



Peake 4WD Training Weekend Report: (14th–15th) August 2010

Saturday 14th August

WWW.PEAKE!!

Wet, Wild and Windy that is. Members of the Gawler, Wanderers and Nissan clubs had a thoroughly good weekend in spite of the weather. Thank heavens the campsite is in a bit of a hollow, protected by the surrounding sand hills but even so the tent pegs had little to hold them in the wet sand.



So began our journey to learn the right way to do it. The wet worked to our advantage and with Karen and Dave to 'hold our hand' we began by squaring up on the littlest sand hill which to Julie took on the proportions of Mt Kosiosko. Big deep breath and pedal to the metal and yahooooo!!!! Julie made it up and down the other side still holding her breath.



Then came the inclines!!. Chris had a shot but was a little too gentle so Dave showed him how it should be done, flinging sand in every direction with all the grace of a bronco. Chris quickly got the hang of it even if our car did keep letting out some beeps of protest which, when we find the car manual, maybe we can work out what it was really trying to tell us!!

Julie was a little reluctant at first to drive through what looked like an ocean of seriously churned up sand but eventually found the courage and surprised herself!



Thanks Norma and Bronte for leading the final tour of the



dunes. By this time Julie had worked out there wasn't too much damage to be done in sand by having a go and even got a little "air" under the car at one point whilst climbing over a challenging sand dune crest (by accident of course!!).

Have to say the Pajero did us proud over the whole weekend.

Dave even showed us how to use a winch when he got himself bogged. Good one, Dave ☺, I'm sure it was just part of our training program!!



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Sunday 15th August

There were all sorts of other bits of training happening and the snatch strap exercises attracted anyone willing to brave the elements.



I got a whole lot out of the weekend in spite of myself. Thanks also to all the other members who attended, it was great to chat around the fire and see everyone

really enjoy the weekend and the training activities despite the wind and rain on Saturday night!

Special thanks to Dave (Nissan Club), Dave and Karen (Gawler Club) for your time, expertise and overall patience!

PS. Sorry Dave about those heart palpitations when you thought I might dump you into that bush whilst negotiating the rather steep downward hill!



[Julie]