



ACT JeepTrAction Newsletter  
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**Jeep** Anniversary  
1941 2016  
**75** & Jeep Show

1st and 2nd October 2016  
BENDIGO, VICTORIA

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## Presidents note...



Hi Jeeples, firstly I would like to extend a big thankyou to our recent club social event hosts Troy & Laura Rollan. As with all our social events this year all of our hosts have done a wonderful job in opening up their houses to club members for the night, this includes the Bilski's, the Newman's & also the Rollan's. As club we were able to give a small token of our appreciation for their hospitality, a bottle of wine from "Mt Tumberumba, On the Fly " Wines. While it may only be small gesture we fully appreciate all of the extra effort each host has gone to help support these events. When we do our planning for the 2017 schedule of events, later this year it would be great to see some new faces put their hand up & offer to take on this role of hosting a social event for 2017.

Our next General Meeting on the 18th of July at Eastlake Football Club is shaping up to be a cracker with Scott Heiman from Heiman Habitat coming in do a special presentation on "Prepare, Respond, Prevail", Up-skilling your 4WD Remote Survival Skills & Tips for Remote 4WDDrivers & trips, the next page carries more details about this presentation & his business, plus you can also follow him on Facebook as well. Lets make sure we get as many people as possible along to support this meeting as I'm sure we will all get something out of it. Don't forget to join us for a meal beforehand downstairs in the bistro.

Also in this edition of our club newsletter we have our first "Club Member 10 Questions Profile" submitted by Dan, High 5 Newman! We also have a couple of day trips coming up with Andrew Slattery organising one for July & myself organising one in August. Stay tuned for more details on these events & keep a lookout for the event invites on our Facebook site.

Regards Paul Simmons.

**SERIOUS  
OFF-ROADER  
RECHARGED**

The MTZ has been recharged,  
giving way to the **NEW MTZ<sup>P3</sup>**

**MICKEY THOMPSON**  
PERFORMANCE  
TRES & WHEELS  
M/T

**Be Part Of The Legend**

## Club General Meetings & Presentations

In conjunction with our Club General meetings this year, which all meet at Eastlake Football Club, Oxley St Manuka, on Monday nights from 7pm, we also have the following presentations:-

**18<sup>th</sup> July, General meeting & presentation.** Scott Heiman, managing director of H3S has routinely published in nationally circulated periodicals including 4x4 Australia & Archery Action, as well as government journals. With a background in Environmental Science, the Australian infantry, adult instruction, historical analysis and domestic security, Scott offers a unique perspective. His H3S programs focus on bush, field, & survival craft & remote area preparation. His workshops cover such diverse topics as the basic elements of survival & first aid, emergency preparation & first response, bush & astral navigation & actions on becoming lost or separated. Scott will be doing a presentation on "Prepare, Respond, Prevail", Up-skilling your 4WD Remote Survival Skills & Tips for Remote 4WDDrivers & trips.

**8<sup>th</sup> August, General meeting & presentation.** Come along & get the good signal on UHF CB antenna & mobile phone (voice & data) enhancement. Ian Ferrett from RFI/Watts Communications will be our guest speaker & will have a new UHF CB antenna pack to giveaway + some caps, beer coolers & drink bottles as well.

**12<sup>th</sup> September, General meeting & presentation.** Dominic Nolan from Softops Online will be keeping us up-to-date with all that Softops Online has to offer Jeepsers plus some giveaways.

**10<sup>th</sup> October, General meeting & presentation.** "Tips n Tricks for 4WDDrivers + Map Reading Made Easy" have look at what you need to carry in your recovery bag plus some other helpful resources & get the right direction with map reading presented by our own Club President, Paul Simmons & Club Treasurer Paul Hannelly.



### TYRE FEATURES

**1. ULTIMATE DAMAGE PROTECTION**

Bevelled Edges and Stone Ejector Ribs help to **reduce stone retention** and also resist stone drilling.

**2. AGGRESSIVE YET QUIET**

Shoulder elements create a low Optimised Pitch Sequence which **reduces noise frequency** allowing for a quiet ride and even wear.

