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

Position	Name	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cellphone	Email
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## Club Officers

[Redacted]					
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## General Committee Members

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## Appointments and Other Useful People

[Redacted]					
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## CCVC Life Members

Tom Adams	Graham Barr	George Bean (Deceased)	Leith Bean	Peter Boniface (Deceased)
Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft	Owen Farghar	Mike Gall	John Hughes
Bob Jeffery (Deceased)	Heather Jeffery	Ron Johnson	Steve Lacey	Colin Landy
Phil Lewton	Vern Lill	Bruce Mulhare	Raynor Mulhare	Ron Oliver (Deceased)
Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	Ron Wadham

## WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

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:

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## Editorial Ramblings

**WANTED: Society Gossip, Scandal, Rumour, and if all else fails, NEWS! Photos also very welcome ....**

It would seem that I either have heaps of trip reports and photos to put into the mag or virtually none - only one trip report this month so I've had to find some cartoons and jokes to fill out the blank spots. If you don't want to see cartoons and jokes then send me some trip reports!

Time to start thinking about the AGM as may isn't too far away - we will need some new people on the committee so how about giving us a hand in running the club?

And, don't forget to support our advertisers and sponsors, they offer us generous discounts but won't continue to do so if we don't!

We (CCVC) have been advised by the Petone Working Men's Club that everyone who is not a member of the Petone Working Men's Club **MUST** sign in when they enter the club, including CCVC members attending club nights, meetings, etc.

This is standard procedure for licensed clubs and it is a legal requirement that this be done so please ensure you sign in as a visitor whenever you attend CCVC events at the Petone Working Men's Club (if you are not a member of PWMC of course).

It is very important that we comply with their request if we wish to maintain the good relationship we have with them.

### 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 email to [newsletter@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@ccvc.org.nz) or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

**DISCLAIMER:** The opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the club, it's executive or committee members. Publication of maintenance techniques or mechanical modifications should be weighed against generally accepted procedures and the Club should not be considered an authority in this area.

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

## CCVC Trophies

We are trying to find out more details on the history of our club trophies and awards: things like previous winners, where the trophy came from, what it was originally given out for, etc.

So if you know anything that we don't know (see trophy page on the website to see what we do know) then please get in touch with a committee member or drop an email to:

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## National Events

**Apr 21: NORC Enduro** South Island round 1 of the Mickey Thompson NZ Offroad Racing Championship, held in Nelson

**Apr 27-29: Whangarei Winch Challenge** In a departure from recent Winch Challenge events, this is to be run as a two- vehicle , team event under the 4x4 Challenges Rules. \$150 per vehicle entry fee. Venue is Old Russell Rd, Whangaruru. Scruitineering Friday April 27 from 5pm till 10pm on site. Briefing 10pm Friday. First stages start 6am Saturday with last stages starting 1am Sunday. Brunch prizegiving late Sunday morning. Camping on site. More info from Dan Cleaver [nicanddan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nicanddan@xtra.co.nz) phone 021 405 001 or Darin Neeley, phone 027 533 0637 or [Darin.Neeley@roostmortgages.co.nz](mailto:Darin.Neeley@roostmortgages.co.nz)

**Apr 28-29: Westport Challenge** organised by Nelson 4WD Club. A series of challenging (and scenic) tracks to be driven on a rotational system based from Westport. Grade 5 tracks. Drivers to be 4wd club members.15 teams only, three vehicles per team. Entry fee \$600 per team includes meals for six team members for Sat and Sunday night. Extra meals by arrangement. Vehicles must have full rego and WoF, third party insurance, winch, standard club safety equipment, and ground anchor. Max tyre diameter 900mm. No chains or agricultural tyres. Teams must be self-sufficient. More information or for entries [sav@the4x4centre.co.nz](mailto:sav@the4x4centre.co.nz) or phone Andrew Satherley (Sav) 027 627 1972 or 03 548 2731 (work). Full information about Westport and accommodation [hwww.westport.org.nz](http://www.westport.org.nz)

