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

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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

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# Editorial Ramblings

Hi there

I always leave this column to the end of the newsletter construction, so it is usually done in a real hurry in the middle of the night when all I want to do is get the CD burner going so I can get to bed.

And, as usual, I can't think of what to say, so I'll rabbit on a bit and say nothing but it looks better than having a big blank space on the page. Some of our members are off to Australia to do so four wheel driving over there, so I hope they have a great trip and hopefully we may get some pictures to show the differences between New Zealand and Australian conditions.

That's it, space is full so I'll stop rabbiting now. Have a good month.

Alan...

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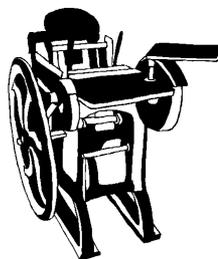
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**Cover photo:** This month's cover picture shows a collection of strops being tested along a beach on the Wellington south coast.

## President's Piece - July 2003

Hi Folks,

Most of you will know by now that we had our long-awaited "great debate" at the June club night, with the result that the membership voted to apply to re-join the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association and to withdraw from Motorsport New Zealand.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the discussions. Although it took two hours and six minutes, the process went smoothly with everybody respecting the process and things remaining civil throughout. Well done everyone!

I would like to specially thank Paul Adams, who invested considerable time and effort in the research and in preparation and delivery of the presentation of the findings.

We are now going through the application process and will keep you posted with the ongoing development of our new relationship with the Association.

On another tack, I am impressed with our new committee. We are so fortunate to have a bunch of people who are certainly prepared to get on with things. There is a renewed energy and enthusiasm to make progress with the continual improvement of the club and our 4wd activities. The first two meetings of the year have been very productive and there is even an extra committee meeting this month to make sure we get through our essential business.

One of our current areas of focus is to agree on the objectives of the committee for this club year. Apart from the fundamental objective of providing 4wd trips for members, a major input to the setting of objectives is the findings from the recent membership survey, which has resulted in a surprising number of little things that we can do to further improve trips and the general membership experience. We are also strengthening our sub-committee processes and our decision making processes, to make us more efficient with the aim of getting through more stuff more quickly.

We'll report more on this at the July club night.

Meanwhile here is the list of current sub-committees and their convenors:

Safety	Wayne	Jansen
NZ4WD Association	Paul	Adams
Trip Leaders Forum	Roger	Seymour
60K	Antony	Royal
Search and Rescue	Jim Johnson	

As usual, I'll end with our new land access slogan "Abuse it and you'll lose it". Please remember that the actions of each of us could lead to the loss of land access for everyone - so take this seriously, be proactive, ask the trip leader for a more detailed briefing if anything isn't clear.

As usual, here's to lots of off-roading...

Grant Purdie, Club President, 2 July 2003



## Equipment Required

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In accordance with club policy, the following equipment is required on all Club trips:

1. Front and rear tow hooks
2. Shovel
3. Fire extinguisher
4. First-aid kit
5. Basic tool kit
6. Kinetic rope or strop
7. Roll bar or cage for all open / soft top vehicles

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

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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 vehicle spacing on public roads to ensure that public vehicles can pass in safety
8. Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it
9. If you must leave the convoy, inform someone
10. Respect the environment
11. Expect to provide a write-up and / or photos for the Club newsletter from time to time if you participate in Club trips.



## Trip Categories

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



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**Sep 28 on:** Heritage 4WD Tracks and Gold Trails. *Five day family trip, the best of the West Coast. Limited numbers. Contact GD Hilton Ltd, 09 412 8112 or On Track 4WD 03 768 0985.*

**Oct 23-26:** Australian National 4x4 Show. *Southbank, Melbourne, in conjunction with the Mercury Fishing and Great Outdoors Expo. \$14 adults, \$32 family. Website: [4x4show.com.au](http://4x4show.com.au)*

**Oct 26:** Family 4WD fun day. *606 Peak Rd, Helensville; 09:30am, \$80 includes BBQ. For more contact MOA, 025 296 7181*

**Nov 1-4:** Denny's Restaurants NZ 4x4 Challenge. *Auckland 4WD Club. Auckland-Tauranga area. Information on [auckland4x4.org.nz](http://auckland4x4.org.nz) and click on the Denny's Challenge link.*

