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Nissan Patrol 4WD Club
General Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month at the
Veteran Car Club
134 Queens Road, Five Dock
Meeting starts at 8.00 pm
Visitors are welcome

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Front Cover: Scott S & his 2002 GU Patrol
at Stockton Beach Driver Training.



NISSAN PATROL 4WD CLUB OF NSW & ACT INC.

About the Club

The Nissan Patrol 4WD Club was established in 1976 by a group of four-wheel drive enthusiasts from other clubs interested in pursuing common interests and activities in 4WD'ing, and also aiming to give the Nissan Patrol its own identity. Although named for the Nissan Patrol, the Club welcomes all types of four-wheel drives capable of completing our driver training course.

In 2002, the Club fulfilled a long-held dream and purchased its own property of 94 hectares in the Windellama region near Goulburn. The land is used for Club activities such as bush camping, driver training and social activities. There is also a dam on the property which provides a reliable source of water for bush fire-fighting.

In May 2006, our initial idea of a large shelter/shed came into fruition and was finally completed. The shed acts as our bush classroom which allows us to easily host our Driver Training Courses. It is also the place where we have our Easter, Xmas In July and Club Anniversary weekends, and is available for free camping by members at any time.



*Front
View*



*Back
View*

The club atmosphere is, and always has been, to have fun and develop long lasting friendships from a wide variety of people from all over Sydney, Canberra and surrounding areas.



The club holds regular driver training days for all members, trips from one day to several weeks' duration (such as outback trips) and a variety of social activities.

Club trips are graded depending on the degree of difficulty to cater for all levels of four-wheel driving. On trips, the traditional “happy hour” and campfire provide a wonderful setting for swapping yarns, having a quiet drink and building solid friendships.

We are strongly committed to “Access for All” (except ratbags) in our National Parks and State Forests, protecting the environment through responsible four-wheel driving and helping to 'Clean-Up Australia' by cleaning up our bushland.

Since 1980, the Club has been hosting varying types of events for the general public to enjoy in their 4WD's. In past years there were the annual Nissan Trials, which saw inter-club challenges testing the driving skills of both individuals and teams.



In recent years, the Club also ran the “Son of Trials” at River Island near Mittagong. These events offered standard road registered vehicle owners, from learner drivers through to experienced 4WD'ers, to participate in a number of challenging courses to test their skills and have the chance to win some fantastic prizes.

For further information about the Club, please go to our website at www.nissanpatrolclub.org



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Please contact the President if you would like to join the Committee
and have a part in the running of YOUR Club.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to acknowledge and Welcome the following New Members who have joined us over the past few months.

October

Simon & Stephanie
Christian Georgia
Veronica with Zac
Paul & Brooke with Harmonie, Miah, Ivy & Xander
Shane
Nathan
Laszlo with Gergo
Peter & Kerrie

December

Craig & Adele with Daniel
Alex & Richelle with Tanahlia, Darnah & Tyrone

We hope you all have an enjoyable, friendly and fulfilling time with the Club and stay with us well into the future.

GUACAMOLE DIP (LAYERED)

Bottom layer

In a bowl, mix together

2-3 avocados, mashed

Juice of ½ lemon

1 tsp crushed garlic

Sriracha chilli sauce (to taste)

Middle layer

In another bowl, mix together

2 x 250g sour cream

1 packet taco spice mix (or if you like it hot, then use a packet of chilli spice mix)

Top layer

2 large tomatoes, deseeded and diced

1 red onion, diced

1 green capsicum, deseeded and diced

Shredded tasty cheese (to sprinkle on top)

1. On a serving platter, spread the avocado mixture over the bottom of the platter.
 2. Next, spread the sour cream mixture over the top of the avocado mix.
 3. Next, sprinkle all the diced vegetables on top of the sour cream mix and then sprinkle shredded tasty cheese (enough to your liking).
 4. Cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours before serving.
- Serve with corn chips.

DRIVER TRAINING

The Nissan Patrol 4WD Club provides free driver training to its members, which is included in your membership fee. The Driver Training Course covers a comprehensive range of topics. Some of these topics teach you practical driving over a variety of terrain and obstacles. Our courses are Basic Driver Training, Basic Recovery Techniques, Advanced Driver Training, Advanced Recovery, and many more.

Before you are permitted on a Club Trip, it is a condition of Club Membership that you complete the Club Basic Driver Training Course, regardless of your prior 4WD'ing experience.

