble. He had just had some stitches taken out of his thumb so he was taking care to not injure it in any way while he cut and we loaded the wood. Some of the blocks were so heavy it took a couple of us to lift them into the trailer. Greg was being so careful about his thumb that he managed to wrench his shoulder while starting the chainsaw. A couple of weeks later he was still in pain. Just shows, this playing with chainsaws can be a dangerous business, even if you know what you are doing!

We also picked up a lot of dead timber that was scattered around the bottom of Thurbon Flat and interfering with mowing. This cleared a fairly large area that had not been mowed for a year or so.

Weed spraying

This work never ends. I can't wait for the aerial spraying to take place. Currently it is scheduled for some time in early May.

During this visit we completed a couple of days spot spraying in the home paddock. Winter will take out most of the annual weeds but will not have much of an impact on the serrated tussock. It continues to grow, if somewhat slowly. But this does mean it can be killed in winter so some spraying will continue when the conditions for the sprayers are OK. While the weeds may slow up, the humans doing the spraying totally give up when it is too cold.

Miscellaneous jobs

There is a little used track running from Rayners Fire Trail to the fence line on our western boundary. Some time ago some unknown person had cut the fence to access the neighbour's property. At the time Graeme and I fixed the break and now we regularly check the fence to make sure it has not been cut again. The track is narrow and there wasn't an easy way to turn a vehicle when you got to the fence. Well, we fixed that this time. We cleaned up some old fencing material and created a turning area at the fence line.

Talking about checking the boundaries, Greg and Dan made a quick visit up Strike A Light Fire Trail to check our 'front' gate.

“SAFE ONE” BASIC 4WD VEHICLE OPERATION COURSE

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To introduce new & old club members to vehicle equipment, daily maintenance, recovery techniques & equipment, and in particular teach them the skills necessary to safely operate their 4WD in a variety of terrains.

Meeting Time/Place:

Service Station in Bredbo (right hand side of highway) no later than **7.00pm** on the Friday evening preceding the course.

**The Club's Education Coordinator is Peter Reynolds,
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There is a large First Aid Kit at Talooge. Also a large gas BBQ

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS OR FIREARMS.

Work at Talooge

11 – 13 April 2012

DonW



There has been past evidence that unknown folks have been tampering with the locked gate and also made a rough track through the bush to bypass it. On this visit they found no evidence of any recent activity but they added more timber across the bypass as more of a deterrent.

On the last morning we went to the area that was burnt off last year and harvested a pile of timber from the smaller dead trees. These poles will be used over winter to create more tree guards around some of the trees still exposed to goat and deer attack. We find that being protected makes a massive difference to the way trees prosper.

The gutters of the machinery shed were cleaned out. There was some very good compost hiding up there. This is a job that needs to be done more often.

Next Visit

More spot spraying of weeds (maybe)

Put up more tree guards and adjust others

Put metal caps on the corner posts of the post and rail fence to reduce splitting due to moisture/drying cycles. (Still outstanding)

Anything else that comes up.

Presentation by Bob Moon Kosciuszko Huts Association (KHA)

John Kjar



Bob Moon is President of the Kosciuszko Huts Association (KHA) which was formed in 1971 by interested persons, bushwalkers and skiers including Paddy Pallin. Initially its aim was to protect huts in the Kosciuszko National Park which were aged and in need of conservation. The Association now works cooperatively with Park Services in the Namadgi and Brindabella Parks as well as Kosciuszko to retain and restore around 93 mountain huts.

The conservation of these huts has wide appeal and support within the Australian community. They provide a remarkable historical link with the families who built and used them, the activities carried out in these areas as well as the architecture, materials and construction. But they also provide a shelter and safe refuge for recreational users of these areas and help in reducing the environmental impacts of users. Importantly, huts are not locked and all hut users are expected to make way for any additional users – no-one is turned away under their 'hut code'.

To care for these huts, the KHA objectives include the establishment and maintenance of a hut caretaker system and to assist in their repair and reconstruction. Bob told us that there are 88 "caretakers", including the ACT Land Rover Club.

