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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

We had an interesting first club night for 2023, Peter O'Flaherty from Upper Hutt came along to speak about his new book, "Akatarawa, A history of the Sawyers, Settlers and Schools 1870s-1980s". As most of us have driven around the Akatarawa forest it was of interest to see photos of the old settlements, the old log hauler now at the Orange Hut and the thing I never knew was the substantial bridge crossing the "Third River" which I've driven through hundreds of times. He even has a few pages on the first Deadwood Safari as he was part of the team who organised it and was an original member of CCVC. The club made it worth his time as a number of copies of the book were sold on the night.

Planning is well underway for the first round of the "Club Challenge" which will be held on Colin James' farm later this month. This is an ideal time to test out your driving skills and the capability of your truck in a controlled environment, who knows you may even win a trophy on awards night.

The CCVC AGM is fast approaching (May) so if you are thinking of joining the club committee or know someone you think would be keen then please approach a current committee member and they can sort out the nomination forms for you. No position is set in stone, we do like to try and have each position with a nominee prior to the meeting but this does not stop any member from standing and a vote taken on the night, in fact it would be great to see some competition for committee positions.

If you didn't visit the 4x4 Expo held recently at Brewtown then you missed out on a great day. The weather turned on some summer sun and the CCVC stand was well set up and very popular. I was part of the team on the stand until lunch time and was kept busy with plenty of interested punters, I would be surprised if we don't see a major upswing in membership as most people I talked to were keen to get involved. A big thanks goes out to the members who helped out on the day, special mention goes to Penne who was the driving force in making it happen.

I missed the Feb committee meeting as my wife and I decided to head up to the storm ravaged Hawkes Bay to offer assistance. We had no idea how this was going to pan out, we had friends to stay with and the will to help. Turned out to be simple, you drive off to an area which was flooded and ask anyone you see if we can help, all immediately said yes or pointed us to a neighbour who was worse off. We helped out at about six properties and once the mud got too much we helped at the distribution centre packing food and clothes for helicopter drops. On one farm we visited the owner recognised my CCVC shirt as he had recently returned from a trip in the Akatarawa's hosted by the club, small world. At the 4x4 Expo we put on a quickly organised sausage sizzle to raise money for the flood victims, I deposited \$300.00 into the local fund while I was there.

Plenty of trips coming up, don't forget to book as soon as they are advertised to avoid disappointment. Hopefully I'll see you out on the trails soon.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC President.



NOTICE OF 2023 WELLINGTON CROSS COUNTRY CLUB AGM

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.

Notice is hereby given that the

2023 Annual General Meeting

of the

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated

will be held on

Wednesday 10th May 2023

at the

Naenae Bowling Club, 25 Vogel Street, Naenae.

The AGM will be held in association with the monthly club night starting at 7:30pm.

Shaun Ross Club Secretary

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CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

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

CLUB OFFICERS	NAME (Print)	ACCEPTANCE (Sign)	NOMINATOR (Sign)	SECONDER (Sign)
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Club Captain				

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS	NAME (Print)	ACCEPTANCE (Sign)	NOMINATOR (Sign)	SECONDER (Sign)

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	\$18
Beanie Navy 3059	\$18
Hoodie - Pullover Navy - Unisex	\$67
Hoodie - Zip Front Navy - Unisex	\$76
Soft Shell Jacket Black Mens & Womens Sizes	\$110
Dri Gear Polo Shirt Navy/White Mens & Womens Sizes	\$55.50
Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt Navy - Mens & Womens sizes	\$20
Oilskin Jacket Mens Only Size	\$172.50
Oilskin Vest Mens Only Size	\$149.50
Wool Jumper Mens Only Size	\$124

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

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.



CLUB CAPTAINS MEMORY - CLUB 4x4

It is nearly 25 years ago that Roger (Saf) introduced me to the area that I affectionately call Mount Misty. The trip leader on the day is demonstrating how standing on the loud peddle is the best way to attempt a 'track'. these are the times when it was customary to remove your tail lights so as not to smash them on the earth somehow.

Eric (Saf) was next though both these guys had effectively blown a track through the swamp. Neil (in the Mitsi caravan) and I in a 'clean' Landcruiser, would have a relatively easier path when following these two through....anything.

