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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.

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Club Recovery					
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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:

Anthony Reid 973 8262 or 027 273 6579 or 021 061 1831

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Editorial Ramblings

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

Bit of a thin mag this month as there hav-n't been too many trip reports forthcoming, so if you want more then you'll have to provide more! Good trip report on the first two days of the Winter Gold Rush trip though, I guess the other days will come through in due course.

I was gonna do a spread on the club awards night with photo's of the winners but I'm up against a tight deadline as I'm going away on Wednesday and have to have the mag to the printers prior to that or else it will be very late. So next month I will have the club award winners plus some photos as well

Alan!

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 or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

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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:

newsletter@ccvc.org.nz



National Events

Aug 25: South Island Mickey Thompson NZ Offroad Racing Championship round 3, OORC short course, Otago.

Sept 22-29: Exedy Xtreme International RFC Australia. At Australia's premier 4WD venue, Land Cruiser Mountain Park, Jimna, Queensland. Newest event to worldwide RFC "family" of events, and a warm-up for "Mother" RFC in Malaysia. All teams can win a trip to the RFC which includes container, air fares and entry. Round 3 of ARB Xtreme Winch Challenge Series will also commence on Saturday 22 and finish Sunday 23 so competitors can compete in two events over the eight days.

Sept 29-30: Manukau Winch Challenge Traditional individual winch challenge held under the current 4x4 Challenges rules, to be held at Onewhero Rugby Club in a new area of the farm on Parson's Road, with another venue also pegged for some stages. The organisers expect to cater for Club, Challenge and Modified classes. Entry requirements and other details available early July. South Island competitors will be fitted into the nearest equivalent North Island class as was the case in Wellington last November.

Oct 20-21: National Final Mickey Thompson NZ Offroad Racing Championship, short course/enduro, Hawkes Bay.

Oct 28: NZFWDA Trial Round 1 Hosted by the Whangarei 4WD Club, northern zone.

Nov 10-11: 10th Annual Ahuroa Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser Location 1hr north of Auckland, 2 runs to choose from (extreme & family), camping available. Cost \$150 driver and 1 passenger.

Nov 18: NZFWDA Trial Round 2 Hosted by the Hawkes Bay 4WD Club, central zone.

Dec 16: NZFWDA Trial Round 3 Hosted by the Competitions Committee in the northern zone.

Jan 19-26 2013: Northland Kauri Coast Safari Eighth in the series of bi-annual events, a 6-day journey through some of the most spectacular beaches, scenery and landscape. The route starts in Dargaville and then follows awesome beach and forest tracks in the early settlers' tracks, surrounded by tranquil and peaceful countryside. Camping every night at schools and a golf course. Enjoyable for the whole family. For a registration pack contact Chris or Leanne on 09 434 6005, or PO Box 18, Dargaville, or email: kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz. Also visit the website www.kauricoast4wdclub.wikispaces.com

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

Into August and not only have we had a few very cold nights but the season now seems a bit confused. We have lambs bouncing in the paddocks and blossoms on the trees but still plenty of mud in the ruts. The Suzuki hasn't been out lately, I had an op on my hand and didn't fancy throwing the truck around as it has the old arm strong steering system. July club night was once again well attended although our speaker pulled out, hopefully they will sort out a few teething problems with the new GPS units and be back along to show off, from what I hear, is a great unit.

Committee meeting was a few short this month due to sickness and some sunning themselves in warmer climates. Our new treasurer tabled a budget which was worked through, a few changes and it looks like the club will run about cash neutral again this year. Subs are now due, if you haven't paid then please do. If you haven't had an invoice please contact the treasurer and it will be sorted. Our submission we sent to the Carterton District Council concerning the opening of a forest block for recreational vehicle use was well received and they have allocated a budget for "seeding the development of the Kaipaitangata Forest" in the coming years.

