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

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Upcoming National Events

July 18-20: Force4 - King of the Palace - Winch Challenge

Held at Omana, Northland. Run under 4x4 Challenges rules with all classes eligible and if enough interest there will be a UTV class as well. All competitors (drivers & co-drivers) need to be members of the NZFWD Association. Proof of 3rd party insurance must be provided. Camping and hot showers on site. Cost for the event is \$280.00. For further details contact Andrew Gibson andrewroygibson@gmail.com 021 029 85475 or Caleb Thompson hstille@hotmail.co.nz 027 683 4327.

Aug 01-02: Mainland Winch Challenge Round 3

Round 3 of the Mainland Winch Challenge Series to be held at Ceder Creek, Dunedin. Limited to 40 vehicles with scrutineering and night stages Friday night. All vehicle classes with a "Clubman B" invitational class included. All vehicles to have registration and WoF except Outlaw. See www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz for more details.

30 Aug - Off Road Racing Nelson

Southern Series Round 3 at Nelson. Short course and Enduro hosted by Nelson Offroad Racing club. www.oranz.co.nz

13 Sept - Desert Defenders Winter Woolies Trip

Hosted by Desert Defenders Off Road Club. A Winter 4WD trip again in the NZDF zones along the Desert Road. Limited to 110 participants. We are still in the planning stages, but tentatively we hope to divide trip into 3 groups of 40 with sightseers and shynys in one group and those wanting more of a challenge in the other two. Each group on a separate route, meeting at one location for lunch then taking another route in the afternoon.

To register contact DDORC Secretary - Kandy Mott kandy@motts.co.nz

14 Sept - 4x4 Charity Food Drive Gymkhana

Hosted by Waikato 4WD club/Cozzie Four Wheelers/Jeep Club supporting the Salvation Army. Held at Rotorangi (Cambridge). A free breakfast is generously being provided by Morgan & Jayne at Waikato 4x4 from 7:30 till 9:00 in Cambridge, then convoy to the property at Horahora for 10am. Cost is \$10 per driver plus a non-perishable food donation for the Salvation Army. The event consists of a number of Hazards including a speed section, hill climb and various other fun challenges. Three classes will be catered for: Stock 4x4 (with A/T's or MUDs); Modified 4x4's; Competition/trailer (non road legal) 4x4's. Helmets and seat belts are required and a roll bar for soft top vehicles. Day membership will be required for non NZ4WD members. Spectators welcome (gold coin donation please) Refreshments will be available.

For information contact: Bryan Williams Phone 021931360 or Dom Barnes phone 0278233018.

Oct 03-05: Mainland Winch Challenge Round 5

Round 5 of the Mainland Winch Challenge Series to be held at Makihikihi, Timaru. For more details see www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz.

Oct 18-19: Manukau Winch Challenge

Manukau Winch Challenge, to be held in the Onewhero area. Further details to come, see www.manukau4wd.org.nz for more details.

Nov 14-16: NZ1 Winch Challenge

To be based in Christchurch and is billed as the biggest event of the year. Friday is scrutineering and a public vehicle display for the public. Vehicles will be parked up with a moneybox in front of each and the public will vote for their favourite with all proceeds going to St Johns. The public will get to see the vehicles compete on a man-made course under lights in central Christchurch. Saturday is another public day on the outskirts of Christchurch with Sunday a 1 stage with a mass start taking 204 hours which will test endurance of teams. Refer to www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz for full details.

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



Club Sub-Committees

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

- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury
- **Community Response Group:** Steve Mercer, John Parfitt, Grant Purdie, Mike Murphy, Neil Blackie
- **Competition:** Neil Blackie
- **Deadwood:** Neil Blackie
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Steve Mercer, All trip leaders
- **Touring Class Membership:** John Parfitt, Murray Taylor, Ian Hutchins, Ger van Hees
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Ralph Dobson
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Bruce Mulhare, Grant Purdie, John Vruink
- **Friends of Belmont:** Roger Seymour
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** President / Club Captain
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Barry Insull

Zuki Central 2014 Final Report

This event was a grand success and everyone had a great time. Ronald McDonald House was the charity we were supporting and by the end of the weekend we had raised \$2677.00 This includes trip fees plus donations from a wide range of sources. When the details were reported to the CCVC Committee there was total support and a vote was passed to increase the amount by \$1000 from club funds. This means that CCVC and ZukiCentral will donate a total of 3677 to Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to the participants, and particularly the sponsors, who are G Guy Motors, Apparel Master Manawatu, All Fire Safety, Upper Hutt Tyres, Zuki Racing Hawkes Bay and Suzuki New Zealand.