The Basic Driver Training Course is conducted on our own land near Goulburn, where a range of purposely built tracks give the course participants a variety of track surfaces. Our Land also has facilities to conduct other educational functions, such as GPS Operation and First Aid. Our Club shop is regularly at Driver Training selling top quality recovery gear, 4WD essentials and Club merchandise at very reasonable prices.

Anyone who wishes to do the Recovery Refresher Course is most welcome to join any Basic Driver Training Sunday at the Club Land. Our driver trainers are looking forward to all our club members attending and revising the safety and recovery techniques that make our 4WD'ing a safer and more enjoyable activity for all.

See the Club Calendar for the next Driver Training weekend.

WORKING BEES

Working bees sound like they would be a lot of hard work. BUT, our club working bees usually have very little work and then you are free to do whatever you want. Regular working bees are held to help with land maintenance.

At the Land, there is the opportunity to help establish new driver training tracks, assist with the shed, tank and toilet/shower facilities, collect and cut up firewood, then have a chat around the fireplace and an excellent Saturday night dinner at "The Loaded Dog" in Tarago.

Please consider helping out at the land, and contact the Land Managers to enable them to organise work activities and catering.

See the club Calendar for the next Working Bee weekend.

NISSAN PATROL 4WD CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Included are the dates of NSW School Holidays, Special Days,
District Camping Shows and other 4WD events
to help with your holiday planning.

More detailed information for each trip can be found on the Club Website.

January 2019

Tues 1 st	New Year's Day
Wed 9 th	GENERAL MEETING: 8.00pm at the Veteran Car Club Hall 134 Queens Road Five Dock
Tue 22 nd	COMMITTEE MEETING: 8.00pm at Greenacre Citizens Hall, 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.
Sat 26 th	Australia Day
Sat 26 th to Sun 27 th	LAND WORKING BEE: TO BE CONFIRMED Help is needed with many of the projects happening down on our land.
Tue 29 th	BACK TO SCHOOL (Sorry Kids!)

February 2019

Sat 6 th to Sat 13 th	FLINDERS RANGES: Starting from Broken Hill, this trip will take you through Wilpena Pound, Gammon Ranges, Arkaroola and ending in Argadells/Quorn. Spending 2-3 nights at each location and driving the many tracks in the areas.
Thur 7 th to Sun 10 th	Newcastle Caravan, Camping & Holiday Expo: Newcastle Entertainment Centre & Showground www.newcastle.supershow.com.au
Sat 9 th to Sun 16 th	SNOWY MOUNTAINS: An 8-day trip through the NSW Snowy Mountains High Country exploring historical mining and grazing areas, the Snowy Hydro Scheme, camping and driving around the scenic Kosciusko NP.
Wed 13 th	GENERAL MEETING: 8.00pm at the Veteran Car Club Hall 134 Queens Road Five Dock
Fri 15 th to	Illawarra Caravan, Camping, 4WD, Fish & Boat Show:

Sun 17 th	Kembla Grange Racecourse, Wollongong www.ruralscene.com.au
Sat 16 th to Sun 17 th	DRIVER TRAINING: Basic D/T at the Land. The Club's free Driver Training is open to all members. You must complete the Basic Driver Training course before going on a club trip. To book into driver training or for any questions, contact Chris J
Tue 26 th	COMMITTEE MEETING: 8.00pm at Greenacre Citizens Hall, 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.
Sat 23 rd to Sun 24 th	LAND WORKING BEE: TO BE CONFIRMED Help is needed with many of the projects happening down on our land.

March 2019

Wed 13 th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 8.00pm at the Veteran Car Club Hall 134 Queens Road Five Dock. Come and vote in your New Committee for 2019-20.
Sat 16 th to Sun 17 th	DRIVER TRAINING: The Club's free Driver Training is open to all members. You must complete the Basic Driver Training course before going on a club trip. To book into driver training or for any questions, contact Chris J
Tue 26 th	COMMITTEE MEETING: 8.00pm at Greenacre Citizens Hall, 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.
Sat 30 th to Sun 31 st	LAND WORKING BEE: TO BE CONFIRMED Help is needed with many of the projects happening down on our land.
DATE TBA	COMMITTEE DINNER: A chance for old and new committees to get together and pass on information and complete the handover of their roles. Unofficially, it is a night out for a pleasant meal with friends. Date and venue TBA.