At times the going is easy and at other times the limitations of an open diff are obvious. In the main, the area Out The Back was easy wide track, clear of any bush regrowth, and traversing the furthest hill climb up to a small turning area resulted in large smiles and little if any real damage. A Prior hill ascent is completed by all as this is back when rutting was little or nonexistent no locker required this time. A fairly narly tight bush track loop always created a challenge when 32's and large spring clamping plates seemed to grab a hold of the land and hang on, (time to install a winch and replace a wing mirror).

Proceed with caution into the play area. Many hazards await those not paying attention. A wide variety of Challenging short tracks, all available to test the vehicle and the driver, simple up and overs, just not that easy. Cross axle switchbacks, check your CV's and a nice damp mud hole to cover you with a nice earthy Patina. (Some kind of swamp monster has cut a hole in the side wall, bugger, it's a brand new tire!). Nowadays in the Valley area, Kanuka has grown up in what was semi-grassland, We go there and Maintain tracks and Tread Lightly, so that memories are replaced with new experiences, scratches, and interesting horizontal pin stripping. The hazards of the past are still there in one form or another, available to the 4x4 explorer of today.

On Saturday, March 11th You are all invited to attend a Club 4x4 Challenge. If you and your 4x are up to it. Come and attempt The variety of bumps and lumps that exist in this Mt Misty wonderland. No pressure at all....Have a go. Nothing ventured nothing gained. The access is via The Main Farm Tracks....no chance of any damage getting to the outback area.

Cheers
CCVC Club Captain



gguymotors.co.nz



4x4 - Hobbygear.co.nz



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ODLINS ROAD - 29 January 2023

With a bit of rain leading up to this trip and the photos of an upside-down truck from a previous trip, I had doubts that it would go ahead, and if it did, the "Top end shiny" tag would be a bit low.

With assurances from Luke, our trip leader, we all met at Harcourt Park to head off in convoy to the top of the Akatarawa Road. This leg of the trip was straightforward, with a few civilian cars meeting a row of trucks and looking like they might need more room on the road.

After a driver's briefing and airing down, we crossed the road and started our journey down Odlins Road. Only a few minutes in, you are presented with the first challenging section, which we all hopped out to look at. After careful inspection and guidance from Luke, we all go through it easily enough. The same process happened throughout the trip, with another 4 or 5 sections proving lockers useful.

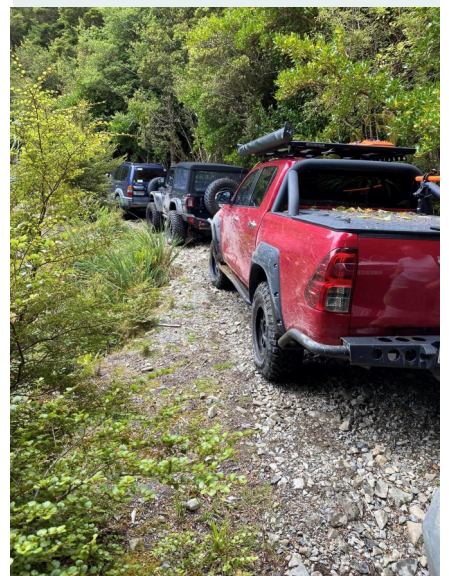
One of these challenging sections was a steep ramp with very little room at the top between a rut that would swallow your truck and a tree. The first truck through was Luke in his modern Toyota Prado and a lot of gas pedal! The result was a loose bead and loud burping from the front right. As a result of witnessing this, I decided to take it slow, assuming the locker in the rear axle of my very old Toyota Prado would see me through with all my rubber in place. I was wrong, so this report is coming from me. I was stuck! And could not reverse to have another go as the truck's rear had slipped sideways to face a wall of clay. By my definition of "stuck," this was simply a slower way through as I could winch off a nearby tree to get through the section gently.

Onwards we went, stopping along the way to look at a few vehicles that had been towed into the bush and pushed down some very steep drops. Why someone would go to that much effort is beyond me.

We all made it to the carpark and stopped there for lunch. Oddly, we'd disturbed thousands of flies that almost drowned out the conversation. This didn't stop the standard truck talk about future upgrades and cool accessories we'd all added over the Xmas break. While there, we came across a "Megarhyssa Nortoni" (that took a bit of googling). Look at the google images for that; it's quite the bug. I picked it up to have a good look, not knowing if it would sting me, though who doesn't want to see if wasp man is a thing?

