

Cross Country Chronicle

October 2021



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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

Hands up those that are over this Covid pandemic, as I write Auckland are really doing it tough with rising infections in Level 3 after weeks of lockdown in Level 4.

Level 2 is affecting us with our club night cancelled in September and the outlook for the coming club night and even the Awards Dinner looking grim, keep an eye out for updates via the wild apricot email system. (Both still on at this time)

The Jeep is back out on the trails with a Shiny 4x4 trip with Dave De Martin being a highlight, see article later in the magazine.

Last weekend I attended the 50th Anniversary event, "The Deadwood Re-enactment". Neil Blackie did a great job recruiting some tough trucks to drive the Rock Garden, unfortunately a couple of trucks pulled out at the last moment, so we ended up with three, Neil in the V8 Landrover hybrid, Roger Seymour in his modified V8 Nissan and Dave De Martin in his well-used Nissan Safari. The spectators were loaded into thirty odd Shiny trucks for the drive-up Deadwood Ridge to the top of the Rock Garden. The club marques were set up and the BBQ's fired up for a sausage and bread lunch.

If you haven't been down the Rock Garden it is the exit if you drive down the Staircase from the Kapiti Coast side of the forest and is used as part of the Karapoti Classic mountain bike race. Anyway, it is not for the faint hearted and generally not drivable with a couple of steep steps where the winch comes in handy. Not many of the spectators walked/slipped down to the bottom so when the convoy had turned at the bottom I was lucky enough (some may not agree) to secure a seat in Dave's Nissan for the drive back up. A lot of fun and some colourful language from yours truly had us back to the top in no time. Neil drove up the big step which was very impressive, Roger and Dave needed a little help with Dave's front guard coming off second best. Another successful 50th event with still more to come.

Our goal of 50 new members for the 50th Anniversary is almost there, another five keen 4 wheelers welcomed to the club this month. The 50th book is at the printers and looks great.

Let's hope we can meet up again at the October club night, we have a speaker arranged and should be a few interesting photos from some recent incidents. Stay safe and enjoy the trips our team of trip leaders run, your support and appreciation are well received.

Regards Ralph Dobson
CCVC President (K182)



CLUB CLOTHING

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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 \$16

Beanie

Navy 3059 \$17.50

Hoodie - Pullover

Navy - Unisex
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$65

Hoodie - Zip Front

Navy - Unisex
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$72

Soft Shell Jacket

Black
Mens & Womens Sizes \$110

Polo Shirt

Navy/White
Mens & Womens Sizes
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$45

Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt

Navy - Mens & Womens sizes
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$16.95

Oilskin Vest

50th Anniversary Logo.
Mens Only Size \$129

Oilskin Jacket

50th Anniversary Logo.
Mens Only Size \$152

Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt

Grey with Deadwood Logo
Mens & Womens Sizes. \$25

Agri Station Boundary Jersey

50th Anniversary Logo
Mens Only Size \$112.50

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



Andrew Gee modelling the Limited Edition **Crew Neck Cotton T-shirt with 50th Anniversary Logo \$16.95**



Shaun Ross modelling the Limited Edition **Oilskin vest with 50th Anniversary Logo \$129**



Neil Blackie modelling the Limited Edition **Crew Neck Cotton T-shirt with Deadwood Logo \$25**



Ralph Dobson modelling the Limited Edition **Agri Station Boundary Jersey with 50th Anniversary Logo \$112.50**



Ron Gardner modelling the **Hoodie - Zip front with standard Logo \$65** also available with the 50th Ann. Logo



Duncan Grocott modelling the **Polo Shirt with standard Logo \$45** also available with the 50th Ann. Logo

Clothing Delivery.

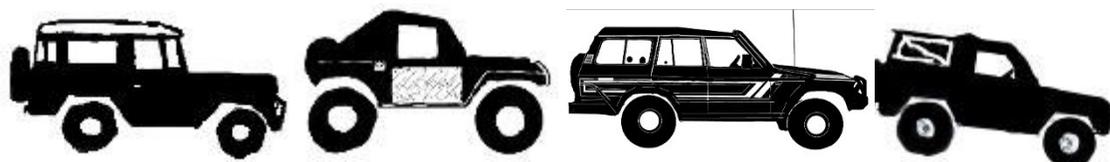
The preferred method for clothing delivery is to have the products shipped to you by courier directly from the embroiders. There is a charge of \$9.50 for this (built into the system) however it means that you will receive the products within a day or so of them being produced by the embroiders.

