



*ACT JeepTrAction Newsletter
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GREAT DIVIDING RANGE TRIP



+ CLUB SOCIAL & TRADE NIGHT AT JEEP CITY





Presidents note...



Quite a lot has happen since our last newsletter with overnight trips, club social trade nights & sponsor visits taking place along with a couple club competition winners as well.

A big thank you goes out to Louise for organising our new style of club sloppy joes, which are now in stock & can be purchased from her as well at our club meetings. Our Embroidered range of fleecy jumpers will soon be ready as well.



Our design a Club Hoodie for the kids of the club has been run & won by Shannon McDonald, her design is displayed below. Shannon received a new GPS unit as prize for her design. Well done Shannon.

On the subject of competition winners our best club members pic of the month for the June competition was won by Andrew Slattery for his fender fail at this years Camp Coffs trip. Andrew received a whole heap of goodies from our merchandise war chest as pictured below along with his fender fail pic.



Keep those entries rolling in for these comps, the current best club members pic of the month comp is around the theme of, "Getting some air".

Regards, Paul Simmons



Club Happenings...

Club General Meetings...

- Monday 14th September General Meeting, plus “Using a Digital Camera/Go Pro” presentation.
- Monday 12th October General Meeting + a presentation from Brett McNamara, Regional Manager for National Parks & Catchments, ACT Parks & Conservation Service.
- Monday 9th November General Meeting, plus “Hema Maps” presentation.

(All meetings are held at Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley St, Manuka, at 7pm.)

Club Social BBQ, Sponsor Trade Nights...

- Tuesday 11th of August, National Tyre Wholesalers, Sausage Sizzle, drinks + presentation from 6pm - 9pm at 14 Yallourn St Fyshwick ACT 2609. RSVP a must via club FB site event invite.

Other Events...

- 9th of August “Canberra District Wine Lovers Trip” for more info please see the FB event invite for all the details or contact Paul Simmons 0451 514 540.
- 29th of August joint club trip with ACTATC to the Monga NP area, see the FB event invite for all the details or contact Troy Rollan 0413 730 138.
- 3rd - 5th of October “National Jeep Jambo”, Blue Mountains Rydal. See JAM for more info.
- 6th - 8th of December “Christmas Party” (Day trip or overnight camping) Micalong Creek Reserve, near Wee Jasper, see club minutes & FB event invite for further details.

**Please note the above dates are subject to change, please check general meeting minutes, Facebook & future newsletters for up- dates. Inclusion of additional events & info will be updated as soon as possible.*

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Club Social —Trade Sponsor Nights – Jeep City

On the 30th of June the club was invited to Jeep City's new premises at 14/16 Barrier St, Fyshwick ACT for a club social/trade sponsor night & was well supported by club members. The night was kicked off with a free BBQ sausage sizzle, on a converted CJ-7 BBQ, then washed down with some liquid refreshments.



Brett & Jack lead the night off with a demonstration on how to repair a puncture in a tyre with a tyre plug kit. Once they had demonstrated the procedure, David Foulds then got the opportunity to have go & at repairing a puncture & he did a great job as well!



Daniel Newman was the lucky winner of a free Tyre repair kit, thanks to the Jeep city & the club. Angus from Uneek 4 x 4 was also there on the night & gave us in-depth presentation on the latest & greatest products in the Uneek 4 x 4 range. Angus also kindly donated a lucky door prize that was won by PJ who graciously donated it back to Jeep City!



A big thankyou goes out to Jeep City for hosting the night, along with Angus from Uneek 4 x 4.



Soft Tops Online Trade Visit



At our last general club meeting held at Eastlake Football club on the 13th of July we were privileged to have Soft Tops Online representative & Club Sponsor Dominic Nolan along with us.



Dominic made the trip down from Sydney to talk to us with some of the products that were available for all Jeep models. He also brought along a boot full of products which he offered at discounted prices to members on the night along with some free merchandise as well.



Dominic also presented the current club committee members with a special Soft Tops Online Polo Shirt which had also been embroidered with our club logo. These shirts were presented to club committee members in appreciation & recognition for all their efforts & volunteer work associated with the club.



A big thankyou goes out to Dominic for coming along to our meeting & being a valuable club sponsor.



GREAT DIVIDING RANGE TRIP

30TH—31ST MAY

BY PAUL SIMMONS

On May the 30th a handful of club members including the Burt's, Newman's, Wade's, Bilski's & myself all meet up at Hoskinstown to set out on an overnight trip along "The Great Dividing Range" making it an all JK affair!

Working our way down through the Tallaganda NP we took in some breathtaking views from Parkers Gap, Round Mt, Bald Peak, Tuman-mang Mt, Gourcock NP, Big Badja Hill & Pikes Saddle with our overnight stop in the Baja State Forrest area.

Pitching our tents for the night we quickly set about collecting a huge supply of firewood for the expected cooler evening musings around the campfire.

The next morning after a hearty breakfast saw us taking in a slight deviation down to the Tuross river area. After doing a quick trail fix on Marek's Jeep we headed on to Cooma via Numeralla for a welcomed counter lunch in a local Pub, then back to Canberra.





