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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

Sadly, today I was advised of the death of Steve Mercer. Steve was a Trip Leader and the Club Captain, as well as providing the link between the Club support for SAR activities when required. Steve's demise will be a huge loss to the Club, and I know our thoughts and condolences will be with Liz as she works through this tragic event.

Wow, it is amazing that CCVC events are now being closed off as bookings reach the limit. Whilst the Training days are often full, it is surprising to see the recent Terawhiti Beach clean-up was also fully subscribed. Congratulations to Rick and Barry for organizing this and being invited on to the property. There were several cubic meters of rubbish, plastic, rope, tyres, nets and general garbage collected and donated to Wellington Council for their landfill. The topography of the North Island means that items which get washed along and down the coastline by the prevailing tides and winds tend to be collected at Te Ika Maru Bay and to a lesser extent Ohau Bay. It was good to see the Station now has much clearer fenced paddocks and good stock levels, all facilitated by the wind turbine developments. The good news is that it now looks like a clean-up trip it can be an annual feature in our Calendar in the future.

The Events system and particularly the Trip Booking part certainly allows better management of our events. In time it can perhaps be refined further but right now it is a big step forward and assists Trip Leaders in their tasks. John Parfitt has just circulated Trip Leaders with some material on how to use the system, and once you have done a few it becomes second nature. Thanks, John for this work.

The new Marquee is now emblazoned with Club insignia and available for Club outings and also for use by Members. It is in two parts, each 3 x 3 m, and whilst one comes with full side walls, the other can be joined to make a partially enclosed larger space.

The Club also has three EPIRB units, or at least we have three registered with Maritime Rescue. At this stage only two can be located, so if you have a Club EPIRB please give me an e-mail confirming if it is Number 1, 2, or 3. President@ccvc.org.nz

My thanks to Grant Uridge for his presentation on Insurance issues last month, it is always good to hear both sides of the insurance story.

Finally, the 50th Sub-Committee has been active and an outline of competitions, trips and events will be on the agenda for Club Night in March. See you there!

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 modeling 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

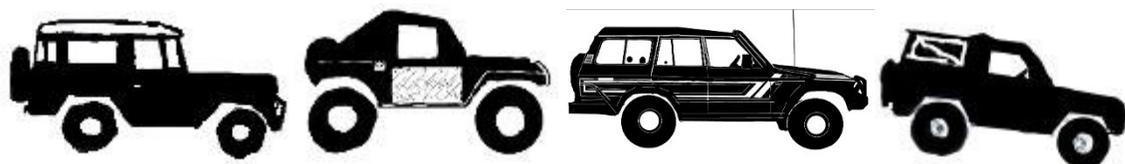
If interested please contact John directly on john.vruink@gmail.com

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.



Makiro Track Clearing Working Bee

At 6:00am Saturday Morning Neil Blackie and myself left myplace to head over the Rimutakas and make our way up to Mangatainoka to be at the meeting time of 9:00am. Time for a quick stop in Pahiatua for a coffee and something to eat. Arrived at Mangatainoka just before 9:00 and met up with Hamish Wilson and David Seymore from Wairarapa 4WD Club. Mark Watchhorn Manawatu 4WD Club met up with us at the start of the track. The five of us worked in light rain until lunchtime when we stopped for some sausages on the BBQ. After lunch Mark and David had to leave. With the weather clearing a bit Neil, Hamish and myself carried on until about 3:30. In total we cleared about 600 metres of track with about 400 metres to go before we make it to the bridge. Next working bee is planned for Sunday 5th April, hopefully we can get a few more members along to open up this new track.

John Vruink.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP To open up a new track

Makairo Track Working Bee # 2

Combined event with Central Zone Clubs & CCVC
Sun 5th April

Contact John Vruink Ph 0274439981 john.vruink@gmail.com

MeetingTime 9:00am Sunday

Meeting Place SH2 Mangatainoka by Tui Brewery

Where to Stay Camping to be arranged

What to bring track clearing gear, chainsaws
(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.



