

Cross Country Chronicle

June 2021



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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

This month has been busy for me with both work and club activities, unfortunately I have missed two committee meetings and the club AGM which has been a case of just bad timing.

I'm really pleased we have recognised a number of club members who have been a driving force behind running the club in the past and present. It has been far too long (15 years) since any member has been nominated for life membership and when the sub-committee reviewed the current membership it was confirmed a small number of people have done a large amount of work for the club and not always in the spot light. Congratulations to the new Life Members, I am humbled with my own nomination so thank you to those who considered my contribution worth consideration.

David Sole and myself got to complete our Sutherlands Track trip leader training finally when we hooked up with the ARAC guys on a trip to check out the condition of the track. The first issue was the padlocks having been changed but once this was sorted we headed off in very dry conditions. The track down to the stream is over grown and would be slippery in the wet but easily driveable. There is a major slip in the stream which has the potential to cause issues should some heavy rain cause flooding, natural event so not much we can do. The track out of the stream is better than I've seen for ages but very overgrown. We made our way up to the top noticing the area people are accessing the track via the farmland and causing damage to fencing, most likely poaching over the roar. After lunch it was a run down to the hut with no problems, the local Wairarapa club have tidied up and painted the hut which was looking great, I understand they are also looking to fix the fire place helping to reduce the smoke inside. After leaving the hut we had a short holdup while one of the trucks had to remove their roof racks before moving on. This track closes over winter to avoid damage but we will be running a few trips as soon as it reopens so keep an eye out as this is a great drive and not too far away.

Next day was the Mikairo Track working bee so I caught a ride up with David Sole and Neil Blackie. The day was looking wet but luckily we missed the rain and got approx. 800m cleared with about 20 volunteers pitching in. CCVC was well represented along with helpers from as far away as the Hawkes Bay. With land access disappearing it is great to be opening up something new.

If that wasn't enough for one month, CCVC also hosted the NZFWDA agm over the last weekend in the month. Saturday was a trip into the Akatarawa forest with some out of town delegates driving their own trucks and others hitching a ride with our members. The club put on a BBQ at the Orange Hut which was living up to being a hub in the forest as we had other 4x4's, motor bikes and cyclists all stopping in and enjoying the fire we had pumping. Saturday evening was a formal dinner at Silverstream Retreat with Shaun Ross giving a very interesting presentation on some of his 4x4 adventures through Europe and Africa. Sunday was the agm with CCVC having five delegates representing our membership.

Stay safe and I'll see you out on the trails.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC 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 \$15

Beanie
Navy 3059 \$20

Hoodie - Pullover
Navy - Unisex
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$69

Hoodie - Zip Front
Navy - Unisex
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$75

Soft Shell Jacket
Black
Mens & Womens Sizes \$110

Polo Shirt
Navy/White
Mens & Womens Sizes
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$40

Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt
Navy - Mens & Womens sizes
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$16.50

Oilskin Vest
50th Anniversary Logo.
Mens Only Size \$120

Oilskin Jacket
50th Anniversary Logo.
Mens Only Size \$145

Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt
Grey with Deadwood Logo
Mens & Womens Sizes. \$25

Agri Station Boundary Jersey
50th Anniversary Logo
Mens Only Size \$110

<http://www.cvc.org.nz/Club-clothing>



OPENING THE MAKAIRO TRACK

The unwelcome sound of the alarm saw another early start, still dark outside and the patter of rain had me turn over in denial. Still I'd arranged a ride with David Sole and Neil Blackie so I did the right thing and headed to the kitchen for a coffee fix.

The guys were on time, coffee downed and we headed over the Remutaka Hill in the growing light. A good hours driving had us in Pahiatua for hot coffee and the breakfast pie, John Vurink and John Dixon had the same idea so after a top up we made our way to the rendezvous next to the Mangatainoka brewery.

Approximately seven trucks and crew were ready to roll so we made our way to the start of the track which funnily enough is well sign posted. A couple of additional trucks were already ready to go so after airing down we followed the leaders onto the track. The first few hundred meters have been left reasonably challenging to hopefully prevent unsuitable vehicles trying the track out. The track then opens up for the next few kilometres before we got to the slip which was stage one of today's working bee. With the large turnout of willing hands this job was sorted in about thirty minutes and the slip was made drivable. The rest of the team started clearing the over growth and progress of about 400 meters was the result. CCVC puts on a BBQ for the team which went down well with the weather still holding although the energy was starting to slide for the afternoon season.