Finally a big thank you to the CCVC team that pulled it all together - Steve, Graeme, AJ, Murray, Greg, John P

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CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

The Club uses a series of radio call signs in the Kxxx series to meet our licence requirements. Once you get on a trip you soon know what call sign is tail end charlie etc for the day. But basically if you don't yet have a Call Sign you are not authorised to use the Club radio licence.

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| Phil Lewton | Vern Lill | Bruce Mulhare | Raynor Mulhare | Ron Oliver (Deceased) |
| Peter Osborne | Ross Perkins | Grant Purdie | Tony Street | Ron Wadham |

South Island Trip 2014 Day 9: Tekapo to Mesopotamia

A final farewell to the scenic Lake Tekapo Camp, the place we'd called home for eight nights.

At Graeme's command the convoy all turned left (he didn't always get his lefts and rights correct but on this occasion he did!) onto SH8 heading towards Burkes Pass bound for Fairlie. But immediately before the town we took another left turn onto SH79 passing through some lovely farming country. We travelled on sealed roads in and out of valleys with varied names such as Cattle Valley, Beautiful Valley and Gapes Valley where Graeme chose a direct route bypassing Geraldine and Arundel. Turning off onto Patrick Rd our clever navigator had us driving along a no exit road, crossing a stream to another no exit road on the other side then another no exit road before crossing over the Orari River to reach Peel Forest Road. At Peel Forest itself we met up with the trucks that had left earlier and shopped at Fairlie. We all ate lunch in the sun before departing with the running late Runner (John and Helen) arriving to join the convoy just as we were leaving. We drove the dusty Rangitata Gorge Road to our destination, Mesopotamia Station.

As well as providing cooking facilities in The Cookhouse there were many bedrooms so beds were literally bagged. Some saw this as a night to avoid pitching their tent while others camped including Submercer (Steve and Liz) and Red Rascal (Pete and Diane) as there was no NIWA House at Mesopotamia Station!! Meccano Nut (Max and Gillian) had to justify buying a new taller tent so slept outdoors too. Others also enjoyed camping that night.

The keen 4WDers took off up the river searching for a way to cross the Rangitata. With time to fill in before cooking dinner some decided to explore our new surroundings by foot. We followed a drive up to the old abandoned Mesopotamia school that has been left quite intact where the two plaques on the flag pole give the opening and closing dates. Nearby is the site of the home-stead of the first station owner, Samuel Butler.

Meccano Nut (Max & Gillian George)



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Grasshopper (Graeme and Linda) crossing the Orari River



Travelling along the Rangitata Gorge up to Mesopotamia Station



Old shed at Mesopotamia made from flattened 44 gallon drums



A walk around Mesopotamia with a tinge of snow on the mountains



Looking back down the Rangitata Gorge

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Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2013- 2014 series

Round Four, Orongorongo Station, 8 June

Story Andrew Gee, photos Pat Gee

The Club Truck Challenge has been run in the lower North Island over the last three years. Honchoed by Mark Watchorn of the Manawatu 4wd club and financially underwritten by the Central Zone of the NZFWDA it provides a series of events that has become very popular with serious wheelers who want to progress their driving skills. It provides something not too damaging to your vehicle (which must be registered and have a WoF) and is identical to "Club Champs" events that 4wd clubs put on. It is scored in a similar way to National 4wd trials and people who compete in the Club Truck Challenge get a good insight into the nuances of hub placement and the line between pegs.

This year's series had four rounds starting in Taranaki in Labour Weekend, round two in the Wairarapa in January, round three in Fordell, near Whanganui in May and finishing in Wellington at Orongorongo station in June. Round four was run by the Wellington Jeep Club. As well as setting up a course they arranged farm house accommodation and a spit roast meal for the out of towners that stayed the night before. Similar arrangements had been done at other rounds and makes it a very friendly weekend away.

