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**The club meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
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This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!! We need any articles, trip reports, technical items, "How-To's", etc to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month. Please post to 34a Hine Rd Wainuiomata, fax to 04 914 8366 or email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

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Editorial Ramblings

Hi there

Finally I have actually been out and about (and got dirty) - had a week down the West Coast of the South Island that included two days of four wheeling with a mate from Christchurch.

Excellent stuff, even if I did return with a few extra scratches and a few things bent in slightly different shapes to what they were when I left. One day of mud and bush and one day of rock steps and rock hopping.

Important meeting coming up next week, plus committee nominations to think about too.

Alan...

Ed's Picture: Yes, I am supposed to be driving down this hole, problem was trying to get out the other side!



Front cover picture: *It could happen to anyone! And it did happen to Eric who appears to have taken the Cruiser in for a bit of a swim.*

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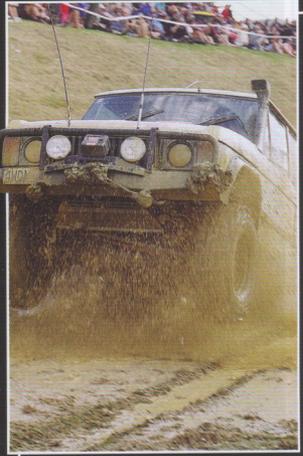
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Equipment Required

In accordance with club policy, the following equipment is required on all Club trips:

1. Front and rear tow hooks, correctly fitted
2. Shovel
3. Fire extinguisher
4. First-aid kit
5. Basic tool kit
6. Kinetic rope or strop
7. Roll bar or cage for all open / soft top vehicles
8. Spare tyre and wheel changing equipment

If these items are not present in your vehicle at the beginning of a trip, the trip leader has the authority to exclude you from the trip. Details are set out in the Club's Vehicle and Equipment Inspection document. All member vehicles going on club trips must display a current club vehicle inspection sticker.

Trip / Convoy Rules:

1. The trip leader is always in charge. Please recognise their authority follow their instructions and give him / her the respect they deserve
2. No dogs or firearms
3. Guests on a Club outing are the responsibility of the Club member who invited them
4. No drinking and driving
5. Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight. This is particularly important when you come to a turnoff. There is no excuse for vehicles taking the wrong track because of the driver in front not obeying this rule
6. Keep your position in the convoy i.e. no passing
7. Watch vehicle spacing on public roads to ensure that public vehicles can pass in safety
8. Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it
9. If you must leave the convoy, inform someone
10. Respect the environment
11. Expect to provide a write-up and / or photos for the Club newsletter from time to time if you participate in Club trips.



Trip Categories

Please be aware that the trip category requirements and any *additional* requirements as detailed on the Trip Information Sheet for the trip will be strictly enforced for safety reasons. The Trip Leader is able to waive a particular requirement for a trip, if the circumstances of the trip permit. The Committee requires Trip Leaders to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The updated trip category definitions are included towards the end of the Chronicle.

It should also be noted that if a trip does not have a Trip Information Sheet in the Chronicle or it doesn't appear on the CCVC website, then it may not be an official club trip and the club insurance policy may not apply.



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Upcoming Events

Feb 24-25: Mata School 4x4 Safari. *Two days starting approx 36km inland from Tokomaru Bay. Camping at Huiarua Station. Contact Barry Kawau 06 864 5454 or email bjkcook-house@xtra.co.nz*

Mar 11: Ramarama Fundraising Safari. *Through bush, farms, mud & purpose built tracks. Suitable for all 4WDs with challenging sections for more capable vehicles & optional night safari. Call Tony Burgess 09 298 0194, Rob Llewellyn 09 236 0644 or email burgessst@ihu.co.nz*

Mar 12: Marton Rotary Club Rangitikei Scenic Farm Tour. *Over several farms with great views and points of interest. Suitable road 4WD's but not 4WD cars. Contact Alan on email doug-law@xtra.co.nz or 06 327 8185.*

Mar 18: 4x4 Mud Challenge. *An international standard mud challenge event by 4x4 Challenges NZ Inc. Manukau City, close to motorway. Classes for up to 32" or metric equivalent road legal (non agricultural) tyres, 32" - 35" or metric equivalent road legal (non agricultural) tyres, and all others. Entry fee \$30. Contact 027 431 0923 or www.4x4challenges.org.nz*

Mar 18-19: Te Awamutu Rotary Club Marakopa Safari. *Spectacular country with bush, farm and bush deep in Waikato. Ltd numbers. Contact David Samuel on 07 871 7418 or email dsamual@clear.net.nz*

Mar 25-26: Mamaku Forest Safari. *Geysersland 4WD Club fundraiser to send a member to the Aussie Outback Challenge. Contact Sam Baddley 027 294 3601, Mitch O'Brian 027 241 3084 or mitch.obrian@optus.co.nz*

Apr 02: NZ4WD Show. *Clevedon Polo Grounds, Auckland. See the project vehicles and much more. Contact Sam@adrenalin.co.nz*

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Mud Fever

I must go on a trek again, to the lonely track and the sky,
And all I ask is a four wheel drive and Ron to lead on the fly,
And the wheel's kick and the V8's song and the truck's body shaking,
And a pale mist on Terawhiti's face, and the sound of 2 wheel drives break-
ing.

I must go on a trek again, for the call of mud and stream
Is a wild call and a clear call that is hard to ignore,
And all I ask is a windy path with the white clouds flying,
And the exhaust spray and the creek spume, and the mud-tyres crying.

I must go on a trek again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the Honda's way and the Nissan's way where the wind's like a whetted
knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trek's over.

Plagiarised from Sea-Fever by John Masefield (1878-1967)



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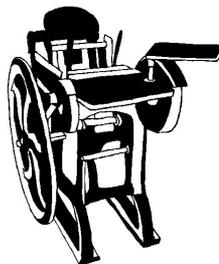
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- 60k: Grant Purdie with Antony Royal, Bruce Mulhare, Eric Bon, John Vruink & Mark Wolstenholme
- Club Recovery: Rodney Bracefield
- Deadwood: Roger Seymour
- Police SAR: Jim Johnson and Gavin Holden
- Safety: Andrew Farmer with Carl Furniss, Grant Purdie, John Kowalczyk & Ray Harkness
- Trip Leaders Forum: Carl Furniss with any trip leaders who turn up
- Web Project: Mark Wilson with Andrew Farmer, Grant Purdie, Jay Montilla & Marcel van Dorrestein

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people

Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee: Grant Purdie & Giles Sullivan

Foxton Beach Coast Care: Grant Purdie & Bruce Mulhare

Friends of Belmont: Roger Seymour

Greater Wellington Regional Council: Grant Purdie & Ralph Dobson

Horowhenua District Council: Grant Purdie

Public Access New Zealand: Ralph Dobson

Tread Lightly!: Ralph Dobson

Wellington City Council: Grant Purdie & Barry Insull

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The club committee has called a Special General Meeting within the terms of clause 35 (a) and clause 38 of the Rules of the Club.

Date and Time of Special General Meeting: Wednesday 8 March 2006, as part of the Monthly Club Meeting which starts at 7:30pm.

Location of Special General Meeting: Petone Workingmens Club, in the location of the Monthly Club Meeting.

Purpose of Special General Meeting: To vote on a motion that will be advised by the 60k Sub-Committee.

Clause 39 of the Rules of the Club sets out the procedure at General Meetings. This includes the requirement for a quorum of 20% of voting club members as defined in Clause 5 - please make an effort to attend so that this important matter can be voted on.

SUMMER TRIPS

Here we are in the middle of a wonderful Wellington summer and as usual our Trip Coordinator and Trip Leaders have turned on lots and lots of 4wd trips for us members. With many more still ahead of us in the plan!

I for one have taken advantage of these holiday opportunities and gone on quite a number of the trips. A couple less than I'd have liked, due to minor hitches in arrangements, but still lots of trips.