**Nov 8-9:** NZ4WD Magazine Wellington Readers Trip. *Akatarawa Forest, same trip both days. \$95 vehicle and 2 people, discount for magazine subscribers. Phone 09 478 4771, fax 09 478 4779 or email [sam@adrenalin.co.nz](mailto:sam@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 event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.*



# Welfare Report

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I don't know about you guys and gals out there, but when I make my first lot of soup it's admitting that winter is finally here, and recently I've made the first brew, although needs a bit of work. Feel like I'm in hibernation at the moment, and feel very unmotivated to do much at all. Not only that but recently went to the doctor (my once every 3 year visit), tend to save things up, and then go with a long list to get my monies worth. Can see why now \$47.00 for a 10 minute visit. The upshot of that was coming to the conclusion today, that I need to get back to doing more exercise than I currently do, and at the risk of admitting defeat before I even get started have come to the conclusion that the only way that might happen, is if I get up forty mins earlier each morning, Yeap that for me equates to a 4.50am start. Start tomorrow wish me luck.

## NEWS

Steve Mitchell- Was in hospital recently, hope everything is okay, and you didn't give those nurses too hard a time.

Glenn Bullet- Glenn's father Keith recently passed away, so sorry to hear of your loss Glenn, our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Kind Regards

Barbara Blackie (Z RED 1)

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## PS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Perfect Man"

I want a man who's filthy rich  
He'll woo me well, and then we'll hitch  
He'll bring me roses every day  
And pamper me in every way.  
I'll never have to scrub and bake,  
Masseurs will soothe my every ache,  
I'll fly to Paris, London, Rome  
And then he'll beg me to come home:  
"I miss your pretty smiling face,  
Your charm, your wit your endless grace."  
And in the sunset of our years  
He'll hold my hand and soothe my fears.  
abaci love you now, just like before,  
I want just you, and nothing more."

Now that's a man!."

Taken from a recent Women's Weekly

## CCVC Club Champs - May 2003

We had a great day on Sunday at Hume's Farm. The hazards the team set up were excellent, the standard and modified class system seemed to work OK, no damage I'm aware of apart from a couple of mechanical failures (oh – except for Alan's wee incident with the rock on his nudge bar and spotlight), and the weather held up so we weren't slithering around in the mud this time. I'd have to check the records, but it might have been our best turnout – 36 vehicles competing! Fantastic. But hence the reason for this email - my apologies for those who missed out on lunch. Yes we ran out of everything – bread, sausages and onions. Sorry about that – at least the gas held out for John to cook it all. And for those who found the rear toilet a bit messy – apparently I took the wrong trailer and they hadn't put the water in for flushing. Well, what did they expect - there were two trailers there and I took the best one!

Thanks to everyone for helping to pack up – that was at record speed as well.

Neil Blackie

*Hi, thought I'd chip in a few more details...*

*Within our group, we had 3 casualties: first was a new Holden engine blew a radiator hose, then on Obstacle #1 Land Cruiser blew away his rear drive shaft. Then at Obstacle #3 Capt Roger killed his front CV.*

*At the end of the day, Mike Walczak (K197) lost his brakes and appears to have blown his transmission.*

Jay

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### **Trip Report: CLARKE'S CREEK TRIP – 29/6/03**

At 9-15am, 9 trucks left the Totara Park gate on a squally, windy day bound for some Club 4x4 tracks. They consisted mainly of Suzuki's, plus a SWB Nissan, an old Land Rover and two Crusiers. As the track into Clarke's creek is blocked (apparently) we headed up Valley View Rd and dropped back down into the top end of Clarke Creek. We then followed the track back down until we reached our creek crossing point for Resource Ridge. After about ½ hour "gardening" we had formed a new access across the Creek and soon we were on our way up the new track. The new track had apparently been cleared earlier this year, however it was still fairly "closed in" It followed a fence line which boarded the block which encloses the Birchville Dam. Soon we came to a stop and it was discovered that our trip leader, Leon, in his trusty old Rover was having trouble climbing a small steep slope. Despite trying half a dozen times, the Land Rover just didn't have enough revs to make it to the top, so out came the winch cable. The following 8 trucks drove the climb with ease, however Leon quickly pointed out that he had made it easier for all us. Around the next corner, we came to the track end, so an early lunch was had by all. Soon we were on the move again heading back down the track we came in on.

