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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 34a Hine Rd Wainuiomata, fax to 04 914 8366 or email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

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Cover Picture:

This is Thomas Gee, one of our younger viewers - maybe we need to reintroduce the kids page again???



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Editorial Ramblings

Hi there

As I write this we are all enjoying our Easter eggs and maybe (definitely for some) playing in the sand dunes at Foxton beach - hope everyone had a good time plus got at least something from the small furry burrowing long eared fellow!

The newsletter is slightly later than usual this month as some of us had forgotten about Easter, plus our honourable trip co-ordinator let work get in the way of his role as well.

Seems to be a spate of equipment & vehicle recalls lately, I've included the details of the Black Rat highlift jack recall on page 19 - anyone with one of these should probably take it back to their supplier.

And don't forget the AGM.

Alan...



Equipment Required

In accordance with club policy, the following equipment is a requirement on all Cross Country Vehicle Club trips:

- 1. Front and rear tow hooks, correctly fitted**
- 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 vehicle**
- 8. Spare tyre and wheel changing equipment**

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. Details are set out in the Club's Vehicle and Equipment Inspection document (available from the website or any committee member). All member vehicles going on club trips must display a current club vehicle inspection sticker.



Trip Categories

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.

It should also be noted that if a trip does not have a Trip Information Sheet in the Chronicle or it doesn't appear on the CCVC website, then it may not be an official club trip and the club insurance policy may not apply.

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

Upcoming Events

April 20-23: Blue Duck Safari. Scenic adventure 4wding, jet boating, clay shooting, numbers very limited, mud tyres required. Contact Muddy on 09 360 4483.

April 28-29: NZ4WD Magazine Readers Trip. 2 day trip in the Waiouru area on army land, limited numbers. For details contact subs@adrenalin.co.nz or Hilary on 09 478 4771

April 29: Whakatane Tough Truck Challenge.

May 05: Auckland 4x4/ARB/Come-Up Winch's Continuous Winch Day. Non competitive fun day. Limited numbers of participants and spectator vehicles. Contact 09 292 2825 or www.pukerau.co.nz

May 11-19: ARB Warn Outback Challenge. Broken Hill, Australia. For details see www.outback4x4challenge.com

May 13: Hunua School Fundraising 4WD Sightseeing Safari. Hunua Regional Park, limited numbers, good ground clearance needed, play area. In conjunction with the Manukau 4WD Club. Contact Martin Gabric on email gabric@woosh.co.nz or phone 09 292 4646.

May 20: Middle Districts Lions Club Annual Rally. Bulls / Scotts Ferry area, \$60, limit of 100, Murray on 06 326 9619 or mdmills@clear.net.nz

Details in the column appear courtesy of Cathy Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.

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Trip / Convoy Rules

1. The trip leader is always in charge. Please recognise their authority, follow their instructions and give them 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 a driver in front not obeying this rule.
1. 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.

The club has the following sub committees running currently:

- **60k:** Grant Purdie with Antony Royal, Bruce Mulhare, Eric Bon, John Vruink & Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Rodney Bracefield
- **Deadwood:** Roger Seymour
- **Police SAR:** Jim Johnson and Gavin Holden
- **Safety:** Phil Lewton with Carl Furniss, Grant Purdie, John Kowalczyk & Ray Harkness
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Carl Furniss with any trip leaders who turn up
- **Web Project:** Stefan Cook with Andrew Farmer, Grant Purdie, Jay Montilla, Jeremy Ackley & Marcel van Dorrestein
- **Radio:** Jeremy Ackley with Jim Johnson, Grant Purdie, John Kowalczyk, Phil Lewton, Ray Harkness, Rodney Bracefield & Mark Wolstenholme

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Grant Purdie & Giles Sullivan
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Grant Purdie & Bruce Mulhare
- **Friends of Belmont:** Roger Seymour
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** Grant Purdie & Ralph Dobson
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Public Access New Zealand:** Ralph Dobson
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Grant Purdie & Barry Insull



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc

Notice is hereby given that the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc will be held on Wednesday 9th May 2007 at the Petone Workingmans Club, Udy Street, Petone. The AGM will be in association with the May club meeting.

J. Parfitt
Club Secretary.

Notes Regarding AGM.

Rule 21: Nominations of Candidates for Elected Positions:

- a. Each candidate for an elected position shall be a Voting Member, and shall be nominated in writing by one Voting Member and seconded by another.
- b. The nomination shall be with the written consent of the nominee, and is to be received by the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may also be received at the Annual General Meeting until such time as the Chairperson declares nominations closed.

Rule 39: Procedure at General Meetings (Proxy voting)

- a. proxy voting is not permitted.

Rule 37: Notice of Motion for General Meetings.

Any notice of motion for consideration by a General Meeting shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least 20 days before the date of the General Meeting. Such notice shall include the full text of the motion and the names of the mover and seconder both of whom shall be Voting Members. A motion for which such notice has not been given, may be proposed from the floor only at the Annual General Meeting and then only with the consent of the Chairperson.

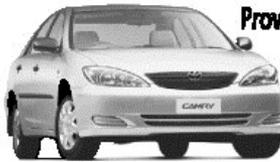
Hereworth-Hillseekers
Coastal 4WD Trek
March 2-4

We decided this trip sounded like great fun especially as it was all fully catered. Setting up our tent once and doing the 4wd trips in a clover-leaf fashion and having a Happy Hour each evening sounded OK by us too. After e-mailing for details it was suggested by the organizers that we would need something grunter than our street tyres. They were suggesting A/Ts. We were intending to put mud tyres on our Suzuki so this seemed like the perfect time. The car was raised and we had the tyres fitted a few days before we were due to leave.



