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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

This has clearly been a year of disruption and frustration because of Government restrictions. Whilst I am sure we all support public safety measures, it is sometimes hard to see how health is endangered by 4WD travel in separate vehicles with suitable distancing at stops. But it is what it was and we are now thankfully over the lockdown restrictions and getting our Club activities back on stream (oops - keep out of streams)!

The Club programme of trips was basically stopped whilst the virus lockdown prevented both gatherings and travel for a couple of months. Only now are things getting back to "normal", but planned overseas trips to celebrate our 50 years are no longer permitted by Government travel restrictions. It looks as if this restriction will continue all next year!

A new Trip briefing card has been prepared which makes it clearer when trips (and Club responsibility) start and stop. My thanks to Neil for picking up the Club Captain role during the year. Interestingly, a Trip Leaders forum held on Zoom was better attended than most physical meetings and seemed to be more efficient in doing the business.

Our commitment to Wellington City Council and Capital Kiwi has been able to continue with trapping with only a small interruption. So far, we have netted a total of just over 300 animals to date, plus unrecorded kills from the automatic resetting traps where the kills are generally eaten by larger animals. About a third of the kills are on the Coastal route which suggests we may need to give more attention to this area. Thanks to Barry, Murray our database expert, and all the trained trapping crew who turn out every few weeks to get the job done.

Our national Association has been busy, first defending (unsuccessfully) both the FWDA itself and the Valley Club in a prosecution brought by the Wellington Regional Council. The Judge's decision is available on the web site to study and it is clear we all need to be careful in planning and operating events that might impinge on waterways. The Association has grappled with some changes to the Constitution which in large part stem from the Court case. These will be debated and resolved in future months.

As we look forward to the next year, our 50th as a formal club, we will benefit from the work being done by a small sub-committee in planning events and celebrations. A book is under preparation, photos are being gathered for a competition, and we will host the Association AGM in Wellington as a special event and re live past years. Whilst the Treasurer will show the Accounts are in good shape, we do plan to spend some of our funds on the 50th year activities, the book for example. We have held our subscription over the past two years which meant we have absorbed an increased national levy (\$30 to \$35 per annum). Despite this we have replaced the Club's ageing marque and made donations to the Free Ambulance and Life Flight Trust. Fortunately, we have not needed their services during the year.

Our membership has declined slightly, perhaps not unexpectedly as people focus on their family in face of redundancies or other strained circumstances. It was a great loss to the Club when our Club Captain, Steve Mercer, passed away after a sudden and short illness. Another loss was Graeme Millard moving south to enjoy a well earned retirement from Akatarawa bogs!

My thanks to the Committee who have worked well together and who, I am sure, will support the Club in whatever role they might volunteer for in the future. However, our Constitution does require rotation of the Committee so I look forward to new blood and a special Anniversary year.

Best regards to all Ian Hutchings President

CLUB CLOTHING

John Vruink on behalf of the club has been investigating club branded clothing for members to purchase. He typically has samples at club night and there is usually a few members modelling various items on trips.

Cap Navy/White 4014	\$15
Beanie Navy 3059	\$20
Hoodie Navy ZHH	\$75
Soft Shell Jacket Black SJM	\$110
Jacket GJ Navy/Charcoal	\$100
Polo Shirt Navy/White	\$40
Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt	\$16.50

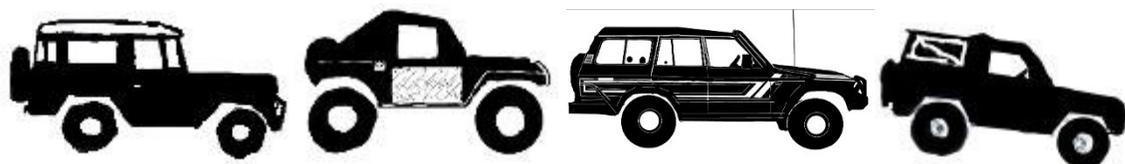
If interested please contact John directly on john.vruink@gmail.com

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.



A THANK YOU FROM LIZ

I'd like to say thank you to the CCVC for all the friendship and adventures that my husband Steve Mercer enjoyed in his years with the club.

