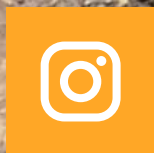


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MARCH 2025

**Devonport 4WD Club
Newsletter**

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Next Meeting

**Tuesday 6th May 2025
7:30 pm @ clubrooms
Cornelius Rd, Sassafras**

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THIS MONTHS FEATURED TRIP

**\$1000 Challenge
Secret Night Trip
Working Bee**

Upcoming Events

April 17th

West Coast

April Anzac Day Weekend

East Coast

TBA

Invite Trekker Club for a trip

May 17th

Keith River Road

May 24th

Cracker Night at Sunnyside

May 21 - 26

Dane competing in crawler comp,

May/June

Girls trip

June 21

Penguin easy day trip

August 2/3

\$1000 Trip Reverse direction

September 8/9

Christmas Dinner Derwent Bridge?



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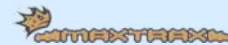
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\$1000 CHALLENGE

This epic tale started @ 3 years ago, the \$1000 dollar challenge, buy and build a car for under \$1000 and tackle Tassies Notorious \$1000 Track.

Part 1 we all failed, \$1000 doesn't go far, but these cars are built with many man hours, scrap bits and certainly done on the cheap and to the intent of the challenge, Built Not Brought. 5 vehicles started, 2 survived day 1 (Cold Stream) and only 1 was left standing on Wombat Flats!

\$1000 CHALLENGE

Loaded up we left the Home Makers @ 6.30 am,
5 x \$1000 vehicles on trailers, the Shephard's and Simon
\$1000 vehicles

FRANK Lyndon/Makai, MAV Mark/Andrew YOTA
Wak/Emily DALE Ryan/Toby RANKY Jimmy/Kane
MUDRUNNER Trout/Rocky retired last minute WORRY
Scotty, DNS.

MUDRUNNER was almost there, but on the way home to
pack @ 3am, yes after an all nighter his trailer gave up at
the weighbridge, unloading and driving his MUDRUNNER
back to Ulverstone he did his diff. In true trout form he
packed up, headed home to get his Don't Doubt the Trout
GQ packed up and would meet us on the \$1000 track.

We met Mick Smith and Kurt at Warratah where Mick
had organised a block for us to park our trailers,
Mick escorted us to the start of the Cold Stream Track and
then headed into the hut meeting up with Scotty, the
Shephard's and Simon.

First bog hole in DALE broke a steering rod, but a battery
weld and some bracing had him better than new.

Around the corner a few more bogs, some winching we
came across a huge old Myrtle blocking the track, out
with the 066, MAV on inching duties, and an hour or so
we had the track cleared and were on our way.

The next 6 hours or so were bog, winch, double winch
repeat, most holes being that crap that the heavy vehicles
were using 2 winches to get out.

\$1000 CHALLENGE

YOTA with flat batteries, FRANK boiled, a couple of tyres off the beads, fan belts inverted and vehicles not charging, and YOTA inverting his shackles several times.

Around 5pm a large bog hole with a sneaky second piece that saw the vehicles flex with the front right well off the ground, the best being Emily in YOTA, saw us take around 2-3 hours to get all vehicles through,

YOTA was the first casualty with a broken front tail shaft, hats off to Kurt for towing him the remainder of the way, the same bog hole claimed DALE, with his brakes fading and clutch seeming a little suspect.