**Apr 28: Glenbervie School Tagalong** in conjunction with Whangarei 4WD Club. Predominantly in Glenbervie Forest (normally inaccessible to public) as well as trails on adjacent farms with amazing native bush, forest and coastal views. Suitable for all road legal 4WD late model vehicles with low range and high clearance, plus SUVs with EBS and traction control (at the discretion of the organisers). Not suitable for 4WD cars. A safe family day out. More information [pauls@glenbervie.school.nz](mailto:pauls@glenbervie.school.nz)

**Apr 29: Historic 4WD & Machinery Day** To be held at Ramarama just off the Southern Motorway and it's an open invitation to enter both old and new vehicles. Get that MB Jeep, Land Rover Series 1, two-stroke Suzuki or military vehicle out of storage for the day and see how it goes compared to a modern vehicle. A family fun day, the morning will be a fun trail/ gymkhana, nothing too difficult and should be damage-free driving. Your vehicle may get dusty or even muddy. In the afternoon a tour of the local farms with views of the city and a BBQ to finish off. Cost \$25 per vehicle to cover land access fees etc. More info Tony Burgess Email [burgesst@xtra.co.nz](mailto:burgesst@xtra.co.nz) Phone 09 298 0194 or 027 479 2636 Fax 09 298 0134

**Jun 02-03: Top of the South Winch Challenge** Round one, on private property at Mt Riley farm, Blenheim

**Jun 09-10: Woodhill 100** North Island round 3 of the Mickey Thompson Offroad Racing Championship

*Some details in this 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.*



## Club Sub-Committees

The club has the following sub committees running currently (convenor named first, where applicable):

- **60k:** Terence Broad, Ron Johnson, Bruce Mulhare, Antony Royal, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury, Rodney Bracefield, Gavin Holden
- **Competition:** Neil Blackie
- **Deadwood:** Paul Adams, Roger Seymour, Neil Blackie, Morris Jury, Nick Martin, Dennis Mckinley, John Vruink & Ray Harkness
- **Emergency Comms & Radio:** Ian Hutchings, Grant Purdie, Rodney Bracefield, Jim Johnson, Phil Lewton, Rick Smith, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme, Murray Wills, Steve Mercer, Tony Brown
- **Land Access:** Grant Purdie, All trip leaders
- **Police Search & Rescue (SAR):** ???
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King, Steve Mercer
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Charles Odlin, All trip leaders
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Ralph Dobson, Charles Odlin & Grant Purdie
- **Dept of Conservation Head Office Liaison:** Paul Adams
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Bruce Mulhare, Grant Purdie, Russell Stevens & John Vruink
- **Friends of Belmont:** Stewart Burrell
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Grant Purdie & Barry Insull



## Presidents Piece

Easter is just around the corner, the club has plenty on so no reason not to get out in the mud and enjoy our country side.

The committee is planning the AGM, like usual we try and have a nomination for each position in advance of the meeting so members don't feel pressured into doing a job they are not keen on. With that in mind we are still looking for a Treasurer and a Public Relations Officer, obviously if you are keen on any position you are more than welcome to forward a nomination.

### **Calling all bean counters, YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

The Suzuki has had a rest for a month, found the rear brakes had seized so a trip to hospital and a quick fix and we are ready to go for Zuki Central over Easter, well at least one day as the family are off to the beach with friends. So instead of the Suzuki we took the Prado out for a spin on a fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Society along with friends in their Big Horn. A wild Hutt Valley night saw we on the phone to the organisers first thing in the morning to check all was still on, unbelievably we were troubled more by dust than mud as the Wairarapa hadn't copped any of the storm. We met up in Martinborough just before 10am, the place was humming with the beautiful sounds of V8 Ferrari engines, Bracken Ridge was hosting the Ferrari clubs AGM, James and his big kid dad even got the chance to sit in a 328 GTO.

27 trucks rolled out to Tora and headed around the coast, no drama until we got close to the old fishing boat wreck, our own David Coxon, who was writing an article for a 4x4 magazine, managed to demonstrate how mud can be deceptive. With both lockers in he managed to get really stuck and a fair bit of banter over the radio encouraged him to include this in the story along with photos. We carried on around to White Rock and had some fun crossing the river, the first few trucks needed help but as the gravel compacted the crossing got easier. Prado performed admirably and we finished off with a good yarn with fellow four wheelers over a couple of sausages by the station wool shed.

