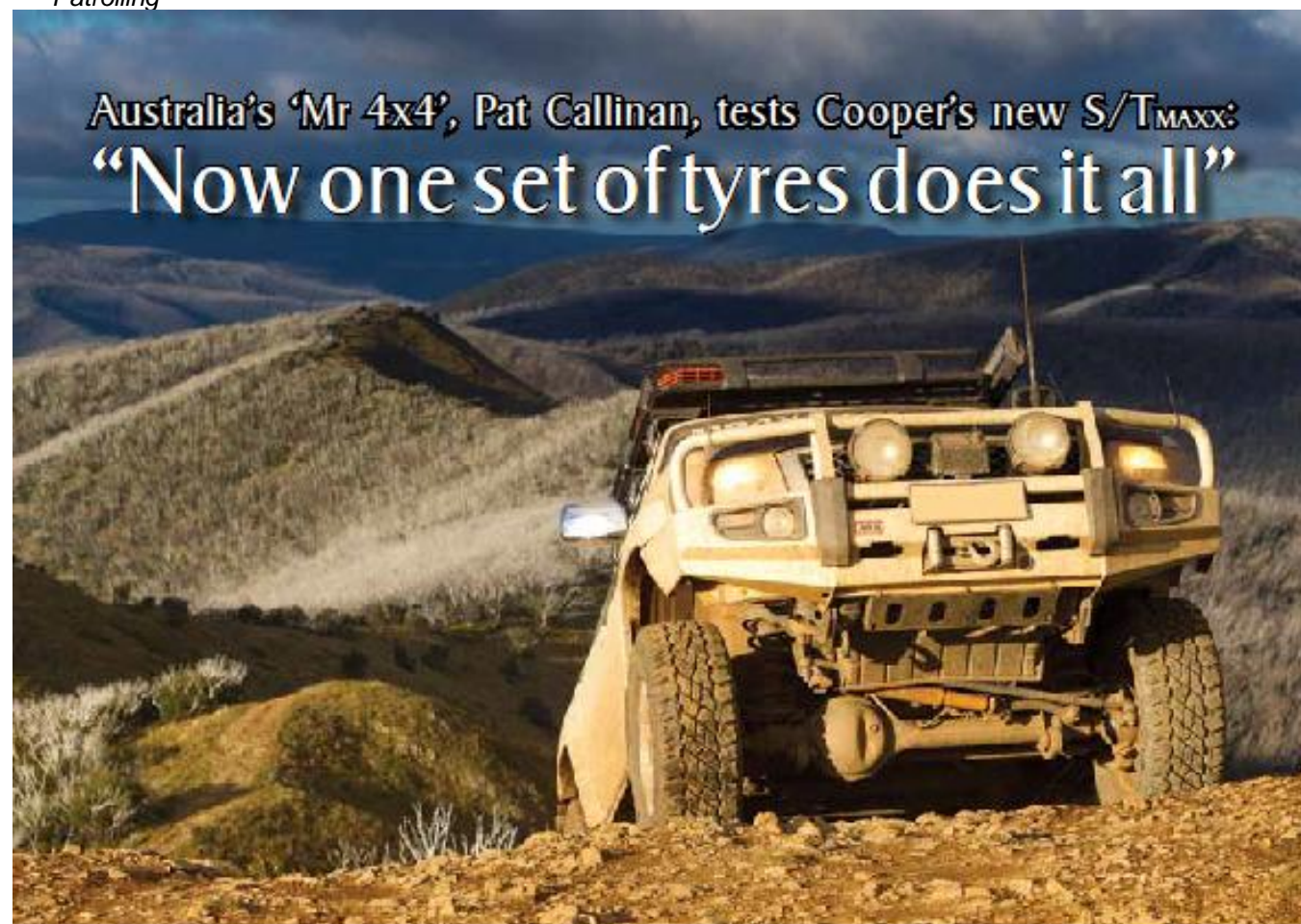


PATROLLING



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Before long weekends and trips, I used to change my on-road tyres for my off-road tyres. It was something I'd always had to do. Then earlier this year, Cooper's new tyres were flown in from America to be tested in our conditions. After taking them through Victoria's High Country, testing them at Beyond Hotham and driving on them ever since, I can report that Cooper has somehow managed to make a tyre that is genuinely great off-road AND on-road. It suits everything I do. For the first time, in all my years of driving, I have found the one set of tyres that does it all.

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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

This is the last magazine for 2011.

The October meeting photo competition attracted about twelve entries per section which were many more than the previous year. I hope you can all keep up the momentum in 2012. The winning entries are published in a colour centre spread. Thanks goes to Trudy for organising the competition and also to Brian who assisted in the vote count.

Thanks goes to all those who have written trip reports, provided photos and other information for publication. Helen has been an outstanding trips and photo contributor. Thanks also to Peter Stewart for his Tech Talk contributions which I can draw on in the future.

Most importantly, I thank all of our advertisers, who cover our magazine's production and postage costs, for their continuing support.