The club spend two days before hand plotting out a course which was over a new type of terrain to previous rounds. This being a lot of loose rock, tight creek beds and a large rock pile. This event was run in a different way to past rounds with the hazards spread over a large part of the station which includes the Orongorongo River and the sea coast. Competitors enjoyed a farm drive that took in great high level views back over Wellington harbour from the air strip on Cattle Ridge. After our first set of hazards in loose rock we had our smoko beside the air strip to take in the views before doing another set of hazards on the ridge-top. My modest club members lead the visitors to believe that I had set all the hard hazards but my usual very average performance showed that it was no great advantage. Wellington Jeep club member Lisa Ryan had an outstanding day in her second event, driving a borrowed vehicle to come fifth overall for the day.



The Pajero of Brendan Watchorn tests his turning radius in a gravel creek bed.



Don and Trish Morgan take the drop into hazard 3 at the Orongorongo round in his Taupo 1000 racer, the Jeep TJ5

These quite technical hazards were followed by a speed section in river bed and a hill climb and creek bed hazard on the river flats before heading away to the last area of hazards in a more traditional grassy paddock. The tight creek bed runs tested articulation and wheel-base but all vehicles are suitable for this competition. There is a formal set of rules that defines three vehicle classes to give everyone a chance. Helmets are worn and cross entering multiple drivers for one vehicle are allowed. The rules, calendar and results can be found on a website <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/czctc> . Registering yourself on the website will automatically send you the latest information about the series as it comes out. There are thoughts about opening entry to any NZFWDA affiliated member not just Central Zone clubs for next year's series.

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Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2013- 2014 series Round Four

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If you look at previous results you may think that you need a Jeep to win, it certainly helps! People have also made credible performances in other vehicles, Landcruisers, Prados, Hiluxs, Discoverys and the ubiquitous Pajero all compete equally.

There was a great core group of people who travelled to all of the four rounds this year headed by Shona and Alan Stone from Mt Egmont club and fellow Nakians Neville Vesty, Keith Hoskings and Graeme Goble. Shona and Alan are stalwarts of the Central Zone, Shona has been the zone treasurer for many years now. They put on two rounds of this year's series, and did a brilliant job. Steve Stewart from Fielding club took his Nissan Patrol to every round as did Ross Gregory in his Jeep and Brendan Watchorn from Manawatu 4wd club. Dave MacGinnity, Don Morgan and myself are regular competitors from Wellington.



Marty Green from Capital Cruisers club gives it the jandal.

The Orongongo event finished with no major mechanical breakdowns and nice easy recoveries. For the Fordell round we had the use of the farmer's tractor and it had a bit of a workout. Hailed by all participants as a great success next year's series awaits a new crop of keen competitors to have a go. Last year's series winner, Dave MacGinnity won the overall modified class again this year driving his Jeep CJ5. This year's stats show that 32 different competitors entered at least one of the four rounds this year, down on last years' 53.



Dave MacGinnity has won a number of the rounds of the Club Truck over the years driving Old Yella, his Jeep CJ5.

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Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2013- 2014 series Round Four

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Results for Round 4

| Name | Class | Score | Overall position |
|------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Don Morgan | mod | 267 | 1st |
| Dave Macginnity | mod | 327 | 2nd |
| Marcus Gazely | mod | 367 | 3rd |
| Marty Green | mod | 410 | 4th |
| Lisa Ryan | mod | 457 | 5th |
| Andrew Gee | mod | 510 | 6th |
| Neil Blackie | mod | 570 | 7th |
| Alan Stone | ltd | 633 | 8th |
| Neville Vesty | mod | 660 | 9th= |
| Ross Gregory | ltd | 660 | 9th= |
| Brendon Watchorn | ltd | 708 | 10th |
| Steve Stewart | mod | 730 | 11th |
| Tony Field | bas | 900 | 12th |
| Graeme Goble | ltd | 903 | 13th |
| Shona Stone | ltd | 945 | 14th |
| Keith Hoskings | bas | 965 | 15th |
| Ian Burgess | bas | 999 | 16th |

2014 Series Results

To qualify - 3 rounds had to be completed

Basic Class (Open Diffs)

No results as no one competed 3 rounds

Limited Modified (uncontrolled traction aid on one diff)