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We drove to Waipari Station which is about 27 km toward the coast from Waipawa in Hawkes Bay. Hillseekers 4WD NZ Ltd is a 4wd training and advisory company run by Mark Warren and Sue Fox-Warren from Waipari Station. Check in was from 10.00 Friday

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and vehicle scrutineering was after that. We arrived about 11.30 so had just enough time to do the check-in, scrutineering, have lunch and put up the tent before we had a 4wd instruction as a group in tyre pressures, failed accents, downhills, sidelings and stopping. Originally we volunteered to get stuck but Mark decided to use the Suzuki to pull out a big Range Rover to show the fact that it is the stretchiness of the strop that does the work not the size of the vehicle. People were impressed with that! It sounded as though were a few people who had never been off road in their 4 WD vehicle. There were about 105 vehicles give or take a few that broke before they really started and one that we hoped would! Some vehicles were very expensive looking. One man was driving the latest Land Rover with Computer Controlled Terrain Response (price around \$119,000 or more) and our trip notes included instructions for his Terrain response settings. Many of the drivers were from the neighbouring stations and/or had boys or grandsons attending Hereworth School or were Old Boys. (Primary age private boy's school). Our trip instructions said there would be "A" (adventurous) options and "B" (boring but safe).

The station was hilly with almost non existent trees on the hilltops. Very beautiful and tranquil. The only vegetation that could be seen on the hills was the thistles. From a distance the hills looked very dry but when we were driving through we could see green grass. Friday's trip took us across the station up a hill onto a road that was to go down to the beach. The trip notes said that option B was

a turn off first, the easiest but steep enough and further along was option A which was much steeper and more challenging. One person who thought they were on the "boring option" but had in fact missed that one and came



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down "A" was heard to say "If that was option B I'd hate to see what A was like". It was a very steep downhill. Parking around 105 vehicles on a plateau just above the beach and then turning them was a challenge. Luckily the reeds didn't signify wet conditions in this case. We were following behind a vehicle on the way up from the beach that lost it's 4WD. After a few attempts and a failed accent he floored it in 2wd and made it eventually.

Back near the campsite an option A was to turn up a creek and up a steep bank with a really challenging accent into the catering tent paddock. Very entertaining to watch as not many vehicles made it up. It was at this site that a \$119,000 Range Rover had it's back bumper ripped off. Time for the Happy Hour and then a fabulous dinner with spit roast beef, vegetables, salad and dessert, eating off one of the wooden farm trailers outside the catering tent. One tent had set up an outdoor screening of the film "Star Wars" but we were asleep even before the first credits had finished.

After a 5 star "hotel breakfast" on Saturday we were to leave in

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our teams of 3 with the first 35 vehicles starting off at 9.00, the next group at 9.20 and the last group at 9.45. We were in the group with Ashley Lucas from NZ 4WD magazine and another couple from a Land Rover Enthusiasts club from Tauranga. Ashley had broken the front diff the day before on his vehicle so borrowed a Defender from the Team European Land Rover sponsors. Here we were driving our Suzuki between 2 Defenders. We were the meat in the sandwich or was that "the rose between two thorns"! Lots of friendly ribbing between our team members. We collected our prepared lunches and bottled water bottled on the station and headed out on the first of 9 stations that we were going across that day. Our first challenge of the day was a steep uphill rocky cutting that was catching some vehicles near the top. We had to allow plenty of room between vehicles in case of difficulties so of course it then meant that the staggered start lost it's advantage as we all caught up to the ones in front. The marshall said when he saw our vehicle that we should turn around and go up backwards.

Being with Ashley meant that we stopped often so he could take photos of trucks coming through obstacles and he took lots of photos of ours and our team mate's vehicles as well.

We went to the tops of hills to see the views and hear commentaries from the station owners. At one point we were on a hill and

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Are you a new member? *Do you get the News emails from the club? Do you have access to the club's 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 (person who administers the list servs)
- Trips@ccvc.org.nz (Trip Coordinator)
- Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
- Database@ccvc.org.nz (membership database administrator)
- Access@ccvc.org.nz (Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)
- NZFWDAdelegate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)

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we had views of Cape Turnagain and were told that you could see the Mahia Peninsula from there as well. Our vision was a little bit obscured by cloud but we got the idea. Fabulous! Lunch was on the top of another hill and then we headed towards Aramoana beach past a



beach subdivision where the sections were being offered at around \$330,000. We had a 10 km beach run on very firm sand, past the Pourerere cottages and up into Pourerere Station. One Toyota Surf with a V8 engine was entertaining the crowds with high speed do'nuts on the sand. Up on a very high point that overlooked the coastline further north we could see vehicles winding their way down to the next beach and driving along it. According to the radio we could hear that the beach access was closing off because of the incoming tide and sea spray and we were amongst the group that missed that beach experience because later vehicles were stopped from going down. The whole day had a very relaxed feel to it and people were stopping often to enjoy views, take photos, watch other vehicles, swim at the beach and enjoy picnicking. Another happy hour, another enjoyable dinner, followed by prizes and fines and an auction and we were asleep again before the outdoor film got under way. We don't even know what it was.