Best wishes for Christmas and good health in 2012,
Don

30 YEARS AGO

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Mt Hayfield Forest or How to travel $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours

The meeting time was 8 o'clock at the Top of Taps. I was surprised to see the number of cars and occupants waiting at that unearthly time on a Sunday morning.

The weather at that time did not give any indication of what was to happen in about an hours time. The trip to Normanville presented no problems. The Bakery did a roaring trade once again (gee, they must like those 4 wheel drive clubs), and to the sound of hissing tyres the heavens opened up.

We entered Mt Hayfield Forest at approximately 9:30 am and after negotiating a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of relatively unoffensive roadway came to a major obstacle which stumped most of the participants until 1 o'clock, all except those who thought better of the idea and took a short cut around to the other side.

Geoff Cibich's new hand winch certainly got a fair share of use on its first outing. After some older units were extracted from the creek (all of the new MQ's got through) the rest of the forest trip was called off because of the possible damage that could be done to the tracks. *(According to another report by Gill Cibich, her husband Geoff slid down a very steep part of the track and was only prevented from sliding over the edge by bumping into a tree stump which stopped them. She also reported that Garry managed to turn his vehicle on its side in the creek. Ed.)*

Lunch was at the entrance to the forest where it was decided that a quick trip to the Murray Mouth was in order.

The leader for this was to be John Morris, who, if he had had his way would have had the group back in Adelaide and not the Murray Mouth. Afternoon tea at Goolwa at Garry's in-laws was most welcome with the Murray Mouth group ending up back in Adelaide about 5 pm.

In summary a very interesting initiation in the art of 4 wheel driving.

B.I.N. *(Barrie or Bev Nunn?? Ed.)*

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

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COMING EVENTS

Dates	Details	Leader	Confirmation Date
18 Dec 2011	Christmas Breakfast in the Park at Hazelwood Park	Bob & Janice Lamkin	
26 to 29 Jan 2012	Murbko Lagoon Australia Day celebration - See P6 for details.	Club event	
20 Feb 2012	February General Meeting and Sausage Sizzle. Commences at 6:00pm - BYO plates, cutlery chairs and drinks - Snags, sauce and bread supplied.	Committee	
23 to 25 Mar 2012	4WDSA AGM Strathalbyn - See P18 October 2011 <i>Patrolling</i> for details. Registration forms must be received by the High Range 4WD Club no later than 24 Feb 2012. Forms available from trip folder.	President	24 Feb 2012
6 to 9 Apr 2012	Easter Warraweena/Otways 4x4 Club	Dave & Helen Richards	25 Mar 2012
16 Apr to 14 May 2012	Venus Bay fishing	Roz Foster	
28 Apr 2012	Slot Car Racing	John Smedley	
May 2012 - TBA	Peake Sandriving	Dave & Helen Richards	
August 2012 - TBA	Peake Sandriving	Dave & Helen Richards	
Sep Oct 2012	South America Experience see outline on P6 of August 2011 <i>Patrolling</i>	Kathy Grigg	

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 Club recommends that members have RAA membership to cover mechanical breakdowns on Club trips, and ambulance cover from the SA Ambulance Service or your private health insurer to cover medical emergencies.

The President's Points

Hi All

As the year draws to a close I hope you had a good year and enjoyed your activities in the club.

I would like to thank Colin for chairing the meetings in my absences during the year and thank everyone for their support.

With some trips already planned for the new year there is a lot to look forward to. Hope to see you all at Breakfast in the Park our last get together before the Christmas break.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and an especially Healthy New Year.

Regards

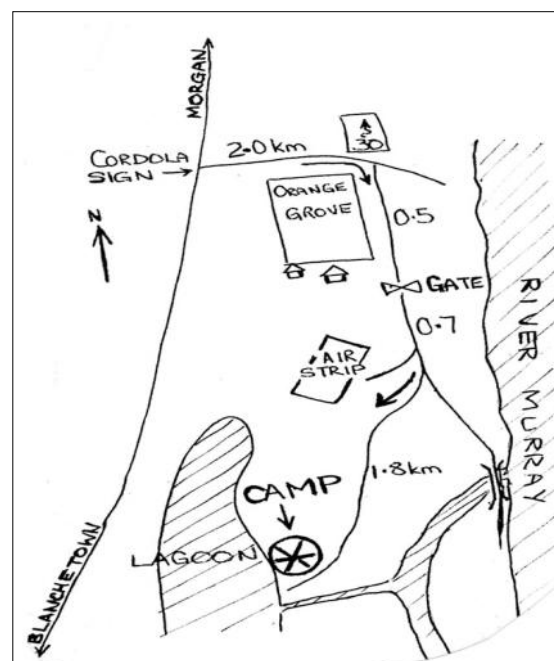
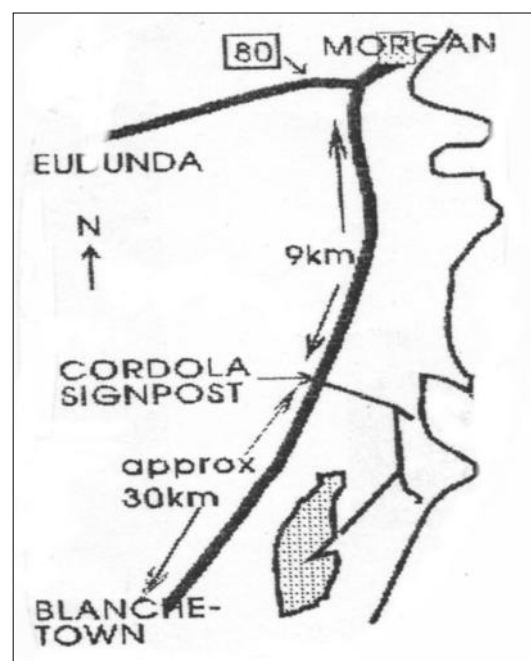
Marina