**3. SELF CLEANING WITH MAXIMUM TRACTION**

Wide Open Lateral and Offset Circumferential grooves, **provide biting edges for excellent off-road traction**, while clearing water quickly on-road.

**4. RUGGED LOOK WITH OFF ROAD TRACTION**

Enhanced Buttress and Abrasion Resistant Rib design provide a rugged appearance and additional off-road traction as well as further **protection against lug tearing**.

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# Jeep Anniversary & Jeep Show

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# 75

1st and 2nd October 2016  
BENDIGO, VICTORIA

## BENDIGO EVENT AND EXHIBITION COMPLEX

START PLANNING AND BOOKING YOUR ACCOMMODATION IN BENDIGO NOW

Celebrating 75 years of Jeeping in Australia  
1941-2016

- Jeep displays including:
- \* Military Jeep Camp
  - \* Models from all decades
  - \* Concepts
  - \* Durability Building

Vendor Displays:

- \* Accessories
  - \* Parts
  - \* Merchandise
  - \* Tyres/Wheels
  - \* Camping
  - \* Leisure
- \* FOOD AND COFFEE VENDORS  
\* VIDEOS AND PHOTOS  
\* 75TH BIRTHDAY CAKE

For more information or to be part of this great event visit

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### Club Annual Trip - Jeep 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Organise a club or group trip

Event for ACT JeepTrAction · Hosted by Paul Simmons

Hosting ▾ Invite Edit ...

As a club trip this year we are convoying down to Jeep 75th Anniversary celebrations taking place at Bendigo Event & Exhibition complex on the 1st & 2nd of October. More details will be published in the Jeep Action Magazine in the coming months & further info around our convoy/route details will be posted up on this event thread asap. There is the possibility of doing a drive on the way back if enough people are interested also. Again this will be a great opportunity as club to connect with other Jeepers & club members. Several family groups have already booked their accommodation for the event at the, Gold Nugget Caravan Park. Powered sites for 2 people \$34 p/n extra person \$12. (other options available but be quick to secure your spot). 15 mins away, Top Tourist member discount. Check in 30th September, depart 3rd October.



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### Club General Meeting

Event for ACT JeepTrAction · Hosted by Paul Simmons

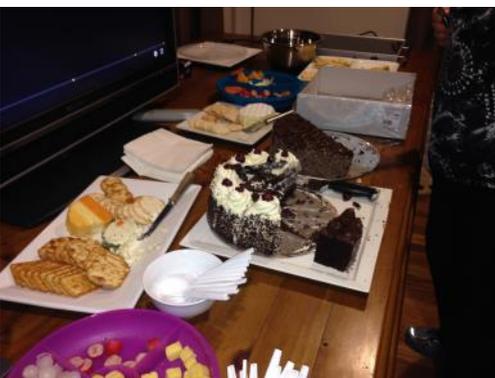
Hosting ▾ Invite Edit ...

Join us for our club meeting at Eastlake football club & feel free to join us beforehand for a meal downstairs in the bistro. General Meeting kicks off at 7pm on the 18th of July.

Scott Heiman, managing director of H3S will be our guest presenter, he will be doing a presentation on "Prepare, Respond, Prevail", Up-skilling your 4WD Remote Survival Skills & Tips for Remote 4WD Drivers & trips.

## Club Social

On the Monday the 20th of June the club had their 3rd Social event of the year at Troy & Laura Rollan's residence at Jerrabomberra. The night was well attended by club members & Troy & Laura did a wonderful job of hosting the event, along with making sure there was a plentiful supply of finger food. We also had Richard & Elsie, from Mount Tumberumba Wines, come along for the night & provided us with wonderful presentation on their vineyard & some wine tasting on some of their wines which was very welcomed with several members making purchases for their own wine cellar collection. After the wine tasting some lovely sweets were dished out for members to enjoy & we all watched some hard core wheeling videos that Troy had streamed from the net. The below photo's are few shots from the nights celebrations...



Change the way you drive off-road with these 5 simple tips that every 4WDer should know!

