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TRIP COMMITTEE: Brian Tuck, Paul Howden, Andrew Merlo.

Contactable on above address. For any enquiries on trips, conditions and potential trip leaders.

TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4WD. Tracks maybe difficult to negotiate — chains should be carried along with towing slings and anchor points: good winter tread pattern tyres are a must. Trip leader has the right to refuse a vehicle if above points are not met. Types of conditions likely to be met include: steep climbs and descents on all surfaces — rocky, muddy etc. mud & snow, deep river crossings and overgrown tracks.

Max. six vehicles.

'B' Grade: Virtually same conditions as 'A' Grade but track condition is more favourable. Good tyres are a must as well as necessary recovery gear.

Max 10 vehicles.

'C' Grade: Very limited use of 4WD. These trips include car rallies etc. Type of tyres does not matter and recovery gear not essential.

No maximum number of vehicles.

In all above cases vehicles should be in sound mechanical condition and carry the basic spare part requirements as listed in previous Newsletters.

The committee would like to express the fact that if in the opinion of the trip leader a vehicle is not suitable for a trip, then that vehicle may be refused permission to partake.

Newsletter Editor: A. Merlo (as above) all copy to be in by 2nd Tuesday of the month.

RADIO OFFICER GEOFF MANN (AS ABOVE)

Club has one radio for hire at \$1.00 per day, or free if you are leading a trip. All enquiries must go through the officer regarding purchases, licences etc.

**MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG
LIBRARY**

**CORRESPONDENCE
P.O. BOX 778,
DANDENONG**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER, 1981.

Hello Members.

Firstly I would like to thank Don for his entertaining films last meeting. Films are always popular with members but unfortunately it's always the same people that show them. Sure more members within the club have films of club trips, etc. to show members. The club would appreciate other members sharing their experiences and assisting with entertainment.

Secondly, attendance at meetings is becoming very poor for reasons unbeknown to us. If there is something in the club that someone does not agree with, let us hear about it. We will make every attempt to create harmony and interest within the club, afterall the committee represents the members and if the members do not voice an opinion, how is the committee to organize functions, and trips accordingly.

Thirdly, the clean-up of the Dandenongs was deeply appreciated by the shires concerned. I believe eight car bodies and assorted rubbish was removed from scenic spots throughout the Dandenongs. Voluntary work like clean-ups are excellent P.R. and shows the community that Four Wheel Drive clubs and Four Wheel Drivers are not all "YOBO'S" and perform a valuable service to the community.

If you are available on Sunday 13th September come along and lend a hand. The Association will be participating on the day as so many inconsiderate people dump their rubbish in the surrounding bush. I believe we will be meeting at Ryans Road where the previous clean-up was held.

Hope to see you there and at the next meeting.

The Pres.

Tom.

THINGS TO COME

CLUB ANNUAL BREAK-UP. Saturday 21st November.

Venue : Nero's Fiddle
Cost : \$ 17.50 per head (grog extra)
Time : Seated by 7.30p.m.
5 course meal with entertainment, maximum No. 50
Tickets now finalised.

SATURDAY 28th and 29th NOVEMBER.

Venue : Weekend trip to Noojee, staying in the pub
on Saturday night.
Cost : \$ 16.00 per head, \$ 20.00 tea, bed, breakfast.
Depart : Contact A. Bruce on 546 6024 if you wish to go
Grade : "B"

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER.

Venue : Club Christmas Picnic at Bim Bimby Wildlife Park
Site : Off Paternoster Road, Mount Burnett, Pakenham Upper.
Take Gembrook, Healesville Road off Princes Highway
travel north to Paternoster Road and turn left.

OR

From Emerald-Cockatoo into Paternoster Road.
Park is on the right hand side and sign posted
from Cockatoo. Melways Map No. 188

Cost : \$ 2.00 Adults, Kids free.
This covers Beef on Spit, Sausages, Drinks, Lollies,
etc. plus admission to Park.
B.Y.O. Grog, knives, forks and salad. etc.

*** MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT SANTA WILL BE PRESENT AND
HE WOULD LIKE THE KIDS PRESENTS PROPERLY WRAPPED AND
NAMED BY NOVEMBER MEETING IF POSSIBLE.

CHRISTMAS CLUB TRIP - 26th December - Approximately 1 week

Venue : Trip into Mitta-Mitta/Dartmouth area.
More details later.

T/Leader : A Bruce (546 6024)

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND - 1982.

Venue : Navigation Trial
Area : Walhalla, Donnelly's Creek
Grade : "A"
Organised by J. Lake, P. Rowe and T. Brackna.
Involving driving on the Saturday only.

NEXT MEETING 24th NOVEMBER.

Don has organised a Mr. John Smith from Dandenong C.F.A for a talk.

ITS AND BITS

John Lakes trip leading vehicle was his Jag and not the Hillman, ask him what happened to his battery.

Dons' films certainly showed a lot of the rear end of the Range Rover, must have been over enthusiastic.

Pauls' toast to the Bluff went well on film, when the beer rejected his body.

Members who complained about Paul always botting fuel (true) can now rest easy, he has since fitted 2 x 16 gallon tanks, all he wants now is someone to fill them for him.

All members who have a radio will soon be issued a card with all the mobiles listed.

Keith Brown has picked up a nickname "Cowboy" from the Police 4 x 4 Club.

The drawing of the A.G.M. raffle was held and the winners are as below :-

1. 35mm Minolta Camera	J. Mander	597
2. Sanyo Torch	G. Louden	286
3. Screwdriver set	T. Hincks	265

Tom witnessed a 1H.P. Nissan Ute on a recent trip to Walhalla, an old Ute body being drawn by horse.

While in the area, on Caulfield Cup day (hot in Melbourne) Paul encounters one foot of snow at the Binns Road, Donnelly Creek turnoff.

Sad to say that the Wonnangatta Valley has been shut to all vehicular traffic until November, 1981.

Anyone wishing to see a clean Fraser Island should do so now as the amount of rubbish left around is appalling. There is a serious movement to bann all vehicles from venturing past the dune area especially ELI CREEK.

SPARE PARTS

The following list is the suggested minimum that you should have, some vehicles with their own peculiarity should carry more.

HOSES: Radiator, Heater, By-pass.

FAN BELT

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All these things can be packed away in quite a small area, and can make the difference between a good trip and a bad time.

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