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 26 - 29 January 2012

Aquatic Weekend at Murbko Lagoon - Come for a day or the entire period

The cost is \$5 per day (2011 prices) per vehicle through a self-registration system at the gate. The camping area has no facilities and no toilets. The Club toilet tent will be available or bring your own facilities. Bring your own food, water and drinks. Be prepared to dress up for happy hour on either Thursday or Saturday evening or both, in either green and gold, or red, white and blue, or be adventurous and dress up as a famous Australian. Bring nibbles for a pre-dinner happy hour which are colour coordinated with Aussie colours, and an "Australian" dessert to share

Remember you will be entering a fruit fly exclusion area. Don't take fruit fly for a ride!! If you intend taking fresh fruit and vegetables they must be accompanied by an itemised receipt of purchase from a retail store. No fresh home grown fruit or vegetables.



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Clean Up at the 28 Mile Crossing Coorong National Park. 22 - 23rd October 2011

Volunteers were-

Michael Stankiewicz, Doug Smith & Heather Wood, Colin & Tricia Goodrich, Jim Byfield, Brian & Judy Cook, Dave & Lyn Alyward, Ken & Skip Hillyard, Ian & Karen Steed, Brian Donaldson, Craig & Jackson Wood, Angelo Tsirbas, Chris & Gayle Johnson, Trevor & Trudy Elze, Alastair & Susan Boyle, Jeff & Jeanene Schapel, Matthew Schapel, Axel Westren- Schapel, Ajax Western-Schapel , Piper Schapel, Rod Kitto, Daniel & Teena Rayner, David & Helen Richards.

This year 35 family & members of the Nissan Patrol Club volunteered for a weekend down at the 28 Mile Crossing in the Coorong National Park for our annual 'Clean Up Australia "event. Most members arriving on the Friday night. Saturday morning after breakfast, Stuart Hicks the Senior Park Ranger met with us and spoke to us about what would be required, also to remind us of OH&S issues which may come about. After

reading out the Leader's Briefing Sheet, bags, (white for rubbish & yellow for recyclable) gloves were all handed out. With hats , sunscreen, sunglasses and spray for insects and in hand secateurs, hand saws, spades & trailer we made our way to the 28 Mile Track to start pruning the track back a metre and place back the 28 Mile Track sign into the sand. Also the walkway to the beach was trimmed back and a post replaced in to the ground. 3 poles and poly



piping were also retrieved and placed in the trailer. While some of our members started the beach cleanup others pruned and cut back the bushes along the entrance of the track. We all returned back to camp for lunch.

After a short break refreshed, we divided in to 2 groups to finish of the beach and dunes. One group went down the Wreck Crossing and collected rubbish along the beach & dunes while the second group returned down the 28 Mile Crossing with members splitting up to do the beach and the dunes. Timber, plastic bottles, berley baskets, shoes, thongs, esky

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Steam Ranger Tour - 16 October 2011

Strathalbyn to Victor Harbor

Place- Mount Barker Railway Station.

Time-10:00am.

Destination – Victor Harbour.

Passengers- David & Gloria Foster, Colin Goodrich, Darryl Foster & daughters Tegan & Jessie, Graham & Claire Walters, Ray & Gaye Rattray & David & Helen Richards.

Weather- Perfect as ordered.



On Sunday the 16th October 2011 we headed on a day journey from Mt. Barker to Victor Harbor travelling on the Southern Encounter 621 "The Duke of Edinburgh". The route is part of the oldest public railway in Australia. Once we left the station the train needed to power up the short climb to Philcox Hill which is

the highest point on the line. We sat back and enjoyed some historic rail travel while meandering along the 75km of track.