Next Leon decided we would drive around a loop track, so off we went to find the start of it. Turn right up here came a message over the radios, so we all headed into another unknown. The track became very narrow and soon Larry's Nissan slid off the soft side and ended up partly down the bank. Even his 35" Simex's wouldn't allow him to drive back up, so out came the PTO winch cable. We were soon on our way again entering a overgrown track. This track ended up very short, but it took ages to complete. We cleared 14 large pine trees off the track, mostly they were too big for Layne's chainsaw to cut through from one side. At times we had no sooner cleared a tree, only to drive 50m and found another across the track. How-





ever, with the aid of Leon's winch, we soon had each one shifted out the way. On reaching the main track, 10m from where we had entered, Leon confessed that he had taken the wrong turn, and so we had discovered a new loop track.

Further on up the main track, Leon spotted the correct turn off to his loop track, so we all head off down this track with Layne leading the way in

his Suzuki. This track soon came to a dead end, so we all turned around and headed back out again. Time was now 4-15pm, so we decided to head back to the main gate at Totara Park Bridge.

To me this Club 4x4 trip was much better than the last one from the points noted in Gerald's letter. Ie less trucks, trucks and drivers that were capable for this grade to mention some.

Drivers attending this trip were : Leon Zwetsloot, Andrew Farmer, Ryan Bold, Layne Jones, Gerald Bull, Larry Haines, Gary Rowden, Julian Rivers and Marcus Steeneken

Refer to some photos on club night – K196



## **Track Maintenance**

Do you know of any tracks that are in need of some maintenance? If you do then please make some notes to indicate where and what repairs are required (digital photos & GPS co-ordinates would be nice) and send them to [rayh@paradise.net.nz](mailto:rayh@paradise.net.nz) or give them to Ray Harkness at a club night.

*NB: Please do not ask us to do any work that would make "The 24 Hour Track" into "The 12 Hour Track" though!*

### **HOW DO THESE PEOPLE SURVIVE!!!**

Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets", said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply. "So I can't order a half-dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.



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The paragraph above doesn't amaze me because of what happened a couple of months ago. I was checking out at the local Foodland with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "Dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "Divider" looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me "Do you know how much this is?" and I said to her "I've changed my mind, I don't think I'll buy that today". She said "OK" and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.....

## Engine Oil

*(Not exactly sure where I borrowed this from, but it may contain some interesting aspects for you to consider - Ed).*

From time to time we encounter instances of excessive oil thickening in light weight diesel engines. While the factors which contribute to this condition are many and varied the obvious culprit in the minds of motorists is the oil itself, which is in reality the least likely cause of the condition.

High performance engine oils marketed by the major reputable oil companies have been developed to the point that in heavy duty diesel highway engines 40,000km service intervals are not unusual and the oil is still in reasonably good condition.

This exact same lubricant (usually an SAE 15W/40) meeting at least API CF4/SG, can not go to 5,000km in a light diesel engine without significant thickening and deterioration.



### OPERATING CONDITIONS? WARM UP IS CRITICAL

The major difference in oil performance is due not only to differences in engine design but mostly due to operating condition. A diesel engine does not achieve combustion efficiency until it reaches operating temperature which usually takes 20 to 30 minutes of running. During this warm up period incomplete combustion deposits excessive quantities of carbon and soot on the cylinder walls where it is collected and absorbed by the dispersant additive in the oil. Frequent stop-start, short trips and periods of idling also increase the moisture contamination of the engine oil.

### HOW IT HAPPENS

As most light weight diesels are not spectacular performers, most people tend to drive them hard through the gears, which leads to over fuelling and further contamination of the oil. The combustion by-products from a petrol engine are volatile and can be driven off once the engine is run at full operating temperature of a period of time. However, the combustion by-products from a diesel engine cannot be driven off by engine temperature and as such are totally accumulative.

*A lady at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM thingy".*

## THE EFFECTS ON YOUR ENGINE

This build up of combustion residue eventually leads to the oil becoming very thick at cold start up so that it does not flow through the engine correctly and causes increased wear rates. The excessive moisture levels combine with the soot and carbon in the oil producing sludge deposits especially in the valve cover.



## OTHER FACTORS TO CHECK

Other factors that contribute to oil thickening are:

- Starting with a high viscosity oil - i.e. SAE M20W/50 should not be used
- Using an oil of lower performance level - i.e. API SF/CD is totally unsuitable
- Engine running too cold due to faulty thermostat or even worse, no thermostat at all
- Faulty injectors or fuel pump set incorrectly

The way to head off these problems is to ensure a good quality brand name SAE 15W/40 of at least API CF4/SG specification is used and that oil and filters are changed every 5,000km.

