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Pictures from a muddy trip in the Akatarawas - see story on page 15



Editorial Ramblings



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Hi there

This is a shorter than usual magazine this month as there are not some many trip reports (but the three that we do have are good ones!) and there are not so many trips on.

The slowing in the number of trips may be an indication that it's getting colder and it's not so pleasant knee deep in mud looking for tow hooks under truck, it may be a reflection on the rising cost of fuel or it may be that our usual band of trip leaders are in need of supplies - supplies of people wanting to come out and become trip leaders.

If you would like to give it a go, talk to any trip leader and they will point you in the right direction - you could make the club's day by becoming a trip leader and introducing the club to somewhere new.

Coming up in July is the club annual awards evening - these are great events with most people going home with something plus the chance for the major prize of something near and dear to every 4x4 bloke's heart - TYRES!

Coming up soon is a Special General Meeting about the E Band club radio & communications plan...more on at a later date.

And, of course, the AGM is looming so put that date into your diaries as well. It is a safe meeting to come to, you will not be conned into a committee position (unless you want to), so we'll see you all there.

Alan...

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Cover Picture:

It would appear that someone got into a spot of bother up at Foxton Beach recently - I'm sure there must be a story behind the picture!

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Immed Past President					
Secretary					
Treasurer					
Club Captain					

General Committee Members

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Land Access					
New Members					
Newsletter					
Publicity					
Safety Officer					
Trip Coordinator					

Other Useful People

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Assets					
Club Night Photo's					
Help desk					
Membership Database					
Track Maintenance					
Trophies					
Webmaster					
Welfare					

The club meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
at the Petone Working Mans Club, Udy Street, Petone.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!! We need any articles, trip reports, technical items, "How-to's", etc to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month. Please post to 34a Hine Rd Wainuiomata, fax to 04 914 8366 or email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

SAFETY POLICY

Should any members fail to return from any outing, four wheel drive or otherwise, whether as a club member or as a private individual, the following person/s should be contacted in the first instance:

Rodney Bracefield - 234 8887 (Hm), 577 8033 (Wk) or 027 548 8808
Jim Johnson - 938 9404 (Hm) or 021 389 404 **Gavin Holden - 0274 249 1959**

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

Upcoming Events

May 31–June 02: Lakes Safari 2008. Hosted by Geyserland 4WD Club. This year's event will be a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald Family Retreat, which is a holiday home for families of children with cancer. Limited to 120 vehicles, register your interest to email lakes2008@gmail.com

June 05: Arbor Day. We can all play a role in the conservation of our indigenous biodiversity. Plant a native tree in your garden, participate in a special Arbor Day activity near you or organise one of your own. Contact your local DOC office or council for more information

June 11-14: 40th New Zealand National Agricultural Fieldays. Held at the Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton, 8.00am till 5.00pm daily. Prepurchase tickets or gate sales available. Contact 07 843 4499 or www.fieldays.co.nz

July 11-13: Rotorua Winch Challenge. Vehicle checks Friday, night SS, Saturday full day, may be a second night SS on Sunday. Contact Sam Baddeley any time on 027 294 3601

August 05-09: Queenstown Winch Challenge.

Part of the Mainland Winch Challenge series, it will be hosted by the Shotover 4WD club. For information email mhbuiding@xtra.co.nz or phone Mark on 027 479 4443

Jan 18-24, 2008: Kauri Coast Safari. Advance warning, contact Michelle Griffiths on 09 439 0221, email kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz or visit www.kauricoast4wdclub.co.nz

Details in the column appear courtesy of Cathy Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.

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In accordance with club policy, the following equipment is a requirement on all Cross Country Vehicle Club trips:

1. Front and rear tow hooks, correctly fitted
2. Shovel
3. Fire extinguisher
4. First-aid kit
5. Basic tool kit
6. Kinetic rope or strop
7. Roll bar or cage for all open / soft top vehicle
8. Spare tyre and wheel changing equipment

If these items are not present in your vehicle at the beginning of a trip, the trip leader has the authority to exclude you from the trip. Details are set out in the Club's Vehicle and Equipment Inspection document (available from the website or any committee member). All member vehicles going on club trips must display a current club vehicle inspection sticker.



Trip Categories

Please be aware that the trip category requirements and any *additional* requirements as detailed on the Trip Information Sheet for the trip will be strictly enforced for safety reasons. The Trip Leader is able to waive a particular requirement for a trip, if the circumstances of the trip permit. The Committee requires Trip Leaders to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The updated trip category definitions are included towards the end of the Chronicle.

It should be noted that if a trip does not have a Trip Information Sheet in the Chronicle or it doesn't appear on the CCVC website, then it may not be an official club trip and the club insurance policy may not apply.