To care for these huts, the KHA objectives include the establishment and maintenance of a hut caretaker system and to assist in their repair and reconstruction. Bob told us that there are 88 "caretakers", including the ACT Land Rover Club. He said Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club used to be a caretaker. He noted one hut, Indgeegoodbee, 3km North of the Victorian border and near the Barry Way close to areas we frequently visit, was in need of a caretaker and invited the Club to consider our further participation in the program. The hut was nine metres by 4.5 metres, was in good condition, located in areas frequented by brumbies and close to the Australian Alpine Walking Trail. Further details are available from the KHA website, www.khuts.org. Bob noted our participation in the program could also enable us to access areas that are normally closed to vehicles.

Under the Adopt-a-hut program, the caretakers are responsible for inspecting the hut, determining the remedial work required and submitting a work plan to the KHA Regional Hut Maintenance Officer. KHA and the National Parks are responsible for approving the plans and providing funding with the caretaker providing the voluntary labour.

Thank you Bob for your presentation and invitation to consider participating in the caretaker system. And watch this magazine for further consideration of this challenge. If you have a view on our participation please make it known to the Committee asap.



Talooge Christmas Party

Come along and join us to celebrate Christmas at Talooge

Date 24th -25th November 2012

Pot luck Christmas dinner.

Desserts supplied by the club.

There will be Fun Activities for the adults and children.

Face painting, candy cane relay, whip cracking, Bush Poetry, Funkana and much more.

Lucky door prizes.

Big Cash Raffle to be drawn on the Saturday night.

Preferably enroll on the website or

Ph: Lynne on 0418 631 669 or

David on 0438 882 696

Tantangra Trout (Trip)

21 – 22 April 2012

Glen Torr



Glen Watts

Jane, Ellen & Brendan Watts
& Claire Walters

Rob and Daniel Azzato
and Warren and Grace Waldron

Edd and Patrick Russell
Chris and Julie Nicholls

Senerath Wijeratne

Glen and Christine Torr

Trip Leader

80 Series

GQ Patrol

GQ Patrol

Pathfinder

200 Series

Glen (Leader) had to modify this trip due to Port Phillip Fire Trail, Brokencart Fire Trail and the Brindabellas closed due to the water damage from rains earlier this year.

The group met just over the Tharwa Bridge and there was the usual pre-trip chat while everyone arrived. Accommodation was in the main camper trailers, which was interesting for us tent campers to learn about trailers.

We travelled to Adaminaby via Boboyan Road and had a morning tea stop in Adaminaby. Then we had an uneventful trip to Tantangra Dam. Before we reached the National Park, there was a stop to pick up a pre-cut stash of firewood (thanks to Glen (leader) and family who had made a previous trip to collect and hide the firewood).

On arrival, general set up activity occurred. There was enthusiasm to get lines into water, as we could see the trout jumping in the water. It was great to see the children having so much fun. Soon fish started to be caught, but most were released.

As the sun set, we gathered around the campfire for the usual nibbles. The sunset was spectacular in an already spectacular spot. Some previously caught and smoked trout was provided by Glen and Jane and was delicious. Talk and a wonderful view of the stars, and a great fire, made for a memorable evening. The children particularly enjoyed toasting marshmallows, and everyone enjoyed a taste of Glen's fire baked cake.

Next morning was a little threatening, with rain but fishing continued. Around 10:30, the rain became heavy and it was decided to pack at our leisure and lunch in Adaminaby.

The restaurant in the Snowgoose Hotel turned on a very pleasant lunch, which we lingered over. The provision of butchers paper tablecloths and crayons entertained young and old.



An informal debrief over lunch indicated a total of 17 trout caught as follows:

Sen	1 (but a beauty)
Brendan Watts	8
Ellen Watts	2
Ed	1
Glen Watts	2
Warren	1



If I have missed anyone, I apologise. The majority of the trout were returned to the Lake.