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***Following on from the technical article on oil, here is a step-by-step guide on changing your own oil, sent to me by our honourable safety officer:***

Oil Change Instructions for women:

1. Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3000 miles since the last oil change.
  2. Drink a cup of coffee.
  3. 15 minutes later write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.
- Money spent: Oil Change \$20.00, Coffee \$1.00, Total \$21.00

Oil Change Instructions For Men:

1. Wait until Saturday, drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree, write a check for \$50.00.
2. Stop by 7 - 11 and buy a case of beer, write a check for \$20.00, drive home.
3. Open a beer and drink it.

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. Do you need some help?" I asked. She replied, "I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenient store) would have a battery to fit this?" "Hmmm, I dunno. Do you have an alarm too?" I asked. "No, just this remote thingy," she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, "Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk."

4. Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
5. Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
6. In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
7. Place drain pan under engine.
8. Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
9. Give up and use crescent wrench.
10. Unscrew drain plug.
11. Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process. Cuss.
12. Crawl out from under car to wipe hot oil off of face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
13. Have another beer while watching oil drain.
14. Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
15. Give up; crawl under car and hammer a screwdriver through oil filter and twist off.
16. Crawl out from under car with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly hide old oil filter among trash in trash can to avoid environmental penalties. Drink a beer.
17. Buddy shows up; finish case of beer with him. Decide to finish oil change tomorrow so you can go see his new garage door opener.
18. Sunday: Skip church because "I gotta finish the oil change." Drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car. Cleverly dump oil in hole in back yard instead of taking it back to O'Reilly to recycle.
19. Throw kitty litter on oil spilled during step 18.
20. Beer? No, drank it all yesterday.
21. Walk to 7-11; buy beer.
22. Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.
23. Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
24. Remember drain plug from step 11.
25. Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
26. Remember that the used oil is buried in a hole in the back yard, along with drain plug.
27. Drink beer.
28. Shovel out hole and sift oily mud for drain plug. Re-shovel oily dirt into hole. Steal sand from kids sandbox to cleverly cover oily patch of ground and avoid environmental penalties. Wash drain plug in lawnmower gas.
29. Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.
30. Drink beer.
31. Crawl under car getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with stupid crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame.
32. Bang head on floorboards in reaction to step 31.
33. Begin cussing fit.
34. Throw stupid crescent wrench.
35. Cuss for additional 10 minutes because wrench hit Miss December (1992) in the left boob.

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use copier machine paper," the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

36. Beer.
  37. Clean up hands and forehead and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
  38. Beer.
  39. Beer.
  40. Dump in five fresh quarts of oil.
  41. Beer.
  42. Lower car from jack stands.
  43. Accidentally crush remaining case of new motor oil.
  44. Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during steps 23 - 43.
  45. Beer.
  46. Test drive car.
  47. Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.
  48. Car gets impounded.
  49. Call loving wife, make bail.
  50. 12 hours later, get car from impound yard.
- Money spent: Parts \$50.00, DUI \$2500.00 Impound fee \$75.00, Bail \$1500.00, Beer \$40.00. Total-- \$4165.00

***But you know the job was done right!!!***

Hi there Guys

I had a roasting from one of the landowners about a WCCVC member picking mushrooms on his land. He was not very happy about it!!! What made it worse is that the landowner was only a few metres away when it occurred!

I have had a chat to the "offender" who did not mean any harm and was apologetic. However, I was wondering if it is worth mentioning in the newsletter reminding members about these activities on private property etc.

I know it seems trivial, but some of these landowners are very sensitive about these types of things I guess.

Rgds - Tony Brown



## 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.

*And also, members should have their fire extinguishers checked yearly, and Wormalds in Cuba St Petone will do this service free of charge.*



I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an "Twister". I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.



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	Delivery								6.00	6.00
	Cheque/Credit Card charge value									

343	Brown, Lined Oil Skin Vest								85.00	Refer Paul Adams
344	Brown, Lined Oil Skin Forrester Jacket								149.00	Refer Paul Adams

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## Trip Report - White Rock 15th June 2003

It was a wet Sunday morning in Wellington had I hadn't had much sleep due to a late party. the alarm went of at 7am so I got up looked outside and thought to myself it must be cancelled, so a quick phone call to a friend and all was go. so I packed my bag and away I went. I met mark (jeep) and we drove to Upper Hutt, met up with some other people and carried on to Featherston where everyone was meeting.