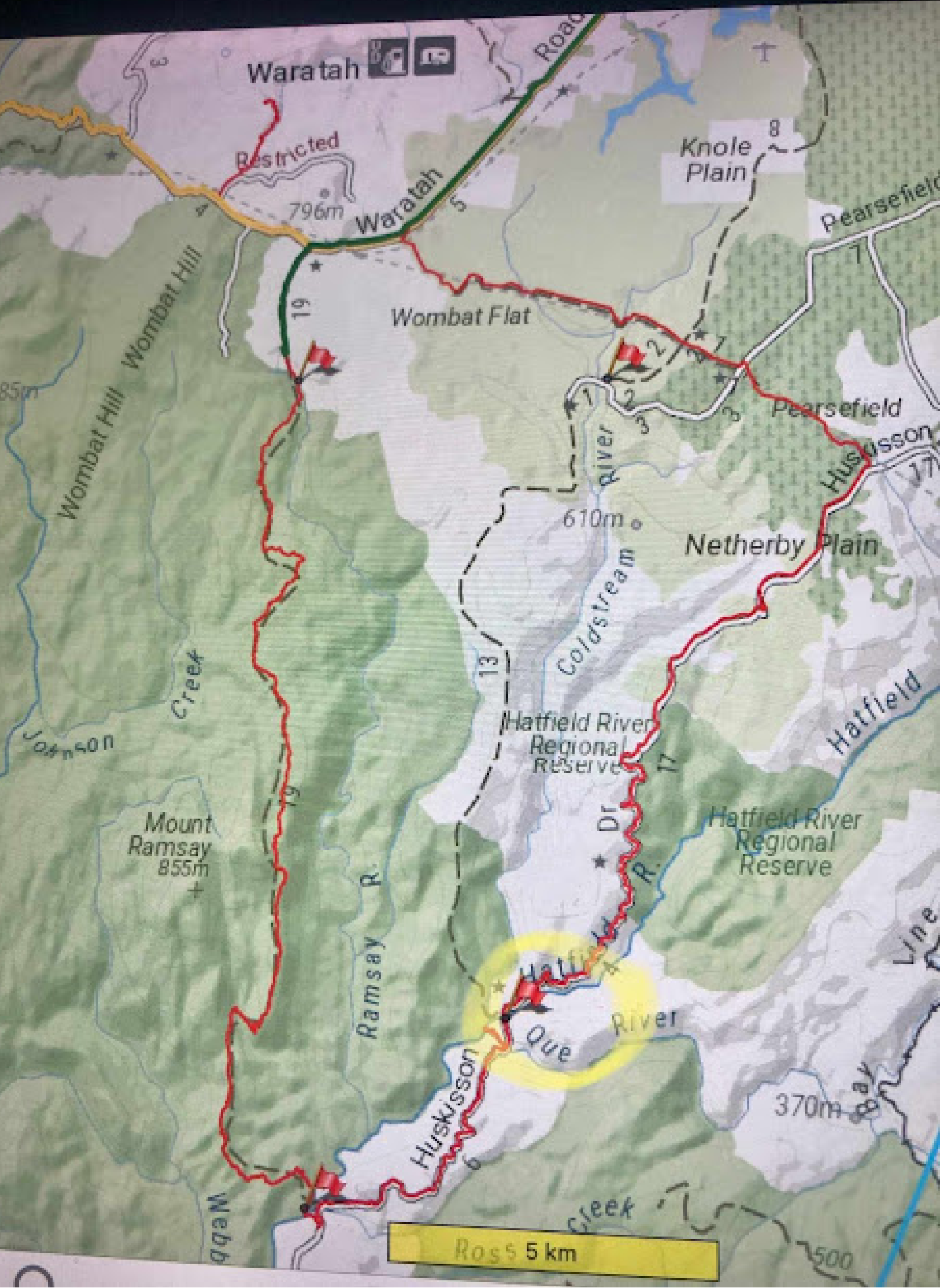
Into the night we plodded along MAV in front, Kurt towing YOTA, Lyndon stopping to keep FRANK Cool, RANKY and DALE bringing up the rear of the field,

The groups lost radio contact so the front three weren't aware that DALE had lost clutch, brakes and was running like a hairy goat, YOTA also having some clutch issues, FRANK had gone at his own pace getting hot cooling down and had left the last 2 and eventually caught the front 3.

Hats off to RANKY, towing DALE up the hills and letting him roll where he could and on one occasion, stop with the use of a tree 😊

The crew back at camp met MAV at the log hop into the creek @ 11.45, they were a welcome sight guiding us home, the fire going the Shepards were awesome cooking for us while we set up swags. FRANK showed how athletic he was with a perfect 10/10 drive from Lyndon bouncing the log with perfection, but it did appear that overheating may be a blown head gasket.