1st Ross Gregory

2nd= Alan Stone

2nd= Brendan Watchorn

Modified Class (manually controlled traction aids)

1st Dave MacGinnity

2nd Don Morgan

3rd Steve Stewart



Steve Stewart's Patrol needs a tow off the rock pile after diffing out.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc

Annual Awards Dinner

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I had heard plenty about the poor state of the track, mostly about how over grown it was and how "scratchy". AJ had a Saturday trip planned for Shiney 4x4 boarding on Club 4x4x and as luck would have it I got my new rims and tyres fitted on the Thursday so with a late phone call to AJ he kindly accepted another truck to his ever increasing number. I have driven this track on at least three occasions so had an idea what was in store and with the wet weather of late it should be fun.

Weather on Saturday morning was better in the Wairarapa than at home which encouraged my son and his mates to get out of bed for the drive over to Featherston to meet up with the team. A larger number than would normally be comfortable for a trip of this type had assembled, a number of who hadn't had a chance to drive this track before so plenty of keen drivers ready to go.

Fifteen trucks headed off to the Pinnacles car park at Te Kopi for the drivers briefing and airing down, I found my new 33's took a little longer than the last tyres I had on the Suzuki. We had a great variety of trucks, Suzuki's, Nissan's, Pajero's, Jeeps and Cruisers. We were quickly underway up past the old rangers house and onto the plateau paddock, Morris and his boys acting as Tail End Charley and getting all the gates to close. A left turn onto the track proper and a steady run down to the river and the first obstacle being the climb out. Last time I was here the track was being eaten away by the river, it has won the battle and a new exit has been created. A little track work had the convoy moving again after only 15 minutes, no problems until the nice light green Jeep got crossed up on the first hill climb. It was very wet under foot and the Jeep had problems with traction. After a few attempts it was out with the winch and cable extensions, all brand new but not for long. We had time as the radio was full of talk further up the track as more winches were being put to good use, this is just want a good day out in the bush should be like.



Once the Jeep was up we turned him around so the winch could easily be deployed if anyone else needed assistance, it got quite a work out. I was up next and the new 33's from Upper Hutt Tyres proved to be up to the task, must remember that I'm not driving a Suzuki now as the rev limiter on the big 4 litre Chrysler was hit a few times. AJ walked back down the track to see how we were going and advised that he would help here if we could move on as the next climb was very slippery and time was moving on. We took the advice of running up the hard left hand side and with plenty of revs and the rear locker in we flew up the next couple of greasy climbs. Three hours and not at the Pinnacles viewing site yet, this was looking like a long day.

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Sutherlands Track - Aorangi Forest Park - June 2014 cont...

A number of us had lunch while the tail of the convoy was helped up to more even ground, then it was on to the Pinnacles and the rest had a quick bite before heading up to the look-out, a stunning view which blew a few first timers away. The track was now in surprisingly good condition, I'd seen it far more over grown in the past when we have been out on working bees. The next part of the track runs along the ridge and up into some impressive native bush full of mountain cabbage trees. The two steps I was waiting to encounter have been by-passed so no ripped tyres for me today. I was really impressed with the low first gear in the new Wrangler (it has lower ratio diffs or something like that I'm told), even on the steepest descent I was able to use a little throttle, amazing. On down to the hut and a stop for a regroup and a look around, the hut was clean and in good repair which is always good to find.



The drive out crosses the river a number of times with very steep entries and exits, Frank thought he would create a new track and it took nearly half an hour and a chainsaw to extract him. A couple of minor track repairs and we slowly made our way out to the road, the last water holes being just as bad as ever. Day light was fading fast as we aired up for the drive out to Martinborough, again the new tyres took a little longer than expected to inflate but worth the effort.



Thanks AJ for a great day out, this track should be used more often and fingers crossed we'll get another run through soon, don't miss it.

St John First Aid Refresher Course

Two years ago the Club ran a St Johns First Aid course for members and a number of members gained their first aid certificates. These are now expiring and those members are required to attend a Refresher course in order to keep the certificates current.

The Club has booked a St Johns course for these members (who have all received individual invitations to attend) however, because we have booked a full course (up to 20) we have a number of places available for any other members who need to complete a Refresher course in order to keep their First Aid Certificate up to date.