I'm especially moved to show my appreciation to Ralph and Murray Taylor who have been so kind to me since Steve died at the start of March after a short illness. They discovered how helpless I was feeling in dealing with Steve's truck and all the paraphernalia resulting from his love of 4WD. All this came from vehicle upkeep, getting ready for going into the mountains for future adventures as well as helping with training and other tasks he put his energy into to help keep the club alive and relevant. Also a great big shout out to another member, Wynne Morgan who took up the big job, along with another friend, to sort out all Steve's amateur radio equipment that had stemmed from an interest that developed using radios on 4WD adventures.

The guys were very good friends of Steve's so found it just as sad as I did having to sort through everything and find homes for the useful things. I was left with a much less scary garage and peace of mind that Steve would be happy to see many of his things having a further useful life. You did such a good job. Thank you so much. Long may this side of the club continue in taking care of its members and their families when the need arises. So much Aroha.

From Liz Jones



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AGM and Officer Nominations

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc



2020 club officer nomination form

I wish to nominate the person below for one of the following officer positions of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.

Tick one only

Club Officers

<input type="checkbox"/>	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate Past President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Captain
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Some of the photos we have received for our 50th Ann. Do you recognise any of the people, trucks, trips or tracks?



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc

Notice is hereby Given that the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc will be held on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at the Naenae Bowling Club, 25 Vogel Street, Naenae. The AGM will be in association with the August club Meeting.



AGM AGNENDA 2020

To be preceded by normal Club Night stuff and followed by Award Presentations.

1. Welcome, explanation and Apologies
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2019 AGM (published on web)
4. Matters Arising
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Presidents report (on web)
 - b. Treasurers Report (period to 31 March)
6. Election of Club Committee (Rule 22)
 - a. President.
 - b. Vice President.
 - c. Immediate Past President (not required - amendments of 2019).
 - d. Secretary.
 - e. Treasurer.
 - f. Club Captain.
 - g. General Committee Members (Rule 20 – should be 3 new members)
 - i. Competition Officer
 - ii. Driver Training Officer
 - iii. Entertainment Officer
 - iv. Central Zone Delegate
 - v. Membership Officer
 - vi. Trip Coordinator
 - vii. Magazine Editor Officer
 - viii. Social Media Officer
 - ix. Vehicle Inspector Liaison Officer
 - x. Publicity Liaison Officer
 - xi. General Committee
7. Confirmation of Honorary Members
 - a. Land owners
 - b. Vehicle Inspectors
 - c. Welfare Officer d. Other
8. Subscriptions (Rule 16) (currently Ordinary Members \$50 plus Association \$35, Associate \$45)
9. Appointment of Financial reviewer (Auditor, Rule 23 can be done by Committee)
10. Notices of Motion
11. General Business



WORKING PARTY No.3

(No2 Cancel because of Covid-19)

To open up a new track
Makairo Track Working Bee
Combined event with Central
Zone Clubs & CCVC
Saturday 5th September
2020

Contact John Vruink Ph
0274439981

john.vruink@gmail.com

MeetingTime 9:00am

Meeting Place SH2 Mangatainoka by Tui
Brewery

What to bring track clearing gear, chain-
saws (must have safety gear) Scrub
bars, spades, and man power

This track in the northern Wairarapa is
about 9ks long and has not been used for
a long time.

A great chance to open up a new 4X4
track in our area



50th Anniversary Photo Shoot - 25th July 2020

Finally success!

Absolutely brilliant photos, couldn't have asked for anything better. Nearly fifty CCVC trucks parked in the shape of 50th on the front paddock of Orongorongo station on a stunning winters day, could not have asked for better.

What I guess is the first official event of the clubs 50th Anniversary finally took place on Saturday 25th July. Early on in the anniversary planning the idea of having a photo shoot with trucks lined up to make a big 50 was agreed but after two false starts it was looking like a big ask. Finally the weather gods played their part and with the forecast looking good we confirmed the shoot was on. I decided to go on Phil Green's Orongorongo trip anyway whatever the weather so a big THANK YOU has to go out to 50th committee members Penne Durdle and Neil Blackie who turned up early and helped herd all the trucks into something that resembled the 50.

What a fantastic turn-out, not all registered so I'm hoping I didn't miss anyone when I was collecting names as we want to list everyone who attended with the photo in the anniversary book. So many members who generally aren't very active turned up on this special occasion. John Vruink wanted both his trucks in the photo so A-framed the 40 series out to the coast. Being busy working with the drone pilots and the 50th committee team I didn't get a chance to catch up with everyone but that is the life of an organiser, hope everyone can come along to the anniversary dinner next year for a good catch-up.