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.



MAKAIRO TRACK WORK PARTY - 19 September 2021

Saturday morning 9:00am outside Tui Brewery Mangatainoka 15 trucks arrive for the work party (A bit early for the Tui Girls though). A big turn out from Manawatu club and also other Central Zone members from as far away as Wellington CCVC and Hawkes Bay Twin Diffs club.

We split into three groups of 5 trucks with the first group driving as far as the track had been cleared, the second group had a 5 meter drainage pipe to install and the 3rd group followed through and trimmed back anything that required a bit more work. A big thankyou to Alan Jackson who spent a lot of weekends over the last few months coming in and clearing the track. By keeping in touch with the farmer at the start of the track over the time we have been working there he has supported us in our efforts to reopen the road and has donated drainage pipes for us to install on a few of the stream washouts.

Also a big thankyou to another farmer who cleared a couple big slips with a 4x4 tractor. With the efforts of Alan and the local farmer we have now made it to the top ridge and the end of the track is now within sight with only a few ks to go.

With 1 or 2 more work parties we should have the track open. The next work party is planned for Sunday 7th November.

John Vruink Central Zone PRO



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO OPEN UP A NEW TRACK

Makairo Track Working Bee

7th November 2021

CCVC Members and members of
NZFWD Affiliated clubs.

CCVC members taking a vehicle will
get \$30 fuel top-up in Pahiatua on the
way back and if they take a working
passenger will get \$50!!

Anyone else wishing to assist should
contact the organiser (contact details
below).

Contact John Vruink Ph 0274439981

john.vruink@gmail.com

Meeting time 9.00AM

**Meeting Place SH2 Mangatainoka
by Tui Brewery**

**What to bring Track clearing gear,
chainsaws (safety gear) scrub bars,
spades, picks and man power**

Great progress has been made so far



MARK WATCHORN

Mark Watchorn passed away suddenly in September. It was an absolute shock and he will be sadly missed.

Mark was vice president of the Manawatu 4wd club, Central Zone secretary and the convenor of the CZ Club Truck Challenge.

The Club Truck Challenge was largely Mark's idea from its start in 2011 and he and his wife Raewyn have done the lion's share of the work especially in the most recent years. They did all aspects of putting on the events, from finding sites, trailering the pegs, making the hazards through to the paperwork and keeping records. In a good year, there was six events put on over the summer around the lower North island.

As well as running his own business he also held an office in the NZFWDA (CZ secretary) as if he had spare time.

Mark was a man of great enthusiasm and energy and will be missed. The Club Truck wouldn't be what it is now without Mark's efforts. Thank you Mark, you were always appreciated and you will leave a big gap to fill.

Photos and words by Andrew Gee



WELFARE NOTES:

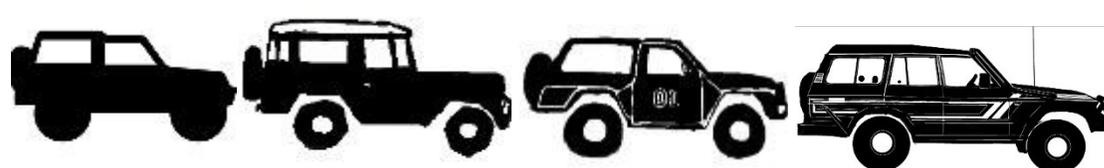
Darren Pettengell's operation went well and he is back home. We hope to see you out and about soon.

Mark Stockler was also in Hospital this month and we wish him all the best in his recovery.

The Ross family had double trips to the hospital on 2 consecutive days. Gemma injuring her ankle on the Friday and Shaun on the Saturday with a almost severed finger. Both are on the mend.

If you know of any club members or family that have been ill please let Glennys Feist know by emailing her on: murray.glennys@gmail.com

We also want to hear happy news such as new additions to the family and marriages.