Do you know these People.....or who's truck



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.



McKenzie Trail Trilogy

By Steve Penman, Carl Mackenzie & Lara Penman

Sun 29 Dec (Steve Penman)

The McKenzie Trail winds its way up and down behind the sand dunes north of Foxton Beach and is one of our favourite day trips out of Wellington. We were sufficiently excited to see that Grant was running three trips over the holiday break that Lara and I booked in for all three trips.

The first day was intended to be a trail recce. However, with ten vehicles of a variety shapes and sizes turning up at the bird sanctuary bollards the first day took on a bit of a survivor theme.

Following a thorough safety briefing on the unique features of the McKenzie Trail and tips for driving in soft sand, Grant led us quietly through Foxton Beach township to the start of the trail.

The trail started with a gentle meander through the trees before we popped out of the forest into a bright sunny day with virtually no wind. This made it feel even hotter as the day went on, though it is nice not to be sand blasted during recoveries. There was plenty of new growth on the track which is probably the best excuse Rob McBride-Wilson in the big Nissan has for striking a stump and snapping his panhard rod within five minutes of starting the day.

After some careful manoeuvring and jacking Rob successfully executed what is fast becoming a classic tie-down trail repair to hold his panhard together long enough to get back to civilisation (i.e. a workshop). The general consensus was that tie-downs may have now surpassed number 8 wire as the primary medium of kiwi ingenuity. Rob took an early exit out through the dunes via an existing four-wheeler track which we smoothed over afterwards – to ensure we treaded lightly.

The first serious challenge of the trip – a short steep dune where we had to (except for super-light modified Suzuki's) follow a tight right-angle sweep with enough momentum to crest over the top. It is harder than it sounds. Grant made it look easy with plenty of time to enjoy the view while waiting for the rest of us, most who had a bit more trouble.

This unnamed (as far as I am aware) challenge fast became recovery central, with the Prado, 80 Series Landcruiser and Surf all needing some serious multi-pull winch assistance from Grant. This wasn't a Toyota issue (in case you spotted the trend) rather a case study of the limits of long wheelbase vehicles on the McKenzie Trail.

Once everyone cleared the first challenge, we didn't get far before the big cruiser slid sideways on a soft bit of track and needed a helping hand. This became the norm for the next few sections where most people ran into little spots of difficulty.

The next big challenge was a reasonably big hill with a small drop-in that gives you a fighting chance of making it over in one go. Once again Grant made it look easy. The rest of us proceeded with mixed results. A few made it over while the majority took the bypass option. A special mention for Paul who decided to break in his new V8 Pajero with nine leisurely trips up the hill before finally parking it on the top to wait for Grant to snatch him over.

The next part of the trip focused on multiple minor recoveries and repairs. Rob Knauf collected a good-sized dent in his rear bumper (that he later fixed with some hot water and a plastic hammer to look like new) and de-beaded a tire providing for some high lift fun. More wiggly turns tested the long wheelbase vehicles among the group to their limits and beyond with Graeme in the Surf breaking his CV and even recovery vehicles needing recovery.

The Surf wasn't going to get very far in three-wheel drive, so the decision was made to split the convey. Grant led the broken, battered and/or happy that they had enough fun for the day vehicles back to Foxton Beach.



Grant explaining that straying from the trail into long grass can result in a roll over.



Rob (ably assisted by many watchers) working out a trail fix for his broken panhard.



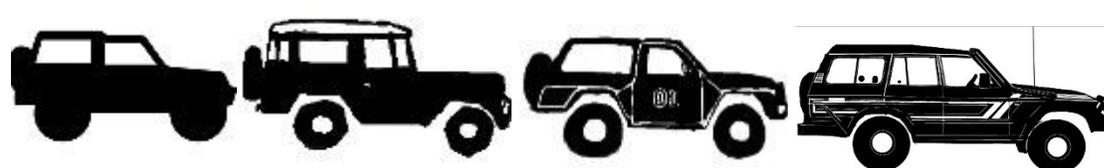
Rob Knauf in his Prado getting stuck in.