April 2019

Sun 7 th	Daylight Savings Ends Remember to turn your clocks 1 hour back. (Returns 6 October 2019)
Fri 7 th to Sun 9 th	Tuff Truck Challenge: Welsh's Road, Milbrodale near Bulga. www.tufftruck.com.au
Wed 10 th	GENERAL MEETING: 8.00pm at the Veteran Car Club Hall 134 Queens Road Five Dock
Sat 13 th to Sun 14 th	DRIVER TRAINING: The Club's free Driver Training is open to all members. You must complete the Basic Driver Training course before going on a club trip. To book into driver training or for any questions, contact Chris J
Sat 13 th to	NSW School Holidays

Sun 28 th	
Fri 19 th to Mon 22 nd	EASTER ON THE LAND: Spend the long weekend relaxing on your own land. Use the land as a base to explore the Southern Highlands, Canberra, Goulburn or drive around the many tracks on the land.
Tue 23 rd	COMMITTEE MEETING: 8.00pm at Greenacre Citizens Hall, 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.
Thur 25 th	ANZAC Day
Sat 27 th to Sun 28 th	LAND WORKING BEE: TO BE CONFIRMED Help is needed with many of the projects happening down on our land.
NEW DATE Sun 28 th to Sun 12 th May	VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY with a trailer: Wander through the beautiful Victorian High Country with your camper trailer in tow. Camping a few days at a time in the one place allows time for camp oven cooking, trout fishing and a couple of day trips.
Tue 30 th to Sun 5 th May	Caravan, Camping 4WD & Holiday Supershow: Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. www.supershow.com.au

May 2019

Wed 8 th	GENERAL MEETING: 8.00pm at the Veteran Car Club Hall 134 Queens Road Five Dock
Sat 11 th to Sun 12 th	DRIVER TRAINING: The Club's free Driver Training is open to all members. You must complete the Basic Driver Training course before going on a club trip. To book into driver training or for any questions, contact Chris J
Sun 12 th	Mother's Day
Tue 21 st	COMMITTEE MEETING: 8.00pm at Greenacre Citizens Hall, 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.
Fri 24 th to Sun 26 th	Hunter Valley Caravan, Camping, 4WD, Fish & Boat Show: Maitland Showgrounds, Blomfield Street, Maitland. www.ruralscene.com.au
Sat 25 th to Sun 26 th	LAND WORKING BEE: TO BE CONFIRMED Help is needed with many of the projects happening down on our land.

JUNE 2019

Sat 8 th to Mon 10 th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND: Enjoy a relaxing weekend at the land. Use the land as a base to go to Goulburn, Canberra, Moss Vale and many other interesting places. There's plenty of things to do or you can do nothing at all.
Wed 12 th	GENERAL MEETING: 8.00pm at the Veteran Car Club Hall 134 Queens Road Five Dock

Sat 15 th to Sun 16 th	DRIVER TRAINING: The Club's free Driver Training is open to all members. You must complete the Basic Driver Training course before going on a club trip. To book into driver training or for any questions, contact Chris J
Tues 25 th	COMMITTEE MEETING: 8.00pm at Greenacre Citizens Hall, 202 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.
Sat 29 th to Sun 30 th	LAND WORKING BEE: TO BE CONFIRMED Help is needed with many of the projects happening down on our land.

AUGUST 2019

Mon 5 th to Fri 30 th	CANNING STOCK ROUTE: A 27-day trip from Halls Creek WA, stopping at each well along the iconic Canning Stock Route, then on the Anne Beadell Highway finishing in Coober Pedy SA. Very remote desert travel requiring specific vehicle preparation, permit requirements and participant commitment. Numerous trip briefings and plenty of information for first timers.
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MAY 2020

DATE TBA	AFRICAN SAFARI: Self-drive tour of Botswana & Namibia with professional Australian based guides. More details to come from Murray R.
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STILL IN THE PLANNING

MONKEY GUM

CAPE YORK

TRIP LEADERS & NEW TRIPS

4WD trips are the heart of our Club and we need more trips and more Trip Leaders. Trips can be for a day, weekend or even longer.

If you've found a special place with great tracks, views, natural features, walks or a terrific camping spot then why not share it with like-minded friends from the Nissan Patrol 4WD Club who enjoy getting out into the bush as much as you do.

Alternatively, you could organise a non-4WD event such as a winery tour, river cruise, scenic walks around Sydney or to places of historic interest.

If you would like to lead a trip, please contact the Trip Organiser

Mark C
Trip Co-ordinator
Nissan Patrol 4WD Club of NSW & ACT Inc.

