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Presidents note...



Hi Jeeples, just wanted to express my thanks to everyone who was able to come along & support our club annual trip to the Jeep 75th Anniversary & Show held down in Bendigo at the Bendigo Showgrounds over the weekend of 1st & 2nd of October. While the weather was certainly wet it didn't seem to dampen everyone's spirits about attending the event with 22 people & 9 Jeeps representing the club, plus a couple other families joining in with our group over the weekend as well.

Our base for the stay was at the Gold Nugget Tourist Caravan Park in either Cabins or powered sites for caravans. The park was well equipped with facilities & in particular the kids had pretty much free rein of the various play areas while the rest of the adults utilised the camp kitchen area on more than one occasion. The Bendigo Showgrounds was reasonably close to our accommodation which meant that we could easily come & go at our own leisure. Walking into facility we were warmly greeted by familiar faces & a vast array of Jeeps on display from all years. Coupled with club & product promotion stalls, Jeep enthusiasts were able to freely walk around & take in all that was on offer. It was great to see the effort that some Jeep owners had gone too, to display their Jeeps with mocked up battle scenes to fancy customised paintwork or extremely modified Jeeps. I'm sure I wasn't the only one there on more than one occasion that wished they could of driven away with another Jeep they might of fancied!



On Sunday night we all gathered in the camp kitchen for a group BBQ & to take in the NRL grand final. This gave us plenty of opportunity to talk about the Jeeps we liked & the mods we wish we could afford, while others got a bit vocal in their support for NRL grand final! Come Monday after the show had finished, people took the opportunity to squeeze a bit of sightseeing visiting places like the Town Hall & Mall area, the Live Gold Mine & or take a ride on the historical trams which are still used today. At the same time others also took the opportunity to head back home. Monday night back at camp was a quitter affairs from Sunday again using the camp kitchen to chill out & relax. Despite the weather it was a pleasant trip & a great opportunity to further connect with people in the club.

At our October meeting we were very privileged to have Scott Heiman who is the managing director of H3S. Scott 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 did a great presentation on "Prepare, Respond, Prevail", Up-skilling your 4WD Remote Survival Skills & Tips for Remote 4WD Drivers & trips & also made available a lot of survival products which many club members took advantage. The club also purchased several items which will be used as club awards at our AGM/Awards night.

Scott has also made available a special discounted offer to the club on his H3S programs focusing on Remote Survival Skills. If we are able to get 10 or more people interested in attending the program which are usually conducted at Vic Widman's property, (4WD Tag Along Tours & Driver Training) just outside of Braidwood, the cost of program will be around \$200 per person which includes resources & food for the day, usually \$275 per person. If you are interested make sure you let me know asap please.



Also at our club meeting the other night we raised the following points for further discussion at our next club meeting on the 14th of November, which will be our last meeting for the year, of: Altering our meeting format for 2017 & Confirming our Schedule of Events for 2017. Because these are important club issues we would like to encourage every club member to keep this date free & attend the meeting & be involved in this discussion. Plus we will have Paul Hannelly do a presentation on Map Reading & there is a strong rumour circulating the club that the President will organise President drinks on the night as well. Make sure you save the date & look out for the event invite when it is posted up, thankyou.

Don't forget that our Club Xmas party is fast approaching & if you haven't as yet responded to the event invite please make sure you do so asap please & at the same time make sure you buy a ticket or two in our huge raffle which will also be drawn at our xmas party!

Regards Paul Simmons

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:-

14th November, General meeting & presentation. "Tips n Tricks for 4WD Drivers + 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.



Club Xmas Party

Dates: 2nd – 4th of December 2015. (Friday 4th, from 5pm – Noon Sunday 6th)

All club members are welcome & encouraged to attend our Club Xmas Party & make the weekend a great club celebration. The plan is to arrive setup camp on Friday night, for those who would like to camp/caravan & then head out at 9am on Saturday morning for drives. There will be drives put in place to cater for stock & modified Jeeps, with the possibility of topless drive. Saturday night dinner from around 6pm the club will be hosting a free catered Roast dinner with salad, bread rolls, desert & drinks provided.