Unfortunately Megan Koornneef and Grant Richards, who had booked on the Orongorongo trip, missed the photo shoot due to Megan's 200 series Cruiser spinning a tyre in the rim and Grant selflessly helping out with the tyre change. Unfortunately we couldn't wait as the day needed to keep moving, sorry guys.

The two drones stirred up a flock of seagulls but that didn't stop them taking some excellent photos of the CCVC team. A big thanks goes out to the drone pilots, Rick Braines' son Daniel and my old school mate, Phil Jeune for putting in the effort to make the day a success.

Phil's Shiny 4x4 trip was really enjoyable with Barry in his Suzuki getting a nod for a trip report thanks to getting a little bellied in the water filled ruts. The shingle fan didn't look like anyone had been across since the last round of wet weather but with some rock shifting and some guidance the 14 trucks on the station trip successfully negotiated the creeks and created a new track for others to follow. The big slip over to Ocean Beach was open so we got through to the DOC camp at Corner Creek for a late lunch before heading back. Day wrapped up about 3.30pm and home before dark so all in all a top day. Thanks to all concerned, couldn't have gone better.

None of this would have happened without the support of the land owner, big thanks to Jacinda Absalom of Orongorongo Station.

Ralph Dobson
K182 – 50th Committee.



CCVC trip down Odlins/Waiotauru Road with DD

So after a week of rain there was a little bit of nervousness as Emma and I left to meet at the Rimutaka Caltex for a trip with DD which he had described as suitable for shiny to club trucks!!?? The weather was looking like it would not rain on us at least.

We were the last to arrive but still in plenty of time for the short briefing which was to say that we would have the actual briefing when we got to the carpark at the entrance to the road.

After a bit of banter and discussion about taking photos of previous damage as a record, we all mounted up and headed off driving in convoy along the Akatarawa Road. We met very little traffic which was good because it was a narrow winding road.

We arrived at the carpark meeting Darren and his young son who had gone ahead so that he could get his truck unloaded off the trailer. The carpark looked like people thought it was a place to dump rubbish, although as the cloud dispersed proved to be a great vantage point for a lovely view across to Paraparamu. There was a mix of trucks ranging from Richards mostly shiny Pajero though to Darren's bush truck. We aired down and after the briefing by DD locked in 4WD low range and headed on to the "road". There's an easy step at the start but enough to hopefully keep at least the average 2wd car at bay.

As we wound our way along the road it became clear that this was a great all weather track. There was very little to show for the amount of rain we had had over the previous week. There were some nice technical parts, but the footing was not muddy and the puddles had a good solid base. There was some loose rock and some cross axle parts to make you think about your line, but everyone moved along well. The odd retry here and there but nothing that required snatching or winching.

Although the Prado is not as shiny as it once was it was a really pleasant change to not be struggling to keep the bodywork in its pristine condition. There was some shrubbery but nothing to leave marks (well one branch but we removed that in short order).

The first stop was to take in the amazing view out across to Kapiti Coast. We had been struggling to keep up with DD and Tony in his jeep, so I asked DD to slow down a bit, who complained that he was already nearly in 1st, but did slow down after that so those of us not so keen to be airborne could keep up. The weather not only stayed dry but actually became quite nice. The track continued to deliver. You definitely wanted to keep your mind on the job as there were some washouts hiding on the inside of corners and some steep bits. A couple of rusted out wrecks reminded you not to take the track lightly.

A highlight of the day was negotiating a part of the track at where the head waters had broken and the track had been washed away on one side. On the other side was a slip down to the valley floor. A while back they had to get a digger in to repair the track so there is a narrow bridge between the two. It is definitely not somewhere you would want to leave the road that is for sure, but amazing views!

We then headed down towards the hut and there were some bits where DD got out and provided some direction which was much appreciated, in particular a bit where there is a nice sized rock sticking out of the bank on the downhill side of the track on a corner so you needed to stay high on quite an angle to avoid panel damage. DD said "ah you've got rock sliders you will be fine" but to me it looked like the rock was higher than the sliders! We all got past without incident but the banana shaped factory step on the side of the track showed that not everyone had been so successful in the past. There were some hairy washouts and side slopes but all the vehicles managed.

Before we knew it the hut was in front of us. We stopped and had lunch, and admired the hut which is a credit to those involved in making it happen. Great to see what a combined effort from a number of different people and groups was able to achieve.