It should also be noted that trips that do not include an element of four wheel driving (e.g. the recent GPS trips around Wellington) do not count towards the required number of trips a perspective member must undertake before joining the club.



Club Email Addresses

Are you a new member? Do you get the News emails from the club? Do you have access to the club's website membership zone? If not then have a word with a committee member as these are all ways in which the club communicates with its members. Some useful email addresses are:

- Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)
- Lists@ccvc.org.nz (person who administers the list servs)
- Trips@ccvc.org.nz (Trip Coordinator)
- Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
- Database@ccvc.org.nz (membership database administrator)
- Access@ccvc.org.nz (Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)
- NZFWDAdelegate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
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1. The trip leader is always in charge. Please recognise their authority, follow their instructions and give them the respect they deserve.
2. No dogs or firearms.
3. Guests on a Club outing are the responsibility of the Club member who invited them.
4. No drinking and driving.
5. Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight. This is particularly important when you come to a turnoff. There is no excuse for vehicles taking the wrong track because of a driver in front not obeying this rule.
1. Keep your position in the convoy i.e. no passing.
7. Watch vehicle spacing on public roads to ensure that public vehicles can pass in safety.
8. Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it.
9. If you must leave the convoy, inform someone.
10. Respect the environment.
11. Expect to provide a write-up and / or photos for the Club newsletter from time to time if you participate in Club trips.



Club Sub-Committees

The club has the following sub committees running currently:

- **60k:** Grant Purdie with Antony Royal, Bruce Mulhare, Eric Bon, John Vruink & Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Rodney Bracefield
- **Deadwood:** Roger Seymour
- **Police SAR:** Jim Johnson and Gavin Holden
- **Safety:** Phil Lewton with Carl Furniss, Grant Purdie, John Kowalczyk & Ray Harkness
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Carl Furniss with any trip leaders who turn up
- **Web Project:** Stefan Cook with Andrew Farmer, Grant Purdie, Jay Montilla, Jeremy Ackley & Marcel van Dorrestein
- **Radio:** Jeremy Ackley with Jim Johnson, Grant Purdie, John Kowalczyk, Phil Lewton, Ray Harkness, Rodney Bracefield & Mark Wolstenholme

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Grant Purdie & Giles Sullivan
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Grant Purdie & Bruce Mulhare
- **Friends of Belmont:** Roger Seymour
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** Grant Purdie & Ralph Dobson
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Public Access New Zealand:** Ralph Dobson
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Grant Purdie & Barry Insull



Clubnight Dates

Below are the clubnight dates for 2008:

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 09 April 2008 | 14 May 2008 |
| 11 June 2008 | 09 July 2008 |
| 13 August 2008 | 10 September 2008 |
| 08 October 2008 | 12 November 2008 |
| 10 December 2008 | |

Presidents Report - April 2008

The short story is 'The Clubs in Great shape'

Why? Because membership remains strong and active, allowing financial goals to be achieved.

In that regard membership is at a similar level to last year, not that we are trying to grow the club and financially we're bang on budget; to within \$30 as at the March balance! Ok so it's not all good management there's just a percent or two of luck!

In this regard Phil's decision to stand down as treasurer is unfortunate but all things being equal we're about to elect an equally capable guy in David Coxon, Dave your mission, if you accept it, is to get within \$30!

Phil; many thanks for an outstanding effort over the past two years.

Trip Numbers have been fascinating, maintaining a relative stability, 1 more trip this year than last but with an increase of just over 10% in vehicle movements to 975.

We agonise over the diminishing numbers on away trips, too much choice/conflict with trips, trying to locate new access options but all in all it's holding up well, next year might be different if we hit \$3 a litre for gas, but let's worry about that next year.

In terms of land access, an action group has been established to locate new areas, as much as anything to replace local ones lost to wind farming at present, to prevent overuse of the Akas, and counter the effect of expected closures at Foxton Beach, already we have some traction in this regard with good prospects in the Wairarapa but I'll leave that to those concerned to elaborate.

Some of our major projects have grown legs with the Turangi project gathering momentum with design and document input from Terrance Broad and Darryl Young respectively, while the emergency comms and radio sub committee, after consultation with the club have made a final recommendation to committee. This will be before the club at the June meeting for your sign off.

The changes to our Driver Familiarisation programme continue to deliver benefits both financial and in membership, without us having to train everyone who buys a 4x4, so the sessions are much more manageable and productive for the club. Steve Mercer is to be congratulated here, his organisation is excellent.

And perhaps something that shouldn't be forgotten is our late developer, the Web Project; again additional horsepower

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has rekindled the enthusiasm with much of the material transferred to the new platform which along with satisfactory testing suggests it should see the light of day in next few months.