What is it that gives me so much enjoyment? And is this what other members experience too I wonder? Well there is the scenery, the forest environment, the coastal environments, the driving, the challenges to get through obstacles and the buzz when you succeed. Then there is the satisfaction in leading others on trips and watching as they too enjoy all these things and as they succeed with the obstacles. The huge grins that you see! And their excitement as the adrenalin flows!

Then there have been the work parties, both planned and where we just had to do it to get through the track. So many members, and visitors, all pitching in and willing to help out. Some of these work parties have been huge, with amazing lengths of track cleared. There are lots of us developing all sorts of skills we never thought we'd have, mainly thanks to Martin Taylor who has been an inspiration to many of us over the last few months.

This summer I have noticed something that I've never seen so strong before: this is the amazing sense of camaraderie amongst members on the trips. Many people have now known each other for many years within the club and all get on just so well together. There is great harmony and everyone is just enjoying so much their time together out in the forest or on the trail. This has given me great satisfaction, knowing that I belong to such a strong club with so many wonderful and positive people in it. I have greatly enjoyed your company and your contribution on all the summer trips and I thank you for it.

Grant Purdie - 30 January 2006

27-11-2005 Back to Rallywoods (With Steve O'Callaghan)

Here was an opportunity to sit in on my first "Club 4x4" trip as a passenger.....(or find the nearest handle and hang on tight!!!)...

There were 4 trucks that turned up (5 if you include my Rugger which wasn't doing the trip), Steve's Hilux, Ben's Pajero, and Terry's CJ8, Marty's Safari. Marty made the comment that bringing his "shiny looking" safari might be like bringing a knife to a gunfight (after looking at the other trucks and their "war wounds", my Rugger was looking a bit soft compared to the other trucks there....If I turned up in my shiny red Vitara I think I would have got some funny looks and seriously hassled.

Once we got in to the Rallywoods property, everyone jumped out to air down....I parked up the Rugger and jumped in Steve's truck, and we were off...after a long windy gravel road we reached a nice slippery steep Zuk sized track called "Vern's Slide", and down we went!! Halfway down there is a thick branch which is in the way ...Steve jumps out and pulls it out....a bit further down I find a nice spot for a photo and jump out. Down they come, first the Pajero, Then Marty's big "Small" Safari ...which fills up the track nicely....great I've got lots of mud all over me now...the Pajero and then the CJ8...The Jeep and Pajero come back up this track.... and back down again.

From here we went down the steep "dreamer". to the Green Hut, past "Terry's way " and up a narrow path to "Hilux Hill", after "Hilux Hill" there are 3 bogs, everyone took the left hand one except the CJ8 which took the one on the right and almost tipped over. At this stage I am in the CJ8 as the Pajero and the CJ8 head up a track called "The Dreamer"....Whilst Steve and Marty check out another track.

We hear over the radio that the Pajero is clear (whilst still holding on) up we go, the track is fairly steep and rocky and the rocks are covered with slippery green stuff. We get halfway up and find we can't go any further, a quick check and there's a nasty little slippery lip we can get over, after several attempts at different angles (most of them sideways!!!) and with wheels spinning (mixed with the lovely smells of petrol and exhaust we stop. Terry jumps out to let a bit more air out of the tyres ...down to 3 psi (I jump into the drivers seat to sit on the brake and in case it slides backwards!!)...whilst Terry is doing this we hear lots of noise from above us....Ben must be giving the Pajero some welly.

Whilst Steve & Marty went up towards the bogs, then radio mast, at the top over the radio we heard Steve call out "Marty I don't think you will get up here?"..."I'm right behind you!" was the reply!!! Whilst back at the "Dreamer" Terry jumps back in and we try again a few more times with more wheel spinning , nope have to go back down....down we go ... "Is that a clearing behind you?" I look back and see a pile of small trees and bushes (which

looks the same as everything else) "what clearing?" Anyway into reverse we go and back into the small trees and bushes....making the "clearing"...a quick 3 point turn and down we go. When we get back down to the Green Hut the smell of petrol subsides a bit, after that the next thing we notice is a smokey burning from the business end.....oops the temp is getting quite high...on goes the twin electric fans to cool her down a bit...hang on one of them is fully clogged with toi toi, when we sort that out we notice some leaking oil down the back of the engine which must have come out from the filler cap on the rocker cover (we must have been near vertical at some point.

At this point Terry mentions "maybe he should have tried it in low".....(huh I thought it was in low already!!!.....in case you were wondering terry has a separate high/low lever enabling this). We waited for everyone to get back to the Green Hut, after some more comments about how good Pajero's were getting up the dreamer (and then finding out it was err rather interesting a bit further up from us.....what I heard was at one point the Pajero was sliding backwards rather quickly under full power..... It would appear that the particular tread of the swampers whilst extremely excellent in mud etc were not quite ideal for that particular bit of slippery rock, the Pajero had a different tyre / tread...

The Pajero then went down "Diff Dinger", funnily enough the diffs came out ok.....however it was sporting a nice new large "dent" on the left rear.....well "dent" is perhaps not the right term.....more like half the top of the rear pan stove in... Then we headed back to the Green Hutt for lunch. After a quick lunch we saddled up and then headed towards "Neil's climb", on the way there Steve mentions there is a nice big deep muddy bog down this track, which the Ben and Terry want to have a go.

A couple of us almost slide down the track to take photos, the Pajero is first thru.... was a bit hard taking photos when there was this big unexpected wave of muddy water heading towards us(we were both wearing gumboots....but they all leaked). Next down was the CJ8, which flew through the bog (with less water thankfully), and went back up the other side of the track.

About halfway up it was having a bit of trouble getting up, after a quick look a log was discovered to have broken the right front tie rod end....after a wee bit of work it was brought up to a flat bit for a look...

Both wheels were at 45 degs out of the guards, after 30 mins it was on a high lift and the offending part was pulled out, the broken tie rod end resembled a thin looking "hose clip" on a bolt, after much deliberation (there were comments that this would not have happened to a Pajero....which later got changed to I'm glad it didn't happen to my Pajero).

A dodgy fix was devised using a couple of ratchet tie downs and a nice slice of tree trunk.....

So now Terry had the first 1 wheel steer Jeep in the world.....(we wondered what the ltsa would make of this!), We decided to call off the rest of the day to sort this out, so out we went slowly, very slowly....1/2 way out Terry called for a trailer to meet him there, on the way down...we got back to the gate had a



quick coffee and afternoon tea and talked the usual bull and examined the fresh damage which had been caused....the Pajero had some nice new



damage in the left rear guard, the CJ8 had a minor dent in the right rear guard....the side guards did their job well, Steve's Hilux had a new mark down the side, Marty's Safari amazingly had no (new) damage considering it was the biggest vehicle there and how small the Zuk sized

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Some useful email addresses are:

Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)

Lists@ccvc.org.nz (contact the person who administers the list servs)

Trips@ccvc.org.nz (contact the Trip Coordinator)

Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)

Database@ccvc.org.nz (contact the membership database administrator)

Access@ccvc.org.nz (contact the Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)

NZFWDAdelegate@ccvc.org.nz (contact the NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)

Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (contact the club treasurer)

Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (contact the club welfare officer)

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tracks were.

Terry did an amazing job steering it, on occasions it had to be dragged round corners, it was being towed round the corner at one point.....over the radio was heard "do you think we should slow down?"..... a few seconds later it was having a rest in a ditch on the side which needed a quick recovery by the Safari. It must have looked quite weird driving along straight with one wheel on full lock.

The trailer arrived, we talked some more and loaded the Jeep onto the trailer and then went home. (I'm told the bit of wood that was still on Terry's truck fell off on the way home whilst it was on the trailer), this could make an exciting new award perhaps.

We all thanked Steve for a excellent trip, and Terry for providing the afternoon's entertainment...(we didn't thank Ben and Josh for the Pajero jokes).

