

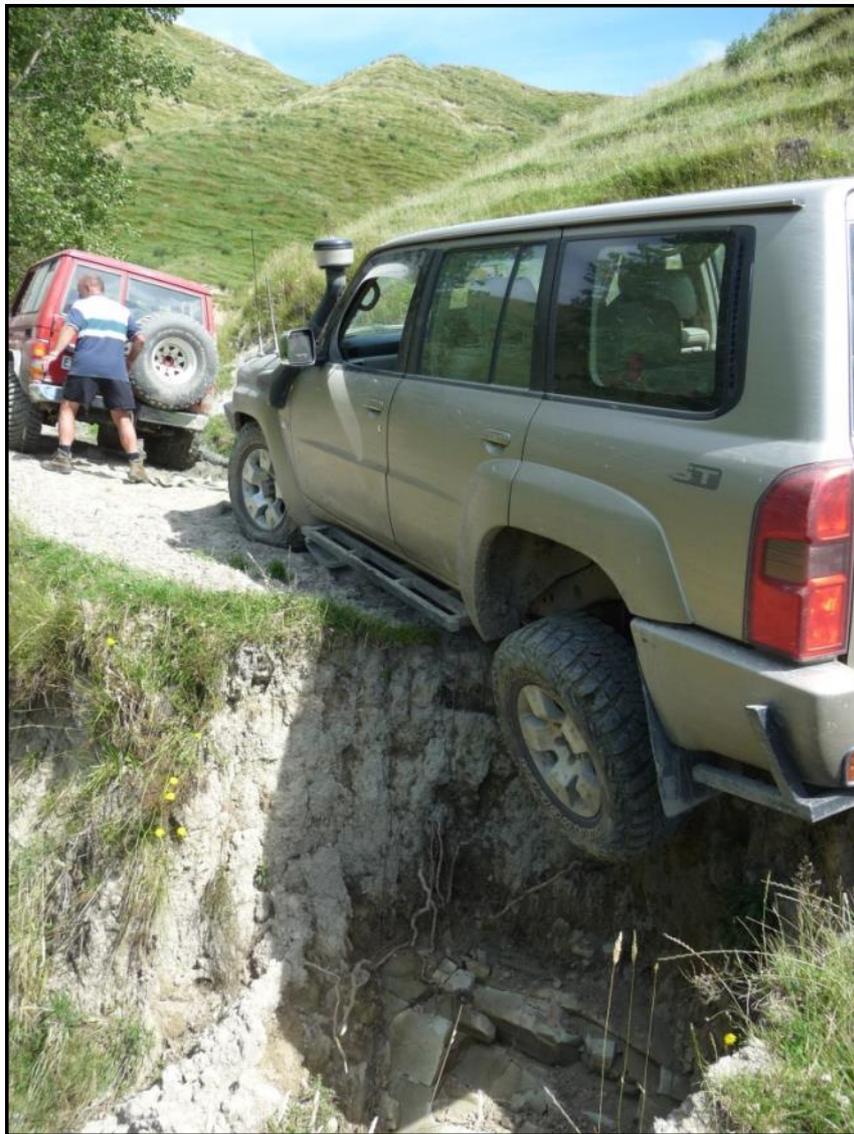


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Editorial Ramblings

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

Welcome to 2012, I hope everyone had a decent break over the holidays and got to stretch their legs and get out and about a bit

I spent time in the South Island (Christchurch, Ashburton, Dunedin, Queenstown & the West Coast) with friends and family but no 4WDing this trip unfortunately.

Hey, 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!

Alan!

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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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National Events

Mar 03: National Trial Series Round V, Bay of Plenty 4WD Club

Mar 03-04: NZFWDA National Park in aid of Rua-pehu Alpine Rescue Organisation. Again based at the Park Travellers Lodge with exclusive access to nearby Landcorp farm properties. NZFWDA members get 20 percent discount on two nights accommodation or 10 percent for single night. Trip fees \$70 per vehicle. See www.4x4nationalpark.co.nz or email info@4x4nationalpark.co.nz

Mar 09: Project Promise Hokianga 4WD Safari, Opononi & District Lions Club in association with Kauri Coast 4WD Club. Tour through the blocks of the Waimamaku west coast across farm tracks, rivers and mud tracks. Shiny & tough trucks welcome. More details from opo4wd@maxnet.co.nz, 09 405 7490 or 027 422 2251.

