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The Nissan Patrol Club is a member of Four Wheel Drive SA Inc (FWDSA), which is a member of Four Wheel Drive Australia Pty Ltd (formerly the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council Inc (ANFWDC)).

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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Hi Folk
 I had a most relaxing time in Venus Bay and was surprised to arrive home to the absolutely wonderful autumn trees in my area—its never looked so good. Now, after a few days of cold and rain I'm complaining already but will have to bravely face winter this year. Planning for the Peake Come and Try weekend is well under way and it will hopefully attract some new members.
 This magazine has been enjoyable to put together. I like the diversity of activities that the club offers. Social, holidays, excursions, working bees and some extreme driving like the recent Otways trip. It looks like a lot of fun was had by all. Don't miss the trip reports .
 Cheers, Anne

30 YEARS AGO-1987

EAST IS EAST ...AND...WEST IS WEST...BUT...LEFT IS RIGHT???

Five vehicles from our club were recently led on a memorable journey through the Northern Flinders Ranges high country, along well-worn and at times poorly defined tracks. In spite of what the title might suggest, our confidence in our leader grew as we ventured further into the wilderness, although at one stage we someone suggested that he use the terms driver's side and passenger side when pointing out landmarks along the way. The group assembled at the Orroroo caravan park on the Friday morning and later spent an interesting half day exploring the workings of the disused Prince Alfred copper mine. That afternoon we travelled the Moorallana Scenic Route and then through Brachina Gorge to camp at a favourite site in Aroona Valley. An enjoyable evening was had around the camp fire, swapping stories of other camping trips and some interesting childhood adventures each of us had had.
 Saturday found us venturing through station country to the 'magical' Narina Creek. We had forty five kms of interesting four wheel driving and made camp just on nightfall. Sunday morning was a real highlight! The morning in the creek was a real highlight! The morning in the creek was brilliant. Some of us climbed further up to witness the changing light conditions that heralded the rising of the sun above the surrounding hills. Don and Norm set off in the search of the track that would lead us to Angepena Goldfields. Did they find it? No! Campbell and I did! It left the creek some fifty metres from where we had camped. Eventually Don and Norm returned to be told of their misdirection. We all enjoyed a good laugh about it after talking to some adventurers from the Landrover Owners' Club, set off for Ben Lomond and Angepena.
 The run down to Ben Lomond was the most hazardous part of the trip. Some of the slopes were covered with loose shale and much care was needed to transverse them. Thanks to some good advice from the experienced ones we all made it safely to our destination. We covered a further fifty interesting kms that day during which time we made minor repairs to some parts of the track, met some travellers in a Suzuki, attempted repairs to a malfunctioning transfer pump, took a wrong turn at Angepena... right instead of left...and finally camped in Angepena Creek.
 Unfortunately, Monday, and the homeward trip came around all too soon. We made it to Copley by lunchtime and headed south and home.
 To all participants: Kaye and Leith would like to say how much they enjoyed your company and their jaunt with the club. We both look forward to the next one.

Patrolling Magazine

Trip Reports, photos, and any items of interest are all welcome. Please forward to the Editor. Contact details on page 3.

THE DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE IS:- 20th JULY 2017

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FUTURE TRIP PLAN

Trip Name: Peake -
"COME and TRY"
Trip Leader: Andrew Jackson
Trip: 4Wdriving/sand-driving
Date: June 16-18
What to expect: Sand driving

Trip Name: Mt. Caernarvon
TripLeader: Andrew Jackson
Start Date: 1st September
End Date: 3rd September
What to expect: Sand 4WD

Trip Name: Family Picnic
Trip: Social
Date: November 26
What to expect: Father Christmas for children/games

Trip Name: Mid Year Lunch
Trip: Social
Date: Sunday, June 25th
 12.30pm
What to expect: enjoyment!
Location: Victoria Hotel, Strathalbyn

Trip Name: Deep Creek
Trip: Clean-up
Date: October 20th-22nd
What to expect: Exercise and Job satisfaction, social

Trip Name: Breakfast in the Park- Christmas
Trip: Social event
Date: December 17th