Waratah

Restricted

796m

Waratah

Knole Plain

Pearsefield

Wombat Flat

Pearsefield

Huskinson

Netherby Plain

610m

Coldstream

Hatfield River Regional Reserve

Hatfield River Regional Reserve

Mount Ramsay 855m

Ramsay R.

Hatfield R.

Que River

Huskinson

370m

Ros 5 km









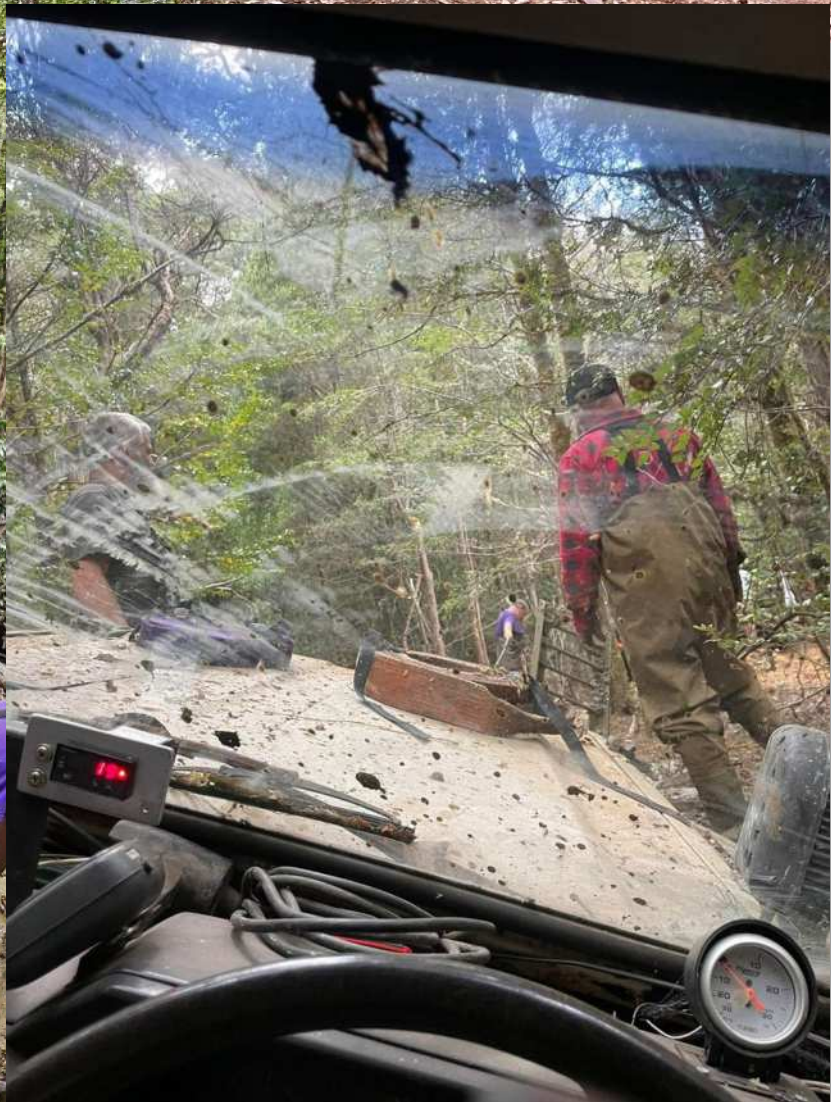












































Cage fight Wombat Flats, 2 cars enter 1 car leaves.....







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Night Trip Secret Location :)

There was a bit going on at the Home Makers so forgive me If I have missed a name or a vehicle,

After a quick briefing we headed off, unofficially 19 vehicles in convoy heading off into the great unknown,

Turning off Swamp Road we had a quick air down and Trip leader Mark Templar guided us through the pines on a track that he and Mr Wilson had plotted a few weeks before.