Venue is at Bungendore Show grounds, which has toilets, hot showers & communal fire pit, (subject to fire restrictions/conditions at the time). Camping/Caravan Cost: \$20 per site per night including power. RSVP is a must to president@actjeepraction.com or text 0451 514 540, or to the club Facebook event invite & please advise if camping or just attending the drive & Saturday night dinner & how many people for catering purposes.



November Club General Meeting

14th November - 7pm Eastlake Football Club

Come along & join us for our last meeting of the year at our November general meeting with our own map reading guru Paul Hannelly delivering the monthly presentation on "Map Reading - Made Easy". Plus don't miss out on few drinks as rumour has it that its the president shout! For those that can make it a bit earlier feel free to join us for a meal downstairs in the bistro beforehand.

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Essential Gear for your Jeep — by Clare Newman

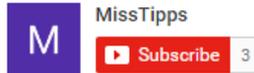
The topic of essential gear to carry in your Jeep has been a fairly hot one in the club over the last couple of months, so I thought, for this article I'd give you a quick tour of my own truck. There will be many variations, I'm sure, and perhaps things I'm missing that will spring to mind as you watch. One of the biggest lessons I've learned is, never take this stuff out because you think you don't need it for some trip or other. Of course there will be some things that you ONLY have in the truck on specific trips but, in general, keep your stock gear in there all the time. I've been caught out before, assuming I was carrying something... "because I always do" and when I reached for it I remembered I'd offloaded a bunch of stuff in order to pick something large up from Bunings...and then I didn't put my gear back in.

Make use of all those hidey-holes, and don't forget to check your gear regularly. Expiry dates on meds, best before date on emergency food, water seepage in the back that could leave your stuff rotting in a puddle of muddy water. A friend told me a story recently of how she was climbing in Europe. She and her husband became stuck and couldn't get back to camp overnight. Being seasoned climbers, they had emergency blankets in their packs but, on pulling them out, they simply disintegrated into small silver squares! It was a cold night on the mountain. But an important lesson - things don't last forever.

Anyway, the vid is here <https://youtu.be/yo5P45QxzkM>. I hope you find it useful!



A Guide to the Stuff in my Jeep





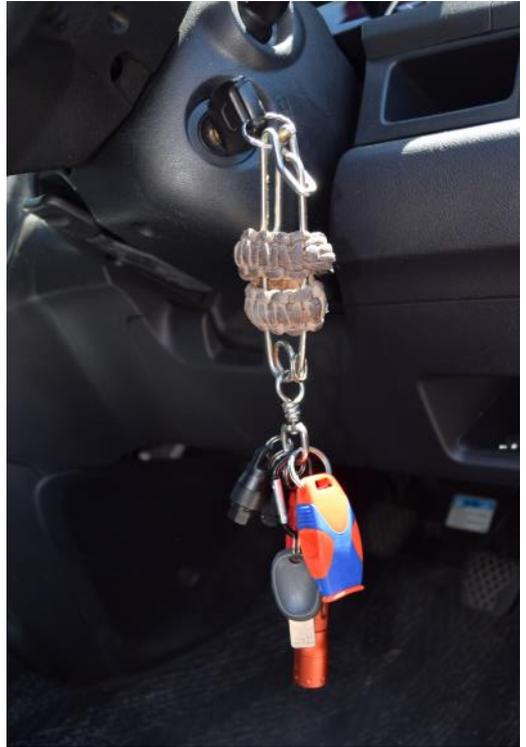
We've all heard it before "I've got everything I need in my 4x4". But you have to admit everyone leaves the safety and convenience of their rig sometimes. Whether you're just jumping out to see the view from the lookout at the end of the bush path, checking the yabby traps, trekking to find that favourite fishing hole, hunting or simply going for a hike.

But what do you do when you've been bitten by a snake, trip over and break your ankle or simply get lost? You reach for your first aid and survival kit that's in your backpack ... until you realise you're not wearing your backpack. Because "I've got everything I need in my 4x4". Or even worse you don't have a survival kit at all because "it won't happen to me".

