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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 email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

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Upcoming National Events

Mar 15: National Trials Round 5

Hosted by Manawatu 4WD Club.

Mar 16: South Eastern Wairarapa 4WD Public Day

Wairarapa 4WD Club fundraising for Peter Laing Memorial Trust. Access to Castlepoint, Owahanga, Te Mai and Anerly Stations and more besides. Suitable for vehicles with low range transfer and reasonable tyres. Meet at Horseshoe carpark with registration at 8-30am with departure at 9.00am. Costs \$85.00 per vehicle. Bring own lunch, camera etc. To register or further information contact Gail Osman Ph 021 809-690 email gail@justphotosonline.com or Bruce Skeet Ph 0274 777 609 or Ron Williams Ph 06 378 2114, email ronjilly@me.com or P O Box 146 , Carterton 5713.

Mar 29-30: Hokanga 4x4 Safari

Previously called Project Promise run by the Kauri Coast 4WD Club. Limited to 60 vehicles, \$160 Driver and 1 passenger. Camping available. This time it is a fundraiser for the Northland Rescue Helicopter (NEST). For more info contact: Serena Carran 09 439 0064 or 021 159 2720 email aneres@xnet.co.nz

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Apr 26: Mainland Trophy—Teams Event

A teams event of 3 vehicles per team, using challenging and scenic tracks around the Nelson area. All vehicles required to have full a winch, registration, WoF, and minimum 3rd party insurance. For full details please see www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz

May 17: Teams Tour de Whanga

This is an event aimed at the experienced safari guys with a tuff truck mate or for well set up 4x4 trucks. It is along the lines of the January event but staged on more challenging tracks that will require at least 1 winch per team. Each team will be required to complete a set number of stages during the day with points deducted for failure to get all 3 trucks to a stage end. To be held in Matariki Forest blocks organised by Whangamata 4WD Club.

May 31: Mainland Winch Challenge Round 1

Top of the South Island event is being held in Nelson. Usual classes with requirements as per Mainland Challenge Series rules. See [mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz](http://www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz) for more details.

May 31: Mainland Winch Challenge Round 2

Mainland Winch Challenge Series to be held at Oxford. Limited to 40 vehicles with scrutineering and night stages Friday night. All vehicle classes with a "Clubman B" invititational class included. All vehicles to have registration and WoF except Outlaw. Accommodation on site as normal for a small fee to cover costs. See [mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz](http://www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz) for more details.

July 18: Possum Palace Winch Challenge

Held at Omana, Northland. Approximately 2.5 hours from Auckland between Whangarei and Dargaville. To be run under 4x4 Challenges rules with all classes eligible and if enough interest there will be a UTV class as well. All competitors (drivers & co-drivers) need to be members of the NZFWD Association. Proof of 3rd party insurance must be provided. Camping available on site and hot showers are to be provided on site. Cost for the event is \$280.00. For further details contact Andrew Gibson: email andrewroygibson@gmail.com or phone 021 029 85475 or Caleb Thompson: email hstile@hotmail.co.nz or Phone 027 683 4327.

And further ahead:

14 Nov 2014 NZ1 Winch Challenge

Some details in this column appear courtesy of Cathy Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.



Club Sub-Committees

The club has the following sub committees running currently (convenor named first, where applicable):

- **60k:** Terence Broad, Ron Johnson, Bruce Mulhare, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury
- **Community Response Group:** Steve Mercer, John Parfitt, Grant Purdie, Mike Murphy, Neil Blackie
- **Competition:** Neil Blackie
- **Deadwood:** Paul Adams
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Steve Mercer, All trip leaders
- **Touring Class Membership:** John Parfitt, Murray Taylor, Ian Hutchins, Ger van Hees
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

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- **Wellington City Council:** Barry Insull

CCVC Club Champs - Australia Winners Trip Report

We were lucky enough to win the spot prize for entering the Club Championships which was flights and accommodation on the Sunshine Coast in Australia. Although the prize was for three night's accommodation we decided to extend it a bit and take the whole family rather than just the two of us. After a few nights on the Gold Coast getting our roller coaster fix at the theme parks we drove up to the Sunshine Coast and arrived at the Windward Apartments.

The apartments are in a great location, straight across the road from the sea and just a couple of minutes walk from the Mooloolaba shops. Our two bedroom apartment was huge and having our en suite away from the kids was a definite benefit. The kids also enjoyed the pool and we made great use of the BBQ for lovely outdoor dining.