### 1. AIRING WAY DOWN

Everyone knows to drop the pressures to 18psi on the sand and 26psi on the dirt, but who knows how far you can air down if you're in the stink? In a pinch, if you really need it, dropping tyre pressures down to 4 or 6psi will massively increase traction, but there's a cost. At these pressures you're extremely likely to pop a tyre off a bead, so the wheel spin needs to be kept to an absolute minimum, and you need to air back up to normal pressures as soon as possible. Still, it could well keep you from losing your pride and joy to an incoming tide.

### 2. HAND POSITION

Forgive us if you've had this one drilled into you for years, because it's worth repeating for those who haven't heard it yet. When you're off-road, don't ever wrap your thumbs around the steering wheel. If a front wheel picks up a stump, a rock or a rut, no power steering system in the world has the ability to stop the wheel from spinning violently in that direction. Broken thumbs do happen in that scenario, and they bloody hurt. Keep your thumbs rested on the outer edge of the steering wheel at all times – make it a habit.

### 3. LEFT FOOT BRAKING

Here's a trick that genuinely works to get you further in the rough stuff, but won't cost you a cent. This works best for those with limited-slip rear diffs. When you get to a spot where you're spinning wheels and not getting any further, pulse the brake pedal on and off gently while keeping light throttle on. The idea is the brake application will stop the airborne wheels from spinning, transferring some power to the wheel that has contact with the ground. It isn't going to work like a diff lock, but more than once we've found some selective left-foot braking was enough to get the vehicle moving back and forwards just enough to get clear of what it was hung up on.

### 4. PACKING THE TRACK

Track packing and building isn't easy work, but it's incredibly effective. Nothing in life comes for free, but five or ten minutes of grunting and sweating by filling in big holes on a rough track with rocks, logs and whatever you can find will, more times than not, let your 4WD walk through an obstacle that it'd normally struggle on. Fill in the low-points on the track, with the aim being to keep your wheels as level as possible. If one drops down considerably more than the others, your 4WD will follow suit and that's when the track gets a lot harder.

### 5. KNOWING WHEN TO QUIT

This one goes hand-in-hand with mechanical sympathy. It's so tempting to grab a bit more revs, a higher gear and give it a harder go. Most of the time, it won't work – except to break something. Knowing when to back off, run out the winch rope or try another line isn't a sign of failure – it's a sign that you will be able to drive home under your own steam.



## Club Member Profile - 10 Questions

### Dan Newman...

#### Q1. What was your first Jeep?

1988 Jeep XJ Cherokee Limited (Black with gold trim)



#### Q2. How many Jeeps do you own?

1988 Jeep XJ Cherokee Limited (Black with gold trim)

2001 Jeep KJ Cherokee (Black)

2001 Jeep TJ Wrangler (Silver)

2003 Jeep TJ Wrangler - Ruby (Red)

2013 Jeep JK Unlimited - Dozer



#### Q3. What Jeep do you drive now?

2003 Jeep TJ Wrangler - Ruby (Red)

#### Q4. Favourite Jeep?

2003 Jeep TJ Wrangler - Ruby (Red)

#### Q5. Where do you wheel?

USA - Oregon and Arizona

Australia: ACT, NSW and Queensland



#### Q6. Best Jeep event/experience?

ATC's Bungendore, best hosted event

#### Q7. Favourite Drink?

Was Gin and Tonic...

#### Q8. Favourite Food/M meal?

It's a tie between Ribeye Steak, Chilli, Hot Wings and Clam Chowder.

#### Q9. Where would you rather be now?

Working on an upgrade part for Ruby or Super Bee with our Rhodesian Ridgebacks helping out



#### Q10. What do you do when you're not Jeeping?

Hanging out with our dogs, prepping for an Ultra-marathon and shop for Jeep parts.



I have been trying to get to McIntyre's Hut for years and nothing was going to put me off this time around. The weather was terrible. It was raining, windy and cold. But to my relief it seemed there were others that were happy to brave the conditions and come along. I opted for a direct and fairly straight forward route so the going was pretty steady and we moved along quite quickly. We stuck to the main trails and the road down to McIntyre's Hut turned out to be solid and easy to negotiate. Even Prescott had no dramas on standard tyres.