Ross van Waas flying over the crest in his modified Suzuki.



Some close winching was required to help the longer rigs up and over the crest.



McKenzie Trail Trilogy

The survivors - Peter in his Pajero, Ross in his modified Suzuki, Paul in his V8 Pajero and Lara in her Jeep continued on with Grant (who had looped back to re-join the convey). The rest of the day was relatively uneventful with no breakdowns and only one recovery when yours truly decided to test out Lara's brand-new under belly skid plate by going deliberately slow through a cross axle section. A simple winch later and we continued to the end of the track at Three Mile Creek. Five trucks finished around 4:00pm with a gentle meander back to Foxton via the beach.

Thu 2 Jan (Carl Mackenzie)

The convey got through the first tricky part of the McKenzie Trail – the sweeping right hander that goes up a soft and slightly difficult to ascend bank where the first trip had a little bit of trouble – relatively unscathed. Next up was a rather steep and soft climb that requires some deft, and blind, positioning at the top. Luke in the Prado decided to go on the old track around this climb, however, the path Luke remembered from previous trips had fallen from favour with current users. Not deterred, Luke set out on his nostalgia mission and didn't disappoint his spectators with a strong run through, even utilizing the newly developed bumps to pull a couple of wheelies. Those taking on the steep, soft climb used the generous approach to get up and over first time and most remembered that the descent continues on a line similar to the ascent, a couple didn't and almost got caught out.

The first real test for all vehicles was up next: a steep soft climb with a downhill approach that has a lip in the middle: Grant timed the lip in the downhill perfectly to make this climb look a lot easier than it is. Ash and Sarah in the Pajero made a valiant, vocal, and entertaining first attempt but didn't quite summit. Rather than use the standard secondary approach, and much to the grandstand's surprise, they decided to reverse back up the downhill approach to have a fresh go at it; they nailed it on the second attempt. Only a couple had to go-around this climb; everyone else appeared to have a great time getting over.

The convey then rolled, without incident, through the spot where, on the prior trip, one vehicle lost a tire, another almost lost their front bumper, and one broke a CV joint, before arriving at the big bowl. This bowl has a long and relatively steep climb out that required the use of a few winches.

After a quick stop for lunch and few more fun climbs, we made it to the end of the McKenzie trail. Everyone had a blast on the hill climb then as a group we decided to continue on and explore trails further up the coast, past Himatangi beach, and eventually go up to the Rangitikei River mouth, at which point a unanimous decision was made to return back via the McKenzie trail, as opposed to returning via the beach.

By this time everyone was really hitting their stride and driving very confidently, resulting in only a few stops on the way back. Of particular note on the return through the big bowl Luke decided he wanted a straighter climb out of the bowl and proceeded to put the Prado's front bumper to work. Grant also decided he didn't 100% like the layout of one of the climbs, a slightly precarious climb with a left-hand camber which led into some slippery grass and down a steep bank. He proceeded to repurpose his FJ40 as a digger and after some coordination from Jordan and Steve, the FJ40 made short work of it. The grandstand finished it off with a few footprints and everyone else breezed through the now flat track. Thank you, Grant, for your efforts.

Sat 4 Jan (Lara Penman)

Another sunny day playing in the sand dunes – Oh I love the McKenzie Trail! This was the third time I drove this trip in the last week, and each time was fun: some good technical driving mixed with some easy cruising down the beach, we all learned some new things (there is always something new to learn driving in the ever changing sand) with great people and an excellent trip leader (thanks Grant!). Picture us with wind in our hair, sea breeze in our nostrils, grins on our faces.