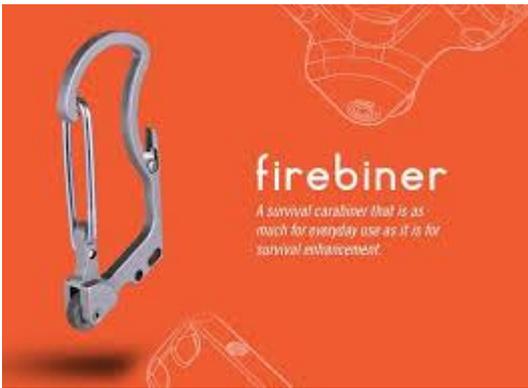
Don't worry you're not alone. Every week there are stories on the news across Australia and New Zealand of 4WDrivers, fishermen, hunters and hikers all getting separated from their group, getting lost (or the politically correct term - 'navigationally challenged').

But what's the one thing you always have on you as a 4WDriver? Your beloved rigs keys! Key ring accessories are as diverse as the country we love to get out and about in. But rather than a key fob of your favourite football team or a cute dealer's logo, perhaps you could start creating what's called an everyday carry.

But don't get distracted by the latest gadget. What you need do is to equip yourself with bits of kit that contribute to your ability to get out of trouble when things don't go according to plan. Remember the survival principle 'Please Remember What's First' - which stands for Protection, Rescue, Water, Food.



Protection refers to first aid and getting out of the sun, rain, wind etc. So here you need to be thinking of shelter. But it's impractical to connect your keys to a tarp. It is, however, possible to put a small pen knife and para-cord on your keychain. And if you're trying to save space for other items you can always wear a para-cord bracelet. Now you can build a shelter out of sticks and para-cord: just like 'a little pig' - but let's hope no wolves come along.



Rescue means to place yourself in the best position for rescue. If you're in the scrub, move out to the open so you can be seen from search and rescue aircraft. Better still carry a torch on your key chain so you can be found faster at night. Add to this a whistle so you can lead ground-based rescuers to your position. After all a whistle blast can be heard up to a kilometre way – over three times that of your voice. Not to mention three whistle blasts of a second (each separated by a second long pause) is an internationally accepted distress signal as is 3 flashes of a torch!



Water. Your body is typically 60% water and you can only last 3 days without it. Generally speaking you lose 2-3 litres a day in urine, transpiration from your skin and breathing, and that's without exerting yourself. However you can lose up to 16 litres in the Tropics doing hard yakka. Now you're not going to carry water on your key ring. However you can carry a fire flint to start a fire and boil water that you may find so you can sterilise it and avoid nasty side-effects like diarrhoea (which, among other nasty effect, causes dehydration).



Food. While you can live without food for 3 weeks, you won't be functioning for 2/3rds of that time. So with the paracord's internal fibres you can make traps, snares or go fishing. With the fire from your flint you can cook your catch as our bodies absorb more nutrients from cooked meat. The fire can also be used as a signal fire so you can be found quicker, be rescued and have your favourite meal sooner.



Other items you might consider are a compass, a carry-all that holds matches and fish hooks or a pen so you can write a message on a marker. Then leave it for search parties in case you have moved to find water etc.

Survival in an emergency situation is no accident. Your ability to overcome adversity is determined by your tenacity to live, combined with the items you have on you and your ability to improvise with them. So what's missing from your key ring?



On Sunday the 30th of October Andrew Slattery, Dan Newman & myself headed out to Bookham for the Robinson Brothers Farm Auction. Bookham is approximately 1 hours drive outside of Canberra on the Hume Highway making it a relatively short drive from Canberra. We were eager to get to Auction to inspect & register before the bidding commenced at 9am, so after meeting up at the Hall turnoff at approximately 6am we set off with slight detour via the Yass Service station for breakfast.

On arrival at Bookham we noticed that there was a large amount of people who had camped overnight in the rest stop area with large trailers & Pantech vehicles as the auction had started the day previously focusing on farming machinery. Sunday was the day that the auction would highlight military equipment & Jeep vehicles including 4 GPW's, 1 CJ3b, 4 Jeep Trailers (Bantam & Australian versions), 2 British Austin Champ Jeeps & 1 FC170.

Arriving at Bookham around 7:40am we quickly made our way to the auction shed & register for the auction. All the Jeep related articles were pretty close to the start of the auction. After registering we had enough time to skirt around the site & inspect all the Jeep vehicles along with other interesting WWII military equipment & some pretty cool farm & steam engine machinery. As soon as the auction started it was plain to see that there was a lot of people attending who very interested in the Jeep related items, even old canvas doors sides were a hot item.