It is truly amazing how much clearing can be done when you have a keen crew on board. By days end we had cleared about 800 meters and it was time to stop off for a well-deserved beer at the brewery as the rain finally set in.

Looks like another three or four working bee's should see the track cleared, it's not often a track opens to 4x4's as it is usually the other way round.

Cheers John for championing this project, we will get there.

Ralph Dobson
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AKATAWRAWA FOREST - POINTS OF INTEREST (ATTEMPT 2)

From November 2020 (I missed the email that Ashley sent)

Will the trip be called off again? My puddle rain gauge: after a very heavy rain a puddle forms on the edge of my driveway (yellow line). After a short while it drains away into the sandy soil, but we know it has rained very heavily. On the morning of the trip the puddle was the biggest I've ever seen it (the red line). No wonder poor old Porirua got flooded.

My Puddle rain gauge: after very heavy rain a puddle forms on the edge of my driveway (the yellow line) After an hour or two it drains away completely into the sandy soil, but we know we had a lot of rain. On the morning of the trip the puddle was much larger (the red line!) No wonder poor old Porirua got flooded!



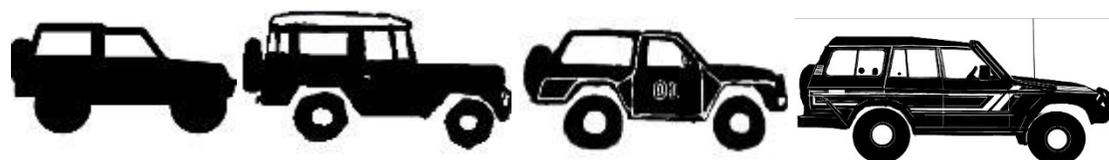
Will the trip be on?

This was the second attempt to run this trip - the first was called off due to inclement weather (it was pouring down all the previous night and in the morning). This time we were going to have a go no matter what (Whatever the weather we'd weather the weather, whether it was raining or not!) Driving along Grays Road on the way to Totara Park the road was flooded - it was the deepest water I drove through all day.

The driver briefing was held in the rain and kept brief and we were quickly on our way, David Coxon leading and John Parfitt as tail. Speed was kept slow since our aim was to have a really good look around, though if the rain kept up, most of our viewing was likely to be done from the comfort of the trucks.

Along Valley View Road, on to Airstrip Road, then Woolshed and McGhies. At McGhies Bridge we got an idea of the amount of water there was around and when we got to Third Crossing, it was decided to give it a miss (maybe take a look on our way back) but Rabbit, who loves water, had to go and have a look. Others then wandered down to see, and the consensus was definitely, "Nah, we'll give it a miss this time."

On our way up to the Deadwood Ridge Track, each of the usual trickling water splashes were a lot fuller and we had to shift a rock or two and negotiate a partially cleared slip - all of which added to the fun. The run along/in the Cederholm Creek was very much wetter than usual. David went to check it out first - if he didn't make it back it wouldn't really matter as John Parfitt could lead us all out (best reason for having two trip leaders around.)



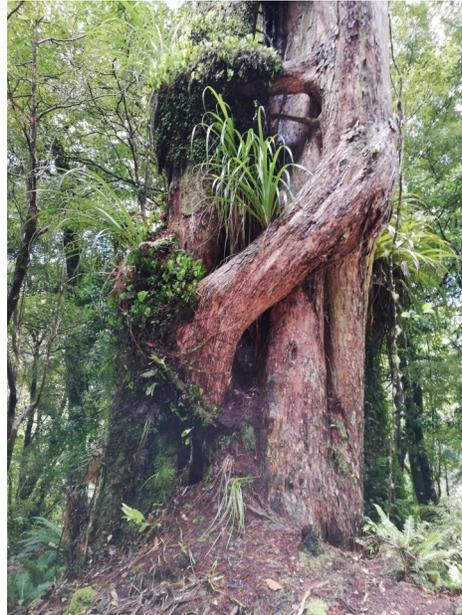
AKATAWRAWA FOREST - POINTS OF INTEREST (ATTEMPT 2) cont.