The course is to be held on the evenings of Wednesday 7th and 17th September in Lower Hutt and the cost to members will be **\$40.00** (Usually \$147.00).

My understanding is that a 3 month "grace" period is given for expiring Certificates to be renewed before a person is required to attend a "full" course again so if you fall into that category feel free to join us. Also, if your certificate is due to expire any time shortly (not necessarily expired yet) come along and avoid having to seek out a separate Refresher course.

I also understand that your original certificate does not have to have been issued by St John in order for the course to count as far as renewal is concerned. ***If in any doubt contact St John direct and check with them 0800 347782.***

The club is keen to have as many "first aiders" as possible in its ranks and to this end it is keen that once obtained, people keep their certificates current, hence this heavily subsidised course.

For members who do not currently have a First Aid Certificate but would be keen to obtain one, the club is planning to organise a further "Qualification" course next year.

If you are keen to attend this years Refresher course please contact John Parfitt and he will add you to the list.

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THIS COULD BE YOUR PAGE!

Go on – step outside your comfort zone and write something for the magazine. Even just a few sentences. You don't have to have been stuck or done anything embarrassing, the rest of the members just like to read your perspective on anything related to the club.

SO WHAT CAN YOU WRITE ABOUT?

How about a trip report? So you enjoyed the trip and would love to share your experiences but are not quite sure who was on the trip or where you actually went.

Call the trip leader and they will give you the details you need to tell your story. It can be as long or short as you want - even a couple of sentences will be well received.

Not sure you want to write a whole report, but want to share that silly / funny incident or dob a friend in? Send a mole report to mole@ccvc.org.nz and it might end up in "The Mole Report", a new section of the club mag.



Writing not your thing?

How about sending some photos for club night. We are keen to have a selection for photos for each trip so here are some guidelines to make it easy for everyone:



Try to pick your best dozen or so photos – we can't show too many on the night so lets make it the best ones.

Photos need to be with me before 8:30pm Monday night. That way I can set them up on Monday night and get them to John on Tuesday night so he can get them ready for Wednesday night.



If you can do so, resize the images to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution setting on your camera). This makes the images small enough to email to david.coxon@xtra.co.nz. Alternatively put your pictures on a CD and call me to arrange to get the CD to me. My contact details are:

463 4263 (w)

567 4501 (home before 8:30)

027 451 0361 (m)



Presidents Piece - July 2014

Another Winter month goes by..... depressing in its self, however on the bright side days are now getting longer, even if they aren't getting warmer (yet). School holidays are upon us, so a great time to take your kids or grand kids out for a club trip !! train them early for winch duty in the future. Talking about winch duty, it is also a good time to check your winch (if you have one) both works (under load) and also spools in and out without any snags. Finding either of these out perched on the side of a track or near the top of a long downhill slide can be somewhat disconcerting, both for the driver and those trying to recover them (isn't that right Denis)

As I mentioned last month, we now have in the vicinity of \$80k of Club funds in term deposit, funds built up over the years from Deadwood Safari's, Club Trips and fundraisers. John Parfitt sent out an email soliciting responses from Members on their thoughts for potential uses going forward. I believe John received a few responses but not many. We will also have a short "Brain Storming" session after the supper break at this month's Club Meeting, so feel free to save your thoughts up for then, alternatively you can still send them into John and he will compile them.

Subscriptions:

Again a reminder to members that Subscriptions are now well due ! You should have received notification from the Membership Database of this and information in the email as to how this can be paid. At this stage we have 33 Ordinary Members with outstanding Subscriptions. If you are having issues please contact either the Treasurer Neil Blackie, The Membership Office Ian Hutchinson or myself to assist. Doing nothing will result in your membership lapsing, membership with the NZ4WDA lapsing, and you will be declined attendance on trips as a member (ie you will need to pay non-member fees).

We had 14 Trip Leaders "reapproved" as Akatarawa Forest Park Trip Leaders with the ARAC training days held over the past 3 months. Thanks to those TL's for the effort in attending as it is imperative to this Club and members that we continue to have a good number of TL's with access into the forest as it continues to be the main area we leverage for our Trips.

Enjoy the next month and get that truck and boots dirty !!