Trip Name: Peake
Trip: 4WDriving
Start Date: 11 August
End Date: 13 August
What to expect: Sand 4WD

Trip Name: Morgan
Trip: social/4wdriving
Date: 27-29 October
What to expect: TBA

Trip Leaders are required for Saunders Gorge, Jakem Farm and Murray mouth/ Goolwa trip

Trip Name: October fest-Whyalla
Start Date: 29th September
End date: 2nd October
What to expect: Social/4WD

Please see Andrew Jackson if you are interested. There is lots of help available

Trip Name: Theatre Night
Leader: Jeff Schapel
Trip: Social
Date: TBA



(Remember to complete your ICE form prior to commencing on your Trip.)

All participants must register their name and vehicle registration on the trip sheet, or advise the trip leader of their participation. Registration is required to comply with the Club's public liability insurance policy. Visitors are welcome to join most trips and social events; simply register your name on the sheet in the trip folder or see the Trips Officer. Visitors must also sign the Club "Warning" forms if participating on a trip.

All participants must confirm with the designated Trip Leader by the Confirmation Date that they still wish to attend the event or trip. Failure to do so will indicate to the Trip Leader that you do NOT wish to participate.

If at the last minute you are unable to join a trip for which you have registered, please make every endeavour to advise either the trip leader or someone else joining the trip. This will ensure the group is not held up waiting for a non-arrival.

The Presidents Points

May 2017



The year is flying by, June already- where has it gone.

This month we have a Come & Try Day at Peake the sand driving venue in the upper South East. This is an event aimed at attracting new members to the club by giving them an opportunity to experience Four Wheel Driving with experienced drivers present

By far the majority of four wheel drives never leave the bitumen, most drivers will never experience the thrill & challenges that we do.

If you know of someone you think would like to participate, please invite them to either contact the trips officer or come to the June general meeting. There are several requirements for their vehicle to be eligible but nothing too costly. Camping is available for a small cost or they can come for the day

Later this year the Bi-annual Octoberfest is being held at Willangi Bush Escapes near Peterborough, the club is involved by helping to cook breakfast & hosting a trip. The club has been approached to sell some raffle tickets to raise funds to offset the costs, prizes are Redarc gear amongst others. See Craig for a book if you want to help. I encourage all members to participate in the weekend, it is one of the premier Four Wheel Drive events on our calendar in South Australia

Cheers for now & safe driving
Wayne Dunn
NPC 389



9 to 5 Musical

The Nissan Patrol Club members and friends attended a social evening at the Arts Theatre to enjoy the production of "9 to 5" performed by the Metropolitan Musical Theatre Company of South Australia.

"9 to 5" is an hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Pushed to the boiling point by their boss, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss.

Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and our evening concluded with coffee and cake at Café Milano

Helen Richards NPC 364



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Otway Ranges Excursion

Thursday 13 April

Helen and Dave, Aileen and Rod left Adelaide on a beautiful sunny morning and enjoyed a leisurely drive up the SE Freeway and the Dukes Highway before stopping at Coonalpyn to look at the recently completed murals on the silos. The artwork is quite spectacular and is also encouraging the tourists to stop. We continued onto Keith before branching off on the Riddock Highway through the lush vineyards between Padthaway and Penola.

From Penola to Casterton we skirted magnificent pine forests and good farming country before arriving at Wannon Falls where we met Craig, John and Lorraine, and David and Julie. We spent a lovely evening around a warm campfire with them and another two couples from Melbourne.

Friday 14 April

We woke to a very foggy morning! The condensation had been dripping on the vans and camper all night. Following breakfast we enjoyed a stroll to the Falls and with the recent rain in the area they were flowing. We left this lovely, quiet overnight camp spot and headed towards Melbourne. We stopped at Tea Tree Lake in Mortlock before continuing onto Colac and the Motor Cross track 10km from town. The five cars from Wannon Falls were joined by Trish and Bob and John and Maddie for happy hour. Helen gave the safety talk before we had tea and lit the campfires for a pleasant evening.