After chatting about the trip in, some of the history of the road and the trucks that people were using. The gals commented on the wonderful hydrangeas that were growing wildly in great abundance along the track. We all agreed how lucky we are to be able to do this. We packed up and jumped back in the trucks, turned around and headed back up the hill which would surely be a bit more challenging than it was on the way down. In fact it was not as difficult as we had thought it might be, although there was a moment when Richard went over a drop down in the track and the Pajero lifted a rear wheel well into the air and did a couple of sphincter clenching bounces but thankfully settled and got down ok. Unfortunately not too long after that he got a bit close to a bank on a climb and his rear corner light decided to "kiss" the bank removing the clear outer plastic. DD was not impressed and was worried that this would reflect badly on him!

The rest of the drive back out was uneventful but still good fun. Before we knew it we were at the end of the road and it was time to air up.

We will definitely be back! The road is a bit of a rarity in Wellington. It is a great track for those that want a bit more of a challenge and have a capable truck, but do not want to be bashing it on trees and banks. Add to that the fact that it has proven to be an all weather track and you have a great track along with some awesome views too!

Luke & Emma Crossley



42nd TRAVERSE TRACK CLEARING

When the call went out for volunteers to assist with tracking clearing and the opportunity to drive anywhere but the supermarket I was in.

Early finish from work and hit the road to try and get ahead of the traffic. Remarkably it was a smooth steady flow all the way through to Otaki with only a very slight delay just before Pukerua Bay. A stop for Macca's at Bulls then through to National Park in the pouring rain. It didn't bode well for the track work the next day where occasional showers were forecast.

I finally managed to track down the access code for the lodge, got in and settled when Willem and Paul from the Auckland Four Wheel Drive Club arrived. A bit of a chat then off to the scratcher after a long day.

From CCVC Darren Young and myself we're on the job. Darren had driven up in his car so grabbed a seat with me for the day.

Morning was warmer than expected four degrees and overcast though with a high temp of eight degrees forecast it was on with the thermals for the day.

We headed on out to meet up at Owango for a 9.30 start. By the time we were ready to go 15 trucks from Auckland, Wellington, Taupo and Rotorua we're ready to go. Briefing over from Peter Vahry, who was representing the Friends of the 42nd, we were on the move entering the track from the west end. The work of a previous clearing party had held well so we were well along before we started clearing. With a mixture of loppers, hand saws and brush cutters we were able to clear through to around the 14k point. Lunch was at a small clearing overlooking the valley below and to the accompaniment of bell birds and fan tails.

We continued cutting through to around 3.00pm with some deciding to head all the way through and the rest of us heading back to Owango where Darren had left his car. With the tyres still down it was a slow but pleasant drive back to National Park.

After a few beers, a good chinwag and plenty of dinner it was off to bed for me.

Sunday dawned cold with windscreens frozen over. It was a slow emergence for troops that morning but by 8.30 we were assembled at the turnoff to the 42nd at the eastern end. Crystal clear views of Ruapehu and Ngaurahoe along with the beautiful winter light made it a very special morning.

Now down to seven trucks we headed along the access road and 9Ks into the 42nd where we started clearing again. Once again previous clearing had held up well and we were able to power through the cutting. We called it quits at 11.00 am to return to the road and head home in our different directions. The track surface was in very good condition with only a couple of mildly slippery bits to the west end.

I got home just after 5 after a clear run through to Otaki and a steady traffic flow all the way to Wellington.

A great weekend, great group of people, perfect weather (I didn't need the thermals!) and we got a heap done. No show at all from DOC which was a little disappointing when you consider how far people had travelled to help with the track maintenance. Using the values I assign at work for volunteer time around \$7000 worth of work was completed over the weekend.

Big thank you to Peter Vahry of the Auckland Club for organising the weekend.

David Sole
K116

CCVC Online Store for Club Merchandise (Clothing etc).

The clubs "Online Store" is now active and is the preferred method for members to order club clothing and any other club merchandise that may be available from time to time.

The Online Store is a module of the clubs Wild Apricot membership database and it allows members to:

- View all products available (photo).
- Order the products online.
- Pay for the products online.

There are currently two catalogues in the store:
Club Clothing.
50th Anniversary Products.
There is also a clothing size guide.

Clothing Delivery.

The preferred method for clothing delivery is to have the products shipped to you by courier directly from the embroiders. There is a charge of \$9.50 for this (built into the system) however it means that you will receive the products within a day or so of them being produced by the embroiders.