On Sunday we were told to fill up our water bottles by the stables. It was, we were told, the exact same water that we were drinking from our bottles the day before. We watched 2 or 3 vehicles go around the purpose built 4wd training course. One of the auction prizes were 2 laps of the course in a tough truck which went for \$300. One lady won it and donated one round to her grandson who was about 10. Mark had promised him that he would get stuck although the driver was trying desperately to do so for the

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enjoyment of the passenger, it took a couple of runs through a black muddy boghole (stock effluent perhaps?) to actually get stuck. Meanwhile the "class clown" went tearing into the bog and once stopped kept churning up the mud until all his windows were covered. He carefully got out of the truck onto the bonnet and his team mates threw the strop to him. As he leaned over the bonnet to put the strop on he slipped off into the black goo. He then had black gunk up to his thighs and elbows. A bit of justice maybe!

We travelled over Waipari to take in views from Papahope Hill and then to a neighbouring station to the top of Atua hill. Apparently at midnight or dawn at 2000 all the station owners lit bonfires on the top of their highest point and of course could see every other bonfire. That must have been an amazing sight. The panorama from there was breath taking.

Coming back down was on grass and very steep and challenging. Just as well there hadn't been any rain and that the dew had dried at this point. We were finding that our engine braking wasn't cutting in until we reached 3000revs so we did a lot of left foot brak-

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ing. The passenger only screamed once. We cut the corner on a steep downhill and had to drop the back wheel down a steep bank that was right on the corner. Down at the bottom we followed along a creek, well a stony bed, crossing it many times. It was suggested that some of the crossings would require extra care to avoid embarrassment. We helped repair someone's back light with duct tape after they misjudged one creek exit.

Ashley was very business like on Saturday but after lunch on Sunday was a lot more relaxed and was playing. He found alternative ways out of the creek bed. He jokingly suggested that when our "Suzuki grows up it wants to be a Landrover" and from then on was called the "Baby Landrover". I'm sure there is a sticker saying that "when I grow up I want to be a Landrover". People could exit early and save themselves probably 45 minutes but they would have missed the creek crossings and the last of the track. Sunday for us finished just after 3.00 and we had our tent down by 3.35 and were on our way home. A really great weekend.

Thank you Mark and Sue from Waipari for a well organized weekend.

Hillseekers 21 aka K170 Graeme and Linda Millard



Wellington Family 4x4 Club in conjunction with Terawhiti Station



SAFARI

Sun 15th April



Q. Do you own an 4WD off road vehicle?
- if not you can still participate - read on!

Q. Would you like to take it "off road" on a safe organised trip?

Q. Would you like to help children with cancer?

If you answered "YES" to the above then this is the event for you!

Registration from 8am until 9am.

Spot Prizes!

There will be a limited number of ride along seats available for those that don't have their own 4WD vehicle but would still like to support the cause and attend the day.

A donation to the Child Cancer Foundation of **\$60** per vehicle (or \$30 to ride along in one of our 'spare' seats) will secure your place - Sorry but no pets are permitted on the trip!

Don't forget your camera!

**To book a spot call Sheena on 04 970 1204
or email simpsori@clear.net.nz ASAP!**

Wellington Family 4x4 Club hold in high regard Family, the Environment and the promotion of safe, sensible off road recreation. We would welcome the opportunity to share these principals with you.

For more information about us, please check out www.wgtnfamily4x4.com

The Child Cancer Foundation's guiding principles are:

- No child suffering from cancer, or their family should ever feel alone
- A family has the right to be together during treatment
- The most effective approach to treating childhood cancer involves families and health professionals working together

check out
www.childcancer.org.nz
for more information on the
foundation

I met her at the Civic.

I'd been Holden up the bar all night and as she walked in, I looked her Rover. I thought she seemed Familia, but that was just a Mirage. She came up to me of her own Accord. I said "Audi" and she told me she thought I was Galant. I lied to her and told her I was an Executive. I was just being Calais. She was quite a Starlet, wearing a nice Mini, but not like that of Hunter. Her name was Sylvia and she was a real Trooper. I'd drunk a few Corona 's when I tried to Impreza. She told me not to Porsche it. I told her I wanted to Lancer. Turns out she was an Escort, so by her standards I wasn't that Ford. I didn't want to pay - she said "you don't know what your Nissan". So I paid.

I took her back to my place - or HQ as I like to call it. I had a Bighorn and, of course, I was an absolute Legend. Later, when there was a Prelude, I went to see if there was any food left in the Lada.

It was a great night, but I really should have worn a condom because you see, I left her with my Legacy - a little Bambina.

Committee Meeting Highlights March 2007

Appointment of Publicity Officer: Charles Odlin was formally appointed as Club Publicity Officer.

Club Accounts: The Treasurer requests that any outstanding financial matters (eg. Trip fees) be handed to him ASAP so the books can be closed and the annual accounts completed.

Membership: The following were approved as new members:

Damon Grant	-	Mitsubishi Pajero
Andrew Weeks	-	Nissan Safari

Appointment of Trip Leaders: The following were formally appointed as club Trip Leaders:

Carl Furniss, Marcel van Dorrestein, Greg Crayford

AGM & Committee Nominations: The AGM is to be held on 9/05/2007 in conjunction with the May club night. A notice for the AGM and a Committee Nomination Form are to be included in the club magazine.

April Club Night: It is hoped to have a guest speaker at club night who will talk about Chainsaw Safety.

Trophy & Presentation Night: It is proposed that this be held in July as this is the first Saturday available at PWMC. This is to be confirmed and details advertised in due course.