Saturday 15 April

This morning we were joined by members of the Otways 4x4 Club to spend the day on the tracks. There were 9 vehicles in one trip headed towards Anglesea and 8 vehicles in the other trip headed towards Lorne. Today we were one of the 4 Nissan Patrol Club cars heading towards Lorne. We wandered through various tracks in the Great Otway National Park before passing by open farming country. We then entered a logging trail adjacent to the pine forests before entering forests containing White Gum, Stringy Bark and Mesmake Gum. The track was strewn with tree debris and the understory dotted with tree ferns and bracken. In the higher areas there was also some Mountain Ash. We stopped along the forest track for morning tea before continuing on a wetter, slippery track with quite a few muddy pot holes. A brief stop was made at Big Hill Track Campground before continuing on the bitumen to Five Mile Track. This was another track through stunning tall gums dotted with magnificent tree ferns below, with a tiny one lane wooden bridge over the creek in the valley. A huge gum had fallen over the track but fortunately a new path around the stump end meant we could successfully continue. The track exited at Lorne where we joined the Great Ocean Road and a huge traffic jam! Of course it was Easter Saturday and the tourists were out and about so we quickly headed out of town to Teddy's Lookout. After a few photos of the beautiful coast, river estuary and the Ocean Road below we continued inland climbing from the coast into the Great Otway National Park again. We enjoyed lunch at Sheoak Picnic ground where we also spotted a koala in the tree. Following lunch we continued to climbed into the Great Otway NP with more spectacular forest



scenery and a brief stop to collect some timber for the campfire tonight. It was then time to crawl along a track with huge washaways either side and across the track. This was a rude awakening as the drive earlier in the day had been quite leisurely. The afternoon continued on steep, wet and very muddy tracks before we took some gravel roads into Forrest. We stopped here briefly before heading back towards camp but unfortunately we came across a very large wet boggy hole on the way and Wayne became very bogged! Dave was unable to move him but Ed with his Toyota was able to snatch him out! It was a fun day travelling 130km and arriving back at camp at 5:30pm to enjoy tea, showers and sitting around the campfire this evening.

Sunday 16 April

This morning we helped Easter Bunny deliver some eggs around camp before enjoying a breakfast of toasted hot cross buns provided by Marie and Jeff. Today we had 8

cars in group A and 8 in group B and we commenced the track we did not do yesterday. We were therefore in the group heading to Anglesea. We headed out of camp on a dusty Westwood track until reaching the bitumen of the Colac Road which we stayed on until we reached a different area of the Otway Forest Park. We took a sandy Loves track through Angahook Lorne State Park but this track became muddy in places and some cars took great delight in seeing how much mud spray they could make! We stopped at Distillery Creek picnic area, a lovely spot to enjoy some more toasted hot cross buns and a cuppa before continuing on our way up Distillery Creek Road onto Batson track, another sandy track amongst smaller scrubby trees.

This area is only 30km east from our drive yesterday but the soil is much poorer. We travelled along the ridge top experiencing magnificent mountain views before descending onto Denham track, a rut filled sandy downhill run. This proved to be good low range driving requiring good wheel placement. One of the Otway 4x4 cars slipped into a rut at a corner and required a winch out! We skirted the boundary of an open cut coal mine, the coal mined here was used to power the Alcoa Aluminium Smelter. Along Harrison Track one car bottomed out and a snatch strap was used to pull him out. We ate lunch today in St Christopher's Church carpark as it was Easter Sunday and parking in Anglesea was impossible. After lunch we climbed the Alcoa powerline track to a lookout before skirting Paddy's swamp on a much drier track. We finished the day with a scenic drive along a well-made gravel road through State Forest before a brief stop at Hammonds Road Campground for afternoon tea. All day we had looked for John and Maddie's front number plate which was lost on this track yesterday but to no avail! Arrived back at camp after an enjoyable 178km trip to find the campfire had been lit and the other group had gathered for happy hour.