I quick driver meeting and we were away, the clouds breaking and the sun shinning. we left in a convoy of 30 trucks (I bet the locals were glad to see the back of us) and made our way to through the sleepy town of ngawihi and past mangatoetoe and stopped at the rocky point light house were we had a break, a quick snack and let down our tires. then the real driving began. with little 4wd driving under my belt, I waited

till have the pack left so I could watch how they made there way through the rough terrain.

This is apart of the country I had never visited before, so driving and looking around made my job very hard. we soon came to sand (the fun stuff for me) where I thought I would be alright, but a wrong driving line soon took care of that and I was the first and only casualty of the day. I got towed out and the radio's went mad, who was that? who got stuck? he's going to be the trip report writer. that's how I got stuck with this job (its not all that bad).



After we all got going again we stopped at Ngapotiki station (I think) for some lunch and to talk to some new face's. soon lunch was up and away we went to white rock where we did a big river crossing and to the washed up fishing boat (I was told this ship washed up 27 years ago, all most as old as me). from there it was pretty much plane sailing to tora farm settlement were we stopped switched back to 2wd and went on our



way back home.

I would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible, the club, the farm owners, and to all who attended.



This will not be the last trip for me, and I



can't wait for the next one. see you all there.

George Liska

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### Introducing:

Name: Jeff Simpson (Treasurer)  
Known as: Jeff  
Occupation: Business Analysis  
Partner / Wife: Gowan  
Occupation: Vet Nurse

	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2
Make:	Toyota	Toyota
Model:	Landcruiser FJ40	Landcruiser Prado
Year:	1977	1996
Colour:	Mustard	Blue
Mods:	Standard	Standard

**What got you into four wheel driving?** *Always been keen on the outdoors and saw a FJ40 for sale one day so decided to try something different.*

**What was your best 4WD experience?** *North Island Four Wheel Drive Challenge trip*

**What was your worst 4WD experience?** *Sitting sideways near the top of a failed hill climb slope in the old training area.*

**Ideas, comments, suggestions for the club:** *Keep the politicking to a minimum, acknowledge and accommodate the different trip requirements of all our members and savour the great camaraderie and friendships which develop in a club like ours.*



## Introducing:

Name: Paul Adams ((External Organisation Delegate)  
Known as: A number of things including Paul (on a good day)  
Occupation: Trying to operate a 4x4 equipment business

	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2
Make:	Mitsi	Can't afford two
Model:	NH Pajero	
Year:	Old enough	
Colour:	It's been a few	
Mods:	Voluntary or involuntary!	

**What got you into four wheel driving?** *Not fit enough for a mountain bike.*

**What was your best 4WD experience?** *There's been a few, but the away trips take some beating.*

**What was your worst 4WD experience?** *Third trip to the panelbeaters or was it the transmission replacement?*

**Ideas, comments, suggestions for the club:** *It's a great club, hugely talented moving in the right direction. Maybe the biggest opportunity is to bring the Deadwood home and prevent funding problems of the future.*

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**Noel Cook, phone 566 6182 (wk), 027 445 8473 or no-**



# CCVC Tyre Discounts

**Firestone**

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For those of us in the market for one or a set of tyres, Marcus has arranged a great discount for club members. The discount covers both Firestone and Bridgestone tyre brands.

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A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong. "I feel terrible," he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it." The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit.

The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight. The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?" The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label.

*See page 21 for the punch line!!*

## NEW MEMBERS

The following persons, subject to trip sheet and vehicle equipment checks will be welcomed to the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc this month as a new members:



David Cockster - Toyota Prado  
Warren Ginger - Toyota Landcruiser  
Paul Morris - Land Rover



## Membership Discounts

The following companies in the Wellington are offering very generous discounts to Club Members. A more detailed list will follow, but the companies include:

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Twiggs	Products
Motex Auto Parts	Second Hand Car Parts
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Diesel & Turbo	Products and Services

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## Introducing:

Name: Wayne Jansen (Safety Officer)  
Known as: Wayne  
Occupation: Self employed diesel mechanic

	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2
Make:	Toyota	Toyota
Model:	Landcruiser BJ41	Landcruiser HJ60
Year:	1983	1988
Colour:	Yellow	Red
Mods:	PTO winch	PTO winch, long range fuel and water tanks

**What got you into four wheel driving?** *Hunting*

**What was your best 4WD experience?** *North Island Four Wheel Drive Challenge and South Island Coast to Coast.*

**What was your worst 4WD experience?** *Never had a worst experience!*

**Ideas, comments, suggestions for the club:** *Ban lockers and big tyres.*

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It says... "Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair, adds permanent wave."