At the car park we broke for morning coffee break at 12pm (far too late according to Rabbit) and the sun came out (for a while). This gave us time for a couple of mechanical consultations and adjustments before a visit to the airplane crash site and the return trip back down to Third Crossing for lunch. Interestingly the water level in the Cederholm Creek had already subsided considerably, so maybe the Third Crossing would be a goer!

Back at Long Crossing, a crossing was still out of the question. A substantial log had floated down and grounded since we were last there which gave an indication of the depth of water. It was, however, perfect for lunch - bright sunshine, no clouds and time to relax. A truly balmy summer's day and the rain forgotten.

Time even for a demonstration of rope braiding, catching up with friends, and...

...even taking photos of weird-looking trees!



The drive out (back the way we had come in) was fun but uneventful and there's still a lot of the Akatarawa Forest to have a 'good look around' next time.



That's all for now folks.
The Rabbit



ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND - SAVE THE DATE!

What's in this dry bag?



Come along to our 50th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday 24th October 2021 to find out.

All paid up members who attend the dinner will receive a free goodie bag with a few 4wd friendly goodies inside.



50th Anniversary Weekend

Labour Weekend 2021

You will be able to book these events from next month.

More details and costs for events will be available through our website from June.

Friday 22nd - Old timers run Rallywoods

Saturday 23rd - Day trip location TBA

Sunday 24th - 3/4 Day Trip TBA

Sunday Evening - 50th Anniversary Dinner Silverstream Retreat 6:00pm to 11:30pm Combined with CCVC awards evening and new Life Member presentations.

Monday 25th - 1/2 day trip with BBQ

Accommodation Motel style rooms are available at Silverstream Retreat 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt Phone 04 562 9080 or 0800 800 499

Email: info@staywithus.co.nz

Accommodation is limited, if you wish to stay at Silverstream Retreat please contact them directly. Booking reference Cross Country Vehicle Club 50th Anniversary

Dinner Registration Club members via the club web site from 2021 June
Non members contact 50years@ccvc.org.nz

Costs for dinner will be sent out next month.

If you know of any past members who would like to come please let them know they can register via email 50years@ccvc.org.nz



2021 CZ CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE ROUND 3

The Joker

Some people call me the space cowboy,

Some call me the gangster of love

Some people call me Maurice, but some people are just wrong.

Brendan, Mark and Rae Watchorn pegged out a course over a property that has hosted National trials events in the past. There weren't many easy hazards to ease you into the day and a few jolly hard ones that squeezed you out of the course.

Facebook experts have said that the length of your LED light bar determines the amount of off road prowess you have. Brent Ward hung a long light bar in front of the supercharger on his LS 1 and had some good results. Mark Smith had a long AND curved light bar on the front of his motorhome bus but forgetting his years of 4wd experience drove the bus off the side of the track as he entered the property. Mark got to meet Bruce the farmer who came down to see what the trouble was and Bruce's tractor towed the lightbar safely into camp.

On hazard number three it was my turn to be the first person starting on it and straightaway I was over on my door handles as the ground gave way underneath me. I had lost drive to the wheels in the air before I could turn on the lightbar that I didn't have. Clint and Chris had the misfortune to have no lightbars on their wagons or tubes in their tyres and required a trip to the pits after doing the same hazard. Meanwhile Ross's Jeep lost its power steering on the same hazard after, you guessed it, no lightbar.

We started and finished with speed sections and in between some very technical challenges. Natasha Smithson battled Judith Hintz to be the Queen of the Slipstream all day. Tash is bringing an analytical outlook to the competition that hasn't been seen before, taking notes after each hazard. Wow saying we've all been doing it wrong, doing it wrong.

In the spirit of the pioneering Trials drivers who had vices mounted on their rear bumpers I will probably mount my lightbar on the back bar.