The Bugle Ranges Station, Gemmells, Angus River Bridge, Strathalbyn, Finnis, Gilbert's siding were some of the many places we saw as we travelled past. On our way we saw rich farmlands, crossed over Sandergrange siding where another line led



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to Milang. Over the Black Swamp viaduct which was an old watering stop for the steam locomotives at that time. There were lots of native gums and vegetation and we got to see rabbits, kangaroos, horses, sheep, cows and a fox too. We travelled over the Currency Creek bridge which is one of the tallest in South Australia, and later crossed under the Hindmarsh Island bridge to the river Port of Goolwa. The track then followed alongside the Southern Ocean coast to Victor Harbor.

We all alighted from the train and of course food was on our mind. There are many attractions and food places to select from. Some ventured around the town to find food while most of us decided that "The Anchorage Hotel" would be a good choice. Their food was excellent and the service was of high standard.

After lunch we had a leisurely walk around the coastal side of Victor and saw a lot of renovations being done. If we had the time Granite Island would have been great walk but there was not

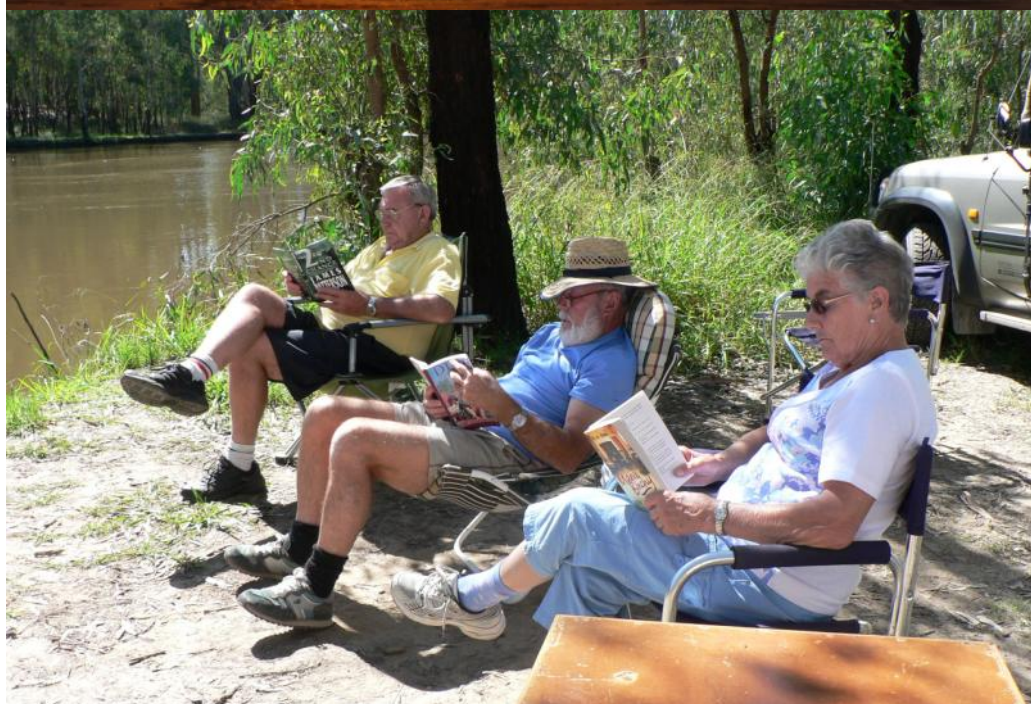
enough time to do it. Instead we decided that we would treat ourselves, whether we needed it or not. Double-cone ice creams fitted the bill.....flavours of Rum and Raisin, Chocolate, Caramel and Strawberry.....hmmmm great diet material.

After enjoying our treats we all slowly made our way back to the railway station for our return to Mt.



Barker. As we travelled home on a lazy sunny Sunday afternoon whilst sitting back and relaxing, there is a rumour that the ambience helped a few of our group nod off. We arrived safely back at Mt. Barker, said our goodbyes and headed home at 6:15pm. Thank you Gloria for organising such a pleasant day spent with a lovely group of people. Thoroughly recommended as a casual & relaxed day out.

Words and photos - Helen Richards (NPC364)



Photographic Competition winners

Nature

- 1st Don Grigg – “Mantis”, Kooljaman, Cape Leveque WA (*bottom right*)
2nd Pauline Byfield – “Deer”, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, United States (*top right*)

People

- 1st Pat Trowbridge – “Murray Book Club”, on the river (*centre left*)
2nd Jim Byfield – “Musical Expressions” – Mt Pleasant 4WD SA AGM (*bottom left*)

Sunrise/Sunset

- 1st Kathy Grigg – “Camel Train”, Cable Beach, Broome WA (*top left*)
2nd Don Grigg – “Couple”, Cable Beach, Broome WA (*top centre*)

Open

- 1st Trevor Elze – Moraine Lake, Alberta, Canada (*centre middle*)
2nd Colin Goodrich – “Cordola Camp Underwater”, Murbko Flat Lagoon (*centre right*)

Interclub 4WD Octoberfest - Willangi

1-3 October 2011

Wow what a weekend.



4WD Octoberfest was held at the Willangi Bush Escapes owned by Neil and Antoinette Sleep, and is situated near Peterborough.

