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Lerderberg – February 2005



The Waterwheel at Morning Star Mine – March 2005



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Meetings: Held first Tuesday of each month
excluding January (no meeting).
The November meeting is held on the
2nd Tuesday of the month due to
Melbourne Cup public holiday.

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Stuart Street, Dandenong 3175

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT April 2005

Welcome to this month's edition of *Free Wheeling*.

I'm feeling nice and refreshed having just come back from a great trip to the Buchan Caves. We had terrific weather, great company, and one of the best camping grounds that I have had the pleasure to stay at. Stay tuned for next month's edition of *Free Wheeling* for a comprehensive report. Speaking of reports, we've had some terrific ones of late. Good work and keep them coming.

Unfortunately, Lesley will be unable to continue as the Editor of our newsletter due to increased work commitments. I would like to pass on to Lesley, on behalf of the club, our sincere gratitude for the terrific job she has done over the many years. I have had a bit of insight, over the last year or two, to the level of passion and commitment that Lesley has for our newsletter. I'm sure you would all agree that it has been very well put together and I know that I always look forward to reading the often entertaining articles. We now need someone to step forward and take on this important and rewarding job. Although Lesley says she will help out until we find a replacement, I would hope that there is someone that can help out sooner rather than later.

It is important to note that being a member of a club means more than turning out to the odd meeting and going on trips. It is not unreasonable to expect members to help out in the running of the club. This means from time to time running trips, helping the committee with events or functions, or even being on the committee itself. In the next month or two, every trip is being lead by Ashley. Full credit to him, and I hope he wants to continue to do so, but the time is **now** for others who haven't run a trip for a while, or indeed ever, to step forward. It's not difficult and there are many people available to help out if this is your first go. This goes for finding an Editor to relieve Lesley. We have around 80 memberships, most of these are family memberships. That gives us about 140 adults 'willing' to help this great club go forward.

Regards

John

John Partridge
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 01 MARCH 2005

The March General Meeting was held at Dandenong Library and opened at 8.15pm by John Partridge.

34 members present.

APOLOGIES: Ashley Martin, Brian Martin, Neil and Norma Stephenson, Rosalie Hughe, Ray and Dawn Brown, Glenn and Jackie Hughes, Terry Hohinke, Graeme Ralph, Anne Pettigrew, Debra Potts, Mazine Ryan, Yvonne Hempston, Derek and Janet Hymas, Ian Warburton.

VISITORS: Welcome to Noel Lees and Steven McAvoy.

John welcomed members Lorraine and Alan who have been on an extended trip – two years! – around Australia. Good to see them at the meeting before they head of again.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of February meeting as per Newsletter.

Accepted: Ian Webber. Seconded: Michael Rodger.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Nil.

SUPPER: Thanks Lorraine and Alex.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Letter and promotional cd from South Australian Tourism Commission re 2005 Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive which takes place between 30 April and 13 June 2005. Prices start at \$1780 for a 3 nights/4 days tour.
- Introductory letter and promotional material from Warragul Gardens Holiday Park. Discount offered for bulk bookings.
- Letter from a former four wheel driver who has some tyres and a bullbar to sell. Pics and details if anyone interested.
- Introductory letter and flyers from Country Alliance – 'an organisation looking to register as a political party to represent, among other groups, those who enjoy the "traditional" recreational activities, including 4wd driving'. Flyers available.
- Promotional material from Vacuseal – vacuum packing systems for the home – offering discount of 20-25% for 4 or more orders. Pamphlet available for those interested.
- Association correspondence:
 - Minutes of meeting 20 November 2004
 - Agenda General Meeting 23 February 2005
 - Voting Proxy Form.
- Various club newsletters and flyers.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Letter and invoice to BogCog Off Road confirming acceptance to advertise in *Free Wheeling*.
- Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Treasurer currently on tour in the Antarctic! Report will be available next month.