I'm a joker

I'm a smoker

I'm a midnight toker

I sure don't want to hurt no one

(R.I.P The Joker #199 Malcolm McLeavey)

Andrew Gee



INTRODUCING NEW LIFE MEMBER - NEIL BLACKIE

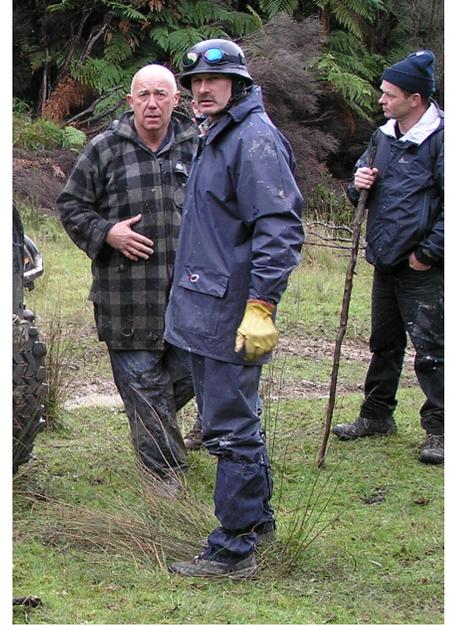
I bought a 1990 LWB Mitsi Pajero in 1999 so I could get to better fishing spots along various beaches. Somehow I came across CCVC in 2000 and became so taken with four wheel driving I only went fishing a couple more times! The Pajero was a straight and shiny 2.5l diesel in 1999, by about 2003 it was quite beaten up surrounded by steel bars and traded in for \$1,000. By then I needed something more capable and bought a 1956 Series 1 Land Rover from Terry Barr (previously owned by Mark Wolstenholme who had put a triple carbred Holden 186 motor in it with Landcruiser diffs and axles. It also had a cable operated rear diff lock made and repaired several times by his mate Phil Lewton). I recall the test drive thinking "this truck is the worst thing I've ever driven, but maybe that's what tough trucks are like"! I named it Leroy, put in a Holden VK 3.3l motor and PTO winch and absolutely wore it out over the next 8 years. Tested the roll cage by getting it upside down a couple times. It eventually went to a nice home in Taranaki.

The year I joined CCVC I was asked by President Grant Purdie if I wanted to join the Committee as Treasurer – "No, no, couldn't do that!" "How about Secretary then?" "Well anyone can take a few notes I guess, OK". I've been on the Committee ever since – Secretary, Competitions Officer, Treasurer, Club Captain, Vice President, President.

In 2011 Carl Furniss called me and said he had a good truck in the workshop I should buy – "It's even got race seats in it!" After checking it'd fit in the garage I bought Simon Manchester's truck – 13 years prior he'd completed a conversion of a 1975 Range Rover by shortening the chassis and fitting a Land Rover body with full roll cage, winch, diff locks and 35" tyres. LVVTA certified for road use. A proper step up from Leroy. The first trip was a Valley Club Xmas holiday drive to Central Otago covering lots of the tracks down there. Aside from the vehicle noise (bought an intercom so Angela and I could talk and hear each other), it's not a bad road vehicle and I've driven it on several long trips, including to Taupo and back. Maintenance, repairs, development and improvements never end and it now has a bored and stroked 5.0l Rover motor (which kept breaking axles, consequently thanks to Brian Howat now has chromoly axles and stronger diffs), auto gearbox and rear mounted radiator. Plus a much larger fuel tank!

Most memorable trips tend to be away trips and a couple to Pureora Forest and Ohinewairua would top the list. The hardest was on the Devil's Staircase in the Akatarawa Forest (before it had digger treatment), on a day when we had family coming around for dinner and I didn't get home until 1.00am! (Angela got a little worried but after a couple of gins had no concerns! To be fair I'd always said there's nothing she can do if we're late home, we'll always get ourselves out). By the time we did get out I had two broken axles and the steering box had broken away from the chassis – had to trailer it home, thanks Roger. The Firewood Loop next hardest – the mud holes there are alternator, radiator, winch and, eventually, truck killers. I really enjoyed running the Club Champs but running a successful Deadwood Safari was the most significant, although stressful, achievement, but that's a proper team effort with lots of help.

John, Ralph, Penne and I have spent a couple of years meeting monthly, planning the Club's 50th anniversary events – designing 50th logos, getting labels and clothing produced, printing a calendar, planning trips, NZFWDA Conference and AGM, sorting through photos and trip reports for The Book, ordering goodies to give to Club members at our celebration and Awards Dinner in October Might take a breather next year. But how would I justify all that time spent in the garage?