We were invited by the Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD club, who arranged the event.

We left Friday night accompanied by strong winds, heavy rain and when we arrived there was lots of thick, sticky mud. We thought to ourselves what a bad start to the

weekend, but we were wrong it only got better and better.

On arrival we registered for some tracks and places to see, Glenrest, Bendleby Ranges, Horseshoe Rim, Black Rock and Willangi itself.



These were tag along tours conducted on Saturday and Sunday.

This event was designed to bring 4WD clubs from all over the state for a weekend of fun.

There were eight clubs involved, Mt Lofty Rangers Rangers, Whyalla, Range Rover, Border Country, 4WD Adventures, Overland, Jeep and Nissan Patrol. We had fourteen members with eight cars there, which won us a prize for being the best represented club at this event.

On arrival we all received a show bag and there were lots of door prizes won by NPC members as well. Dave

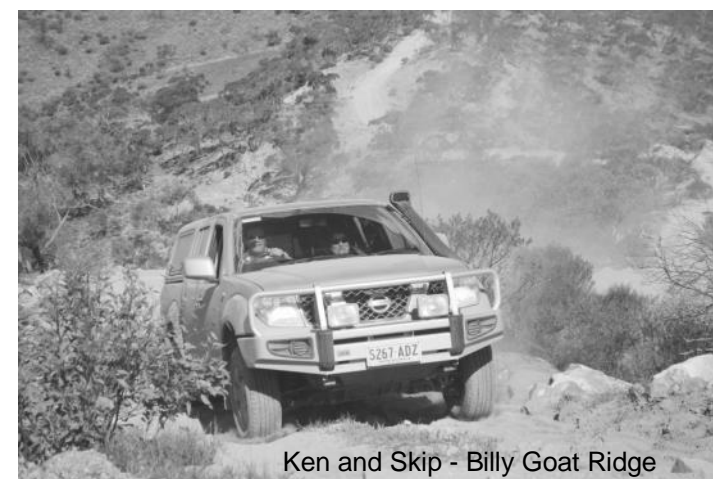


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and Craig won runner up prize for Navigational expertise on a night trip. Ian Steed received a prize for invaluable help in assisting a new member with 4WD techniques.

Saturday night we had a band called Strickland Road Band, we did lots of dancing and had a huge bon fire to keep us warm, we had so much fun. Sunday we drove through more tracks and on Sunday night had a cook off with Helen and Rod



Ken and Skip - Billy Goat Ridge

dish that won her the prize. Please feel free to ask Helen what it was.

Paul McGregor and President Graham Jones and members put on one hell of an event. It was organised down to a "T". It had something for young and old. There was a movie night for the kids, and if you didn't feel like cooking there were steak sandwiches and sausages which you



representing us. Rod made a delicious cheese and chive damper and Helen made a scrumptious Moroccan lamb with coriander and yoghurt which won her the second place prize. Glen from Mt Lofty Ranges said it was his most popular dish. After sitting down and tasting all these wonderful dishes we feel that it was the secret ingredient which was added to this



Angelo - Billy Goat Ridge



could purchase for dinner.

I'm sure that everyone that was there had a ball and we from the Nissan Club would like to thank all members from our club and all the other club members for making the weekend a very memorable one. We can't wait for the next one.

*Photos Helen and Kathy
Skip Hillyard (NPC386)*

NORMANVILLE AND SURROUNDS

LIONS CLUB 4WD TAG-ALONG-TOUR

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2011



An early Sunday morning saw us out of bed and on the road to Yankalilla at 6.45am. to meet those going on the tag along tour by 8.45am!! Fortunately we arrived at the town with more than enough time to enjoy a coffee and chat in the Bakery during which our numbers swelled and everyone relaxed before making our way to the oval where we were surprised to see how many vehicles had rolled up for the event. Those taking part included

Nissan Patrol members, South Coast 4WD members and I believe the Holden 4WD club as well. About five NPC members had actually booked in and stayed at a Normanville caravan park on the Saturday night to make sure they didn't arrive too worn out from travelling so far on the Sunday. They also stayed on after the weekend finished; not wanting to rush back to Adelaide.

Around 9.15am 12 Nissan club vehicles along with our leader for the day John, and tail end Charlie Peter, headed off down the highway towards Normanville and on towards Second Valley where we turned off the main road to the left through a gated property at Garnet Kelly Park area. We headed down to a gorge travelling along an old coach road, driving through our first creek crossing and watching quite a lot of butterflies hovering around. Stopping enroute to hear about an old Inn that was in the area, now a pile of stones, we heard that the last Inn Keeper happened to have been an old Negro who had apparently jumped ship back in the 1860's.

Shortly after climbing back up what was to be one of what seemed hundreds of hills, we somehow were joined by the second group of vehicles (numbering something like 13



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vehicles) and for the remainder of the day this made for a very large convoy!!

