

Trip Report – Stockton Beach 22nd June 2008

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Attendees:

Anthony (Shrek) Barker with Werner and Goran (Pajero LWB – Trip Leader)
Allan Kenny with Anika (Challenger)
Tony, Charmaine, Matthew & Tony Yong (R51 Pathfinder)
Rick and Dylan Almeida (R50 Pathfinder)
Peter Moss with Laurie Williams (Gold GQ Patrol)
Roger Pollet without daughter (Prado).
Glen and Kim Coddington (Hilux Dual Cab)
Lachlan, Bronwyn, James and Elissa Michie (Pajero SWB)

Despite concerns from our 3 year old that the sun was not yet awake, we rose early for the run up to Anna Bay. Along the way we heard from Roger on the CB and joined up to guide him to the meeting point. Once we had acquired a permit we joined the rest of the group and aired down. The running order was sorted



out with Shrek leading and the Michies as tail end Charlie before heading off to play in the sand.

First on the agenda was a meander through the lower dunes with a pause for Shrek to rescue a bogged Hilux before heading up a moderate sized dune to practise our descents on the steep sand then having a go at getting back up the steep side of the dune.

Once we had been joined by the final group member for the day, we headed off to tackle another dune which had caused some problems for one party member on a previous trip but this time no damage was sustained.

After a further meander along through some dunes we stopped off for lunch in a relatively sheltered spot for lunch although with a fairly constant wind, the stop

was long enough to grab a bite and a quick chat before getting back in the cars and out of the wind.

First on the "To Do" list after lunch was to find the Datsun 120Y which has somehow ended up in the middle of the dunes. We finally found it via a couple of routes and stopped to have a quick look before the wind drove us back into the cars for the run down to the Sygnia. While viewing the Sygnia and looking out to sea, we could see rain closing in so we decided to make for the exit.



this, the short wheelbase Pajero (approx 1700kg) could get a long enough run up to build up the momentum required to extract the long wheelbase Patrol (approx 2600kg).

As always it is interesting to observe the different strengths and weaknesses of the various vehicles in different conditions. With soft sand being the terrain for the day, the lighter vehicles (without traction control) had the advantage.



With everyone mobile, we had a final play on a nice steep dune near the exit to Lavis Lane. By this stage, a few of us had become quite "confident" which resulted in a lack of contact with the ground at the top of the dune for some. As we headed off to the exit track, our esteemed leader was heard on the CB saying "You're a bunch of nutters!". Oh well, Boy will be boys.

Once off the sand, we aired up and headed our separate ways.

Thanks, as always, goes out to our trip leader for organising the day and for making sure things ran smoothly and safely.