BOOKING ON A CLUB TRIP

You are required to book in on any Club trip you wish to attend by contacting the Trip Leader. Introduce yourself and discuss with them your vehicle capabilities and level of driving skills. Leave a contact number. You must reconfirm your participation in the trip a few days before departure. If you must cancel, contact the trip leader at the earliest possible time, so reserves can take your place and no-one is waiting for you where mobile phones don't work.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Personal Information Forms must be filled out, put in a sealed envelope and placed in your vehicles glove box for **ALL TRIPS**. Forms must be filled out for every person on the trip. These forms will only be used if you are in a medical emergency.

Longer trips for a week or more, forms must be filled out in triplicate.

The first copy is to be held in your own vehicle.

The second copy is to be held by the lead vehicle.

The third copy is to be held by another vehicle in your convoy.

These forms will be handed back to you at the end of your trip.

It is also very important that the Trip Leader make sure this is done before heading off on your trip. Please remind the Trip Leader if nothing is said.

Personal Information Forms can be found on the Club's Website.

(To find these forms on the Website, go to Member's Zone,

Click on "Online Forms", then "Personal Information Form",

Then click on the link to download.)

*"We want you to enjoy your trip,
but your safety comes first."*

TRIP CLASSIFICATION

A	This class of trip is considered to be extremely difficult. Participants will have to be experienced at travelling over difficult terrain. Winching and/or towing will almost definitely be required. Participants will be required to bring along a certain amount of recovery equipment. The trip leader will have the right to reject a request from someone who is considered under-experienced.
B	This type of trip is considered a moderate to difficult trip. Some winching and/or towing will almost certainly be required. Under extreme weather conditions this trip could develop into a Class "A" trip.
C	This classification is considered a moderate trip. Various sections of this trip will require cautious driving in order to negotiate it, but in most circumstances, winching should not be necessary. Under extreme weather conditions this trip could develop into a Class "B" trip.
D	This trip is considered a relatively easy trip. It is unlikely that any winching and/or towing will be required.
E	This trip is considered very easy with little or no four-wheel driving involved. This type of trip will usually consist of either an easy-to-get-to base camp or a series of scenic tours.
W	Definitely, the most hideous of all trip classification, where you actually need to get out of your vehicle and walk to the desired destination.

UHF CB RADIO CHANNEL ALLOCATION

USED FOR	CHANNEL/S	COMMENTS
Calling <i>(Established by law)</i>	11	To call or locate another station. Parties then switch to a conversation channel.
Conversations	9 12-17 19-21 24-30 39	Used for conversation between stations.
Highway Communications	40	Mainly used by truck drivers and other highway users.
Caravaners, Campers	18	Holiday Maker's communication channel. (eg when in convoy)
4WD Drivers	10	Used by 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, convoys and in national parks.
Emergency Calling <i>(Established by law)</i>	5	Can be used by anyone in an emergency situation only.
Repeaters	1-8 31-38	In duplex mode repeaters need two channels to work. Receives on channels 1-8. Transmits on channels 31-38 automatically. When within range of a repeater, it will increase the communication difference. Operation in simplex mode on these channels is not permitted when in range of a repeater.
Data Transmissions <i>(Established by law)</i>	22, 23	No voice transmissions allowed on these two channels.

CONVOY PROCEDURE

For the benefit of new members and as a reminder to old members, convoy procedure on any NISSAN CLUB outing is as follows:

- The trip leader will ensure that the group on the outing is self-sufficient and should only call on outside bodies for assistance with recovery as a last resort.
- No driver will drive in a manner - or at a speed - that could endanger himself or any other person or vehicle.
- In hazardous areas it is the responsibility of the following driver to ensure that the previous vehicle has passed through the hazard before proceeding.
- It is the responsibility of all drivers to maintain (visual) contact with the following vehicle, especially at intersections.
- Persons leaving the convoy must notify the Trip Leader and, if possible, give details of their intentions.
- On trips including two or more vehicles, each vehicle will remain in a designated position in the convoy and not overtake the vehicle in front unless the driver of that vehicle slows down and signals the overtaking vehicle to pass.
- It is the responsibility of the Trip Leader to ensure that all drivers of all vehicles in the convoy are aware of any deviations in the route.
- No driver will park or drive in the reverse direction to the hazard of other vehicles.
- If a driver is trying to contact the rest of the group, he will turn on his headlights. This is the signal for the rest of the drivers to stop.
- All gates must be left in the manner in which they are found. The second vehicle in the convoy must pull over and wait for all vehicles to pass and then rejoin the convoy after ensuring that the gate is left as it was found.
- When any form of recovery is in progress all those not directly involved in the rescue operations must keep well clear and at a safe distance.
- **Parents are particularly asked to keep their children at a safe distance.**
- The use of radio transmitters **does not** replace convoy procedure.