There is also an option to pick up the goods at (say) club night however, the clubs preference is to have them forwarded directly to you.

Payment for Goods.

Payment for the goods is currently set for "online only" allowing you to use your credit card (or Paypal account) and the funds will be automatically credited to the Clubs Paypal account.

Other payment methods are not currently available through the website however, if you need to make payment using another method, please discuss the issue with the Store Manager John Vruink.

Note: Payment is required before the goods will be ordered from the supplier.

Where to find the Store.

The store is located in the clubs website under the "Memberzone" tab. You will need to be signed into the website in order to see it as it is only visible to CCVC Members.

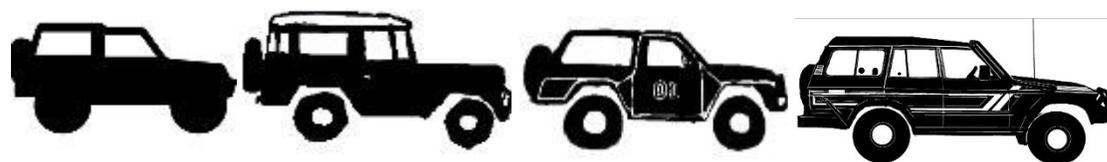
Additional Information and Instructions.

The front page of the store contains information and instructions regarding the use of the store and it is highly desirable that you read this prior to completing an order.

This is particularly important when it comes to completing the order and making payment as you need to follow a particular sequence to successfully complete the ordering process. It is simple if you follow the process (built into the module) but very frustrating if you short cut it.

We know that it is often said that men do not read instructions but in this case PLEASE DO as it will save you a lot of frustration and confusion in the long run.

The club is keen to have its members out there proudly wearing club clothing so have a look at the store and the products and order away.





IAN GROOME TRIP - 19 July 2020

We all meet at Totara park entrance at 9am. A total of 22 vehicles and quite a mixed batch of vehicles there was. I noted with some concern about half a dozen Toyotas of different shapes and sizes were present, however not to worry it is going to be a relatively easy shiny so they should survive ok.

The vehicles were examined by trip leaders to make sure that the trucks were ok particularly the visitor trucks and all ok. Ian gave the gathered group the necessary talk on safety etc then about 9.30 am we headed off.

About 5 minutes later a call over the radio a vehicle had gearbox problems, yes, you guessed it, a Toyota!! . The poor guy was taken back to the gate by Frank then the trip continued. All went well until the convoy got just short of McGhies bridge to be stopped by a large slip across the road. This meant turning all 22 vehicles around, no mean feat on a narrow road, then stop further up the track to decide where to go from here. It was soon decided to go to the Pukitero entrance via Rallywoods which we did. We then stopped for a morning break about a k in from the gate.

I felt it was my duty to point out to Phil Greene that the broken truck didn't surprise me given it was a Toyota. Being a Toyota owner, Phil didn't seem to be impressed with my observation, and a narrowing of the eyes, gritted teeth and mumblings about demented pensioners, seemed to indicate an opposing view which could have hurt my feelings if I had any.

The call went out smoko over and we're on our way. Going up Clearys Rd was a slippery sliding affair as the track was quite greasy in places, but all negotiated ok. We then turned in to Toi Toi rd., then up Hydro rd. to the transmission tower which has magic views over the Hutt Valley. From there we then headed back down Hydro rd to the Orange hut for lunch.

After lunch the group headed out to Whakatiki rd via Norms rd, to head up Whakatiki to TiTi rd. this route was chosen as Hydro Valley rd is blocked at the northern end for logging. At TiTi rd it was discovered that we could only go right as to the left the rd was blocked, again for logging. At this point Ian split the trip, those that wanted to leave via Kapiti coast entrance, the rest returned with Frank to go out the moonshine entrance. I and 5 others returned with Frank on an uneventful trip back. Once out I stopped to talk with Phil, and to my horror realised I'd run out of insults.

Please forgive me Phil, by next trip I'll have a pile more insults.

Dave De Martin [the poor old pensioner]

50th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO COMPETITION:

As part of the 50th Anniversary, coming up in 2021, we need some historical photos for things we have planned. We have a few in the archives, that we will pull out over the next few months but would like to see what everyone has in their own records.