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- **Trip Reports:**
 - Lerderderg Day Trip 13/2/05: Alex reported on a successful outing involving many interesting aspects. See trip report.
 - Mt Cole: Postponed thru lack of interest.
- **Forthcoming Trips/Events:** Michael Rodger reported on the following upcoming trips as per calendar:
 - 6 March: Warburton Day Trip – Ian Webber unable to lead this trip so JP volunteered to take it.
 - 11-14 March: Buchan Caves – Anthony VB.
 - 24-28 March (Easter): Hattah-Kulkyne NP – Michael Rodger.
 - 10 April: Rubicon Day Trip – Ashley Martin.
 - 22-24 April: King or Howqua River – Ashley Martin.
 - Wednesday 11 May: Proficiency Training) Ashley Martin.
 - 14-15 May: Proficiency Training Weekend)
- JP mentioned the fact that the coming Sunday was "Clean Up Australia Day" and that any members who planned to go into the bush should "do their bit" towards this important day.

Michael once again raised the question of the lack of trip leaders amongst club members. This has become a serious issue with trips being run by the same few members each month.

JP asked the meeting for volunteers. Annie Simpson, Mark Capper and Steve Pitcher agreed to consider organising and leading a trip in the near future.

Pat Casey announced he would be leading a "walking trip" into Werribbe Gorge on Sunday 20 March. A 10km "easy" walk along the river. Bring own lunch, water etc.

Interested members should contact Patrick.

JP also raised the fact that next weekend was "*Clean Up Australia Day*" and that any members who were leading or participating in trips should be mindful of doing their bit for this worthy cause.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

No report. Ashley currently overseas.

PRESENTATION:

Noel Lees, DSE Forest Ranger based in Erica, gave an extremely interesting and detailed presentation on his responsibilities and detailed works being carried out by DSE in the Gippsland area. (More notes at end of these minutes.)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Newsletter Editor: Lesley has submitted her resignation from the the position of Newsletter Editor and a replacement is required asap. JP asked the meeting if there were any volunteers. None upstanding. Lesley has offered to produce one more issue of *Free Wheeling* and it is critical a new editor be found.

RAFFLE:

Tickets sold by Barry Hampston and Peter Frankland.

Won by:

Dr Pat – Walhalla Adventurer Map (donated by Rudi Paoletti)

Sue Lyne – China cake plate (donated by Barry Leitch)

MEETING CLOSED at 10.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Will be held at Dandenong Library on Tuesday, 1 February 2005.

Club Notes:

Apologies to Steve Boyle for mistakenly identifying his Toyota as John's Nissan in the March edition of *Free Wheeling* (see picture in Dando's trip report which for me was difficult to tell which vehicle was which.) **LP**

Presentation by Noel Lees – Forest Ranger, Erica

[Noel was asked to leave his notes so that we could include these details and provide a greater understanding of the role of the Forest Ranger, particularly for those members who did not attend the meeting.]

Noel commenced as a Forest Officer with the Forest Management Department in 1989. This department has since become the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and Noel is now a Forest Ranger whose duties include:

Fire Responsibilities: Wildfire suppression, regen burn and FRB's. Also aerial incendiary bombardier.

Enforcement: patrols on weekends and peak holidays – involves apprehending people for removal of forest produce without a permit, wilful damage, fire related offences etc.

4WD Program 04/05: Includes following tracks and roads – Deep Creek 1 & 4, Lost Spur, Ash Road, Short Spur, Selma Tk, Eton Tk overgrown and in disrepair, run-offs were a key problem. Now they are rehabilitated to a high standard, still 4x4 dry weather only tracks.

Recreation: Currently developing plans for sites at Coopers Creek, Horseshoe Bend Tunnel, O'Tooles, Merringtons, Andersons. Walking tracks to be brushed up and rehabilitated include West Tyers Rail Trail/Caringal, Great Alpine Walking Trail, Toombon historic area.

Historic: Responsible for protecting historic values and significant sites. Identify and register historic sites known to be in area – Toombon, Jericho, rail trails, mill sites, mine shafts – to name a few. Local representative for protection and preservation of the Lone Graves register, of which there are several in the area.

