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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
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 1982

Hi There,

Well that's another year over and another new one to come. Its good to see a few more club members attending meetings.

We hope that people have enjoyed the past year and the survey we had members fill out last meeting should give the committee an insight into what club members want in future so things can be planned accordingly.

The night out at Nero's Fiddle seemed to be a success as all who attended had a good time. The food was good and the entertainment set everybody into a relaxing, friendly mood. Everybody had a good laugh as the performers Randius Flavious, Brutus Hairysarse and Titas Sharksarse provided the comedy.

The Christmas Picnic was on Sunday the 6th of December and a roast beef on a spit was provided along with bread rolls, sausages, lollies, icecreams, soft drinks, sweets and a raffle. Father Christmas arrived to present all the good children with their gifts. Everyone had a great time.

The Navigation Trial was surveyed on the 28th and 29th of November by John Lake, Peter Rowe, Vin Handley, Peter Pink and myself. Unfortunately Geoff Mann's "sooty" had differential problems so he had to stay home and sort out the problem. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend trying to find out where we were. Another surveying weekend will be required to complete the mapping.

Sorry but that's all I can say without giving away secrets. The Trial is on the Australia Day weekend 1982, so to the people who are coming, see you at Walhalla.

From the committee and myself thanks for the support over the year and may all members and their families and friends have a safe and happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

See you soon,

Tom

THINGS TO COME

CLUB MEETING — Tuesday 26th January.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND — January 30th and 31st February 1st

- Venue : Navigation Trial
- Area : Walhalla, maps required are Wellington, Glenmaggie, Matlock and Walhalla. All are to be of the "Planemetric Type" available from the Forest Commission or Duncan's Tyre Service.
- Departs : Walhalla — Wood's Point Rd. at the junction of Binns Rd. at 9.00 a.m. Saturday 30th January.
- Rules : Vehicles will leave at timed intervals — First there, 1st away, points lost for arriving at check points :
- too early
 - too late
 - from wrong direction
 - and incorrect mileage readings.

A panic envelope will be supplied and there will be two separate overnight stops.

- Fuel : No fuel available enroute so full tank + 40 litres ex-Walhalla. Same goes for usual camping requirements.
- Grade : Most "B" with some "C", approx. 4-5 hrs driving on the Saturday and Sunday.

"GOOD LUCK"

FEBRUARY 22nd — CLUB MEETING

FEBRUARY 26th-27th

- Venue : Annual Jeep Club Get-Together, at Happy Valley Farm, Narbethong.
- Cost : \$7.00 per adult, children U-12 free, admission is by **ticket only** and all fees are to be paid by the January Meeting (final numbers already taken).

MARCH 27th-28th

Venue : Tentative date for "GIRLS TRIP" on the Rutherglen Red, more details see Thelma Montague.

MARCH 30th — CLUB MEETING

APRIL 9-10-11-12 EASTER

Venue : Tentative Trip into Little Desert
T/Leader : B. Tuck
Grade : C some B.

MAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

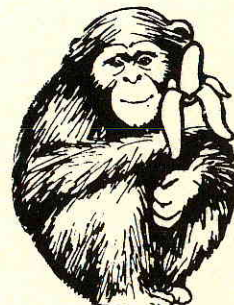
Venue : Terry Hincks is going to Fraser Island and is looking for some fellow travellers.

LAST MEETING

Peter Rowe gave us a report on the night at Nero's Fiddle which everyone agreed was a great success and Mr John Smith from Dandenong C.F.A. gave a lecture on fire fighting and safety in a fire. Tom reported on Landrover Field Day as said there were many interesting exhibits.

ITS & BITS

Main prize at Nero's (grog to value of \$55) was won by "GRUB" who then generously donated most of it back to the members. Ray West won second and Robyn M. third.



At the November meeting Steve Alder brought to the attention of the members the fact that the club had excess funds, due to this, a motion was put to the floor that \$500 be donated to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute. This was duly seconded and passed.

Seems the members involved in the Navigation Trial need a bit of schooling themselves taking many hours over dead-end tracks. Wouldn't happen if Tucky was trip-leader (pun).

Last meeting Terry Hincks was seen with a Hi-Lux brochure in hand (including prices), then at the Christmas picnic, clamboured all over the LWB "sooties". Could be a sign of something to come or he'll probably win one in a raffle.

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