Steve's knowledge of the tracks was excellent as it came across the radio...the constant commentary reminded me of being on a plane...ever thought about a change of career Steve?....you could use the seatbelt demo in your next driver briefing.

Jerry Ackley

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Jamboree – Puketiro to Orange Hut Saturday 31/12/05 **Organized by Tararua 4.W.D. Club**

We lined up with about 12 other trucks and not recognizing anyone we assumed they were all from Tararua Club. We set off from Battle Hill, went down through the pine forest and onto the zigzag. We were heading up the hill in convoy when a Toyota Surf, a few vehicles in front of us apparently bounced around and ended up in the deep ditch at the side of the road. Meanwhile the leaders had continued on oblivious to what had happened behind. Yes they do have the same rule about keeping the vehicle behind in sight! Of course human nature being what it is everyone piled out of their cars to see what the hold up was. It was some time before we could get a radio message to the leader as the immediate vehicles didn't have radios, and attempts were set in motion to start winching using the Surf's boat winch and a tree. Luckily we finally managed to contact the leader. He must have asked where we were and Graeme radioed back on the hand-held, that we were about 150 metres after the hairpin. Stuart came back down the hill and winched the vehicle back onto the road which was just as well as the winch on the front of the Surf might have been OK to launch a boat off the end of a ramp but it wouldn't have been strong enough to pull him out of the ditch. No damage to the Surf so we all continued along Hydro Rd to the high view point under the pylons.

We passed the Orange Hut turn off and headed towards The Manufacturer's Challenge area. We were told on the radio about the diversion and that anyone who didn't want to do it could continue on up the hill and meet the convoy at the top. All but one vehicle opted for the Challenge area but a majority of the vehicles didn't have radios so they were just following the leader. We turned into the road and got ourselves cross-axled. Before we had time to ask for help there were guys bouncing the back of the vehicle to get us back on track. By then the vehicle in front had passed through a water hole and there was another one to the left and we hadn't seen which way he went. We called out and asked which way we had to go. He said "Keep left" so we disappeared along the left hand water course only to find that we couldn't get out of that one as the banks got taller so had to reverse back along the creek. It seems that he was meaning keep left in the right hand water obstacle. He apologized profusely to us.

In every mud hole there was usually one vehicle that made it through without incident. Lots of cheering when that happened. Tail end Charlie made it look so easy in his Suzuki. He only got stuck once. Most other vehicles either got stuck and had to be stropped out or had another go. Going around the obstacle wasn't always a logical option. One vehicle was squeezing between trees to avoid the mud and got quite tangled up in the branches. We managed to back into a tree at one point and dented the shovel which was tied

on behind the spare tyre. Lost in one mud hole; a Watchman torch which fell out of the vehicle when the driver opened his door. I don't know why he opened his door when he was stuck in the mud hole! Was he going to nobly put his own winch on? Anyway once he was out of that hole one teenager walked up and down in the ruts to try and locate the torch and as each subsequent vehicle went through the hole everyone around watched the hole as the wake pushed the water out of the ruts. No sign of it. It had probably been pushed well into the mud by that time.

Lunch was on a grassy knob under the pylons. Not to be confused with the other grassy knob that we all stopped on thinking that was where the leader meant. There was quite a discussion on the radio as to the exact location of the leader. It appeared that he wasn't on the same track as us, but was he? So confusing! After lunch more mud holes and ruts. We got cross- axled on another hole. Stopped out backwards and then we made it the next time. That was the only hole we had to be stopped out of. The Toyota Surf's passengers were getting plenty of action shots for the family album! The driver commented when stuck in one hole that his truck was filling up with water! Another driver found out the hard way about leaving his window open when going through the mud hole.

After a three hour loop we made it back to Hydro Rd. That would have been a long wait for anyone who opted not to do The Challenge. We went back to the Orange Hut site for afternoon tea then Rimu and Cleary's Rd and back to Battle Hill detouring a little to gather firewood for those camping at Battle Hill for their New Year's Eve celebrations. Our vehicle was getting extremely hot by this time so heaters on and all windows open. Déjà vu we thought. Same forest some other time! On the home run we were joined by a hard yakka truck also from their club which had lost its power steering.

A great day. Thank you Stuart Barton, John and John Moke and other members of the Tararua Club.

Linda Millard K170.

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Thompsons Track

I've had a request from the Matamata District Council asking if vehicles could avoid driving the Thompsons Track for several weeks. After logging work, the Council has done extensive work to tidy the road but have now been hit by up to 300mm of rain which has damaged their new work and created some slips. A bit of co-operation with this request will be greatly appreciated. If more details are needed please contact Mike Van Bysterveldt 07 884 0060

Peter Vahry - NZFWDA

Committee Meeting Highlights January 2006

New Members

Simon Davis	-	Mitsubishi	Charles Odlin	-	Pajero
Michael Christiansen	-	Pajero	Tony Studfelt	-	Vitara
Jerry Ackley	-	Toyota	Elizabeth Osborne	-	Pajero
Richard Trotter	-	Pajero			

Deadwood Profit - A long discussion was held regarding what to do with the money received from the Deadwood and a plan was drawn up which will be taken to club members in the near future.

Odmins Road - DOC have requested that people do not attempt to cross the Five Day Slip.

Red Rocks / South Coast - A reminder to keep on the track around the south coast and do not venture on to the inland side of the road.

Cape Palliser - Treeno has sold a portion of his land to DOC who have now closed the road.

Pauatahanui Food & Farm Festival - It was agreed that the club will again participate in this event.

Membership Cards - New cards have not been issued this year as the committee has been investigating a new and hopefully much improved system for printing and distributing these in the future. As a result new cards will not be issued for the 2005 - 06 year as the year is now more than half over.

Club AGM - The club AGM is scheduled for April so people need to start thinking about positions they would like to fill on committee in the coming year. To date vacant posts are training, publicity and treasurer.

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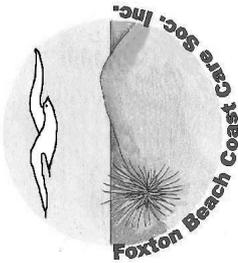
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Foxton Beach Coast Care

Newsletter
January 2006



The Coastal Management Plan Review

This year the Horowhenua District Council is reviewing the Foxton Beach Coastal Management Plan.

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- ◆ Fishing?
- ◆ Sand control?
- ◆ Vehicles in the Bowls?
- ◆ Vehicles on the beach?
- ◆ Environment and conservation?
- ◆ Public recreation and safety on the beach?

Have your say! See over...

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Coast Care is the voice of the Foxton Beach community, for the coastline

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- ◆ Horowhenua District Council
- ◆ Horizons Regional Council
- ◆ other interest groups, local and from outside the area
- ◆ Department of Conservation

Let's be clear, Coast Care has goals to look after the coastline and dunes. The Estuary is another matter.

Coast Care will be holding a Public Meeting about the Coastal Management Plan, to get your views, the views of the local Foxton Beach Community. We'll let you know the date.

Make sure you're on our mailing list. Contact Brian on 06-363 7410 or fill in your details below and drop this leaflet in the letterbox at 21 Robbie St, Foxton Beach.

Name
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Also: Our AGM is planned for Saturday 27 May, 2pm at the Holben Pavilion (formerly known as the PALS Building) opposite the Simply Balmly Café, behind the public swings.

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Mamaku Forest Safari - 25th / 26th March 2006

From the organisers of the Rotorua Lakes Safari, the East Cape (Motu) Safari and the Rotorua Winch Challenge, the Geyserland 4WD Club brings you a two day fundraising safari to support Sam Baddeley's Outback Challenge entry into Australia's premier 4x4 winch challenge event.

The safari promises 4wding for all types of 4x4 trucks, through native and exotic forests, with more challenging tracks for capable vehicles. 4x4 winch challenge trucks will be on-hand for recoveries and demonstrations. Camping will be overnight atop the Mamaku Plateau at the Tikitiki campground.