This trip was so much fun. Wonderful to see children enjoying themselves; wonderful to see fisher-people enjoying themselves; and, wonderful to see those who pursue other hobbies enjoying themselves.

Special thanks to Glen and Jane for making this special trip a reality.

The Suzuki and A Laptop

Michael Patrick



What has a Suzuki and a Laptop got in common, normally nothing but mine does.

Back in 2002 my youngest daughter Nessie bought a Suzuki Sierra (Zook) Soft Top 1995 model from a bloke in Sydney who loved surfing. Now you can't carry a surfboard in a Zook unless you want bits hanging out the back. So the surfer had a unique set of roof racks engineered for the Zook. *(By the way I have been stopped numerous times by Zook owners wanting to know where I got the roof racks from and I can't tell them because, I don't know.)*

So here is Nessie driving around Canberra in a Zook with 180 inch Woofers in the back going Thump! Thump! Thump! Which I thought was pretty cool and had this vision of my daughter going bush with her dad. No not to be! Her idea of roughing it was staying in a 5 Star Hotel with a cool Zook parked out the front. *(She can't be my daughter; I must talk to her mother about this)*

Time passes and Nessie is looking after her cute Zook **NOT!!!!!!!!!!** It has never been serviced, it had been egged which she never bothered to wash off and is now part of the duco. The inside of the vehicle was full of McDonalds wrappers, dried up chippies, milk shake containers, underwear and god knows what else. The only time she cleaned the inside was when she could not find the accelerator because of all the crap.

More time passes, Nessie decides she wants to go to University and requires a Laptop. Dear old dad had just bought a Laptop and gives it to her *(Gullible fathers who spoil daughters)*. Nessie is really appreciative, as daughters are when you give them something they want and asked me what I wanted for it. I told her the Zook when she was finished with it.

More time passes and Nessie does not want to go to Uni any more *(Female daughters???? Must be from her Mothers side)* and gets a full time job. Money coming in, Nessie buys a new vehicle and gives dad the Zook.

Dad now has the Zook and what a forlorn thing it was. *(No vehicle is Nessie proof)* The soft top had been shredded by vandals, it had permanent egged duco, the seats were shredded, the tyres were bald, the battery rolled around the engine bay, the gear box had noisy bearings, the transfer case had noisy bearings, the rear bumper was rusting, the back had rust on the floor, fuel cap missing rag stuffed in hole, no spare car key and inside the vehicle was McDonalds wrappers, dried up chippies, milk shake containers, underwear, bongs and god knows what else. *(Nessie is a little piggie)*

Day after day the Zook sat in the back yard looking very sad. Where do I start.

- Took soft top off and turned the Zook upside down to empty the crap.
- Hosed out the Zook
- Secure the battery
- Get spare keys
- Buy lockable fuel cap \$60
- Got new soft top. \$350
- Threw out rear seats
- Threw out 180 inch boom box
- Attacked rust in back where salt wet towels sat
- Sanded rear bumper to remove rust
- Painted rear bumper
- Replaced rear inside panels \$100
- Added 2nd battery. In the back \$500
- Added bull bar and winch \$1500
- Had suspension done \$700
- Snorkel \$600
- Two new seats \$200 (Not installed- don't know how)
- Added Simex Centipede tyres \$1250
- Removed ashtray and install UHF radio \$400
- 7 inch GPS \$200
- Rebuild gear box \$700
- Rebuild transfer case \$700
- Add larger battery box and battery to support winch \$300
- 2 X Rhino bars to roof rack \$300
- Wire basket \$170
- Build and install rear storage system \$800
- Awning \$200

The Suzuki and A Laptop

Michael Patrick



Still to go

- Diff breathers
- Replace the seats which I have got

It took 5 Years to carry all of the above and after tallying it all up I have spent \$9,030. I hope Tina does not read this.

So what have I done? I have over capitalised on the vehicle and will never recover that money if I ever want to sell it. But that is not the plan, I now have a great fun vehicle that I can take into the bush and not worry if I scratch it.

