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

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!! We need any articles, trip reports, technical items, "How-To's", etc to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month.

Please post to 10 Matariki Grove, Wainuiomata, fax to 04 914 5825 or email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

SAFETY POLICY

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

in the first instance:

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EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Another year has been and gone and now this year is already over one twelfth of the way through - next thing you know we'll be saving for Christmas presents again. Hope everyone has had a great break and are all fighting fit and back into work again. I must admit that I did enjoy having a month where I didn't always have the "end of the month" Chronicle deadline hanging over my head.

I had an excellent break with a couple of weeks in the South Island. Caught up with the rellies and then went 4x4ing around Canterbury, Banks Peninsula and the West Coast with mates I've met through the various North Island and South island trips. That's one of the better parts of 4x4ing—the people you meet and the friendships you make.

For those longer serving members who can remember Waiouru trips, see the Upcoming Events column for a public trip coming up. Better get on and finish this issue...read on.

Alan...

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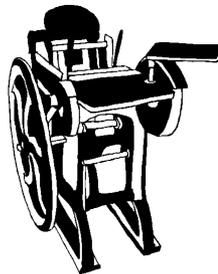
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President's Piece

(Found on the 4 x 4 Forum)

Just heard on the grapevine that some crusty old 4wheeler got dragged out of Thompson's Track on Sunday night, around midnight. Apparently the old "Landy" was in several bits. He was on his own, and following the guide "4WD North Island-80 offroad adventures". The guide says "take 3-5 vehicles" !! And who was this guy none other than.....ANDY COCKROFT!!!

Yes, the books author, researching the next edition. Which I guess will have more intimate detail about this bit of dirt.

Of course I could be the butt of a cruel joke, but me hopes not. How else will I explain such a quantity of tears and incontinence in a grown man.

.Get Muddy

Damned - got me !

Nonetheless, may I take the opportunity to publicly thank all the guys from the Bay Of Plenty 4WD Club who turned out to help the "Dirty Old Man" - I broke all my own rules and have only myself to blame.

I started from the West (Matamata), and when I got to the top, decided just to have a look until it got too tough. A further 10 Km and suddenly I was in the midst of it.

In quick succession, I got stuck, winched myself out (by dusk) and then drove straight into the next mud hole in the dark. Decided to spend the night there, and resumed in the morning. Now the mud up there is simply something else, more like putty than mud - it just clings to everything. The first thing it did was push a power-steer hose hard up against the exhaust - the resulting fire was quite impressive. 2.5 litres of ATF sure burns well!!!!

Not being daunted, the next thing to fail was the air-compressor - so no diff-locks ! Ah well - still mobile!

After that, things just joined a long list of defects - power steer gone - diff locks gone - radiator blocked - starter motor failed - generator failed (subsequently fixed) - pto winch broken - tirtfor bust (subsequently fixed) - no worries - still mobile.....

Now I had thought of turning back, after all it'd been nearly 24 hours by now - but according to my GPS, it's only 1.76Km to the end - "as the crow flies" - I was to discover later that the 1.76Km was nearly 7.5Km "as the track goes"...

It was only when my Clutch packed a sad that I decided to call it a day and summon help - hence the calls to BOP 4WD Club.

Now these guys are truly professional. They are well organised, well equipped, and know well what they're doing - they also know how to charge - not that I begrudge them 1 single solitary cent - it was money well spent to get out of there. I don't blame them for extracting sums of cash - they get called so often to idiots like me that they deserve all the recompense they get.

Again, thanks to all from the BOP 4WD Club who came to my assistance...

"The Dirty Old Man"
aka Andy

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Please note that the following equipment is required on all Club trips:

- Front and rear tow hooks
- Shovel
- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit
- Basic tool kit
- Tow rope
- Roll bar for all open / soft top vehicles



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If these items are not present in your vehicle at the beginning of a trip, the trip leader has the authority to exclude you from the trip.

TRIP/CONVOY RULES

1. The trip leader is always in charge. Please recognise their authority follow their instructions and give him/her the respect they deserve
2. No dogs or firearms
3. Guests on a Club outing are the responsibility of the Club member who invited them
4. No drinking and driving
5. Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight. This is particularly important when you come to a turnoff. There is no excuse for vehicles taking the wrong track because of the driver in front not obeying this rule
6. Keep your position in the convoy i.e. no passing
7. Watch the vehicle spacing on public roads so that public vehicles can pass in safety
8. Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it
9. If you must leave the convoy, inform someone
10. Respect the environment
11. Expect to provide a write-up and / or photos for the Club news letter from time to time if you participate in Club trips.

Fire Extinguishers

A reminder from our Safety Officer that the Club's fire extinguisher specification has a minimum size required of 0.9 kg dry powder or 1 litre foam.



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WEST COAST WANDER Jan 13-18th 2002

The spawning of an idea during the North Island Challenge trip of three H Team members, Shaun, Bryan and Gary, in early 2001 culminated in six vehicles arriving in Westport on Saturday the 13th of January ready for a week of exploring a small part of the beautiful West Coast. Shaun announced it to the Club in July and it wasn't too long after that that we had all the committed vehicles listed, sufficient details to book the ferry and accommodation and it was clear we didn't need much more information than that as there wasn't any more coming and the trip worked out great.

The travellers were:

Shaun & Angela

Toyota Landcruiser
Wellington

Bryan

Nissan Navara
Westport

Gary, Carol & Gavin

Nissan Safari
Te Awamutu

Larry and Mary

Nissan Safari
Wellington

Wayne and Barbara1

Nissan Terrano
Wellington

Phil, Andrea, Ashley & Brandon

Toyota Hilux
Wellington

Neil & Barbara2

Mitsubishi Pajero
Wellington

The Wellington lot managed to get together for a meal on the Friday before we left and had some fun at a Tepanyaki restaurant in Lower Hutt where they cook the meal at the table and throw it at you - raw eggs and all! Well, they don't throw it all,

Upcoming Events

February 16-17: Hunterville Lions Club 4WD Experience. Hunterville. Touring suitable for all 4WDs with low-range. Contact Bernard Lilburn on 06 324 8454, email barnyard@manawatu.co.nz or Alex Dalgety on 06 322 8460.

February 16-18: Waikawa/Switzerland High Country 4x4 Jamboree. Three days visiting various stations and other locations in Southland. Contact Doug Christie 03 208 8209, fax 03 208 7050.

