



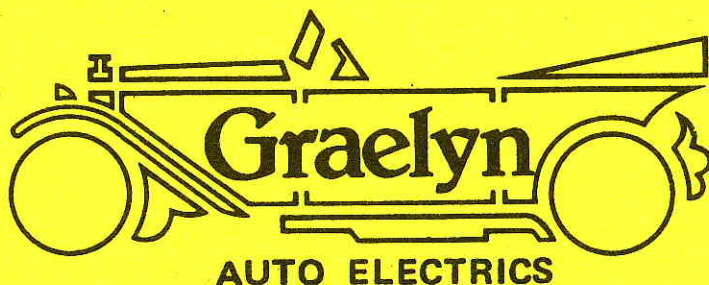
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TRIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

'A' Grade: Extensive use of 4 WD: Tracks may be 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 4 WD. 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 items to

Ray West by General Meetings.

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Club has one radio for hire at \$1.00 per day, or free if you are leading a trip.

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MEETINGS LAST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH AT DANDENONG

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MAY 1984 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Members,

If any member has not paid their money for the Phoenix Restaurant or if you know of any ex member who has not paid, could you please do so as soon as possible as money was to be paid by 30th April.

For those who made it to the Mc Alister River trip over easter, apart from the heavy rain all day on Good Friday the rest of the time was perfect and it was a very relaxing time.

The trip up on the Avon River area had a few problems, but I think everyone had a good time still. Trip reports following.

The people going on Ross Fergusons' trip to Wonnangatta - Dargo on 26th - 27th May, he will be leaving the Library on Friday night at 8 p.m., making camp around Licola the first night.

Thanks to Dave and Pat for their talk on Map reading last meeting. Keith and I are hoping it's going to make all the difference for this years Nav run, well were hoping we won't come last again.

For the May meeting we will have Mr. Ian Nesbit from the National Parks Service, give us a talk on the Alpine National Parks.

As was mentioned at the April meeting, Club fees will be rising in July, they will be \$20 for Single, \$30 for Dual Membership. We have to put them up as we have not had a rise in 3 years and every thing has gone up in that time.

On the 5th August we will be holding a training day for all new members who have joined since December 1983 to be held around the Narbethong area.

For those people going on Brian Tucks' Day trip on 27th May. He will be leaving at 8.30 a.m., from the Little Yarra Bridge, just past Yarra Junction.

Could I please have names of those going on the Barmah Forest trip over Queens' Birthday weekend, at the next meeting. We will be leaving the big flag just past the Ford factory on the Hume Highway at 7 a.m., on Saturday 9th June. There will be a base camp and day trips or fishing will be done from there.

That's it for now, see you all on the 29th May.

PETER ROWE.

EASTER TRIP

Mc Alister River

Roll Call : - Peter Rowe, Mary and Alan Wade, John Lake and Sue, Dave, Val and Kim Hocking, Brian and Connie West and Julie, Ray, Debbie and Jodie West, Elo and Brian, Rob and Julie Aitken, Darryl and Jan Napper, Don and Thelma Montigue, Trevor, Kim and Tanya West, Peter Handley, Vin Handley and son in law Kevin, Debbie and Terry.

The Meeting place was on the corner opposite the Hallam Pub. When we had enough people arrive, Vin took the first group off while we waited for the others to arrive. We ended up being about 3/4 of an hour behind the others, as Elo and Brian were told the wrong time and Trevor and Kim had to re bath Tanya as she was sick everywhere as they got into their Toyota.