Also managed to head around the Palliser coast over the last weekend of the month, stunning weather for a spot of fishing. Went for a drive in the Prado around to the big shingle slide just after the stone wall. The gate at the stone wall was locked for a while but you can now get though with the track in pretty good condition,

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pity a fire has changed the cabbage tree rock garden area.

The final accounts for the Deadwood are nearly ready, I will let the subcommittee release the profit figure but it was a good earner for the club, thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. The committee thought some money could go towards a wash down pump so we are looking at this now.

I look forward to seeing you at the April club night, Murray is going to give us an insight into his huge 4x4 trip through China, don't worry as we will only be covering a couple of days as a teaser.

All the best, Ralph Dobson, CCVC President.



## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

### **Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc**

Notice is hereby given that the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc will be held on Wednesday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street Petone. The AGM will be in association with the May club meeting.

*Dennis McKinlay*

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.

# Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc



## 2012 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

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

Tick one only

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate Past President
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<b>General Committee Members</b>	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Editor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio Communications Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trip Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Committee Member

	Name (print)	Signature	Date
<b>Person Nominated:</b>	.....	.....	...../...../.....
<b>Proposed By:</b>	.....	.....	...../...../.....
<b>Seconded By:</b>	.....	.....	...../...../.....

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.

## **AN UPDATE ON RADIO ISSUES**

### **A CCVC Owned Repeater (E Band)?**

The AGM in 2011 asked that this be investigated and a presentation was made to the Club night late in 2011. The options presented to Club in December 2011 were, do nothing, borrow someone else's repeater, or build a CCVC repeater (other repeaters could be CDEM or Amateur, or commercial).

Members have subsequently provided feedback and the Sub Committee have reported to your Committee.

The recommendation agreed to were that

- CCVC not proceeding with a CCVC repeater;
- CCVC encourage Trip Leaders (and others) to gain an Amateur qualification by supporting the costs of a course (this gives access to a good nationwide repeater coverage);

That the ongoing CDEM liaison ascertain if CDEM repeater access can be obtained as a part of a wider CDEM role for CCVC (but only limited purposes, local coverage expected, if any).

### **EPIRB USE**

The recent EPIRB use over January was illustrative of their usefulness and limitations. But all systems used actually worked reasonably. Two hours elapsed from the EPIRB activation with assistance not being dispatched. Partly attributable to it being a private, not CCVC, EPIRB. In the meantime:

Contact with authorities via messages relayed from Amateur radio had occurred:

A second contact via a "drive to get cell-phone coverage" action had occurred.

RCC action was discontinued once these had led to ambulance, etc dispatch. The contacts on the EPIRB list were contacted by RCC (causing some stress!) but while they did not have details to confirm location/trip data, messages were passed on to others in CCVC.

EPIRB alternatives with a graduated and meaningful message are becoming available such as SPOT message service. This uses a commercial satellite and allows for:

A "send help" and GPS location forwarded to RCC (and contact list?);

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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- One or several "Im OK" message plus GPS to contact list (can be used to view progress);
- An "on the spot" text message to contact list (needs Smartphone or other Bluetooth device).

Given that CCVC EPIRB's will require new batteries (but preferably replacement EPIRB's/types) in the future (we are say 3-4 years through the 5-7 year battery life), and SPOT type services (or even more versatile options in the future) could be considered. The action points agreed to by the CCVC Committee were that :

- CCVC EPIRB contact lists should be brought (kept) up to date, and kept updated of trips;
- CCVC trip leaders be encouraged to take CCVC EPIRB's rather than relying on private ones;
- CCVC review our needs prior to any expenditure on EPIRB's (batteries etc) and consider other options at that time.



### **A Friday evening recovery on the South Coast - by John Parfitt**

A wonderful sunny Wellington evening, not a breath of wind , hardly a ripple on the waters of Cook Strait and daylight savings due to end in a couple of days. Add to that a group of friends, a 4wd and what better way to spend the evening than a trip around the Wellington South Coast?