This is a opportunity to support someone who has contributed greatly to the 4wd community. He's the guy who was fixing punctured tyres till midnight on the East Cape Safari, track clearing on the Lakes Safari weeks before the event and who has organised 3 very successful Rotorua Winch Challenges. Now is the time to recognise his efforts while having a unique 4wd weekend at the same time.

For further information, please contact:

Mitch O'Brien 027 241 3084; email mitch.obrien@opus.co.nz

John Reid email john@spida.co.nz

Sam Baddeley 027 294 3601

Club 4x4 - Rallywoods 30 December 2005

A total of 6 vehicles lined up at the usual meeting point of Moonshine Road and Haywards Hill Road at 9.30 am. The contingent was made up of Steve 10-4 in his trusty Hilux, Nick and Robyn from Christchurch (SINDA club) in a winch challenge style Hilux with a 2.8 litre Twin Cam Supra engine, 35" Centipedes, lockers etc., Jo, also from Christchurch (SINDA club), in a 70 series Landcruiser, lockers front and rear, with friend Wendy from Wellington making for an all female crew, Mike and his girlfriend (CCVC) in a SWB V6 Pajero, Glen (CCVC) in his Land Rover Discovery and us, consisting of myself, my partner Bernadette, and two teenagers, also travelling in a Land Rover Discovery.

Once inside the Rallywoods gate there was a quick drivers briefing and the airing down of tyres. This was my first time in Rallywoods. I had heard so much about this place, how it is such an awesome place to partake in our favourite pastime of four wheeling. There was this wonderful feeling of anticipation mixed with some apprehension as I had some doubts about the ability of my Land Rover Discovery on its seemingly tiny and balding Cooper STT tyres. Certainly comparing them with the company we where in where only Glen's Discovery was running much the same sized rubber as us and everyone else had decent mud tyres of 32 inches or larger. But with summer well on the way the tracks were by far and large dry and afforded for the most part good traction. The place certainly lives up to its reputation. What an absolutely wonderful asset for the club to have access to so close to home. It certainly seemed to impress the visitors from the "Mainland" whose only

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"complaint" was that the "motorway" (the piece of recently graded –well, sort of graded- track up the hill from the Green Hut, which Steve O'Callaghan jokingly referred to as the "motorway") was a little bit bumpier than they would have expected one of Wellington's motorway's to be.

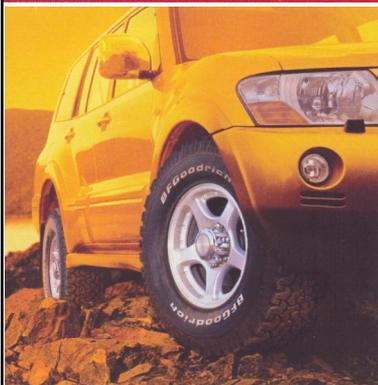
So off we went of our little ticki-tour of the place, up and down hills, through bush thick and thin, through little streams and even smaller streams, dropping off or climbing up off the larger tracks onto one the seemingly endless choice of interesting little side tracks up here. I am glad Steve seemed to know exactly where he was going as I, at times, was totally disoriented as to where we were until we caught a glimpse of some known landmarks way in the distance as we crested yet another hill.

Lunchtime was spent by the Green Hut with most of us enjoying a relaxing cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Most of us, because Nick spent this time repairing an electric fan which had managed to separate itself into two pieces which caused the mighty Supra-Lux to run a little warm. Steve gave us entertaining commentary over the radio of the names of all the places we went and how they got these names. Most of these names have failed to stick in my memory but a couple stand out. The Crazy Track which severely tested the ground clearance under my diff heads on the way down, with ruts obvi-

ously scoured out by water and much larger wheeled vehicles. Here the Discovery needed a little assistance in one spot to make the climb back out up the hill with the sissy option taken around the most gnarly bit but which Steve 10-4 bravely tackled in his Hilux. And then there was Neil's Hill, a long and very steep climb covered in loose rock. One look down there convinced me that the Discovery with its open diffs would have two chances of making it back up, a slim chance and a fat chance. The down and back up trip here was made by only three vehicles. Steve, Nick in his Supra-Lux and Mike in his Pajero who entertained the spectators standing on top of the hill with his "flat to the floor, there is no stopping me now, I am coming up, bucking bronco" assault on this hill. He made it look surprisingly easy although I am convinced that if I had tried such an "enthusiastic" approach in my Discovery it would have spat out broken axles and diffs, left, right and centre.

The task of writing trip reports usually befalls the first person to get stuck. In this case the first person stuck was Nick in his Supra-Lux. But to be fair, he got stuck in a bog no one else was keen (or some would say silly enough) to attempt. And it made for great entertainment. So for this and by showing the South Island contingent some North Island hospitality, we are letting him off the hook here and me being the next person needing a little help getting up the Crazy Track means the task of writing the trip report was bestowed upon me.

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I will most certainly be back here sometime soon. The dry conditions meant my near factory standard Discovery handled the task at hand fairly comfortably. It has got a couple of new battle scars to add to the existing ones. I am sure under wet conditions some of the tracks travelled today would have severely taxed the old girl and in a lot of cases made them impassable. One more good reason to add to the growing list to support us building a tough truck. To come back here and tackle some of the really interesting tracks which caught my eyes many times today. Once again, what an awesome place.

Thanks to Steve O'Callaghan for showing us around today.

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Wellington Rallywoods Trip 2005

T'was two days before New Year and we had come all the way from Christchurch, and it would be a shame not to do any four-wheeling while we are here. So we asked our friend Jo, who promptly called the local 4wd club, which happened to be the CCVC (Cross Country Vehicle Club) in Lower Hutt (I think). Jo contacted Steve by phone and asked if we could join them on their trip into the Rally woods area of the local forest. Steve said no problem and we were to meet him at the Cnr of Moonshine Rd and Highway 58. This

had us confused for a while until we figured that it was the same place we met the other guys the day before. We turned up thinking there was only going to be 3 trucks and were met by 2 standard looking Discoveries and a Pajero as well as Steve in his Hilux, after the standard introductions and gas bagging about the trucks Steve gave the usual driver briefing and we paid our fees and away we went with Jo and I at the back as I had the largest tyres on and didn't want to stuff any tracks for them.

We made our way up Moonshine Rd and into the forest, the first track "Vern's Slide" came up and we stopped to put our hubs in when a large truck (about 20 ton) came down the road which made us all back up rather quickly, it was explained that they would be working in the area and we need to watch out for them, all done it was off down the track, well if the first one was anything to go by this was going to be a good day out. (Step, rutted, and clay, lots a fun) all down safely and Jo and I were offered the chance to come back up, never look a gift horse in the mouth I say and away I went, unfortunately I took it a bit slow and almost got stuck a couple of more revs and away we went to the top to wait for Jo no problem for Yippee and back we went down to carry on with the others.

A couple of more hills 1st Hilux Hill and then we came up on a mud hole with 4 tracks by the time I got there they were all on the other side taking the safe option to the far left. Have a go Steve said your choice, the middle seemed bottomless so we'll give that a miss looks like the left side then, hang on dear we're going in, bugger not enough revs, Jo help I'm stuck hence the trip report, have another go then more revs and another gear and.....BUGGER stuck even deeper, might give this a miss I think and try the far right track oopps got some strange angles in this one ...carefully does it and we're out WHEW!!!!!! Ok lets go, Steve led off and we were going down "The Dreamer" and up some pretty good tracks, some steep, some rutted, but all loads of fun.

About half 11 I noticed that my temp had risen to an unhealthy level so we stopped while I checked and one of my electric fans had stopped working so Steve suggested we stop down at the bottom to Green Hut for lunch were I could look at the fan. The others set up lunch as I proceeded to dismantle the front only to find that the fan had melted off the motor [Sh##](#) ok well screw it back on and hope for the best.