My thanks to the guys on that crew as I believe it will add significantly to the value of the club, ease of use, sponsorship opportunity and information archiving amongst many other benefits.

Next year of course will be down to the revised committee, but we can expect a bigger and better Awards function, a smaller if no Christmas function, greater recognition of the contribution Trip Leaders make and the opportunity to run our own Deadwood again, lets just hope international oil prices don't ruin the fun.

To the committee and all those who participate in making it happen, my thanks, I don't doubt there are many who perhaps don't appreciate the effort you put in.

Paul Adams

President

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A man and his wife are dining at a table in a plush restaurant and the husband keeps staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sits alone at a nearby table. The wife asks, "Do you know her?" "Yes," sighs the husband, "She's my ex-girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up seven years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since." "My God!" says the wife, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc

Notice is hereby given that the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc will be held on Wednesday 14th May 2008 at the Petone Workingmans Club, Udy Street Petone. The AGM will in association with the May club meeting.

Ralph Dobson

Club Secretary.

Notes Regarding AGM.

Rule 21: Nominations of Candidates for Elected Positions:

- a. Each candidate for an elected position shall be a Voting Member, and shall be nominated in writing by one Voting Member and seconded by another.
- b. The nomination shall be with the written consent of the nominee, and is to be received by the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may also be received at the Annual General Meeting until such time as the Chairperson declares nominations closed.

Rule 39: Procedure at General Meetings (Proxy voting)

- a. proxy voting is not permitted.

Rule 37: Notice of Motion for General Meetings.

Any notice of motion for consideration by a General Meeting shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least 20 days before the date of the General Meeting. Such notice shall include the full text of the motion and the names of the mover and seconder both of whom shall be Voting Members. A motion for which such notice has not been given, may be proposed from the floor only at the Annual General Meeting and then only with the consent of the Chairperson.

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2008 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

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

Tick one only

Club Officers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate Past President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Captain
<input type="checkbox"/>	
General Committee Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitions Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driver Training Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	External Organisation Delegate – NZFWD Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Access Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Members Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Editor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trip Coordinator

Name (print)

Signature

Date

Person Nominated: Signature Date/...../.....

Proposed By: Signature Date/...../.....

Seconded By: Signature Date/...../.....

*Please complete this form **legibly** and return to the secretary (or committee member) so that it is in the secretary's hands by the time the AGM starts. You may post it to **CCVC, P.O. Box 38 762, Te Puni**; please ensure that it is posted in time for our final mail clearance on the day before the AGM. It would be preferred if it could be returned earlier if possible.*

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc



2008 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS – as at 01 May 2008

Club Officers	
President	Paul Adams
Vice President	No Nomination
Immediate Past President	Not required this year, (see club rules)
Secretary	Ralph Dobson
Treasurer	David Coxon
Club Captain	Neil Blackie
General Committee Members	
Competitions Officer	Roger Seymour
Driver Training Officer	Steve Mercer
Entertainment Officer	John Vruink
External Org Delegate – NZFWDA	Ralph Dobson
Land Access Manager	Grant Purdie
New Members Officer	Steve O'Callaghan
Newsletter Editor	Alan Donaldson
Publicity Officer	Charles Odlin
Safety Officer	Brent Samson
Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
Non Committee Officers	
Asset manager	Wayne Jansen
Membership DB Administrator	Marcus Steeneken
Search and Rescue –Internal	Rodney Bracefield (TBC)
Search and Rescue –External	Jim Johnson (TBC)
Trophy Officer	Alan Donaldson
Webmaster	
Welfare Officer	Gillian George (TBC)
Assistant Trip Coordinator	Marcel Van Dorrestein

Rotorangi Revisted

After completing domestic duties I finally got away around seven to head off to Patea. Leaving at that time meant not too much traffic on the road. I met up with Mike at Levin where we had Maccas for tea and then onto Bulls to top up with gas. We got into the farm house at 11 to find most of the troops savouring the last of their beers for the evening. It was into the scatcher pretty soon for me only to be woken up by an animal crawling over me which could only have been a possum or a rat. I gave it a flick and off it went. It later came back and had a sniff in my ear. Another flick and it went off to see Mike in the other bed. Next thing Noel Cook is tromping around the house with torch flashing trying to find it. I went back to sleep!

Next morning two trucks came in from Patea to join us and eleven of us were off to the paddock at the top of the hill where the whole of Taranaki unfolded in front of us. Neil Blackie, who had taken over the reigns for the trip, gave the briefing and, once we found the right gate, we were on our way. A gentle tiki tour around the farm led us back to the gate which leads downhill to the river. A steep track it follows a razorback spur down to the flats. At the bottom we stopped for a cup of tea then headed up the west side of the river for a short way initially taking the high track. As we had to be back at the bridge at 12.30, Neil turned us around and we explored the first part of the lower flat and looked hopefully, but hopelessly optimistically, at what appeared to be a newly formed river crossing. Discretion being the better part of valour the notion was abandoned and we headed back to the bridge.