Mar 10: Waimiha Safari Organised by Sulphur City 4 Wheelers, this will be two full days of "light scratchy but not a walk in the park" tracks. For more details contact Rob Stevenson at pnnp@clear.net.nz

Mar 11: Wairakei School, Taupo One day fundraiser on scenic private farmland seldom open to the public. \$50 before 1st March or \$60 after. More information from www.wairakei.school.nz or contact Kelyyn 07 378 7952, margkelv@xtra.co.nz or Roger 07 377 1337

Mar 24: Lake Tekapo Lions Club MacCaulay Hut 4X4 drive trip. Low ratio vehicles with adequate ground clearance only. Meet 8am Lake Tekapo Regional Park car park, briefing 8.30am for 8.50am start. Sausage sizzle at regional park on return. Cost \$60 and entry forms available from 03 680 6669 or email chrismaclaren@xtra.co.nz

Mar 24-25: OCS 4WD Safari Otamatea Christian School PTA & Rodney Off-Road Club, based at Matakoho (2 hrs north of Auckland). Safari and play runs available. \$170 per vehicle incl driver, passenger & 3 meals each. Camping available. Contact Phillip & Julia Leaf 09 431 6622 or pjleaf@ubernet.co.nz

Apr 7, 2012: National Trial Series Final, Thames Valley 4WD Club

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.



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

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- **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

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- **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

Welcome back everyone, I hope the magazine finds you all fit and well. Not sure about you but we had a lovely Christmas day enjoying the sun, food and drink. The club calendar was pretty full over the break what with us hosting the Manukau Club on a number of trips as well as Stewart's away trip to the Coromandel.

Unfortunately Stewart's trip began with the untimely death of one of our members, John Seymour. John had a suspected heart attack behind the wheel of his white Suzuki and died at the scene, the best efforts of Jane and Ken (both doctors) were unable to help. Our thoughts go out to John's family at this difficult time. A good number of club members paid their respects at John's funeral which was nice to see.

The family and I were quiet over the Christmas period but made up for this with an away trip with Central Zone clubs over the Anniversary Weekend, a couple of trip reports should be printed in this magazine. On the topic of trip reports I always understood these were the best part of our club magazine. Our editor is finding it very hard to get stories for the mag, please help him out and make his life a bit easier, write up a quick report as we all like to know how trips go and who did what.

The Deadwood has come and gone, a huge thanks to the club members that did a massive amount of organising behind the scenes, I thought the day was a great success, a fantastic effort. Thanks also goes to the volunteers on the day, without you we can't run these trials. Unfortunately the CCVC trucks entered didn't have a great day with Mitch having a major roll or three and Steve had diff problems I think putting him out after lunch.

February club night is just around the corner and I hope to have a couple of guys along from an Australian 4x4 club to have a chat about what they get up to. Hope to see you all along.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC President.

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Coromandel Hideaway

In memory of John Seymour who passed away Sunday 8 January while on the Club Trip.

It was a very subdued group that travelled from Rotorua to Thames on the Monday morning. We connected with the back road that goes alongside the Kaimai Ranges after a morning tea stop at Matamata. Despite having to control Ken's urges to check out the notorious Thompson's track we pulled into Thames for lunch and final grocery top-up. The trip from Thames to Coromandel was led by Greg, the "resident" Coromandelite, Cruise Director for the Coromandel, who pointed out salient bays, mussel and oyster farms and the Ferry wharf. It was a pity that the pohutakawa had already finished flowering!

Long Bay Motor Camp, 3kms from Coromandel town showed evidence of recent heavy rain and once we sorted out our tents sites and cabins on the driest sites we settled in for the first of six nights camping beside the beach.



Then the relaxation began. The only planned events were the Fishing trip on the Thursday which coincided with the Mussel Barge harvesting and numerous snapper were caught feeding off the mussel burleigh; the trip on the Driving Creek railway; a trip to Fletcher's Bay so the tramping contingent could walk between Fletcher's Bay and Stony Bay while the rest of us drove the vehicles the 54km or so to connect the two bays and the walkers beat us.. The other planned event was a trip across the 309 Road from Coromandel to Whitianga and a trip around the bays back to Coromandel. It was on this trip that we held a tribute to John on the Castle Rock Road.