Pest, Plant and Animal: Good Neighbour projects (weeds and fox control) around Erica/Rawson district, Aberfeldy etc.

Other responsibilities include bridge building and roading work. Noel is one of the only rangers to build timber bridges (which he enjoys immensely) and has recently built the concrete culvert over the Aberfeldy River.

Noel is also a 4WD instructor and accreditor.

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get the most accurate result.
I can't believe I have been
doing it wrong all these years!



We must get the word out!

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Welcome to

The Corner

Presenting this month's recipe...

Chewy Fruit and Seed Slice

Ingredients

200g unsalted butter
175g golden syrup
125 crunchy peanut butter
30g plain flour
30g ground almonds
300g quick cooking oats
2 tsp finely grated orange zest
185 g soft brown sugar
45 g desiccated coconut
50g toasted sesame seeds
90g shelled sunflower seeds
50g raisins, chopped
45g mixed peel
½ tsp mixed spice
2 tsp vanilla essence

Method

Preheat oven to 170°, lightly grease 20x30cm shallow tin, line with baking paper leaving paper hanging over the 2 long sides.

Place butter and golden syrup in small saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally until melted.

Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter and vanilla essence until combined.

Mix together remaining ingredients, stirring well.

Make a well in centre and add butter and syrup mixture.

Mix with large metal spoon until combined.

Press evenly into tin and cook for 25 mins or until golden and firm.

Cool in tin and cut into squares.

This is great for kids – big and small...



Funny... ☺☺☺

Teacher: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Student: A teacher !!

The Corner: If anyone has an interesting snippet they would like included, just email to: anniesinternet1@primus.com.au
All contributions will be gratefully received!



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CLUB CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

MARCH

Thursday 24th to **Easter** Michael Rodger
Monday 28th Hattah-Kulkyne NP

Tuesday 29th Committee Meeting Anthony VB

APRIL

Tuesday 5th Club Meeting John Partridge

Sunday 10th Rubicon Day Trip Ashley Martin

Friday 22nd to King River Ashley Martin
Monday 25th

Tuesday 26th Committee Meeting Ian Warburton

MAY

Tuesday 3rd Club Meeting John Partridge

Wednesday 11th Proficiency Training Ashley Martin
Theory Night

Saturday 14-15th Proficiency Training Ashley Martin

Friday 13th to Jamieson Area Steve Pitcher
Sunday 15th

Friday 20th to Toombon/Morning Paul Ryan
Sunday 22nd Star Creek

Tuesday 31st Committee Meeting Roger Baird

JUNE

Tuesday 7th Club Meeting John Partridge

Tuesday 28th Committee Meeting



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FORTHCOMING TRIPS

RUBICON DAY TRIP

Date: Sunday 10 April 2005
Trip Leader: Ashley Martin
Contact Nos: Mob: 0438 600 904 Tel: 9540 0007
Destination: Rubicon area.
Meeting Time/Place: 8.30am, Lilydale McDonalds.
Vehicle Limit: *Min:* 2, *Max:* 10
Grade: *Wet:* Medium *Dry:* Medium
Approximate Kms: 100
Equipment: Standard recovery gear.
Maps: N/A
Radio Channel: Channel 12
Trip Activities: General drive around the area.

KING RIVER

Date: Friday 22nd to Monday 25th April 2005
Trip Leader: Ashley Martin
Contact Nos: Mob: 0438 600 904 Tel: 9540 0007
Destination: King River – Pineapple Flat.
Meeting Time/Place: Lilydale MacDonalds
Friday: 6.00pm; Saturday: 8.30am.
Vehicle Limit: *Min:* 3, *Max:* 12
Grade: *Wet:* Medium *Dry:* Easy/Medium
Approximate Kms: 200
Last Available Fuel: Mansfield.
Equipment: Basic recovery.
Maps: N/A
Radio Channel: Channel 12
Trip Activities: The main activity will be to take a walk on the Sunday out to the Bluff near Bluff Hut (for memory approx 2 hrs return). For those who don't wish to walk, they can explore some of the other huts around the area – or do nothing! Camping area is easy access and suitable for trailers. The fishing is fairly good, so don't forget to throw in the rod.
I plan to leave on the Friday night, but was hoping there would be somebody leaving early Friday to secure a camp spot. For those who wish to leave on Saturday, suggest you meet at Lilydale Maccas at 8.30am.