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Nissan Patrol Club of SA - 2017 Trips and Events Calendar

- Club Meet
- Committee
- AWD Trip
- AWD Trip
- Social Trip
- Public Hol
- SchoolHols

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Deep Creek Working Bee

May 5-7th 2017

A group of 10 members participated on the first Deep Creek working Bee for this year, 8 camped at Trig Campground arriving on Friday afternoon. Two more made the trip down on the following day



We enjoyed good weather with no rain but some wind over the three days, with enough chill to it for the place to be was around the campfire.

We met Coral the ranger at the parking area of Blowhole Beach Saturday morning where we surveyed the work to be done. We again concentrated on Sea Spurge removal, this time on the Eastern side of the creek, there had been a reasonable amount of regrowth, mainly from the initial time we did it by digging & pulling the weed. The areas we

have done by the cut & dab method showed considerably less regrowth, this is obviously the way to go

We also weeded around the Sheoaks we planted twelve months ago, all had survived and have grown considerably, more plantings are planned as funding is obtained



Most participant's left late morning on Sunday & all needed to stop at the Yankalilla bakery to fill the tanks for the long journey home

In all it was another successful weekend, the rangers are very happy to have us continue our efforts, all participants agree it is enjoyable and satisfying



The next weekend is planned for the 2th to the 22nd of October, please put your name on the trip list, this is a great chance to give something to the environment that we all enjoy

Wayne Dunn
NPC 389

'Come and Try'

Peake weekend
June 16, 17 & 18th

Flyers have been issued and the 'Come and Try' looks like being well patronised

Some experienced members are required to assist. Please see Andrew Jackson if would like to be involved

Areas of tuition will cover:

- Sand driving in various conditions including tracks, sand hills, side slopes and rocky terrain
- Recovery techniques including Winch, Snatch strap, key-stall start and use of Max-Trax
- Selecting the right tyre pressures and gears to suit the driving conditions
- Tyre changing in the sand – jack and bull bag technique
- Various types of convoy procedures and UHF Radio use



Octoberfest
Fri 29th September to Mon 2nd October 2017

The upcoming fourth edition of Octoberfest is a fun, non-competitive event designed to bring 4WD clubs from all over South Australia together at Peterborough. It is a self-catering event apart from Monday breakfast. Accommodation Bush camping is available at Willangi Bush Escapes, with bush toilets and bush showers provided.

Monday morning Big Brekky bought to you by 4WDSA and MLR with ALL profits donated to The Royal Flying Doctor Service

Activities run from Saturday morning until Monday lunchtime and include: Tag Along Tours, Saturday Night Strickland Road Band / Camp Fire, Sunday Night Camp Cook Comp / Camp Fire, Sunday Night Children's' Movie night and a Night Navigation Drive
Express your interest to receive your pre-registration number by emailing:
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Vehicle numbers will be limited to 120



**ACMA media release
13 April 2017**

Citizen band radio users no longer required to upgrade equipment

Citizen band (CB) radio users will no longer have to replace their older-style 40 channel equipment following a review by the regulator of a prohibition that was to have taken effect from 1 July this year.

Following extensive national consultation, the Australian Communications and Media Authority has decided to allow continued use of 40 channel equipment alongside the newer 80 channel equipment.

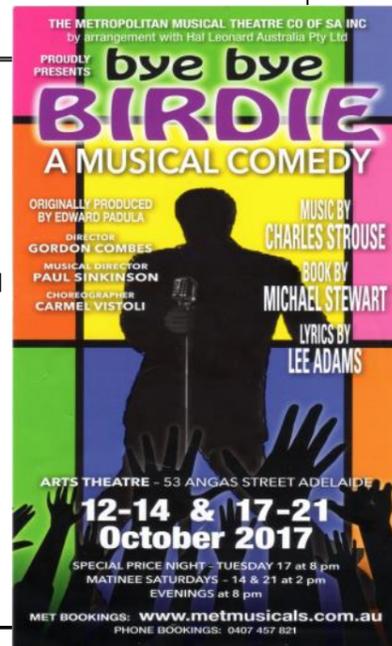
The prohibition on the supply and sale of new 40 channel equipment will stay in effect, with continuing CB user uptake of the 80 channel equipment expected to further reduce congestion into the future

Brian Robinson
NPC 270

**Theatre Night will be on the 13th of October
Jeff Schapel is the contact person**

The year is 1958, and the much-adored rock-and-roll idol -- Conrad Birdie -- has been drafted into the US army. His songwriter and agent, Albert, and Albert's secretary and some-time girlfriend, Rosie, hatch a plan for a farewell performance to take place on The Ed Sullivan Show, which they hope will help sell Birdie's new song "One Last Kiss," and ultimately save Almaelou records from going under. To cap off the performance, Birdie will actually give 'one last kiss' to Kim MacAfee, an avid member of the Conrad Birdie fan club from Sweet Apple, Ohio.