In between, people found the best pie, coffee and ice-cream shops over the region. Each night we had a "Mandatory" Team meeting, you know the kind.... Bring your own chair, wine, beer or coffee. Have chair....will travel. The first of the meetings it was decided that an award, a set of fluffy dice to be displayed on the dashboard, be presented, each day for an "unusual" event. The first recipient was Max who started to head back to Tawa at the start, for his camera and then discovered he had packed three in total!!!. The retainer of the dice chose the next recipient at the next evening's meeting. Ian prised out daily suspects with his humorous interrogation style.

The final evening at Long Bar we had a spit roast, prepared by the camp. On 15 January we all broke camp and headed across the Tapu- Coroglen road to Hot Water Beach to set up camp for the next six nights. Lunch was at the Coroglen pub with stops at the square Kauri and Rapaura Water gardens. The Cathedral Cove was a leading attraction and John W and Helen made this $\frac{3}{4}$ hour walk in and out at least three times.

That next week saw members, swimming, digging moats on Hot Water beach, fishing, snorkelling, wine tasting, visiting the Macadamia farm, Cook's Beach to Whitianga ferry, trips to Whitianga and the bays around Kuaotuna and a walks around Tairua to the gold tunnels. A "highlight" was the beer

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tasting at Aunty Dawn's B&B as Joe, Ray H's brother-in-law had put down a brew of beer and we were all given an invite to sample. The groups got larger as the word got out and we had a BBQ there on the Wednesday night. I don't know how many flagons were consumed over the week, but Joe is looking for some more so if any club members know of some, let Ray know.

The nightly meetings continued with misdemeanours becoming more unbelievable and the stories becoming more bent. Ken, what was the story about the naked drive back to the camp one evening!!!! Friday and Saturday morning we all departed to points South, East and West. Thanks for the company and the fun times.



Graeme and Linda Millard
Suzi Blue



Mangamahu Magic – Jan 2012

We didn't get into 4 wheel drive until Anniversary Weekend when we teamed up with our safety officer, Murray Taylor, and headed to Wanganui for the Central Zone trip into Mangamahu. I had to look the place up on Google Earth to get some idea of its location, it's a valley that runs parallel to the East of the Parapara Road (state highway 4) from Wanganui to Raetihi.

We met up in Wanganui on Friday night of Wgtn Anniversary weekend, arriving a little after 7pm after stopping at Bulls for another yummy doner kebab. The Taranaki Family Club were hosting the trip with trucks from Wanganui and CCVC clubs along for the ride. I A-framed the little red Suzuki up, the Prado making easy work of it. Tony from Taranaki had his 40 series cruiser on a trailer (would never get a warrant), Alan and Shona Stone (Taranaki) had the mud tyres on a trailer and the others were all road legal, one truck having AT's which proved to be a little unsuitable for the terrain. We headed off via Fordell and made our way inland for over an hour, this is country I had never been into. We finally got to the farm bridge and after a bit of manoeuvring managed to get onto the bridge and across the Whangaehu River. The accommodation had been changed at the last minute and we found the alternative to be a bit basic, once the team had had a quick clean up all was well, maybe the dead sheep in the outside toilet was a bit of worry. We did have a fantastic view however across to Mt Ruapehu. After unloading the truck we had a cuppa and had a chat about what to expect the next day.

Up early to a day of high cloud we prepared our trucks, tyres down, check the oil and pack the lunch. Ken our guide and Wayne from Wanganui club duly arrived and we had a short briefing before heading off. The plan was to drive over six farms today, apart from that I had no idea where we were going. The trip was over farm tracks with plenty of grass around and lots of steep hills. We had two 40 series, two Vitara's, two 70 series and Murray's big GQ Nissan. Our first obstacle was a dodgy looking bridge, the cruisers all headed into the creek with serious entry and exit angles. Alan rearranged his bumper so the rest decided it was too early in the day for damage and gave the bridge a full inspection before sending Murray across, theory being if it was

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going to go then 3 tons would do it. After skipping across in the light weight Zuki we headed down to some yards and saw our first fallow deer of the day. It turned out to be a hunters paradise and by days end we had seen more than forty wild deer, some with very nice heads although most looked like they were in velvet.

We made our way through a gorge and wound our way along an old coach road above the Parapara Road. At the lunch stop the CCVC radio sprang into life with Charles Odlin talking to Noel Cook who seemed to be in trouble about 40km's away up behind Ernie's place out of Waverly. Seemed Noels Nissan had stopped working and Charles was winching a dead truck up some step tracks, we kept in contact and later heard they had got it going again. Tony was keen to keep us moving and we made tracks down to the tar seal and crossed highway 4 before heading up into another farm. Over the day we covered 70km's with maybe 6km's on sealed roads.