February 24: NZ4WDA National Trials Round 3, Hawkes Bay 4WD Club. Contact club for details.

February 25-27: High Country Cruise. Easy 4WD safari from the Coast to Coast organisers. Ph. 03 547 7706 or email c2c4x4@ihug.co.nz.

March 8-10: GPS Treasure Hunt. GPS navigation & challenging driving from the Coast to Coast organisers. Ph. 03 547 7706 or email c2c4x4@ihug.co.nz.

March 2: Rangiwahia 4WD Trek. Around the northern Manawatu area. Contact Kate Gee-Taylor 06 328 2701.

March 15-17: Kawhia Safari. Beach, bush & back country. Suitable for all vehicles with dual range, family oriented.

\$120 per vehicle. Contact Dave Saunders on 07 871 7200, fax 07 871 8303 or email dslds@xtra.co.nz

March 16: NZ4WDA National Trials Round 4, Ohakune in conjunction with Northern / Central zones trial. Contact NZ4WDA for details.

March 21-24: Largest gathering of Land Rovers the greatest distance from their birthplace in the world, Glenorchy. Contact Dick Watson 03 441 1321, e-mail: mountainlandrovers@xtra.co.nz

March 23: Waiouru Desert Army Land. Taihape Rotary fundraiser. See Maowhango dam, wild horses, etc. BBQ tea, road and track driving with rougher options. \$80 per vehicle incl 2 people, \$15 / \$10 per additional adult / child. Ph any of the following 06 388 1201, 388 1527, 388 0194, 388 1432 or fax 06 388 1710, 388 1527.

March 31: NZ4WDA National Trials Finals, Taupo 4WD Club. Contact club for details.

April 7: NZ4WD Show, Auckland Polo Club, Clevedon. Contact Sam Parker on 09 478 4771, email sam@adrenalin.co.nz

April 20: NZ4WD Magazine Christchurch Readers Trip. For details contact Mechelle on 09 478 4771, Fax 09 478 4779 or email subs@adrenalin.co.nz

April 21: South Island 4WD Show, Christchurch A&P Showgrounds. Organised by the Lions Club of Waimairi with event managers Patricia Thornton & Associates on 03 352 5494.

April 25-28: Tough-Tough. Challenging driving from the Coast to Coast organisers. Ph. 03 547 7706.

April 26-28: Rotorua Lakes Safari. Geyserland 4WD Club schools fund raiser, cost likely \$150. Info carterne@zfree.co.nz or Rotorua Lakes Safari, c/- PO Box 2085, Rotorua.

July 7: NZ4WD Magazine Auckland Readers Trip. For details contact Mechelle on 09 478 4771, Fax 09 478 4779 or email subs@adrenalin.co.nz

Sept 14-15: NZ4WD Magazine Wellington Readers Trip. For details contact Mechelle on 09 478 4771, Fax 09 478 4779 or email subs@adrenalin.co.nz

Nov 9-10: NZ4WD Magazine central North Island Readers Trip. For details contact Mechelle on 09 478 4771, Fax 09 478 4779 or email subs@adrenalin.co.nz

Details in the column appear courtesy of Sam Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the organiser; CCVC cannot take

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but it's done with some flair from the chef and is definitely a laugh watching some people catch it. We got a little more information from Shaun that night but not much - mainly that the Wolstenholmes couldn't make it.

Friday 12th/Saturday 14th Wellington-Westport

We caught various ferries between us (some at 1.30am!) and made our way to Westport on Saturday. Larry, Mary, Barbara² and I travelling up the Waiau Valley (through the fog) to St Arnaud and Lake Rotoiti. Too early for breakfast there so carried on to Lake Rotoroa where we took a more interesting route to Murchison - a nice little drive but quite achievable in a car. It was a fantastic day weatherwise but a bit of a drag putting up with Larry's offers to tow us or winch us, push us or pull us when we got stuck first - sometimes you have to wonder if radio communication is such a good thing. Barbara wasn't taking it and gave it back (plus some probably) - "Follow us Larry, we'll help you out when you get the whale beached".

Arrived in Westport around midday and when checking in found that a long, long time ago we must have agreed to share a "chalet" with a Nissan driver and partner - who the hell organised that! And he snores, three nights here - it's going to be a lonnnng week. Everyone arrived during the afternoon and got settled in. Met up with Bryan, the Westport local from the Buller Club who'd organised the itinerary and finally got all the details. It sounded great - a few tracks, some sightseeing, touristy bits and shopping opportunities (turns out there's not really too much opportunity for that on the Coast though). Also turned out that the Buller Club

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weren't too keen on foreigners driving "their" tracks so the Club didn't want to get involved at all and Bryan had set it up himself with Bill and Diana's (his parents) assistance. Like most Coasters they were great people and had it all under control every step of the way - "you want some whitebait - no problem - how much - enough to feed 20 people, OK, be here at 6.30 next Friday"!

Sunday 14th Westport/Karamea/Seddonville

Break camp and met at Bill and Diana's about 8.30am - official photo time. Diana did the honours - main street Westport taking photos dressed in a lovely white dressing gown and pink safety pin. Well it was early for a Sunday.

Headed off up to Karamea on another fabulous Coast day. We were going to the Oparara arches but on the way Bill, who was navigating with Bryan for the, day took us up a special track that he used to maintain when it had been used for logging years ago. So into 4WD for the first time and I could see the vehicles ahead getting through some big rain ruts - Phil had a front wheel off the ground a bit there, but there was plenty of traction so it was just a matter of picking your line and no worries. We were second last with Larry TEC and we got up around the next corner before we heard Mary on the radio "Can you come back - Larry's stuck". Oh dear - those lockers and 33" tyres and still stuck where everyone else had just driven through and all that ribbing then to have to be rescued by the target of it! Never mind, a couple of others were rescued by the Pajero the next day. We pressed on until the bush pressed in and the stopped for lunch. Oh yes - we didn't see it but Bryan managed to put the Navara into a rain ditch on a fairly interesting angle which had Bill climbing

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over him to get out! Don't know if he was towed or drove out but it was quite a ditch, 500mm deep.