This time we had five vehicles – Grant Purdie in his FJ40, Rob McBride Wilson in his Patrol (the only long wheel base vehicle of the day), then the parade of Jeeps with Tony Anderson in the yellow JK, Steve Penman in the grey TJ, and me (Lara Penman) in my black TJ. The day before we had made an all-important mod to my jeep: an accelerator pedal extension so my short legs could really 'give it some jandal'. The less vertically challenged drivers on the trip thought this was a hilarious mod.



Paul's V8 Pajero resting on the hill.



Recovering the Surf backwards after the Jeep recovered the Pajero that was recovering the Surf (it made sense at the time).



Lara in her happy place – flying up a dune!



Luke demonstrating that the Prado can keep up with the short wheelbases – with some modifications to the trail!



The end of a great day out.



McKenzie Trail Trilogy

I was the only woman driver again this trip – I hope to see some more women drivers out there with me soon to share the fun. If any of you fabulous women out there are interested in giving driving a go – do it! Come and talk to me or one of the other women drivers in the club.

So, we headed off, after a small hiccup with one person getting stuck on the first dune because they forgot to put their vehicle into 4WD – who was that again Tony? The Patrol was pleased to make it past the point it had been forced to stop at on the first day, with a few teasing comments to watch out for wee sticks...

The dunes were slightly different again today, and we all had to have a few goes at the usual tricky bits. The first tricky spot is the dune that you see in most of the photos for these three days, as we spent so much time there. It is where we all get to know our gearing a bit more – playing around with which gear is best in each vehicle for super soft sand. Tony and Rob made an admirable effort but needed a winch in the end.

I am getting better every time I drive the McKenzie but was still frustratingly not able to make the vertical (ish) dune at the big hill. GRRRR! Tony and Steve were the only ones to sail over it today – even Grant (who had sailed over so beautifully the previous two days) needed a few goes at it.

My next dune nemesis is the 'big bowl' where once you are in, there is only one way out. If you don't make it the first time, then it is difficult to get out on your own steam. This time Grant and Steve were the only ones to get it in one, with the rest of us needing to 'roll a road' in the sand to get a good run up or get a winch near the top. Next time dune nemesis – I will conquer you!

After lunch in the shade from the hot hot sun, we got to Three Mile Creek to play on the hill-climb. This is where the Patrol really strutted its stuff. It powered up there like it was nothing, which had us all cheering. We decided to keep heading north, onto the beach past Himitangi and in through some cool little forestry tracks.

Then we did something that makes me really proud to be a part of CCVC: We rescued a young man in his Toyota Hilux who had slipped down the side of a dune into the bush. He had been stuck there for two days and did not know how he was going to get out. How lucky was he that we came along, and said 'sure, no problem, we can get you out'. And we did. Grant was on the winch with the heavier Jeep JK and Patrol stabilising from behind, with Steve giving the young man instructions on what to do. He certainly was very thankful, and we suggested he join a local club.

We then headed up to just south of Tangimoana to tackle another big fun dune on the track. By then the day had gotten on so we headed straight back to Foxton via the beach.

Whenever I tell my non-off roading friends about my days driving in the sand dunes, they look at me in horror and say 'but what about the environment!' I just tell them that is the great thing about our club – we are careful to abide by the rules of our access permit, always sticking to the track and being careful not to harm any of the dune plants. I am so grateful for those that over the years have protected our land access to this wonderful track – Thank you!



Tony on the first tricky dune – the attempt.



Tony on the first tricky dune – some help with getting over the top.



Rob on the first tricky dune.



Grant found some super soft sand at the top of the hill-climb.



CCVC to the rescue – he had been stuck down the bank for 2 days (this is half way back up)!



The final dune, on the track towards Tangimoana.



The forest north of Himitangi.