The tracks on this farm got step, very step. Murray was in front of us and we came around a corner to find him spinning up the tyres and making no head way, bad place to stop. We managed to back into the bank to hold us and made our way up the track to assist. Alan was the anchor truck and after about 20 minutes of winching Murray was up, next problem was getting started on a slippery and steep grassy track, not only that Murray had ripped it up and the consequences of getting it wrong wasn't worth thinking about. Anyhow we did get started and the Zuki sprinted up the track with little problem, never ceases to impress. The rest of the day was taken up with amazing views, counting the deer and goats and again pulling Murray out as the big Nissan failed to get around a corner and lost the back wheel in a huge hole. By the time we got back to camp we were ready for a beer and a bbq. After the third shower the water ran out and it took a few great minds to



sort the problem so in the morning the rest of us could wash the dust off.



Day two looked okay although the forecast was for rain later in the day. One thing about these tracks is they would turn pretty ugly with a bit of moisture. Ken duly turned up and we headed across the road this time and started to climb up to the tops. We stopped for a chat with the farm owner and got some history on the district before moving on and out of a brisk wind. We met up with Hales Track which runs along the tops and links up with other old coach roads all the way from Wanganui to Napier I'm told. Excellent track and as it is a gentle grade it would make for a great mountain bike ride. We kept

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an eye out for old mile stones and checked out a few old homestead sites along the way. Lunch in a shearing shed before turning around for the return trip as the weather looked like it might close in at any time.

Near the bottom we came across a huge bog hole and you guessed it, someone had to have a go. We sent Alan in and he nearly made it, mud flying and engine screaming (or was that Shona). An easy pull and he was out, Ken had a go with a similar result. Next came Tony who had observed that nowhere near enough power had been applied by the others, a couple of goes and he was through although the truck now weighed a few kilos more with sticky, foul mud. The Suzuki's played in the less muddy areas and we also needed a couple of quick tows to get us out and on the trail again down to the shears quarters. We needed to pack up fast and get home to be with family and as we left the heavens opened and it poured down.

Thanks for a great trip Taranaki, we are keen for more.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC President



Co Driver's Report **- Mungamahu**

Our trip through the backblocks of Wanganui was a terrific adventure. We haven't been on an away trip for some time and this trip was organised by central zone and run by Tony - a good keen man if there ever was one in short shorts, a Jackie Howe black singlet and a knife in belt at waist. Tony is a mine and source of information and is very approachable. The destination was Aorwai Station on a narrow twisting gravel road prone to slips, of which there were many, 45 minutes beyond Mangamahu



(gentle stream) which was 45 minutes away again from state highway 3, 15km south of Wanganui so it runs parallel with the Paraparas and the Whanganui River.

So we arrived, shearers quarters our home for two nights. Having used shearers quarters before we came armed with cloths, scrubbers, jiff and loo paper, all were needed, but we couldn't do too much with the three rotting sheep carcasses out the back but we were certainly able to shovel the sheep poo off the veranda but no one was keen to pop their bottoms on the sagging sofa. However we had an amazing view up to Mt Ruapehu.

Next day was a little overcast and Ken no last name from the Wanganui Club turned up as our guide. We drove parallel to the road and river we came up the night before over three different farms and then up and over to our highest point of the morning and our lunch spot at 650 metres with views for miles. From there we dropped down to the Parapara Road and crossed the Mangawhero River and drove for 20 minutes onto another three farms, up again to 600 metres and the longest hill ever any rain and we wouldn't have made it up. A well-made benched track ran right along the ridge which bordered on what was known as the education land. We saw many deer on this block with more stunning views. Dropping back down and again over the Paraparas to Te Hue Road we trundled up and over again and ended back at Aorwai Station at 5ish. It was a great trip with no major mishaps however Murray had to settle for the quenilla rather than the trifecta for holes to fall into.

The following day was a bit cooler and we went looking for mile markers which apparently stretched from Wanganui to Napier. It is hard to believe that stagecoaches travelled along the ridges of these steep grassy hills, we didn't find any except at the homestead gate but we did find a big gooey mud hole which did the job.