We're a slow bunch of travellers as it turned out - coffee breaks, lunch breaks, photo opportunities. By the time we got to Karamea it was time for lunch and then on to Oparara. Turns out the Oparara River is natural flowing lager - the colour was stunning - a clear orangey brown water. Not lager though, due to the beech leaves apparently. We walked about 30 minutes up a track beside the river and suddenly found we were in the exit of a cave which the river was flowing out of. The mouth of the cave was a huge arch which was possibly 30m high. When we climbed up the path just inside the cave you could see the entrance about 100m away. Used up all the film in the camera! We went into three other big caves in the area, two dry but very dark (as they are) and one where we squeezed through the tiniest entrance to find ourselves in another large cave with the same river running through the back of it. By then we were too late to drive up to the start of the Heaphy track so headed off to Seddonville although we stopped at The Last Resort for more photos in Karamea - well they grow grass on the roof of the place and the stone fence was pretty good.

Shaun and Angela had the luxury(?) of a night at the pub in Seddonville while the rest of us bunked or tented at the motorcamp which had originally been the local school. The caretaker was a retired hippy living in a gipsy caravan who obviously didn't think much of booking formalities - "Yes, it's all booked for you but you decide where you want to go and who you want to sleep with, you know each other better than me." Silly how you assume that when you book accommodation you actually should get what you booked. Wayne and Barbara¹ set up the tent, Barbara¹ maintains that all that huffing and puffing was Wayne inflating the airbed but we're not so sure - he did look pretty red in the face when they came out but other things can do that! Of course he was just blowing up the bed - well it took far too long didn't it. Some time during the day Barbara¹ was appointed Sheriff No1 and we had the first court session that night - once everyone saw how freely the fines were handed out we all showed up with plenty of coins each night!

Monday 15th Seddonville to Westport

This was Bryan's big day out for us - mud and ruts. But first we visited an old coal mining area called Charming Creek - one minute we're in 100' high trees and the next we're looking at a hill of rock were nothing grew above 8' high! You could see the seams of coal on the surface. The stream we crossed had a bed of flat bedrock. Worth a walk a lot further than we went apparently but we weren't here for walking - got a photo? Let's go!

I think Bryan called the track Moa Bones or Bald Hill, seems you could take your pick. Just bout needed it too, we certainly had to use the shovel and grubbers to get through some of those ruts. Didn't take long before Shaun was stuck in the creek (must have been Boulder Creek judging by the size off those rocks). Managed to fill my gumboot with water there but had to keep it quiet so the sheriff wouldn't fine me. Mary's hanging on to the Jesus bar all the way in (I think Larry was too). Next thing



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Bryan's up to his front axles in mud but nothing too serious. A bit further in and the front vehicles pulled over to let Gary get in front with a winch, unfortunately he was followed by Shaun in the bus and when he tried to winch both vehicles up some serious rut at the same time the winch decided it wasn't having this and gave up in a puff of smoke. A bit of hand winching digging and pushing and Gary got to the top but Shaun withdrew. Phil had a valiant attempt but ran out of ground clearance, then Larry showed us what those lockers and 33" tyres could do - it was the first vehicle Bryan had seen drive to the top unassisted. Larry found it was so easy he made it more difficult by parking sideways about three quarters of the way up - ooh, that was a surprise wasn't it Larry.

We had lunch there, sort of huddled together on a dry bit of ground beside a muddy track and a big sloshy mudhole. I don't recall seeing any open ground on that track. On the way out we all carefully drove around the hole which had claimed Bryan on the way in. Phil took it so carefully he went to the extreme right and drove straight into a tree! Ouch - that hurt, he bounced off and carried on but had bent the bullbar back and crumpled the guard. Had to take it easy on left hand turns for the rest of the trip as the tyre would rub on the bumper.

Bryan decided to see how far he could get through a West Coast mudhole (it was possible to drive around this, which is what we'd done on the way in). With a good run up and the power on he got at least a metre before the Navara was buried! The strategy (apparently) was to now drive Larry's Safari up beside Bryan's stuck vehicle and winch him out through the mud using a big tree and pulley block. Two seconds later Larry's vehicle had slid sideways and was touching the Navara. Three and a half hours, one PTO winch shear pin, a cut tow strop and a straightened tow hook later we had them both out of there and we were on our way. No worries. Yeah right. A lesson for the inexperienced - recover every stuck vehicle the easiest and safest way possible. Every time. We could have snatched Bryan backwards out of that

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Shiny 4x4: *More difficult family trips, for shiny wagon drivers with some experience who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles. Vehicles will only qualify for Shiny 4x4 trips if they have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the normal required equipment per the club's safety policy. This applies to prospective members and visitors too.*

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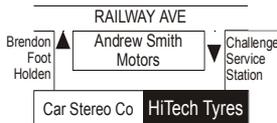
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hole in five minutes. As it was, we considered leaving his truck there and organising a recovery effort that night or the next day with better equipped vehicles. Fortunately it didn't come to that and we got out with only minor issues.

We finally got back onto the main track and while regrouping I noticed a drip trail leading up the road under the vehicles. Interesting, perhaps I should check that out just in case. It lead right up to the front of the group and stopped under the Pajero - small but steady stream of diesel is running out of the fuel tank! How did that happen - we'd scraped a bit but no decent hits. Dropped the bash plate, cleaned it up and with some Selleys Steel Kneadit and duct tape patched it up and carried on. I had a bit of extra diesel just in case and later estimated we'd lost 4-5 litres. Didn't even drip for the rest of the trip - must get it fixed properly

soon but there's 60 litres of diesel still in the tank so need to run it down a bit first.

We got back out to Seddonville and Bryan showed how deep you need to go to properly clean you vehicle in the river. I guess he knew what the riverbed was like - I'm sure he wouldn't have gone out quite that far if he hadn't. The river was big and deep enough that I'd been out there very early that morning fishing in the same spot he was driving - no wonder there were no fish there - it was the local carwash! Stopped back in Westport that night - more fines from Sheriff1.

Tuesday 16th
Reefton to Big River (Theoretically)

Another big day - we were driving from Denniston across to New Creek on the Buller Gorge. We had a look at the Denniston Incline first - a coal mining area famous for

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the rail wagon system used to get coal from 1800' down to sea level in a couple of miles (all still in imperial down there). It was a huge industry in the late 1800's and early 1900's, thousands of miners and thousand of wagon of coal moved every day. Accessibility so poor that people lived less that a few miles from the coast but never saw it in 30 years. Historical settlements and mines at Denniston, Burnetts Face and Coalbrookdale - they had their own towns, churches, halls, schools, post office, rugby and soccer teams. And it was bleak - another hill of rock, poor vegetation and snow in winter. Now there's nothing there apart from some of the incline foundations, roads with a few houses and the one schoolhouse which has been made into a museum.