HUEY GOES ON AN ADVENTURE - August 2021

By Tony McCombs - Aug 2021

(HUE166, affectionately known as Huey, was the first registered Land Rover, hence the number plate)

Tony took his shiny new truck on an adventurous trip.
He was a bit nervous the paint might get scratched or a chip.

The club met at the garage & filled up on coffee & diesel.
Tony soon got lost but called Dave who said, 'Go up the hill'.

Tony was nervous when they got to the top and saw the track.
It was bumpy & muddy but there was no going back.

Tony's truck followed another Landrover that was shiny & old.
He followed it through ruts & water that was ice cold.

A white truck needed a rope to get pulled up a slippery slope.
Tony clenched the steering wheel and his butt then drove up like he hoped.

The convoy drove a long way to get to the hut for lunch.
With stories & sandwiches, they were a jolly & happy bunch.

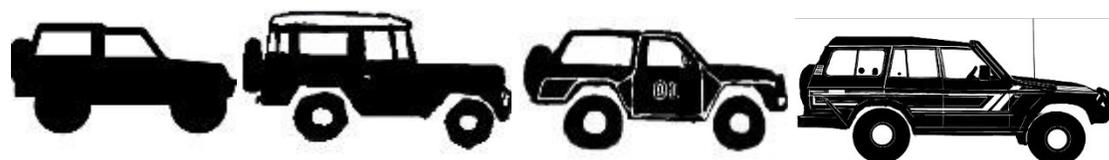
On the way out some trucks got a punctured tyre, but Tony got two!
We left Tony's truck alone in the bush overnight next to a cliff with a view.

A nice man called Paul dropped an exhausted Tony home to sleep.
The next day Dave picked up Tony with 2 new tyres in his Jeep.

Going up a clay hill the driveshaft fell off and Dave said something that rhymed with duck.
So, they whizzed back to Dave's house to get the Nissan Patrol which is a beast of a truck.

They hurtled back through the bush until they saw Tony's truck still on the jack.
Tony followed Dave carefully with the new tyres along the tricky & muddy track

It was an exciting adventure bashing through the bush & scrub.
They're looking forward to the next trip with the friendly & helpful club.



CAPE PALLISER & TAUANUI HUT TRIP - September 2021

I know the trips were planned last year so they could go into the calendar we printed for the Club's 50th but why did I ever think that tenting in mid to late winter was a good idea? The first one was in June and although the weather and temperature was quite mild, there had been a massive flood a week before and finding our way to the hut in the dark wasn't the best for a shiny trip.

The second trip was on 11th of September and although again there was no rain it was cold in that little tent! Even my beanie and socks on didn't fully keep the cold at bay wrapped up in what I thought was quite a good sleeping bag. Why was I in a tent when there was a perfectly good empty hut five metres away?

But back to the start – we met up at Pirinoa – Graham, Rob, Luke and Wade, Darren, Shaun and Denise and Howard – and headed off to Cape Palliser. When we were there in June we got to a washout which we thought that might get through if we hit it with a few spades and grubbers, so this time we drove straight there so there was time for a working bee. It was a great day, very clear and calm – the snow on the seaward Kaikoura's was a great sight. And another great sight – there were golfers out on the Ngawi golf course! A first for me. Then seals around Cape Palliser – you can smell them before you see them.

Good little drive up from the lighthouse to the washout, no issues. We decided that although the bypass around the washout was worth putting a bit of effort into it had a nasty off-camber and if one did drive down it, coming back up would be challenging. We spent about an hour on it and did enough to probably encourage another group to either drive it or improve it further but ours wasn't the trip to go further. Across the washout was a very narrow piece of track with a 4-5 metre vertical drop-off and Shaun and Rob had a good go at widening that a bit but I think the big rock might have won that battle.

We turned back and had lunch at the camping spot by the pools at the stone wall – no seal pups there today but a family there before us did climb up into the first pool for a swim!! That water was cold – they were only half original size when they came back.

We had plenty of time in hand on the way back so turned down to the beach at Whangaimoana to drive along to Lake Ferry. Rob was obviously waiting for the chance to open up the big V8 and he disappeared down the beach. As we stopped briefly 10 minutes later to air down a bit a Hilux appeared and asked if the truck stuck down the beach was with us – he'd tried to tow him out without success. "Yes, that's Rob, wondered where he'd got to."