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G. Guy Motors

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CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

The Club uses a series of radio call signs in the Kxxx series to meet our licence requirements. Once you get on a trip you soon know what call sign is tail end charlie etc for the day. But basically if you don't yet have a Call Sign you are not authorised to use the Club radio licence.

Call signs are available to financial members on request to database@ccvc.org.nz

So if you have purchased a suitable radio for CCVC use, make sure you get a call sign allocated.



CCVC Life Members

Tom Adams	Graham Barr	George Bean (Deceased)	Leith Bean	Peter Boniface (Deceased)
Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft	Owen Faragher	Mike Gall	John Hughes
Bob Jeffery (Deceased)	Heather Jeffery	Ron Johnson	Steve Lacey	Colin Landy
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Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	Ron Wadham



Presidents Piece - March 2014

By the time you have read this magazine, Neil will have run the first CCVC Club Champs last weekend - Standard class on the Saturday and Club and Modified classes on the Sunday. Hopefully the weather holds out for a fine weekend, as we certainly don't need any more rain and wind !! Hope it all went well, not too many dents and scrapes (or worse) The Club Champs are a great way to find just how capable your vehicle is axle twisting, vehicle sucking bogs and slippery slopes, all in a manageable environment. Hope those of you who attended enjoyed the day ! Thanks to Neil for all his hard work in setting out the course.

Deadwood Safari was held a few weekends ago. A great day, very successful and very pleasing to see so many of our Members turning out to help Valley 4WD Club. It's going to be our turn next year, same time same place I suspect, so I am sure we can expect to get the same level of support from Wellington Clubs to assist on the day as this year. We have a Deadwood Committee I believe, so once the date is set, prepare to get requests to assist them as they start planning and seeking sponsorship for the event. Valley Club seems to have found a good mixture of funding and hard work, so I suspect if we follow their design again next year we will find success also.

Last month saw the final GWRC summer Regional Council trips held, so along with the Sunset Tours, the Tag along Tour and Mt Climie we have had probably around 250 members of the public along on these trips with the Club. I don't yet have the numbers for the Tag along tour, but were 120 people on the Mt Climie trip and 68 on the two sunset tours. All in all these were very successful, and generate a lot of good will with both the Public and the Council, and go a long way to both maintaining and increasing the areas of public land that we get access to. Big pat on the back to Members and the Trip Leaders that helped run these days !

Cu in the Mud soon !!

Charles

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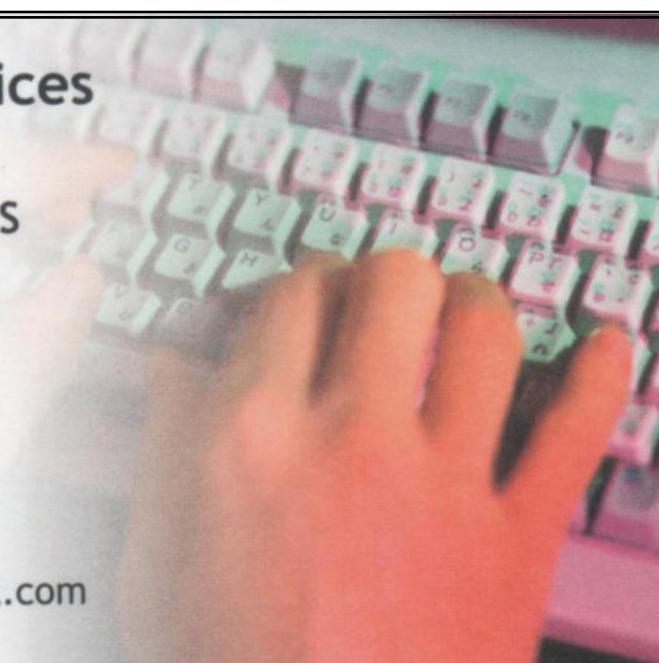
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We had a rental car so we were able to go and see lots of different sights. There were several highlights including Noosa Beach. The water was warm enough for even me to venture in to it and it was wonderful to be able to see small fish swimming around us. We also spent a day at Australia Zoo. I am not a huge Steve Irwin fan so I was a bit dubious but it really was a highlight of the trip with the chance to get right up close to Koalas and Wombats.

Another highlight was the Eumundi markets which are 20kms inland of Noosa. The markets are on every Wednesday and Saturday and are a shopper's delight with a wide range of food. We tried Nepalese dumplings which was a definite first for me. If I had the chance (and a husband who liked shopping) I would spend the whole day there rather than the quick pit stop that we did.

The Sunshine Coast beaches are lovely and the kids had a great time swimming and playing in the sand. There are also lots of walkways and the locals would be up power walking very early in the morning to avoid the heat of the day. Windward Apartments had a couple of bikes for hire that would have been good to try if we had had more time.