Once at the top of the hill complete with a trigg tower on it, we spent time admiring the vista watched over by several cows and a not very attractive bull. One of our group had experienced an electrical glitch which meant that the vehicle could only be driven in two wheel drive. On the very steep grassy slopes, Frank had a little help, in the form of some towing, from others in the group. Once on the way again we found ourselves back down the hill driving back towards the highway alongside a fence and drove some 3km on the black stuff before turning off the road on the right and driving closer to the coast with beautiful views of Wirrina Resort and in particular, fairways of the Golf course, complete with buggies meandering through the trees. We were informed that the large dam on our right was actually the only source of water for the entire Resort.

We came across yet another ruin of a slate stone building overlooking a creek where an 1870's gold mine last dug in 1930's stood. We passed where the crusher used at the mine, to crush quartz rock, had sat at the bottom of the gully.

Next we found ourselves very high up a "mountainous" hill top named Glen Bracken and before starting the steep descent glanced across to the Adelaide Brighton Cement mine at Rapid Bay. As we descended we noticed a cricket match was in play and once we were down, found ourselves parking along the road bordering the oval – Bet this was the largest group of spectators they ever had. Lunch was held in the Rapid Bay Primary School grounds – a shaded area was the favourite place to be – a sausage, rissole and onion sizzle was provided along with a cool drink and a piece of Lions' Christmas cake.



Leaving Rapid Bay we noticed the old caravan park was not as good as it used to be and turned once again towards Glen Bracken the huge hill we had descended before lunch. This time we started slowly to climb up, with a local shouting out to us that we were on private property, and revisited some of the hillside we had previously driven. (We knew we were on private property and had paid a healthy donation to the Lions' Club to be there!)

Once back down we rejoined the main road for a few kilometres before once more turning right on to John's property, Yaringa which not surprisingly had more cattle on it. This time they appeared to me to be dairy cows. We carefully drove past a toey horse so as not to cause him too much angst.

As we drove along the paddocks close to the house, John informed us that early settlers

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in the 1800's were allotted 80acre lots and farmed wheat which was milled at Second Valley. We stopped our cars and walked a little to view a rock which had a fossilized "jellyfish" formation on the top. Continuing on we passed an area which had been a water source for the property and where a 20 feet deep well had been. We drove along the river which fed the Wirrina water source with glimpses of the sea through the hillocks.

A lot of wood appeared to have been removed as a fair amount of the hills in this area appeared "bald". The forest beyond appeared lush and green compared to the rest. We travelled down to a beautiful valley with a fair bit of slow, low range work, medium 4WD. The valley held beautiful red gums, some having been removed to fuel the mill in previous years. Parking our vehicles once more we wandered down and around the creek area, chatting and snapping photo's as is the norm, and even spied a couple of deer racing up the opposite hill.

As John had mentioned, there was a "bullock track" across the creek which he informed us, keen 4WDers sometimes took it upon themselves to conquer – no sooner said than done!! After Helen's "ceremony" she and Dave, plus Craig and Chris in their vehicles commenced the challenge of climbing up the seemingly, arduous track; watched over by a huge red kangaroo. After seeing them off, the remainder of the group proceeded onwards, coming to a stop half way up a hill to wait for the adventurers to rejoin us – we gathered one of the group had blown his air-intake hose and another had a flat tyre – we continued towards the falls John wanted to show us. Deciding not to cross the creek following John's vehicle we remained parked on various parts of the hillside and walked down to the falls for a look. Jim was all smiles having found an antler (he was stopped from bring one back into Australia) so this would do!! Once we manoeuvred the vehicles back into order we retraced our steps back up the hillside and proceeded to return to

John's home paddocks, via the back area of his property which turned out to be rather spectacular with stringy bark forests (a little tight to drive through) and then between two fence lines with stunning yakka trees – a dream of a camping area. Out along the old airstrip last used when crop dusting years ago and we returned to John's home paddocks for a final regrouping, thanks to those who organised the day and departure at our own leisure.

Many thanks to Helen & Dave for arranging this outing on behalf of the NPC and to John and Peter etc. from the South Coast club for guiding us through the properties we were privileged to enter. We hope the charity involved did well by this venture.

Kate & John (NPC259)



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and lots of rope. A plastic table top, old umbrella stand and a crate, were also retrieved. All other rubbish placed in bags or on roof racks to transport back to the trailer.

We returned back to camp after an afternoon of collecting rubbish, cleaned up and enjoyed our "Happy Hour". Following this we returned to our camps and made dinner then enjoyed an social evening with a few drinks. A few hours later everyone retired to bed.

Next day we tidied up and placed the workers signs as well as the Wreck Crossing sign which had been located in between the two crossings behind the walls of the toilet block. Some members helped tie up rubbish bags and then placed them in the trailer. We then proceeded to pack up and head for the Transfer Waste Station at Meningie where Chris Brown met us and helped unload our trailer of rubbish & recyclables. We unloaded 20 bags, approximately..200 to 250 kg. The amount of rubbish is gradually getting lower. Explanations- perhaps that drink container reimbursement of 10c people are collecting to keep for themselves. Weather has been pretty cold & bleak less people attracting to the beach, or even perhaps people are starting to be Clean Up positive. Whatever the contributing factors are this is good feedback.