So thought one of our prospective members on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Capable vehicle (well kitted out Suzuki) with all the recovery gear and having driven the coast many times in the past off they went heading as far around as the gate at Oteranga Bay. However, on the way back, disaster struck when they became bogged down at the narrowest part of Cave Bay and



despite all attempts' to free the vehicle it just wouldn't move. In the end they were rescued by the Police who came through Terawhiti Station to pick them up and the vehicle was left to its fate with the tide.

Friday and a call goes out to club members to help remove said vehicle from the beach. Various arrangements were made, including getting a key so the vehicle could be taken up Karori Stream and a group of club vehicles meet at 4:30pm at the Owhiro Bay car park to make the most of the daylight and the 6pm low tide.

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- 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)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)

# **ARAC Wairarapa**

**A Division of Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Inc.  
C/- 67 Watt st, Featherston Tel 06) 3088:091 027)3322:418**

## **Sutherland's Track**

**To the President CCVC**

**ARAC Wairarapa would like to take moment to sincerely thank the committee and club members for the lone off \$2000.00 so we could get a digger in to repair a drop out in the track at the Hurupi.**

**The track is now open and although a bit over grown Is rough enough to be a good drive.**

**We would also like to thank the club for it's \$250.00 Donation to the work.**

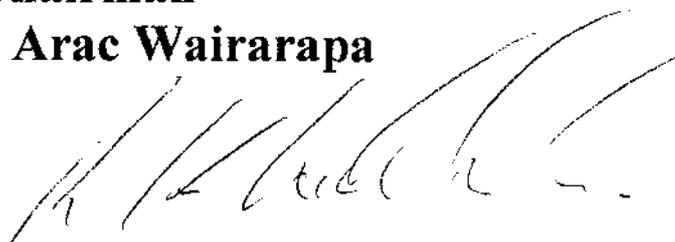
**We have booked in a working bee for the 14&15April to scrub cut the track**

**Once again Thanks**

**Rod Lonsdale**

**Chairman**

**Arac Wairarapa**



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Everyone then headed around the coast finding a small white and very lonely looking Suzuki buried up to its sills in wet sand but still there and complete.

Simply digging the vehicle out was not an option as the water was lapping around it (even though it was low tide) and the sand re filled any hole as soon as the shovel was removed. Using a hilift jack the vehicle was raised to a point where the wheels could be removed and sand removed to allow them to turn, although in the end it was necessary to remove the drive shaft to allow the rear wheels to rotate with any freedom.

Winches were then used to extract the vehicle from the sand and it was then towed along the beach as far as Karori Stream and eventually South Makara Road where it was to be picked up by a tow firm later that evening.



I spent some time later in the evening with the owner, which is another story the moral of which is to leave the Navman in the car at all times just in case you end up expecting the wifeto drive at night, in the dark to somewhere she has never been before and there is no cellphone coverage should she get lost. He was most grateful to the club members that came to assist. I think he was a little overwhelmed, firstly by having to abandon the vehicle, being rescued by the Police and then the efforts made to recover the vehicle as well as having to arrange its pick up and then trying to find his wife to pick him up from the end of South Makara Road (we eventually found her in Karori).

Thanks must go to all the club members who turned up on the evening; Charles Odlin, Ant Reid, Noel Cook (yet another broken CV), Ian

Dixon, Brent Samson, Bob Fitness, Gary Hogan and Ray Harkness.

A great effort all round and yes it was another stunning evening around on the south coast.

You just can't beat Wellington on a good day!!!

A man was leaving a convenience store with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse about 50 Feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a dog on a leash. Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking single file. The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog and said: "I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"  
"My wife's."  
"What happened to her?"  
"She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her."  
He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?"  
The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her."  
A very poignant and touching moment of brotherhood and silence passed between the two men.  
"Can I borrow the dog?"

The man replied, "Get in line."

*Ever feel like swearing but think you shouldn't? well here are a few situations where it's ok to use the "F" word...*



#### Understanding Engineers - Take One\*

Two engineering students were walking across the campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The second engineer nodded approvingly, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fitted."