We stopped to see the vents putting out heat and smoke from an underground fire which has been burning in the coal seams for decades. It couldn't be extinguished. The road through to New Creek and the Iron Bridge is a maintenance road for the power lines and is in reasonably good order but travels through some beautiful and rugged country. We tried not to disturb it but when Bryan came upon a big mud puddle beside the track it proved irresistible - we did our best to empty it. Once a couple had successfully driven through it became obligatory for the other vehicles although the challenge was really in seeing what height the spray got to! But once Barbara2 took the Pajero through the ladies challenge was immediately taken up by Barbara1 who also successfully ploughed through. Then, while Larry wasn't looking Mary took control of the Safari. We all stood back - we had a crazed looking 4WD virg ...er... novice behind the wheel! Well Mary knew what she was doing - wheels spinning, power sliding, plumes of muddy water high in the sky. Larry got it all on video although it might be a shakey take!

Most of the rest of the track was mild by comparison, although we spent a bit of time checking out the Mackley river before driving through. Bryan walked it careful and after he crossed successfully walked halfway back across and guided us through. There's quite a hole in the direct route across so you have to head upstream a little then turn toward the exit from the middle of the river. Shaun wasn't concerned about a bit of water and stayed in his truck as Bryan walked the river and we discussed how to best cross it. When it was his turn he got a bit further to the right and, even with the height on his truck, it was noticeably deeper. We held our breath when he was stopped by some rocks in the middle but he managed to back up a bit and then get through. That was our excitement for the day, from there on we could enjoy the trip. Paid our \$10 at the gate and drove toward Reefton and the Big River.

We were going to drive into the Big River Hut that night but the rain clouds were hanging over the hills and once we stopped at Reefton we agreed that we might get in there but if the river came up we might not get out. It was race day in Reefton but we got the last motel accommodation available - should've bought the place for what we paid to stay the night! Not that it was too over priced it was just way past it's use by date and the ancient owner was trying to sell up. Had a great roast dinner at the local pub (pity you missed the ginger steamed pud Gary - it was superb!), but the karaoke was way below par.

**Wednesday 17th
Reefton to Greymouth**

Up early as Bryan had a spot of maintenance to do on the Navara - needed to straighten up the steering. So he's got the front wheel and some steering components off out in the street when, hello, it's Bill - he's working up this way today! Get that part around to the workshop, fixed it up, back on the truck and ready to go before breakfast. That was handy. Sheriff1 was sacked by decree of Bryan and Mary was appointed Sheriff2 - an unknown quantity but by then even the kids were dobbing in their parents and navigators dobbing in drivers.

Since we didn't go into the Big River Hut the night before we needed something to do for the day and I suggested we visit Lake Hochstetter (just a bit north of Lake Brunner). Looked like gravel roads to get in there from Ngahere and the possibility of some short 4WD tracks as well. My suggestion and I had the map so Bryan put us in front - that means Barbara2's navigating and is already feeling the pressure. I guess we should have known it wasn't going to work out when we missed the first three turn-offs but, hey, it looked like if we take the next left and follow that road we'll be there in no time. So we confidently turned up the road we were supposed to out of and headed in. It's one of those areas where if you'd been in there just once before you'd have no trouble. Unfortunately none of us had been there.

There'd been some logging and there were forestry roads left, right and centre. I guess the second mistake was not stopping a vehicle we saw and asking directions (typical male I hear the women mutter), but we weren't lost - just not sure where we were. The bush was great and some of the video shots from inside the vehicles as they swept through some long flat pools of water on the road will be spectacular. I suppose the third mistake was the eeny meeny miny mo at the only intersection which had a road sign - went right instead of left. We stopped while I was sure I could remember the way out and had a coffee and conference around the map. Didn't help really - couldn't see any land marks for trees. We took the left fork for ten minutes before heading back.

	<h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>First Aid Kits</u></h2> <p style="text-align: center;">TO ALL TRIP LEADERS</p> <p>The club now owns four (4) comprehensive first aid kits. These kits are available to be carried by trip leaders as a back-ip emergency kit to supplement those carried by all individual vehicles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Would all TRIP LEADERS please contact me to arrange for collection / issuing of these kits prior to each trip.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WAYNE JANSEN - SAFETY OFFICER Phone 025 467 935</p>	
		

About then Carol came on the radio -"I've been reading our route book and it says we should take a Lake Terrace Road, drive for 7km and turn right and the Lake's about 8km from there". Hmm - wish we'd found that route book a bit earlier because Lake Terrace Road was the marked road we'd passed about an hour ago. Didn't help though because we got on Lake Terrace Road and still missed the turn off to the Lake. But once it felt like we were getting back toward a main road I have to admit getting back to somewhere I recognised was a higher priority. By the time we got back to civilisation it was still only lunchtime and we spent a couple of very pleasant hours at Nelson Creek - a nice picnic and camping spot with a neat little tunnel entrance onto a swingbridge and a good swimming hole which the kids spent some time in. Angela impressed us by following the boys and taking the high jump off the far bank - about a 20' drop into the water. It was so pleasant and the drive was interesting enough that the sheriff didn't fine me for getting lost - still, it would have been nice to see the lake. We must have practically driven all around it, couldn't see it for the trees!

We visited a famous pub at Blackball - "Formerly the Blackball Hilton". The real Hilton took them to court years ago to force them to change the name. It's worth a look, the rooms are rather individual to say the least, one decorated with driftwood and a stuffed horse in a bucket, a pink room, a green room. There's not much left to the town but they have a thriving salami factory of all things. Export salami all over the world. A far cry from coal mining.

From there we drove down into Greymouth. Larry had a cut in one tyre and after dropping in to the tyre shop for repair he called into the local 4WD shop - turned out to be a fortuitous stop. When he came back he suggested calling back in there in the morning to see if the owner was prepared to suggest any tracks worth a drive.

Thursday 19th Greymouth to Hokitika

Another beautiful day. We had planned to drive down to Ross and up Mt Greenland but were flexible about that. The owner of OnTrack 4WD (check his website www.on-track4wd.co.nz) suggested we try the Napoleon Hill track. Bryan bought a guide book - good idea. I know at least some of the other Club members have been on this track - it's truly fantastic. You end up driving down a stream bed for several kilometres, mostly in a gorge with vertical sides up to 20m or more high. At one spot where it closed right in and wouldn't have allowed two vehicles to pass, we drove under a little waterfall. Further on we drove through two caves which the stream flowed through - they were only a couple of metres wider than the vehicles. We were stopped for lunch when a couple of Suzuki Vitara's emerged from one cave - one of the drivers was from Wellington and I believe may have been a CCVC member. Can't get away from them.