JAMIESON AREA

Date: 13-15th May 2005 (Note: 15th is Mother's Day)
Trip Leader: Steve Pitcher
Contact Nos: Mob: 0416 087619 (pref) Res: 9766 9447
Destination: Jamieson area – Granny's Flat/Wren's Flat
Meeting Time/Place: Departing 7pm Friday 13/5, Lilydale McDonalds.
Vehicle Limit: *Min:* 3, *Max:* 12
Grade: *Wet:* Medium *Dry:* Hard. Note: Easy route available if its really wet and/or people want to take camper trailers.
Approximate Kms: 450-500 round trip.
Last Fuel: Healesville then Marysville (night) Jamieson (day).
Equipment: Standard recovery gear (may involve some snatching/winching if particularly wet, but an alternative route is available).

Maps: Optional. Will be using "Mansfield" Sheet 8123 Mansfield (part of Sheet SJ 55-6 Warburton by Natmap ©1980 but other/newer maps available in stores.

Radio Channel: Channel 12

Trip Activities: Easy drive to Granny's Flat on Friday evening (along Jamieson River; not far out of Jamieson), then do some 4WDing into the high country on Saturday to Wren's Flat (also along Jamieson River) via Mitchell Homestead (deserted ruins along Mitchell Creek). If some people prefer not to go 4WDing on the Saturday, they can sample half a dozen different ales from the local brewery (Jamieson), go swimming and/or fishing, then take the easy route direct to Wren's Flat. Sunday will be a fairly relaxed day and we can choose whether we want to: stop at Lake Eildon for lunch, visit the brewery in Jamieson, check out a couple of the country pubs along Goulburn River, or inspect the old A1 mine near Woods Point.

Note: seasonal track closures in the area that we intend to visit will only take effect from June.

TOOMBON/MORNING STAR CREEK

Date: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd May 2005
Trip Leader: Paul Ryan
Contact Nos: Mob: 0437 121148 Tel: 9807 5193
Destination: Toombon/Morning Star Creek.
Meeting Time/Place: Officer Weighbridge, 6pm Friday 20/5.
Vehicle Limit: *Min:* 2, *Max:* 8
Grade: *Wet:* Medium *Dry:* Medium
Last Available Fuel: Moe.
Equipment: Full recovery equipment.
Maps: N/A
Radio Channel: Channel 12
Trip Activities: I am planning to run a trip into the Toombon / Morning Star Creek area to have a look at some of the mines in the region and also walk into the Water Wheel at Morning Star Creek. The walk in is about a 4km round trip but is not too strenuous and it is definitely worth the hike.
If time permits over the weekend I wouldn't mind having a look at some of the other historic sites in the area. We'll play it by ear.

SITUATION (STILL) VACANT

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The position of Editor, *Free Wheeling* – the official newsletter of the VFWDC – is now vacant.

Interested parties should submit their application to:

The Secretary
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
at lespet03@yahoo.com.au

