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MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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Upcoming National Events

Aug 14-15: Mainland Winch Challenge Series Round 3

Cedar Creek, Dunedin. Friday night stages & Saturday day stages. For further details refer to www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz

Aug 29: Woodhill 4x4 Mosh Pit Comp

at Polaris 4WD Park, Rimmers Road, Woodhill Forest. Starts at 10.00am. 4 Classes; Standard Class: Road legal, no mods or lifts or Tyres over 33"(as printed on your tyre). Mud Tyres are allowed. No cut Tyres. Modified 33": Road legal, as factory engine, any other mods ok max tyre size 33" as printed on tyre. No cut Tyres. Modified 35": Road legal, as factory engine, any other mods ok max tyre size 35" as printed on tyre. No cut Tyres. Open class: Anything goes as long as it's safe, no max on tyre size. Open class will be run in order of tyre size. The organizers will have the final decision if needed. Normal park entry fees apply, of \$60 per vehicle. To enter the Comp there will be a fee of \$10 per driver. This means a vehicle can be entered twice or more with different drivers (husband and wife battles!!). No fee for spectators. Once finished you can enjoy the rest of the day in the park. For further info email; info@polaris4wdpark.co.nz or phone 0800 40 60 10

Sep 12-13: Norawin Force4 Truck Challenge

hosted by Costa Plenty 4x4 Club. Teams event for Club vehicles in teams of 3. Strict vehicle specification with production A Pillars, windscreen and doors. Venue located only 20 minutes from the iconic Mangatinoka Tui brewery. Scrutineering Friday with competition Saturday and Sunday. \$160.00 entry fee per vehicle and includes prize giving dinner Sunday evening at Makuri Club. For further information email costaplenty@hotmail.co.nz or contact Goldie or Sue on 027 246 6133 (evenings only).

Oct 03: Annual Pairs Trials Event

Hosted by the Mount Egmont 4WD Club, this event will be held on Lower Durham Road, Inglewood. Scrutineering will be at Buckthought Engineering, 179 Dudley Road Inglewood, Friday 2nd October 3pm – 5pm. Find a mate with any class truck and compete together on the day. Points will be added together for the grand total. Shineys and Club Trucks are also welcome. For questions regarding the event contact Bucky on 027 479 8809 or for entry forms, contact Natasha on Natasha.Thomason@vector.co.nz

Oct 16-17: Mainland Winch Challenge Series Round 4

Makikihi, Timaru. Three night stages Friday and eleven day stages Saturday. For further details refer to www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz

Oct 24-25 (Labour weekend): Battle of the Palace - Teams Event

Hosted by Norwest Club. Teams event aimed at well set up Club Trucks working in teams of 3 to complete all the stages over 2 days. Camping and Facilities onsite. Cost \$360 per Team. Requirements: Winch, Extreme Mud Tyres, NZFWDA Affiliation, Rated recovery Points. Contact: Ben at possumpalace4x4@gmail.com for entry forms and info.

Nov 13-14: Manukau Winch Challenge

Manukau Winch Challenge held Onewhero area. New areas for stages this year. Usual Classes including Manukau Class. Further details to come and will be available at www.manukau4wd.org.nz

Dec 26-Jan 15 2016: South Island Self Drive Tagalong

Led self-drive/catered/ accommodated expedition leaving Auckland 26 Dec, returning 15 Jan covering mainly off road tracks in North West South Island, Canterbury, Central Otago and more. Accommodation is camping and DOC huts. Stunning scenery and tracks, suited to truck type 4WD. 8 years' experience leading similar expeditions and all tracks graded for difficulty and GPS Co-ordinated. This is a "join when and where" type of safari and is self-paid (no money to me). The full 3 week trip estimated to cost you around \$2500, covering food, gas, rustic accommodation and ferry crossing included for 2 people. Come and join husband and wife team. For people whom are like minded and enjoy adventure. Limited spaces are available. For more information please contact Paul on paulberry@xtra.co.nz or 021 274 5617 – we are always willing to share information that will promote 4x4 and the outdoors.

