



Big climb...



Team pic...

Strathbogie Night Run

Friday 19th April saw club members meeting up at the Swanpool Sports Oval prior to the night drive. Burkey and Kate met up with Keith Holland and cooked some dinner on the BBQ. Whilst eating, the rest of the gang arrived to have a total of 8 vehicles and 12 club members. Members present were Burkey and Kate, Tom and Zoe, Tim, Dj and little Tom (well, not little anymore so am going to rename him "Tall Tom"), Keith Holland, Tony Miller, John and Kyle Patton and Steve and Tracey Twomey.

We started with airing down our tyres and travelling to the first track at Lightning Ridge at 7.00pm. This was a fairly long track but as it was dry it was not long before we came upon the next track. With Burkey in the lead and Steve as TEC, it was a tidy trip travelling through the 'Bogies'. Suffice to say Tim had no mishaps, Tom didn't break anything whilst trialling the new gear he installed in his vehicle and Dj travelled admirably well. We stopped for a little practice on some dirt mounds with hill climbing techniques. Keith even had a go and got some skills honed for his other trip with Steve Fuller later that weekend.

Unfortunately the rain we had earlier that day did not reach the Bogies so it was fairly dry making the trip a lot easier however, there were still some tracks with challenging sections where wheel placement and manoeuvrability was essential to negotiate rough areas, deep ruts, downed trees and with the darkness it made it all the more tricky. But, as I said, unfortunately it didn't rain enough...sigh.

Towards the end of the night our vehicle starting playing up gearbox wise which was a concern and Tiny Tom was getting mighty low on fuel. It was time to call it a night and at 12.30am we pulled up near Swanpool to bid goodbye.



Burkey and I made it with the trusty Toyo ensuring we got home safely whilst Tom ran out of fuel and had to be towed by Tim to the nearest servo.

It was a great night with great company and no disasters. And to end the story well, Burkey checked out the gearbox of the Cruiser and found that a stick had dislodged the plug to the gearbox.

Phew, thankful that's all it was!

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