No further trucks appeared so on up to the hills. My recollection of the ridge track, which leads from the McColls farm almost to the Lake Rotorangi camping ground, was that it was narrow -very narrow in places - two years ago. With that in mind and the thought that everyone might end up condemned to digging my Safari along the ridge, I parked up and jumped in with Bruce Tustin. I was vindicated within a couple of hundred metres of the start was the side of the track had started to drop away after the previous truck so it was into some early digging. The Safari simply wouldn't have got past there where as the narrower Prado and Bighorn were able to.

The track has grown over during the last couple of years and Neil's earlier warnings of not running over the vegetation at the side of the road were taken to heart. I jumped in the SWB cruiser of Mike at times and there were many corners and ridges in the track where you simply couldn't tell where the track went unless you got out and looked or could see the vehicle in front. At one stage Mike said 'look at those cliffs over there'. He didn't notice that I was white knuckled and muttering to myself - 'never mind those bloody cliffs over there watch out for the frigging 100m vertical drop half a metre from my door!'

A couple of dig outs and slow, though steady, progress along the ridge meant that at four Neil decided to pull the pin and head back as we hadn't come to the known critical points in the track and didn't want to be digging ourselves out later that night in the dark. The return journey was remarkably quick. After a quick trip up to the Lake and a stop to view where the digger working on restoring the track on the far side of the river used on previous visit, we were back at the farm house well before dark. A few nervous beers were quickly consumed as we recounted the afternoon's journey along the ridge. After tea the possum emerged from the back of the old TV and tried to make a discreet traverse of the room but was soon captured and biffed outside.

Sunday morning we were packed up and off at nine to hit the old Patea Road that follows

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the river. After regrouping at McColl's farm we headed through the gate but went too far and into the poplar nursery. I seem to recall doing this once before! Back to the right road and it was steady drive along the track. Some work had been done on it recently so there was no digging or towing required this time. By ten we were at the old bridge.

The surface was even more dilapidated than it had been two years ago though clearly quads had been traversing it without too much of a problem. After a bit of committee discussion and plank realignment Neil headed across first. Leroy gently pattered across. Noel Cook was next and was about a truck length onto the bridge when the LH front wheel disappeared through the deck with a spectacular crunch. Before he could oblige us for a photo he backed off very quickly fortunately without dislodging further decking. While the wheel dropped through the deck the main beams of the bridge are very solid and the vehicle was always going to end up sitting on one of these. Out with the chainsaws and manuka was cut to fill the gaps. Second time Noel made it across without a problem. The next truck, a SWB cruiser, got half way across before there was an ominous cracking noise. He managed to keep his wheels out of the hole that formed. More manuka was felled and the deck packed out allowing the cruiser and the rest of the trucks to complete the crossing without further event. All across it was on to the next paddock and a very welcome morning tea.

The trip finished up with a quick detour to a paddock above the river then onto the exit track up to Elliot Road. Some of us had lunch while others aired up to have lunch further long the road. Neil was heading back to Ball Road to pick up his Pajero and trailer for Leroy.

Passing Ohakea on the way back I was pleased we had finished early as there were thou-

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sands of cars parked up for the Airforce Open Day. Being much later would have meant a very long slow drive home.

Thanks Neil for taking on the trip at short notice and for making those decisions which had to be made – sometimes we don't make them and wished we had!

David Sole - K116

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We will find some mud in the Akatarawas – and we did

Not sure why I am writing this trip report – just because I got stuck coming out of the Zig Zag. I went in to the bank on the way up and had to get pulled out (it just took 2 vehicles to pull me out) Gazza turned up with out paying (Better pay or they will be after you), and with out booking – so in my view he should be writing the trip report.

There were about 20 vehicles on this Family Shiny trip and we met at Bulls Run Rd, then it was up the Ridge track and down a slippery over grown track – which no one had any problem with.

We went down Rimu Rd where sleet was falling (it must have been cool) from there it was on to the Orange Hut for Morning Tea. From there it was over to the twin gates and down the slippery rutted track to one of the manufacturer's challenge areas where we found some

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc
Annual Awards Dinner

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Message from Steve, our intrepid new members officer:

If any members are after replacement vehicle stickers, I have a stock of white and clear ones to replace those scratched off by gorse and trees (or just too much washing or sunshine (well, we are in Wellington, aren't we?)) - just ask me.

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mud. The first challenge was getting every one into the area, with a few people needing a pull. We stopped in this area so people could have lunch and play in the mud.