Jan 16-22 2016: Northland Kauro Coast Safari

Hosted by the Kauri Coast 4WD Club. The 9th safari will be a 6 day event through some of the most spectacular beaches, scenery and landscape NZ, if not the world, has to offer. The proposed route takes you from Dargaville through some awesome beach and forest tracks following some of the early settler's tracks surrounded by some of the most tranquil and peaceful countryside you only find in Northland. We will be camping each night where our hosts will be some of the local schools and a golf course along the way. There's time to stop along the way to catch your breath, relax and take in all that is offered. The safari is aimed at providing an enjoyable experience for the whole family. So come along and join us on a truly unique experience exploring the hidden treasures of Northland. Numbers limited to 40 vehicles.

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.

G. Guy Motors

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The 2015 Round of Vehicle Inspections has now Commenced!

Vehicle inspection stickers have now been delivered to the clubs Vehicle Inspectors meaning you can have your vehicle inspected any time from now on.

Changes to Vehicle Inspections.

As from now, Vehicle Inspections are only required every two (2) years and the sticker will last for 2 years from the Month of the Inspection. (Re inspections are still required if you modify your vehicle). Like a WOF sticker, the Inspection Sticker now has the month and the year that the sticker expires (and the next inspection is due) punched out (Inspectors have punches) and the vehicle plate number is written on the sticker. The sticker is to be placed in the bottom center of the windscreen with the details facing outward so they can be viewed by the trip leader prior to each trip. "Stickers" are NOT "sticky" and are applied by wetting the face of the sticker with water and then placing it on the windscreen and expelling the air using a credit card and/or a soft dry cloth, then leaving it to dry. As they are made of a plastic material they are robust and will not fall apart if they move during application.

The following is very important so please note!!

Once the old Inspection Sticker expires at the end of August 2015, members vehicles **MUST** have a current valid inspection sticker on the vehicle in order to participate in any club trip (no matter the trip category). There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule and Trip Leaders will have **NO DISCRETION** in the matter.

NO STICKER, NO TRIP, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Don't forget if you modify your vehicle and in doing so change something that potentially needs the vehicle to be re-inspected, you must have this done and a new sticker issued prior to coming on any further club trips. If a Trip Leader suspects that you have had work done but not reinspected they have the **absolute right** to exclude you from the trip, even though you may still be showing your old inspection sticker. Its all about safety so please, if in doubt, have the vehicle re-inspected as it doesn't cost anything to have it done and the new sticker will then last a further 2 years.

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It is essential that you contact the Inspector to arrange a time for the inspection (do not just turn up and expect an inspection) as they have to fit this "free" service in between their "paying" work. Please also avail of their professional services whenever possible. They support the club by providing this service free of charge so it is up to club members to support them and their businesses.

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A Sydney man has suffered life-threatening injuries after he was struck in the back of the head while his bogged vehicle was being towed.

Police say the man's head was hit by a shackle or strap as other drivers tried to pull his vehicle free from a fire trail waterhole off Devlin Road at Penrith in Sydney's west at about 9.20pm last night. It is understood the strap was attached to another four wheel drive and snapped, hitting the victim as he sat in the driver's seat of his vehicle.

The man suffered serious head injuries and was flown by helicopter to Westmead Hospital where he remains in a serious condition.

A crime scene has been established at the waterhole and specialist officers are at the scene investigating the incident, police say.



I would like to thank Action Tyres and CCVC for the tyre prize I won at the Awards dinner. I have been to Action Tyres and bought a set of MAXXIS M/T Bighorn 764 tyres. Phil was very helpful as we discussed the tyres that would suit my truck. He also emphasised that Action Tyres will fit tyres to any vehicle, so if your car requires a new set of tyres, go and see Phil and get a discount. *Max George K248.*

It is again with sadness that I inform you of the passing recently of another one of our long time and valued Members, Ron Wadham, Call sign K55.

Ron Wadham joined the Club in January of 1993 as a new member, quickly getting involved in the Club becoming the Safety Officer in 1997 & 1998. While Ron only spent two years on Committee his real value to Club was as a Trip Leader and for this Ron was made a Life Member of the Club in 2001 at the Club's 30th Anniversary.