I attended the recent ARAC (Akatarawa Recreation Access Committee) AGM where our own Grant Purdie has been elected Chairman. This is good news as we all know Grant is a great advocate for 4x4 access and has an excellent relationship with the GWRC. Andy Cockroft gave a power point presentation that was given to the Council in 2010, this was very interesting and showed some old photos of old tram tracks running through the Akatarawa Forest which today can still be found if you know where to look. Did you know that there is documented records of a motorcycle enduro (then called a reliability trial) being held in the forest back in 1938, so motorised recreation in the area is nothing new. They also gave some back ground on how ARAC came to be back in 1996, basically out of frustration with the management of the forest and they could see it being closing up to motorised access. It all began when the Link Track (only suitable for bikes and quads) was closed, a concerned group challenged this and ARAC was born.

Today ARAC is working with GWRC to ratify a Memorandum of Understanding for the forest, it had a few sticking points at the last meeting but could well be sorted for the Sept meeting, I am betting we will hear a lot more from ARAC now. That's my lot for this month, see you out on the trail soon.

Ralph Dobson - CCVC President

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WINTER GOLD RUSH – JULY 2012 – DAY ONE

The great winter gold rush was organised by Mr T and on the eve of sailing to Picton he had 9 other gold diggers, and a total of 5 trucks. The Toy-Enterprise was captained by Ross (Pickard), assisted by the crew of Cade and Michelle; Tigga-Nissan was crewed by Grant; Mitsi-Oilpro was captained by Brent with a crew of Brook and the Jordanater; Orange Peel had Ian and Bernice as Defenders on board while Mr T rode solo in his Toyota chariot.



Matakītaki Valley

Despite fears, Picton on Friday morning dawned perfect, sun, no wind, no cloud so the first run was

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around the sounds to Havelock, then to Pelorus Bridge and the Mungatapu Saddle, via Murderers Rock. It soon became obvious that some trucks had poor radio coverage, so various swaps and adjustments were made to keep us all talking. The track from the Saddle through to Nelson



A bit of a slip in the Matakita Valley

was known to be blocked by a slip on the Nelson side (and chain at the Saddle), so from the Saddle we went back on the highway to Nelson. The first sign of several upcoming issues was when Tigga was said to make a strange noise in the transmission or steering (or somewhere). However when driving round in circles, in both directions and in 4WD and 2WD there were no more ominous noises heard. But a new set of free-wheel hubs and more tools were loaded in Nelson as insurance, and we

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picked up the gate key to Mt Campbell. Onward to Motueka and up Rocky River Road to the gate with increasingly steep and increasingly snow covered track to the ridge line at 1100 m asl.



The top of Mt Campbell, with Nelson in the distance

Tigga complained at the hill by ejecting fluid from the auto transmission box onto the road, and the brains trust decided to leave it half way up, let it cool down and sort it on the way down. The last 150 metres was well deep in snow and OilPro found that, despite his skilful owners steering, the truck just slid sideways off the track. The ever helpful Enterprise continued straight past to the summit, whilst others walked up to the communications mast at 1330 m asl. Mr T was left to coax Oilpro back to the snowy track.

The site had grand views all the way to Nelson, with no wind, but the shadows were lengthening towards sunset. We had access to the transmission hut and checked that all was in good order. Meanwhile the plan was to get two trucks down smartly, get the gate open with one truck to go on to Motueka for gallons (or litres) of auto transmission fluid. Oilpro then just made it to Repco in Motuaeka within a minute of closing time. The Enterprise and Mt T nursed Tigga down to the flat where Oilpro had returned with the relevant supplies. A quick flush and installing new transmission fluid gave us an uneventful drive of some 100 km to St Arnaud. The route was through

the darkness, roadside snow, and patches of ice and grit on the road, to locate our accommodation.

This was at Dik's Place, a Scout lodge used for wayward travellers. No one in the party had been there before, but the key fitted so we soon sorted out the taps and pumps in the water system, the cooking system, and the sleeping arrangements. Two slept downstairs, two in the main bedroom, three on the high sleeping platform and the rest around the fire, so we all just fitted nicely. Hearty meals were prepared and everybody went to bed musing that whilst we had certainly found winter, no gold was evident yet. But there was still tomorrow!