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

Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)  
lists@ccvc.org.nz (contact the person who administers the list servs)  
Trips@ccvc.org.nz (contact the Trip Coordinator)  
newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)  
Database@ccvc.org.nz (contact the membership database administrator)  
Access@ccvc.org.nz (contact the Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)



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### Half a Trip Report....

Ok, so it may be better than none, but since I only did the first part of the trip around Ngapotiki, that's all I can report on.

With the landowner at Ngapotiki Station locking gates along the lawful road between Ngawi and White Rock, I had many people contacting me for assistance to help resolve the problem. The last of whom was the Police....without a word of a lie, the local police officer turned up at my office in Wellington to seek help in resolving the "Ngapotiki



Issue". Ain't it great when the whole rumour mill goes into overdrive wondering why you have a visit from the "law" !!!



Anyway, I digress. A check with Uncle Ron reveals that he's happy with me tagging along to conduct a rough GPS survey of the legal road, just to see what parts lie where. Certainly I already know that in several places, the road has been well and truly washed out to sea, but in other places, just how close is the road to the edge of the cliff?

Waiting at Featherston are 28 trucks of various guises, ranging from the most extravagant shiny, through to some trucks almost as rough as mine. The level of surprise that I should turn up on a trip is immense, and to be honest, it's been longer than I care to remember since I turned up on a trip just as a participant and not as the leader. (Grant, take note, this can be fun – no work – no organisation – no paperwork – all you have to do is turn up and pay - it's great!)

Then again, I'm digressing yet again. The briefing over, we head off in convoy for the long, long, long trip down to Ngawi. Nothing too eventful, but at 80k average all the way, it takes some time. Waiting there amongst the boats and dozers, is Jason and Pedro, bringing our full compliment up to exactly 30 vehicles.

Just around the bays, and first stop of the day is at the Cape Palliser Lighthouse. Morning tea and time for some kids to climb up the umpteen steps to the top. Some of us chose to stay and stand guard over the vehicles.



From here it's a gentle drive weaving our way amongst the rocks and shrubbery that define the track here. All the time, I'm not only trying to concentrate on the track ahead, but also on the PC lying on the passenger seat, as the legal map of the road moves as if by magic showing exactly where we are.

Surprisingly, the track follows the legal road quite well – at least for the most part.

Two gates later, we arrive at the boundary to Ngapotiki Station. A locked gate here is the start of the controversial section. Ron unlocks it, radios to Barry as tail-end-charlie, and off we set again.

A few small mud bogs, but nothing to upset anyone, before we arrive at the large sand scree. But once here, it's a bit of a disappointment, the sand is well compacted and presents no challenge at all – what a bummer.

A couple of washouts provide entertainment for some, and I think one chap called George managed to get stuck somehow (should be one of his reports in here somewhere), and we climb up and over the major washout at the southern end of the Aorangi State Forest, and down to Ngapotiki Lodge for lunch.



It's here that I really need to do some accurate plotting using the GPS, and it turns out that yes, we do have a problem just here, but nothing that we can't overcome either by negotiation or detour.

Anyhow, it was a most pleasant trip, and thanks Ron for allowing me to disappear at White Rock, and I hope everyone really enjoyed the rest of the adventure up to Tora.

Andy



Don't forget that the club has four comprehensive first aid kits that are available for trip leaders to carry on any trips they lead.

They are a backup emergency kit that is supplementary to those kits carried by individual trip members.

Contact Wayne (025 467 935) to arrange collection.