Ron was a very good Trip Leader, running many Club Trips in the Wairarapa across stations out on the coast such as Pahoa, Glendhu, Glenburn, Flat point and Homeburn; and around Cape Palliser to Ngapotiki and Te Awaiti Stations when access was easier. The Club has struggled to maintain this level of access after Ron stepped down from Trip Leader due to his deteriorating health, and we all greatly missed his organisation with these trips. He had a great on-going relationship with the Land owners who were all too happy to have Ron's trips back again and again. I believe Ron was also involved in running part of the trips in the "NZMD Tyres North Island 4WD Challenge" in 1999 & 2001.

Ron was one of the Trip Leaders I spent many trips accompanying in my early years in the Club, and appreciated both the knowledge and variety of Ron's trips, but even more Importantly.... the speed he normally travelled at! Ron's trips normally covered a fair bit of ground in a day, and there was no mucking around. Once he had his lunch, he was known to jump in his truck, beep the horn and start up and off he went ! It was up the members to keep an eye out and be ready to depart. There are just a few of the fond memories I have, and I am sure many of the members have similar and equally humorous stories on Ron and his Safari on Tour.

The Clubs thoughts go out at this time to Ron's Family, to his wife Patricia, son John and family, our thoughts are with them. I understand the Family will be having a private service at this stage, however if this changes I will come back to the members.



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Looking back at the trip reports on my computer I discovered that it was a long time since I did an Aka's trip report. Even I recognised many of the places in the photos but it amazed me how much change had occurred – same places but with subtle changes that really affect what you can do and where you can go. It was interesting that David Coxon had just said that he needed to go on some trips in the Akatarawas to keep his knowledge up to date.



Start point was the Totara Park entrance – our fearless leader seems to have fitted stabilisers to Suzi Blue, Frank had a set of brand new tyres...

... and the Disco received the usual 'compliments' (it proved perfectly reliable and had no problems.)

The only mechanical issues were in fact with a Toyota (the name of the owner of the big purple beast has been withheld to save embarrassment) which had its transmission fluid warning light come on when negotiating steep inclines. Taking care with the transmission meant using the brakes a lot more, resulting in some smoking brakes at the end when we stopped to air-up (hopefully, all is now well.)



As we climbed higher we were treated to some lovely views – it was sunny but still very cold and some of the recent snowfall was still laying around. Some of our visitors found this a perfect addition to the trip and



also knew just what muddy puddles were for!

Someone else knew just what mud was for – playing in! He was never going to pull it out like that!



Help and advice was on hand...



...but the truck actually extracted itself! Video footage will be available on club night, showing just how clever these fully automatic Suzukis are (must have been those new tyres!)



Well, O.K., so it's a work in progress. Someone still had to bail it out.

Gorgeous views continued but it was still freezing cold. Fortunately our intrepid leader took care to find sunny spots to stop for breaks.



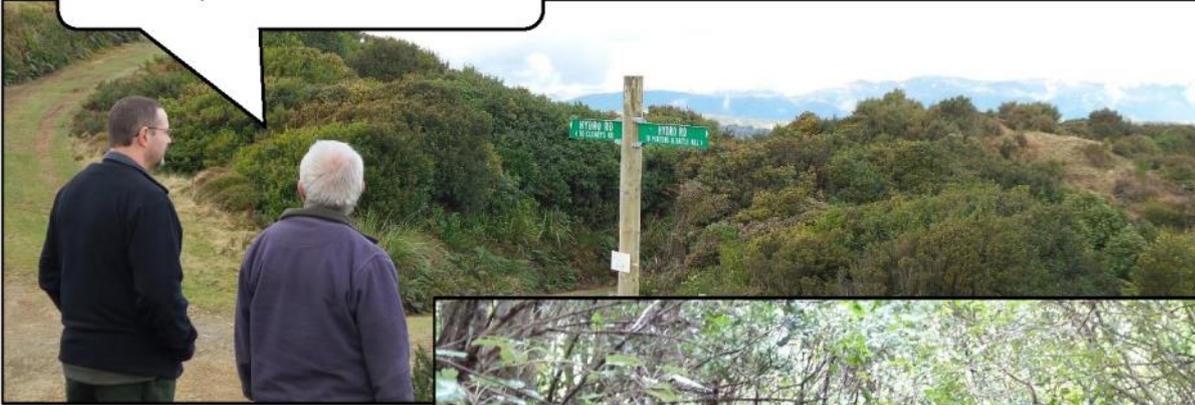
Coming down from the fence line we all had a choice of which way to go. Rabbit just sat on its bottom and slid down the ruts. The Disco (of which much was expected) took the slightly easier route



and it was left to Frank to demonstrate the superiority of Suzukis yet again! Somebody did, unkindly, suggest he was just trying to tip the water out. (Video footage on club night)