There were 4 GPW's there available all at various stages of preservation, some better than others. The first 2 Jeeps (bottom 2 pics) attracted the most attention going for \$7,200.00 & \$6,700.00, the other two (at the top of the next page) went for \$600.00 & \$1,400.00 respectively. I was bit unlucky with one of them just missing out by \$100. (\$500 was my limit). However we moved on with the possibility of getting a good win on the upcoming vehicles which included a CJ3B & a FC-170.





Moving along the auction line the next Jeep to come up for bidding was a CJ3b. Looking at the Jeep it wasn't really in too bad of condition. While it had a Ford engine in it, it would of leant itself relatively easy to another reconditioned engine to go in its place. This time round I offered the opening bid at \$200, but before long it creped past my reserve only to see the unit finish at \$700.00.



The FC-170 was the next Jeep to come up for bidding & a couple of small bids were thrown out & all of a sudden Andrew Slattery came over the top with the knockout punch of \$1,500.00 silencing the crowd! No other bids were received hence Andrew is now the proud owner of a FC-170 to add to his growing collection, well done mate!





The only thing left to do was work out how he was going to get it home & where to store it!

There were a few more interesting items that came up for bidding including 2 British Austin Champ Jeeps which went for \$550 & \$900, some trailers that were all pretty well used which went for \$150 - \$400 & ofcourse a an odd Scout Tank that went for a steal at \$12,000.00.



Turning our attention to making our way home we decided to stop off at Bowning for a counter lunch & a few refreshing ales at the local pub. We managed to squeeze a quick visit to the local antiques place next door & a short stop for coffee on our way out of Bowning.



We also managed to make time to visit Clonakilla & Eden Road Wine vineyards along the way at Murrumbateman. Off-course we sampled a few of their choice selection & its quite possible that a few odd bottles found their way into the back of some Jeeps, unfortunately the details of what type & vintage are a bit sketchy!





Here's the simple module we used to add USB charging capability to our Wrangler. This one mounts in a 1-1/8-inch hole and is held in place with a threaded nut. Simple spade terminals allow for electrical connection.



We mounted a module in the blank plastic dash panel to the right of the factory power port and tapped power from the power port supply line and a ground. You can also mount these on top of the dash, in the console, or most any other convenient location where it may best suit your wire routing needs.

So your buddy is bragging about the conveniences in his new Jeep and charging his smartphone and tablets from the USB dash charger. Don't be jealous — get even.

With a simple install, you too can have your vintage flat fender and the modern conveniences of today's handheld devices without worry of batteries dying on you.

Nowadays, it's easy to add in-dash USB charging to any vehicle with a 12V system using an inexpensive panel mount charger.

We used a BANDC PJH-RS-0123 dual USB charger that provides 2.1-amp (good for tablet charging) and 1-amp USB charging outlets to add some new electrical capabilities to our Wrangler.

We put the flush-mount charger in the centre dash panel. However, you can locate one most anywhere you need to accommodate cables and keep them from being strung across your dash or wherever they might make an unsightly mess.

