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Hello Members!!

Well 1994 has started with a bang! First of all, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, yes its a little late but this is the first newsletter for the new year. You won't be hearing from the President for awhile as he has taken off overseas to Ireland for about three months, leaving the rest of the committee to look after things in his absence.

This years 15th annual reunion went well, the weekend saw about 90 members attend. These days we have more and more children coming along, so next year we will be supplying a baby sitting service.

Friday night started with the coach leaving the Gas & Fuel, Melbourne at about 6.45pm, we had to get away quick before Graham Hayes got arrested for disturbing the peace in peak hour traffic in Flinders Street. The trip up to Valley Homestead was without mishap, it seems we are all getting older and quieter. On arrival we enjoyed a few quiet ones with old and new friends and the hours just slipped by.

Saturday most people spent the day just relaxing, or going for a drive up the mountain. Saturday night's entertainment was quite interesting, we found out who likes trivia nights and who are good losers. It seems one table won a large percentage of the prizes (but they did share the chocolates around!!!)

Sundays annual meeting went well, with four new committee members being elected. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Veronica Earney, Tony Keatley, Rod Leitch and Joy Harry to the committee.

The sock club board is now finally ready and on it's way to Alice Springs and the Royal Flying Doctor Base there, hopefully it will be hanging in the Museum in the near future, after its very close shave with destruction. For those members that still travel through Alice, please let us know when you see it hanging!

The Road Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs is building a feature wall and you can buy a brick for \$30.00. The members present at the AGM voted to buy six bricks, one for each letter of ALDECC, so we will put in a order shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome several new members to ALDECC:

Michael Calf, Peter Melick, Libby Webber
Robert Gibson, Julie Iiett, Julie Purtill

Taking about Purtills, the big day has come and gone, yes it really did happen. I never thought a wedding could take up so much of my time (nearly as much as being secretary of ALDECC). Mary Petrie married Ian Purtill on Saturday 26th February 1994, and Carmel McCartin and myself were bridesmaids (or should I say Carmel was the matron and I was the maid). It was a great day and everyone behaved themselves, even Ian.

Well it's time to say bye for now, and see you next Newsletter.

Mary

ALDECC PERSONALS

Congratulations to the following members on the arrival of their little bundle's:

Lisa & Phil Hansen, a son Jarrah
Donna & Graham Oehm, a daughter Tamila
Fiona & Joe Peach, a daughter Amy

Congratulations to Nicole Holland and Dane Nye on their recent marriage and of course Mary Petrie to Ian Purtill.

Aldecc wishes to acknowledge the passing of Di Byrnes from Cancer. Some members would remember Di from The Pines in Alice Springs, The Inland Motel at the Rock and Glen Helen Lodge. Along with Jill Scott, Di rebuilt Glen Helen after a fire and made it a lovely spot for travellers to enjoy.

Also condolences to the family of Clyde Harding (owner of Travel Marvel) who recently passed away.

COMMUNICATION

C is for communication, often heard about, but seldom practiced
O is for the others, who need to know the daily happenings.
M is for the mess, brought about by doubt.
M once again, for the minutes it takes to alleviate that doubt
U are the one to create the link, in the valuable chain of communication.
N never doubt your ability, to achieve that link
I is for the interest, you can put into each day.
C is for the crew, undaunted & true.
A is for the adventurous, who give it a try.
T is for trouble, always on "stand by" or lurking around. Just waiting to strike the unwary down.
I is for the information gleaned, from an impromptu chat along the way.
O is for the organisation it brings, and makes it all so much easier.
N is for the negative approach, we tend to adopt, when confused and out of touch. So give it a try. We are a great team.

Anonymous

AROUND THE TRACKS

A Word Of Warning : When Shortass Thornly and his family come to visit, make sure you check your bed before going to sleep after he goes!! Due to continuous laughter and general carry-on caused by the presence of shortass, the bed could be weakened and not safe for sleeping in. Ask Bryn & Reen Hillman, who found themselves on a strange angle on the floor after a visit from dear John!

At a recent Travel Show in Ballarat, two well known Coober Pedy residents were working on the South Australian Travel Centre stand, giving opal cutting & polished??! Getting Slower as we get older, are we Dieter?

The same two were driving back to their motel in a borrowed yellow car, when a white car with two gentleman dressed in blue were overtaking them. As the two cars were side by side, the driver of the yellow car, with can in hand was about to take a sip, when out of the corner of his eye he spotted the white car with the men in blue and just about swallowed the can, spilled the contents all over the place. Thought we were back in Coober Pedy did we Dieter!!!

On a recent driving job down to Hobart, a certain Operations Manager from Launceston, packed in a hurry. On arrival in Hobart, he went to put on his uniform shoes and found he had one black one and one blue one, and to make matters worse they were both left footers.

Two bridesmaids were seen on the Saturday afternoon at the reunion having a dress fitting, some bloke walked past the room and make comment. "Not bad, what colour are the real dresses"!!

Well you wouldn't have recognized the President on the Saturday night at Valley Homestead. He arrived for Dinner wearing a formal dinner suit, bow tie and all. If you could have seen the number of mouths drop as he walked in with the Secretary on his arm.

Who were the three ex APT cc's making phone calls too, at 5.30am on the Saturday morning. It seems they wanted to let their old buddies on the road know what a wonderful time they were having!!

Oop's, almost forgot, congratulations also to Tim Lattey and Margie Byrnes on their recent marriage.



RUSH JOB CALENDAR

MIR	FRI	FRI	FRI	THUR	WED	TUE
8	7	6	5	4	3	2
16	14	13	12	11	10	9
23	22	21	20	19	18	17
32	29	28	27	26	25	24
39	38	37	36	35	34	33

1. This is a special calendar which has been developed for handling rush jobs. All rush jobs are wanted yesterday. With this calendar a client can order his work on the 7th and have it delivered on the 3rd.
 2. Everyone wants his job by Friday, so there are three Fridays in every week.
 3. There are eight new days at the end of the month for those end-of-the-month jobs.
 4. There is no 1st of the month — so there can't be late delivery of end-of-the-month jobs on the 1st.
 5. A "Blue Monday" or "Monday morning hangover" can't happen, as all Mondays have been eliminated.
 6. There are no bothersome non-productive Saturdays and Sundays.
 7. With no 15th, 30th or 31st, no "time-off" is necessary for cashing salary cheques or paying bills.
 8. "MIR DAY" — A special day each week for performing miracles.
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