Eeny, meeny, miny, mo, this is the way I think we should...



Using high-tech equipment, management decisions were made as to where we should go next.

And much more there was to see, from old railway bridges, to pirouetting Toyotas (I'll let Brett tell you the story), to pylons? But still one of my favourites – the view from the fence line. And the reason we go...



...off-road.



Nice one Graeme.

The Rabbit



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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Annual Snow Drive – Odlins Road

A seriously cold week which had even Gisborne seeing a dusting of snow preceded my planned annual snow drive into Odlins Road.

I mentioned the trip at the Wednesday club meeting and John sent out the invite to members on Thursday so I wasn't expecting a huge turnout. On the Saturday morning I guest a few members were keen when I got a call to say he was at the meeting point and was the trip still on, yes but I hadn't finished breakfast as the meeting time was still 35 minutes off.

We had two Pajero's piloted by Charles and Tony, Dennis in the Cruiser, Guy in the 40 series, William in the mint Suzuki, Bryan in his near new Landrover 90 and my TJ Wangler. After the briefing we made our way up to the summit car park at the top of Akatarawa Hill Road noting a little snow still on the shady corners.



Odlins Road was created back in the late 60's – early 70's to remove Rimu for building mainly state houses. I can remember borrowing Mums Hillman Hunter and with a couple of guys sitting in the boot we drove into the Waitotauru Hut on a couple of occasions, not any more as the road has progressively got better and better for off roading.

A chap in a Cherokee must have had an early start and warned us a chainsaw was going to be needed if we wanted to drive further than the old slip, sounded great. After airing down I lead off, a couple of drivers hadn't been on this track before and were soon wondering why they had come. The road deteriorates every year and some of the ruts caused by water run off are now Suzuki swallows as William found out. The small wheels and a little lack of power were starting to show but with a little encouragement via a tow stop he was zipping along into the snow.

We made reasonable time up onto the old slip before carrying on where no man had been since the snow fall. Being up front in snow is something you have to experience, the trees are so laden that they sag to the ground. Once you try and drive through they promptly dump all there snow on your windscreen, the wipers give in and you are out scrapping snow so you can see. This done you hit the next branch and the process starts again. In places we stopped the convoy and it was all hands (cold as they were) on deck to shake trees were possible with the chainsaws helping out with the stubborn ones. After another km or so I handed over the job as leader to Guy to braze a trail, he did a great job but often couldn't see and with no heater his manual demising system was hard at work.

The old blow-out was tricky as you couldn't see what line to take with the snow smoothing out the ruts. I had a couple of goes and ended up with both front and rear lockers in to spin on up the track. I'm sure I then removed most of the slippery snow as only the Zuk needed a hand before we bashed our way to the top car park at 822m. Snow in the park was probably 15cm deep, but the day was still clear and the views into the Tararua's was fantastic.



Normally the run back down is less challenging but as we soon found out you should never take any track lightly. At the old blow-out we met Dean in his bright orange Nissan coming in, must have slept in. He quickly got passed us and headed to the top, pretty keen on his own but we had done all the hard track clearing for him. One major wash out had a few of the trucks having a couple of runs at it earlier in the day with a number of left front wheels lifting high into the air like a prancing horse from the old Western movies. Once we were down in one piece I could see another photo

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opportunity and so was all ready when the flash new Rover came down. No problems so far but a couple of different lines being taken. Tony in the long wheel base Pajero then decided to try and climb the right hand bank and over she went, reasonably gentle lay down but some damage which is never a good thing. We soon had Charles' winch hooked up as man power alone wasn't doing the job. A slow pull with many helpers pushing sideways had the truck back on four wheels and with some guidance he was soon at the bottom checking out the dents and broken window.