President Charles



Club Trips - July, August, September

| Date | Name | Organiser | Category | Place |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| July 2014 | | | | |
| Wednesday 9th | CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone | Charles Odlin | Meeting - 19:30 | Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St |
| Saturday 12th | Planting on the South Coast with WCC - Book with Barry (04) 234 - 7757 Cellphone 0272404530 | Barry Insull | Family Shiny | Wellington South Coast |
| Saturday 12th | Winter 2014 Golden Bay - (Fully Booked) | Murray Taylor | Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4 | Top of the South Island |
| Sunday 13th | Akatarawa Ramble - Book with Graeme (04) 5237636 or 029 2001700 | Graeme Millard | Family Shiny | Akatarawa Forest |
| Monday 14th | Deadwood Safari Sub Committee - 7:00pm Station Village Bar, Lower Hutt | Neil Blackie | Meeting - 19:30 | -tba- |
| Saturday 19th | CCVC Awards Dinner - Bookings Essential (Use Wild Apricot Database to book) | John Vruink | Event | Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St |
| Sunday 20th | Ruahine Ramble - Book with Stewart - 06 3278701 (after 6 pm) or 0275 992633 | Stewart Burrell | Family Shiny | Takapauri Road, Manawatu Whariti Road |
| Saturday 26th | Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 -6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600 | Morris Jury | Family Shiny | Orongorongo area |
| Wednesday 30th | CCVC Committee Meeting | Charles Odlin | Meeting - 19:30 | Porirua Club |
| August 2014 | | | | |
| Wednesday 13th | CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone | Charles Odlin | Meeting - 19:30 | Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St |
| Saturday 16th | Akatarawa Ramble - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700 | Graeme Millard | Family Shiny | Akatarawa Forest |
| Monday 18th | Trip Leaders Forum | Steve Mercer | Meeting - 19:30 | All Fire Safety (Pete Kings), 3 Matiu Close, Elsdon Porirua. |
| Monday 25th | Deadwood Safari Sub-Committee Meeting - 7.00pm, Station Village Bar, Hutt Road | Neil Blackie | Meeting - 19:00 | Station Village Bar, Village Bar, Hutt Road |
| Wednesday 27th | CCVC Committee Meeting | Charles Odlin | Meeting - 19:30 | Porirua Club |
| September 2014 | | | | |
| Wednesday 10th | CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone | Charles Odlin | Meeting - 19:30 | Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St |
| Saturday 13th | Akatarawa Ramble - book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700 | Graeme Millard | Family Shiny | Akatarawa Forest |
| Monday 15th | Deadwood Safari Sub Committee - 7:00pm Station Village Bar, Lower Hutt | Neil Blackie | Meeting - 19:30 | -tba- |
| Wednesday 24th | CCVC Committee Meeting | Charles Odlin | Meeting - 19:30 | Porirua Club |
| Sunday 28th | Orongorongo Monthly Trip - To be confirmed | Morris Jury | Family Shiny | Orongorongo area |

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Trip Categories

The following trip category definitions, plus any *additional* requirements specified on individual Trip Information Sheets, will be enforced, for safety reasons. Trip Leaders will turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The vehicle and driver requirements given here are a summary of the full requirements listed on the club website. Please refer to www.cvc.org.nz for a definitive list of requirements.

For all Categories: All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

All Categories **other than Family 4X4** are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Family 4X4:

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

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

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

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

Shiny 4x4:

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

Drivers: Must have some experience, particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidelings. Club members must have completed CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family 4X4 trips after becoming a member.

Vehicles: Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip.

Club 4x4:

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

Drivers: Must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery. Club members must have participated in at least 2 Shiny 4X4 trips.

Vehicles: Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks.

Hard Yakka:

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

Drivers: Experienced drivers only, must have approval of Trip Leader. Club members must have participated in at least 3 Club 4X4 trips.

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



Editorial Ramblings

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

The mag's a bit late this month, purely due to the assistant editor's inability to work a calendar. My apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced.

So where's Alan? Rome, today.... Not jealous at all, really...

You can follow his blog at <http://alans-big-oe.blogspot.co.nz/> to find out more...

In the meantime, I'll try and get the next mag out in time - keep the news, trip reports and photos flowing to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

Thanks to Andrew Gee, Ralph, Max & Gillian George for this month's contributions.

Cheers, Terry



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

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