INTRODUCING NEW LIFE MEMBER - RALPH DOBSON

I joined the club in 1979 when I purchased my first 4x4, a Series 2a Landrover fitted with the 186 Holden straight six engine. Friends had introduced me to off roading on fire breaks in Wellington in the late 60's, they had a bach up on Great Barrier Island and we covered many tracks in the ex-Fisheries long wheel base Landrover. At one point we even broke it in half, on inspection she must have been in the tide a few times in the past.

Earliest memories of my interest in the sport was walking across Craig's Flat to Rallywoods so we could watch early Deadwood Safari's, I distinctly remember a cool white Landrover called "Mud Muppet" driving through a bog filled with tyres.

I recall an early club trip into Rallywoods, parked up at the Green Hut waiting for one of the guys to turn up in a new Suzuki 4x4. Up the hill comes a cloud of blue smoke and the scream of the 3 cylinder, 2 stroke engine. I seem to remember no one was much impressed.

I did a little trialling in the early days, entered a Deadwood Safari in about 81 (Whitemans valley), first hazard (with the parents watching) and over we go. Hanging upside down in the seat I hear a chap say "okay I got ya", I unbuckle the belt and end up 5 metres down the bank.

I re-joined the club in the mid 90's after I purchased my next 4x4, the mighty Mazda Marvie. A much underrated vehicle. After hunting for months came the 80 series cruiser with factory lockers. I added a lift, snorkel and tyres to make a very capable and comfortable vehicle, just a pity other members of the family didn't like it as much as me. A Prado was next and then as a Suzuki Vitara, great fun.

Currently driving a TJ Jeep which I purchased from an acquaintance who had fitted all the goodies but never really went off-road. She is certainly not as tidy as when I purchased it but we've had plenty of fun.

Most enjoyable club trips – Whangamomana, Blue Duck Station and Ohinewairua station
Favourite Locations – Bluff Station on the Clarence River, Macaulay Hut in Tekapo and Fang Hill near Lake Collieridge.

Favourite local track – Odlin's Road

Over the 15 odd years on committee I have been the club delegate, secretary, competitions officer, general committee member and president twice.



INTRODUCING COMMITTEE MEMBER - DAVE DEMARTIN (DD)

I've 4x4 for 40 years. I've always been into the outdoors, mountain climbing [particularly the southern alps and fjordland], dirt bikes, quads, fly fishing etc. Four wheel drives were an important part of accessing the outdoors. I really only started serious 4x4ing, after I suffered a serious back injury and could no longer walk very far, or do something physically taxing. I have always been one to not muck around, when I do something , I get into it.

Accordingly, I started off the serious stuff pretty much right away. I only joined clubs in the last 15 years, as it was the best way to access the best 4x4ing. Not sure when I joined CCVC, maybe 10 years?.

Trucks, boy I think I've had most. Here's a list of types that I can remember, Landrover, Range Rover, Landcruiser's series 40 , 45, 70,75, 60, 80 , Pajero series 1, 2, 3, 4 , Nissan Gq , Torano , Suzuki jeepy things, Vitara, Jeeps. Some of these are highly modified, some are mostly boringly standard. My current trucks are Gen 1 Pajero on 35's and 383 chevy v8 powered, Gen 2 Pajero ex winch truck modified , exo caged and certified, Jeep Cherokee, 33's lifted etc, Nissan GQ highly modified, Gen 4 Pajero highly modified. I also have 2 4x4 double cab utes, and a Mind blowing powerful [630 horsepower] Mercedes amg ML 4x4 . This ones too shiny to go off-road but it blows the doors off the wankers with their turbo shmorbo Jap crap, and the Yank and Aussie v8 rubbish.

Remember, Horsepower is EVERYTHING.

Over the years I've been on many sports committees', Tennis, Squash, table tennis and various outdoor clubs. I enjoy CCVC the most because the members are good people, there is no friction or bad feelings, we go 4x4ing to have fun in a safe way of course, and have great club nights. This Is why I'm happy to help out as much as I can. I could write a book on my history, but I can't as I might Get arrested!