TRIP REPORTS

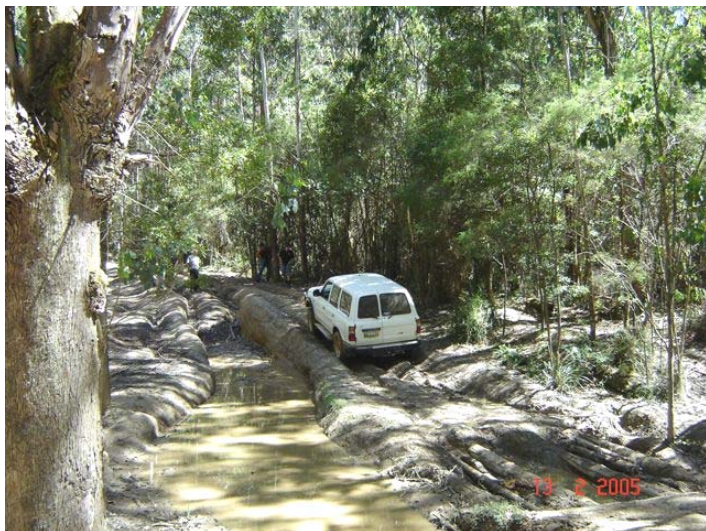
LERDERDERG DAY TRIP

Sunday 13 February 2005

<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Anthony & Aline Van Buiten	Prado
<i>Participants:</i>	Sujee Panagoda	Discovery
	Paul & Robert Ryan	80 Series LC
	Patrick & Anne Casey	80 Series LC
	Andrew & Linda Remenyi	Nissan
	Alex Van Rheen	
	Ashley & Lesley	GU Nissan Ute

We met at the Shell servo on Westgate before the bridge about 9.00am. Considering the possibility of road closure due to demonstrations on the Westgate, we decided to leave as early as possible.

We started on our first track soon after 10 o'clock and stopped to let off tyres. Then we continued on Holts Tk, Nuggety Tk, Ractliffe Tk & Firth Rd. Anthony selected the tracks to give all of us a reasonably good challenge and a dose of excitement for the morning.



Patrick (top) and Sujee make the most of Lloyd Track.



At this point, although it was a little earlier than usual we decided to stop for lunch. Then it was time to move on to the afternoon session and we started

back on Firth Rd to Saltwater Tk to Lloyd Tk, Diggers Tk leading to O'Brien's Rd.

After some discussion about the track conditions, we decided to proceed along XL Tk to Ambler Tk and followed this down to O'Briens.

We stopped at O'Briens crossing for an afternoon cuppa and that was officially the end of the trip.

I take this opportunity to thank Anthony and Aline for a fantastic trip. Also to the rest of the participants for being such a nice helpful team. **Sujee Panagoda**

IMPROMPTU TRIP: MORNING STAR MINE

6 March 2005

Roll Call: Patrick Casey
Bill Harwood

Cold wet windy Grand Prix weekend. Bill Harwood and I ambled down Army Track in the wet. Unlike the Formula One cars that were trying to exceed 300kph, we were trying to keep under 10 kph. But like the Formula One cars, we were also trying to keep the back wheels behind the front wheels. We arrived at the T-junction with Donnelly Creek Track. Turned left and after a short distance turned right onto Morning Star Track. We packed in the clearing before the creek.

We walked across the creek and went up around the bend. The road forks into two tracks. On the left side of the road there is a rock cairn that marks the start of the walking track. The track initially overlooks Donnelly Creek on your left and then overlooks Morning Star Creek on your left. About 50 minutes later we were looking down onto the waterwheel, and a quick slip and slide later we were at the waterwheel.

Behind the waterwheel and towards the creek the track continues on further upstream. About 10-15 minutes later you come to the boiler and other pieces.



We used Rudi's map and the boiler position is approximately where the "R" is, in the word Tullamore.

We returned to the car along the same track. Well worth the walk.

The steel bridge over the Thompson River

As you head to Walhalla from Rawson there is a bridge over the Thompson River. If you turn left just before you get to the bridge, you can park your car along here. About 200m along the road, on the inside of a right hand bend, the walking track to the steel bridge starts. The track is narrow and fairly level. Many views of the Thompson River all the way along the track. Forty-five minutes later you come to the bridge. Retrace your steps to return to the car.

Patrick Casey

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Cool Care packs are \$2.50 each and you can order them from **Mark Capper** on **0411 530 484** or email markcapper@optushome.com.au

Please place your order one week before the club meeting, so I can have your order on the night.

GPS - COMPUTERS - CHEATSHEET

Some advice re installation of OziExplorer and Natmap Raster Mapsheets.