### **Wanted**

12 volt hour meter  
(standard 38mm diameter)

*Please contact Tony Brown on 472 2698*

## Committee Meeting Highlights

- Johnsons Rd: Mutual agreement for costs to be decided between Council and us, but no reply has been received from Council, so it looks like we are going back to court.
- Ngapotiki Station: GPS plots are being done to confirm the location of the official paper road.
- Mapping Software: Single copy of software to be purchased by club. Members can also purchase - contact Andy.
- Membership Survey: Results summarised and points noted have been passed to relevant club officers for actioning.
- NZ4WD Association: Letter being written about CCVC membership application.
- MotorSport: Letter being written about CCVC membership resignation.
- Committee Objectives: Discussion of our objectives has been held over too often so a special meeting is to be held just to review them.

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*Dear Dave, I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me. Love Dad.*

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

*Dear Dad, For heaven's sake, dad, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the BODIES. Love Dave.*

At 4 A.M. the next morning, F.B.I. agents and local police showed up and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

*Dear Dad, Go ahead and plant the potatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love Dave.*

Seems it was quite a busy month for testing strops!



Not sure where these dude's are off to?  
Thought this was a 4WD club, so why are they walking???

*Have you seen Fully Equipped yet? I haven't heard of any opening specials as yet, but the dudes down there may be open to some "haggling"*

Insert Trip Information Sheet 6 here

Insert Trip Information Sheet 5 here

Insert Trip Information Sheet 4 here

Insert Trip Information Sheet 3 here

Insert Trip Information Sheet 2 here

Insert Trip Information Sheet 1 here



# Trip Categories (01/06/2002)

## **Family Shiny:**

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

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

*Members:* Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

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

## **Shiny 4x4:**

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

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

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

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

## **Club 4x4:**

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

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

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

*Vehicles:* Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle 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. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

## **Hard Yakka:**

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

*Drivers:* Experienced drivers only.

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

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

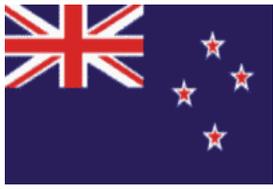
# Trip Database

From: 1/07/2003 To: 29/11/2003

Trip Start Date	Days	Trip Name	Trip Category	Trip Place	Trip Organiser	Trip Leader	Status	Trip Notes	Trip ID
Wed 02/07/03	1	Theory 1	Training	Petone Working Mens Club 7:30pm	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		819
Thu 03/07/03	1	Social Committee meeting	Meetings	Airways House 7:30pm	Grant Purdie	Grant Purdie	C	Covering Club Objectives	915
Sun 06/07/03	1	Training Module 1	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		847
Wed 09/07/03	1	Club Night	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	7:30pm	832
Sun 13/07/03	1	Terawhiti Winter	Shiny 4X4	Terawhiti Station	Jim Johnson	Jim Johnson	C		886
Mon 14/07/03	1	ARAC Committee	Meetings	Adams Residence	Murray Dean	Wayne Jensen	P	Date to be confirmed.	859
Wed 16/07/03	1	Safety Sub-Committee	Meetings	Adams Residence	Wayne Jensen	Wayne Jensen	C	7:30pm	917
Wed 16/07/03	1	Association Sub-Committee	Meetings	Adams Residence	Paul Adams	Paul Adams	C	8:30pm	918
Sun 20/07/03	1	North Range Road	Family Shiny	Manawatu - North Range Road	Ron Wadhams	Ron Wadhams	C		885
Sun 20/07/03	1	Winter Rallywoods	Club 4X4	Rallywoods	Steve O'Callaghan	Steve O'Callaghan	C		886
Mon 21/07/03	1	Trip Leaders Forum	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Roger Seymour	Roger Seymour	C	7:30 start	916
Sat 26/07/03	1	Aka's Mystery Tour	Hard Yakka	Akatarawa Forest	Roger Seymour	Roger Seymour	C	long trip - includes dinner stop	887
Mon 28/07/03	1	ARAC/WRC Liaison Meeting	Meetings		Murray Dean		C		861
Wed 30/07/03	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	8:00pm. Location to be confirmed.	839
Sat 02/08/03	1	Dicks Yard	Shiny 4X4	Dick's Yard	Grant Purdie	Grant Purdie	C	Tough trucks for assistance / learning venue	908
Wed 06/08/03	1	Theory 2	Training	Petone Working Mens Club 7:30pm	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		820
Sun 10/08/03	1	Training Module 2	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		848