When Albert and Rosie head to Sweet Apple to prepare for Birdie's arrival, things start to unravel. Kim's father is starstruck at the thought of being on The Ed Sullivan Show with his daughter, and Kim's new steady, Hugo gets jealous at the thought of Kim kissing Conrad on national television.



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Venus Bay 2017

Various people converged on the Venus Bay caravan park at various times, but we all enjoyed an overlap of two to three weeks from 24th April to 14th May. In the main Lyn & David Alyward, Kate & John Church, Brian & Judy Cook, David & Gloria Foster, Colin & Tricia Goodrich, Bob & Janice Lamkin Pat & Des Trowbridge, Robyn Ransom & Paul Brophy, Anne Fritsch & Ian Hart and Karen & Ian Steed spent this time together. Frank & Roz Foster were also due to arrive, but due to a terrible motor vehicle accident en-route in which their car was damaged and their caravan demolished, they returned home instead. Since they were travelling with their daughter Karen and husband Ian Steed, and since they were uninjured, they were immediately surrounded with love, advice and practical assistance. Their entire family rallied, returning them and all salvageable belongings safely home immediately and ensuring their comfort, complete with Karen's own car on loan. Later flurries of phone calls ensured that they were kept up to date and ascertained that there were no lingering effects from the accident.



At Venus Bay Pat had worked out a system to incorporate the Happy Hour protocols, the hotel meal visits, Sports Club meal visits and the golf game which was organised by Kate Church. That golf game was undertaken by most of us and won by Brian Cook. Kate handed over the perpetual golf trophy at a somewhat less than formal ceremony that evening. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries that occurred during our stay were also celebrated in style during

happy hours. Bob made scones with jam and cream for Janice's birthday, and for Pat & Des's 50th anniversary a cake was made and eaten, washed down with bubbly. John's birthday and Brian & Judy's anniversary were also commemorated. Even Mothers' Day was celebrated with a communal bacon and egg breakfast in the camp kitchen just before we left to come home. Each Wednesday was barbeque night, meals at the Port Kenny pub were on Fridays and dinner at the Sports Club happened each Sunday.

In between all this activity we fished as much as possible either off the jetty, off the beach or from a boat. The weather during the first week was a bit wild and windy, restricting most activities and it was the best part of a week before any decent catches were made, but as things calmed more of us caught more fish. During the last week or so the weather was magnificent, calm and sunny, and catches rocketed, as well as allowing long meandering walks around the headland and along the

cliffs and dunes. Bob and David & Lyn spent time bicycling about enjoying life and a couple of kayaks got a workout. Those who took boats used them as much as possible and those who didn't hired the park's boats to take part in the fun. The Steeds led a group to Walkers Racks, almost 50 kms away for a pleasant, if unrewarding, afternoon's fishing and most of us braved Mt Camel Beach a few times. Mt Camel Beach remained quite cut away, resulting in a severe drop down to the beach itself and causing entry and departure to be an undignified scramble, especially if carrying a heavy bag of fish. The waves and the swell were also high and dangerous as Kate discovered when one wave pulled her in, dumping her severely and causing momentary panic as John and others raced to her rescue. "Never turn your back on the water" is John's sage advice to everybody.

Colin Goodrich turned out to be the best fisherman. When it came to catching whiting, which requires an altogether different



technique, Ian Hart was also very good, but Colin also excelled at beach fishing. Bob Lamkin, Pat and David Alyward were just as tenacious but simply didn't have the touch that Colin displayed. He and Trish will dine well for quite a while this year.



