

Jeep Club



of N.S.W.

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**Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday
of each month (except January) at 8.00pm**

**Yennora Public School, Orchardleigh St,
Yennora.**

**Visitors are always welcome. Enter the School through the gate in Orchardleigh St. Drive around to
the rear of the school buildings.**

The ramblings contained in this newsletter are not necessarily factual and are the opinion of the writer only and do not necessarily represent the
view of the club as a whole.

COMING EVENTS



Please let the trip leader know of your attendance at least the Wednesday night prior to a trip.

MARCH 21st to 24th **CAMP COFFS** Annual Jeep Only event
EASTER '08 Hosted by Jeep Action Magazine.

APRIL 5th & 6th **SHOALHAVEN RIVER CANOE TRIP** **RAY**
Ray will require support vehicle drivers, so even if you don't
Canoe you can participate. **NOTE THIS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED**

APRIL 25th to 27th **Suggested trip to Nowendoc area. More info later.**

JUNE 7th to 9th **Bendethra. Option Friday start.**

JULY '08 **JEEP CLUB OF N.S.W. Annual General Meeting.**
Corrected Date as advised by Public Officer to comply with Regulations.

AUG/SEP '08 **MUNGO N.P. & CORNER COUNTRY** **Keith**

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008 **NATIONAL JEEP JAMBOREE.**
A Jeep only event.
EVENT CANCELLED. A LOCAL EFFORT IS UNDERWAY TO ESTABLISH
AN EVENT ON THE EAST COAST. SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE.

SEZ TH' PREZ



Hi All

The 2008 Jeep Jamboree that was planned for Perth, has been relocated to Morisset Showground and the new organisers are The Cherokee Club. They have asked us to assist in any way we can and some initial talks have been held. I believe we will be mainly required to help run some trips to the Watagans and surround areas.

We (me and Laz) have nominated Warren as our contact point (he who has the most Jeeps wins). The jambo is planned for the weekend before the long weekend in Oct – 26-29 September.

Anyone interested in assisting or if you have suggestions, should let Warren, of Krambach Jeep Farm, know asap.

Hopefully the rain may have stopped enough to allow a great weekend. Stay tuned for further details in future newsletters, as the organisation progresses.

Nb Jeep only event.

The trip calendar has been changed and needs filling up. Contact Ray or get along to the next meeting and put some locations up.

The Coffs trip over the Jan long weekend was cancelled due to rain, but as a few made it to Krambach, an abbreviated trip west was made around the Woko NP. This was pretty good and some new tracks were found and others lost forever thanks to NP.

See ya
Ken

'07/'08 FINANCIAL MEMBER\$ ROLL



LARRY & PENNY STEWART
BRETT GALWAY
PETER JACKSON
BARBARA EPPLE
WARREN & CHERYL LEWIS
MICHAEL & KELLY McFADYEN
KEN BRUDERLIN
CLIFF & CAROLE CLIFFTON

RAY & LIZ WYATT
HEINZ BENDINGER
KEITH SMITH
BOB MURPHY
JOHN GLASSFORD
LINDSAY SQUIRES
DAVE CAMILLERI
MATT RASDALL

RAFFLE PRIZES DONATED SO FAR THIS YEAR :-

KEN B.....LED torch & LED sticky light
RAY.....Butane burner

THE NEW ED'S EDITORIAL



Howdy yawl,

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for 2008.

There have been quite a few changes to the upcoming trips this year. Some due to cancellations, date changes and foul weather. A lot of areas have copped heaps of rain, so we can only hope it dries out a bit to limit further alterations.

I have mentioned in previous editions of our growing library of DVD'S, but have had no response. These cover just about anything you could want to see. If you require a detailed list of whats available, email me and I will endeavour to produce said list in future editions.

I hope everyone's New Year wishes came true and let's hope for some good and fun trips this year.

See ya in the bush.

Brettly.

FROM THE TREASURY



NOTICE :- 07/08 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE OVERDUE.

\$35.00 Annual Club Membership Subscriptions for 2007/2008 are overdue. This is the last reminder to keep financial.

IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE SO PAY YOUR FEES BY DIRECT DEBIT!