I found instructions for Natmap installation useless. You could use this:

Install OziExplorer

Then install option for Natmap Raster Mapsheets.

Open up OziExplorer and have a look.

Go to www.ga.gov.au

Type: NATMAP in the Search area top right. Search.

Top Link: Geoscience Australia-User Guide Natraster 2003. Click.

In **Green** section on left hand side:

Troubleshooting. Click.

In **Purple** writing: Installing. Click.

Follow instruction 1 and download the setup HD.bat. file and read 2,3,4 as this is what you do.

Once you open the HD.bat file on the computer, it opens up black screen and you follow the prompt and you will save onto C drive.

Now open up OziExplorer.

Click on FILE on top toolbar.

Click on "Change Image File Name, Path and Drive".

In middle section: "Change Image File Path for all Maps in Selected Folder"... browse in top box to find "OziExplorer-maps-CD1" on your C drive. Browse in bottom box to find "Natmaps...raster...mapsheets CD1".

Click "Change and Save Maps". This will take a few minutes and will then advise that 254 (? right number) maps changed.

Repeat process again, but this time for CD2.

Simply edit CD1 to 2, "change and save maps", 260 maps get saved.

Now go to OziExplorer and click on "Load" icon; click on "Load Map File"... CD1 and CD2 mapsheets will be there to be used.

Have fun.

Patrick Casey

In this month's edition we are introducing a new column called *"Club Member Profile"*.

The suggestion came from Mark Capper and we believe it's a great idea. So first cab off the rank is Mark's contribution. We hope other members will follow suit. To make it easy for you, we have included a guideline profile proforma on the Club's website.

Club Member Profile

Name:	Mark Capper	
Nickname:	N/A (any suggestions?)	
Age:	44	
Married:	Yes, to Julie for 22 years	
Kids:	No	
Pets:	Yes, 2 dogs, Milly (8yrs and Lucy (1 yr), both Maltese x Shih Tzu.	
Residence:	Keysborough	
Type of employment:	All rounder for a horticulture supply company; truck driver; sales rep; customer service etc.	
Year joined club:	2004	
Type of 4WD:	1999 Nissan ST Pathfinder	
Aftersales modifications and accessories:	OME suspension, Piranha dual batteries and management system, ARB Sahara bar, Magnum 9K winch, IPF driving lights, ARB tow bar, GME UHF radio, Engel 40ltr fridge, Bushranger Max Air compressor, Thule roof racks, Magellan Gold GPS, Off Road trailer, customised bash plate.	
Number of year's 4WDing:	3.	
Favourite 4WD destination:	Tasmania and Victorian high country.	
Destination on wishlist:	WA, Snowy Mountains, Blue Mountains and back to Tasmania and Victorian high country.	
Hardest drive so far:	Zeka Spur Track in 2003 after rain.	
4WD Magazine subscriptions:	Australian 4X4 Monthly and Overlander	
Next 4WD:	Most likely a Nissan Patrol (wishing)	
Favourite 4WD websites:	The clubs, www.pcoa.org.au www.4wdlinks.com.au www.exploroz.com/Splash.asp	
Favourite pastime other than 4WDing:	Listening to music, enjoying a wine with friends, hiking, going out for dinner and movies.	
Favourite foods:	Indian, Mexican, Italian, and the great Aussie BBQ.	
Favourite motto:	I work to live, not live to work.	
Favourite quote:	"You do what you can do and I'll do what I can do and together we can make a difference" John Denver.	
Favourite music:	Vast range in taste: Nickelback, Van Morrison, James Taylor, Pink Floyd, John Denver, AC/DC, Third Day, Neil Diamond, Andrea Boccelli and some classical music etc etc.	
Favourite movies:	Truth and Consequences NM, The Matrix, Tombstone, Moulin Rouge, Armageddon, The Rock.	
Favourite TV show:	Frasier, ER, The Great Outdoors.	
Dislikes:	Insensitive people; bad drivers; rubbish anywhere, especially in NP's; being in debt.	
Ever been O/S:	Yes, USA, Mexico and Canada	