April Committee Meeting: Because of ANZAC Day, this meeting is to be held on Thursday 26/04/2007 at a venue yet to be confirmed.

Meeting Dates:

Due to other activities at PWMC on three of our scheduled club nights, the July & October meetings have been rescheduled 1 week later than usual.



2007 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

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

Tick One	
	<u>Club Officer Positions</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Captain
	<u>Additional Officer Positions</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitions Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driver Training Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delegate NZFWDA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Access Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Members Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Editor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trip Coordinator

	Name (print)	Signature	Date
Person Nominated:
Proposed By:
Seconded By:

Please complete this form **legibly** and return to the secretary (or any committee member) prior to the AGM starting, or post to CCVC, PO Box 38-762, Te Puni, Wellington

(Note: if you do not wish to remove this page you can download the form from the CCVC website or send an email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz and I will email you a copy – ED)

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Court orders recall of Black Rat hi-lift vehicle jack

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is asking people with a particular high lift vehicle jack to return it to the shop they bought it from. The Federal Court has ordered a nationwide recall of a product called the Black Rat Power Lifter. The commission's Derek Farrell says the jack failed independent testing.

"The testing revealed that it doesn't lift the weight that it purports to be able to lift," he said. "The lifting head cracks and fails and the handle bends such that the jack is unserviceable.

"The company purports that this jack is good for if you're in trouble in the bush, but we're very concerned that people will rely on the jack and that it will fail for them."

Tidal saga "better than TV"

21.03.2007 By Mike Dinsdale

An outing in a four-wheel-drive turned into a comedy of errors yesterday for three Whangarei Heads residents - all ended up stuck in mud and had to watch as their vehicles were lapped by the tide. The three were Good Samaritans who stopped to help another man whose vehicle had become stuck in the mudflats at Waikaraka, on the Whangarei Harbour.

It started just after 4pm when Ian Green, from the Tropicana on the Harbour development, took his four-wheel-drive John Deere Gator for a jaunt along the mudflats with passenger Darcele Maloney. However, the Gator became stuck and with the tide rising fast, a nearby resident came to help in his Isuzu four-wheel-drive. But then the Isuzu got stuck in the mud.

A worker from a nearby egg farm jumped into the plant's tractor and drove on to the mud flats in a bid to free the Isuzu. In the meantime Mr Green had extricated the Gator. But things got stickier still for his would-be rescuers when the tractor also got stuck in the soft, tidal mud. That prompted another motorist, this time in a four-wheel-drive Nissan Safari, to drive on to the mud to help.

The Nissan driver must have felt confident of being able to help - after all, his MUD247 licence plate suggested he relished the brown stuff. But the Nissan also became bogged down trying to pull the tractor out. By 5pm the Isuzu was more than half-submerged and a frantic rescue operation was under way to free the tractor and Nissan. By 6.30pm another four-wheel-drive had managed to pull the Nissan to safety; at 7.30pm, Pete's Towing was confident of getting the tractor out, but the Isuzu was too far gone to be saved.

The incident - described by one bystander as "better than watching television" - attracted a curious crowd of onlookers.

The Poetic Saga of to and fro emails...

Marcel

Saturday's trip "take on the Ruts"
This close to Christmas, we must be nuts
But the truck's all done
Fuelled and ready for hav'n fun
I haven't heard from Brent or Ray
Wonder if they'll be allow to play
And Larry - he's had his paint re-done
But he's probably out with Mary in the Sun
For Charles' Pajero it'd be a walk in the park
But if Paul brought his we'd still be in at dark!
Leroy's still broken - in lots a bits
So Neil'll be at the beach watching the waves
But me ... I've tightened the loose recovery hook
Now all I need to do is book
BUT what's this "Bookings Required" ?
How things have changed now Grant's retired
Still he says "it's a temporary thing"
Early next year he'll be back in the swing
So lets make the best of his break
A day in THE RUTS is what's at stake!
See you Lizards there!
Marcel.
PS: Grant this is a booking - cheers Marcel

Neil Blackie

Very good, well done Marcel
You're right - Leroy's in bits
Sadly parked in the pits
So again it's "pass the parcel"
Hope you've got all your presents
Something extra nice for Heather
Don't spend 07 on a short tether
It's the only one that's important
Stewart Dawson, Michael Hill
They're both helpful mates
Possibly expensive, but great
For other ideas just ask Gill
Then when you're out in the Ruts
Up to the axles, or deeper in mud
Conscience clear, absolutely no crud
Towing Charles, stuck again - the Mutt!
Neil... With help from Leroy
PS - This is not a booking

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Grant

Well it's hard to top an effort like this
Without seeming to take the piss
So I'll keep it short
Or so I thought
And see what else rhymes that's not "kiss"
Tho' not really an erstwhile poet
An' too early in th' day for a Moet
Still I'll try
And maybe cry
But never let anyone know it
It's raining like hell out here
An' also too early for beer
I think how wet'll be the Ruts
An' how we all must be nuts
But at least we've got th' right gear
The truck needs some bits
Yeah, Jill again'll have fits
But if it's windows you need
Then I must do the deed
So we can do all those wonderful trips
I think this could go on forever
Especially in this sort of weather
And as I'm getting short on the time
And even shorter on something to rhyme
I'll go now and do something else all together