The Zook in the dirt is just as capable as any 4WD. (Have you noticed that above the 4 on a key board is the \$ symbol so some times when you type 4WD and mistype you get \$WD)

Down falls of the Zook

- She has very aggressive steering with Simex Centipede tyres
- The Tyres are very noisy
- Because of the noise of the Zook I have had to put the Stereo and radio speakers near my ear
- It is very hard to attain speeds of 100km
- You get covered in dust when driving
- You have to wipe the dash gauges, with a cloth to be able to read them
- You have to plan how to pack
- 44 Litre fuel tank
- Not a diesel
- No power
- 13.5 Litres per 100km on the black top

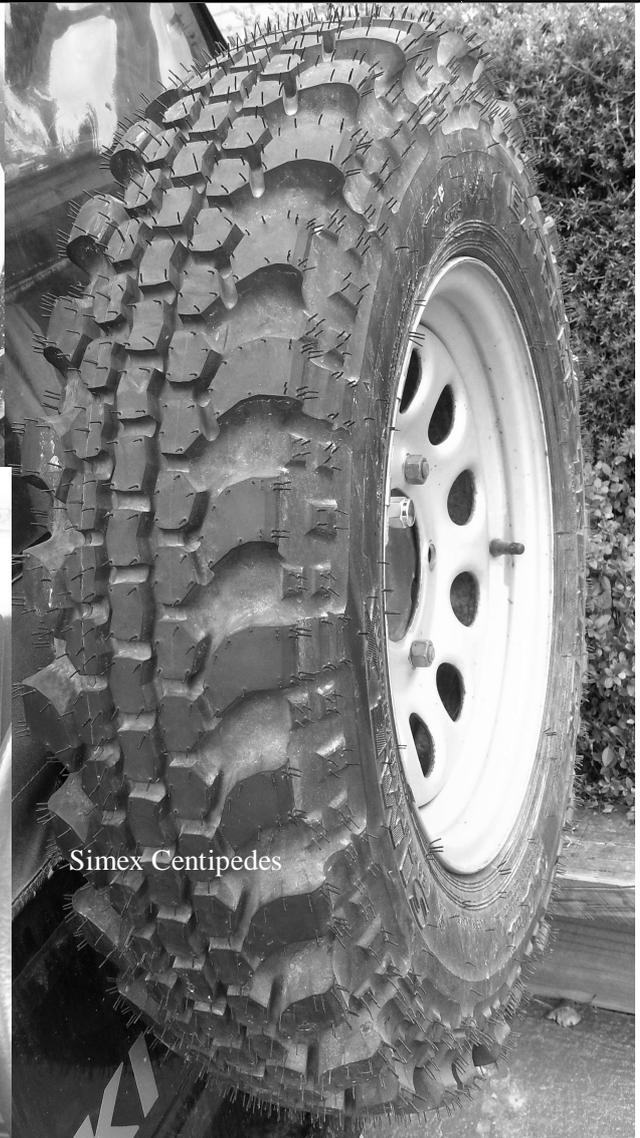


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Egg Mural



Simex Centipedes



The Suzuki and A Laptop

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Club Clothing

The Club clothing or a name badge can be ordered from Kathy Solomos at the monthly Meetings.
Payment for any item is expected when ordering.

Jackets:	\$75:00
Shirts:	\$37:50
Vests:	\$47:50
Caps:	\$15:00
Hats:	\$15:00
Beanies:	\$15:00
Name Badges:	\$12.00
Rugby Tops:	\$48:00

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*The next day, after an appetising breakfast, there will be a meandering
trip back through the Snowy region, perchance of some snow.*

WHAT you need to bring

*A great attitude and a sense of humour.
Morning tea/lunch for Saturday.*

Bedding/towel

Own drinks/nibbles

*An imaginative outfit suitable for a Christmas function for Saturday
Dinner.*

Please book on the Web, or contact Marj by email

*Cost will be \$76.00 per head, payable before 30th June either to Marj
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- 1 x Warn XD9000 Winch rebuilt Dec 2011.
- 1 x VDO exhaust gas temperature gauge kit. New and unused.
- 1 x steel roof basket (black) 1600 x 1200 x 170. (Note - has a rear cutout for long loads).
- 1 x Rhino bar (black), complete.