MESSAGES FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER

I am sorry to have to advise the recent death of Peter Whimp, one of our club members. Some of you will remember joining Peter on local trips as well as on a number of extended South Island trips and also on the Australian Cape York trip. Our thoughts go out to Jenny and the family.

Congratulations to Luke and Emma Crossley who as you would have seen last month recently got married.

A short note to all from the Welfare Officer. In the event of a club member or his/her immediate family being hospitalised, injured or otherwise indisposed, we would like to let them know we care. We also want to hear about the good times such as marriages and births.

If at any time anyone is aware of someone needing our good wishes please tell me at club or email me at murray.glennys@gmail.com.

Many thanks
Glennys Feist
Welfare Officer



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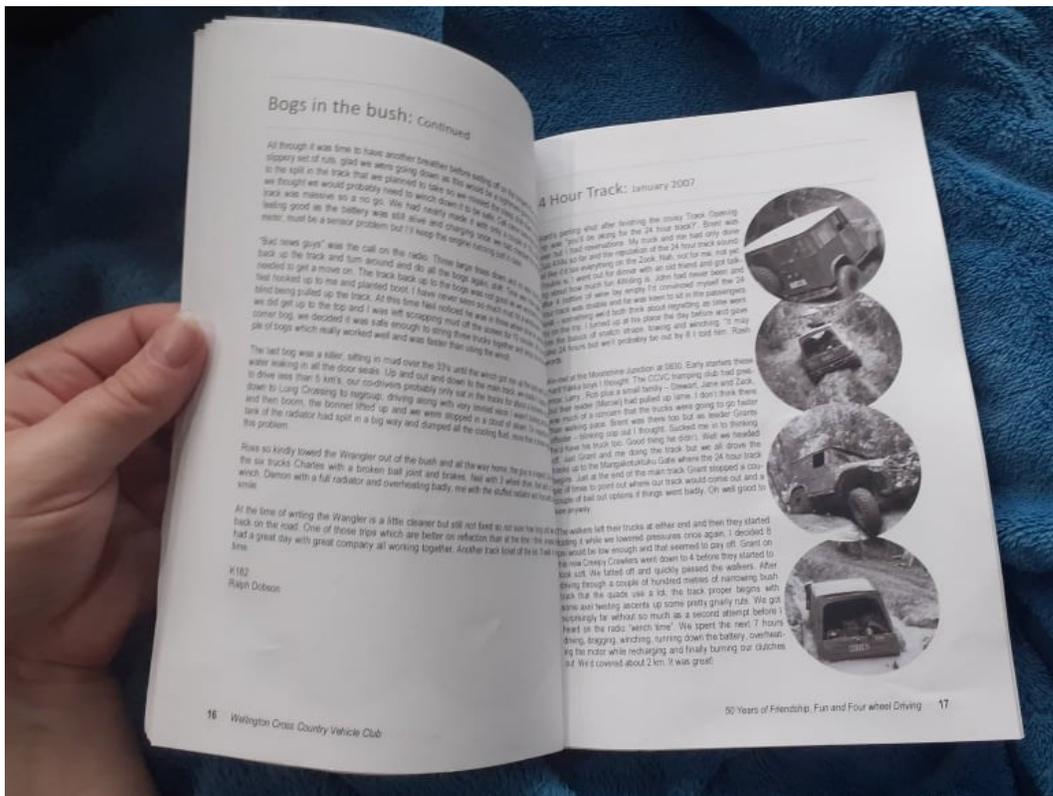
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50 years of Friendship, Fun & Four Wheel Driving

The book is almost complete - Each paid up club member will receive a free copy. However there may be people who want more than one, or previous members or family who may want a copy of the book.

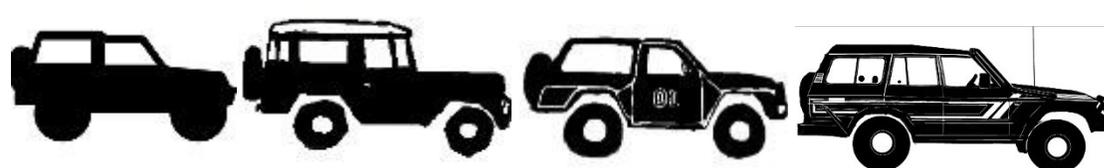
We are taking pre-orders of the book for any extra copies people may want. You can do this through our online store on wild apricot. If you know of any one else who may like to order a book, such as previous club members or family members of club members please let them know. The cut off date for orders will be the 1st of August 2021.