Trip Start Date	Boys	Trip Name	Trip Category	Trip Place	Trip Organizer	Trip Leader	Status	Trip Notes	Trip ID
Wed 13/08/03	1	Club Night	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	7:30pm	833
Sat 16/08/03	1	Manufacturers Challenge	Manufacturer	-ba-	Neil Blackie	Andy Mitchell	T		911
Sun 17/08/03	1	-ba-	Family Shiny	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		903
Sun 17/08/03	1	-ba-	Shiny 4X4	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		904
Sat 23/08/03	2	Land Access Workshop	Meetings	Rotorua	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		914
Sun 24/08/03	1	-ba-	Club 4X4	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		919
Sun 24/08/03	1	-ba-	Hard Yakka	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		905
Wed 27/08/03	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	8:00pm	840
Wed 03/09/03	1	Theory 1	Training	Petone Working Mens Club 7:30pm	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		821
Sat 06/09/03	1	Whitemans Tough Trucks	Club 4X4	Whitemans Valley	Antony Royal	-ba-	T	Date to be confirmed	902
Sat 06/09/03	1	Training Module 1	Training	Carrons Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		849
Wed 10/09/03	1	Club Night	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	7:30pm	834
Sat 13/09/03	1	Riders for Disabled Work Party	Special	Porirua Hospital Grounds	John Hughes	John Hughes	T	Work Party. Date to be confirmed.	899
Sat 13/09/03	1	-ba-	Family Shiny	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		920
Sat 13/09/03	1	-ba-	Shiny 4X4	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		921
Sun 21/09/03	1	Club Champs Round 2	Club Champs	-ba-	Neil Blackie	Neil Blackie	T		912
Wed 24/09/03	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Petone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	8:00pm	841
Sat 27/09/03	1	-ba-	Hard Yakka	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		923
Sun 28/09/03	1	Waterloo School Fundraiser	Family Shiny	-ba-	Roger Seymour	-ba-	T	Date to be confirmed.	863
Sun 28/09/03	1	-ba-	Club 4X4	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T		922

Trip Start Date	Days	Trip Name	Trip Category	Trip Place	Trip Organiser	Trip Leader	Status	Trip Notes	Trip ID
Wed 01/10/03	1	Theory 2	Training	Pelone Working Mens Club 7:30pm	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		822
Sat 04/10/03	1	Training Module 2	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		850
Sun 05/10/03	1	Waterloo School Fundraiser : Rain-Off Date	Family Shiny	-ba-	Roger Seymour	-ba-	T	Date to be confirmed.	889
Wed 08/10/03	1	Club Night	Meetings	Pelone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	7:30pm	835
Sun 19/10/03	1	Club Champs Round 3	Club Champs	-ba-	Neil Blackie	Neil Blackie	T		913
Sat 25/10/03	3	Labour Weekend at Foxton	All	Foxton Beach	Neil Blackie	Neil Blackie	C		890
Wed 29/10/03	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Pelone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	8:00pm	842
Mon 03/11/03	1	ARAC Committee	Meetings				P		860
Wed 05/11/03	1	Theory 1	Training	Pelone Working Mens Club 7:30pm	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		823
Sat 08/11/03	2	NZ4WD Magazine Readers Trips	Special	Akatarawa Forest	-ba-	-ba-	P	CCVC to host these trips.	812
Sat 08/11/03	1	Guy Fawkes Trip	Family Shiny	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T	Visitors from NZ4WD Mag Readers Trip will be invited to attend too.	891
Sat 08/11/03	1	Guy Fawkes Trip	Shiny 4X4	-ba-	-ba-	-ba-	T	Visitors from NZ4WD Mag Readers Trip will be invited to attend too.	892
Sun 09/11/03	1	Training Module 1	Training	Cannon's Point, Akatarawa Forest	Andy Cockroft	Andy Cockroft	C		851
Wed 12/11/03	1	Club Night	Meetings	Pelone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	7:30pm	836
Sat 15/11/03	1	Tutumuri	Family Shiny	South Wairarapa	Barry Insull	Barry Insull	T	To be organised. Date to be set.	875
Sat 15/11/03	1	Corporate Fundraiser	Guest Group	Terawhiti Station	Roger Seymour	-ba-	T		882
Mon 17/11/03	1	ARAC/WRC Liaison Meeting	Meetings				P		862
Wed 26/11/03	1	Committee Meeting	Meetings	Pelone Working Mens Club	Neil Blackie	Grant Purdie	C	8:00pm	843



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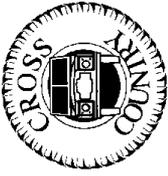
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