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CHALLENGE

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Tuff Truck Challenge



Attendees.

Glenn Evans
Mitchell Evans
James Penning
Brad Penning
Daniel Bamforth
Reece Mc Namara (Visitor)
Craig Upton (day visitor)

Learning from last year we left early Friday morning to get a better spot in the family camping area as "Ferrel Hill" was not an option. I had to call into TJM at Seven Hills to replace another faulty Waeco fridge power supply which they said they had but didn't, which was discharging my second battery and as it was powering the beer fridge, it was essential that it was repaired. As they did not have one like they said a quick car park re wire was in order to insure that the beer was cold.

We arrived to find the camp site not quite as full as last year and we quickly set about setting up one of my Sydney District 4x4 club famous tent erections. It was then I noted that the Waeco power supply had completely ruined the battery as it would not even hold charge for 30 minutes so off to Singleton to buy another battery. All good and \$160.00 later the fridge was working. Mitchell's mates showed up a bit later and they soon had their tent up and a beer in hand.

We met up with Daniel who was camping on Ferrel Hill with some of his mates and more beer was had to celebrate something. Dinner was a couple of sausages and more beer. Mud Rats Revenge was under way and owing to the complaints from last year the recovery and course had changed so some cars actually made it and the ones that did not were recovered a lot quicker. I retired about 11.00 o'clock as I was rostered on early as one of the officials and needed my beauty sleep. (Ben. Insert smart comment here)

Surprisingly, Mitchell was still asleep when I got up to go to "work." He came and saw me about 9.00 with his eyes still closed. He was off to watch some events. After a couple of hours I managed to catch up with him and the boys to watch the trucks tackle some of the hills and obstacles. Again these drivers did not go to school to learn about centre of balance and gravity. The angles and positions they manage to get the trucks in are amazing. The engineering of the steering and

suspension is worth going up for just to see. Several managed to roll down the hill with the crowd cheering all the way. With the strict safety requirements nobody got hurt so all was good.

Round 2 of Mud Rats Revenge started as the sun set with competitors tackling the travel ramp before hitting the mud. Powerful 4X4 turned out to be a real crowd pleaser with the official run up and then a rather unconventional drive up trying to defy gravity but again gravity won on the night! I again went to bed early (about 12.00) only to be woken by Mitchell at 3.00 asking for the keys to the car as he was thirsty.

I had the morning free so bacon, eggs, toast & sausages were in order for most of us but a couple did not look real healthy and declined my cooking. With Mitchell helping (no not a misprint HE DID HELP Still drunk I think) we packed up so we could leave at a reasonable hour. Off to see the events being garden of stone and devils marbles. The competition was close so competitors were giving it all. Every car had been repaired with botchie brother Repair Company doing a roaring trade. Several cars rolled, a couple caught on fire and some just blew up.

The talk of the site was Powerful 4x4's effort on the travel ramp and they were not going to let us down on the track putting the car through places that you could not even walk up let alone drive a car through. They wanted publicity and they got plenty. They had a stand there selling 4x4 bits & pieces and it was constantly busy. Just the way they liked it.

4 Wheel Drive action was there complete with Roothy and Milo. Milo I say is on his last set of tyres and the brush painted panels are well and truly been in too much salt water. No wonder he is looking to replace Milo.

We decided to set off home about 3.00 as for some reason Mitchell was tired. Do not know why? Driving down the Putty road trying to listen to the football between the static and fading station was great but Parramatta did eventually win even if they did have to pass the ball forward to do so.

Overall a great weekend with a heavily upgraded security and police presence the event went off very well. The organisers are trying to make it a family friendly event which they have managed to do with the "disturbances" on Ferrel Hill being brought under control before they started.

Be back next year.... Yep.