Rob had found the only mud on 20km of beach and promptly driven hard into it. But it wasn't just mud - thick boggy papa clay about a metre deep and he was in the middle of it with both offside tyres fully buried. Hooked up my winch to pull him out backwards, pulled my truck forward. Tied Darren's truck to mine as an anchor and promptly broke the winch rope. Put two trucks in front of Rob, made him use his own winch on a triple using two snatch blocks, but first tried to clear some mud from the wheels and put Shaun and Denise's maxtracks in so the front wheels had something to climb out on. Darren's shovel didn't like this and the handle gave up, handle and shovelhead tossed into his flat deck. A triple pull is a very slow event but it works – Rob's truck eventually emerged revealing a flat front tyre as the valve had been snapped off, then a very dirty job changing it as papa clay mud likes to stick to everything it touches. But really only about 30-40 minutes and we were on our way.

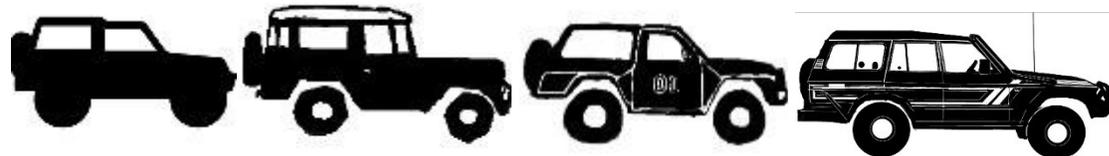
Got to Lake Ferry without any further drama and in fact a straightforward drive all the way into the Tauanui Hut (maybe because we were without Rob as he hadn't planned to stay the night??). Luke and Wade in the Vitara had accumulated a few new dents in a cross member but that was the only casualty this time. We had the place to ourselves. Tents all set up for the night and temperature's dropping as the sun disappeared. Loads of firewood around and seems there's always a pyromaniac lurking – Darren struggled a little bit but soon had a good fire going and well-stoked all night. The cold came in though and we were huddled closely around the fire to get some warmth before it disappeared. Shaun got his handy electric chainsaw out and added to the firewood pile.

About 8pm and the sound of a vehicle approaching - we're going to have company after all. Just as the headlight was visible through the bush it turned away. Hmm that's a bit odd, and disconcerting in the dark, but 10 minutes later it appears again and it's a young hunter and his dogs out to do some pig hunting. The dogs had scented something just as he approached the hut and he'd turned back to follow them. Understandable. He looked at us all and said "I suppose the hut's full?", happy boy when we replied "No mate, we're all idiots tenting in this freezing night, the hut's empty."

I was still trying to get warm when I heard him leave at 6am. An hour later we could hear his dogs barking, then two shots. Another hour and he showed up a happy boy with a good sized pig strapped to his back. Within an hour he was packed and gone. I warmed up with breakfast and by splitting a few logs to add to the firewood pile. Right on check-out time 10am, we were on our way. It's a great little drive through some nice bush and river crossings, and we're back at Pirinoa about 11.30am where we aired up, some grabbed a coffee and a bite at the Land Girl cafe. Darren didn't stop, carried on to air up at Featherston ahead of us.

Got home a couple of hours later. But not before I did something I'd never done before – as I was getting near the top of the Remutaka's I caught up with an EV and thought I'm going to be able to pass this car!! We approached the passing lane and just as I pulled out I spotted a shovelhead I recognised in the middle of the road. Too much traffic to stop there to pick it up so had to leave it. When I got home I called Darren – "Are you missing anything?", "Yes I am.", "I saw a shovelhead on the road, thought it might be yours.", "Did you see a frying pan? I lost that as well". So even on a smooth road a flat deck can jettison your gear. Gumboot anyone?

Words by Neil Blackie - Photos by Denise Ross



The 10 HOUR TRACK - 9th October 2021

The 10 Hour track is one of the tracks on my bucket list. So when Neil asked if I wanted to join him I jumped at the chance. 4 trucks joined us for the early 8:30 start and we headed off towards the Orange Hut for morning tea, via the tank track.