We met up with the others at Heyfield and stopped for morning tea, by this time it was raining heavily and it continued to rain the rest of the way. We arrived at the gateway into the Mc Alister and found we were not the only ones with the idea of going in to stay for the Easter break. There were vehicles lined up everywhere waiting to go up the hill as a Jackaroo was stuck half way up the hill. When he decided to give up and come back down, after changing the colour of the air with his language we had our turn at what proved to be a very slippery hill, with huge wheel ruts in it. These ruts were to prove to be a few peoples undoing. Almost everyone managed to get up except Rob & Julie, and Darryl & Jan, who had to be winched up in the still continuing rain. Don & Thelma & Trevor & Kim who were waiting down the bottom while all this was going on, decided to call it a day and head home, as Thelma had a bad cold, and Kim & Trevor had the baby to think of and it didn't look as if the rain was going to ever let up.

When everyone was finally up we got going again but the slippery conditions proved to much for Rob & Darryl as they weren't wearing the right kind of rubber for these conditions and it didn't seem like much fun sliding from one side of the track to the other. So they turned around and headed for home.

The rest of us continued on and as it was still pouring down, we decided not to stop for lunch and we reached camp at about 2.30 to find Peter, Alan, Mary, John and Sue waiting for us, as they had come in the night before. Needless to say they had, had a lot less trouble getting in as it hadn't been raining then. A lot of us were beginning to wonder if we shouldn't have gone home with the others but the rain finally eased off and we were able to cook our tea on the fire and sit around the fire and have a warm.

The next day was a bit better, but the rain was still threatening. A few brave (stupid) souls (Dave, Ray, Brian, Elo & Brian) decided to test out Daves Kyak and Canoo on the river. They only fell out of the canoo once, or so they tell us. Then they took them further up stream and came down with a few further dunkings. In the afternoon a few went for a drive with Peter Rowe to check out a new track they had discovered, after 18 river crossings they decided to turn back and arrived back at camp by about 1/2 past 7 or so. The rain still held off so we spent another pleasant night around the campfire and as it looked as if the weather might clear by Sunday, we planned a trip to the Nobbs helicopter pad the next day, to leave at about half past!

After a liesurely breakfast we were off, the sun was out and it was a lovely day. We finally had to stop about 3 ks from the heli pad as the track had deteriorated so badly from the rain and a group of four wheel drives with chains on going through on Friday in all the rain. We all pulled over to the side of the track and had a short conference after which we decided we would walk up to the heli pad which, someone assured us was only about a kilometer up the hill.

Continued.

Well ! after walking and sliding our way up and leaving a few unfit stragglers behind us, I can assure that person, it was a lot more like 3ks up and 3ks back. For us smokers it was a pretty breathless trip. But I made it anyway even if I did look purple in the face by the time Ray dragged me to the top. On the way back to camp we stopped for a well deserved lunch break, and then onto camp, where we arrived at about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 3, and miraculously the rain still held off and we spent another relaxing night around the camp fire.

The next morning Peter woke us up and said it looked like it was going to rain again and as we were leaving, we had better get up and pack up and get Brians tent down before it started. So we got going and had breakfast and packed up. The others all were up and ready to go up the track Peter had explored on Saturday, so we said our goodbyes as only the two lots of Wests were leaving. Vin & Peter Handley and Kevin, Elo and Brian were staying until the next day and the rest were staying till Thursday. By the looks of the weather when we left I bet a few of them wished they had decided to come with us. We left not long after the others and the rain held off, so the trip that took us about 3 hours in only took us about an hour on the way out.

Despite the rain we all had an enjoyable Easter weekend.

DEBBIE WEST.

"SEX" IS A MANS BEST FRIEND

Usually everyone who has a dog either calls him Rover or something. I call mine "SEX". Well, "SEX" is a very embarrassing name. One day I took "SEX" for a walk and he ran away from me. I spent hours looking for that dog. A cop came along and asked me what I was doing in this alley at 4 A.M. in the morning, I said I'm looking for "SEX". My case comes up next Thursday.

One day I went to City Hall to get a dog licence for "SEX". The clerk asked me what I wanted. I told him I wanted a licence for "SEX". He said, "I would like to have one too". When I said, "But this is a dog". And he said he didn't care how she looked. Then I said, "You don't understand, I've had "SEX" since I was two year old". He replied, "You must have been a strong boy".