The track was a blue track with some options, and option one was Mark Templar bogged and needing a winch with some comical direction from Garth over the radio keeping the rest of the field entertained.

On the same corner Pete put a tyre off the rim so a quick change was needed.

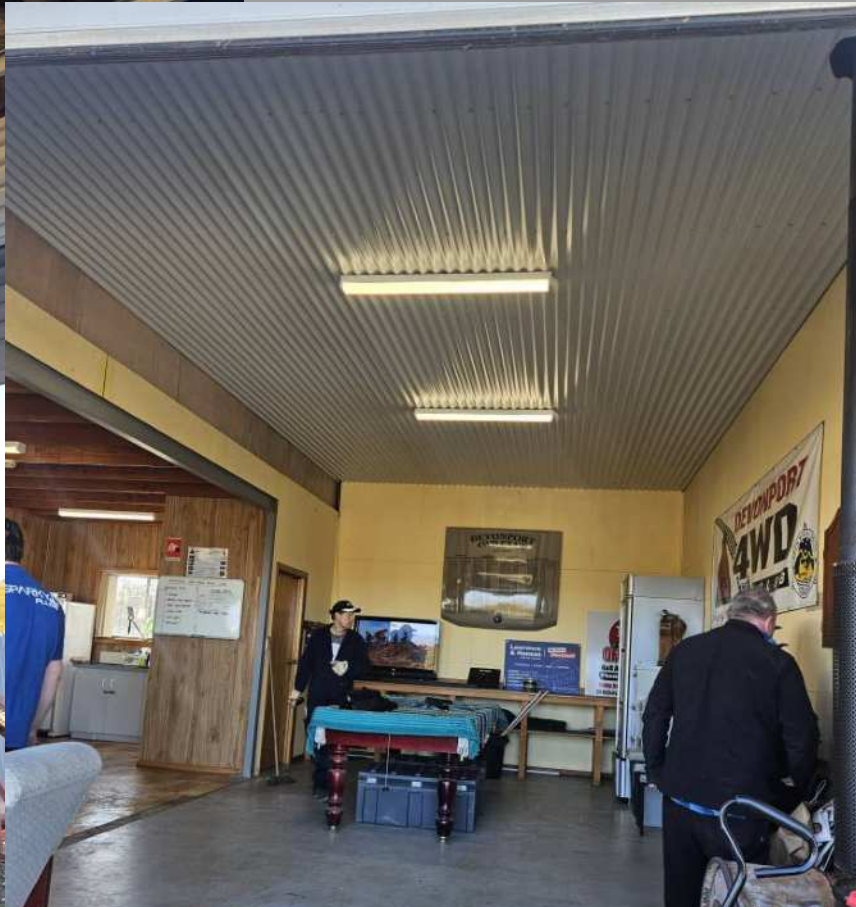
A nice downhill section, a steep little corner, a quip trip through the Serent "tip" and that was the end of a nice little night loop, and Michael Kerr winner of winch bingo.