The trip leader will remind all drivers that convoy procedure should be followed before moving off.

Sand Driver Training at Stockton Beach

17-18 November 2018

Google translated

My sister Ull took me to the Nissan Patrol Club Driver Training at Stockton Beach when I visited her in Australia in November. I had been looking forward to this trip for a full year.

4wd driving is practically unknown in my native Germany. Only by Ull's interesting stories had I heard of it.

Ull and I had been travelling the Great Ocean Road and Victorian High Country for 3 weeks with her green GU, the Rolling Hotel. Bush camping was a completely new experience for me. For me as a city dweller, camping in the wild needed some getting used to: night time temperatures of zero degrees; considering water as a luxury, washing in the middle of nature and brushing my teeth with a just few millilitres, a shower not to mention.

However, my survival was made possible by dry shampoo, Ull's indispensable sheepskins, and wool gloves bought spontaneously in Mansfield, probably the only pair in town this time of the year.

To top it all off, surely there were all these nasty, dangerous and poisonous Australian animals ambushing me that everyone back home had warned me of.

Well, I survived it all and in Stockton, I met Ull's extremely friendly and cordial troupe of the Nissan Patrol Club. Chris, the instructor, did a briefing with good behavioural advice how to avoid broken thumbs and other injuries. That caused my tension to increase even more. For me, it was hard to imagine how such heavily loaded cars could drive over such soft dunes like in a huge sandbox.



After adjusting the tyre pressure, we went on the super-exciting trip, in which the cars slipped away like in deep snow. Sand hills of tremendous climbs were raced uphill with hell for leather, sometimes requiring several run-ups, and then softly down again on the other side like in a roller coaster.

After hours of fun we docked at the northern end of Stockton Beach, in the dunes right on the beach. The next morning when we drove back along the beach for about 20 km, the shoelaces that had been washed up by the tide were taken much more practised than the day before (*the word Arta uses here is "Schraeglagen", meaning "slopes" - how Google Translate turns this into "shoelaces" - "Schnuersenkel" in German - remains an unfathomable mystery*). Driving with cars along the beach would be unimaginable in Germany, even forbidden, because there the beaches are usually overcrowded and not allowed for cars.



For me, the weekend in Stockton was a fantastic, fun new experience. I feel privileged to have seen so many unbelievably beautiful, different landscapes in Australia with the Rolling Hotel and I am also very proud of my tough sister. I am grateful for this great experience and envy you all for your many 4WD adventures still to come.

Many greetings from Arta, sister of Ull

Photos by Scott S & Christopher B



An Aussie Night Before Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas, there wasn't a sound,
Not a possum was stirring, no-one was around.
We'd left on the table some tucker and beer,
Hoping that Santa Claus soon would be here.



We children were snuggled up safe in our beds,
While dreams of pavlova danced 'round in our heads.
And Mum in her nightie, and Dad in his shorts,
Had just settled down to watch TV sports.



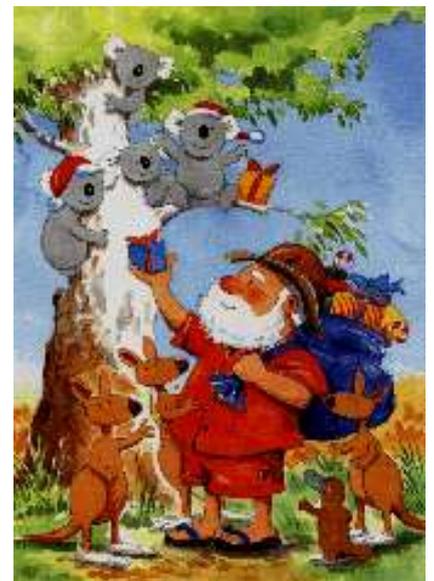
When outside the house, a mad ruckus arose
Loud squeaking and banging woke us from our doze
We ran to the screen door peeking cautiously out
Snuck on to the deck then let out a shout

Guess what had woken us up from our snooze
But a rusty old ute pulled by eight mighty 'roos
The cheerful man driving was giggling with glee
And we both knew at once who this plump bloke must be.



Now, I'm telling the truth, it's all dinki-di
Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky
Santa leaned out the window to pull at the reins
And encouraged the 'roos, by calling their names

Now, Kylie! Now, Kirsty! Now, Shazza and Shane!
On Kipper! On Skipper! On Bazza and Wayne
Park up on that water tank, grab a quick drink
I'll scoot down the gum tree, be back in a wink!