Georgie Dobson

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- Lists@ccvc.org.nz (person who administers the list servs)
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- 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)



The 2011-2012 calendar is:

Round 1	Mt Egmont	22 October 2011
Round 2	South Waikato	20 November 2011
Round 3	Wanganui	31 December 2011
Round 4	Wellington	29 January 2012
Round 5	Bay of Plenty	03 March 2012
Round 6 - Finals	Thames	07 April 2012

A visit from Manakau Club

Early in January CCVC had the privilege of showing members of the Manakau Club from Auckland around the Wellington area. Manakau had travelled down via the Wairarapa and had traversed Sutherlands Track and explored a number of parts of the Wairarapa Coast prior to arriving in Wellington on Thursday 5th January ready for a trip around Orongorongo the following day. They stayed at Brookfield Scout Camp in Wainuiomata for their time in Wellington.

I try to be early to trip starts, especially if I am involved with running the trip, so with a 9:30 start I arrived before 9:00am to find not only all 17 vehicles of Manakau Club already there but also a similar number from CCVC, including a number of first timers.

The trip was being run by Morris Jury who already had everyone organised by the time I got there (my excuse was I had to pick a passenger up on the way) and who had once again managed to organise great weather on the coast where it was not a nice day back in the city. Over Cattle Ridge, across the river then around the coast for lunch in the picnic area just beyond the twin gates. After lunch as far around as the washout on the DOC piece of the road where we turned around and headed back stopping at the seal colony at Turakirae Head before finishing for the day at around 4:00pm.

The next day (Saturday) once again they (Manakau) managed to beat me to the start point for the trip even though I was VERY early. I guess they are used to getting up early then travelling for hours to get to their 4wd playgrounds where as for us they are only a short drive away from home.

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The idea of the day was to show them as much of the Akatarawa forest as possible and given that the Pram Track had not been fixed at that time I decided to concentrate on the Western end of the forest going in and out at Bulls Run Road. In the course of the day we covered the lookout over Battle Hill, Dicks Yard, the zig zag, Orange Hut, Top of the fenceline (for lunch) Whakatikei Road, Rimu and Cleary's Roads to finish at around 3:30pm, as they had some members who had to catch a plane back to Auckland early that evening.

On the Sunday Manakau took themselves off down Odlins Road which their trip leader had scouted out on Boxing Day with the assistance of Leon Zwetsloot. I understand they got around 6 SWB vehicles down to and past the hut (leaving the LWB vehicles at the top of the saddle) and had a great time. Many thanks must go to Leon for taking time out from his Christmas celebrations to take Peter from Manakau down Odlins Road meaning they had a good appreciation as to what to expect and which vehicles could be taken down there and which couldn't.

I met them again on the Monday morning and took them for a trip around the South Coast through Red Rocks and Devils Gate and around as far as Cave Bay and back. They again really appreciated our coastline and 4wd tracks so close to the city. An early finish at around 1:30pm saw many of them heading off on the long journey back to Auckland.

It was great to get to know these guys and I think they enjoyed their trip to Wellington. Some are keen to bring their tough trucks down and explore some of the more challenging tracks in the Akatarawas so we may see some of them down here again. The only issue is the cost of getting the vehicles here and back from Auckland.

Many thanks to Morris for running the Orongorongo trip, to Leon for doing the Odlins Road Reccy and for all the CCVC members who came along on the trips and spent time with the Manakau people.

John Parfitt.



Maowhango School 4WD Fundraiser

Having book to attend this event back in September, the day had finally arrived, woke at 5.15am, no alarm it failed to go off, so was already late. Packed the Patrol and on the road by 5.45 heading for Taihape. Great run through almost no traffic over the hill to Ashurst and up the back road to vinegar hill and state highway 1 to the BP station in Taihape. Arrived with plenty of time to refuel both the Patrol and myself, before following the GPS track out of Taihape heading for Maowhango, following the GPS track took me along the Maowhango Valley Road (gravel) which was a nice scenic route to get to Maowhanga. The instructions indicated that the assemble point was just past the School, 1.5km later found the first indicator a red arrow with 4WD indicating a right turn, 800 metres later after a bridge and a few turns arrived at Mounganui Station's wool shed.

Parking was in a paddock just past the wool shed, with a short walk back to registration, and morning tea, the paddock filled rapidly as the start time of 9.00am approached. Just after 9, attention was called and we where all welcomed to the fundraiser, with a short speech of thanks and thanks to all the sponsors along the property owners who have allowed access. At registration we had all been given note's relating to points of interest and the route we would be taking, in the safety brief, due to rain over night the course would be run in reverse in the interests of safety.