Lesson: Any one doing a stop should have better than street tyres on.

Some people played follow the leader around the Mud. A passenger in a non club vehicle was told to put on his seat-belt in case of a roll over – then a few minutes later they were on their side (luckily the passenger was out of the vehicle at the time). The roll over happened because the vehicle got stuck and a visitor who thought that he knew how to do a recovery connected their strop on and pulled it on to it's side.

Lesson: Have a stop done by some one that has done it a lot before.

Gazza pulled the vehicle back on to it wheels.

Lesson: When pulling a vehicle back on to it's wheels – use a winch.

Gazza tried hooking up a strop to the back of David's vehicle so he could winch the vehicle out, But Gazza had a problem with his hand brake, so when David's winch was in use it was just pulling his and Gazza's vehicle forward.

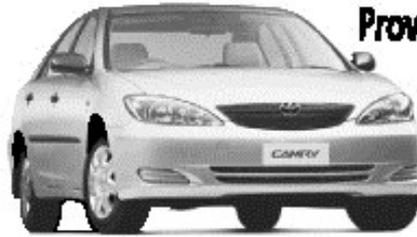
Lesson: When using 2 vehicles for winching – don't have a strop in the mix

David then connected to a tree with a chain and was able to pull the stuck vehicle out with out any problem. Gazza was up to his usual tricks mudlarking as usual. After spending some time playing in the mud it was through the water way. We went back down Hydo Rd, and up to the pylon, then down the Zig Zag and up the other side (where I got stuck).

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Back out to where we started at Bulls Run Road. All out by 16:10 (with a 8am start that was a lot of time in the bush). Thanks Marcel for a great trip.

Photos from the trip can be viewed at

<http://picasaweb.google.com/brendon.millard/Akatarawa19408>

Brendon Millard – K171

2008 Reporters Award

Time has come to start the voting process to select the next worthy recipient of the CCVC Reporters Award - you will recall that last year was the first time we've had this award and I (the donor) chose who was to receive it. But the plan was always to get the readers to vote based on trip reports that appeared in the newsletter between the last trophy night (August 2007) and the next (July 2008). So I have listed the published reports below.

There are two ways to vote:

1. Circle the report you wish to vote for on this page (or a copy of it) and send it to me at the club PO Box
2. Email me your vote to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

Remember all reports from September 2007 to June 2008 are eligible.

September 2007

CCVC Tramping Club—Roger Higgison
South Coast Meander—David Coxon

October 2007

South Coast TagAlong—David Coxon
While all others are working—Graeme Millard
Keep New Zealand beautiful—???
Stonehenge Aotearoa-K182

November 2007

An Astronomical Delight—Peter K228
Makara—Mike Stephens
Bookings Required—John Parfitt
Akatarawa Adventurer Trip—Stewart & Jane Burrell

December 2007

Interclub Competition—Roger Seymour
Pohangina River & Takapari Rd—Craig

February 2008

Scout Fundraiser—David Coxon
New Years Day—Liz Jones (Mercer)
Week Before Christmas (poem) - Marcel
Greg Got Through the Bog Hole—Brendon Millard
Mystery Tour of Wellington—Graeme Millard
Three Wheel Driving—Simon Parker
The Taranaki Recce trip—???

March 2008

Odlins Track plus side tracks—Mike & Sarah Stephens

April 2008

Paris Hilton in the Akatarawas—John Parfitt
Mahia Hunt—David Coxon

May 2008

Rotorangi Revisited—David Sole
We will find some mud in the Akatarawas—Brendon Millard
Levin Farms—David Sole

THIS COULD BE YOUR PAGE!

Go on – step outside your comfort zone and write something for the magazine. Even just a few sentences. You don't have to have been stuck or done anything embarrassing, the rest of the members just like to read your perspective on anything related to the club.

SO WHAT CAN YOU WRITE ABOUT?

How about a trip report? So you enjoyed the trip and would love to share your experiences but are not quite sure who was on the trip or where you actually went.

Call the trip leader and they will give you the details you need to tell your story. It can be as long or short as you want - even a couple of sentences will be well received.

Not sure you want to write a whole report, but want to share that silly / funny incident or dob a friend in? Send a mole report to mole@ccvc.org.nz and it might end up in "The Mole Report", a new section of the club mag.



Writing not your thing?

How about sending some photos for club night. We are keen to have a selection for photos for each trip so here are some guidelines to make it easy for everyone:



Try to pick your best dozen or so photos – we can't show too many on the night so lets make it the best ones.

Photos need to be with me before 8:30pm Monday night. That way I can set them up on Monday night and get them to John on Tuesday night so he can get them ready for Wednesday night.