Yay it works, Time to look around, cool place a hut with power, phone and furniture wow these guys don't do things by half up here. Time for a bite to eat and a quick coffee and we're off again. So many tracks and so little time I'm not sure as to what order we did these tracks but man they were fun, some to name a few were.... The Cruiser Lookout, Neil's Climb, up Mercer Bend, Marks Way, and Noels Track to name but a few. Sheez wonder what you have to do here to get a track named after you Maybe I shouldn't

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ask. Ahhh Smoko time need coffee NOW. Well what's up next Steve ????? The Crazee Track he tells me, I should learn to keep my mouth shut ... oh well here we go again.

I can see why they call it the Crazee Track one way down and one way up (the Same way) Steep loose shingle and rocks just what the Dr ordered, well those of us with no sense started on down while those with some sense stayed at the top and watched. At the bottom I thought that wasn't so bad then I looked up to where the track went and thought ok this is gonna be fun. Steve went first and with 2 lockers didn't have any trouble, the pajero was next and with some extra revs and wheels spinning got up ok our turn honey 1st gear easy revs

and all is going well really bouncy though (I need softer suspension I think) at the top yay ok next steep climb half way up and stopped to watch the others come up when I realized that I had been bouncing so hard that I had lost my seat that my son had given me for Xmas Bugger better go for a walk back down the hill and look for it, As usual in these cases it was right at the bottom of the hill (man am I bugged) it's a long walk up, by the time I got back up I could hardly breathe and needed a rest, (yea yea I know....Old Fart) we headed of to another one of Steve's special tracks again only to find that we had to turn around and come back up Oh Yay wasn't that bad I thought BUT..... The Pajero had got grounded and needed a tow, so out with the long ropes a quick tug (oops shouldn't use Pajero and tug in the same sentenceNever mind you know what I meant) anyway a quick pull and up she came. The Discoveries were next and fell victim to the same fate, deep ruts and small wheels a quick helping hand and were all on our way again up to the top and onto the Airstrip. Time to head off home I think.

A great day guys, and once again thank you for you hospitality you are wel-

come down here on the MAINLAND anytime to try out some of our tracks.

Nick and Robyn Thomson
S.I.N.D.A. 4WD CLUB CHRISTCHURCH.

P.S. I was most impressed with the guys in the Discoveries and the way they approached or should I say attacked the tracks that day, well driven guys.

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One more email from our intrepid travelers Rowan and Wayne:

26 Jan (Australia Day), and we've converted, we're flying an Aussie flag. We are at Robinvale on the Murray River, northern Victoria.

So – where have we been since our last email? We headed from Mt Isa up to Karumba at the bottom of the Gulf of Carpentaria, and camped there for a couple of days. The heat was excessive, and there wasn't any "big wet" – although there were some big mosquitos – we had to wear our mozzie nets when we swam in the camp pool. The storms were all around us, but not at Karumba.

So we headed south again, through some hot hot plains, it was 45 degrees and so we headed up to a National Park called the Blackdown Tableland, standing high above the plains and at least 10 degrees cooler. We had a few days there recuperating. After this we visited some great National Parks (Girraween with its granite rocks, and the Gibraltar Range) on our way to Yuraygir on the coast. Yuraygir was much cooler – we swam in the sea, very warm and refreshing, no sharks. We stayed inshore from the kids on bodyboards, figuring the biters would get them first.

We headed down the east coast, calling in at national parks on the shore. Finally headed inland again at Kempsey into a State Forest called Telegerry. It had great 4WD tracks and excellent camping, we were close to a small river which was deep enough to swim in. So we stayed here for Christmas, had a quiet day and you'll be pleased to know the strawberry schnapps and sparkling wine worked perfectly. The only drawback was when it started to rain, and we had our first experience with leeches. Yeech. They fell off the trees onto us, or crawled up off the ground onto our legs, and when they reached a tasty spot (they prefer the groin) they anaesthetise the spot and start blood sucking. They also cover the wound with an anti-coagulant so it won't stop bleeding. Thank god we don't have them in NZ.

After Xmas we headed south west and found a great camp at a place called Dunn's Swamp in Wollemi National Park – it was a late afternoon choice, and we weren't expecting much, but it turned out to be an excellent camp by a big lake with no mozzies or leeches. Travelling on, we got to Bathurst, where we did the circuit over Mt Panorama (7 minutes a lap for us, and much faster than the guy doing the same towing a caravan). The road is much steeper and windier than it appears on TV.

We had New Years Eve in the Abercrombie River National Park, the only people there that night, and again a good creek to immerse ourselves in quickly – big red-striped leeches in the water here. There was a huge downpour in the night and all our bedding got wet. Because we're traveling back roads, we tied all the wet stuff to the front of the Cruiser and let it dry as we drove on.

We headed back down to the coast again, but it was very busy and we didn't like it, so once again we headed inland and found a lovely camp by the Ada River in the Errinundra National Park. My first sight of a wombat, unfortunately road kill. Then we headed through the Snowy River National Park , over McKillops Bridge

– first built in 1935 over the Snowy River and destroyed by flood 10 days before its official opening. This is an alpine park, we were driving on high ridges with vertical drops to the river below, we headed down one of the side tracks, very steep following a spur down to the river – but we still couldn't get to the water – the road ended high above it. It was such a steep climb out the truck was in 2nd low ratio, just managing. Some of the old logging tracks we drove over were more suited to a bulldozer, they were so steep. This forest was badly burned out in 2003, it was a very sad sight in some areas.

We freecamped at the Humffray River, a really remote part of the National Park, and we had a great skinny dip in the river, afterwards Wayne was sunbathing and out of the bush walked two trampers, poor guys, not a pretty sight. Next we did a quick trip around Mt Buffalo National Park, a rich ski resort, but with very scenic granite rock faces and boulders, at the end of the park I walked up the Horn Track to an amazing viewing point with 360 degree views of the plateau and surrounding alps.

We spent a night camping by the Murray River near Echuka, and enjoyed an excursion on a paddle steamer – the "Pevensy", which was the boat called the "Philadelphia" in the TV series "All the Rivers Run", filmed at Echuka. It was still hot and dry, so we headed into the Teddington Reservoirs, which had a camping sign on the map. The camping site was fantastic, piped water and great toilets, lots of bird and animal life, but the reservoirs... There was a sign saying "No swimming, no boating", and by the size of the trees growing all through the reservoir, there hadn't been water in it for at least 20 years.

Next we headed for the Grampians, past Lake Lonsdale and traveling through burnt out paddocks, trees, houses, outlying farm buildings, water tanks, cars – all the damage caused by a lightning strike on New Year's Eve just 11 days ago. In the Grampians we did lots of tourist stuff, the lookouts and the waterfalls, and I'm glad we did – a massive bushfire started a week later and is still burning today, 150,000 hectares have been burnt.

We headed south to Mt Gambier and then quickly on to Portland, so we could see the speedway – we've been managing to miss these all over Australia, and thought it was a good chance to actually see one. But it was worth missing – pretty tame racing on a small track with lots of stops by the Marshall who didn't like contact. We headed along the coast to do the Great Ocean Rd (and I had a camel ride at Port Fairy on the way). The GOR was just as scenic and stunning as its reputation, great cliff and ocean views, and the pillars of sandstone in the ocean. No free camping along here – any likely spot has a sign saying "Caution – Tiger Snakes".

So next we went inland to the Brisbane Ranges National Park where I walked through the Anakie Gorge and saw some koalas sleeping up in the gums, and they're just as cute as the toy ones and they look just like the photos. Unfortunately this area has just been completely burned out, and I suspect the poor little things will be caramelized now. 14,000 hectares destroyed. We found a good camp, and when we were ready to move on and had packed up – the Cruiser

wouldn't start. It had a completely flat battery. So I walked down to a nearby farmhouse and found the farmer plus six good old boys – Stetsons, checked shirts, tight tight jeans and cowboy boots. They turned out to be six guys from the rodeo circuit, doing a couple of days work for the farmer in between trying to break their necks. So one of them very kindly brought over his brand new sparkling white landcruiser ute (glad it wasn't a Nissan) and gave us a tow to get us going again. So – two new batteries at Geelong.

