

Trip Report

Club Tulip Rally 16th October 2016

A total of 9 teams consisting of 27 people arrived at the Devonport 4WD Club clubrooms to try their hand at an old school tulip rally. Overnight rain would prove to make a lot of the normally easy tracks very greasy and a bit of a challenge.

Teams set off at 1 minute intervals and it took less than 5 minutes from the last team leaving until the first phone call for recovery assistance.



Scott & Lyndelle losing their first tow ticket

Not more than 200 metres down the road another 5 teams were found struggling to get around a short detour and the first checkpoint with the Berry's taking a wrong turn and having to lower themselves down a slippery hill using their winch.



Berry's lowering themselves down a hill



Members:

Scott & Lyndelle Anderson
Toyota Hilux TOY444
Warrick, Erin Spillane, Emily & Maci Rataj
Landcruiser 105 FB6290
Glenn, Cass, Yaz, Zoe Williams
Landcruiser 80 C05PE
Brian & Maureen Imlach
Landcruiser 100 D56SJ
Mick & Leonie Smith
Patrol Ute F22FT
Matthew, Sarah, Jessica, Amelia, Joseph & Alyvia Hill
Landcruiser 80 B38CZ
Ben, Michaela & Harper
Landcruiser 105 BEN101
Adrian, Sonia Shearer, Izobel, Chad Woodberry
Patrol DI 2420
David, Lauren, Levi & Indee Ortnr.
Landcruiser 80 A78BJ
Lyndon Kettle
Craig, Helen, Zac & Ava Palmer

Visitors:

Mark & Abbey Johnstone
Jeep Cherokee EI573

It was an hour from the time the last car had left the clubrooms until the last car had left the first checkpoint. The distance between the two was only 7 kilometres, 6.4km of that was on sealed road, so it was looking like being a very long day.

From this point onwards we did not see much more of the action as we headed to town for BBQ supplies. Once back at the clubrooms with the fridges stocked up, the William's and myself headed out to see if we could find anyone out on the tracks.

With the extra rain overnight, there was definitely more water over all the tracks, at a hole that was looking rather deep, an alternative track was used that ended up with Glenn's 80 coming to a very sudden stop in a 35 inch deep ditch and no hope of it coming out.



Williams's in a ditch



Trying unsuccessfully to winch ourselves out from numerous directions, one last attempt was made that ended up with some nasty crunching from the front end and the loss of drive to the front wheels. What was thought to be a CV joint at the time turned out to be a free wheeling hub.



It turned out we weren't the only ones that got stuck in the ditch

Luckily the Berry's drove past on their way to the finish and came to our rescue, 3 snatches later we were back on the road.

Back at the clubrooms, the BBQ was fired up and some old club videos were played on the tv while the scores were added up. The Palmers called in after their recent return from the big island to brag about their 3 month around Australia adventure.

The team that accumulated the lowest amount of points for the day and therefore the winners were the Rataj's. The target time for the day was 153 minutes to complete the course, the Rataj's covered the course in 154 minutes losing only 5 points and missed one checkpoint (20 points) that every team missed and was most likely missing. A near perfect score.

Position	Car	Name	Time Taken	Time Penalty	Questions	Checkpoints	Tow Tix	Total
1	5	Rataj	154	5	0	20	0	25
2	4	Berry	168	75	20	20	0	115
3	2	Ortner	150	30	40	80	0	150
4	6	Hill	139	140	0	20	0	160
5	7	Clark	178	125	0	40	40	205
6	3	Smith	188	175	20	60	0	255
7	1	Imlach	213	300	20	40	0	360
8	8	Johnstone	115	380	0	40	0	420
9	9	Anderson	DNF	421	0	0	0	421

It turned out to be a good fun family day with the fairly easy tracks we had set out in the 2 weeks prior turning into some very challenging tracks. Thanks to Glenn for his help setting out the course over the 2 previous Fridays.

Lyndon