That's a pretty brief description for a wonderful day, but if you get the chance to drive that track I think we'd all agree you should do it. And if you're in Greymouth, call in to OnTrack 4WD, a very helpful operator quite prepared to tell us how to get to a track he takes paying groups through. He put us off the Mt Greenland track as most of it

Rumour has it that Mr Grant Purdie was having a spa prior to going out, and was told to get out of the spa before the baby sitter arrived for the evening. He duly got out, but the baby sitter was already there sitting in the lounge, and apparently you don't spa at the Purdie residence with clothes on as it inhibits the feelings of relaxation!!!!



The winner of the

BSA award this month is Roger Seymour for his attempt to dob in Grant Purdie.

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The winners of the Golden Kiwi's for this month are Ienda, John D, Bruce Mulhare, Ron Wadham and Chris McMannus.



The winner of the Gumboot award for this month is Andrew crane

for removing his fan blade to get more power, then overheating!

The winner of the Orange Roughy award for this month is Leon for his various exploits with Mark Beckett's Land Rover (and wife I think??)



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Disaster..! It seems that the full Wellington City Council last night voted not to keep the South Coast road open, despite the recommendations of the Council Committee that we had made representations to. There is to be a 12 month monitoring period, to determine the effects of poor driver behaviour and damage to the environment.

Please URGENTLY pay attention to this issue.

If going around the coast:

- ◆ PLEASE respect other users; slow right down and give way politely.
- ◆ PLEASE don't go up the hillside, even though other vehicles have left clear tracks there.
- ◆ PLEASE don't drive over vegetation.
- ◆ PLEASE politely explain these things to other users you see there

The club will work out our approach for the coming year after we have a discussion with the WCC planner, who is a person we respect. If you'd like a copy of our submission to WCC, please contact me.

Regards...

Grant Purdie -Land Access Officer



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

2001 / 2002 CALENDAR

Round	Host Club	Date
Ladies World 4x4 Trial Championship	South Waikato	25th November 2001
1	Wanganui	9th December 2001
2	South Waikato	27th January 2002
3	Hawkes Bay	24th February 2002
4	National Competitions Committee (To be held in Ohakune) Com- bined Northern/Central Zone Trial	16th March 2002
5 (NZ Final)	Taupo	31st March 2002 (Easter)

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NEW MEMBERS



The following person, subject to trip sheet and safety checks will be welcomed to the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc this month as new member:



Chris Herbert - Suzuki 413

has been graded for mountain bike downhill races and the last couple of kilometres is very badly rutted and rocky and more of a challenge than we needed. That was it for the day and we headed on down the seal to Hokitika. A little bit of time left to check a couple of shops before closing and to get some more fines from Sheriff2.

Friday 20th Hokitika to Westport

Another beautiful day! No 4WDing today, enough time to check out some greenstone and touristy places in Hokitika before heading up to Shantytown where we were real tourists doing the train ride and gold panning, dressing up for photo's. We left there about 1.30pm heading for Punakaiki and the pancake rocks at high tide. Got to Punakaiki right on high tide but with a low swell the blowholes just weren't quite doing it - the arms and eyes got sore waiting for the blow but the best one usually happened just before you were ready or just after you gave up! Of course - it's a natural law.

Made it back to Westport about 5.00pm, time for a freshen up before dinner. Bill and Diana had prepared a final dinner at their place for us - salads, potatoes, steak, sausages, scallops, whitebait. Phew - ate too much!. Oh no - dessert! Had to have it - pavlova, cheesecake, fruit salad, ice cream. The sheriff's fines went towards drinks for the night - \$140, just enough. A great finish to a wonderful week. On Carol's suggestion a presentation was made to Bryan thanking him for his efforts in making the trip such a success - a piece of greenstone suitably engraved, and a plant given to Diana (and Bill I guess) for the dinner and the help I'm sure they gave Bryan. Well done Bryan, we were impressed by his willingness to stop for the scenic and historical spots and the good commentary as we drove along (pity about his driving ability though eh!)

As it probably usually is, it was a subdued lot splitting up and going our own way the next morning. Another great day on the Coast though. Barbara and I headed up to Nelson for a night before catching the ferry on Sunday. Struck some ferocious rain south of Motueka, the worst we'd had. Got to Picton on Sunday to find there was a 5m swell in Cook Strait and the Lynx was cancelled but they put everyone on the

Arahura at 9.30pm so we had time for a meal before leaving. As compensation Barbara had a treat of crayfish but then threw it all up two hours later. Bugger. Got home about 2.00am Monday, thank goodness we had a day to recover before going back to work.

Thanks everyone, you made it a great trip. And the snoring wasn't too bad Larry!

Neil & Barbara
K177



Part of an email to Pedro - his comment was:

"I think his wheel alignment may be out slightly!"

Woman's Vocabulary

FINE - This is the word women use at the end of any argument that they feel they are right about but need to shut us up. NEVER use fine to describe how a woman looks. This will cause you to have one of those arguments.

FIVE MINUTES - This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that our football game is going to last before we take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

NOTHING - This means something and we should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with the word "Fine."

GO AHEAD (with raised eyebrows) - This is a dare. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word "Fine."

GO AHEAD (normal eyebrows) - This means, "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care." You will get a raised eyebrow "Go Ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

LOUD SIGH - This is not actually a word, but is still often a verbal statement very misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing."

SOFT SIGH - Again, not a word, but a verbal statement. "Soft Sighs" are one of the few things that some men actually understand. She is content. Your best bet is to not move or breathe and she will stay content.

THAT'S OKAY - This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can say

to a man. "That's Okay," means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you retributions for what ever it is that you have done. "That's Okay" is often used with the word "Fine" and used in conjunction with a raised eyebrow "Go Ahead." At some point in the near future when she has plotted and planned, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

PLEASE DO - This is not a statement, it is an offer. A woman is giving you the chance to come up with whatever excuse or reason you have for doing whatever it is that you have done. You have a fair chance to tell the truth, so be careful and you shouldn't get a "That's Okay."

THANKS - A woman is thanking you. Do not faint; just say you're welcome?