When I decided to get married I told the minister that I wanted to have "SEX" at the wedding. He told me to wait until after the wedding. I said, "But "SEX" has played a big part of my life and my whole lifestyle revolves around "SEX". He said he didn't want to hear about my personal life and would not marry us in his church. I told him everyone coming to the wedding would enjoy having "SEX" there. The next day we were married by the Justice of Peace. My family is barred from the church.

My wife and I took the dog along with us on the honeymoon. When I checked into the motel I told the clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and I and a special room for "SEX". The clerk said that every room in the motel is for "SEX". Then I said, "You don't understand, "SEX" keeps me awake at night". And the clerk said, "Me too".

One day I told my friend that I had "SEX" on T.V. He said, "Show-off". I told him it was a contest and he told me I should have sold tickets.

When my wife and I separated we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, "Your Honor, I had "SEX" before I was married". And the Judge said, "Me too". When I told him that after I was married, "SEX" had left me he said "Me too".

Well, now I've been thrown in jail, been married, divorced and had more damn trouble with that dog than I ever gambled for. Why just the other day when went for my first session with the psychiatrist and she asked me, "What seem to be the trouble" and I replied, "Well, Sex has died and left my life". "It's like losing a best friend and its so lonely". The doctor said, "Look Mister, you and I both know that Sex isn't man's best friend, so get yourself a DOG!!!!

AUTHOR UNKNOWN!!!!!!

HOLLEY CARBURETTORS

Quite a number of people are opting for Holley carbs to feed the engines of their 4 WDs these days. This is especially so on vehicles that have had engine conversions. So, a word to the wise. Firstly make sure that the carby that you buy is what you need. Most people seem to make a common mistake of choosing one that is too big for their motor. An engine can suffer just as badly from being over - carburetted, as it can from running a carby that is too small. This generally shows up with a very unflexible motor at low revs and with a 4wd you need a motor that is happy in the low to medium rev range. -

Generally speaking a carburettor capable of 350 CFM air flow is large enough for most of the engines that are currently being used in 4wd's. Motors of larger capacity (say, over 302 CID) may need to go to 500 or 600 CFM depending on the size and application of the unit.

Holley put out a book which covers all their carburettors and helps a person choose the correct carb for his or her needs. I strongly recommend reading the book on sections or selection before you go out and purchase your carburettor.

The main point though that I want to stress is using the correct type of carb for the job. A lot of Holleys are sold to 4 wheelers that are not suitable for the application. These are performance carbs and come with centre hung float bowls as opposed to side hung floats.

Centre hung floats are terrific for fast cornering and so on but they will stick you up on steep up or down grades. It's most important that you obtain a carby with a side hung float if you intend on doing any serious driving in the hills.

There are other considerations as well, such as using heavier counter-balance springs under the float and extending the breather tubes to stop fuel from spilling into the venturis when travelling up steep bumpy tracks. The fuel bowl vent can also be blocked and the balance tube (on 4 barrel carbs) be discarded and a seperate fuel line run to the secondary fuel bowl.

Don't forget if you're buying or thinking of buying a Holley check firstly that it's not too big and that it has side hung floats.

As an example, when I first installed my 215 CID Buick engine in my Landrover, I asked around and someone who was totally misinformed recommended a 600 CFM 4 barrel. Being a bit green and impressed by numbers I fitted the unit and it was great until I got into the bush, where it just would not perform at low revs.

I finally installed a 390 CFM 4 B and this unit was entirely satisfactory.

Don't think however that all you have to do is find out the right size etc., bolt on and whizzo. Holleys are a good unit but they must be tuned to your individual needs and this may mean playing around with main jets and power valves to obtain performance and economy. The end result I think is worth a little bit of experimenting, they are simplicity itself when it comes to changing components.

Don't forget "Horses for Courses".