We headed west along the Great Ocean Road again, I wanted to go back and see the volcanoes in the Mt Gambier area which we'd rushed through because of the speedway. After that we traveled through the coastal national parks to Cape Jaffa and then inland and back up to the Murray River at Robinvale. And now you're up to date.

This is our last news – we've decided we're ready to come home, and so we're heading back to see Manu and Laurie and then Wol and Joc, and to clean the Cruiser out at their place near Bendigo – ready to ship it home.

We should be home late in February. See you then.

Rowan and Wayne

For Sale

Five BF Goodrich Mud Terrain T/A 31x10.5x15 inch tyres on 6-stud 8 inch steel rims. One was the spare and is worn but warrantable. The other 4 are less than half used. Ex Series 70 Landcruiser. The tyres have been in store since. Advice so far shows that \$80-100 each for these is neither unrealistic or greedy. But I'm open to offers.

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Manukau 4 Wheel Drive Club Presents:

3rd Annual Ramarama Fundraising 4 Wheel Drive Safari
9am Saturday 11th March or Sunday 12th March 2006

The Ramarama Fundraising Safari is on again. This year there will be a large number of new tracks will be used on a proptery that has never been open to the public and has not been used by us in the past. This is a unique opportunity to visit an area that is normally off limits to the public while enjoying your 4WD in its natural environment. There is also an option of a night safari in the evening.

The Safari will start at Ramarama School, (only 40Km south of Auckland) and will follow a route through several farms, bush, optional mud, some tracks specially built for this event and very few roads. Historical information and activities for the kids will be provided on route. The route will be suitable for all 4WD vehicles with plenty of more challenging sections for more capable vehicles and drivers.

Both day trips will follow the same route. The night safari will follow a similar but slightly shorter route to the day trip, but in the opposite direction.

Numbers are limited. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

For more details Contact Tony Burgess 09 2980194 or Rob Llewellyn 09 2360644 or email burgestst@ihug.co.nz

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
8 MARCH 2006

In accordance with clause 37 of the Rules of the Club we submit the following Notice of Motion for the Club's Special General Meeting that has been called for Wednesday 8 March 2006:

"That the 60k Sub-Committee of the Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated be authorised to proceed with the first stage of developing the site owned by the Club at Hirangi Road, Turangi, the first stage to include a services and amenities building, power and water to the site with provision for a telephone connection, septic tank, associated plumbing and electrical works, with a target completion date of 30 November 2006 and a total cost not exceeding \$40,000 Incl GST"

Moved: Antony Royal
Seconded: Bruce Mulhare

Please note that this notice of motion follows from the report made to members at the Monthly Club Meeting of 14 December 2005. A summary of that report will be presented at the Special General Meeting as background, including an explanation of costs to assist members with their vote.

Boiler Gully for the Shinies Sat 07/01/2006 Led by Grant Purdie

21 trucks altogether lined up at Totara Park Bridge. One truck had street tyres and two of us had A/Ts. After airing down and the usual "housekeeping" we were off up the hill. The plan was that if there was enough time we would go up Deadwood Ridge after doing Boiler Gully. Grant told us at the start of the logging operations to look across to the right and we would be able to see the general area where we were going. We went down Valley View and Airstrip Drive to get to the track known as Boiler Gully. Earlier in the year someone thought there should be a road in this vicinity and they went looking for it. A day's worth of maintenance by several

club members and hey presto a new track. It was the first time it has been used for a club trip for a family Shiny, and we are grateful to those who had put their time into making this track. It is a track with several loops which crosses the main track on a couple of occasions.

We were on the preliminary part and we stopped for two small trees across the road within 5 minutes of each other. Grant cut the branches off the trees and those of us closest to the front helped remove them so we could all pass. At the next intersection Grant sent two trucks on a scouting party and they came back with the message that there was a large tree with a big root ball across the track. Two trucks with winches went through first followed by about 5 trucks of willing workers. Ten minutes into the operation of getting some of the dirt out of the root ball and cutting the trunk Grant asked someone to radio for the rest of the party who had waited at the intersection to get them to come through as they would enjoy watching. I suspect the tree removal was more challenging than first realized because there was a lot of digging, grubbing and winching by Grant's truck being held by another truck on a winch. Two hours later and we were on our way. A few metres up the track we had to be guided around another tree. Then it was lunch time although by that time many people had eaten their lunch!

After lunch we were crawling along and we passed a dog which had aerials on. Some sort of radio transmission we concluded. Someone put it in the back of their truck and they were going to ring the owner. The track took a hairpin bend and then we started to really climb. We had an incident where our back end fish tailed into the trees and we had to reverse to get going again. On the radio shortly after that another truck had done the same thing, presumably in the tracks we had created. At the bottom of the last hill the car just in front with street tyres, a Toyota Prado, got stuck. We radioed and Tony backed down the track and stropped him all the way to the top. We started off at a great speed after warning our son following behind to stay right back and we were going really well until we got within 25 metres of the top and we slid sideways and got stuck. Graeme asked how much room we had to back up and have another go. My daughter and I looked out the window and it was straight down the hill on our side with no sign of the bottom. We appeared to be sitting right on the edge of the bank. We radioed to Tony and he backed down again and put the stop onto us. No go! Obviously the front wheel was well and truly buried. Tony went to the top and came down frontwards to winch us out. Graeme said he would get the passengers out. Our 2 ½ year old granddaughter had just gone to sleep in her car seat. We got out the passenger side and every step was a potential slide down the hill. The tree stump that the car was almost leaning on broke under our hands. Luckily I was holding onto my daughter's hand as I slipped on the hill side with both feet. Someone else came to her rescue and helped pull me back up again. Our granddaughter was taken out on the driver's side.

The winch was put around a tree on the upper side of the track and onto the front of Tony's truck. That didn't work as Tony was starting to slide down the track. Grant came down and put his winch onto Tony's and there was another truck behind Grant's truck holding on with a strop. That was obviously the right formula as Graeme was pulled to a position where he could go up under his own steam. Grant walked down the hill to talk to drivers about ensuring their tyre pressures were below the 28psi that our A/Ts were on. Every one else made it up the hill under their own steam although the other truck with A/Ts was sporting a broken back light that he had taken out on a tree when his back fishtailed at some point. Because of time we had to miss out re driving the first loop of the track and Deadwood Ridge didn't even get a look in. It took an hour for all of us to get up that last hill, most of it obviously being our recovery. Sorry folks!

We went back via Woolshed Road which has been graded smooth recently. Some of the trucks at the rear couldn't resist the temptation to play in the mud outside the woolshed. It was their first taste of any sort of action. We heard on the radio about them "Recovering a Discovery".

We got out at 5.00. Thank you Grant and Tony and the rest of the people who helped in our recovery, and Ian for being a patient tail end Charlie.