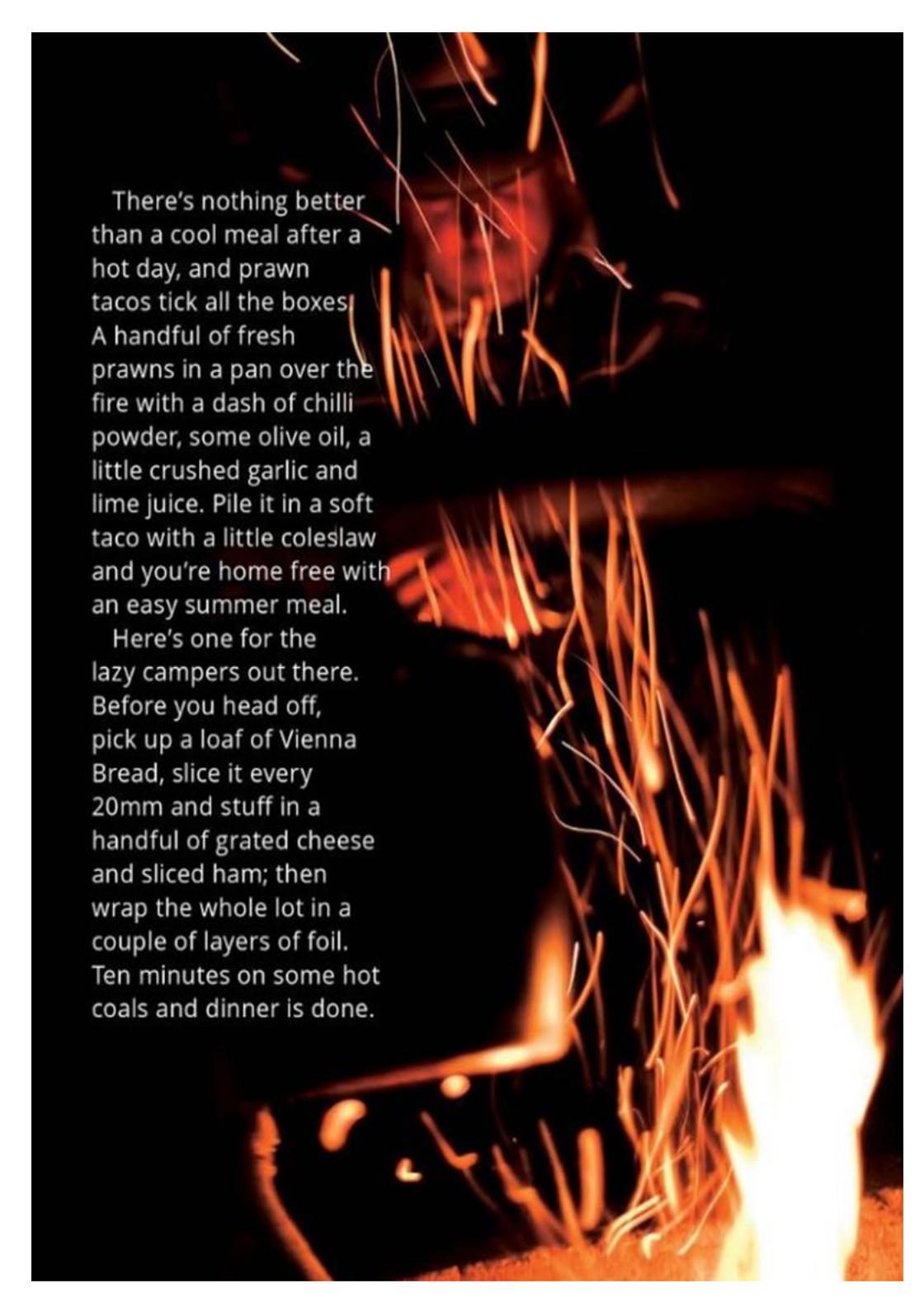
Even new vehicles with factory USB chargers may have them placed in a less-than-ideal location. Plus, you can also leave any existing power port(s) intact for other charging needs. At around \$9, this is definitely a dirt-cheap deed.



EASY BEACH TUCKER

While cruising the tracks all day is most of the fun, kicking back by the campfire with a cold drink and great food is just as important. Here's three quick and easy recipes that'll be perfect on your next adventure.

Campfire Pizza Logs might sound a little strange, but they're dead simple and perfect beach food. At home with your pizza dough rolled out, make a pizza with your favourite toppings – then roll it up into a log and freeze it in foil. When you're at camp, simply let it thaw and then sit it on hot coals for 15 minutes.



There's nothing better than a cool meal after a hot day, and prawn tacos tick all the boxes. A handful of fresh prawns in a pan over the fire with a dash of chilli powder, some olive oil, a little crushed garlic and lime juice. Pile it in a soft taco with a little coleslaw and you're home free with an easy summer meal.

Here's one for the lazy campers out there. Before you head off, pick up a loaf of Vienna Bread, slice it every 20mm and stuff in a handful of grated cheese and sliced ham; then wrap the whole lot in a couple of layers of foil. Ten minutes on some hot coals and dinner is done.



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