If you can do so, resize the images to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution setting on your camera). This makes the images small enough to email to david.coxon@xtra.co.nz. Alternatively put your pictures on a CD and call me to arrange to get the CD to me. My contact details are:

463 4263 (w)

567 4501 (home before 8:30)

027 451 0361 (m)

Levin Farms 23 March

Ten trucks met at Foxton Camp at 9.30 – some after a pleasant drive up from Wellington punctuated by the stunning view of 18 hot air balloons suspended above Levin. Briefing from John Vruink was quick to the point then off to Shanon for the first part of the journey. John released the blue beast from the Safari, which was A-framing it, and it was off into the forest.

It has been 4 -5 years since we had been there so after extensive logging the landscape was completely changed leading to momentary confusion over which tracks to take. After a couple of spectacular circuits, including the highest skid sight which had remarkable views across the Horowhenua, we headed through the remaining trees to a clearing of privately owned land in the centre of the forest.

A quick cup of tea and the more adventurous were quickly off to explore the hills and bogs. Some of them were sticky even after the lack of rain but mostly it was drivable. One of the short steep drop offs ended with a soft spot at the base which only the Disco on larger than life tyres got through. My Safari displayed a marvelous imitation of a whale and, like a whale, took a bit of dislodging. A reverse attempt by Charles Odlin to make the climb was thwarted by the churned up mud but he assured us he had climbed it previously - when no one was looking.

John thought he might try and push the blue beast up the stream but came to a halt within metres as the left front plunged deeper and deeper into the river mud. Recovery was easy enough but, if he had made it, deeper water and tyre removing perils waited further around the corner.

After a leisurely lunch it was back to the road and south back into the hills and onto the farms via Heights Road which comes into the rear of the forestry block we had earlier been playing on. Off up to the escarpment and again the magnificent views though taking them in was prudently judged while concentrating on the driving. Another missed turn saw us backing out and a Disco doing a 3 wheel pirouette on a corner one vehicle wide and above a very long drop off. How it didn't roll onto its side let alone disappear over the side is a complete mystery to me!

Back along the right farm tracks and up the Telecom repeater station. After negotiating a locked gate, we headed into the next farm for a loop right down into the valley floor. For someone who hasn't been there for a few years John has a very good memory for the lie of the land. A temporary halt was called as a newly fitted shock absorber came adrift on the Hilux. He continued on three for the rest of the journey. The loop tack took us back up to the top of the escarpment ridge and back towards the repeater station. I recall these tracks as being narrow when I had my Hilux. I can now report with some confidence that when it comes to putting a long wheel base Safari along them they have decreased in width by at least 50%!

The day finished back at Heights Road. John finally changed a tyre that has been going down for as long as I can remember before heading away to pick up his Safari. Those who weren't returning to Foxton headed home after what was a very pleasant and (mostly) relaxing Easter jaunt.

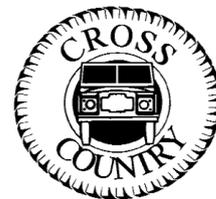
David Sole
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Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet

10 hour track - Sat 17/05/2008

Organiser: Charles Odlin



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: Drive the 10 hour track BOTH ways and home for tea (the same day hopefully))

Category: Club 4X4

Trip location(s):
Akatarawa Forest

Trip leader: Charles Odlin
Home phone (04) 562-8657 Cellphone 021-372-990
Assistant trip leader - Marcel Van Dorrestein

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
Moonshine/Haywards corner

Finishing point(s):
Where we started...

Dates:

Book by... Thu 15/05/2008 00:00
Meeting time Sat 17/05/2008 08:30
Drivers briefing Sat 17/05/2008 08:30
Finish Sat 17/05/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 50 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Low ratio gearbox
Good mud tyres essential
Winch required

Track type:	Mostly	Some	Optional
Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt roads and tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep mud holes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

Access to land is a privilege, not a right. Please comply with instructions from Trip Leaders and at all times respect the properties we drive on. Remember: "Abuse it and we'll lose it"

Notes: Bring a co-driver / winch bitch (someone prepared to get dirty) if you can.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



CCVC Goes Brazilian - Sat 17/05/2008

Organiser: Paul Adams

Description: Hosting a group of Brazilian surveyors via LINZ **Category:** Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Trip leader: Paul Adams

Home phone 04 905 2343 Cellphone 0275941343

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Gisborne railway station

Finishing point(s):

Find out when you book

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 17/05/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 17/05/2008 09:30

Finish Sat 17/05/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 0 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Track type: Mostly Some Optional

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Notes: Bookings Essential. 6 - 7 vehicles required to take a group of Brazilians through the Akatarawa forest.