We discovered several changes since our last visit to Venus Bay. For instance the council had been busy repairing and altering the jetty, removing the redundant rail lines (previously used when unloading the Venus Bay prawn-fishing boats), pulling out all the disintegrating railings and replacing uneven decking. The end result was a clearer, cleaner and much safer jetty, although a lot of recreational fishermen would rue the loss of railings on which we could lean our rods as we became tired. And the jetty road had been sealed.

We also found two birds previously unknown. One was a baby crested tern which first appeared on the jetty between us, secretly swiping untended bait and begging for more. It was quickly named "Dotty" and continued to follow us around throughout the length of our stay. The second was a Laughing Gull, which had landed at Venus Bay last May, but was not properly identified until July, so unexpected it was. It is the 4th Laughing Gull ever recorded as sighted in Australia and the very first to be sighted this far south in the world. Since it gets fed every afternoon it has shown no signs of wanting to fly away.



All in all it was a productive and relaxing time away. The "relaxing" aspect of the trip was highlighted by Janice Lamkin when asked if she had, like many others, had a nap during the afternoon and had replied "No, I don't

think so", to which Bob snorted a laugh and made reference to her snoring. We all enjoyed ourselves and made sure of doing it again by making provisional bookings for both next and the following years. If anyone else would like to join us, they are more than welcome.

Provisional bookings are as follows:-

From 23 April 2018			From 22 April 2019		
Weeks	Names	Sites	Weeks	Names	Sites
2	Kate & John	4	2	Robyn and Paul	3
3	David & Gloria	6A	2	Karen & Ian	4
3	David & Lyn	6G	2	Kate & John	6A
4	Janice & Bob	10	3	David & Gloria	6E
3	Brian & Judy	12	4	David & Lyn	6G
3	Pat & Des	14	4	Bob & Janice	10
2	Robyn & Paul	16	3	Brian & Judy	12
3	Colin & Trish	17	3	Pat & Des	14
2	Karen & Ian	27	3	Colin & Trish	8

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The mid-year lunch will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Strathalbyn

Sunday 25th June at 12.30pm

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- Sugar
- Whipping cream
- Icing sugar
- Egg wash
- Fruit of choice



Defrost puff pastry and cut into rectangles 50mm x 100mm. Egg wash them and sprinkle with sugar and almond nibs. Bake on a tray at 220 degrees Centigrade for approximately 10 minutes or until golden brown. Let them cool and split open horizontally. Whip the cream with a little sugar and spread on bases. Add the fruit or a syrup (chocolate or strawberry). Put the lids on, sift over some icing sugar and eat immediately
 The possibilities are endless. Sliced strawberries, blueberries or fresh apple slices softened in the microwave. Replace the cream with a firm custard

Now, how does this editor get Ian to make them for her? .



Monday 17 April

This morning we took a beautiful morning drive through green undulating farming country with spectacular low cloud hanging in the valley. We stopped at Dandos for a look around as this campsite was developed by the Otway 4x4 Club with support from the Forestry Commission.



It was filled with campers for the Easter weekend! We continued through native forest, pine plantations and magnificent tree ferns towards Beech Forest but turned into Binns Track where we headed down a slippery clay track to the Redwoods picnic area for morning tea. Here we enjoyed a walk along the beautiful Aire River, skirted by magnificent tree ferns and 90 year old Redwood trees. Aaron lost his glasses when he tumbled off a log while having his photo taken and it took us quite some time to find them but eventually we continued onto Hopetoun Falls a magnificent single drop waterfall at the bottom of 200 odd steps and boardwalk. The tree fern lined path was breathtaking but the carpark was exceptionally small with our cars parked extremely close to each other. We continued onto Beech Forest the home of John Flynn and Cliff Young for lunch in the picnic area in the centre of town. After lunch we started heading back via Harveys Road but we stopped along the way to collect and load logs onto roof racks for use in the camp fire. We continued on a wonderful drive through magnificent tall gums in the Otway Park Forest on a dusty track before completing a full circle and returning to camp where we arrived at 3:30pm. Tonight we enjoyed happy hour around a great campfire.

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