Again another successful weekend, made by having great weather, and great companionship and all working & assisting together to make a difference and to keeping Australia beautiful.

Thank you to everyone involved in this weekend's Clean Up. Looking forward to 2012.

Photos and text Helen Richards (NPC364)



CANADA & U.S.A. 28/8/11 – 22/9/11

Part 1 of 2

This trip was undertaken by Trudy, Trevor, Pauline and Jim.

Canada. Calgary is not a small country town but a busy, highrise, oil boom town. The 'tower' takes you up about 560ft giving great views all around.

Tues 30/8

Huge array of sweet pastries for buffet breakfast all through our trip. North to quaint Jasper. Breathtaking! Pine covered snow topped mountains.

Athabasca Glacier. Boys will be boys, our Jim started an ice ball fight.

Huge excitement, we saw our first grizzly!

A very entertaining talk called 'All things Wild'. As her 'helper' I was slowly dressed as a bear with fur coat, black nose, big furry hat with bears ears and rubber gloves with painted claws. Learnt a lot and laughed a lot.

Wed 31/8

Boat cruise on Maligne Lake. Stunning. Walked down to Maligne Canyon. Waterfalls, rocks and squirrels, lovely flowers, buffalo berries which bears gorge on before hibernating. Woodpecker holes in tree. Magic place!

Later we saw a mother black bear with 3 cubs stripping berries from the bushes. Must be a good mamma bear as 2 is usually the limit.

Thurs 1/9

10 female elk casually grazing on the side of a busy road. The wild animals certainly do own this country! Male would not be too far away during the rut.

Yo Ho Nat. Park and Emerald Lake. Yes the water is the colour of emeralds!

Watched a train disappear through the Spiral Tunnels, a train line which zig zags across the side of a very steep mountain.

Friday 2/9 (my 60th birthday)

Pauline & Jim sent a card around the bus to sign for me. Lovely.

Group photo in front of Lake Louise and very plush Fairmont Chateau.

Banff we saw a large male elk near the crossroads in the centre of town.

Gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain. Sunshine then it started to snow!

Saturday 3/9

Relaxing float trip down the Bow River. Native American Museum was very, very good. Banff botanical gardens. Vibrant coloured flowers everywhere.

Canada – Yaar Waalcome!! Exemplary! This stunning scenery goes on forever.

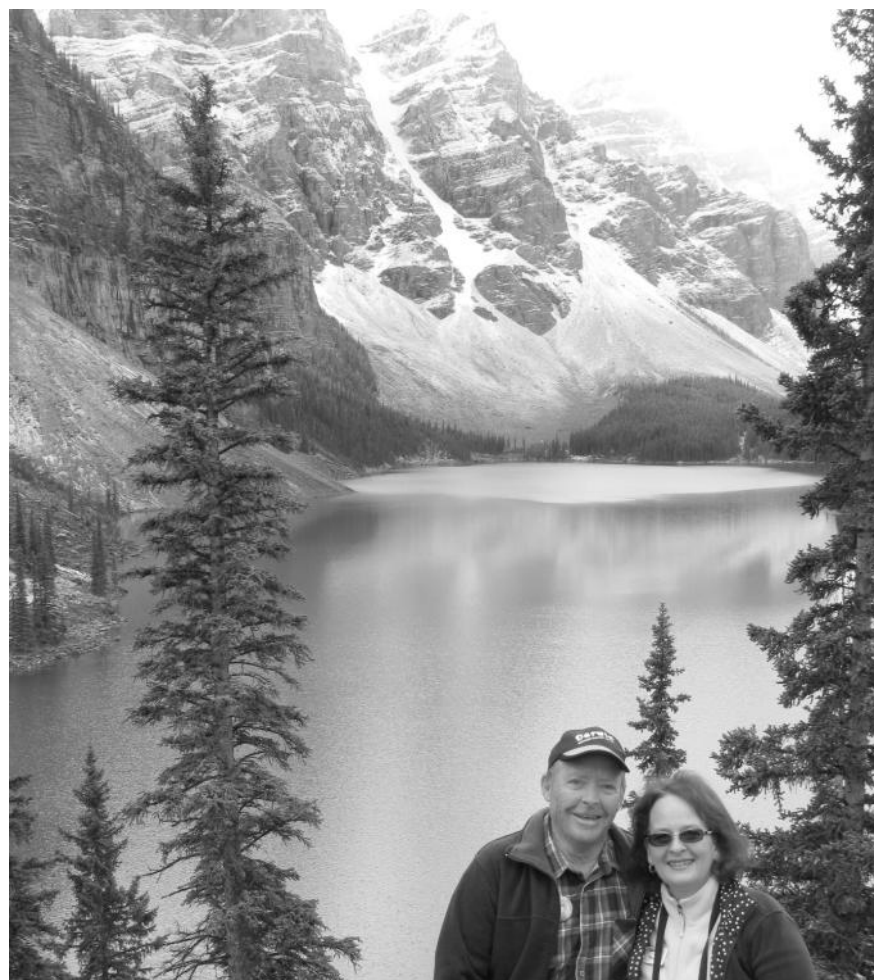
Sunday 4/9

Onto the Rocky Mountaineer train for the rest of our trip through Canada.