The Club's banking details are :-

St George Bank,
Jeep Club of N.S.W. Inc,
BSB 112-879,
a/c 127403464.

Remember to reference your name with your payment.

FROM THE NEWS DESK

WORKSHOP WEEKEND Waz'n Laz

When Penny's Wrangler came from Chrysler it was shod with 225/75 X 15 tyres and had 3.73:1 diff ratios. During the build-up to "Magoo" we fitted bigger 31 X 10.5R 15 tyres. Whilst the Wrangler then had a tougher appearance, it's on-road performance suffered as a result of the bigger tyres. It had to be driven at wider throttle openings and it lost momentum on the slightest of inclines. This resulted in the vehicle being thirstier than Boris Yeltsin. The Speedo was reading slow, and some driveline vibration had developed because of the lifted suspension.

The jump in fuel prices last year prompted Beth to make the comment that Mum's Jeep was more economical when it had smaller tyres. I took this statement on board and "surfed the net", checking Jeep engine power curves, and comparing different diff ratios and tyre sizes. Based on what I found out I made the decision to change the diff ratios. Not a huge change, but enough to restore the Jeep's performance to factory specs.

When I was talking with Warren he mentioned that he also had diff work to be done on some of his fleet. Jeep diffs are unique and fiddly to set up. The work needs to be done by someone with experience, patience and know-how. And it helps if they don't want to get rich on one job, too. So we asked around and a guy from Western Australia was highly recommended. It so happened that he was coming to the East Coast for a holiday in January '08. So we put it to him to come to Krumbach for a few days and we'd guarantee a heap of work. Arrangements were finalised for 19th & 20th January, so I loaded up "Magoo" on Friday arvo and headed north for the weekend.

Warren had two diffs operated on. He wanted to do more but all his bits didn't arrive from the States in time. After I had my ratio changes carried out, and whilst the Jeep was in open-heart surgery mode, a slip-yolk eliminator was installed in the transfer case. This is regulation stuff for a Wrangler operated in an environment any tougher than the Council nature strip. Check out the difference between shafts in the photo.





My return trip from Krumbach showed immediate benefits. The Wrangler was easier to drive, responding crisply to throttle input, and maintaining speed on the Bulahdelah Hills. It was noticeably less thirsty, and the driveline vibrations had disappeared.

JEEP CLUB OF N.S.W. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH FEBRUARY 2008

1. Meeting opened at 8.05 pm.
2. Present: Lindsay & Jacqui, Ken, Larry, Heinz, Ray, Liz
3. Apologies: Kevin Rudd, John Glassford, Warren, Mike & Kelly
4. Visitors: Frank

5. Previous Month's Minutes were not tabled due to absence of Secretary.
Moved: Nil
Seconded: Nil
6. No Business Arising from Minutes:

7. No Secretary's Report – Secretary making apologies.
Mailbox not emptied because John couldn't function at the box
Moved: Nil
Seconded: Nil

8. Treasurer's Report: as at 31/01/08
Opening Balance: \$ 586.66
Income: 53.00

Expenditure: 236.29
Closing Balance: \$ 403.37
Moved: Heinz
Seconded: Lindsay

9. **Trip Committee Report:**
- **Report on long weekend trip given by Ray.**
 - **Canoe trip postponed due to excessive rain causing flotsam & high waters. Rescheduled to 5th & 6th April. Liz asked Ray if he was still going away next weekend. Ray hedged his bets.**
 - **Lindsay postponed his trip to the tip due to no other participation.**
 - **ANZAC weekend 25th April ... suggested trip to Nowendoc area**
 - **June 7th, 8th, & 9th Bendethra. Optional Friday start.**
10. **Association: Nil**
10. **Sergeant at Arms:**
- **Warren fined for continual breakdowns (vehicular) on January trip.**
 - **Raffle donations by Ken – LED torch & LED sticky light
Ray – Butane burner**
11. **General Business:**
Ken addressed meeting of approach by Cherokee Club to assist with running of the National Jeep Jamboree '08. It was agreed that the Cherokee Club should run the event and we will assist with personnel.
12. **Raffle won by Ray.**
14. **Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**

TRIP REPORT

EXPLORING COFFS- NOT

We had planned on showing the non Jeep owners in the club the tracks around the Coffs Harbour area. As you all know it's been a bit damp lately. A week before the trip, discussion had turned to whether it was worth driving the extra distance only to be restricted by the conditions.

