



Peake 4WD Training Weekend Report: (26th–27th) June 2010

Saturday 26th June

We met at the rear of the Shell service station in Taillem Bend at 9 am and once the formalities of being introduced to one another were out of the way we set off to Peake for our weekend of 4WD training with Dave and Karen who were our trip leaders as well as our DTU trainers and joining us for the weekend were Peter, Lindsay, Marie, Jim and Leanne, Allan and Barbara, and of course young Angus.

Driving from Taillem Bend to Peake was a nice and easy trip and we arrived well on time to meet Geoff from the DTU who had kindly offered his assistance for the weekend of training/assessing ahead of us.



On arrival to the property we separated and set up camp before joining Dave and Karen at their campsite to discuss the training and assessing we were looking at doing over the next day and a half, as well as working out what we would do first.

As Lindsay and Peter were only joining us for the day they set off with Geoff to get started on their training and assessing, the rest of us joined Dave and Karen and set off to do some snatch strap recovery training on an incline. We later joined up with Peter, Lindsay and Geoff and proceeded to do some sand driving and further assessments.

We called it quits for the day at 4.30 pm and gathered around a small but comfortable camp fire near the shed where we proceeded to have happy hour before we all enjoyed our evening meals and relaxed before settling for the day. We were extremely lucky that during the evening we were able to see the partial eclipse of the moon from around our camp fire and some of us even photographed the event.



Sunday 27th June



We were up early the next day and gathered at Dave and Karen's campsite at 9 am. Peter and Sandra drove all the way from the Adelaide airport to join us for the day and made it in excellent time arriving at 9.15 am. We all set off to do some more assessments and then spent the remainder of the morning having some fun driving around the property, where we were all involved in a recovery using a tow rather than a snatch. This was very interesting and a great lesson for everyone involved.



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All in all everyone had a fantastic weekend and accomplished all of the training and assessing they needed to have checked off of their training books. A big thank you to Dave and Karen for organising the weekend away and special thanks to Geoff for giving his time and experience to us all to get our assessments completed.

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