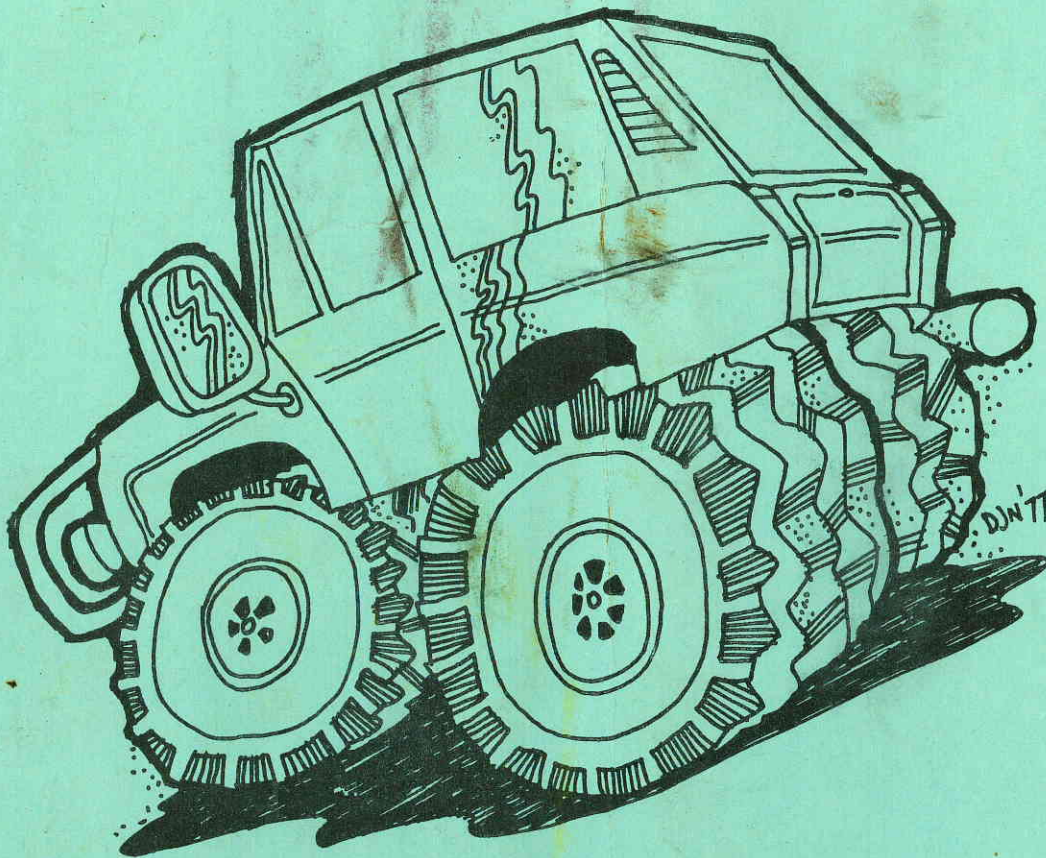


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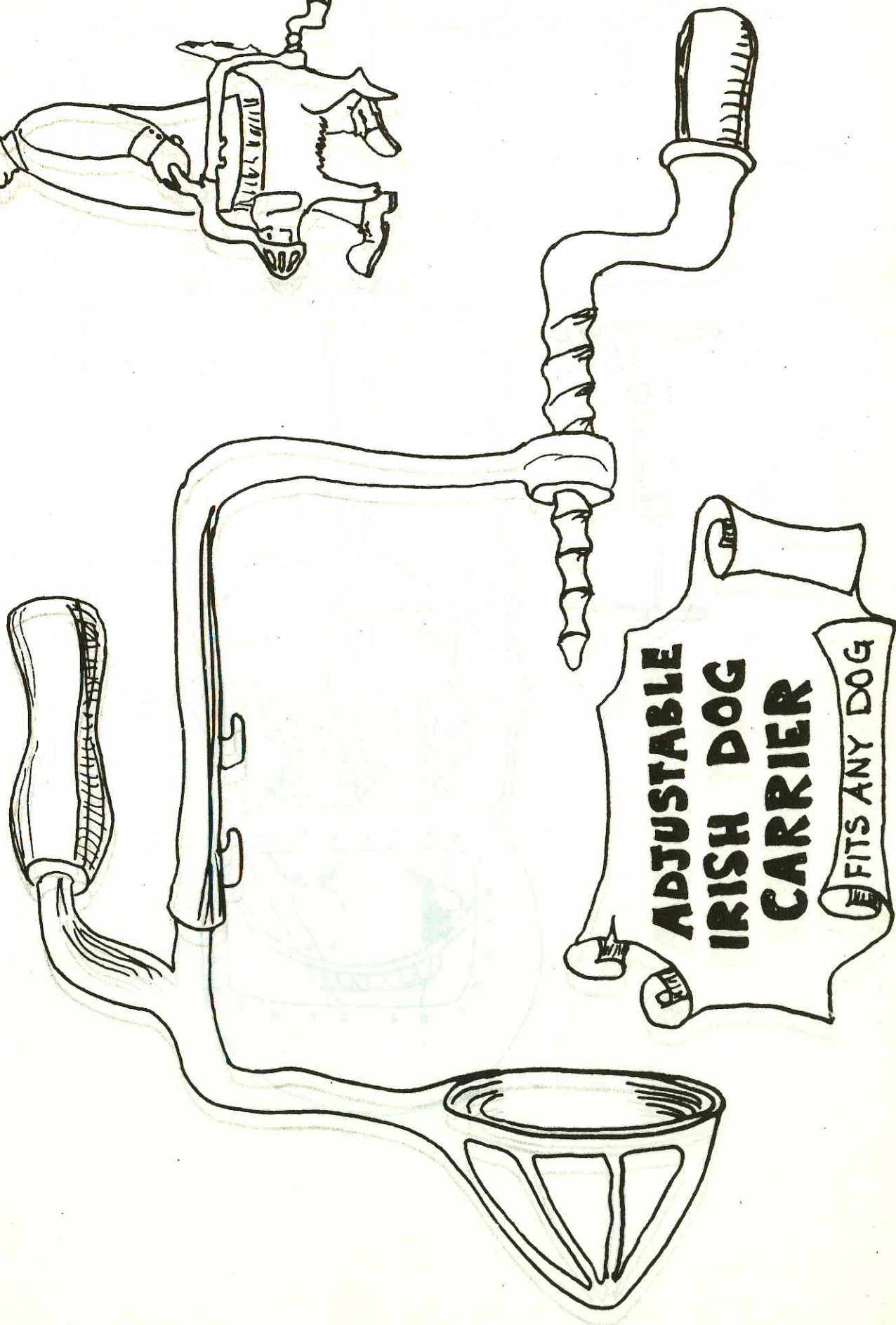
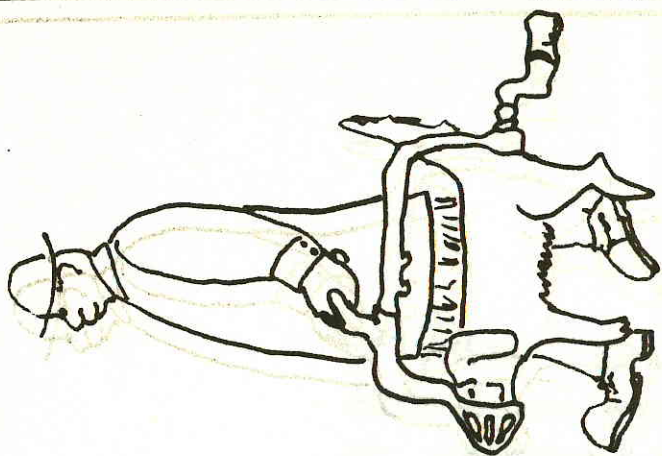
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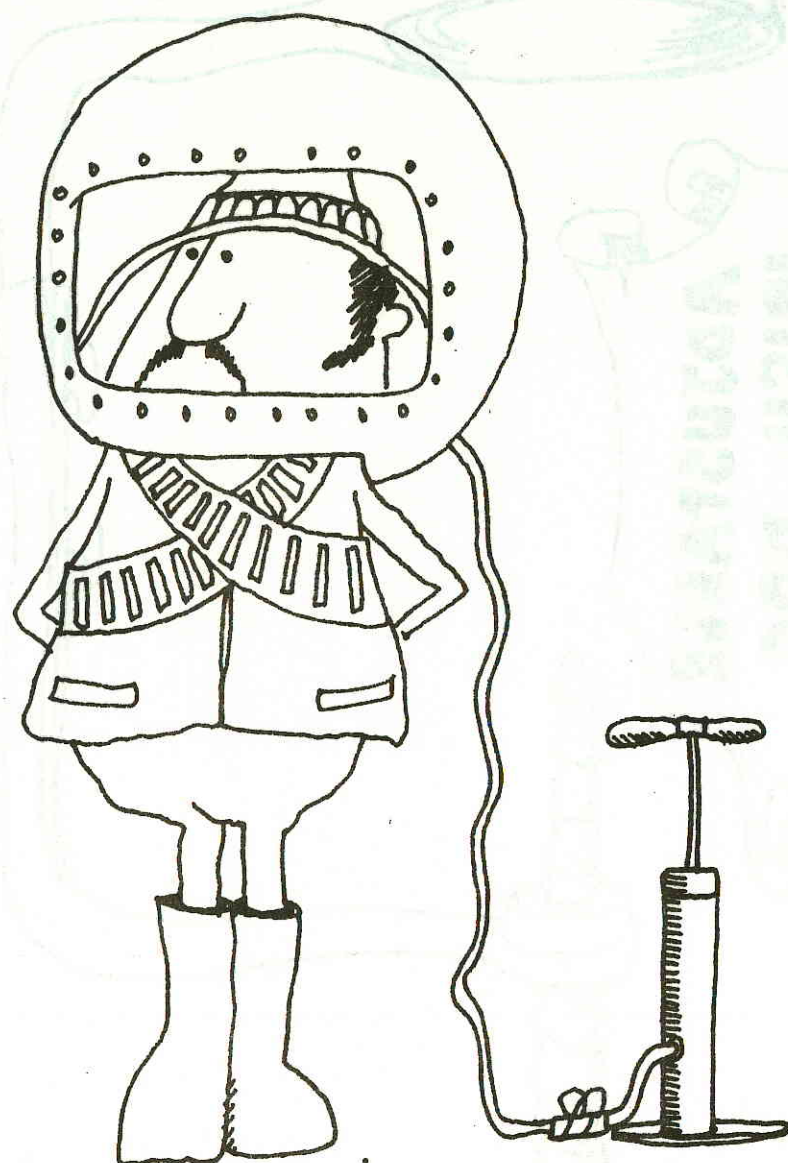
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is probably my fault the newsletter is late again this month. Jeannie and I moved house last week and I'm afraid writing my report slipped my mind. Sorry!