No more drama on the way back to the tarseal although we were now meeting a few late starters thinking they could check the snow out before dark. I'd advertised the finish for 1pm but it proved to be optimistic due to the amount of snow we had to bash through. As we exited the track a few townie looking 4x4 utes were about to head in, I'm pretty sure the road tyres and nice black mags were in for a rough time as the track is now unsuitable for the Family Shiny trucks.

A great day in the snow and just the right number of trucks to keep everything moving along.

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Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2014 -2015 Part 2

The 2015 Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC) started in October 2014 and continued through to May 2015 in Wanganui. The series website is www.czctc.org.nz and you can ask any questions on the NZFWDA forum at www.nzfwda.org.nz, go to the Events section and there is a posting for the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge.

Round 4 , Wainuioru, organised by the Wairarapa 4x4 club, 26 April

This round saw our best turnout of entries so far this year, 34 people entered. A good number of them were from the host club and they were exactly the kind of people and vehicles the series is aimed at, touring and family type machines. A lot of these people were mounted in Pajero, Prado and Patrol SWBs and I had the impression that all the drivers were having a go in another club event rather than wanting to especially compete in a fun trial. Our new friends from Desert Defenders Off road club were back for their second event, Kandy and Craig Mott dragged Robert Stout down south in a Bighorn he bought just to compete in CTC.



With the larger number of competitors the day was split into three groups to start at different hazards and run simultaneously, this worked so well that most people had finished the original 14 hazards by lunchtime. A couple of the groups took a lunch break while members of their groups had to fix their wagons, for instance we sportingly let Brendan Watchorn put his Pajero back together after it spat out a driveshaft.

There were lots of mechanical problems in our group, Warrick went out early on with a classic spaghetti twist in the front driveshaft of his V8 FJ 40 and Reece blew a CV in his Surf on a bumpy hill. We had a new club member in our group who was using his standard 80 series Cruiser, while considered a large machine Shaun



was able to complete a good number of the hazards while learning a lot about the capabilities of his truck. I would think that he gained more from competing in the day than those of us that have done a lot of these events. Emphasising what I said initially about club members giving everything a go; I saw a lot of people enjoying a day out four wheel driving irrespective of what the event was.

This property had wide open spaces which allowed room for four different speed sections including one which was run as a side by side drag race. Bruce and I lined up our Wranglers for a dogleg drag down to a donut around peg and back. Bruce wisely kept his distance from my wildly out of con-

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trol drifting thanks to the low tyre pressures, thankfully bead locks kept the rubber on the rims. The handy river was used for a number of hazards, most of them having difficult climbs back of the water.

Camping was arranged for the previous night at club member Hamish Wilson's nearby property, and he kindly entertained everybody in his lounge. Hamish also entered the event in a classic Range Rover which had the misfortune to blow its rear diff. No problem for Hamish who went home, fitted a replacement and returned to carry on for the rest of the day. Hamish has been around forever and his name appears in early NZFWDA history and minutes. Thanks to Wairarapa 4x4 Club for a great event.



Selected results for round 4:

Name	Club	Overall position	Class and class position
Don Morgan	Wgtn Jeep Club	1	Class 3, 1st
Geoff Butcher	Wairarapa 4x4	3	Class 2, 1st
Alan Stone	Mt Egmont	4	Class 2, 2nd
Bruce Tustin	CCVC	15	Class 3, 6th
Andrew Gee	CCVC	22	Class 3, 9th

Round 5 Central Zone Club Truck Challenge, Turakina Valley

Round 5 of the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge was held in Turakina Valley and run by the Wanganui 4WD club in May. Sandra Sarginson, long-time competitor in the series as Deane Whitton's co-driver, took on organizing this round with help from Pete Murphy and other club members. Thanks to Nathan for letting us use his land and also bringing his tractor that was busy recovering vehicles all day. Turakina was a well placed spot for our competitors from Taranaki, Masterton, Wellington and our new mates from Waioru. Our keen cadre of entrants is expanding and we now have a good number of people regularly travelling to compete in all of the rounds. This popularity has resulted in five good events being run this year, long may it



continue.