The trip out was the trip in reverse, except when Chris, in his Toyota, decided to attempt a drive up a 10-foot wall of clay. We still don't know what happened, but seeing it was the closest I have ever been to a truck rolling over in person. If he had not installed rock sliders, it would have been on its side. Joyfully, I looked at my dashcam and thought I'd have the footage to share, though the SD card was not recording as it should have been, so another near miss for Chris.

It was a great trip, and I recommend getting into Odlins Road with the club as soon as you can.



A NEWBIE'S PERSPECTIVE - from December 2018 mag

With the club champs coming up I thought it was good to re-run this great story for those deciding if they should enter or not.

Having completed the training day and a fair number of Family Shiny trips over 1 1/2 years, I finally got around to joining the club.

I really should have done it earlier but never got around to it. The club meetings are quite similar to other clubs, being a relaxed affair with lots of happy banter, informative talks and general discussion.

After the November club meet during a chat in the carpark, it was suggested I might like to go along to the Club champs. Thanks but Nah, that's for the serious guys and I'm just a newbie/novice. But maybe in the future...

Anyway I'd bought a SWB Pajero a few weeks earlier to upgrade(?) my potential, as the little Suzuki I'd been using seemed to spend more time attached to Franks Jeep getting dragged out of mud holes than moving on its own. It's still fun trying and the leaders are keen to see people 'giving it a go'.

The first Pajero outing through the Akas went well even though it was factory standard with just a set of 31" muds. But I need to upgrade.. The donor car that mysteriously appeared on our drive had raised suspension so I just had to swap the spring into the new one. After 6+ hours of crawling around, banging things, scraping knuckles, cursing, cups of tea, and head scratching I'd managed to swap 2 sets of springs, and reindex the torsion bars. Jeez it looked way easier on You-tube, but after a quick drive I felt the Pajero was suitably upgraded for now. Which got me thinking about the carpark conversation. Why not do the champs?.

So I called Ralph (about 7:30 the night before the champs - sorry again Ralph) to see if there were any spots at the champs left. And as with everyone I've met in the club to date, he was more than welcoming. I'm on the list... Oh Shit! Sunday dawned and we all met up at the venue. A lovely little spot on a farm just off the Haywards Road. It's was a compact area with a stream, bogs, hills and lots of old 4WD tracks.

After a brief introduction and explanation of the courses we were allowed to start. The first course looked relatively simple, sidling up through a manuka stand, tuning on a flat, then back down a step to the finish. Well.... the rain over the last week had made the track rather slippery. Some made it up and some slipped sideways into an awkward parallel parking spot with no chance of exiting. Ron muscled his Patrol up the down track and winched out the stuck cars. Pat even completed a pirouette under full power and drove back out the way he'd just entered - Sublime driving?. So after seeing all that action, the chicken in me laid a big egg. "You doing it?" I'm asked. "Ahh no It's more than I'm comfortable doing". I found out then that nobody judges you, there's no shame in not doing something, nor is there any pressure to do things. Everyone is there to support, teach, learn and have fun.

The second course was a half loop climb with a hill ascent. The other guys dealt to it with ease. I can do this! So off I went. A bit tentative but I made it most of the way. Stalled at the top. The long ago 'failed hill climb' training kicked in and I managed to nervously reverse down. Waiting at the start of the 3rd course I realised the capability of the truck was far higher than mine, so I should make the most of the day. And jeepers it was a buzz. The courses continued, varying from hill climbs to bog runs to technical drops and slaloms. I attempted all the remaining courses, some completed, some failed but each time I got help, advice and encouragement from people. And I think I grinned the whole day.

Watching the other drivers is a great way to learn about lines and techniques (including how to slide backwards down a greasy slope and complete a j-turn on 2 wheels) and then trying it yourself. The day finished off with a washdown, a BBQ and some discussion on the great day we'd all had. As for me, I came second in class - well done Luke (driving a standard Prado) to finish 1st in class and to Matt, first in Class B.

The day hasn't made me an expert but I have learned a few things and am now much more aware in what the truck, and I, can do. The Family shins are fun but are only a taste of 4WDing, so I highly recommend getting a 'round-tuit', taking the next step and joining up. You'll not regret it.