The winching started early with Kent getting stuck on a stump on the tank track. It was the first of many "truck stuck in mud" events for the day.

A quick morning tea at the Orange Hut then we were ready to hit the main track. There was talk of doing the slippery forest once we finished with the 10 hour track. After all the 10 hour track never takes 10 hours. We will be through it in less than that.....

The first challenge appeared harmless at first glance. Luckily Neil was familiar with the track and wasn't fooled by the leaves that concealed a deep mud filled rut. My eyes just saw a slightly wet bit of track. I didn't really believe Neil when he told me to lean away from the window as it may get muddy. It didn't take long before we were stuck and Dukes of Hazard style exiting of the truck was required, due to the depth of the rut. (Though I'm sure Neil and I didn't make it look as cool) And the serious winching for the day began.

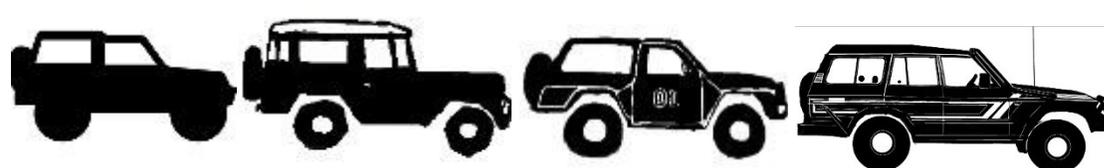
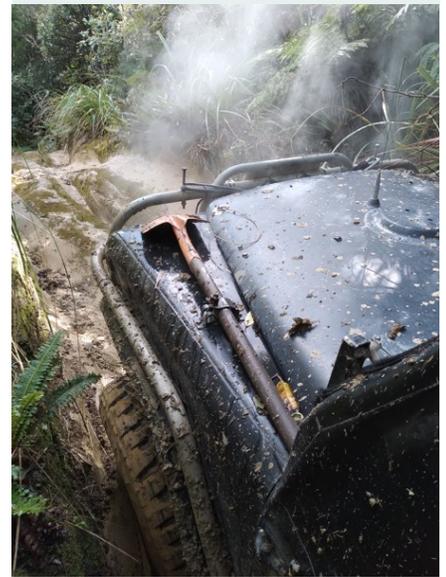
Neil carried on up the track as momentum was the key, blowing a hose while driving the uphill. Thankfully the ruts on both sides of the track ensured that there was no chance of driving off the edge of the track, the steam meant visibility was at zero. We stopped just short of the top. The second winching for Neil for the day.

Meanwhile further down the track Steve was losing power and even further down Kent was stuck the first bog. Truck problems were solved. Trucks were winched out of precarious positions (Luke and Emma would not recommend taking a long wheel base on the 10 hour track) and after an hour or so it was decided we should stop for lunch.

After lunch more bogs were needing to be winched through. The additional challenge of not falling over while pulling the winch ropes up and down slippery tracks was thrown into the mix. We attempted to do everything with extreme finesse and class. Though some of us failed, most of us emerged at the end of the track slightly less clean than we did at the start.

We emerged out of the track with time to spare, the trip hadn't quite taken 10 hours!. But during the trip Luke and Emma had broken a valve on one of the tyres (Luke was glad he has recently installed bead lockers, so there was no need to change the tire on the track where flat non mud filled areas for changing tires where a rarity) The tire was changed and we were on our way. Well we thought we were. Dave had trouble steering straight. A quick inspection showed he had broken the Panhead Rod. Discussion over the best way to temporarily solve the issue. Hammers were pulled out. The ratings of ratchets were discussed. What felt like several hours were lost and we were ready to go.

I left home at just before 8am and got home around 8pm slightly more than 10 hours but worth it. An enjoyable day out. Thanks Neil



50 ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

We had a last official 50th Anniversary meeting last week. With 1 more non official "goodie bag stuffing" meeting next weekend. Its hard to think we have been meeting for 3 years with 26 meetings. Its been a mammoth effort by all involved. Thanks to Ralph, Neil and John for the all the effort they have put in as well as all the trip leaders who have stepped up so that we can put on a greater range and variety of trips. Most of the trips have been booked out within a couple of days of been published.