Crossing rivers, rapids and valleys, over bridges and through tunnels. Went through the spiral tunnels we had seen earlier. Also one tunnel 5kms long. Avalanche 'shelters' look like oversized lunch sheds.

Kamloops, quaint American country look. Drier now. Mountain sheep and bald Eagles. Logging has left these

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low hills dry, bare and barren. Still going on.

Tuesday 6/9

Downtown Vancouver is a bit seedy. Uptown is lovely. Gas Town (major tourist area) Port and Rail Station. Good shopping.

Limo pick-up to airport. I got frisked again! Pauline and Jim too. Shoes off, electronic frisk on body and bags, pat down, turn around. Feel all dishevelled.

Jim had all sorts of trouble with his little bag for passports etc under his shirt. Off with his shirt to check the bag. Shirt back on without the bag. Pat down. Shirt off again, bag back on then shirt back on too. Not a happy Jimmy! Trevor just stood watching and grinning, he was only frisked once in the whole trip!

Flying over the sea, the Rockies, Oregon then Mojave Desert to Las Vegas! Las Vegas Hilton very disappointing. Noisy, tatty and dirty and old.

Wednesday 7/9

Utah. Zion National Park is just lovely. Sheer cliffs every colour and shape.

Red Canyon is striking with the dark red colourings in rock and soil.

Bryce Canyon is awesome. Hoo Doos - the grotesque massive shapes of sandstone pillars left behind after millions of years of wind and rain.

Ruby's Lodge in Bryce Canyon called the Ponderosa. Wonderful foyer with elk, bears and deer trophies hung on the log walls. Dark, aged timber everywhere. This really does look like the inside of the Ponderosa of Bonanza. Great place.

Thurs 8/9

Now driving through wide open spaces with mountains in the background. Lots of ranches and farms. Relaxing. Robert Redford has properties here.

Salt Lake City State Capitol Building was a real surprise. The Grand Hall all built on a grand scale and made in marble. Beautiful ceiling murals. Life-sized statues of historic leaders. Monuments and statues for peace, justice and freedom for all.

Toured through the Mormon assemblies buildings. This is where the Mormon Tabernacle



Choir broadcast across the world from! Fantastic acoustics.

Honestly, I really did not want to come here at all but I'm glad we did.

Friday 9/9

Idaho. Snake River, pretty Swan Valley, Taghee National Park on the edge of the Grand Teton Mountain Pass which is often closed in the winter due to snow falls.

Interesting twist on population. A lot of people work in tourist town of Jackson, Wyoming, but live in cheaper Victor, Idaho. They travel through the pass to work every day and cross the state line twice a day.

Wyoming is a large state but only half a million people actually live here.

Big history. 1869 – Trans Continental Railway was completed through here.

First state to grant women the vote. Esther Morris was the first female Governor in USA. First female jurors and town councillors and judge.

Jackson. Very busy western souvenir town. Antlers decorate everywhere. On the edge of town is Elk Reserve. In winter 2,000 – 3,000 elk stay here because they know they will be fed. Each spring the fallen antlers are collected for auction. Money raised goes toward the cost of winter feed for the elk. Great idea. Everyone wins! Sandra Bullock and Harrison Ford have homes here.

To be continued in February 2012 "Patrolling"
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Dave's Polished Performance

At the November meeting Dave Alyward in the "Show and Tell" segment, presented an item which is commonly found on the ocean beach at the Coorong.

He asked what it was, and the universal response from the members was, "Cuttlefish!"

To be more specific it was a cuttlefish skeleton or cuttlebone.

His next question was, "What are its uses?"

The audience response was, "Feed it to the budgie!" Dave acknowledged that it was commonly used as a source of calcium for aviary birds, but then described a use that most of us would not have guessed.

Gravestones which have been made from polished stone and have weathered can be restored to their previous sheen by rubbing over with a cuttlebone and then simply brushing off any residual cuttlebone powder.

So that I could get this story straight, I looked up my trusty 1971 Hamlyn "Encyclopedic World Dictionary" which had the following information.

cuttlebone (kŭt'l bŏn'), *n.* the calcareous internal shell or plate of true cuttlefishes, used to make powder for polishing, and fed to canaries to supply the necessary lime, etc.

Thanks Dave.

REMEMBER - when disposing of your old vehicle, please remove your club stickers, as the person you sell it to may not be as concerned with the do's and don'ts of four wheel driving as you are and therefore will give the Club a bad name.



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