Our new address is 34 David Street, Noble Park, please feel free to call anytime (almost).

Getting back to club business, our last meeting held quite an interest for all of us as it involved a film and lecture on safety in the bush.

The lecture which was given by the Volunteer Emergency Reserve was aimed primarily at the children of members. However, I think we all benefited by the advice given by Bernie Duke and his friends. The kids (big and small) were all given a FIND ME BOOK and instructions on what to do if they become separated from other members of their group whilst in the scrub. It may be a good idea to have a practical exercise on one of our trips in the near future so that the children do not forget what they should do when they are lost.

For those members who missed the night, a film was shown about a simulated rescue in which a small boy who was lost, but did the right thing and stayed where he was. He made himself a bit of a bed, used his Find Me Book and was found.

Thanks are due to the members of the V.E.R. for the time and effort they put into this worthwhile organisation. I might further add that they do this on a purely voluntary basis at their own expense.

I'd like at this stage to remind members that the childrens Christmas Party is fast approaching (11th Dec). Please give us the names of your children at the next meeting and bring a present for each of them to be given to them by Santa Claus, who will once again be gracing us with his presence. Last years party was a real success and we're aiming for a bigger one this year. We will be roasting a lamb and pig on a spitt, ice-cream and sweets will be provided for the kids. All you have to bring is your kids, knives and forks etc, and anything you want to go with your roasted meat. We hope to have balloons, fairy floss and apples. The venue will be the same as last year (we hope) but final details will be given at the next meeting.

By the way - I almost forgot please wrap and label your childs present.

See you at the next meeting.

'THE PRES'

NOVEMBER MEETING

The proposed November meeting will be on 29.11.77. This will be the last meeting for 1977. Entertainment for the night will be a pot-pouri of members films.

DATES TO REMEMBER

29.11.77

November meeting. 7.30 p.m. Dandenong Library.