Charles Oldin

Oh what a great lot of splendid fellows
all talking prose, humour and so mellow
and you're all so absolutely full of IT
along with large dollops of poetry shit
Here's Marcel, writing lines that mostly rhyme
You'd think that he didn't have mostly the time
He'd be better getting tyres with more tread
but at this time of year who has the bread ?
Grant's truck been seen parked at Carls outside
To speed up the trip home at the end of the ride
to quickly pump air into his big 35" tyres
but he needs to look under the bonnet at what fires
Bretts' truck looks like its getting the knife
a big cut down the back to give it more life
He wants it to look like Rogers trayback

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No one will catch him as he powers up the track
I'm amazed to see Leroy thinks he's a Poet
He's not much use right now and don't we all know it
But when you're apart on the floor, Life can't be fun
specially when Neil's sticking spanners up you're bum
My Jabba shotie's just had a new lease of life
As it leaves dead yota's and nissans behind in strife
its amazing what some low gears and a front locked,
has allowed me to go where others end up mocked
Its best that I take these lines and reach for the end
before I find I have insulted too many to mend
This clubs so full of many people so great
that you can pull their legs and still be a mate
Charles and this isn't a booking either.....

Ray

Mud, mud, glorious mud. That's all I need to know.
I aint no Nancy or splendid fellow, don't carry a prose book in me tool box
so none of them rhyming things here, just a MAN's answer !
Of course I am comming.
Me 35 inches needs some exercise (aint boasting neither)
Ray (& Brent)

Larry

Just could help but to add to the script

THE WINCH THAT SAVED CHRISTMAS

The wind was quite heavy on one Christmas Eve,
Santa traveled by ground, behind schedule, if you believe.
He was cruising through Akatarawas in his mighty red sleigh,
And said, If I don't hurry, there will be no Christmas Day.

Blitzen turned around and said, "Santa, don't be slack"
We Reindeer found a short-cut called the Ruts track!
They headed for the track, but when they got there,
the mud was much slipperier than it looked from the air.

Up hill the reindeer struggled to make the sleigh go,
And getting through that mud made the progress quite slow.
They tried really hard but there just wasn't a way,
Even though Larry had just been there the previous day!

The mud was slippery and Santa ran out of luck,
even with nine reindeer, he finally got stuck.
The Ruts track is no place for a sleigh full of toys,

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Santa sighed, I've failed all those good girls and boys!

They'll rise in the morning, leave their rooms and say,
'Under the tree, it is empty, is there NO CHRISTMAS DAY?'
They couldn't budge the sleigh, no matter how hard they tried,
Santa felt so hopeless he sat down and cried.

Suddenly in the distance came a loud roaring sound,
Similar to a waste gate spring that's too tightly wound.
They saw it clear the mud and all said listen
a genuine mud boggin' Nissan!

Its had hit many a tree, that had left a scratch
and on it's back window, was a CCVC patch
But its tires were big ones, 35 inch,
And on its front bumper was a shiny new winch.

If you're taking the Ruts, the Nissan started to say,
Go with a group and get mud tires for that sleigh.
Santa said, I'm sorry, I feel like a jerk,
The old Nissan said nothing, it just went to work.

The sleigh was unstuck and free in a cinch,
Thanks to that Nissan and its shiny new winch.
Santa was so happy he said "thank you mate"
and under Larrys tree he left a shiny new Gate!

Now many years have passed and the reindeer are older,
they don't fly very well when the weather gets colder.
But Santa's still out there every year without slack,
Fulfilling his promise in the air and on the track

On Christmas Eve, if you chance to look way up high
You just might see him in that Nissan in the sky!

This is not a booking either.

To: [NZFWDA e-group](#) ; nz4wd@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 5:43 PM

Subject: Legal road sacrificed

A press release today (*see page 26 - Ed*) from CORANZ suggests that a good deal has been done in regard to access at Poronui Station near Taupo. There is still a legal road that the landowners have obstructed and yet there is applause for allowing walkers to follow a route set as an alternative. This playing directly into a line of thought from the walking access review.....sacrifice legal access for a compromise! CORANZ in this case

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are not addressing 4x4 concerns.

Peter Vahry

Hunters welcome improved Public Access across Poronui Station

The New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association (NZDA) has cautiously welcomed the Poronui Station access agreement with the Crown, announced today, negotiated under the new Overseas Investment Act.

"Poronui has denied public access in the past, even though a public legal road runs through the property to the Mohaka River" spokesman Hugh Barr said. "This resulted in hunters, trampers, fishers and others staging protest access walks and taking other actions in the 1970s, to get legitimate public access re-instated".

"Formalising this access right through an easement over the current poled route, as the Crown has negotiated, is a valuable step" Mr Barr said. "It confirms access to the public, including hunters with disarmed firearms." Mr Barr said it was also valuable that Poronui Station would develop an access policy, and display it on their website to assist the public. "This is a great start on a property where public access across it for recreational fishing, hunting and tramping is very important" he said. "NZDA is keen to work with the new owners on enhancing public recreational access, and move forward from past problems".

Would you like to receive club news announcements from news@ccvc.org.nz and do you have an e-mail address? Then drop our database administrator an email on data-base@ccvc.org.nz and you will be included on the news list. Note that this is not an automatic thing, you need to ask.

The *New Zealand Search and Rescue Council* and *Colmar Brunton* are conducting important research that may be of interest and value to you. You are invited to participate in a short online survey that will take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. If you would like to participate in the survey, please click on the link below.

<http://survey.cbrak.co.nz/NZSAR1>

As a token of appreciation, all eligible respondents who complete the survey will be entered into the draw for one \$500 gift voucher or one of five \$100 gift vouchers from Kathmandu. Please be assured that your name and your contact details have not been provided to Colmar Brunton - this email has been sent to you directly from our office. Should you choose to participate in the survey, your responses will remain strictly confidential. Only anonymous "grouped data" will ever be provided in any presentation or publication of the results of this study.

