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The President's Message

By Brian Edmonds

Greetings to all Rover addicts out there.

Well I see the sun is shining at long last, the rain certainly put paid to the trip to Palmer River over Easter but Justin is going to run it on the Mayday long weekend.

You will all have seen in your mail that Jeff and Justin are going to run a Workshop morning on this coming Sunday [18th], this is your chance to ask the questions about your vehicles and the things about them you have always wanted to know, so thinking caps on and lets see those curly questions asked, I know Justin has some diffs and other parts he is happy to show you, and explain how they work. Ahh now, how about leaking "P" gaskets !!! Worn Distributors and V8 timing ! 900 x 16 tyres and Split Rims, Sump and Steering Guards, Leaking Sun Roofs and stuffed Rear Door Locks, "Rice Burner" Conversions , the effect of Bigger Tyres etc..

The AGM is now only a few months away and it is time you all thought about who you want to run your Club for the following 12 months. As I will have passed the Biblical "Three Score Years and Ten" by then , I would like to "retire" and it is my thoughts that a Younger more active member of the Club should fill the position I now hold, so words to the Wise, you all need to get cracking and discuss among yourselves who you want to form the next Committee. As usual I am happy to help out any "newcomers", as no doubt any of the current Committee are.

Justin with his Team of Trip planners is busy preparing a list of forthcoming trips for you but he needs some help in Trip Leaders, if you could do an event as Trip Leader please don't be shy, be **Bold and Daring!**, let him know and your fellow Club Members will appreciate your efforts.

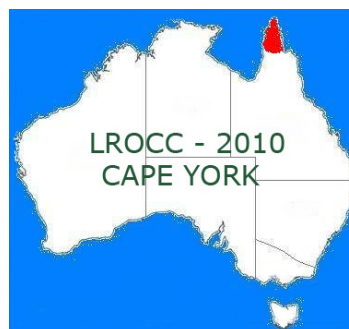
I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday evening.

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*Next General Meeting is on
Wednesday the 14th April @
6.30pm @ Brother's Leagues Club,
Andersen Street*

'The Big Trip 2010'



By Trevor Lowmass

It looks as if everybody is very busy this year and it's becoming difficult to settle on a date that is convenient for all. Having said that, at our last general meeting discussion centered around a big trip for 2011. The general agreement was that this trip should be 'The Simpson Desert' If we target mid 2011 this should give everyone who is interested in a trip like this sufficient time to plan some time off.

I'm thinking I might take the 101, how many more of you are interested?

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Upcoming Trip Proposals

Trip Co-ordinator – Justin Bromage

Date	Place	Grading	No. of Days	Trip Leader
18 April 2010	Training Day – 2 West Street	2	1 day	Justin Bromage
30 April & 1, 2, 3 May 2010	Labour Day Weekend @ Palmer River	3/4	4 day	Justin Bromage

Bigger and Better Raffle Prize

By Trevor Lowmass



Just in case you haven't been to one of our general meetings recently I thought I should remind you that this is the current value of your monthly raffle prize. Yes, for just a paltry \$2 investment you can win a voucher of this value to be spent on spares or service at **Cairns Land Rover Specialists**. This is not for members only, visitors and guests for the evening can also win, spread the word!

Rust in Peace

Brian Edmonds continues his thoughts on rusting

Bonnets can rust on older models which have the words Range Rover in actual separate lettering and also on the front edges, and also on your bonnet hinges..

On the actual body I have had a problem with the top of the A pillar where it hits on to the roof where corrosion between steel and alloy takes place. Any area on the body where bubbling appears or a white type of corrosion seems to start needs attention.

Side sills are a problem and spraying both inside and out will help halt the dreaded rust. Pay particular attention to where the B Pillar joins the assembly, once again the inside of the B pillar can be got at through light switch apertures then we come to the rear wheel arch, a popular place for rust to start is the Seat Belt mountings. This then leads to the whole rear wheel arch and C pillar, Remove the interior trim in the boot to get at the innards of the C pillar area. Check your rear mountings for the Trailing Arms especially where they meet the Chassis. Also check your spring mounts.

Running the length of the side sills, outside, is a plastic moulding which need spraying behind to stop external rust, lever it out carefully and spray down between moulding and sill..

Now I suppose we come to the most vulnerable part of the chassis and this is the rear cross member, all Rovers seem to have rust problems here, quite often the only solution is to replace the whole part. New or not keep it well treated. I have not so far mentioned spraying the interior/exterior of the whole chassis frame but this is well worth doing, especially I am told in the "hump" over the rear axle. There are numerous holes in the chassis walls that you can spray through.

***Rust in Peace** will be continued in next month's newsletter*

Interested in joining the Land Rover Owners Club of Cairns FNQ – LROCC

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