Cheers all - See you out there. - Jon Blenkhorn

CCVC CLUB CHALLENGE

2023

**Saturday the 11th
March**

**Colin James Farm
615 Whitemans
Valley Road**

0900 start

- **Various Pegged hazards for all truck types**
- **Test you and your trucks ability !**
- **Standard and Club class**
- **CCVC members only**

Refer club calendar for details, etc



ORONGORONGO ADVENTURE

Thanks to the Cross Country Vehicle Club and Grant Purdie, a group of our club members were able to take part in an adventure around Wellington's South Coast from Sea to the Sky, starting at the end of the Wainuiomata Coast Road.

I accompanied Grant on this occasion and there were 18 Wellington Club members in total with 3 Wellington Club and 5 CCVC 4X4s.

The control room of Grants bush truck below is a serious piece of kit and comes with five radios, video camera, compressor, winch, towing equipment, spare parts and chain saws (which stayed at home and we were able to fit our lunch in!!)

Our CCVC Trip Leader Phil Green (right), who got to open lots of gates for us, and Tour Organiser Wellington Club and CCVC member Grant Purdie.

So we receive a briefing with a good selection of our club members listening carefully.

Then it is off on a beautiful day.

After a bit of a steep climb, we reach the top of a ridge between the Wainuiomata Valley and the Orongorongo Valley with sweeping views of Wellington and the Harbour. Here are some of our members recording the view across to Sinclair Head.

Our club members enjoying the view: Robert Whitefield, Peter Mc Knight, John Langford, Craig Pinny, Philip Vavasour, Ross Martin.



We were then to drive a lot higher up to a vantage point where we had even more spectacular views across Wellington city and harbour, the Hutt Valley and the Orongorongos. Somehow we ended up with no photos to publish though, apart from the next one.



ORONGORONGO ADVENTURE - continued

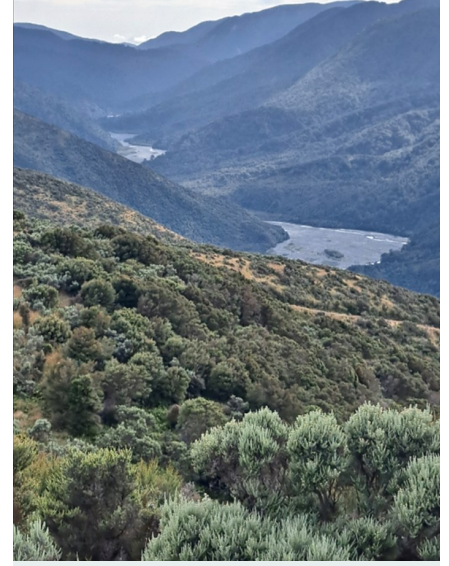
The Orongorongo River Valley from our high point.

Then it was down to sea level again and it was steep and narrow!!!

At the bottom a river crossing not in flood fortunately.

Along the coast and Kaimanawa Horses roaming wild, we are definitely in the back blocks.

Lunch stop.



After lunch a visit to the spot where the first sheep were carried around a rock bluff to make it to the Wairarapa. Unfortunately they were Merinos from Australia and did not do well in the wet. A few years later an earthquake lifted the bluff up to make it an easy walk around. Club member Philip Vavasour's multi-great grandfather was one of the party taking the sheep around. A plaque commemorates the spot. Our stop further around the coast was rewarded by a pod of dolphins swimming close to the beach.



All safely back at the public road and then home. Except for one of our members whose Ford Ranger had a loose earth wire and it did not want to go home! The fault was soon diagnosed and fixed and a happy day ended.

Our thanks to the Cross Country Vehicle Club and its members who so generously gave of their time equipment to give us a truly memorable day.



OHINEWAIURUA - Waitangi Weekend, February 2023

Words and pics by Andrew Gee

Friday

The Waitangi weekend trip to Ohinewairua Station was well attended and a lot of fun. John Vruink has been going to Ohinewairua for 26 years he thought, but I hadn't done it until this year. I had a bit of trouble on the first day, so he tasked me to do a report. So much happened that I started to take notes but there was just too much material, I decided to limit it to club members of over 20 years standing because they should know better.

We met in Taihape with a patchy weather forecast for the weekend and pushed on down the Taihape-Napier highway. After getting to the property, we headed to the lower Shearers quarters. On the way there Bruce's trailer started ploughing up the track so we left it behind, maybe he should be writing the report? Glamping is a better description of the accommodation, there was a motorhome, two caravans, one of Ash Senior's rooftop tents, various other tents, and the club marques. People had bought all sorts of cooking equipment, their own air fryers, microwave oven and barbys.