JOHN LAKE.

Two Typically Australian Dishes

Recommended by this office for serving to V.I.P. visitors

Take 1 young hen — stretch neck.
Remove some feathers for decoration.

BARBECUED EMU

Have prepared a goodly-sized hole of white ash and coals.
Place bird on same, and cover with green boughs.
Cook until feathers gone and skin golden brown.
Rub with mallee (green) roots to remove quills.

Serve to old men and dogs, then the women and kids.
DELICIOUS!

3 medium sized camels
1 ton salt
1 ton pepper
500 bushels potatoes
200 bushels carrots
3000 sprigs parsley
2 small rabbits

CAMEL STEW

Cut camels into bite size pieces. This should take about two months.
Cut vegetables into cubes (another two months).
Place meat in pan and cover with 1000 gallons of brown gravy.
Simmer for 4 weeks.
Shovel in pepper and salt to taste.
When meat is tender, add vegetables.
Simmer slowly for 4 weeks.
Garnish with parsley.
Will serve 3800 people.
If more are expected, add two rabbits.

*These two recipes were given to me by a manager of one of Kidmans Stations. He told me that the Head Office in Adelaide sent these two recipes to all his stations.
P.S. I haven't tried them, as I have had trouble getting the three medium sized camels.*

Jack Absalom

1 kg/2 lbs any meat
 2½ cups rice
 1 small tin pineapple
 1 stick celery
 2 carrots
 2 onions
 salt and pepper
 1 dessertspoon paprika
 2 tbs curry powder
 1 tin tomato juice (or small tin puree)
 ½ cup oil or margarine

CURRY AND RICE

Cooking time: 1½ hours.

Cut off meat, boil till partly cooked then take off gravy. Dice the pineapple, celery, carrot and onions. Fry in oil or margarine until half cooked. Now add paprika and curry powder. Stir for 5 minutes then add tomato juice (or puree) and stir for 2 minutes. Now add gravy from the meat, make enough to cover meat. Allow to put the meat in the same pot as the gravy and with all the vegetables and salt and pepper. Simmer for 1 hour until well cooked. Boil rice and serve with curry.