1. 12.77

Adults Christmas Party at the Cuckoo Restaurant, Olinda.

11.12.77

Sunday Childrens Christmas Party. Venue, Crn Craydens and Loders Rds, Moorooduc.
Time: From around 11.00 a.m. onwards
Bring your own eating gear salads and liquid refreshments.

DATES TO REMEMBER

26.12.77

Annual Christmas Trip away. Don Adams will be trip leader.

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January meeting. 7.30 p.m. Dandenong library.

WIMMERA FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

We have received a note from the above newly formed club who have requested that the following details of their club be published in our newsletter:-

W.F.W.D.C. has presently got 35 members, it is mainly a family orientated club, which lists, conservation, 4 wheel driving social functions and touring as its aims. Enquiries can be made to the secretary H. Stephens. Ph. HORSHAM 824078 or write C/o P.O. Box 647 Horsham. 3400.

WHAT IS MAN?

Between the insecurity of childhood and the security of a second childhood we find the fascinating group of humanity called MAN!!

They come in assorted shapes, sizes, weights and states of drunkenness.

They can be found anywhere, in planes in trains, in streets, in love, in bars, even in 4 W.D.'s, and always in debt.

Girls love them, towns tolerate them and their parents (or wives or girlfriends) support them.

A man is laziness (with a deck of cards), Bravery (with a tattoo) and the Prospector of the Earth (with a copy of 'MAN' and 'PLAYBOY' - 'FREE WHEELING'?).

He has the brains of an idiot the energy of a sea turtle, the slyness of a fox the stroies of a Sea Captain, the sincerity of a liar, the aspirations of a cassanova and when he wants something, it is usually connected with Birds, Money or Booze (sometimes all three).

Some of his interests are birds, females, women and members of the opposite sex. He can cram into one pocket, a little black book a crushed packet of cigarettes, a comb, a pack of cards, a can opener, a picture of his bird and what is left of last weeks pay.

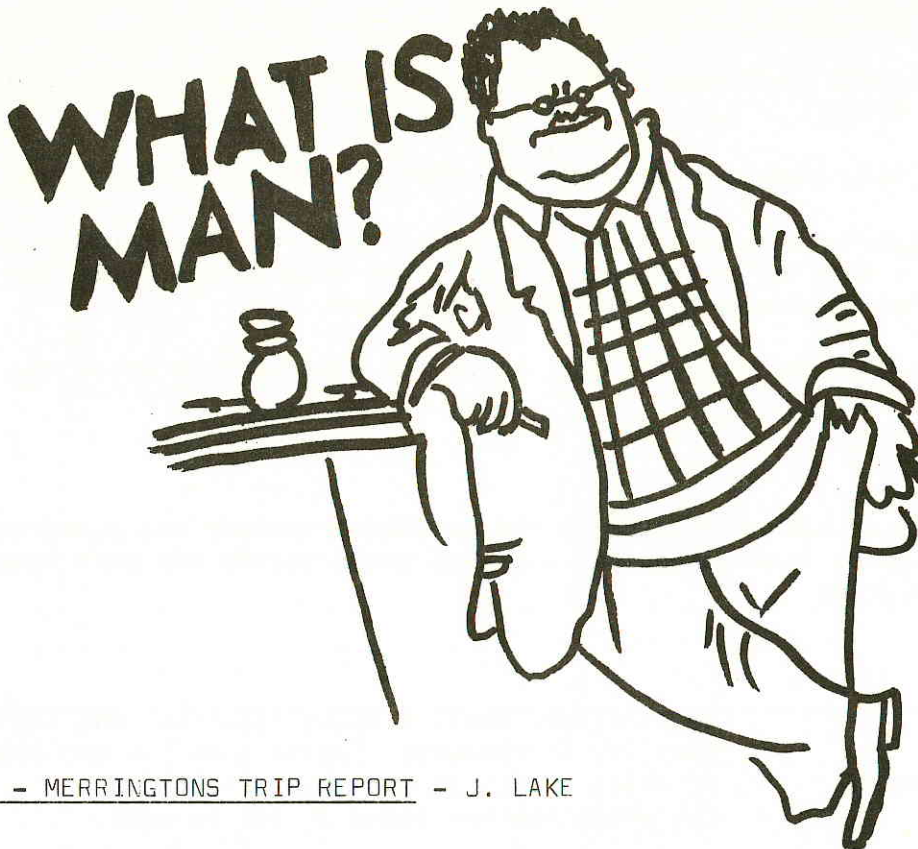
He spends money on birds, beer, cards, gambling, repairs to his (4WD)car and the rest he spends foolishly.