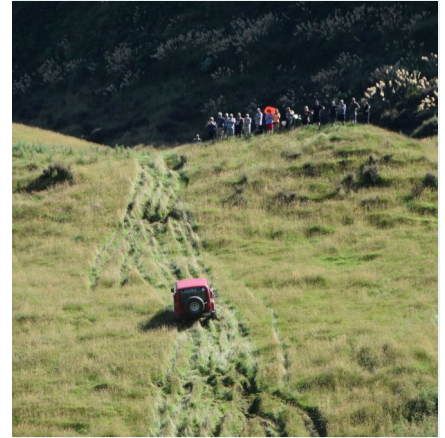
Friday was Andrew's day, I had (unwisely)chosen my third hand, 15-year-old mud tyres for this trip but on the first sidetrack I was stuck in the hidden water table. A quick tow from Frank and we were away again. Later on, we came to a small dam and the crossing looked a little damp, as I went up on it, I slid sideways so I sat there waiting for rescue. With a winch attached front and rear I was pulled back a bit and hauled one of my rescuers off the bank as well. After sliding off the edge I was stropped forward by John Dixon and managed to wind the strop around my axle disconnecting the brakes. Luke lined up next and made good progress before he also slipped off the edge. A quick pull and he was away laughing. We were joined by my favourite Aokautere hillbillies, Ross and Spenser, Kelsey and Ben and Jordan and India from the Tararua Club. They had developed an idea I always thought would be good, having a motorcycle outrider to do the gates or to check the track is clear ahead, Ben did the honours buzzing backwards and forwards on his dirtbike all weekend.

Saturday

Saturday was both of the John's Day, Vruink (JV) and Dixon (JD). The ladies were calling JV "Numb nuts", I thought that was a bit harsh, but I had misheard, they were calling him "No Nuts" because he had forgotten a set of wheel nuts to fit his mud tyres, no problem, Shaun was carrying a complete spare set of steel wheel nuts in his Cruiser. A few people suffered from overheating on the hillclimbs including JV but when we got to the boundary of the Army land his Cruiser wouldn't restart unfortunately at the bottom of a hill. Bruce's Jeep and Kelsey's Suzuki dragged the Tojo up to where JD was waiting, where he diagnosed an air lock, bled the fuel line and Tojo was running again in between issues with the starter motor and fuel cap. JD's Cruiser was to play up later in the day and crawled back to camp missing the fun and games at a creek crossing. Max tracks were to the fore for some to cross a muddy ford, I had my shovel out and that meant I had used all my recovery gear this weekend, and I thought it was going to be an easy run. Six Max tracks were used, and they needed to be dug out after each use, sterling work by Shaun who was up to his armpits in the mud. JD's mighty Chev had packed a sad and wasn't running to its full potential, he spent a fair bit of time swapping parts out to try and find the problem without success. It was problematic because JD and Marie had driven up to Ohinewairua in the Cruiser and needed to get back home.

Sunday

Sunday was Ian Dixon's day. On a tight track on a fence line there was a narrow culvert, a little too narrow for Ian. Earlier in the day we drove through a paddock of metre high thistles when JV suddenly stopped. There had been talk during the weekend of Daisy's previous crash into a water tank at this property and this time John parked in a water trough, it was a good job too, to get the Cruiser so far into



OHINEWAIKUA - Continued

the trough before bellying itself out. A quick strop out and then some plumbing work to make sure the trough didn't overflow.

John and Marie scored the highest mileage this day by taking the Cruiser back to Wellington with a borrowed truck and trailer (some people call this doing a Bruce) after his Chevy stopped running right. They then turned around and came back to camp after picking up a fresh supply of apple pies from the Silverstream bakery.

Bruce and Ross did the death hillclimb discovered by the Tararua Club some years before which went straight up a long hill to nowhere with only limited space to turn around. Jordan, Max, and Heath weren't scared and did the first half of the hillclimb as well. Ian's recovery from the collapsing culvert took ages and he was lucky to stay on his wheels as he was pulled and winched from both sides of the fence.

We finished the day by heading up to the Bluffs which gave the expansive view down the valley showing the whole property.

Monday

We had an early pack up of the campsite to give us a chance to beat the holiday traffic back to Wellington. Straight after a visit to the Flat Hills for bunch that was. At least my Foxton beach tyres were the right tyres for the trip home.