THANKS A LOT - This is much different than "Thanks." A woman will say, "Thanks A Lot" when she is really ticked off at you. It signifies that you have hurt her in some callous way, and will be followed by the "Loud Sigh." Be careful not to ask what is wrong after the "Loud Sigh," as she will only tell you "Nothing."

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BUGGER!

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Another rumour. Mr Roger Seymour, after having his Nissan tuned numerous times by garages and others because it was not running to well, then discovered the distributor cap was cracked.

Some one else suggested buying a decent fuel filter to help with the running of the vehicle.

The reply was "Nah! Not needed, already has a filter in line". He then proceeded to drive up Taupo way for the holidays, about Taihape the truck won't go over half throttle, he struggles thru to Taupo and has (guess what) the fuel filter changed, the truck now goes like a cut cat and does not miss any more.

Nine Months Later

Jack decided to go to the winch challenge with his buddy, Bob. They loaded up and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible rain storm. They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night. "I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently "widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Don't worry," Jack said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light," The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend at the challenge.

About nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the weekend of the challenge. He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on that stormy night before the winch challenge up north?" "Yes, I do. "Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?" "Yes," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out. "I have to admit that I did. "And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?" Bob's face turned red and he said, "Yeah, sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?"

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Committee Meeting Highlights

- ◆ **Treasury** - All accounts being prepared for their annual audit, but all are healthy.
- ◆ **Land Access** - An area of Upper Hutt has been added to the list of areas that our land access fellows are working on.
- ◆ **Entertainment** - Presentation of club awards will take place at a yet-to-be planned evening function that will include an optional dinner - more details from John when they are finalised.
- ◆ **Assets** - Trailer two thirds complete now, and Superwinch has had an overhaul and is running sweetly.
- ◆ **Competitions** - Due to commitments, Ian Hendra has had to resign - Neil Blackie will fill Ian's shoes for the remainder of this season.
- ◆ **AGM** - This years AGM will be held directly after the March club meeting.
- ◆ **Safety** - We are down by two safety inspectors (Mike Gall and Carl Furniss) as they have both left the positions they held.

2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc will be held directly after the March monthly meeting.

A nomination form for all Club Officer positions is enclosed with this newsletter.

Note that the usual award presentations will be held at a separate Event - details available once finalised.

"She just died and left me everything."

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you?)

Caught you smiling - Keep it up!!!

FOR SALE

Club radio (incl aerial)
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\$120 the set

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Yet another rumour. Mr Royal who has been slowly building his house was doing some landscaping using a Back Hoe Digger. He had been in the process of carefully digging drainage trenches and putting nova flow etc into them, being real careful to not dig up his freshly laid stormwater drains with his digger. But I suppose the suspense of exactly how deep the drains were laid got the better of him, as he inadvertently dug a section up with the digger!!!!



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SOUTH ISLAND

4X4

COAST TO COAST 2002

GPS TREASURE HUNT

Greymouth to Kaikoura

8th - 10th March, 2002



Three days of GPS navigation, challenging 4x4ing, a brain teaser, 4x4 adventure unparalleled, enduro 4x4ing, treasure to find, socialising, dining included. This years event starts in Greymouth and finishes at Kaikoura. It will be a challenging event with GPS co-ordinates to find 'Treasure'. It is a three-day TEAMS enduro. Each three vehicle team of owner drivers must navigate and assist one another to the day's destination with the aid of navigation sheets containing instructions. The sheets also have questions to be answered along the route. The accent is on "staying together, playing together" and comradeship. There is dinner and social get together each evening a "Sheriff" handing out fines to drivers to crew members who make 'blues' along the way. Money gathered goes to Charity. Two classes - *Endurance* for well prepared vehicles and *Classis* for pre-1960's vehicles.



SOUTH ISLAND

4X4

COAST TO COAST 2002

TOUGH TOUGH 2002

Kaikoura to Greymouth

25th - 28th April, 2002 (ANZAC Weekend)

Four days of a series of 4x4 challenges with days 2 and 3 having mystery destinations and overnight camping. This is serious 4x4ing for well prepared vehicles and entries are limited to 45 vehicles. Enter preferred as a team - 4x4 with mates who all know the limits each will go to for adrenaline pleasure.

For more details

Frederick Cassin

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DESERT SAFARI

This will be a unique adventure into Army land on the Central Plateau.

The NZ Army have kindly given permission for a day long trek through territory which is not open to the NZ public. It is land of the Kaimanawa wild horse and of forest and fauna not seen elsewhere along with breathtaking scenery. Also the Moawhango Dam, historic hut and the Army museum.

It will be a great day for a family day out. Bring your lunch, a bbq will be provided at the end of the day. Also bring your camera binoculars, warm clothing and sun-screen lotion. Suitable for all 4WD vehicles (on road and off road for those wanting to try their skills).

Date: 23 March 2002

For time, meeting place, registration please see the NZ4WD magazine "Coming Events" column.

Contact Bernard Ph/Fx 06 388 1527, John / Phillipa Ph 06 388 1432, Bill Phone: 06 388 0194 Fx 06 388 0129, Shane Ph 06 388 1201 Fx 06 388 1710 or PO Box 345, Taihape

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Training Day

Stuck???



Toyotas don't get stuck!

The insides just needed
a good wash.



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Dave Jones enjoying a recent trip down south!!!

Alan Donaldson & others
Crossing a Canterbury river
after recent flooding in
January. (Same trip as above)





Come out for a family day in the country

March 17 2002 - rain or shine

Battle Hill Farm Park, Paekakariki Hill Rd

10am-4pm

Great Food

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Proceeds to Pauatahanui Preschool and Pimmerton Rotary

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Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Trip Name: Night Drive & BBQ

Venue: Akatarawa Category: Family Shiny & Shiny 4x4

Trip Leader: Lynn Philip & Helper Phone: _____ Callsign: K 5

Bookings Required: No Yes Book with Trip Leader before: _____

Limited Numbers: No Yes _____

Trip Meeting Point

Totara Park Bridge

Meeting Time Date: Sat 16th Feb Time: 15:00
Drivers Briefing Date: Sat 16th Feb Time: 15:15
Trip Departure Date: Sat 16th Feb Time: 15:30