#### Understanding Engineers - Take Two\*

To the optimist, the glass is half full.  
To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.  
To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

#### Understanding Engineers - Take Three\*

A priest, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with these people? We've been waiting for 15 minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" The priest said, "Hey, here comes the green keeper. Let's have a word with him." "Hi George, what's the matter that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

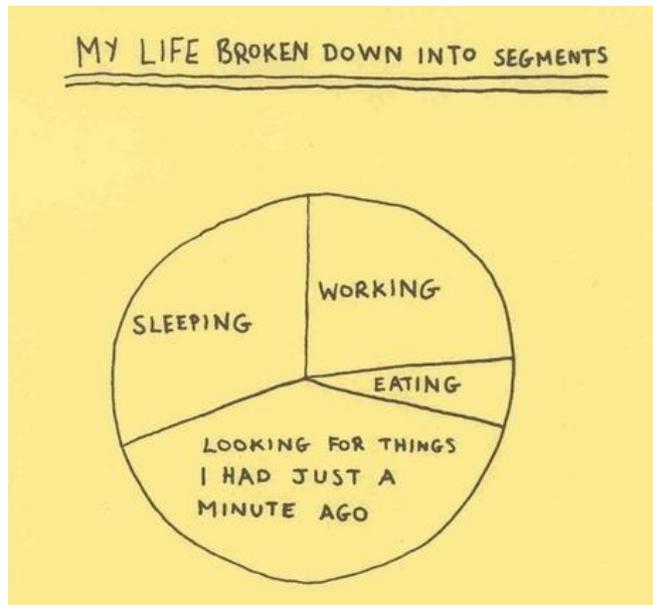
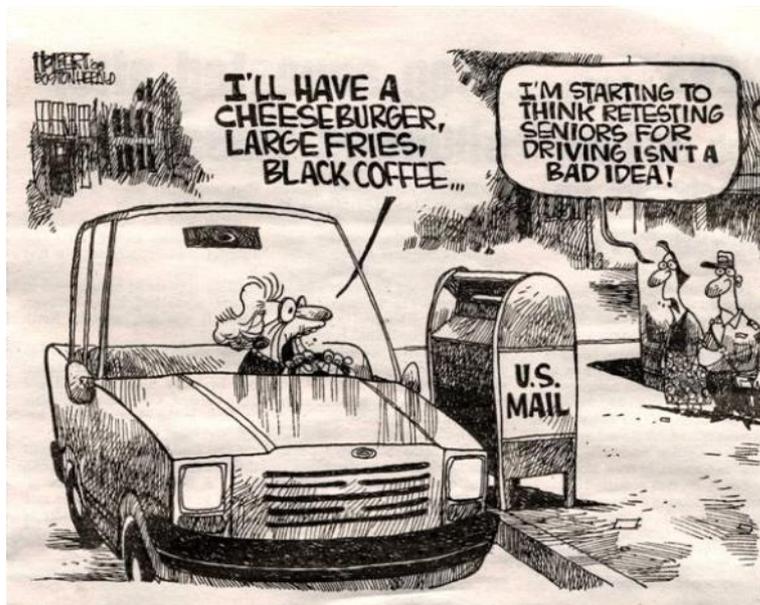
The green keeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind fire-fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group was silent for a moment.

Then the priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist friend and see if there is anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

## Feeling old? Look what you have to look forward too!!!



### AMATEUR RADIO – WHAT IS IT AND WHO CARES?

Well, Amateurs are a group of several thousand people in New Zealand who use specific radio frequencies to communicate with each other, and with many more people who operate overseas. Some construct equipment and engage in long distance "contacts" and others are content to buy suitable equipment. Technologies used range from Morse code, to voice, data, television and even the Internet is hooked into some repeaters.

You need to pass a qualification to gain access to the specific frequencies, but that also gives you access to a few hundred repeaters that Amateur groups have installed nationwide. There is also a nationally linked system to give access from the far north to Southland, and points in between. In Wellington, for example there are half a dozen separate repeaters.

So why should CCVC members be interested. Simply it gives another communication option and access to probably the most extensive repeater coverage in New Zealand. It was use of an Amateur radio repeater that let the CCVC touring party communicate their emergency at the Pureora Forest to authorities. Cell phones and Maritime radio were both lacking in coverage.