So up to the tank those eight kangaroo flew
With the ute full of toys, and Santa Claus too
He slid don the gum tree and jumped to the ground
Then in through the window he sprang with a bound

He had bright sunburnt cheeks and a milky white beard
A jolly old joker was how he appeared
He wore red stubby shorts and old thongs on his feet
And a hat of deep crimson as shade from the heat

His eyes – bright as opals – Oh how they twinkled!
And, like a goanna, his skin was quite wrinkled!
His shirt was stretched over a round bulging belly
Which shook when he moved, like a plate full of jelly



A fat stack of prezzies he flung from his back
And he looked like a swaggie unfastening his pack
He spoke not a word, but bent down on one knee
To position our goodies beneath the yule tree



Surfboard and footy-ball shapes for us two
And for Dad, tongs to use on the new barbeque
A mysterious package he left for our Mum
Then he turned and he winked and he held up his thumb

He strolled out on deck and his 'roos came on cue
Flung his sack in the back and prepared to shoot through
He bellowed out loud as they swooped past the gates
“Merry Christmas to all, and goodonya, Mates!”



STRAWBERRY SALSA

Juice and zest from 1 medium lime

2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup

Pinch of fine sea salt

500g strawberries, hulled and diced

½ small red onion, diced

1-2 long green chillies, deseeded and thinly sliced

¼ cup packed fresh coriander (leaved and stems), finely chopped

1. In a serving bowl, whisk together lime juice and zest, honey (or maple syrup) and salt. Stir in strawberries, onion, chilli and coriander. Mix well. Taste and adjust seasonings if necessary (more lime juice for acidity or honey/maple syrup for sweetness). Cover and refrigerate before serving
Serve with corn chips.

WHAT DOES ANCIENT ROME HAVE TO DO WITH THE SPACE SHUTTLE?

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So, who built those old rutted roads?

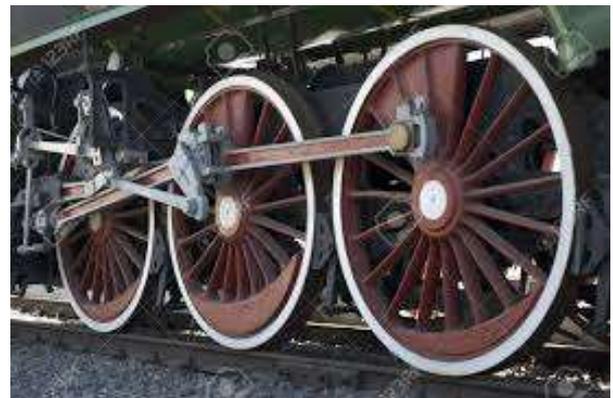
Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels.

Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore, the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. Bureaucracies live forever.

So, the next time you are handed a specification/procedure/process and wonder 'What horse's arse came up with this?', you may be exactly right. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. (Two horses' arses.)



Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah.

The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.



So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's arse.

And you thought being a horse's arse wasn't important? Ancient horse's arses control almost everything...

and CURRENT Horses Arses are controlling everything else.

MANGO SALSA

3-4 mangos, diced

1 packet baby cucumbers, diced (or 2 Lebanese cucumbers, deseeded and diced)

1 small red onion, diced

1-2 long red chillies, deseeded and thinly sliced

¼ cup packed fresh coriander (leaves and stems), finely chopped

20-30 mint leaves, finely chopped

1-2 limes, juiced

1. In a serving bowl, place mango, cucumber, onion, chilli, coriander, mint and stir to combine. Add juice of 1 lime, mix well and taste. Add more lime juice if necessary. Cover and refrigerate before serving.

Serve with corn chips. Great with fish tacos and grilled salmon

Thank you to Harry for sending in these yummy dip recipes.

CLUB APPAREL

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

- You can now purchase Club apparel online.
- Make your order through the link on the Club's website.
- You deal directly with our supplier.
- Large range of sizes are available. Measurements are on website.
- Payment can be made by the various options provided.
- Pick up from their warehouse or have them delivered to your address.
- Samples only will soon be available in the Club Shop.