Alternative Meeting Point

Date: _____ Time: _____

Expected Finishing Point

Bulls Run and/or Totara Park, to be decided

Date: Sat 16th Feb Time: Midnight approx

Fuel required for: 1 Kms / Days Fuel available at: Upper Hutt

Food required for: 1 Days Food available at: Upper Hutt

Drinks required for: 1 Days Drinks available at: Upper Hutt

Land Access Fee: \$15.00 Per vehicle/day Camp Fee: Nil Per person/tent/night

Weather restrictions:

- Dry day only
- Light rain/wind ok
- Rain, hail or snow "We go"
- Subject to landowners discretion
- Listen to radio cancellation service on Newstalk ZB 1035AM at: _____

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

- No damage likely
- Some bush marks possible
- Some damage to sills & corners possible
- Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
- Body damage from rocky/dirt banks expected

Trip suitable for:

- Novice drivers
 - Average drivers
 - Experienced drivers
- Dry Wet

Pets:

- No
- Yes
- Only if kept in vehicle

Vehicle type:

- Any vehicle
- SWB only
- Club Radio Preferred

Vehicle requirements:

- Tow hooks, front & rear
- Recovery strap, Shovel
- First aid kit, Fire extinguisher
- Roll bar / cage for soft/open tops
- Roll bar / cage for all vehicles
- Any tyres suitable
- Mud tyres preferable
- Good mud tyres essential
- Winch required
- Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

- | Mostly | Some | Optional |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep rivers, water holes |
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Notes: *BBQ provided. Bring warm clothing and torches, as well as all your safety gear. Trip will split into two at various times, Shiny 4x4 and Family Shiny.*

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.



Trip Information Sheet

Trip Name: **GENTLE ANNIE FAMILY TRIP**

Venue: Ohinewairua Station, Taihape **Category:** Shiny 4x4

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Trip Leader: John Vruink

Phone: 04-567 1142
025-439 981

Callsign: K37

Bookings Required: No Yes

Book with Trip Leader before: 21 Feb 02

Limited Numbers: No Yes 20

Trip Meeting Point

Ohinewairua Station, Taihape

Meeting Time

Date: Fri 22 Feb 2002

Time: Evening

Drivers Briefing

Date: Sat 23 Feb 2002

Time: 09:00

Trip Departure

Date: Sat 23 Feb 2002

Time: 09:30

Alternative Meeting Point

Date: _____

Time: _____

Expected Finishing Point

Ohinewairua Station, Taihape

Date: Sun 24 Feb 2002

Time: 15:00-16:00

Fuel required for: 250/2 Kms / Days

Fuel available at: Taihape

Food required for: 2 Days

Food available at: Taihape

Drinks required for: 2 Days

Drinks available at: Taihape

Land Access Fee: \$10.00 Per vehicle/day **Camp Fee:** \$5 Per person/night

Weather restrictions:

- Dry day only
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Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

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Dry Wet

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Steep ascents/descents |

Notes: Limited accommodation (35 beds), first booked gets the beds. Plenty of space for tents.
Map of location available Club Night or phone Trip Leader BBQ Sat night \$5/head.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Trip Name: Down and Up in the Dark

Venue: Akatarawa Forest Category: Hard Yakka

Trip Leader: Grant Purdie Phone: 04-233-1192 Callsign: K 71

Bookings Required: No Yes Book with Trip Leader by: 22/02/2002

Limited Numbers: No Yes

Trip Meeting Point

Maungakotukutuku Gate

Meeting Time Date: Sat 23rd Feb 2002 Time: 16:00

Drivers Briefing Date: Sat 23rd Feb 2002 Time: 16:15

Trip Departure Date: Sat 23rd Feb 2002 Time: 16:30

Alternative Meeting Point

Date: _____ Time: _____

Expected Finishing Point

Maungakotukutuku Gate

Date: Sat 23rd Feb 2002 Time: Late

Fuel required for: 1 Kms / Days Fuel available at: _____

Food required for: 1 Days Food available at: _____

Drinks required for: 1 Days Drinks available at: _____

Land Access Fee: \$15.00 Per vehicle/day Camp Fee: Nil Per person/tent/night

Weather restrictions:

- Dry day only
- Light rain/wind ok
- Rain, hail or snow "We go"
- Subject to landowners discretion
- Listen to radio cancellation service on Newstalk ZB 1035AM at: _____

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

- No damage likely
- Some bush marks possible
- Some damage to sills & corners possible
- Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
- Body damage from rocky/dirt banks possible

Trip suitable for:

- Novice drivers
 - Average drivers
 - Experienced drivers
- Dry Wet

Pets:

- No
- Yes
- Only if kept in vehicle

Vehicle type:

- Any vehicle
- SWB only
- Club Radio Required

Vehicle requirements:

- Tow hooks, front & rear
- Recovery stop, Shovel
- First aid kit, Fire extinguisher
- Roll bar / cage for soft/open tops
- Roll bar / cage for all vehicles
- Any tyres suitable
- Mud tyres preferable
- Good mud tyres essential
- Winch required
- Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

- | Mostly | Some | Optional |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach or sand |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Clay or mud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky or river boulders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Creeks, small rivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep rivers, water holes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep mud holes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Average ascents/descents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Steep ascents/descents |

Notes: *Bring warm clothes and prepare for any weather. Also extra food and drink in case trip runs late.*

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.



Trip Information Sheet

Trip Name: Training Module #2 plus Trip

Venue: Akatarawa Forest **Category:** Training

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Trip Leader: Andy Cockroft **Phone:** 04-972 5558 **Callsign:** K26

Bookings Required: No Yes **Book with Trip Leader before:** _____

Limited Numbers: No Yes

Trip Meeting Point

Totara Park Bridge

Meeting Time Date: Sat 9 Mar 2002 Time: 9:30 am
Drivers Briefing Date: Sat 9 Mar 2002 Time: 9:45 am
Trip Departure Date: Sat 9 Mar 2002 Time: 10:00am

Alternative Meeting Point

Date: _____ Time: _____

Expected Finishing Point

Totara Park Bridge or Bulls Run/Moonshine Road

Date: Sat 9 Mar 2002 Time: 4:00 pm

Fuel required for: 1 / Days **Fuel available at:** Upper Hutt

Food required for: 1 Days **Food available at:** Upper Hutt

Drinks required for: 1 Days **Drinks available at:** Upper Hutt

Land Access Fee: \$15.00 Per vehicle/day **Camp Fee:** Nil Per person/tent/night

Weather restrictions:

- Dry day only
 - Light rain/wind ok
 - Rain, hail or snow "We go"
 - Subject to landowners discretion
 - Listen to radio cancellation service
- on Newstalk ZB 1035AM at: 08:30, 09:00, 09:30 10:00

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

- No damage likely
- Some bush marks possible
- Some damage to sills & corners possible
- Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
- Body damage from rocky/dirt banks expected

Trip suitable for:

- Novice drivers
- Average drivers
- Experienced drivers

Dry Wet

Pets:

- No
- Yes
- Only if kept in vehicle

Vehicle type:

- Any vehicle
- SWB only

Vehicle requirements:

- Tow hooks, front & rear
- Recovery strop, Shovel
- First aid kit, Fire extinguisher
- Roll bar / cage for soft/open tops
- Roll bar / cage for all vehicles
- Any tyres suitable
- Mud tyres preferable
- Good mud tyres essential
- Winch required
- Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

- | Mostly | Some | Optional |
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Notes: _____

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Trip Name: Club Champs Round 4

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Venue: To be confirmed at Club Night

Category: Challenge event

Trip Leader: Neil Blackie

Phone: 04 587-0456

Callsign: K177

Limited Numbers:

No

Yes

- 30

Book with leader before: 10 Mar

Trip Meeting Point

Wind Turbine

Meeting Time

Date: Sunday 10 March 2002

Time: 0830

Drivers Briefing

Date: Sunday 10 March 2002

Time: 0900

Trip Departure

Date: Sunday 10 March 2002

Time: After briefing

Alternative Meeting Point

Date: _____

Time: _____

Expected Finishing Point

Same place! please assist with course dismantling

Date: Sunday 10 March 2002

Time: Afternoon

Fuel required for: 50

Kms / Days

Fuel available at: _____

Food required for: 1

Days

Food available at: Lunch Barbie provided

Drinks required for: 1

Days

Drinks available at: _____

Entry Fee: \$10

Per vehicle/day

Camp Fee: Nil

Per person/tent/night

Weather restrictions:

- Dry day only
 Light rain/wind ok
 Rain, hail or snow "We go"
 Subject to landowners discretion
 Listen to radio cancellation service
On 1035AM at 7:30am onwards

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

- No damage likely
 Some bush marks possible
 Some damage to sills & corners possible
 Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
 Body damage from rocky/dirt banks expected

Trip suitable for:

- Novice drivers
 Average drivers
 Experienced drivers

Dry Wet

Pets:

- No
 Yes
 Only if kept in vehicle

Vehicle type:

- Any vehicle
 SWB only

Vehicle requirements:

- Tow hooks, front & rear
 Recovery stop, Shovel
 First aid kit, Fire extinguisher
 Roll bar / cage for soft/open tops
 Roll bar / cage for all vehicles
 Any tyres suitable
 Mud tyres preferable
 Good mud tyres essential
 Winch required
 Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type: Obstacles!

- | Mostly | Some | Optional |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach or sand |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky or river boulders |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Average ascents/descents |
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Notes: *The fourth of our new look Club Challenge events. A family day out fun for all. Marquee and barbie included. NEED SOME MARSHALS, PLEASE*

Trip Database

From: 1/2/2002 To: 30/4/2002

Trip Start Date	Days	Trip Name	Trip Category	Trip Place	Trip Leader	Status	Trip Notes	Trip ID
Sat 09/02/02	1	Training Module 1 plus Trip	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	C		624
Sun 10/02/02	1	Whiteman's Valley Family Trip	Club 4X4	Whiteman's Valley	Antony Royal	C		620
Wed 13/02/02	1	Club Night	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Andy Cockroft	C		585
Thu 14/02/02	1	CDVN Site Visits	Special	Foxton Coast	Grant Purdie	C		642
Sat 16/02/02	1	Night Drive & BBQ	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest	Lynn Philip	C	Further details at Club Night	583
Sat 16/02/02	1	Night Drive & BBQ	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest	Lynn Philip	C	Further details at Club Night	629
Tue 19/02/02	1	Safety & Motorsport Committee	Meetings	Purdie Residence	Grant Purdie	C		587
Fri 22/02/02	3	Gentle Annie Family Trip	Shiny 4X4	Taihape	John Vruink	C	Bookings required. Max 20 vehicles. Accommodation - first in first served.	619
Sat 23/02/02	1	Down & Up in the Dark	Hard Yakka	Akatarawa Forest North	Grant Purdie	C		630
Wed 27/02/02	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Andy Cockroft	C		588
Mon 04/03/02	1	ARAC	Meetings			P		641
Tue 05/03/02	1	LAM Committee	Meetings		Grant Purdie	P		597
Sat 09/03/02	1	Training Module 2 plus Trip	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	C		625
Sun 10/03/02	1	Club Champs Round 4	Club Champs	To be confirmed at Club Night	Neil Blackie	C		591
Wed 13/03/02	1	Club Night	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Andy Cockroft	C		606
Sat 16/03/02	1	South Coast Clean-Up	All	Red Rocks & South Coast	tba-	P	Help develop managed access by helping with CCVC's voluntary clean-up day.	601

Trip Start Date	Days	Trip Name	Trip Category	Trip Place	Trip Leader	Status	Trip Notes	Trip ID
Sun 17/03/02	1	Pauatahanui Fundraiser	Special	Battle hill & Puketiro Forest	-tba-	C	See advert in Chronicle. Experienced drivers needed to assist please.	644
Mon 18/03/02	1	Trip Leaders' Forum	Special	Petone Working Mens Club 7:30 pm	Grant Purdie	P	Trip Leaders only - please book with Grant.	568
Sat 23/03/02	1	South Coast Surfcasting Trip	Family Shiny	Wellington South Coast	Neil Blackie	C	Limited numbers, bookings required. Subject to weather.	643
Sun 24/03/02	1	Family Day	Family Shiny	-tba-	-tba-	T		631
Wed 27/03/02	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Andy Cockroft	P		618
Fri 29/03/02	5	Te Kumi Easter Trip	All	East Cape	Andy Cockroft	T	Via Motu this time.	563
Fri 29/03/02	4	Easter at Foxton	All	Foxton Beach		C		607
Sat 06/04/02	1	Training Module 3 plus Trip	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	C		626
Wed 10/04/02	1	Club Night	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Andy Cockroft	C		636
Wed 24/04/02	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Andy Cockroft	P		633



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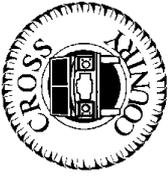
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