The re-emergence of covid has meant we are just shy of meeting out 50 new members as of today but should definitely reach it by the end of the year. Hopefully we can have a few more family shiny trips so those needing to get the 3 trips in can do so.

I have boxes full of books and goodie bag contents in my house all ready for the major event over labour weekend. It should be a good weekend with 5 of the original members coming to the anniversary dinner and the Rallywoods day. If there spaces still available it would pay to book. For the Awards dinner we will need to adhere to the Covid protocols of social distancing and mask wearing. So don't forget your masks.

I was lucky enough to catch up with Bruce and Ray Mulhare as well as Heather Jeffery and Leath Bean (four of our life members and original member) a few months back when finalising the book. While I sat scanning photos they reminisced about the days when they were active club members. The stories they told of weekends spent at Rallywoods, trips away at various Rallies and just general club activities.....the good old days. They defiantly are they reason why we have the club we have today.



The Club OGs Bruce Mulhare, Ray Mulhare, Heather Jeffery and Leath Bean

CZ—CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE

Season 2021 - 2022 is due to start

This series is for those four wheel drivers who wish to use their everyday 4wd or club truck in a slightly competitive but fun environment.

To be eligible to enter you must

- Have a 4wd with a low range transfer box
- Have a vehicle with a current rego and a current WOF
- Have a crash helmet
- Be a current member of the NZFWDA

The series has been going for over 10 years with competitors from all over the southern North Island. Initially for members of the Central Zone, it is now open to any member of the NZFWDA.

Entrants compete in one of 4 classes - depending on what traction aids they have. There are courses that challenge the novice driver and those more experienced.

It's a lot of fun so check under the various tabs to see when the next event is on, check out the rules as to which class you would be in, and come and join us for some fun.

To be able to download the event information, you have to sign in as a member using the "Members" button at the bottom centre of this page. It's written in light grey so look carefully. Once in, you will see "**MEMBERS ONLY***" tab - go there.**

If not a member and would like to be, please email Brendan at sheety@inspire.net.nz to get the password. Please state what club you are affiliated to the NZFWDA. It will be checked. An email with the password will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Any Documents or information is only available to members via the button at the bottom of the page

Round 1 Taihape, 30 October 2021

Round 2 - Tokomaaru 12 December 2021

The website is www.sporty.co.nz/czctc/
[Home](#)



DO YOU HAVE ANY CCVC MEMORABILIA?

We are looking for CCVC memorabilia to put on display at the Anniversary Dinner.

All items will be returned to the owners at the end of the weekend.

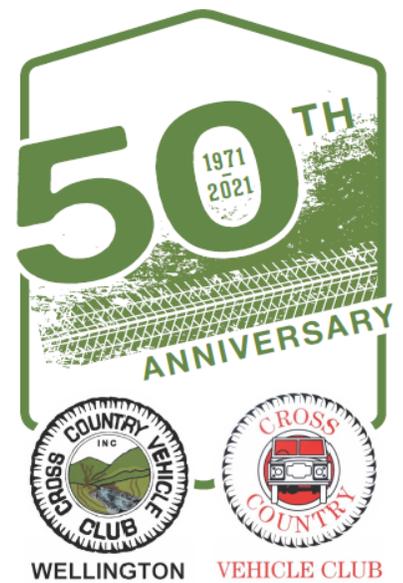
Club clothing

Posters

Badges

Anything with the club logo on it,

Please bring along to this months club night or call John Vruink



50th Anniversary Weekend

Labour Weekend 2021

BOOK NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

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. BOOK QUICKLY - we only have enough for 200 people and over 110 places have been booked already. Bookings close 7th October

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 .
Non members contact 50years@ccvc.org.nz



DEADWOOD SAFARI 50th ANNIVERSARY RUN - September 2021

The club's 50th Anniversary year canters on to the big Labour Weekend celebration with a rerun of part of the first Deadwood Safari. The first Deadwood was run as an enduro covering a long circuit rather than the short hazards that Trials events use today and regular trucks not the specialized buggies they use today.

