

Trip Reports:

Top Crossing Hut

29th-30 November

Saturday Morning met at Cheshunt store myself in a Patrol, Ron Mahindra, Rob & wife Triton, Craig & wife Jeep, Brook & wife/kids Prado, Scott & kids Cruiser, Graham Cruiser, Noel Patrol,

Left at 9.30 half an hour late due to Brook unable to tell time, fine to his father whose excuse was he will be here in ten minutes, in ten minutes, in ten minutes. Travelled up the Long Spur track, initial creek crossing no problems to anyone, top of long spur track there was a chance for Graham to show his expertise with the chain saw as a large tree had fallen since the week before. After smoko on the junction of Long spur track and Stockmans track where Brook chained his trailer to a tree, we carried on across the Burnt top track and on into Pineapple flat for lunch. After lunch we made our way up King basin road to Weston track going through some large bog holes then on to a slippery Circuit road then No3 road and after a few moans from Graham (fined for contradicting his leader). We went down Mine creek road, then up Weston to the summit in the driving rain. Very rocky ascent, loads of water coming down the track. A drive along No3 road again then a short stop at Tomahawk hut then a descent on Buckland spur, where Craig departed the convoy. Everyone bar myself and Brook made their way to the Top Crossing hut, I led Brook up the Sandy flat track to retrieve his trailer. A very pleasant evening before retiring to bed, one or two anecdote's noted around the campfire, it appears the reason Ron is a bit slow driving, is that he is having trouble with his eyesight amongst other things, "that probably explains why he bought a Mahindra" (he thought he was in the Toyota dealer at the time). Next Morning Noel went off early to lead another cruiser in and I left with Graham to meet Noel at the Buckland spur. Fines for Ron, Rob, Scott and Brook (paid for by his father), for failing to attend the second days drive without a reasonable excuse.

Driving up Buckland Spur then down Evans creek a red oil lamp appeared on a vehicles dash board, no problems though still plenty of oil pressure on gauge. Visited the Evans creek

hut and cleared away someone's trash before driving up Cambertong road/spur, no problems here, it's a good track, a bit steep in places and absolutely no where to go if you met some one coming the other way. Back on to the No3 road to visit some hut that burned down years ago for lunch then back to the top of Weston's track and on down to the bog holes passing a few Range Rovers on the way. One of the Nissans developed a slight fault near by to Pineapple flat on the King basin road which led to the abrupt end to the days activities and after some debate an interesting drive to Cheshunt over Burnt top track where the trip leader had a coffee and waited for divine intervention which came in the form of a low loader from "Solimos" in Wangaratta.

It just shows the benefits of travelling within a club as there are always options available to people if unforeseen problems occur along the track.

My first outing as Trip Leader, I learnt loads under the watchful eye of the tail end Charlie in this case Noel, thanks mate.