Mary and Larry were great hosts and we were able to keep costs down by shopping at the local Coles supermarket and cooking at the apartment. I can attest that it was very hard to find New Zealand products in this supermarket which proudly proclaimed that 97% of their products were Australian. So no Italian olive oil, Greek olives or French cheeses either....

The only disappointment of the trip for me was revisiting the Big Pineapple. I have vivid memories of eating an enormous ice cream sundae when I first visited there in the late 1970's but unfortunately it is now a shadow of its former self and it was a bit depressing. The ginger factory still seems to be going strong though.

Thank you so much to the CCVC and Mary and Larry for the chance to have a much needed holiday. We had a wonderful time and it is very much appreciated.

Bryan & Karen Taylor



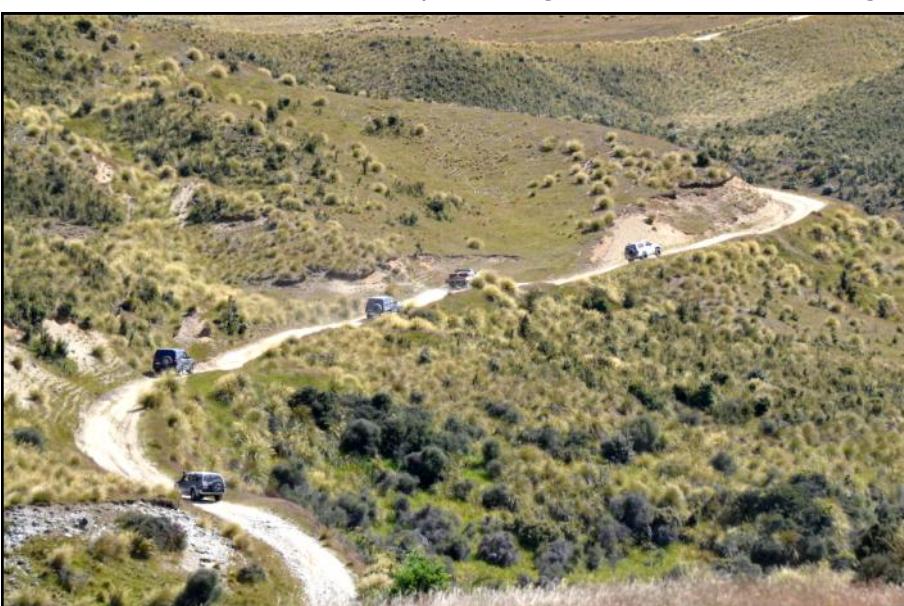
CCVC South Island Expedition

As some club members will be aware, there was a CCVC run trip down to the South Island last month - a trip report is being written (well hopefully!) for each day and we will publish them in chronological order (if I get them). Day one follows:

The Bits We Missed 2014
Distance covered:- 204Km Highest Point:- 1630m
Day 1 6 Jan 2014

On a fine South Island Monday morning, fourteen trucks, along with their drivers and navigators, met at the

La Gonda cafe in Oamaru, at 7am for breakfast. They were the CCVCers set to put their mark on Central and North Otago high country and take in its magnificent scenery.



Well fed and watered, we were on the road by 10 to 8 and by a circuitous route, courtesy of several GPSs, we turned onto Homestead Road heading for Danseys Pass Road. It was turning into a glorious day as we drove along a dusty gravel road winding through the tussock. We passed through several settlements, Enfield, Windsor, Post Office Gully and Livingstone before we finally turned left into Danseys Pass Road. As we wound up to the pass, the dust got

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thicker and had our trail blazers Ross and Michelle, calling for respirators!! We were through the pass by 20 to 10. By now we were passing lots of Spaniards, their flowers well past their best but still making an impressive sight. We were also seeing signs of old gold workings (rock piles) in the stream.