So we all departed heading back out to the Taihape -Napier and heading east towards Napier, as short distance along the road we turn left into Ohinewairua Station, which covers 7500ha of which 5500 are effectively farmed. Our first stop along the way is on top of Mt Duncan at 3500 feet, time for photos and a general idea of the land around, to the north beyond the station is the Army land and the Kaimanawa ranges, to the west, Taihape and the ranges beyond, to the east is Nagamatea with Erwhon station to the south east. It's a large expanse of north island high country.

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Then it's on the track again as we head further into Ohinewairua station with a promise of lunch by a river, the safari moves forward along the main access road until we are down in the valley and across the bridge, some take time to ford the river before we head out across the paddock, heading deeper into the Station, the day is moving towards lunch as we stop on a small hill with the Wild country of the Kaimanuawa's in front and just before the bush a small herd of Kaimanuawa horse's. They stand and watch as the vehicles stop and people take photo's before moving on, after a while the horse's go back to grazing as if nothing had happened. We move over another ridge line and down through paddocks of thistle which has been sprayed, looking at it, one has to suspect that a contaminated lot of seed had been used, and instead of a crop one ended up with thistles.



As we get closer to the noon hour, we are heading down hill to the meeting of the waters, Moawhango River and Aorangi Stream junction. A small flat area large enough for the 90 odd vehicles and the porta loo's, Lunch is laid out on the back of a farm ute, along with boiling water for tea and coffee. The break is enjoyed by all with a few of the smaller children having a play, under the watchful eye of parents in the river.

After lunch the horn sounds and the vehicles move off, first across the stream and then sidle up the track on the true right of the river valley heading down stream. After some time we head back on ourselves climbing all the time as we skirt around the edge of the bush to a high point on the ridge, passing Nathan Apatu's hunting lodge on the way. This stop over looks our lunch stop and the tracks we covered before lunch and allows us a perfect view of Ohinewairua Station and the Army land, being as it is at edge of cliff, and some 500 metres higher than our lunch stop.

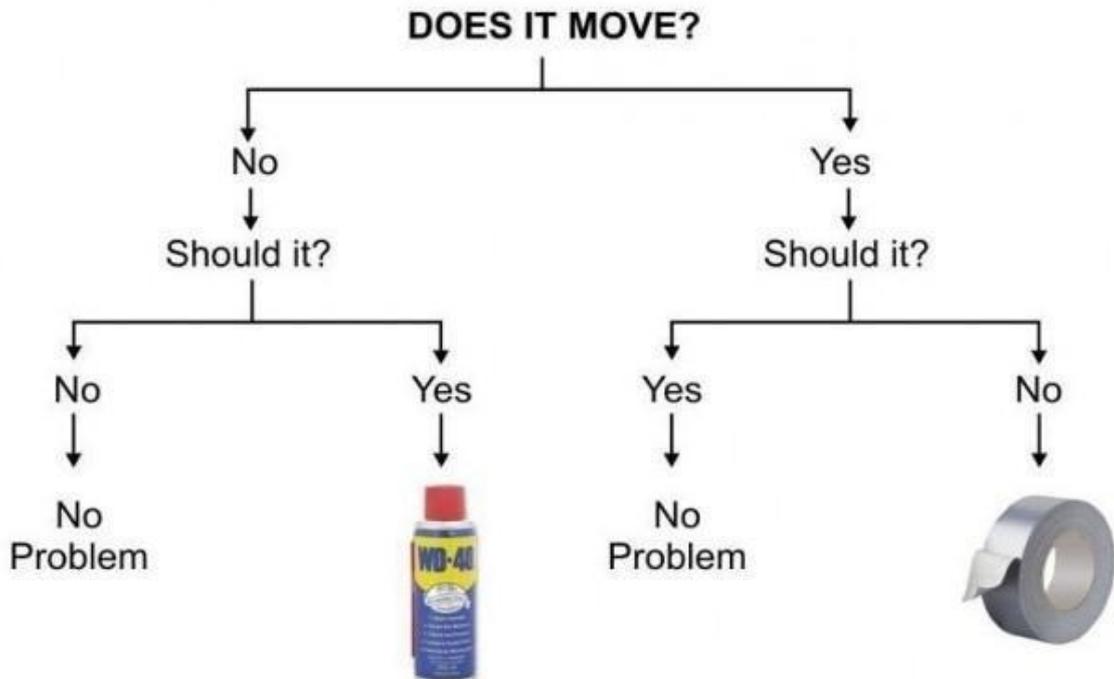
It's the an interesting drive along the edge of the before heading into the Army land for a short section to get onto Mounganui Station. The track has changed on the ridge to mud and is soft it places, then it's all stop as some of the vehicles have been bought to a stop on a slope, So we wait and some make it and others are pulled up a short slippery section. This takes longer than expected and its after 4pm as the last trucks head out through the gate onto Mounganui Station. Its across the top paddock and down past a hay barn before a left turn onto the main station track as we all head down hill to the wool shed and the end of the safari.