Cost \$20 plus postage and packaging. Alternatively the book could be picked up at our November or December club nights. (Or at the Anniversary Dinner if you are attending)

Delivery will be from 1st November 2021

A5 size, 300 pages of which 60 plus are full coloured

The book covers 50 years of CCVC trips and charity work. Has a brief histories of Odilns Road, Rally-woods and the Deadwood Safari. Includes a list of current club members as well as all Club award winners and Committee members since the beginning of the club. (Where there are records) And plenty of photos of people and trucks - you may feature in it.



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.

JUNE 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

Wednesday 9th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
5:30

Wednesday 9th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB & AGM
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
7:30

Saturday 12th SHINY 4x4

WHITEMANS VALLEY

Step up from Family Shiny to Shiny 4x4 - Waitlist Only

Saturday 12th TRAP CLEARING

TE KOPAHAU - TRACK CLEARING CREW

Sunday 13th SHINY - CLUB 4x4

AKATAWARAS WITH DD
Book with DD

Sunday 20th TOURING TRIP

Back roads to CASTLEPOINT—Waitlist

Saturday 26th & 27th SHINY 4x4

TAUANUI STREAM OVERNIGHTER

Saturday 26th SHINY 4x4

WHITEMANS VALLEY

Step up from Family Shiny to Shiny 4x4

Wednesday 30th CVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB

Ralph Dobson
7:30

JULY 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday 3rd TRAINING

ORONGORONGO STATION

Saturday 10th SHINY - CLUB 4x4

ODLINS WITH DD
Book with DD

Sunday 11th FAMILY SHINY

AKATATRAWA Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Wednesday 14th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

CLUB NIGHT
NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
All welcome

Saturday 24th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Sunday 25th SHINY - CLUB 4x4

AKATAWARAS WITH DD
Book with DD

Wednesday 28th CVC COMMITTEE

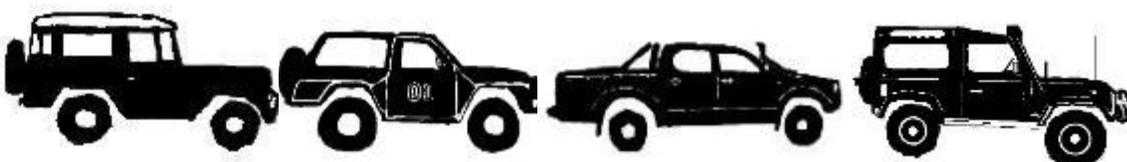
PORIRUA CLUB

Ralph Dobson
7:30

Keep an eye on the trips as new trips are being added all the time.

Keen to be a trip leader so we can run more trips? Talk to one of our current trip leader about how to be one,

For more events refer to our
Website www.cvc.org.nz or our
Facebook page www.facebook.com/wellingtoncvc/



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.

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



CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Adams
Leith Bean
Stuart Brown
Andi Cockroft
Mike Gall
John Hughes
Heather Jeffery
Steve Lacey
Colin Landy
Phil Lewton
Bruce Mulhare
Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne
Ross Perkins
Grant Purdie
Neil Blackie
Ralph Dobson
Alan Donaldson
Ian Hutchings
Barry Insull
John Parfit
John Vruink
Mark Wolstenholme

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	Ralph Dobson
Vice President	John Parfitt
Treasurer	Nic Stark
Club Captain	Neil Blackie
Secretary	Shaun Ross

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
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner
Committee	Megan Koomneef David Sole Frank Allen Dave DeMartin Dudley Harris

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 24 hours. 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

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:

Marquee
Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)
Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)
Portable gas BBQ

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new/returning members:

Jason Allan
Neville Dunton
Marcus Durrant
Matthew Kerr

Please make them all feel welcome



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
(027 2235705)

MAGAZINE & SOCIAL MEDIA 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:

Thanks to all the people who have contributed to the book so far we are on the home straight

Please email 50years@ccvc.org.nz if you have anything you would like to contribute.

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