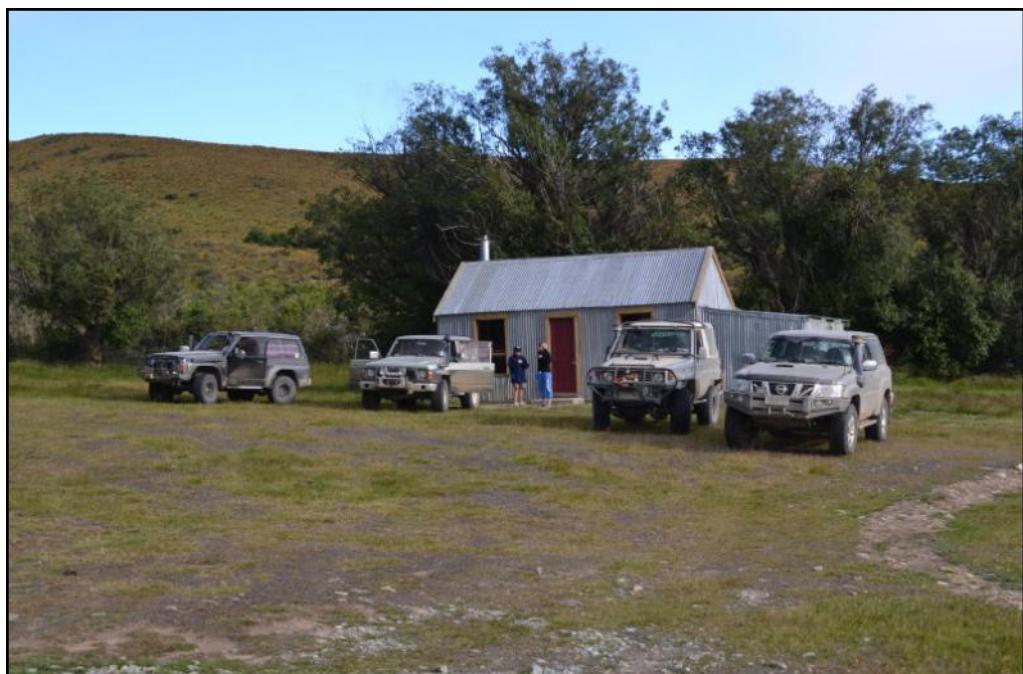
We stopped for smoko at Danseys Pass Hotel at Kyeburn Diggings. The hotel, the only substantial building left in what was once a place of bustling activity, was built in 1862 by miners who laboured in



payment for beer. It served a community of 2000. As we headed for the Hotel, the tour guide advised "coffee to the left, toilets to the right", very civilised but will it last?

We headed off from the Hotel and took the second right into Mount Buster Road. We were winding along a dusty gravel road when oops Grasshopper's spare can of diesel had to be rescued from dragging along the ground dribbling out its precious cargo. We were soon on the way again until we got to a DOC information centre with maps giving us an idea of some of the places we were heading

for. Once we had passed a couple of large huts the track became steep, rutty and windy. Before long we came across the Mt Buster Diggings. The Buster diggings cover a big area. They are great blocks of white quartz sand tailings and stand out stark and clear in the tussock landscape. The diggings were mined from 1860s to the 1930s and were the highest altitude gold workings in N Z at 1200m.



Once passed the diggings we started downhill soon arriving at Brown's hut for lunch. After lunch we made a zig-zag descent, one at a time down a very steep face. When we got to the creek at the bottom we came across the abutments of a collapsed bridge and steel girders lying on the side of the bank. How they got there? – quite a mission! From here we climbed to the flat tussocky tops where we got a good view of Mt Cook. We continued meeting ever increasing muddy patches and eventually arrived at Ida Valley Railway Station – too late to catch the last train. A grumpy Station Master (who doubled as a Sheriff)

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poked his head out the door as we arrived and told us to stop complaining. The building was originally a railway station in the Ida Valley. It was relocated from Oturehua, apparently by bulldozer, in 1976 to be used as a mustering hut.

As we carried on from the Ida Valley Railway Station, the ridge became more and more rocky. We dropped steeply down Walking Spur, crossing scree slopes and winding down to Giddes Road. At the road end the group split. Mr T and his group of 5 trucks turned right, heading for Homestead campsite, while Grasshopper with the rest of the group turned left for Cromwell. Two trucks went to St Bathans for the night, intending to join Mr T next morning.

Mr T's group - Dark Knight, Runner, Enterprise and Orange Peel went for a look around Falls Lake, past holiday cribs and up to the head of the Dam where there was an impressive overflow for the hydro power station. The water flowing out from the power house cut down through a deep gorge. Sight-seeing over, we were off to Hawkdun Runs Road to camp at the Homestead campsite.

We found the campsite to be very pleasant with a well maintained hut. With a forecast of rain and not keen of facing a prospect of starting our week in Tekapo erecting a wet tent, the hut looked very inviting. While Orange Peel's occupants braved the tent, the rest set up residence in the

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hut. We put Mr T in one room, Runner and Dark Knight's people in the main room and Enterprise's people in the woodshed. Very cosy. It appears there was not any insulation in the walls though as the woodshed occupants were a little disturbed at the risqué conversation going on in the main room – or was it just a case of Chinese whispers?