MARCH 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th

Paraparamu College Cycle Tour #1

Tuesday 10th FAMILY SHINY

GWRC Sunset Trip—Belmont

Seat Required

Book via <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3614209/Registration>

Wednesday 11th CCVC CLUB NIGHT - Meeting

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB

25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome

Ian Hutchings

7:30

Saturday 14th FAMILY SHINY

GWRC Sunset Trip - East Harbour Regional Park

Seats required

Saturday 14th FAMILY SHINY

Akatawera Monthly Trip - All Welcome

Book Via - <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3680472/Registration>

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th

Paraparamu College Cycle Tour #2

Wednesday 25th CCVC COMMITTEE - Meeting

PORIRUA CLUB

All Welcome

Ian Hutchings

7:30

Saturday 28th FAMILY SHINY

Orongorongos Monthly trip - All Welcome

Book Via - <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3611622/Registration>

APRIL 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday 4th FAMILY SHINY

Akatawera Monthly Trip - All Welcome

Book via <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3642037/Registration>

Sunday 5th WORKING BEE

Makiro Working Bee

Near Mangatanoka

Book via <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-374804/Registration>

Sunday 5th MARSHALLING

Grand Traverse

Pikarere Farm Porirua

Book via [http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3777304?](http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3777304?Calendar-ViewType=1&SelectedDate=3/7/2020)

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Wednesday 8th CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB

25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome

Friday 10th - 13th SHINY 4x4

Otapawa Bunny Run

Weekend Trip

<http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3633053/Registration>

Sunday 19th FAMILY SHINY

Orongorongos Monthly trip

All Welcome

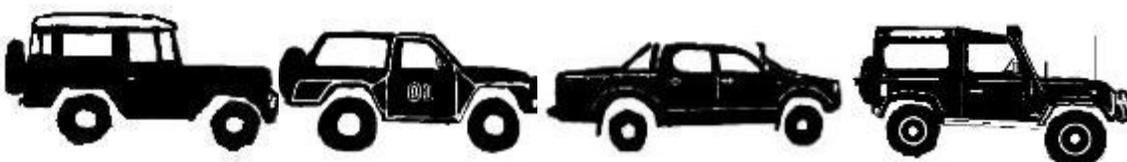
Wednesday 29th CCVC COMMITTEE - Meeting

PORIRUA CLUB

All Welcome

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).

NATIONAL EVENTS

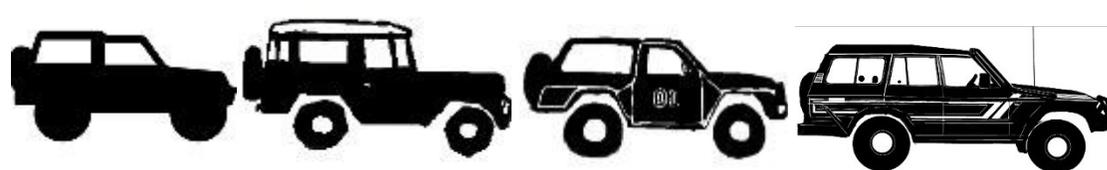
March 14 & 15 2020:

Kauri Coast Safari

Raising funds for the Northland Rescue Helicopter.

This will be 2 full days of driving. Accommodation will be camping with access to water and toilet facilities. This is a self-catering Safari. More details and cost to follow.

Enquires contact Chrissy at ron.chrissymccloy@gmail.com



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 SATURDAY JUNE 6th Book with Phil public@ccvc.org.nz

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.

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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
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Graham Barr
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Vehicle Inspector Liaison Officer	Duncan Grocott
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner
General Committee Officer	Steve Mercer

CLUB NOTICES

NEW MEMBERS

We have a number of new members who have joined the club over the last month or so.

Some of you will have already got to know them on trips or at club night.

Tony Anderson
Dishan Umanga Senaviratine
Paul Shepherd
Connor McGhie
Wade McGhie
Nigel Colling

Please make them welcome and help them become active members of the club.

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 (sorry had the wrong email last month)

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



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

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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
027 2235705 anytime
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