Luckily a much more accessible track has been cut in because the old track would have been pretty extreme in these conditions. The Hut itself provided some much needed cover for lunch and a chat, before we packed up and headed back. One little hill climb challenge was found on the way out that only Jennifer managed to get up (go the mighty TJ!) and besides having to clear a fallen tree with my trusty chainsaw and changing our route due to some closed roads we made it home without any dramas which was great given the conditions. Thanks to everyone who made it along - Chris Burt, Jennifer Foulds, Dan and Clare Newman, Prescott Pym, Troy Rollan (and Christo), and Paul Simons.

Thanks to everyone for helping me tick this trip off my bucket list.











# JEEP



# CITY

## Your Truck, Jeep & 4x4 Store

Hi ACT Jeep Traction Club.

We have recently acquired some terrific new tyre for the Grand Cherokee WK2 and JK. Often we get asked for an 265/50R20" Tyre in an all-terrain pattern for touring or weekend 4wding with a high load rating for towing and protection against punctures. Our options previously have been limited but now we have the AMP A/T brought into Australia by Dynamic Wheel co. They are also available in 2857017 in AT and MT. Give me a call or email if you would like a quote for this product. Or if you are in Fyshwick drop past and touch and see how awesome these tyres look!

Look forward to seeing you all on the next adventure!

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## Macintyre's Hut Day Trip - Part B - 5th June 2016, by Prescott Pym

As a new member of the club I was keenly interested when Marek posted up an event to McIntyre's Hut to the Facebook page. I hadn't yet driven my reasonably stock 2 door 2007 JK in anger, and thought it would be somewhere easy and close by to tackle first. The day arrived and the forecast was for quite a bit of rain, I borrowed some recovery gear from a mate because I knew I'd get stuck at some point! The morning of the drive I was debating whether to actually turn up due to the torrential rain and flash flooding, so I was quite nervous on the drive to the meet point. I was greeted by a bunch of helpful people who gave some advice on what to expect. No one else seemed overly concerned by the huge rain and the likely very slippery trails, "These guys are experts" I had to remind myself. Besides many brought their kids out for a run, it can't be that bad, right?

We aired down and took off from Uriarra on our big adventure, up Two Sticks Road and the Jeep was going pretty well. Having the CB radio and hearing the chatter kept me confident that when I got stuck help would be close at hand. I was just getting used to it when we hit Waterfall Road and we started quite a descent in slippery conditions. Luckily the Newman's had arrived together in Clare's Super Bee and Dan jumped in to help guide me down the trail, advising me to keep a good distance, look for the exposed rocky sections to gain traction and keep a constant speed up during the tricky bits.

We made it down to McIntyre's Hut around 11am and luckily I didn't seem to hold everyone up. I was pretty sure my standard tyres were not going to be up to the task of displacing all the mud encountered! As the rain seemed to thicken into a sheet of water, we huddled in the protection of the hut, ate some lunch and watched the puddles of water turn into a small lake, which promptly many decided to drive through!

I was a bit concerned about getting back up McIntyre's Trail but with Dan to guide we made it first go without a drama. We headed down to Lowell's Flat and I thought for sure we'd be slipping back down the road as we came up, but the Jeep proved a lot more capable than I thought. We headed back up and along Webb's Ridge Trail, and things started to get a bit more interesting. We came to the first swollen creek and Dan helped guide me through attacking it to get over the other side, success! Dan thought I was more than competent now and jumped back in with Clare.

We kept on going through the Powerline Trail and before long came across an even more swollen Flea Creek. I put my faith in Dan's teachings and made it through my first 'water over the bonnet' moment. Around the corner a fallen tree blocked the road, I wondered to myself if it was a sign we shouldn't go in. Marek promptly took out a chainsaw and we were soon through, those 4 doors have a lot more storage than the 2 door!

The road became a lot muddier and I started to feel some slippage. Of course this made for a lot more experienced on the trip with some small sections that became a challenge. We made it back up to Two Sticks road without incident, and headed back out to Brindabella Road.

I was totally blown away by the ability of the jeep on stock tyres and suspension to deal with everything we went through today. I thought for sure that with all the rain and water I would have needed multiple recoveries, but thanks to the ongoing coaching and mentoring from everyone on the club trip that day I was able to get through. I am taking away a lot of confidence from Marek and the team leading such a great trip, and know that going out with such a great bunch of people you can get through anything!





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