To help encourage everyone we have decided to run a photo competition to the end of the year. With winners being presented with prizes and the end of year function. (Yes there will be prizes—more info on them next month)

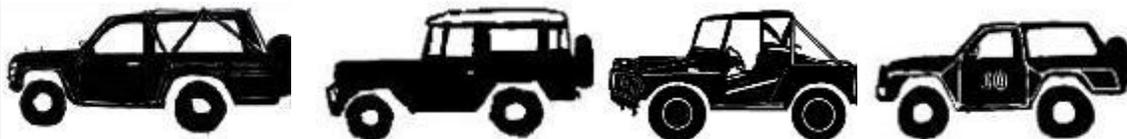
There will be 12 sections to enter.

- 1970s - Personalities
- 1980s - Personalities
- 1990s - Personalities
- 1970s - Competition
- 1980s - Competition
- 1990s - Competition
- 1970s - Away trip
- 1980s - Away trip
- 1990s - Away trip
- 1970s—Scenic
- 1980s—Scenic
- 1990s—Scenic

All photos entered will become property of CCVC and may be used in a 50 Anniversary Book, Calendar or other marketing material or Club publications.

Photos to be sent to 50years@ccvc.org.nz

The prizes will be a \$50 voucher per category.



Photos from the beach clean up

DOUBLE Ds Trip - 26th July 2020

Well, here I go writing about a trip I've done on 26th July. Naturally as I ran the trip I can only describe it as amazing, wonderful, exciting etc etc. I must point out the reason for this trip was to provide a trip a little more challenging than a straight shiny but non damaging apart from your normal bush scratches .

We headed off from the Puketero gate [also known as Cooks gate] and headed up Puketero Rd to Dicks yard. There were 3 trucks plus me, Lara and her Jeep destroying hubby Steve as passenger [ha ha that'll teach you to wreck your truck] Phil and Ash Senior in their very impressive Toyota, and James in the Suzuki. We turned into the side track that is a short cut to Rd Nine which leads to the track into Dicks yard. Once down into Dicks yard I decided to continue straight through towards the M.O.T block as the usual track half-way is steep and very slippery and muddy in the wet.

At this point I would like Phil Greene to stop reading as I'm about to say nice things about the Toyota. It went very well, unlike Phils pile of crap, although in fairness the difference is probably driving skills , say no more.

From here we went down the Blow fly track to go far enough to look over the Australian disaster known as Transmission Gully. I warned the others that this track is particularly scratchy from the gorse and all were ok to travel in. It is quite a distance with a challenging puddle halfway that foot flat can overcome. The little Suzuki struggled because of a lack of ground clearance, but got through with a bit of a tow. We finally got to a viewing point which I hadn't been to for a year and not much progress was seen. I hope you've been following the deal on this disaster, 2 years behind, \$140mil over budget so far and the Aussies want to cancel the contract and go to charge up with no come back on faults!!!!. If I was in charge I'd bankrupt the dicks take everything they have and send them back to Aussie in canoes.

Back to the trip, it was such a nice day, we had lunch here then eventually moved on, We then went into Hydro Rd via the original side track which is more challenging than the boring newer track. We went up the zig-zag to the pylon at the top with impressive viws. Going down Hydro rd I ran out of brakes, which is no big deal to a man of my amazing skill levels, we continued to the Orange Hut where we met up with the guys from Kapiti family club. I put it to the team that we could carry on with me in some one elses truck or head out, it was decided to head out as we had already accomplished a fair bit. We then duly headed back out with me driving home rather carefully with no brakes.

Dave De Martin



AUGUST 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS:

To book for trips now go to <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/New-Full-Club-Calendar>

Wednesday 12th CCVC CLUB NIGHT & AGM - Meeting

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ian Hutchings
7:30

Saturday 15th FAMILY SHINY

SOUTH COAST PLANTING

All welcome

Book via <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3875323?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=8/5/2020>

Saturday 22nd SHINY 4x4

AKATAWARAS Afternoon Trip
All welcome

Wednesday 26th CCVC COMMITTEE - Meeting

PORIRUA CLUB

Ian Hutchings
7:30

Saturday 29th –Shiny/Club 4x4

McKenzie Trail - limited numbers

You **MUST** book directly with Ian Dixon

Refer to the document below for booking instructions

For more events refer to our
Website www.ccvc.org.nz or our
facebook page
www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/

www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/

SEPTEMBER 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday 5th WORKING BEE

Makairo Track Working Bee
Contact John Vruink

Wednesday 9th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ian Hutchings
7:30

Saturday 12th FAMILY SHINY

AKATAWARAS Monthly Trip
All welcome

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Sunday 27th FAMILY SHINY

Orongarongas Monthly Trip
All welcome

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Wednesday 30th CCVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB

Ian Hutchings
7:30



TRIP CATEGORIES

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated (CCVC or Club) organises and runs 4WD trips and events that cover terrain of various degrees of difficulty. Club members and visitors that participate have differing levels of off-road driving skills and experience and their vehicles have differing degrees of off-road capability.