Ray riding solo and Ken with Brett as navi arrived at the Krambach half way house on Thursday. By this stage it had been decided not to venture too much further north, the weather had dampened spirits. So plan B was established. This involved sampling the tracks around Possum Brush near our dry accommodation. Lindsey was to meet up with us later. The small group was given a scenic tour of the district on the way to the first 4wding area, to test the waters so to speak.

The skies were grey but no rain yet. The round about tour must have disorientated some of the group a little. I knew exactly where I was, as Ray had stuck his new GPS to my windscreen. After a trackside smoko we headed off to test a track I wanted to sample in the damp conditions. No problems with that one so we went in search of a greater challenge.

A quick run up the highway took us to a favourite ascent of mine that we had done twelve months earlier. In the dry, this is a short steep climb, with loose gibbers at the bottom. It's the same in the wet but just a little more slippery. The steepness of the track would give us a good indication of track conditions anywhere we chose to go on the coast. A diversion hump half way up caused a bit of trouble for the CJ8, but with some perseverance I made it. I walked down to offer some guidance to the others, but doubt had crept into their minds. The disorientated feelings must have muddled their thought processes. We yelled opinions on what to do, and I mistakenly said, the only other option was to go back the way they came. I heard engines fire in the distance and then the sounds got further away. That's odd I thought, they should be getting louder. Then I realised the chicken route had been taken.

A stop for lunch and I mentioned how Mike had driven up the same hill in the Prado twelve months earlier. We've never been here before was the reply from all three. Three against one made them feel they were right, I know they are wrong. So it was off to sample the slippery conditions on another track we had done previously in the dry. I thought this would sort us out and it did. I gave it a fair crack, even resorting to airing down the tyres but to no avail. It was suggested Kens tyres might have some more bite, they didn't. Then it poured, and we all got a bit wet trying to recover Ken. We put our tails between our legs, defeated by the weather, and headed for our dry accommodation.

Plan C was evolving, as we checked the weather conditions on the BOM web site. It was decided heading west was the best option. We toured around with our limited maps aided by Rays GPS. I had jumped into the Cherokee for the remainder of the trip and would you believe, it was overheating. The sun had come out and it was quite steamy at times.

We travelled through storms, stopped plenty to let the Jeep cool down, and found a good camp site for the night. The next day saw the showers disappear. The Jeep still overheated. We got a bit lost. We stopped plenty of times to let the Jeep cool and saw some new country to the west off Thunderbolts way. Ray took us to a camp site he knew of by the Dilgry River near Barrington tops. Most of what we had done in the last two days was all new to us and provided enough to warrant a return visit some time.

Monday morning was sunny but Brett and Ken decided to head for home. Ray and I took the scenic route back to Krambach and nearly got lost a couple more times. Again some new country was covered, unfortunately though we had been two and a half days without mobile service and were unable to let Lindsey know where we were. Most of the time we weren't one hundred percent sure ourselves. The Jeep was still cutting out when it got hot but we made it back eventually.

A return visit is in order, this time with better maps and a Jeep that doesn't cut out when hot. Sorry you missed it Lindsey, maybe next time.

Warren.



A woman was pregnant and was in a bad car accident, which caused her to fall into a deep coma. After nearly six months, she awakens and sees that she is no longer pregnant. Frantically, she asks the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replies, " Ma'am, you had twins - a boy and a girl. The babies are fine. Your brother came in and named them."

The woman thinks to herself, "Oh, no! Not Mike; he's an idiot!" Expecting the worst, she asks the doctor, "Well, what's the girl's name?"

"Denise," the doctor answers.

The new mother thinks, "Wow! That's a beautiful name, maybe I was wrong about my brother. I really like the name Denise.

"What's the boy's name?"

The doctor replies, "Denephew."

American Medical Association researchers have made a remarkable discovery. It seems that some patients needing blood transfusions may benefit from receiving chicken blood rather than human blood.

It tends to make the men cocky and the women lay better.

That's all folks.