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Trip Information Sheet



Sutherlands Track annual track clean up
Sat 24/05/2008

Organiser: ARAC Wairarapa

Description: Working bee on Southerlands Track with overnight camp. **Category:** Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):
Sutherland's Track

Trip leader: John Parfitt
Home phone 044770267 Cellphone 027 496 0892

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
Revan Street - Mobil Featherston

Finishing point(s):
-tba-

Dates:

Book by... Thu 22/05/2008 00:00
Meeting time Sat 24/05/2008 08:45
Drivers briefing Sat 24/05/2008 09:30
Start Sat 24/05/2008 09:00
Finish Sun 25/05/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 200 kms.

Weather Restrictions:
Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:
Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Low ratio gearbox
Club radio preferred
Good mud tyres essential

Track type:	Mostly	Some	Optional
Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

Access to land is a privilege, not a right. Please comply with instructions from Trip Leaders and at all times respect the properties we drive on. Remember: "Abuse it and we'll lose it"

Notes: Bookings required. Annual ARAC Wairarapa working bee to cut back the scratchy bits on the track. You are expected to bring scrub cutting tools and participate in the track clearing. Sleep over at Sutherlands Hut or Waikuku Lodge on Saturday night. If you do not wish to stay over you can exit on Saturday night (Please indicate your preference when booking). Mud Tyres are essential.

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Trip Information Sheet



Ohinewairua Away Trip with Valley Club

Fri 30/05/2008

Organiser: John Vruink

Description: Away trip to Ohinewairua Station

Category: Shiny 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Ohinewairua Station, Taihape

Trip leader: John Vruink

Home phone 04-567 1142 Cellphone 027-443 9981

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Ohinewairua Station, 30km from Taihape on the Napier (Gentle Annie) Road.

Trip fee \$20.00

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Book by... Thu 29/05/2008 00:00
Meeting time Fri 30/05/2008 00:00
Drivers briefing Sat 31/05/2008 08:30
Finish Mon 02/06/2008 14:30

Fuel required for: 300 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets:

No

Food:

BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Low ratio gearbox
Club radio or PRS required
Good mud tyres essential
Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

	Mostly	Some	Optional
Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

Access to land is a privilege, not a right. Please comply with instructions from Trip Leaders and at all times respect the properties we drive on. Remember: "Abuse it and we'll lose it"

Notes: Bookings Essential. Food, drink & fuel required for 3 days (available at Taihape - 30km). Accommodation is limited and available @ \$10.00 per person per night.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Event Information Sheet

Queen's Birthday - Mon 02/06/2008

Organiser: -tba-

Description: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Location:

Event status: Confirmed

Dates:

Notes:



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Trip Information Sheet



Sea to the Sky - Sat 07/06/2008

Organiser: Charles Odlin

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: The Dam, North Range Road to Mt Whariti

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):

Manawatu Tracks & North Range Rd

Trip leader: Charles Odlin

Home phone (04) 562-8657 Cellphone 021-372-990

Trip fee \$5.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

see notes section

Finishing point(s):

see notes section

Dates:

Book by... Thu 05/06/2008 00:00

Meeting time Sat 07/06/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 07/06/2008 09:30

Finish Sat 07/06/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 150 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Track type:

Gravel

Mostly Some Optional

Average ascents/descents

Dirt roads and tracks

Clay or mud

The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

Access to land is a privilege, not a right. Please comply with instructions from Trip Leaders and at all times respect the properties we drive on. Remember: "Abuse it and we'll lose it"

Notes: Meeting point confirmed when you book. Finish at Woodville. AT Tyres required, sorry NO 100% road tyres. Easy Family Shiny trip visiting the Mangahao Dams, travel up North Range Road across to Woodville and up to the top of Mt Whariti

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Event Information Sheet

ARAC Akatarawa Trip Leader Training Round 2

Sun 08/06/2008

Organiser: Grant Purdie

Description:

Location:

Event status: Confirmed

Dates:

Expected finish time Sun 08/06/2008 13:30

Meeting time Sun 08/06/2008 09:00

Notes:



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Trip Categories

Family Shiny:

Description: Family trip. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary.

Drivers: Particularly suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving, this category is also open to anybody who enjoys this style of trip.

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

Vehicles: An important objective is minimal challenge and minimal risk to vehicles. Club safety equipment is mandatory for club members; it is not mandatory for non-members although it is recommended for vehicles once their drivers have participated in one or two trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Shiny 4x4:

Description: More difficult family trips, for shiny wagons and drivers *with some experience* who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles.

Drivers: Must have some experience, preferably from the driver training provided by the club. Particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidlings.

Members: These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Vehicles: Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Club 4x4:

Description: Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks.

Drivers: Must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery.