Day 2 South Island Tour: Cromwell to Lake Tekapo: What the other half missed

The night before we had left Murray's (Mr T) group "somewhere around St Bathans" after we had dropped down off the Hawkdun Range/ Mt Ida hills (our destination the day before had been up Mt Buster and a descent around Hills Creek near Idaburn/ Becks/ Lauder) as they drove off one direction and we drove off the other. "Where were they going we only could wonder?" Hopefully another trip report will fill in those gaps.

During the year we had not only bought the Mitsubishi Pajero ("Grasshopper") touring vehicle, but also an Oz tent (you know the sort "it goes up in 30 seconds!"what the ads don't tell you is, it takes another 20 minutes to hammer in all the pegs and that's only the basic model without adding the extra side panels and front panel that we acquired in our second hand Trade-Me deal.) We used the basic part for one and two night stays on our trip and added the extra panels for our seven days at Lake Tekapo.

Brett had already told us that he had booked for a "Fast-car" experience in a Porsche at Cromwell. We all envied his experience and couldn't decide whether it would be a "white-knuckle" or a once in a lifetime experience.

We left to travel towards Lake Tekapo up the side of Lake Dunstan. One member of the convoy had expressed a wish to stop off in Tarras to purchase a unique piece of merino night-time clothing. We thought that Tarras would be a great place for morning tea...."real coffee"- type of stop!

The previous day we had been going to come across the Thompson's Gorge Rd from Lauder/Omakau, but the time we got down off the Mt Ida Conservation area precluded this, so had gone directly to the Cromwell Motor Camp. Therefore we did a detour/scenic trip up to the Bendigo Scenic Reserve at the start of Thompson's Gorge Rd where we viewed the old gold-digging relics, with evidence of rabbits everywhere in their Hilton Rab-

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bit burrows, and then up the to "Come In Time Mine" to see the old Battery stamper.

By the time we had viewed these relics and mine, with friendships being forged, we were ready for a "real-coffee" stop. However that was not to be. Mark ordered his coffee and was told it was going to be a 20 minute wait before he got it. The rest of us decided that our thermoses would suffice! In the end we think Mark was waiting around 40 minutes. He said it wasn't even worth the wait! Ashley and Gillian stayed with Mark as the rest of us were ready to move on, having had our coffees. By this time Brett had caught up with us after his "fast-car experience." He had found it really exhilarating!

We drove through the Lindis Pass and mentioned about our last trip where we stayed and drove on Morven Hills Station. Mark and Rabbit caught up with us at the start of the Birchwood Rd. We had decided to have our lunch before we drove up the valley. It had started to rain at that point and we picked up Mr T on the radio. A police car passed us up the road and asked if we had seen a white Subaru. We weren't sure why we were sud-



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denly looking for a missing car. We followed the Ahuriri River and passed the other group on their way out.

The road started off as a 2WD road but eventually turned into a 4WD track with rock screes, wash outs and sloshy mud puddles so the police car probably hadn't got that far and we assumed that the Subaru probably hadn't either. We passed a hut in a picturesque spot on the edge of the Beech Forest. Linda had an "I've been here before" revelation. A "B-G!" (before- Graeme time at least 40 years ago when I was still living in Dunedin and had been on a weekend away with a group of people.) The road ends at Canyon Creek which is a well-known walking track. As we came out it was raining heavily and we passed a Road Safety Inspector in a 2WD vehicle. We questioned why he only had a 2WD vehicle when he was clearly expected to check roads of a 4WD nature. He hadn't a clue, but thought it was quite funny! Anyway he put up a "Wash-out" sign to deter other vehicles. Who would venture along that road in that torrential rain anyway, unless they had a 4WD!

We had considered calling into Clay Cliffs (a limestone-formation valley) but with the heavy rain we decided that it was best just to push towards Lake Tekapo via Twizel. Our 30 second tent took about 40 minutes to put up that night with all the extra bits, but at least the rain had died out. Thanks Ian for your help.

That night we had our first of our 7.30pm whole group get-togethers (about 36 people.) We were joined at Lake Tekapo by Wendy, Barry, Boyce, Kees, Dave, Audrey, Phil, Margaret, Demi, Peter and Jenny and we met with Murray's group again. We all introduced ourselves and tried to remember all the names. We had the first of our "Sheriff" (aka Ian and his deputy Pete) reports whereby we introduced the significance of the 2 sets of fluffy dice for misdemeanours/ breakdowns/ rescues and embarrassing moments (later in the trip we added good deeds and whatever else one felt like recognising.....next time we need to have a "bouquet" award). We then talked about the next day's route which was to be up the Ohau ski-field and along the Hopkins Valley. We called it a night around 9.30 (a regular bedtime as it would turn out!)