Heath, Shaun and Denise, Luke and Emma, Howard, Richard and 2 boys (who had to take a detour on Friday night because of flooding at Marton), Frank and Nicola, and Max were all involved in the action, a trip to Ohinewairua is no walk in the park.

Thanks No Nuts, I had a great weekend away.

WYNNE MORGAN CONGRATULATIONS!

LandSAR have announced the following award to a person who is also one of our members - Wynne Morgan.

Wynne is a Field Team Member, and a long-term member of Wellington AREC.

Wynne tirelessly and often thanklessly maintains the Group equipment including the deployable field equipment and group deployable communication equipment. Additionally, Wynne takes on the role of Staging Area Manager for operational deployments.

A significant amount of his work is in the background, ensuring the field teams can rely upon their equipment.

It is this hidden effort and his field work that is recognised in this award.



BORING TRIP - 5th February 2023

(but only if you are a mechanic hoping for big repair jobs)

John Parfitt was the trip leader for the family shiny trip into the Akatarawa forest park on Sunday 5th Feb, and the only way to describe it is uneventful (from a breakdown and recovery point of view). John gave us the overall route during the trip briefing at the start, as well as covering convoy rules and safety etc. He first took us down Cleary's Road to the Rimu Road camping spot, a beautiful secluded little glen with the river right beside the road and small grass area. Lots of people have talked about this spot and now I see what all the fuss is about. It was very Zen-like and relaxing there having a chat with the small group of drivers that day. Being early in February, and a long weekend for Waitangi Day, there were only twelve trucks on the trip. There were a few newer shinier vehicles, included Sara's highlighter-yellow Jimny (not the official colour name), and a shiny new Mitsi that had the Rhino panel protection installed. A lot of people were fascinated by the Rhino protection panels, so much so that the driver remarked he should have brought brochures and order forms on behalf of the dealer. He could have paid for his own protection from the commission fees.

As we gathered to depart, John was very clear in his route description, and he even reiterated the number one convoy rule to wait until the person behind you can see you, indicate where you are going, and only then do you move off.

The convoy moved off this peaceful spot, crossed the Whakatikei river at the Long Crossing, and despite the clear instructions (or because of them?) someone neglected to check the vehicle behind could see where they were headed. The predictable result was a call over the radio that the convoy had split and half of them were headed off the wrong way down the Pram Track. It seemed to take forever before David, working the tail end, came on the radio to say that he'd turned the lost trucks around to rejoin the convoy.

John had us at the top of the Devil's Staircase for a bite of lunch soon after all that confusion. Lots of people wandered over to the top of the Devil's Staircase to look down either with trepidation, or with thoughts of "yeah, I could do that". Lots of discussion and reminiscing of previous attempts at the Devil's Staircase as well as descriptions of what would be in store. I half-thought John might be tempted to take the group down there, but instead he headed back out on Titi Road, heading toward the Fenceline track. We did the Fenceline track in reverse to what I'd done before, which made the steep bits a bit more interesting trying to get up them.

We stopped at the top of the Fenceline track just short of the pylon, but not for long as the wind was getting up and the temperature was dropping a bit.



The Devil's Staircase – yeah, I could do that!



If you make me write a trip report, you're going to get pictures of the Jeep!



Always fun to take on the hill climb under the pylon.



THE CAMPING AND 4WD EXPO - 19th February 2023

Chillybin Adventures held the 1st Camping and 4WD expo at Brewtown in Upper Hutt in mid February.

The day turned out to be a great day, bringing out the crowds. The morning was full on with plenty of potential new members popping in and inquiring about what our club does. Many people were surprised with the following:

We run trips on a regular basis - many other clubs only run a handful of trips

We have a range of trips - many other clubs only have one class that tries to fit all. While we have a whole range of trips catering for all kinds of people, experience and truck capabilities.

We have female club members who are active and drive.

We aren't full of old men.

We do several away trips on a regular basis.

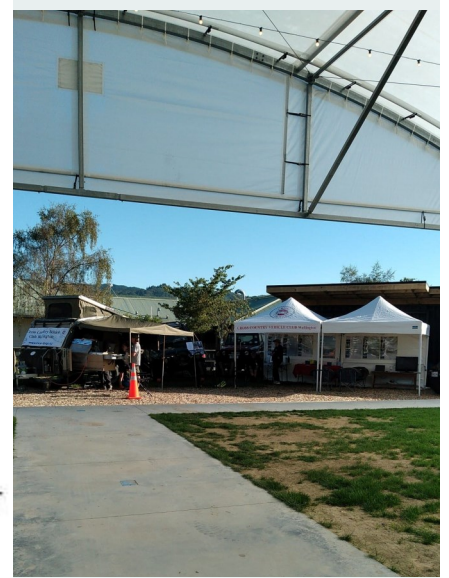
We are very active in the community, doing beach clean ups and planting just to name a few.