If you have any queries regarding this research please don't hesitate to contact Andrew Robertson at Colmar Brunton: andrew.robertson@cbrwn.co.nz (direct dial 04 913-3008).

Thank you in advance for your help with this research.

From a 1984 edition of the Australian 4wd magazine 'Bushdriver' - the magazine had taken the article from a book titled 'Useful Hints and Tips for Automobillists' published in 1908 and contained 575 suggestions.

1. A careful driver becomes much exercised as to how he may do his tyres the least possible amount of harm when passing over a newly-laid patch of stones. The more general method is to drop down on to the bottom speed and go over as gentle as may be, yet this oftentimes results in the tyres being badly cut. Now, if when approaching a patch of loose metal the car is allowed to run right up to it at speed, and the clutch is taken out before the front wheels strike the stones, the vehicle will have sufficient momentum to carry it over the average patch of stones. By this method of driving the wheels are relieved of all driving strains and the tyres are less likely to be damaged, as they simply roll over the stones and are not subjected to any other severe strains than the dead load. This may seem a daring practice, but we can assure our readers it is an effective one. If by reason of the length of the newly-stoned road or an adverse gradient the car cannot attain sufficient speed to roll over the metal, nothing remains but to drop to the low speed and go on gently. On no account should the clutch be let in so that momentum may be maintained, as immediately the engine begins to drive when the gear ratio speed is above that of the speed of the vehicle the very worst cutting action is put on the tyres.

2. It must occasionally fall to the lot of every motorist to find himself obliged to drive home on the rim - in other words, he is unable to keep any air in his tyre, he is without spares or too short of time to struggle with a refractory inner tube, and so elects to drive on, and ignore the consequences. Common prudence will suggest a moderate speed, and if the distance to be traversed is short, the security bolts well tightened, and the road surface smooth, it is possible that little harm may be done.

3. Those who have cars on which the brakes do not hold well backward will find it advisable when they come to steep hills to drive the car up backward if they have the least doubt as to the ability of their engine to climb the grade successfully. If they run up backward they not only have the full power of the brakes available if required, but what is perhaps still more important to the majority, the car is facing forward should it show the least tendency to get out of hand.

4. A very good guide to tyre inflation when there is reason to doubt the accuracy of the pressure gauge on the pump, or when the driver does not know what pressure is suitable for a particular car, is to take two of the spokes, one in each hand and stoutly shake the car, noticing whether the wheel moves to and from the operator while the part of the tyre in contact with the ground remains stationary. If any of this side roll is apparent, the tyre is not sufficiently inflated.

5. Whenever the car will "coast", at a reasonable speed without the en-

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Red Rocks rides - Sat 14/04/2007
Organiser: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Description: Taking a Rotary group round Red Rocks **Category:** Family Shiny

Trip location(s):
Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks

Trip leader: Marcel Van Dorrestein
Home phone 042348054 Cellphone 0272434243
Assistant trip leader - Ray Harkness

Bookings are required.

Trip fee \$5.00

Meeting point(s):
The Windmill - Brooklyn

Finishing point(s):
Where we started...

Dates:

Book by ... Thu 12/04/2007 00:00
Meeting time Sat 14/04/2007 09:30
Drivers briefing Sat 14/04/2007 09:35
Finish Sat 14/04/2007 16:00

Fuel required for: 80 kms.

Weather Restrictions:
Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:
No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Drinks
BBQ Provided
BBQ Food Provided

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Low ratio gearbox
Club radio preferred
PRS radio preferred
Any tyres suitable
Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:	Mostly Some Optional		
Beach or sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

Access to land is a privilege, not a right. Please comply with instructions from Trip Leaders and at all times respect the properties we drive on. Remember: "Abuse it and we'll lose it"

Notes: Seats needed for a Rotary group that would like to get around to see South Coast / Red Rocks, BBQ on the day if I can get Jerry to cook for us :)

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Trip Information Sheet



Odlins Road - Sun 15/04/2007
 Organiser: Steve O'Callaghan

VEHICLE CLUB
 Wellington (inc)

Description:

Category: Club 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):
 Odlin's Road

Trip leader: -tba-
 Home phone Cellphone

Trip fee \$5.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
 Odlins Road - summit carpark

Finishing point(s):
 Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 15/04/2007 09:30
 Drivers briefing Sun 15/04/2007 09:30
 Finish Sun 15/04/2007 16:00

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:
 Light rain/wind OK
 Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:
 Some bush marks possible
 Heavy bush marks & scratches expected

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
 BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
 Recovery strop, shovel
 First aid kit, fire extinguisher
 Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
 Low ratio gearbox
 Club radio preferred
 Good mud tyres essential

Track type: **Mostly** **Some** **Optional**

Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: Short wheel base only - If any shiny 4x4's what to do all or part of this drive talk to Steve, it is a challenging drive

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Aka's with the tuff trucks - Sat 21/04/2007

Organiser: Grant Purdie

Description:

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):

Akatarawa Forest

Trip leader: Grant Purdie

Home phone (04) 233 - 1192 Cellphone 021612216

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Moonshine/Haywards corner

Finishing point(s):

-tba-

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 21/04/2007 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 21/04/2007 09:30