	<p>NPC Arena Jacket - Adults only sizes Arena jacket made from Rip Stop, 105gsm – 100% Polyester Rip Stop with PU Coating Breathability: 3000mm. Description: Contrast colour on side panels & sleeves with piping, raglan sleeves with elasticated adjustable cuffs, concealed detachable hood, two side pockets with zip closure, front storm flap with concealed studs, polar fleece lining with pockets with club logo embroidered on the front left chest.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="608 891 1385 958"> <tr> <td>Sizes: 2XS, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL, 7XL</td> <td>Price: \$83.00</td> </tr> </table>	Sizes: 2XS, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL, 7XL	Price: \$83.00		
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	<p>NPC Croxton Hoodie - Adults & Children sizes Croxton Hoodie made from Cotton Blend 320gsm – 65% Polyester, 35% Cotton Fleece. On trend fashion hoodie, with contrast shoulder panels and side piping. Contemporary fashion fit. The ultimate in casual comfort. Club logo embroidered on the front left chest.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="608 1182 1385 1312"> <tr> <td>Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL.</td> <td>Price: \$49.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children Sizes: 4K, 6K, 8K, 10K, 12K, 14K.</td> <td>Price: \$44.00</td> </tr> </table>	Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL.	Price: \$49.00	Children Sizes: 4K, 6K, 8K, 10K, 12K, 14K.	Price: \$44.00
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	<p>NPC Stadium Jacket - Adults & Children sizes Stadium Jacket made from Oxford Shell, 155gsm – Outer - 100% Polyester. Superb tailoring makes this a most practical cool weather garment. Water repellent Oxford shell, inner with thick anti-pill polar fleece, Hideaway hood with drawstring closure. Front chunky zip under press-studded storm flap, high wind collar and adjustable cuff with velcro flap, club logo embroidered on the front left chest.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="608 1599 1385 1729"> <tr> <td>Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.</td> <td>Price: \$69.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children sizes: 4K-6K, 6K-8K, 8K-10K, 10K-12K, 12K-14K.</td> <td>Price: \$63.00</td> </tr> </table>	Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.	Price: \$69.00	Children sizes: 4K-6K, 6K-8K, 8K-10K, 10K-12K, 12K-14K.	Price: \$63.00
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	<p>NPC Scarf Nissan Patrol club polar fleece scarf with club logo embroidered on one end. Size 170 cm length x 22.5 cm width. Colours: Red or Navy. Minimum Order of 10 Price: \$24.00</p>				

CLUB APPAREL

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

	<p>NPC Reversible Vest - Adults only sizes Reversible Vest made with Polar Fleece/Micro Fibre, 100% Polyester. One side Polar Fleece fabric & other shower proof Micro Fibre. Hidden zips in both side seams for invisible embroidery access. Size label in left front pocket. A favourite style for sailing, water sports, cycling, walking & active lifestyles. with club logo embroidered on the front left chest.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="625 609 1406 674"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.</td> <td>Price: \$68.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.	Price: \$68.00				
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	<p>NPC Winner Polo – Men’s, Ladies & Children sizes Winner Polo made from True-Dry® Mesh 160gsm – 60% Cotton, 40% Polyester. Contrast shoulder & side to highlight team/corporate colours. Natural cotton backing makes it comfortable to wear with club logo embroidered on the front left chest.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="625 938 1406 1126"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Men’s Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL</td> <td>Price: \$40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ladies Sizes: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18.</td> <td>Price: \$38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children Sizes: 4K, 6K, 8K, 10K, 12K, 14K.</td> <td>Price: \$37.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Men’s Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL	Price: \$40.00	Ladies Sizes: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18.	Price: \$38.00	Children Sizes: 4K, 6K, 8K, 10K, 12K, 14K.	Price: \$37.00
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	<p>NPC Sunset Tri Colour Cap Sunset Tri Colour Cap made with Heavy Brushed Cotton, 100% Cotton. 6 panel structured laid back front. Pre-curved peak with 3 colours on peak and crown. Short velcro crossover with club logo embroidered on the front centre of the cap.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Price: \$20.00</p>						
	<p>NPC Micro Fleece Beanie Nissan Patrol Club Micro Fleece Beanie with embroidered club logo on front centre. Colours: Red or Navy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Price: \$19.00</p>						