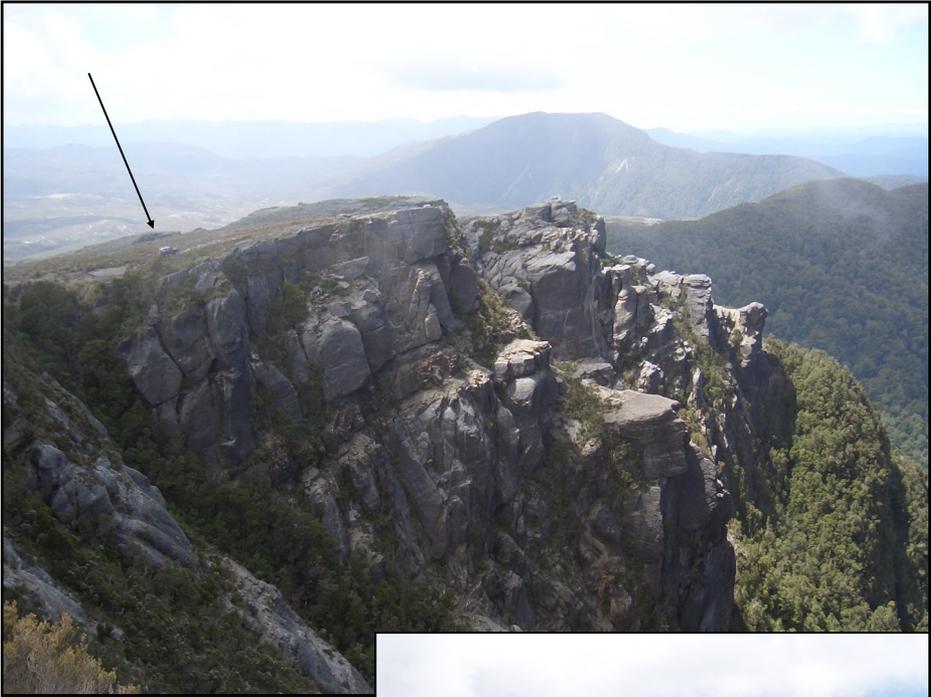
Linda Millard, passenger K170.

Points of note:

1. 42 Traverse Clean Up - this is being held on Sun 12 Feb 2006, and all are invited to assist. For details please contact John Wilton on 07 378 5848.
2. A Four Wheel Drive Trial, hosted by the Wanganui Four Wheel Drive Club is being held at Turakina Valley Rd, south of Wanganui on Sun 05 March 2005. Contact Gail on 06 344 6695 for further details.
3. It has been suggested by DOC that any vehicles in the Odlins Road area do not cross the Five Day Slip.
4. CCVC Committee - a number of current committee members are standing down so nominations will be called for shortly. Have a think and talk to a committee member if you are interested.

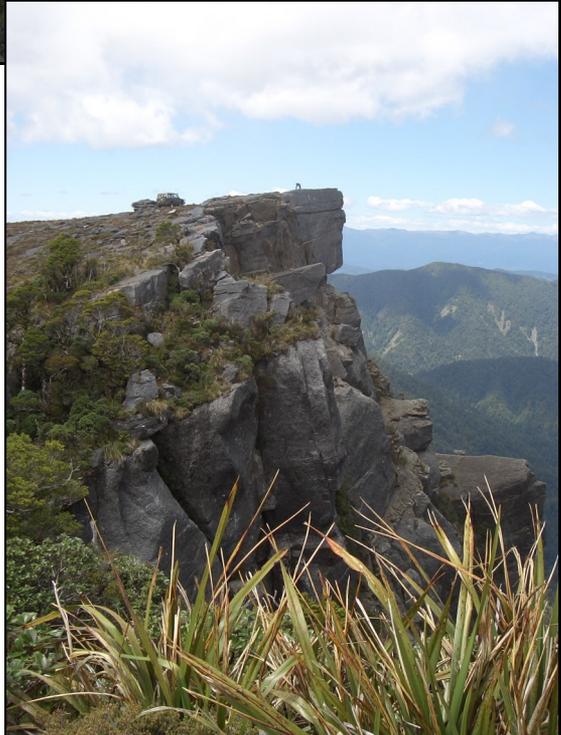
Welfare

1. John Vruink's father passed away recently - our condolences go to John and family.
2. Wendy Rozenberg has broken her leg - get better soon as you can't attach strops with a broken leg!



4WDing, West Coast style.

These pix were taken up on the Denniston Plateau just north of Westport - if you look carefully in the top photo you can just make out the vehicle roof as it is making it's way towards the bluff.



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Trip Information Sheet



4WD familiarisation & Driver Training

Sat 11/02/2006

Organiser: Ray Harkness

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description:

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):
-tba-

Trip leader: Ray Harkness
Home phone 049705348 Cellphone

Trip fee \$5.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
see notes section

Finishing point(s):
see notes section

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 11/02/2006 00:00

Drivers briefing Sat 11/02/2006 00:00

Finish Sat 11/02/2006 17:00

Fuel required for: 50 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Any tyres suitable

Track type: Mostly Some Optional

Beach or sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: Booking essential. training booklet will be sent out and must be read before the trip. \$20 visitor fee applies, \$5 land access, \$2 booklet = \$27 total for visitors, \$7 for members.

NO 4WD cars please, full 4wd & low ratio gearbox required

Meeting times and location will be given at time of booking

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Trip Information Sheet

Sunset Tour No 2 - Sat 11/02/2006

Organiser: Ron Wadham



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: GWRC Summer Programme Sunset Tour **Category:** Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Battle Hill & Puketiro Forest

Trip leader: Ron Wadham

Home phone (04) 563 - 7907 Cellphone 0252106455

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Battle Hill - the Dell car park

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 11/02/2006 17:00

Drivers briefing Sat 11/02/2006 17:30

Start Sat 11/02/2006 18:00

Finish Sat 11/02/2006 20:00

Fuel required for: 80 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Club radio preferred

Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

Clay or mud

Average ascents/descents

Dirt roads and tracks

Creeks, small rivers

Mostly Some Optional

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Notes: Taking members of the public as part of the Summer Programme run by the Greater Wellington Regional Council. (Seats required so please book)

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Advanced driver training/shiny competition
Sun 12/02/2006

Organiser: Andrew Farmer

Description: advanced training.shiny competition event

Category: Family Shiny to Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):
Patterson's Farm

Trip leader: Andrew Farmer
Home phone 045676677 Cellphone 025446803

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are not required.

Meeting point(s):
Patterson's Farm

Finishing point(s):
Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 12/02/2006 10:00
Drivers briefing Sun 12/02/2006 10:15
Finish Sun 12/02/2006 15:00

Fuel required for: 40 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Dry day only
Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Mud tyres preferable

Track type: **Mostly Some Optional**

Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: A chance to practice/improve your driving skills. Some hazards will be set, and assistance/training provided to get through them. No damage should happen. Everything is optional.

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Aka Ramble for Club 4x4 - Sat 18/02/2006

Organiser: Roger Seymour

Description:

Category: Club 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Trip leader: Roger Seymour

Home phone (04) 586 - 2518 Cellphone 021424351

Bookings are not required.

Trip fee \$15.00

Meeting point(s):

Totara park bridge

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 18/02/2006 09:00

Drivers briefing Sat 18/02/2006 09:05

Finish Sat 18/02/2006 16:00

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Club radio preferred
Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

	Mostly	Some	Optional
Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep rivers, water holes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes:

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Trip Information Sheet



club champs round 3 - Sun 19/02/2006

Organiser: Andrew Farmer

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description:

Category: Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Aotea Block, Porirua

Trip leader: Andrew Farmer

Home phone 045676677 Cellphone 025446803

Bookings are not required.

Trip fee \$15.00

Meeting point(s):

Aotea Block, Porirua

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 19/02/2006 09:30

Drivers briefing Sun 19/02/2006 09:45

Finish Sun 19/02/2006 16:00

Fuel required for: 60 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Dry day only

Light rain/wind OK

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Drinks

BBQ Provided

BBQ Food Provided

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

Clay or mud

Mostly Some Optional

Creeks, small rivers

Average ascents/descents

Steep ascents/descents

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Notes: Note new venue

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VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Rotorangi Part 2 - No attitude necessary

Sat 25/02/2006

Organiser: Paul Adams

Description:

Category: Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Trip leader: Paul Adams

Home phone 042346997 Cellphone 0275941343

Bookings are required.

Trip fee \$25.00

Meeting point(s):

Windmill Motel SH3 Patea

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 25/02/2006 09:00

Drivers briefing Sat 25/02/2006 09:30

Finish Sun 26/02/2006 15:00

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: Only if kept in vehicle

Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Club radio preferred
Mud tyres preferable

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: 2 day trip. Motel accom available at Patea. Camping at Waverly, Patea & Rotorangi. This is NOT last years trip, it is the easy 1/2 of the farm.