A Man is a magical creature; you can lock him out of your house, but not your heart, you can scratch him off your mailing list but not off your mind.

He's a one and only bleary-eyed, good for nothing bundle of worries, but all your shattered dreams become insignificant when he comes home, looks at you with those bleary-eyes and says (as best he is able considering he is in no sober state)
" HIYA SWEETHEART!!!"

By DARYL NAPPER

Editors Note: Has this been a true life confession??



BELLS FLAT - MERRINGTONS TRIP REPORT - J. LAKE

We were advised by the forest commission ranger at Erica that Bells Flat was unsuitable for camping, so it was decided to find another venue close to Bells for the Cup Day long weekend trip away. To cut a long story short Merringtons was the final destination, although some members took longer to get there than others. However, everyone duly arrived as planned on either Friday night or Saturday, the Pres making his presence known about 12 o'clock on the Saturday.

Unfortunately Geoff and Heather didn't make it as Heather took ill on the way down - Hope you are feeling a lot better now Heather.

Saturday was taken up in a variety of ways. Some were preparing the lamb on the spit for Saturday night's dinner (By the way 50¢ was the suggested contribution for those who partook, please see the treasurer next meeting). Others were out exploring the surrounding country side and finding wayward members of the club. Chuck & Alma and Co finally arriving Saturday afternoon after meeting up with Steve, Phil & Carol (who I'm told received some education in advanced driving technique).

That night of course we were all delighted to take part in eating the lamb carved by the SANDMAN.

There were some strange goings on that night. An unexplainable vision made Rose Dove fall backwards off her chair and candles were seen to flicker momentarily then go out in a strange ritual that to this day cannot be explained.

Did everyone return from that trip, or are there still members looking for those candles and the mysterious being that held them?

Sunday dawned brightly and those members who had to work Monday headed off back home.

The remainder followed the Pres down knappings Trade across the Thompson and down to Bells Flat. For those of us who have had some good times at Bells we were saddened by the major highway that runs through it and across the bridge. Most of the trees on the right of the Flat are gone and there is heavy equipment there. We came away from Bells a little sadder than we had entered. Returning to camp we came via Marshalls Spur, Aberfeldy and down Sullivans track, which although fairly steep it is quite safe in the day.

On Monday we went out for a drive to the Donnelly Creek mine, where we had lunch, and returned via the Toombon mine and Donnelly creek road.

BELLS FLAT - MERRINGTONS TRIP REPORT Cont...

A little rain fell on Monday night but by the time we had packed up on Tuesday the tents had all dried.

All in all a very pleasant weekend was I think had by everybody there.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that it was not the President who thought his Landrover was a duck as he plunged into a 6 foot hole in the Aberfeldy river. For more details Tom Brachna will tell the tale of woe.

Our thanks to John Houghton for the use of his spitt and to steve for transporting it.

THE HUNGRY CAMPER

A large supply of biscuits baked to the following recipes are guarenteed to add that something extra to those enjoyable evenings spent around the camp fire talking over the days activities.

PEANUT SLICE

9 ozs Rolled oats
3 ozs Coconut
3 ozs chopped peanuts
6 ozs Marj.
3 ozs butter
1 egg
2 tablespoons S.R. flour
6 ozs brown sugar.

Melt butter, marj, & sugar together, add beaten egg & mix into dry ingredients. Spread into tin and cook for 30 mins or until golden in Mod. oven (350f)
Cut while hot but leave in tin to cool.

ANZACS

1 cup rolled oats
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup Plain flour
4 ozs marj or butter
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup coconut
1 teaspoon bi/soda dissolved in
2 tablespoon boiling water
3 tablespoon golden syrup

Melt butter & syrup add water & soda & mix into dry ingredients. Place teaspoonfulls on tray leaving room to spread. 10 - 15 mins in mod. oven (350f).

CITRUS SLICE

$\frac{1}{2}$ can condensed milk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sweet crushed biscuits
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup coconut
crated rind of orange or lemon

Melt butter & cond. milk gently, add remaining ingredient
When cool ice with lemon or orange icing.