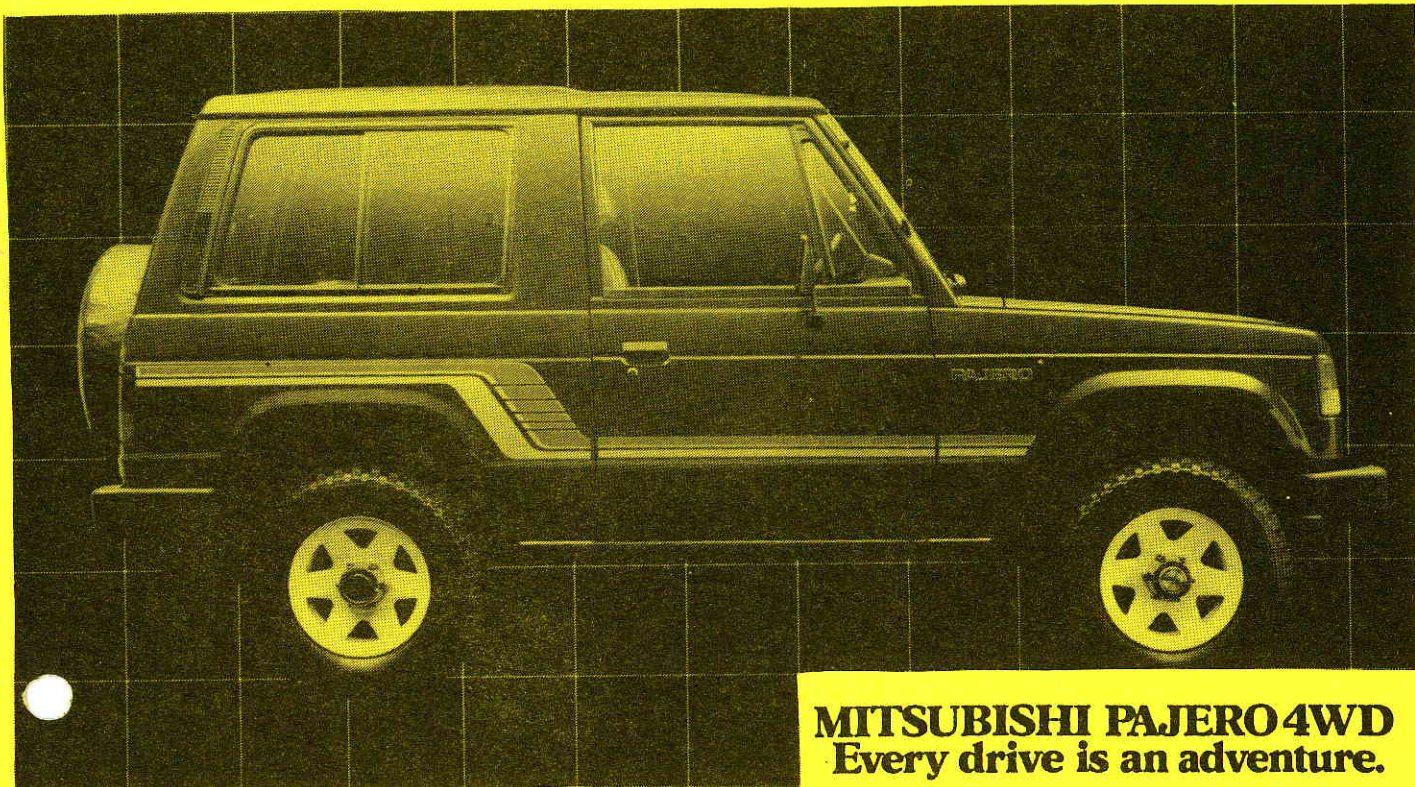
2 rabbits
 1 tbs dripping
 2 tbs flour
 2 apples, diced
 2 tomatoes, diced
 1 tbs curry powder
 ¼ cup tomato sauce
 1¼ pints of water
 1 tbs rice
 1 tbs parsley
 salt and pepper to taste