Linda and Graeme Millard
Team Grasshopper

Day 3

We enjoyed the trip up to Ohau Ski Field. Although it was quite cold and there was a bit of snow floating around up at the top of the mountain, there was no snow on the ground. There was a great view of the surrounding countryside with snow capped peaks. Afterwards we continued up along the lake side and up the Hopkins River for quite a way.

Everyone on the trip has been very friendly and helpful. We have enjoyed the banter both over the radio



and at the sheriff's meetings. Thank you especially to Graeme and Linda, Murray and Ross and Michelle.

Malcolm and Sue

Deadwood Safari

Did you know that the name "Deadwood Safari" is a registered Trade Mark of CCVC and we "loan" its use to other clubs to run the event?

Congratulations to Valley Club on a fantastic Deadwood Safari last weekend. The sun shone, the crowds gathered and it was a terrific event.

See the attached blog to see what a member of the public thought of the event:

<http://wysiwygpurple.wordpress.com/2014/02/16/february-17-2014-mayhem-in-the-mud/>

Next year it is CCVC's turn to run the Deadwood and now is the time when members need to be putting their names forward to be part of the organising committee as we need to apply for a date (before all the good ones are taken) and start the ball rolling.

So, if you are interested in helping to organise this event for around this time next year please let Neil Blackie or a Committee member know so we can judge the commitment of the club for running such an event.

This requires the commitment of the whole club and "I did it back in 1995" is no excuse for not doing it again next year. In fact that is a very good reason to do it again as you have the experience. Please do not leave it to the regular few who seem to be involved in running everything for the club while the majority of members sit back and watch it happen.

Its your club so get involved!!

So come on, put your name forward and lets see if CCVC can out do Valley club (its going to be hard) in putting on a fantastic event next year.



CCVC Club Champs 2014

The much awaited 2014 club champs will be held as follows:

Standard Class:

Saturday 8th March 2014
Saturday 22nd March 2014

Club and Modified Class:

Sunday 9th March 2014
Sunday 23rd March 2014

Due to the lateness of starting these are likley to be the only rounds in this years champs!

Locations:

Round 1: Sat 08 & Sun 09 March - Colin James Farm, Whitemans Valley Rd
Round 2: Sat 22 & Sun 23 March - Malcolm Judds Farm, Haywards Hill Rd

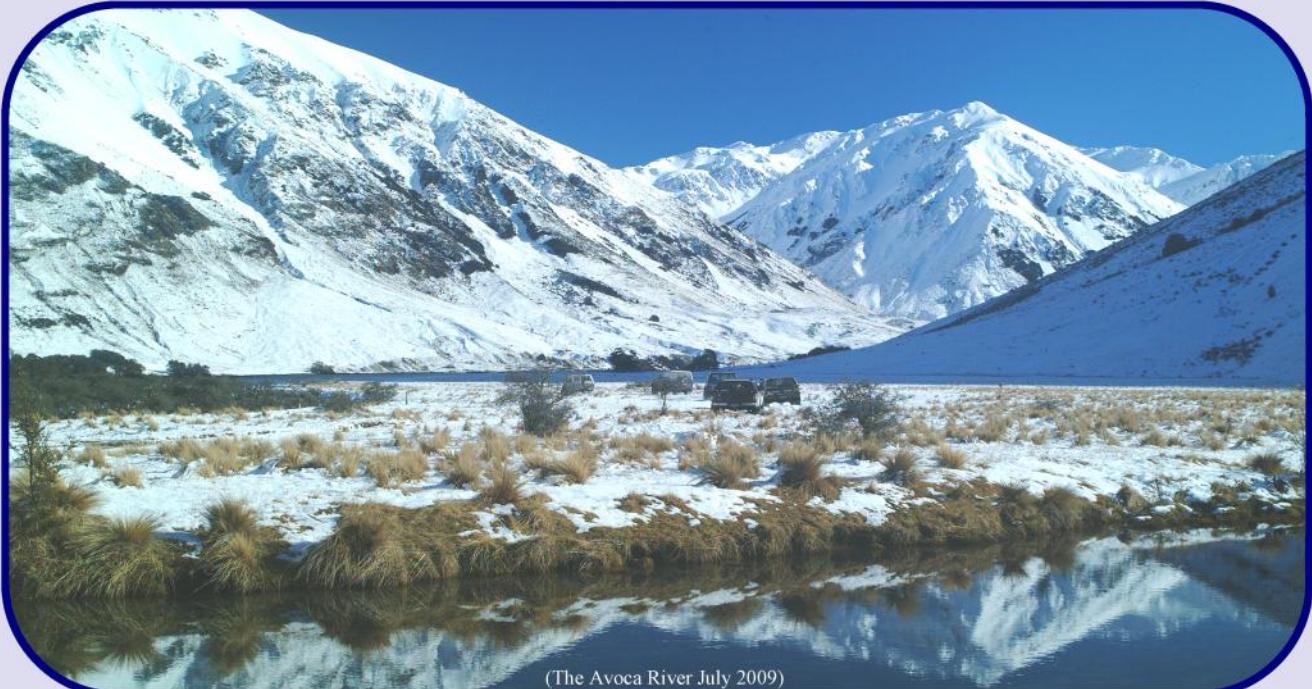
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Every participant goes into the draw for the Grand Prize of \$1,500 worth of airfares and 3 nights accommodation at Windward Apartments on Australia's Sunshine Coast. Participate in both events and be in the draw twice.