Finish Sat 21/04/2007 16:30

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio preferred

PRS radio preferred

Any tyres suitable

Mud tyres preferable

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Dirt roads and tracks

Clay or mud

Average ascents/descents

Creeks, small rivers

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Notes: another chance to go along, have a bit of a drive and then see what the Club 4x4's drive

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

see whats happened after logging

Sat 21/04/2007

Organiser: Grant Purdie

Description: Dicks Yard - Akas

Category: Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Akatarawa Forest - Dick's Yard & other tracks

Trip leader: Grant Purdie

Home phone (04) 233 - 1192 Cellphone 021612216

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Moonshine/Haywards corner

Finishing point(s):

-tba-

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 21/04/2007 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 21/04/2007 09:30

Finish Sat 21/04/2007 16:30

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Heavy bush marks & scratches expected

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

Novice drivers

Dry Wet

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio or PRS required

Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

Dirt roads and tracks

Mostly Some Optional

Clay or mud

Average ascents/descents

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Notes: The shiny trucks will be tagging along so BE NICE !!

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

The Green Hut - Sat 21/04/2007

Organiser: Jim Johnson

Description: over night trip, 12 huts

Category: Club 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):

Rally woods - Green Hut

Trip leader: Jim Johnson

Home phone 049389404 Cellphone 021389404

Assistant trip leader - Eric Bon

Bookings are required.

Trip fee \$15.00

Meeting point(s):

Moonshine/Haywards corner

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Book by... Wed 18/04/2007 00:00

Meeting time Sat 21/04/2007 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 21/04/2007 09:30

Finish Sun 22/04/2007 16:00

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Heavy bush marks & scratches expected

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Body damage from rocky/dirt banks expected

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio or PRS required

Roll bar/cage recommended all vehicles

Good mud tyres essential

Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Clay or mud

Average ascents/descents

Dirt roads and tracks

Rocky or river boulders

Creeks, small rivers

Steep ascents/descents

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Notes: details of accomodation and fees contact trip leaders

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Trip Information Sheet



4WD Driver Training - Sun 29/04/2007

Organiser: Steve Mercer

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description:

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):

-tba-

Trip leader: Steve Mercer

Home phone 042331121 Cellphone 0274422898

Assistant trip leader - Ray Harkness

Bookings are required.

Trip fee \$5.00

Meeting point(s):

-tba-

Finishing point(s):

Dates:

Book by... Wed 25/04/2007 00:00

Meeting time Sun 29/04/2007 09:30

Drivers briefing Sun 29/04/2007 09:30

Finish Sun 29/04/2007 16:30

Fuel required for: 80 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Listen to radio cancellation service

on NewstalkZB 1035AM from 08:00

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Any tyres suitable

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Beach or sand

Dirt roads and tracks

Average ascents/descents

Clay or mud

Creeks, small rivers

Deep mud holes

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Notes: Bookings essential. A training booklet will be sent out and MUST be read before the trip.
\$80 Training and Subscription fee (which includes the trip fee) will apply to non-members / visitors.

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VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Colin Farm - Sun 29/04/2007

Organiser: Roger Seymour

Description:

Category: Shiny 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Colin James' property, Whiteman's Valley

Trip leader: -tba-

Home phone Cellphone

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Colin James Farm - Whitemans Valley

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 29/04/2007 09:30

Drivers briefing Sun 29/04/2007 09:40

Finish Sun 29/04/2007 16:00

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Heavy bush marks & scratches expected

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio or PRS required

Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Clay or mud

Average ascents/descents

Dirt roads and tracks

Steep ascents/descents

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Notes: challenging venue - yet to be confirmed

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Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Aka's challenge - Slippery forest

Sat 05/05/2007

Organiser: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Description:

Category: Family Shiny to Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Akatarawa Forest - Slippery Forest

Trip leader: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Home phone 042348054 Cellphone 0272434243

Assistant trip leader - Peter Osborne

Bookings are required.

Trip fee \$15.00

Meeting point(s):

Moonshine/Haywards corner

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 05/05/2007 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 05/05/2007 09:30

Finish Sat 05/05/2007 16:30

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio preferred

PRS radio preferred

Any tyres suitable

Mud tyres preferable

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Clay or mud

Average ascents/descents

Dirt roads and tracks

Creeks, small rivers

Deep mud holes

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Notes:

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Trip Information Sheet



Central Regional Teams Challenge - Shannon
Sat 12/05/2007

Organiser: Roger Seymour

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: Teams winch event

Category: Club 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):
see notes section

Trip leader: Roger Seymour
Home phone (04) 586 - 2518 Cellphone 021424351

Bookings are required.

Trip fee \$20.00

Meeting point(s):

Finishing point(s):

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 12/05/2007 09:00
Drivers briefing Sat 12/05/2007 11:30
Drivers briefing Sun 13/05/2007 10:30
Finish Sun 13/05/2007 16:30

Fuel required for: 100 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible
Heavy bush marks & scratches expected
Some damage to sills & corners possible
Body damage from rocky/dirt banks expected

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Low ratio gearbox
Club radio or PRS required
Roll bar/cage recommended all vehicles
Good mud tyres essential
Winch required
Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type: **Mostly** **Some** **Optional**

Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

Access to land is a privilege, not a right. Please comply with instructions from Trip Leaders and at all times respect the properties we drive on. Remember: "Abuse it and we'll lose it"

Notes: Johnson Farm, Hennesey Rd Shannon, 4wd access only. Camp onsite Saturday and Sunday night if required. NO PETS onsite. Last year CCVC entered 2 teams (event limited to 8 teams). Each truck will need a fit co-driver. Great experience and heaps of fun, come along and watch if you aren't in a team. I have heard that the event will be a little less challenging than last year.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