Wanted

2 x 20L plastic gerry cans (for petrol)
Mike 0427 553 410

For Sale

Cavalier Camper (no trailer – fits any 7x4)
Manuf. Adelaide, suits Australian conditions
Features heavy duty rip-stop canvas,
9 foot fold out annex with PVC floor,
This one has extra inside zip access feature,
Aluminium shell with ply floor to bed base,
Large Q bed with high density mattress,
Full length removable awning, with walls and fly screens makes add-on huge family area,
Been in storage 4 years, never been used.
Brand new condition, why buy new?
\$3,450 ono (I paid \$7,600 for it).
located Oxley (Tuggeranong)
Ph. John (02) 6216 1293, mob. 0407 514 012

For Sale

Hand winch Big Haul 1,600kg used once \$300
Folding boat trailer Real Ezy Nymboida excellent condition \$900
Rear boat loader Rhino Rack excellent condition \$950
Tyre deflator ARB \$25
Please call Rob Lejsek 0407037372

SECOND HAND TYRE SALE

3 X Cooper S/T 265/75/16 8ply
1x Cooper STT 265/75/16 10ply
Has been repaired but very good tread.
1 X BFG All Terrain 265/75/16 10 ply
1 X BFG All Terrain 235/85/16 10 ply
All Tyres \$50 each.
5X 15x7 White Spoke Rims - 6 stud Nissan or Toyota \$35 each.

Peter Reynolds 0428623458

For Sale

Sub tank – 45 L – from '96 80 series – Offers
Alloy Bull Bar – Non winch compatible – Offers
Pajero (2002 Model) – 3rd seat (as new)
OzTrail Dome tent “Villa”: 9-12 man. 4 rooms, 2 years old. Blue in colour. Has Fly and all ropes, poles and pegs – New \$750, today \$250
Self inflating Hiking Mat – about 2.5cm thick when open \$10
Self Inflating 4WD mat – 190x70x8cm – \$40
Home made Rear Shelving for 80 series. Provides a false floor about 25cm high and wraps around a lower false floor for the fridge (it had a 40+L Engel on it). Solid and light. Stainless angle for joints of this timber structure. All fixing points. Make an offer!

Simon Briggs 0433 511 960

For Sale

4 x Goodyear Wrangler Duratrac tyres
LT225/75R16
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Peter 0414 606 537

Wanted:

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SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB Inc

GPO Box 2122, Canberra ACT 2601

MEMBERSHIP

Categories of Membership

Full details of the categories of Membership of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. (ST4WDC) can be found in the Constitution of the club. The following is a summary of the key differences:

‘Owner Member’

Owner membership of the Club may be open to any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club, who is an owner or part owner (at least 10%) of a four wheel drive vehicle registered in Australia. The partner of an owner-member has all the privileges of an owner-member.

‘Associate Member’

Any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club may be eligible for associate membership and entitled to vote at any general meeting but shall not be entitled to a vote at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting. An associate member is not able to be a committee member of the club.

‘Competition Member’

Any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club but wishing to join the club for the principal purpose of participating in 4WD competition events may join as a ‘Competition Member’. A competition member is not entitled to a vote at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting, and is not able to be a committee member.

‘Family Member’

Family membership is extended free of charge to those persons who are the immediate family of an Owner Member or an Associate Member provided that they are under the age of 21 and are domiciled under the same roof. Family Members who have already completed the Basic Driver Training course are entitled to a 50% reduction in the Owner Member Joining Fee provided they become Owner Members before their 22nd birthday.

‘Life Member’

Life membership of the Club may be extended to any owner member who has been a member of the Club continuously for at least 10 years and has in the opinion of the Club Committee, contributed significantly to the endeavours of the club. Life members pay no annual membership fee.