PORT AUGUSTA CURRIED RABBIT

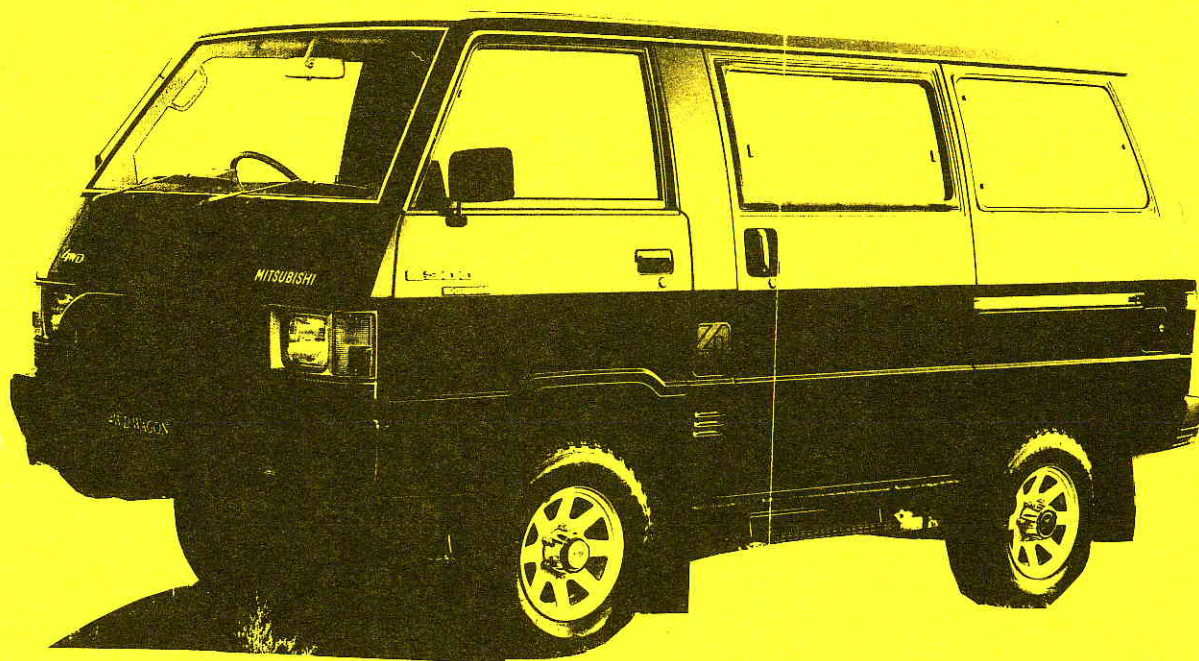
Cooking time: 2½ hours

Joint the rabbits. Heat the dripping in the camp oven and baste rabbits for about 10-15 minutes, then remove. Mix the onions, apples and tomatoes with the flour, curry, tomato sauce and salt and pepper. Place all ingredients into dripping and add water. Stir until it is bubbling then place lid on and cook slowly for 2 hours. When half done add the rice and parsley. Now cook for another hour until tender.

MONTH	TRIP DATE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	TRIP LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME AND LOCATION	TRIP LEADERS	CLASS	SOCIAL FUNCTION
MARCH	10th & 11th	Rutherglen Wine Area.	Fri 9th (Big flag, Hume Highway, Campbellfield. at 7.00 pm.	D. Montague	C-S	Wine tasting, Social, Driving.
	10th & 11th	Wandong Nat., 4WD Jamboree & Country Music Festival			S	Part of "Moomba" Celebration.
	10th, 11th & 12th	Narbethong "Bog Hole"	Narbethong		B-S	Trips & "Bog Hole" Contest.
	24th & 25th	Water Ski W/end Eildon "The Pines" Delatite Arm.	Mansfield Toilet Block Fri 9.00 pm	Terry Hincks	C-S	Water Ski-ing, small trips.
APRIL	7th & 8th	Gippsland 4WD "Go Down"	Labetouche		A-B-S	Trips & "Bog Hole" Contest.
	Good Friday-Easter 20th to 25th	Macalister River Area		Ray West	A-B	
MAY	20th to 25th	Avon River Area		Rick Goon	A-B	
	12 & 13th	Navigation Trial Trentham	area	David Heard	B-C	
	27th	Yarra Junction Area	Little Yarra Bridge 8.30am past Yarra Junction	Brian Tuck	B-C	
	26th & 27th May	Wonnangatta/Dargo area	'8pm Fri. Dandy Library	Ross Ferguson	A	Limit 6 Vehicles Full equipt
JUNE	Queens Birthday 11th	Barmah Forest North Victoria/N.S.W.	Sat 9th 7am Big Flag Hume Hwy.	Peter Rowe	B	
JULY	21st	Our 10th Anniversary			S	Phoenix Restaurant, I Jeanne Street, Cockatoo.
AUGUST	18th 2 weeks	Frazer Island		Peter Rowe	A.B.C.S.	Annual Interstate Trip
	5th	New Members since December 1983(Narbethong)		David Heard	B.C.Tr.	Training Course
SEPTEMBER	1st 4 weeks	Frazer Island	(CANCELLED)			(CANCELLED)



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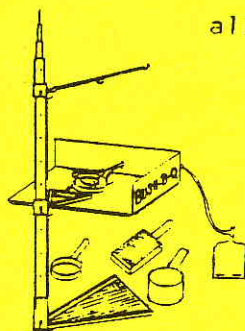
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