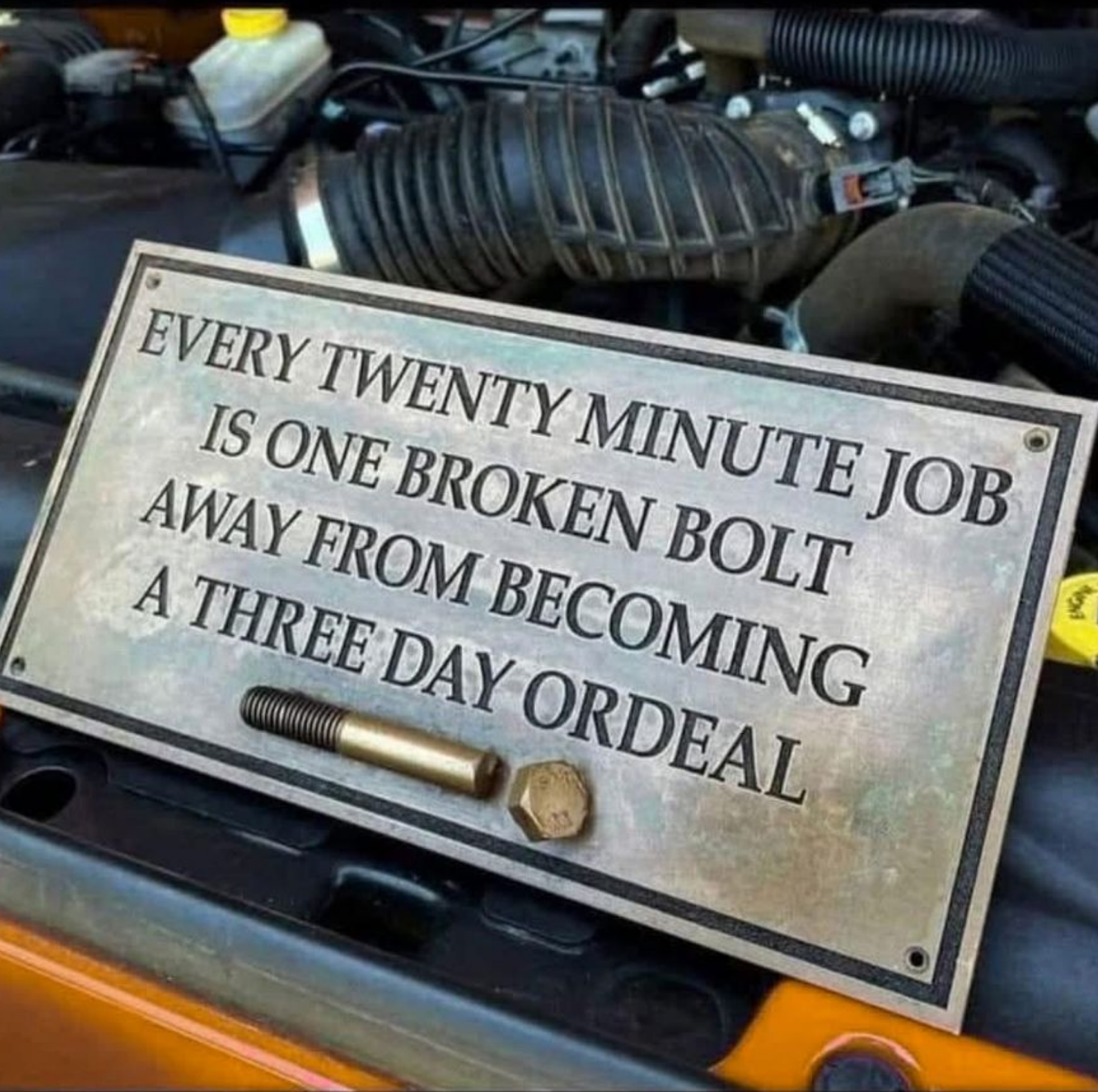
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Driver advanced experience**



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**Lift, tyres, winch, diff locks, expect
scratches and possible damage**

1978	Gary Hay	Ian Rockliff	Jim Flanigan	Jim Flanigan
1979	Brian Templar	Neville Rice	Jim Evans	
1980	Bill Templar	Neville Rice	Brian Woodhouse	David Ingram
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1988	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliff	Jenny Weeks/Dean Rodgers	Joy Walkden
1989	Bill Templar	Bill Rockliiff	Rachel Mack	Teresa Templar
1990	Mike Cassidy	Bill Rockliiff	Duncan McCreadie	Bill Rockliff
1991				
1992	Brian Imlach	Bill Rockliiff	Michael Donohoe	Scott Rockliff
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1997	Bill Rockliff	Scott Rockliff	Peter Holman	Scott Rockliff
1998	Michael Donohoe	Bill Rockliff	Peter Holman	Scott Rockliff
1999	Philip Napier	Nigel Palmer	Lyndon Kettle	Scott Rockliff
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2022	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Sarina Reid	Michaela Redpath
2023	Lyndon Kettle	Stephen Holman	Mathew Napier	Michaela Redpath