It was a great opportunity to chat to other enthusiasts about 4WDing. Plenty of CCVC pamphlets and application forms were taken home. We gave away 8 trips for potential members to be passengers of CCVC trips. Hopefully we see some of them tuen up to club night or on family shing trips over the next few months.

There are plans in the making for a bigger and better camping and 4x4 expo next year which the club has already expressed interest in having a stand.

Thanks to those club members who offered the use of their trucks, those who helped out on the day (including ring ins who helped with our impromptu sausage sizzle to raise funds for Hawkes Bay - Ralph gave \$300 to the Mayor Fund while he was in there helping out)

And thanks to those members who turned up to support our stand and to NZ4WD magazine who donated some magazine for s to give out. (PS some of these are left over and will be available at club night)



MARCH 2023 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

Wednesday 8th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday 8th CCVC CLUB NIGHT NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Thursday 9th TRAPPING THURSDAY TRAPPING

Saturday 11th CLUB 4x4
CHALLENGE - WHITEMANS VALLEY

Sunday 12th HARD YAKKA
FIREWOOD LOOP - AKAs

Sunday 12th FAMILY SHINY
AKATARAWAs
Monthly Trip - All welcome

Saturday 25th FAMILY SHINY
ORONGORONGOs
Monthly Trip - All welcome

Dave DeMartin (aka DD) is keen to run trips every weekend but is struggling to find people who want to join him. He typically runs Shiny 4x4 trips but will look at running tougher trips in the future. Speak to him at club night if you want to get out. He is happy to tailor trips to club members experience level.

For more events refer to our
Website www.cvc.org.nz or our
Facebook page www.facebook.com/wellingtoncvc/
www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/

APRIL 2023 TRIPS & EVENTS

April 1st COMMUNITY

ST PATS COLLEGE—South Coast

Friday 7th - 10th April SHINY 4x4

OTAPAWA - Away Trip

Wednesday 12th Club Night

All Welcome

Sunday 23rd FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOs
Monthly Trip - All welcome

Sunday 7th TRAINING DAY

ORONGORONGOs
For Prospective Members

Keep an eye on the website 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,



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).

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

March 19th

WINDWHISTLE 4x4 HIGHCOUNTRY TOUR

Hosted by Windwhistle School

\$500.00 per vehicle (self-drive) limited to 5 people (including driver, adults or children) per vehicle. Chauffeured – \$170.00 per person.

Register and pay online.

www.hororata.org.nz/event/windwhistle-4wd-high-country-tour(link is external)

A postponement date has been set for Sunday 26th March 2023,
Phone 03-318 6828

Email windwhistle4wd@gmail.com

April 4th - 23rd April

LANDROVER 75th ANNIVERSARY

The Safaris and 'Wheels at Wanaka' is a no dog event.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/630245621144233>(link is external)

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The Registrations for the 3 days of Safaris and Wheels at Wanaka and the will be available soon on the Wheels at Wanaka web site.

<https://www.wheelsatwanaka.co.nz/>



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	Duncan Grocott
Secretary	Shaun Ross

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Shaun Ross
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	Penne Durdle
Committee	Megan Koornneef David Sole Frank Allen Dave DeMartin Dudley Harris Luke Crossley

CLUB NOTICES

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

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.

We are also planning on using this page to live stream club nights.

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:

Laurence Vautier
Shane Schlup
Martin Drinkwater
Wayne Hvid
Sara Foote
Rhonda Billington
Campbell Preston
Blake Robinson

Please make them all feel welcome

WANT TO PLAY A BIGGER PART IN THE CLUB?

Think of joining the committee or training to become a trip leader. The AGM is coming up. If you think you would like to have a role in the committee or know someone perfect for the job fill in a nomination form (link below) and send it through to secretary@ccvc.org.nz

[Copy of CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM - Landscape 2 \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org)



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.

The mention of products, service procedures or service organisations herein

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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 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. The best format is as a word document in Arial Narrow 10

Please email missmuddypenne@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