White Rock - - Sat 12/05/2007

Organiser: Ron Wadham

Description: Doc should have taken over the station before White Rock by now so it's time for a drive

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):
White Rock

Trip leader: David Coxon
Home phone 045674501 Cellphone 0274510361
Assistant trip leader - Ron Wadham

Trip fee \$20.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Revan Street - Mobil Featherston

Finishing point(s):

Dates:

Book by... Thu 10/05/2007 00:00
Meeting time Sat 12/05/2007 09:30
Drivers briefing Sat 12/05/2007 09:30
Finish Sat 12/05/2007 16:30

Fuel required for: 250 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion
Listen to radio cancellation service
on NewstalkZB 1035AM from 08:00

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely
Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

	Dry	Wet
Novice drivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experienced Drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear
Recovery strop, shovel
First aid kit, fire extinguisher
Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops
Low ratio gearbox
Club radio preferred
PRS radio preferred
Any tyres suitable
Mud tyres preferable

Track type:	Mostly	Some	Optional
Dirt roads and tracks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach or sand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: We hope to have access to the Station now that it is under DOC control, book to check that the trip is on



Trip Categories

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 stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidlings.

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 & 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 & 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.

It should also be noted that if a trip does not have a Trip Information Sheet in the Chronicle or it doesn't appear on the CCVC website, then it may not be an official club trip and the club insurance policy may not apply.



More Trip Details

Skills & Experience Pre-Requisites:

Family Shiny

All Participants No pre-requisites

Shiny 4x4

Non Members Cannot participate
Members CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family Shiny trips after becoming a member.
Members of other 4WD Club Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate experience.

Club 4x4

Non Members Cannot participate
Members CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Shiny 4x4 trips after becoming a member.
Members of other 4WD Club Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate experience.

Hard Yakka

Non Members Cannot participate
Members CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 3 Club 4x4 trips after becoming a member.
Members of other 4WD Club Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate experience.

Cancellation Service.

We have a cancellation service for trips. What! Cancel a trip! It hardly ever happens, in reality sometimes the conditions are just too unpleasant or factors beyond our control that take out the property or the organisers.

So we have registered with Newstalk ZB (1035 AM, and used to be known as 2ZB) who will broadcast any cancellations on the hour every hour from 6:00am. We will endeavour to show on the Trip Information Sheet which times to listen.

Trip Departure Times.

To avoid people arriving at the last minute for a trip, missing the drivers briefing, delaying the trip and generally causing confusion, we'd like to clarify the meaning of the times shown on the Trip Information Sheets.

Meeting Date & Time: The time you are requested to be at the trip meeting point, to give you a chance to get into position, let your tyres down, and to give the Trip Leader time to collect your details before the Drivers Briefing.

Drivers Briefing Date & Time: The time that the Trip Leader will explain the trip to drivers, including any special instructions, safety briefing and points of interest.

Departure Date & Time: The time that the trip will actually drive away.

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
May 2007						
Tuesday 1st	Web Project	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:30 - 21:30	-tba-		
Saturday 5th	Aka's challenge - Slippery forest	Marcel Van Dorrestein	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Slippery Forest	Confirmed	
Wednesday 9th	Club Night and AGM	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 12th	Central Regional Teams Challenge - Shannon	Roger Seymour	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	see notes section		teams bookings to Roger
Saturday 12th	White Rock -	Ron Wadham	Family Shiny	White Rock	Planned	
Saturday 19th	NZ4WD Association AGM	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 09:00			
Saturday 19th	The Ruts	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Ruts	Confirmed	
Sunday 20th	rides for NZ4WD Association Delegates	Ralph Dobson	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest	Confirmed	
Saturday 26th	Mt Egmont	Jim Johnson	Shiny 4X4	Taranaki	Confirmed	
Saturday 26th	Our Teams Challenge	-tba-	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4			
Wednesday 30th	Committee	-tba-	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00	-tba-		

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
June 2007						
Saturday 2nd	McKenzie Trail in the dark !	Marcel Van Dorrestein	Club 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail		
Monday 4th	Queen's Birthday	-tba-	Event		Abandoned	
Wednesday 13th	Club Night	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Monday 18th	60k Sub-Committee	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:30 - 21:30	Antony Royal's Residence		
Thursday 21st	FBCC Committee	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:00 - 21:00	Foxton Beach - Holben Pavilion (formerly known as the PALS Building)		
Saturday 23rd	Thompson Track - Otaki Forks	Jim Johnson	Club 4X4	Otaki gorge		
Wednesday 27th	Committee	-tba-	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00	-tba-		

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
July 2007						
Monday 9th	Safety Sub-Committee	Phil Lewton	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00	Carl Furniss', Hawkins St		
Wednesday 18th	Club Night	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 25th	Committee	-tba-	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00	-tba-		
Saturday 28th	Akitio - The A frame hut	Jim Johnson	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akitio Hut	Confirmed	
Monday 30th	60k Sub-Committee	Grant Purdie	Meeting - 19:30 - 21:30	Antony Royal's Residence		



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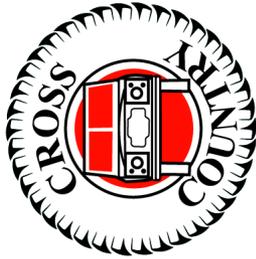
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