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DVD's

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1	-
2	Hilux Recovery - River Island - 1 July 2006
3	The Makings of Milo - 4WD Action Mag
4	Roothy's Outback Adventure
5	"First in Class" - Custom V8 TD Troopy
6	Bundy on a Budget
7)	2007 Ute on the Year + Adelaide to Alice
8)	Best 4WD of 2008 + Tackling NT's Remote Areas
9)	Custom Truck Mania + Landcruiser Mountain park
10)	3 Wild Custom Trucks + Watagans
11)	The Hard Road - Cape York
12)	To the Tip and Back - Cape York
13	Bush on a Budget
14	Hardcore 4WD Action - Tuff Truck 2009
15	Tropical Tourers
16)	Cool Runnings - Off-road Tips & Techniques
17)	How to 4WD - Complete Driver Training Guide (1)
18	How to 4WD - Complete Driver Training Guide (2)
19)	Moreton Island
20)	Fraser Island
21)	Bush Mechanic Challenge
22)	Bush Mechanic Challenge No 2
23	Tasmania's Wild, Wild West Adventure (1)
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25	2007 Ute of the Year - Adelaide to Alice
26	Moreton Island
27	Bundy on a Budget
28	The Makings of Milo + 3 Custom Trucks
29	100 Not Out
30	Down & Dirty
31	Head for the Hills! - Hill End + Navara D22
32	Back to the Outback (1)
33	Back to the Outback (2)
34	Roothy wrangles LEVUKA 4WD Park + 6 Custom Trucks
35	Bush Mechanic Challenge Part 1
36	Bush Mechanic Challenge Part 2 + Jeep Jamboree
37	Coastal Capers - SA Coastline + Jeep Jamboree (1)
38	Coastal Capers - SA Coastline + Jeep Jamboree (2)
39	Coastal Capers - SA Coastline + Jeep Jamboree (3)
40	Big Gun Battle - Nissan v Toyota
41	The Flinders Ranges (1)
42	The Flinders Ranges (2)
43	Milo's Mates - Custom 40's
44	5 Custom 4WD's + Off-road World Challenge
45	Cape York + 4 Best Customs
46	Murchison Madness - WA's Best Off-road Destination
47	Recovery Special
48	Roothy Explores Coffs
49	Back in the Kimberley
50	Flinders Ranges

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CLUB SHOP

RECOVERY GEAR

Snatch Strap	Spanset brand 9m x 60mmx 8,000kg	\$ 55.00
Chain & Grab Hooks	1.75m x 7mm alloy Grade 80 chain & 2 grab hooks	35.00
	3m x 7mm alloy Grade 80 chain & 2 grab hooks	48.00
	6m x 7mm alloy Grade 80 chain & 2 grab hooks	85.00
Bow Shackle	4.7t SWL Grade S - Complies with AS 2741	10.00
	3.2t SWL Grade S - Complies with AS 2741	8.00
Tyre Gauge	3psi to 60psi - includes storage case	19.00
Gloves	Made with soft cow hide leather	6.00
Tree Trunk Protector	Black Rat brand 3m x 75mm x 8,000kg	35.00
Winch Extension Strap	Spanset brand 30m x 50mm x 4,000kg	80.00
Snatch Block	Black Rat brand 8,000kg - suits 6-12mm cable	40.00
	Tigerz11 brand 10,000kg - 11mm cable diameter	35.00
Recovery Hitch & Shackle	Tigerz11 brand - fits towbar box section	35.00
Winch Cable Dampner	Tigerz11 brand - a must for all winching exercises	32.00
ARB Compressor Kit	Fully equipped boxed kit - includes hose kit	320.00
ARB Air Compressor	For fixed mounting in your car's interior or engine bay	265.00
ARB Air Hose Kit	Ideal kit for vehicle mounted air compressor	45.00
ARB Speedy Seal Kit	Emergency tyre plug repair kit	55.00
Staun Tyre Deflators	Set & forget, hands free tyre deflators - Set of 4	75.00
Hi-Lift Jack	Genuine Hi-Lift jack brand as sold by ARB	160.00
Hi-Lift Jack Bumper Lift Kit	Secure hook for bumper. For use with Hi-Lift Jack.	55.00
ARB Recovery Bag	SMALL size - perfect for storing your recovery gear	55.00

4WD ACCESSORIES

UHF Aerial	GME AE4018K1 - includes aerial & base	\$125.00
	GME AE4705 - includes aerial & base	210.00
Roo Lite Light kit	180mm driving light kit complete with wiring harness	235.00
Windscreen Repair Kit	DIY windscreen repair kit - fits in glove box	26.00
FixAll Tape	Fix split hoses, tubes & leaks - price per roll	10.00
Diff Breather Extender Kit	Reduce the chance of water ingress - with all fittings	70.00
Dual LED Strip Light	Yellow LED deters insects - White LED for bright light	35.00
Kaymar Telescopic Light	Mount on to a Kaymar Rear bar spare wheel holder	222.00
BBQ Plate	Medium Size - with stand	68.00
Campfire Tripod	4' high - ideal for bush camp cooking	40.00
Water Bag	Traditional Water bag for mounting on bull bar	50.00

NOTE:

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