See the trip sheets on the memberzone for further details.

4x4 BRASS MONKEY

29th June to 6th July 2014



(The Avoca River July 2009)

Trip Details

I am running a week long, mid-winter trip in the Canterbury high country.

We will be staying at the Glenthorne Lodge, at the head of Lake Coleridge & the Potts Lodge on the banks of the Rangitata River.

Mid-winter, because that is the best time to travel in the large braided rivers as the water levels are low, so bring your winter woolies.

These trips will be in the head waters of the Rakaia & Rangitata Rivers. As we get into the alps the rocks will get bigger and the track will get rougher, so the trips are not suitable for standard 4x4's, 33" tires and 2" suspension lift recommended & snorkel is essential.

Priced from \$850 per person, twin shared for food & accommodation. The trip is limited to 20 trucks because of accommodation limitations.

Itinerary

- Sunday: The Harper river checking out the Pinnacles on the way passed
- Monday: The Avoca river to the Basins Hut and beyond
- Tuesday: The Wilberforce river to Urquharts Hut (Big day with lots of rocks)
- Wednesday: The Rakaia river to the Reischek Hut then over to Potts Station via Lake Stream
- Thursday: The South Branch of the Ashburton river to the Ashburton Glacier
- Friday: Up the Clyde river to the Watchdog Hut
- Saturday: Up the Havelock river to the St Winifred Hut
- Sunday: Home via the Harper Skating rink

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Monday 10th February 2014

Dear Charles

On behalf of the Fraser Crescent School Staff and Board of Trustees I would like to express our appreciation of the organisation and support yourself and the Cross Country Vehicle Club of Wellington provided on Saturday 1st February 2014 for our school Team Building event.

Our goal for this event was to continue to build on the positive culture and relationships at Fraser Crescent School. Our aim for the day was to provide a range of activities which would enable us to get to know each other, to develop team skills which will enable us to work together co-operatively and be able to solve problems creatively through the rich relationships we begin to build on this day.

We want our children at school to be Active Adventurers, so it is important that our staff are role model for these values. The day our with the CCVC allowed us to do this. A highlights video was shared with our pupils at our school assembly earlier this week.

The staff and board were very impressed by the open and friendly manner of the drivers and thought that the "personalities of the drivers were cool". They were impressed by the vast knowledge of the area that they shared with our members and the many questions that they were happy to answer.

Our staff and board felt privileged to be able to see different parts of the country that they would not easily have access to and many didn't know what to expect or what a 4 wheel drive vehicle was capable of, but now they know!

The variety of tracks and terrain provided a gentle introduction to Off Roading and those more adventurous amongst us appreciated the opportunity to try something a little more exciting in the bogs, water holes and play areas.

Yours Sincerely

John Channer
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THIS COULD BE YOUR PAGE!

Go on – step outside your comfort zone and write something for the magazine. Even just a few sentences. You don't have to have been stuck or done anything embarrassing, the rest of the members just like to read your perspective on anything related to the club.

SO WHAT CAN YOU WRITE ABOUT?

How about a trip report? So you enjoyed the trip and would love to share your experiences but are not quite sure who was on the trip or where you actually went.

Call the trip leader and they will give you the details you need to tell your story. It can be as long or short as you want - even a couple of sentences will be well received.

Not sure you want to write a whole report, but want to share that silly / funny incident or dob a friend in? Send a mole report to mole@ccvc.org.nz and it might end up in "The Mole Report", a new section of the club mag.



Writing not your thing?