WINTER GOLD RUSH – JULY 2012 – DAY TWO

At St Arnaud the morning of day two was clear, but certainly frosty, so the order of the day was breakfast, tidy up, and off to fuel up. Seeing the snow on the lakefront carpark made it clear why it was so cold. But rather than doing do-nuts in the snow, we stopped to chat with the Police car and let him know of our plans. Rather than identifying that he would have a team of experts

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Are you a new member? Do you get the News emails from the club? Do you have access to the club's web-site memberzone? If not then have a word with a committee member as these are all ways in which the club communicates with it's 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)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)

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ready at a moment's notice to search for and rescue us, he noted he used to have a 76 Landrover that went "anywhere", that should be getting back to grab a hot pie and return to Nelson. So the trucks ambled along to the Howard Valley, and up the Louis Creek track to the Mining memorial, totally surrounded by a decent covering of snow. Back to the Howard and up through the Porika track was the next stage of the route. There was



Snow at the top of Mt Campbell

plenty of ice and snow on the track, but when we met a steep downhill, covered with snow on top of frozen ice, with a sweeping right bend with no trees or support on the outer edge the intrepid travellers checked their insurance cover (Tigga, our insurance expert, said it was all in the fine print you were not allowed to see until after making a claim) and then retraced their steps (wheel ruts) to follow the sealed road to Lake Rotoroa for lunch. Onwards through the Braeburn to Tutaki, but cleverly avoiding the Council maintained road through the Mangles we turned south for Matakītaki station and the Matakītaki River. Then about 10 km of farm and river work to head down river hoping to strike a (the?) track on the other side. Mr T had us drive under an electric fence while he lifted it up, quite shocking really, but then the farm hand just stood on it so we could drive over. Subsistence farming around here with electric wires used to graze as much of the river bed as possible! Orange Peel headed into a sand bar, but we all eventually crossed over the river but could not locate a track on the other side. A couple of walking excursions into the bush eventually located a track well back and high up from the river, and in due course a connection to the river side bogs was found. So with Enterprise skipping quickly through the bog

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(going where no truck had been before in a long time) most of us subsequently got stropped up and found ourselves on the farmed area surprisingly soon. Then we found Horse Terrace, the road and the gorge bridge where we aired up before a straight run into Murchison for our second night. The shop was still open so stocking up was in order.

Again, plenty of cold, but no gold. But there is always tomorrow!



Howard Gold Mining Monument



This is the general area that our travelers were tiki touring around

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
August 2012						
Wednesday 1st	CCVC Members First Aid Course (Part 1) - For those that have booked	Paul Adams	Event	453 Hutt Rd - Fully Equipped Wgtn	Abandoned	
Sunday 5th	Akatarawas in August - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636 or 029 200 1700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 8th	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		
Friday 10th	McKenzie Trail with Wairarapa Club	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail		
Saturday 11th	Silverpine Scouts, Aka's "look out" - Bookings Required	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Monday 13th	CCVC Trip Leaders Forum	Steve Mercer	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Wednesday 15th	CCVC Members First Aid Course (Part 2) - For those that attended Part 1	Paul Adams	Event		Abandoned	
Wednesday 29th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
September 2012						
Sunday 9th	CCVC in the Australian Outback - 10 days centred on Alice Springs	Ray Harkness	Shiny 4X4	Central Australia based on Alice Springs		
Wednesday 12th	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 15th	Akatarawas in September - Book with Graeme (04) 456 7636 or 029 200 1700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 26th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
Saturday 29th	Orongorongo in September - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
October 2012						
Wednesday 10th	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 13th	Akatarawas in October - Book with Graeme (04) 4267636 or 0292001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Saturday 20th	Akitio Labour Weekend Wander - Bookings Required	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Akitio		
Sunday 28th	Orongorongo in October - TBC_ Dependent on Lambing etc	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area	Planned	
Wednesday 31st	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!).

A young monk is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up. In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies!

The head monk, says, 'We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son.' He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot.

So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing. "We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the f**king R!" His forehead is all bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, 'What's wrong, father?' With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, 'The word was...



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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 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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