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Trip Information Sheet



Akas Challenge - The Ruts - Sat 04/03/2006
 Organiser: Ian Dixon

VEHICLE CLUB
 Wellington (inc)

Description:

Category: Shiny 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Akatarawa Forest - Ruts

Trip leader: Ian Dixon

Home phone (04) 563 - 7610 Cellphone 0274576767

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Moonshine/Haywards corner

Finishing point(s):

Bulls Run Road - Moonshine

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 04/03/2006 09:00
 Drivers briefing Sat 04/03/2006 09:40
 Finish Sat 04/03/2006 16:00

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"
 Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible
 Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food
 BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
 Recovery strop, shovel
 First aid kit, fire extinguisher
 Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
 Club radio preferred
 Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt roads and tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep mud holes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: An opportunity for more experienced Shiny 4x4s to tackle a more challenging track - talk to the Trip Leader

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Devils staircase - Sun 05/03/2006
Organiser: Grant Purdie

Description: Devil's Staircase, Rock Garden, back again then the 10-hour track if time permits.

Category: Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):
Akatarawa Forest North

Trip leader: Grant Purdie
Home phone (04) 233 - 1192 Cellphone 021612216

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
Maungakotukutuku Gate

Finishing point(s):
Maungakotukutuku Gate

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 05/03/2006 09:30
Drivers briefing Sun 05/03/2006 09:45
Finish Sun 05/03/2006 18:30

Fuel required for: 60 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible
Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Club radio or PRS required
Good mud tyres essential
Winch required
Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type: **Mostly Some Optional**

Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes:

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Odlins Hut - Sun 05/03/2006
Organiser: Steve O'Callaghan

Description:

Category: Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Odlin's Road

Trip leader: Steve O'Callaghan

Home phone (04) 235 - 9849 Cellphone 0211310647

Trip fee \$5.00

Bookings are not required.

Meeting point(s):

Odlins Road - summit carpark

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 05/03/2006 09:30

Drivers briefing Sun 05/03/2006 09:40

Finish Sun 05/03/2006 15:30

Fuel required for: 120 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Club radio preferred

Good mud tyres essential

Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Clay or mud

Creeks, small rivers

Average ascents/descents

Deep mud holes

Steep ascents/descents

Rocky or river boulders

Deep rivers, water holes

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Notes:

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Trip Information Sheet



Orongorongo Area - Sun 05/03/2006
 Organiser: Ron Wadham

VEHICLE CLUB
 Wellington (inc)

Description:

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):

Trip leader: Ron Wadham
 Home phone (04) 563 - 7907 Cellphone 0252106455

Bookings are not required.

Trip fee \$15.00

Meeting point(s):

Rimutaka Forest Park - Wainuiomata

Finishing point(s):

Wainuiomata Coast Road

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 05/03/2006 09:30
 Drivers briefing Sun 05/03/2006 10:00
 Finish Sun 05/03/2006 16:30

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"
 Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely
 Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
 BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
 Recovery strop, shovel
 First aid kit, fire extinguisher
 Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
 Any tyres suitable

Track type:

	Mostly	Some	Optional
Beach or sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes:



Trip Categories

Family Shiny:

Description: Family trip. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary.

Drivers: Particularly suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving, this category is also open to anybody who enjoys this style of trip.

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

Vehicles: An important objective is minimal challenge and minimal risk to vehicles. Club safety equipment is mandatory for club members; it is not mandatory for non-members although it is recommended for vehicles once their drivers have participated in one or two trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Shiny 4x4:

Description: More difficult family trips, for shiny wagons and drivers *with some experience* who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles.

Drivers: Must have some experience, preferably from the driver training provided by the club. Particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidings.

Members: These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Vehicles: Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Club 4x4:

Description: Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks.

Drivers: Must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery.

Members: These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Vehicles: Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Hard Yakka:

Description: Difficult trips with very challenging terrain and surfaces, where winching, digging, and vehicle damage are all a possibility!

Drivers: Experienced drivers only.

Members: These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Vehicles: As per the Club 4x4 category. In addition, a roll-bar or roll-cage is recommended for all vehicles on Hard Yakka trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage. Often a winch is mandatory on a Hard Yakka trip; this will be specified on the Trip Information Sheet.

It should also be noted that if a trip does not have a Trip Information Sheet in the Chronicle or it doesn't appear on the CCVC website, then it may not be an official club trip and the club insurance policy may not apply.

February 2006

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
Saturday 4th	Ohinewairua Station	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4	Ohinewairua Station, Taihape	Confirmed	3 day event
Saturday 4th	Taranaki Extreme 4WD challenge	-tba-	Event		Confirmed	Contact Gordon Burnside at gb@excavatordealer.com
Sunday 5th	Puketiro Rediscovery Work Party	Grant Purdie	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Dick's Yard Akatarawa Forest - Puketiro Forest	Confirmed	Another work party to open up all our old tracks.
Sunday 5th	Ruahine Ranges	Ron Wadham	Family Shiny	Ruahine Ranges	Confirmed	
Monday 6th	Waitangi Day	-tba-				
Wednesday 8th	Club Night	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30	PWMC		
Saturday 11th	4WD familiarisation & Driver Training	Ray Harkness	Family Shiny	-tba-	Confirmed	Booking essential
Saturday 11th	Sunset Tour No 2	Ron Wadham	Shiny 4X4	Battle Hill & Puketiro Forest	Confirmed	
Sunday 12th	Advanced driver training/shiny competition	Andrew Farmer	Training (Driver Practical)	See Trip info sheet		
Monday 13th	ARAC/GWRC Liaison	Grant Purdie	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Patterson's Farm	Confirmed	
Saturday 18th	Aka Ramble for Club 4x4	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 17:30 - 19:00 Club 4X4 / Club 4X4	GWRC	Confirmed	
Sunday 19th	club champs round 3	Andrew Farmer	Shiny 4X4	Aotea Block, Porirua	Tentative	Note new venue
Monday 20th	Safety subcommittee	Andrew Farmer	Meeting - 19:30	Carl Furniss', Hawkins St		
Wednesday 22nd	Committee meeting	John Parfitt	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Saturday 25th	Rotorangi Part 2 - No attitude necessary	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4		Confirmed	2 day trip.
Saturday 25th	Slippery Forest	Grant Purdie	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Slippery Forest	Confirmed	
Monday 27th	ARAC Committee	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:00	Murray's House		

March 2006

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
Saturday 4th	Akas Challenge - The Ruts	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Ruts	Confirmed	bookings required
Sunday 5th	Devils staircase	Grant Purdie	Hard Yakka	Akatarawa Forest North	Confirmed	
Sunday 5th	National Trials Series Rd4 - Wanganui	-tba-				
Sunday 5th	Odlins Hut	Steve O'Callaghan	Club 4X4	Odlin's Road	Confirmed	
Sunday 5th	Orongorongo Area	Ron Wadham	Family Shiny		Confirmed	
Monday 6th	Trip Leaders Forum	Carl Furniss	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 8th	Club Night and Special General Meeting	-tba-	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 11th	Akatarawa tour	-tba-	Family Shiny		Tentative	
Sunday 12th	Rallywoods - it's been a while	-tba-	Club 4X4		Tentative	
Sunday 19th	Pauahatanui Country Fair - never waste a crowd !	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Battle Hill	Confirmed	rides for punters and a tuff demo
Thursday 23rd	Foxton Beach Coast Care Committee	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:00 - 21:00	Foxton Beach PALS Building		
Saturday 25th	Follow the leader - Foxton Bowl	-tba-	Family Shiny		Tentative	
Saturday 25th	McKenzie trail in fading light	-tba-	Club 4X4		Tentative	
Sunday 26th	4WD Driver Training	-tba-	Family Shiny			
Wednesday 29th	Committee	-tba-	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		



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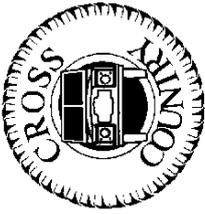
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