Jeep Through the Years — Part 2 ...



1946 Jeep CJ (Civilian Jeep), CJ-2A

After World War II, Jeep trademark owner, Willys, believed that the market for the military-type Jeep would be limited to farmers & foresters, therefore they began producing the "CJ" (or Civilian Jeep) to fill this growing segment. Jeeps were still used by the armed forces, but in 1945 the company began producing it's "CJ" series ("Civilian Jeep.")

The CJ-2s, also known as "AgriJeeps," were the second generation prototype for the first production civilian Jeep & were used solely for testing purposes. The CJ-2A looked very much like a civilianized MB with a tailgate & side-mounted spare tire. One major difference between the MB & the CJ-2A was the grilles of the two vehicles. The MB had recessed headlights & nine-slot grilles while the CJ2A had larger headlights flush-mounted in a seven-slot grille.



1946-1965: Willys Jeep Wagon

The Willys Jeep Station Wagon is the first mass-market all-steel station wagon designed & built as a passenger vehicle. It was produced in the United States from 1946 to 1965, & continued production in Argentina until 1981 as the IKA Estanciera. With over 300,000 wagons & its variants built in the U.S., it was one of Willys' most successful post-World War II models. Its production coincided with consumers moving to the suburbs. The Jeep Wagon was assembled in several international markets under various forms of joint ventures, licenses, or knock-down kits.



1947-1965: Willys Jeep Truck

The Jeep Truck was introduced in 1947 as a 1-ton four-wheel drive truck . It was available as a pickup truck, a platform stake truck, a chassis cab, or a bare chassis. A ¾-ton two-wheel drive version became available by 1949. The truck was restyled in 1950 with the addition of a V-shaped grill with five horizontal bars.



1948-1950: Willys-Overland Jeepster

Realizing a gap in their product line-up, & wanting something more friendly to average motorists, Willys developed the Jeepster to crossover from their "utilitarian" type truck vehicles, to the passenger automobile market. In the process, the automaker developed the Jeepster, "one of America's most daring post-war automobile designs." These unique Jeeps were only produced between 1948 and 1950.





1949-1953: Willys Overland CJ-3A

Willys' "CJ-3A" was a bare-bones civilian jeep produced in 1949. These smaller, lighter jeeps were most commonly used for outdoors, off-road activities. By 1951, the vehicle was referred to as a "Farm Jeep."



1953-1968: Willys CJ-3B

The successor to the CJ-3A, the CJ-3B was higher and more powerful. The model was in production until 1968 in the U.S., but the design was licensed internationally to other automakers. Mahindra, in India, still produces a version of the CJ-3B today.



The Jeep was introduced to the Japanese market as the Jeep J3 in July 1953 after Willys agreed to allow Mitsubishi to market the car themselves. Mitsubishi was to continue knock-down production of vehicles derived from the CJ-3B design until August 1998, when tighter emissions & safety standards finally made the Jeep obsolete. In total, approximately 200,000 units were built in this 45-year period.

Only one Willys-Overland CJ-4 was ever built as an experimental concept in 1951. The CJ-4 was an intermediate design between the CJ-3B & the all new curved body style of the CJ-5. The design was rejected & the vehicle was eventually sold to a factory employee.



1954-1983: Willys CJ-5/Jeep CJ-5

The Willys CJ-5 (later the Jeep CJ-5) was designed as the successor to the CJ-3B. Due to the popularity of the CJ-3B, the two models were produced alongside each other. The CJ-5 proved to have a much longer lifespan, however. This model was in production for nearly three decades.



1955-1975: Willys CJ-6/Jeep CJ-6

The CJ-6 was simply a 20 in longer-wheelbase than CJ-5. Introduced in 1955 as a 1956 model, the CJ-6 was never very popular in the United States. Most CJ6 models were sold to Sweden & South America. The U.S. Forest Service put a number of CJ-6 Jeeps into use. American sales ended in 1975.

Jeep Through the Years — Part 2 continued...



1959-1978: M151 Military Utility Tactical Truck

M151 Military Utility Tactical Truck, also called the MUTT. This Jeep replaced the models created by Willys and served in the Vietnam War. M151 had a monocoque design making it roomier than previous Jeeps & incorporated an independent suspension with coil springs.

1967-1969: Kaiser Jeep M715

The Kaiser Jeep M715 is an American wheeled military vehicle based upon the civilian Jeep Gladiator. In 1965 the design and developing for the M715 began. The U.S. Government purchased these trucks to replace the M37. Between 1967 and 1969 over 33,000 trucks were produced at the Toledo, Ohio plant. The overhead cam 6 cyl engines were not very reliable due to lack of knowledge on the overhead cam design and lack of maintenance.



Kia currently produces an M715-type vehicle named the KM450 for the South Korean Army on license from the U.S. Government. India's Tata/Vectra is also entering an M715 type vehicle as a candidate for the Indian Army's LSV requirement. In 2010 Mopar developed the concept vehicle Jeep NuKizer 715. It was a tribute to the original M715 as pictured on the left.

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