CHERRY RIPE SQUARES

1 lb malt biscuits or morning coffee
3 ozs Copha
2 ozs glace cherries (opt)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb coconut
Tin condensed milk

Line slab tin with layer of biscuits. Melt copha & add milk & coconut. Spread over biscuits & ice with chocolate icing.

FRUITY FUDGE SLICE

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb crushed sweet biscuits
1 cup mixed fruit
4 ozs butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
1 egg
Vanilla

Place mixed fruit, butter & sugar in pan. Stir while bringing slowly to boil. Cool - add beaten egg & van. then biscuits. Press into tin - can ice with chocolate.

PRELIMINARY WORKING DRAFT OF CODE OF ETHICS
FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

As off-road vehicle owners we derive considerable pleasure from our vehicles as well as using them to help others. However, our machines can also annoy other people and damage the natural environment we seek to enjoy.

This code of ethics shows how we, the ORV users, can avoid adverse effects of our sport while still gaining pleasure from it.

- (1) Obey the laws and regulations of Commonwealth, State and Local Governments,
- (2) Join a club,
- (3) Seek permission of the relevant authority before you drive on public land,
- (4) Seek the landowners permission before you drive on private land,
- (5) Keep to public roads in national parks and other restricted areas,
- (6) Recognize the right of others to solitude and peace. Do not disturb picnickers, bushwalkers and other recreationists,
- (7) Walking tracks are for walking, bridle tracks for horses - keep them that way,
- (8) Keep to defined vehicular tracks. If impracticable minimize and make good any damage,
- (9) Alpine areas, swamps and vegetated sand dunes are easily damaged. Take special care in these areas,
- (10) Challenge your vehicle against the terrain only in areas specially set aside for the purpose,
- (11) Keep the environment clean; carry your rubbish home. If others have left a mess, consider doing the right thing by cleaning it up,
- (12) Respect the wildlife. Stop and look but never chase animals in your vehicle,
- (13) Have a sound muffler system, keep your noise to a minimum,
- (14) Keep well away from settlements and recreation areas where your noise will disturb others,

- (15) ORVs can be very useful in search and rescue or to fight bushfires. Help the authorities when you can,
 - (16) Encourage other users to abide by this code; ensure that participants in your sport are seen as responsible citizens.
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FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Total fire ban means no fires in the open or your tent. Listen to the radio whilst you are out enjoying our forrest areas during the approaching summer months for any restrictions or lighting fires. Members are urged to obey all the rules and restrictions in force to construct proper fire places if you do light a fire on permitted days.

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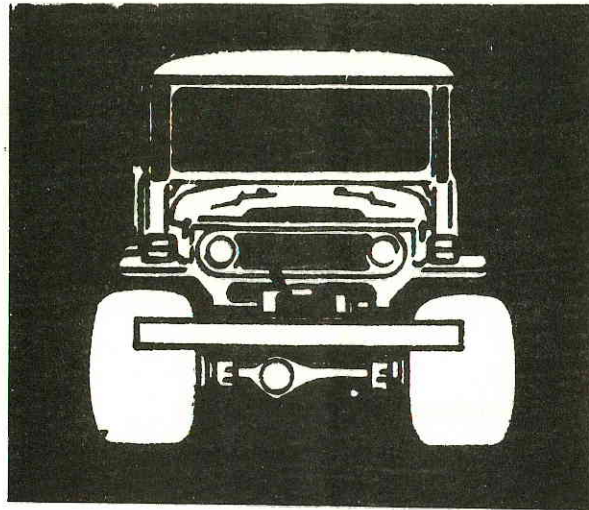
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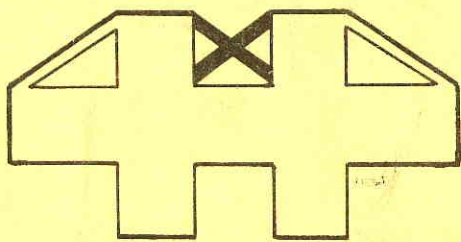
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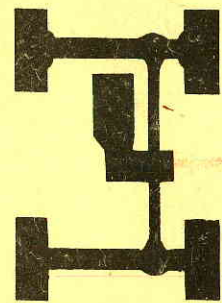
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