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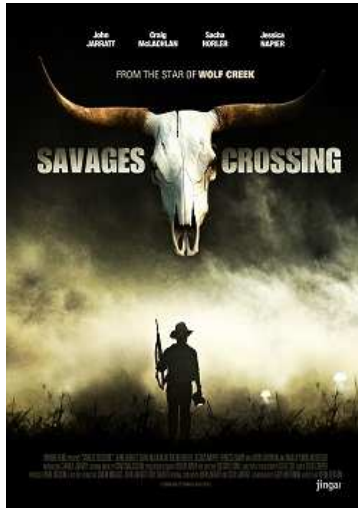
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"Savages Crossing" is a Trip Worth Taking Review

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At a roadside diner, a torrential rain storm is raging outside and another storm is brewing inside. Phil (John Jarratt) a man recently released from prison, is trying to track down his wife Sue (Angela Punch McGregor) and his son Damien (Charlie Jarratt). He claims that they have money that rightfully belongs to him, and they claim he is psychotic and means them both harm. A livestock trucker Mory (Craig McLachlan), the diner's owner Kate (Jessica Napier), and the other patrons of the diner are caught in the middle as the drama escalates and Sue's paid protector ends up dead.

Savages Crossing looks like low-budget direct-to-DVD horror schlock with the star of *Wolf Creek* as the big-name draw. Shockingly, it wasn't anything like I was expecting and definitely more of a thriller and not a slasher film. Some of the acting and production values feel soap opera quality, but as the action escalated, I really found myself getting engaged in the story. Craig McLachlan was fantastic

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as Mory, the cowboy/trucker hero, and his relationship with Kate held my interest even as some of the film's subplots didn't really work.

I would recommend *Savages Crossing* as a good Saturday night beer-and-burger movie, and more importantly, I would recommend keeping an eye on Craig McLachlan's future work. If *Savages Crossing* is seen by the right people, it could be a real break-out role for him and lead to bigger and better movies.

DVD Bonus Features

The DVD release includes a trailer for the film.

"Savages Crossing" is on sale August 20, 2013 and is not rated. Thriller. Directed by Kevin James Dobson. Written by John Jarratt, Cody Jarrett . Starring Angela Punch McGregor, Charlie Jarratt, Craig Mclachlan, Jessica Napier, John Jarratt.

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