As a guide to participants, the level of difficulty of each trip is identified in advance as falling into one or more of the pre-defined Trip Categories. The Trip Categories are defined as:

Touring Class Travelling on back country roads accessible to the General Public. Limited “off road” travel may occur but only where appropriate to vehicles on the trip;

Family Shiny Introductory level “off road” trip;

Shiny 4x4 More challenging “off road” trip;

Club 4x4 Specialist vehicles and equipment required, also additional driver skills;

Hard Yakka The most difficult terrain, requiring significant driver and vehicle capability.

Safety issues can arise if drivers have inappropriate skills, experience or vehicle capability for any given trip.

CCVC has defined the guidelines set out in this document, describing driver skills and experience pre-requisites for participation in club trips and events in order to optimise safety to the greatest extent possible and practicable.

Membership of CCVC

To become a member of CCVC a driver must attend three (3) trips of either the “Touring Class” or “Family Shiny” category trip.

Once these trips have been completed and the “Application for Membership” submitted, the prospective new member’s application will be considered through the Club’s new member approval process.

Advancing through the trip categories

In order to advance to a “harder” trip category, members are expected to have participated in a minimum of two (2) trips in the previous category. Members are to advise the Trip Leader when they attend their first trip of the next category up.

Members will be required to have attended a club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of “Shiny 4x4” or above.

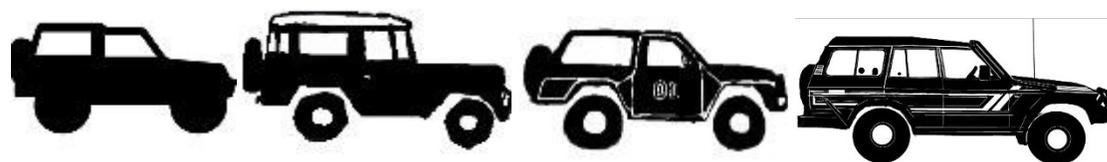
The member must also be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the Trip Leader.

A Trip Leader has the absolute right to exclude a member from a trip if they believe that the trip is beyond the capability of either the member and/or their vehicle and that participation in the trip has the potential to place the member, their vehicle or other persons participating in the trip in any form of danger due to the Member and/or their vehicles unsuitability.

The Trip Leaders decision on the day is final and can only be contested via the clubs “Complaints Process” as set out in item 51 of the Clubs Rules (Constitution).

To participate in any trip other than “Touring Class” members vehicles must have a current CCVC Vehicle inspection sticker.

Note: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a “Shiny 4x4” category in order to exclude non members).



TRAINING:

Training takes place on every trip and Trip Leaders will try to provide support and instruction (as appropriate) to prospective and new members attending each trip.

This may be done either by the trip leader or by having an experienced Club Member take the individual "under their wing" (so to speak) for the period of the trip.

Training events for specific aspects of 4WD'ing will be organised by the Club from time to time.

As from the effective date of this document, attendance at a Club driver training event will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the club.

Members will be required to have attended a Club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of "Shiny 4x4" or above.

The next training day is November 1st Book with Phil [http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3611644?](http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3611644?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/5/2020)
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VEHICLE INSPECTIONS:

Safety is paramount in everything the club does and to this end the Club has a vehicle inspection regime where members vehicles are inspected by appointed CCVC Vehicle Inspectors to ensure that the vehicles meet the specific requirements as set out in the various Club documents (e.g. CCVC-SAFETY-0002 Minimum Standards for Tow Hook Mounting).

A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue. CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in any trip category other than Touring Class trips have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Shiny 4x4" category in order to exclude non members).

As from the effective date of this document, having a vehicle inspected and obtaining a vehicle inspection sticker for the vehicle will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the Club. Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say as to whether a person or vehicle can participate in any trip or event.

It is recommended that novices on Family Shiny trips and Members new to the Shiny 4x4 category make themselves known to the Trip Leader so they can be allocated a "buddy" to guide and assist them during the trip.

