

DAY 13 Alice Springs to Coober Pedy We left Alice Springs with two of our members departed. Lorna Wigmore flew home after having her broken tibia repaired and Paul Kelly flying home for family reasons.

It is around 650 Kms Alice to Pedy so we planned a bush camp the first evening. We had lunch at the Kulgera Pub which is in the middle of no where and reached the Bridge over the Marryat Creek where we pulled in to spend the night in the nice creek bed.

Peter Eardley in "Granny" his Phaeton with camper, managed to get bogged in the washed sand. Giving it some stick to get out, the car locked up and wouldn't go forward or back! We jacked it up and found if we placed his overdrive in neutral the rear wheels would turn freely. Luckily we had taken a specially built "A" frame to couple directly to a Model A Front bumper. This was attached to Steve Wigmore's four wheel drive Mitsubishi tow bar. It was luck that Steve continued with us as he was the only modern without a camper, so a spare tow hitch!

Early the next morning we were ready to tow the Phaeton with camper to Coober Pedy which was 300 kms.

Peter sat in the Phaeton driver's seat for the journey. While relaxing on the trip, Peter read up the Model A repair manual ready for the next day!

At this stage we never had any idea what the problem really was!!

Bob Horgan stayed in Alice Springs an extra day because his borrowed camper was still having a new under carriage fitted. The plan was for Bob and his passenger Cam to catch us up in Coober Pedy if not before, along the way.