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On arrival at the wool shed, it time to pump the tyres up before having a barbecue dinner, off wild pork, venison, along with lamb, salad and boiled potatoes and a quite drink if inclined. The raffle tickets for the two meats prises was drawn along with the lucky dip prises and it's a huge thanks all around to the organizers for a great day out... The perfect way to finish a great day, before ensuring the hubs are out and it's not in 4WD before heading home...

Engineering Flowchart





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John Francis Seymour

12 July 1944 – 8 January 2012

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
February 2012						
Saturday 4th	Waitangi Weekend at Otapawa - Bookings Essential	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Otapawa Station, Haunui Rd off Route 52, Tiraumea, (sign posted as you approach Tiraumea) - OR via The Alfredton Road toward the coast from Eketahuna view at http://www.otapawa.co.nz/farmstay.htm	Confirmed	
Sunday 5th	Costa Plenty at Waitangi Weekend	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Costa Plenty 4x4 park 45 min past Paiatua		
Wednesday 8th	CCVC Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 11th	GWRC Sunset Tour #2 - Bookings Essential - Note earlier start	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Battle Hill & Puketiro Forest		
Sunday 12th	Club Champs Standard Class	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny			
Sunday 12th	Orongorongo Monthly trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 60	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
Saturday 18th	Akatarawa Work Party and Reccy pre Tag-a-long	John Parfitt	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Saturday 18th	GWRC Sunset Tout #2 - Back up date	-tba-	Shiny 4X4			
Sunday 19th	Tererwhiti Beach Clean up - Bookings Essential	Ray Harkness	Shiny 4X4	Tererwhiti Station		
Sunday 26th	Club Champs Club/Modified Class	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny			
Sunday 26th	GWRC Akatarawa Tag-a-long - Members of the public need to book through the Regional Council Summer Program	John Parfitt	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 29th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30			

March 2012

Saturday 3rd	South Coast 4wd trip for Seaweeek - Bookings Required	David Sole	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast		
Saturday 10th	Akatarawa Shiny Trip - Bookings Required	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 11th	CCVC Training for Prospective members - Contact Steve on (04) 2331121 or (027) 4422898	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny	Find out when you book.		
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30			
Saturday 24th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
Saturday 24th	Taranaki Tunnels Tour Revealed - Bookings Required - Limited Numbers	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Taranaki	Confirmed	
Sunday 25th	Club Champs Standard Class	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny			
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		

April 2012

Sunday 1st	Club Champs Club / Modified Class	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny			
Friday 6th	Zuki Central 2012 - at Easter	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny			
Sunday 8th	Akatarawa Family Shiny - Book with ???	-tba-	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 22nd	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		

Winners - Deadwood 2012

Class	Truck No.	Christian Name	Surname	Christian Name	Surname	Nav Licence	Make of Truck	Model	Engine	Capacity	Club
A	80	Clarrie	VAZEY	John	VAZEY	180 NDL	Suzuki	SJ413	Suzuki T/C	1300	EBTDC
C	222	Hamish	AURET	Paul	BARNES	525 DL	Homebuilt	Cowper	Nissan SR20DE	2000	Wanganui
D	7	Derek	SMYTH	Todd	CHARMAN	289 DL	Homebuilt	Brunton	Leyland P76	5000	Wanganui
E	423	Pierre	LeLIEVRE	Lorraine	COOPER	549 NT	Suzuki	SJ413	Nissan SR20DE	2000	EBTDC
F	10	Graeme	KINGSTONE	Andrew	GARNER	460 NDL	Toyota	Landcruiser	HSV V8	5700	Bay of Plenty

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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