Members: These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Vehicles: Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Hard Yakka:

Description: Difficult trips with very challenging terrain and surfaces, where winching, digging, and vehicle damage are all a possibility!

Drivers: Experienced drivers only.

Members: These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Vehicles: As per the Club 4x4 category. In addition, a roll-bar or roll-cage is recommended for all vehicles on Hard Yakka trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage. Often a winch is mandatory on a Hard Yakka trip; this will be specified on the Trip Information Sheet.

It should also be noted that if a trip does not have a Trip Information Sheet in the Chronicle or it doesn't appear on the CCVC website, then it may not be an official club trip and the club insurance policy may not apply.

It should also be noted that trips that do not include an element of four wheel driving (e.g. the recent GPS trips around Wellington) do not count towards the required number of trips a prospective member must undertake before joining the club.



More Trip Details

Skills & Experience Pre-Requisites:

Family Shiny

All Participants No pre-requisites

Shiny 4x4

Non Members Cannot participate
Members CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family Shiny trips after becoming a member.
Members of other 4WD Club Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate experience.

Club 4x4

Non Members Cannot participate
Members CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Shiny 4x4 trips after becoming a member.
Members of other 4WD Club Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate experience.

Hard Yakka

Non Members Cannot participate
Members CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 3 Club 4x4 trips after becoming a member.
Members of other 4WD Club Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate experience.

Cancellation Service.

We have a cancellation service for trips. What! Cancel a trip! It hardly ever happens, in reality sometimes the conditions are just too unpleasant or factors beyond our control that take out the property or the organisers.

So we have registered with Newstalk ZB (1035 AM, and used to be known as 2ZB) who will broadcast any cancellations on the hour every hour from 6:00am. We will endeavour to show on the Trip Information Sheet which times to listen.

Trip Departure Times.

To avoid people arriving at the last minute for a trip, missing the drivers briefing, delaying the trip and generally causing confusion, we'd like to clarify the meaning of the times shown on the Trip Information Sheets.

Meeting Date & Time: The time you are requested to be at the trip meeting point, to give you a chance to get into position, let your tyres down, and to give the Trip Leader time to collect your details before the Drivers Briefing.

Drivers Briefing Date & Time: The time that the Trip Leader will explain the trip to drivers, including any special instructions, safety briefing and points of interest.

Departure Date & Time: The time that the trip will actually drive away.

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
May 2008						
Saturday 3rd	Central Zone Teams Challenge	Roger Seymour	Club 4X4	Colin James' property, Whiteman's Valley	Confirmed	
Sunday 4th	Cattle Ridge / Orongorongo	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Cattle Ridge & Orongorongo Valley	Confirmed	Bookings please
Tuesday 6th	Web Project Team Meeting	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 17:30 - 19:00	-tba-		
Saturday 10th	Shiny's in the Ruts	Marcel Van Dorrestein	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Ruts	Confirmed	Bring scrub cutting gear if you have it.
Wednesday 14th	Club Night and AGM	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 17th	10 hour track	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest	Confirmed	
Saturday 17th	CCVC Goes Brazilian	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4		Planned	Bookings Essential. Limited of numbers. Seats required.
Monday 19th	Police Search & Rescue	Jim Johnson	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Saturday 24th	Sutherlands Track annual track clean up	ARAC Wairarapa	Shiny 4X4	Sutherland's Track	Confirmed	Bookings Required. Mud tyres essential. Scrub cutting tools essential.
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	IBM Petone		
Friday 30th	Ohinewairua Away Trip with Valley Club	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Ohinewairua Station, Taihape	Confirmed	BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
June 2008						
Monday 2nd	Queen's Birthday		-tba-	Event	Confirmed	
Saturday 7th	Sea to the Sky	Charles Odlin	Family Shiny	Manawatu Tracks & North Range Rd	Confirmed	
Sunday 8th	ARAC Akatarawa Trip Leader Training Round 2	Grant Purdie	Event		Confirmed	
Monday 9th	Safety Sub Committee	Brent Samson	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Wednesday 11th	Club Night	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Sunday 15th	Have you been up Deadwood Ridge?	David Coxon	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Deadwood Ridge	Confirmed	
Monday 16th	Web Project	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Sunday 22nd	Waiotouru	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4	Odlin's Road	Confirmed	
Monday 23rd	Deadwood Safari Sub Committee	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Wednesday 25th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	IBM Petone		

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
July 2008						
Sunday 6th	Red Rocks	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks	Confirmed	
Monday 7th	Trip Leaders Forum	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 9th	Club Night	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Monday 14th	Club Search & Rescue	Rodney Bracefield	Meeting - 19:30 - 02:02			
Saturday 26th	Awards Night Dinner	John Vruink	Event	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St	Planned	Bookings Essential
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	IBM Petone		



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