Approval of Membership

Applications for membership of the ST4WDC are subject to approval by the club committee. The Club reserves the right to refuse a person membership. Reasons may be given at a meeting of the committee and the applicant.

Membership Entitlements

Membership of the ST4WDC entitles Owner Members (including Partners), and licensed Registered Family of Owner Members to attend the Club's training courses and to make use of the Clubs 700ha property Talooge Park. Participation as a driver on other than Grade 1 trips requires successful completion of the Basic Driver Training course, or recognised equivalent prior learning / qualification approved by the Club's Education Coordinator. Grades 4 and 5 trips also require advanced training. Details of Trip Grading can be found in **Southern Trails**, the Club magazine issued monthly (except January) to all Owner Members, Associate Members and Life Members.

Membership Fees

An initial joining fee and an annual membership fee are payable as follows:

Membership Category	Joining Fee	Annual Membership
Owner Member	\$230 (Note 1)	\$100 (Note 2)
Associate Member	Nil	\$50
Competition Member	Nil	\$50

1. Plus Annual Membership. A re-joining Member may be entitled to a reduced Joining Fee.
2. The Annual Membership Fee for new applications received after the July General Meeting is reduced to \$50.

The Club membership year extends from 1 January to 31 December.

To Join the ST4WDC

Please complete the New Member Application form on the reverse and forward together with your payment to:

**Membership Secretary, ST4WDC,
GPO Box 2122,
Canberra ACT 2601**

Payment can be made by Bank Transfer to: **Account Name:** ‘Southern Tablelands 4WD Club Inc’; **BSB:** 112-908; **Account No:** 040 037 027 (please include your name as a reference to identify the payment), or by Cheque or Money Order payable to the Account Name above.

You may also attend a monthly meeting (held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St. Deakin at 7:30PM) and hand the form with payment (cash acceptable) to the Membership Secretary. For additional information, contact the Membership Secretary by Email at Membership@ST4WDC.Org.



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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership requested (Tick): - Owner Member - Associate Member - Competition Member

Please complete the following. Completion of shaded boxes is essential, others are optional.

<i>Essential entries</i>	Member 1	Member 2 (Partner)		
Preferred first name, last name:				
Address:				
City/Suburb:		State:		Postcode:
Home Phone:				
Mobile Phones:				
Home Email:				
Work Phones:				
Work Email:				
<i>As a means of rapidly disseminating priority information, the Club occasionally makes use of Email to all members who have provided an Email address (which is hidden from other recipients), or SMS to all those who have provided a Mobile Phone number. You will receive these automatically unless you indicate otherwise. Default is shown in Bold Print.</i>				
Accept Club SMS:	Yes / No		Yes / No	
Send Club Email to:	Both / Home / Work / Neither		Both / Home / Work / Neither	
of the Email Addresses provided above.				
Employer:				
Occupation:				
Vehicle (Make & Model):				
Reg'n State Colour:				
Camper Trailer (If applicable)				
Registration No State:				
Please register these 'Family' Members ? Must be under 21 years, reside with Principal Member or Partner, and be Licensed or Learning to Drive. Please provide both Names and Dates of Birth .	Name(s):			Dates of Birth:
Are you a returning Member? Yes / No	If 'Yes' , what was your last Membership Year?			
How did you find out about the ST4WDC?				
Payment of fees (\$) made by (Please indicate): Bank Transfer / Cheque (enclosed) / Money Order (enclosed) / Cash				
Signature(s): Upon acceptance of this application, then for the duration of my Membership, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club Inc, as they apply from time to time.				
Signed:				Date:

Completed Form and payment should be submitted to the Membership Secretary at a monthly meeting, mailed to the above address, or scanned and Emailed to Membership@ST4WDC.Org.

Membership Secretary use only.		
Form & fees received:	Fees banked:	Application Accepted:
Joining Fee paid: \$.....	Total received: \$.....	Receipt Number:
Database updated:	Membership Card Issued:	Membership package despatched:
Other comments:		WEB access arranged:.....

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