The qualification is not intended to be difficult or complex. It is a series of multi choice questions selected from a large database. Both the questions and answers are published. Individuals typically undergo a short, sharp study course, and then sit the exam. The study can be a series of evenings or maybe over a weekend. A modest charge applies for the course, but thereafter there is no annual cost. But you can also join a national association if you wish.

And the good news is that your Club Radio can be programmed with Amateur frequencies once you get qualified.

Interested? – CCVC is looking to identify people who are interested and will arrange a course, maybe even subsidise the costs as a part of improving safety on Club trips. E-mail your name and contact to [Radio.Officer@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Radio.Officer@ccvc.org.nz) and we will then look to sort out suitable dates – and fill in some of your spare winter time hours when tracks are too boggy for 4WD!



***It is recommended, in the interests of safety, that the attached form be completed and carried in your vehicle at all times, especially if you do trips on your own..***

## CCVC

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Allergies ? : \_\_\_\_\_

Medication Location in Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

24 Hour Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend Or Parent: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pictures from the presidents trips over the last month - see the Presidents Piece on P6 & 7 for details.*



Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
<b>April 2012</b>						
Sunday 1st	Club Champs Club / Modified Class	Neil Blackie	Club 4X4	Judd's Farm		
Friday 6th	Foxtton Reccy Trip	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4	Foxtton Beach - McKenzie Trail		
Friday 6th	Zuki Central 2012 - at Easter (Suzuki only event)	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny			
Saturday 7th	Foxtton Beach at Easter	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4	Foxtton Beach - McKenzie Trail		
Sunday 8th	Akatarawa Family Shiny - Book with David (04) 567 4501 or 027 451 0361	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 8th	Foxtton Beach at Easter	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4	Foxtton Beach - McKenzie Trail		
Wednesday 11th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 14th	Sutherlands Track Working Bee - Bookings Required ( Email Preferred)	John Parfitt	Shiny 4X4	Sutherland's Track		
Sunday 22nd	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
Monday 23rd	Trip Leaders Forum	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 28th	Touring Back in the Wairarapa - Bookings Required Book with Graeme (04) 5267 636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Wairarapa		
<b>May 2012</b>						
Wednesday 2nd	CCVC Committe Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
Wednesday 9th	CCVC AGM	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 12th	Akatarawa Family Shiny - Book with ???	-tba-	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Friday 18th	NZFWDA National AGM	NZFWDA Association	Meeting - 19:30 - 00:00			
Saturday 26th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
<b>June 2012</b>						
Saturday 2nd	Queens birthday Kiwi 4x4 teams challenge 2012 at Rallywoods	-tba-	Club 4X4	Rallywoods		
Sunday 10th	Akatarawa Family Shiny Trip - Bookings Required	-tba-	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 13th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Sunday 24th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
Wednesday 27th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		

Do you want to read a "Full Colour" copy of the mag - it is available on the clubs public website. We will also be adding copies of previous magazines as well (once the newsletter editor finds the time to PDF them!).

*As mentioned in Ralph's presidential ramblings, there are a few members of the current club committee that have done their three year stint and are planning to step down at this years AGM. So if you have a bit of time to spare and would like to assist in running the club then why not put your name forward? It doesn't take up a lot of your time and you will get a say in the future direction that the club takes.*

*We are particularly looking for a Treasurer and a Public Relations Officer - so if either of these roles grab you then give us a call!*

*Talk to any committee member to get more details, but remember that without the volunteers on the committee the club won't run - and you can't leave everything to someone else!*

## Trip Categories

The following trip category definitions, plus any *additional* requirements specified on individual Trip Information Sheets, will be enforced, for safety reasons. Trip Leaders will turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The vehicle and driver requirements given here are a summary of the full requirements listed on the club website. Please refer to [www.cvc.org.nz](http://www.cvc.org.nz) for a definitive list of requirements.

For all Categories: All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

All Categories **other than Family 4X4** 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.

### **Family 4X4:**

**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, particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidelings. Club members must have completed CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family 4X4 trips after becoming a member.

**Vehicles:** Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip.

### **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. Club members must have participated in at least 2 Shiny 4X4 trips.

**Vehicles:** Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & 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.

### **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, must have approval of Trip Leader. Club members must have participated in at least 3 Club 4X4 trips.

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



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