The first running was described in the June 1979 issue of the club mag and is quoted here:

"The course started from Valley Road, Paraparaumu, went across Titi Ridge, down onto Deadwood Ridge and the Martin's Creek track, and finished at Cloustonville. Approximately 15 miles containing three sections; Section 1 - approximately 4 miles. Time allowed - 12 minutes. Section 2 - approximately 1 mile. Time allowed - 16 minutes. Has hazards. Section 3 - approximately 7 miles. Time allowed - 45 minutes. Has hazards, un-manned check points. The course was closed to spectators except at start and finish so there were no crowd control problems at such obstacles as: Devil's Staircase, Punga Hole, Martin's Creek, Dave's Detour and Williams Mistake (so-named after a club member called Trev, who elected to ascertain the depth of a long bog hole by driving his Landrover through it - after he was towed out his Landrover didn't go too good for a while!)."

I was in the passenger seat on the 30th Anniversary rerun of the Deadwood in November 2001 led by Bruce Mulhare and Colin Landy when we did the Staircase and Rock Garden in club trucks. For the 50th we headed along Deadwood Ridge to the Rock Garden and watched Neil Blackie, Roger Seymour and Dave De Martin drive their trucks down and up the Rock Garden and then had a barby at the top of the Rock Garden. It would have been good to watch a modern trials buggy do the Rock Garden but they have such low gearing that they couldn't drive through the forest to get there.

Neil did well to drive the rock step which Roger and Dave had to winch up. The only excitement on the drive in was when David's Prado went limp and blocked the road.

The marque and barby was organized by John Vruink and John Dixon, and the cooking was done by Ash and David Coxon, thanks to you all.

Words and photos by Andrew Gee



OCTOBER 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

Wednesday 13th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
5:30

Wednesday 13th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
7:30

Sunday 17th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOs Monthly Trip
All Welcome
(Subject to lambing)

Sunday 17th TOURING TRIP

BACK ROADS around lake WAIRARAPA
All Welcome

Friday 22nd SHINY

OLD TIMERS RUN RALLYWOODS

Sunday 24th DINNER

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER &
AWARDS NIGHT
Places limited book now bookings close 7th October

Wednesday 27th CCVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB
All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
7:30

NOVEMBER 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS

Sunday 7th TRAINING DAY

ORONGORONGOs
New Members

Sunday 7th WORKING BEE

Makiaro Track
All welcome

Wednesday 10th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

CLUB NIGHT
NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
All welcome

Saturday 13th BEACH CLEAN UP

South Coast
All Welcome

Saturday 20th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOs Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Sunday 21st CLUB 4x4

Rallywoods

Wednesday 24th CVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB
All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
7:30

Saturday 27th CLUB 4x4

24hr Track

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/
www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/



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).



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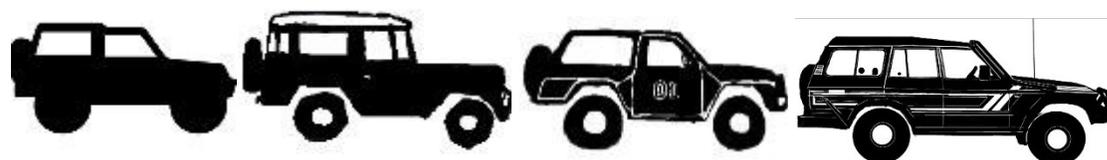
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TRAINING:

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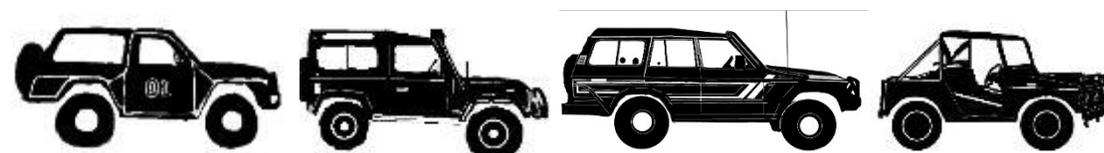
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NB: Please remember to call and make an appointment before turning up for an inspection!



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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
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Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
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	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 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

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:

Paul Adams

Please make them all feel welcome

We are well on the way to reaching our 50 new members in our 50th year.



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
(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:

If you have any questions about the anniversary events please email 50years@ccvc.org.nz

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