VEHICLE INSPECTORS

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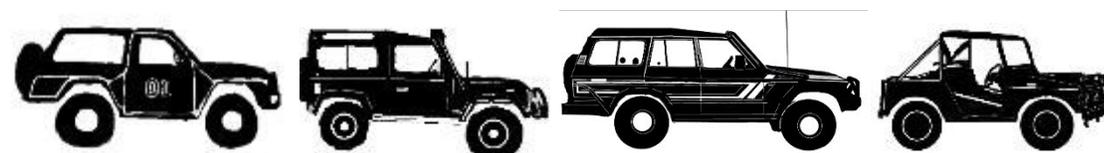
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NB: Please remember to call and make an appointment before turning up for an inspection!



CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Adams
Leith Bean
Stuart Brown
Andy Cockcroft
Mike Gall
John Hughes
Heather Jeffery
Steve Lacey
Colin Landy
Phil Lewton
Bruce Mulhare
Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne
Ross Perkins
Grant Purdie

ROLL OF HONOR

The Roll of honour celebrates life members of the club who have passed away.

Bob Jeffery
George Bean
Peter Boniface
Ron Oliver
Vern Lill
Steve O'Callaghan
Ron Wadham
Owen Farqhar
Ron Johnson
Graham Barr
Tony Street

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ian Hutchings
Vice President	Ron Gardner
Treasurer	Frank Allen
Club Captain	Neil Blackie

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Phil Green
Entertainment Officer	John Vruink
Central Zone Delegate	John Vruink
Membership Officer	John Parfitt
Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
Magazine Editor Officer	Penne Durdle
Social Media Officer	Penne Durdle
Vehicle Inspector Liaison Officer	Duncan Grocott
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner

CLUB NOTICES

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

The club members only facebook page is active! We had 50 members sign up in the first 24hours. Some members have found the link broken. This will be because the email the CCVC has for you is different from your facebook email. If you want to join then just send your facebook email to:

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

All our trips will be listed in events . Club members are using it as a way to share photos of trips—I know not everyone uses facebook but if you do and haven't managed to sign up it's a good way to see what other members are up to.

CLUB ASSETS

The Club has purchased various assets over the years, mainly for use on Club events or to facilitate the smooth running of the Club. At the discretion of the Committee these assets may be borrowed by Club members for non-club purposes. An approach for use should be made to the Clubs Asset Manager, Duncan Grocott, <mailto:assets@ccvc.org.nz>

The main assets are:

NEW MARQUEE!!!!

Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)

Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)

Portable gas bbq

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

Alex Rider
Dave Comfort

Kent Barrell (has rejoined the club following an absence of a couple of years.)



MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!!

We need any articles, trip reports, photos, puzzles, technical items, "How-to's", etc. these are to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each

calendar month.

Please email to

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

DISCLAIMER: The opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the club, it's executive or committee members. Publication of maintenance techniques or mechanical modifications should be weighed against generally accepted procedures and the Club should not be considered an authority in this area.

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CCVC CLUB MEMBERS PHOTOS & VIDEOS

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at club night, in the club magazine and on our facebook page

Here are some simple guidelines to make it easy for everyone:

- Pick your best 6 to 10 photos
- Save the images as a jpg
- Please resized to 1920 x 1080 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)
- Please don't put the photos on a website in an email or in a pdf file as it makes it hard to extract the images.

We are always looking for 4WD related video clips, PowerPoint presentations, YouTube listings, etc. that can be shown on club night – we have the technology!

CLUB NIGHT CONTENT:

Brendan needs all material by 7.00pm on the Friday night prior to Club night to allow sufficient time to prepare the data show. If you have a "ready to show" USB stick with sequenced, correctly rotated photos and or video or PowerPoint presentation, these could be given to Brendan on the night, but please contact Brendon prior to arrange. If you have any questions please contact Brendon.

Please Email them to photos@ccvc.org.nz – most email systems have a limit of 10MB so use an online service like files.fm or put them on USB key

Contact details: Brendon Millard
2/11B Gemstone Dr, Upper Hutt
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04 5680157 work

MAGAZINE CONTENT:

Penne needs trip reports, photos and any other content by the 1st of each month to allow sufficient time to put them into the magazine. Thanks to those who contributed content to this months magazine.

Please email missmuddypenne@gmail.com.

50 Anniversary:

We are looking for photos, stories and videos that tell about our clubs history so start looking. In the next few months look out for a photo competition where we will be looking for the best photos.

Please email 50years@ccvc.org.nz