How about sending some photos for club night. We are keen to have a selection for photos for each trip so here are some guidelines to make it easy for everyone:



Try to pick your best dozen or so photos – we can't show too many on the night so let's make it the best ones.

Photos need to be with me before 8:30pm Monday night. That way I can set them up on Monday night and get them to John on Tuesday night so he can get them ready for Wednesday night.



If you can do so, resize the images to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution setting on your camera). This makes the images small enough to email to david.coxon@xtra.co.nz. Alternatively put your pictures on a CD and call me to arrange to get the CD to me. My contact details are:

463 4263 (w)

567 4501 (home before 8:30)

027 451 0361 (m)

Are you a new member? Do you get the News emails from the club? Do you have access to the club's website memberzone? If not then have a word with a committee member as these are all ways in which the club communicates with its members. Some useful email addresses are:

- Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)
- Lists@ccvc.org.nz (person who administers the list servs)
- Trips@ccvc.org.nz (Trip Coordinator)
- Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
- Database@ccvc.org.nz (membership database administrator)
- Access@ccvc.org.nz (Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)
- NZFWDAdelegate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)



Editorial Ramblings

WANTED: Society Gossip, Scandal, Rumour, and if all else fails, TRIP REPORTS and NEWS! Photos also very welcome

Some of you will remember that I disappeared on my Big OE in 2010 and we had a stand in editor for my three months absence - well I'm off again this year from the start of June till mid August. So I'm on the lookout for a volunteer to put the magazine together for me whilst I'm away - I will get the magazine published at the start of June but will need someone for the magazine published at the start of July and the start of August.

I currently use Microsoft Publisher software to layout the magazine and then print it to a PDF file and email that to John Parfitt who gets it into the correct place onto the website and send out the email advising everyone that it is available.

Don't let the fact that you haven't got the correct software stop you volunteering, I'm sure we will be able to sort something out. Please drop me an email at newsletter@ccvc.org.nz for any further details, and thanks in advance.

Alan...



WANTED—1970's LANDCRUISER

Hello Rex Vizable here. I'm working on a movie called Project L in the Hutt wrangling vehicles and I am looking for a tidy white mid late 70's Landcruiser (pref long wheel base) as a hero car. It is to depict a police 4x4 of the period. Its not getting driven much, mainly just in shot but pivotal to the story.

We are starting shoot in a couple of weeks and as of yet still waiting for final schedule but keen to try and locate this vehicle asap. We are happy to pay for the vehicle and obviously it will be fully covered by Crombie Lockwood for any event but as i am a car club guy and an enthusiast the vehicle will be very well cared for.

Hoping you may be able to help and looking forward to your reply.

Cheers Rex Vizable
Wrangler Project L - 022 060 9405

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place
March 2014				
Saturday 8th	CCVC Club Champs Round 1 - Standard Class	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4	Colin James' property, 615 Whiteman's Valley Road, Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt
Sunday 9th	CCVC Club Champs Round 1 - Club and Modified Class	Neil Blackie	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Colin James' property, 615 Whiteman's Valley Road, Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt
Wednesday 12th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Sunday 16th	Akatarawa Ramble - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 22nd	CCVC Club Champs Round 2 - Standard Class	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4	Judd's Farm
Sunday 23rd	CCVC Club Champs Round 2 - Club and Modified Class	Neil Blackie	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Judd's Farm
Wednesday 26th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club
Saturday 29th	Orongorongo something different with Ian H - Bookings Required	Morris Jury	Shiny 4X4	Orongorongo area

April 2014

Saturday 5th	Akatarawa Ramble - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 6th	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Book with Andrew (AJ) (04) 568 - 2136 or 021 760 238	Andrew Johnston	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Friday 18th	Zuki Central 2014	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny / Hard Yakka	
Sunday 27th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club

May 2014

Sunday 11th	Akatarawa Ramble - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Saturday 24th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club

Trip Categories

The following trip category definitions, plus any *additional* requirements specified on individual Trip Information Sheets, will be enforced, for safety reasons. Trip Leaders will turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The vehicle and driver requirements given here are a summary of the full requirements listed on the club website. Please refer to www.ccvc.org.nz for a definitive list of requirements.

For all Categories: All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

All Categories **other than Family 4X4** 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.

Family 4X4:

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, particularly important are experience in stropping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidelings. Club members must have completed CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family 4X4 trips *after* becoming a member.

Vehicles: Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip.

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. Club members must have participated in at least 2 Shiny 4X4 trips.

Vehicles: Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & 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.

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, must have approval of Trip Leader. Club members must have participated in at least 3 Club 4X4 trips.

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

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