The event was held just after the big storm that flooded out Wellington. The hazards that were pegged out were more to the standard of a national trial, with longer and tougher tracks than we have used in the past. The wet conditions added another level of difficulty and required good tyres, Chevy V8 power to churn out the mud helped too.

Early in the day Deane got the orange Patrol slightly across the slope as he backed off a hill climb and rolled off a gnarly hazard that stopped a

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lot of people in their tracks. This hazard was a hill climb, tight turn, descent and then second climb, a lot of people didn't even get up the first climb to have a go at the second climb that was crossed by sheep ruts. Deane's exo cage saved a lot of damage but he still lost the windscreen and being unable to stop the motor immediately as he sat upside down pumped out a lot of the sump oil.

We had a good turnout of Nation Trials competitors either watching or competing in warranted and registered vehicles, among them; Dave Hintz, Pete Murphy, Mark Smith, Brent Ward and Kevin Galbraith. Brent Ward lost a few of his teeth on his



first hazard but carried on mainly in 2wd only using 4wd when necessary to the accompaniment of crunching from his poor front diff. The Jeep TJ Wrangler was the choice of the thinking 4 wheel driver, at this round seven entrants were in six of the vehicles and four of those machines painted in racey red. The ungraded sidling hazard required thinking and planning, did you take pegs and lose points or risk tipping over to stick to the marked route. There were two main alternatives, if you chose not to run down a few pegs the second possibility needed a steep climb and tight turn to exit out of the blue finishing pegs. It provided some spectacular viewing and scary moments.

The day finished with a barby while the results for the day were totalled up. A win for Marty Green who zeroed a number of hazards that needed V8 power to clear them. Don Morgan was second with side valve power in his Willys Jeep, a penalty for not wearing his helmet cost him dearly. Next year's series is due to start the weekend after Labour Weekend in the Taranaki. Thanks to Wanganui club for this excellent day and look forward for Mt Egmont's next event in October.



Selected Results for round 5:

Name	Club	Overall place	Class and class place
Marty Green	Capital Cruisers	1st	Class 3, 1st
Don Morgan	Wellington Jeep	2nd	Class 3, 2nd
Andrew Gee	CCVC	3rd	Class 3, 3rd
Bruce Tustin	CCVC	4th	Class 3, 4th
Brendan Watchorn	Manawatu	5th	Class 2, 1st

The class results for the whole 2015 series have been posted on www.sportsground.co.nz/czctc. Mark calculated the positions from your best three results in your class.

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I calculated something different which I posted in my magazine article in NZ4WD magazine (thanks for your support over the season, Editor Ross). I used overall position because some of the Class 1 and 2 guys posted good results that beat Class 3 guys. I also used best four results because we had a good number of people who did all five rounds and it seemed unfair not to support people who support the series. This combination makes me look pretty good!

So based on best 4 results and overall position for each round I calculated series overall positions as

- 1st Don Morgan, Wgtn Jeep Club
- 2nd Andrew Gee, CCVC
- 3rd = Steve Stewart, Feilding 4wd Club
- 3rd = Brendan Watchorn, Manawatu 4x4 Club
- 5th Alan Stone, Egmont 4x4 club

So get out there and do some practise and we intend to start again the week after Labour Weekend in Tarana-ki.

Unofficial Series Results (best 4 results):

Series overall Place	Name	Club	Score (best 4)
1	Don Morgan	Wellington Jeep	391
2	Andrew Gee	CCVC	378
3 =	Steve Stewart	Fielding	377
3 =	Brendan Watchorn	Manawatu	377
5	Alan Stone	Mt Egmont	372
6	Bruce Tustin	CCVC	370



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Contact:

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There are 5-6 Rounds for the season
At least 14 hazards are set at each Round,
these are set for the longer and wider 4x4s
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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)



Committee Meeting Highlights

Notes from the last committee meeting:

1. Club night Supper. We still do not have any volunteers for the club night supper, so we will continue with the current arrangements.
2. The club annual accounts have now been audited.
3. To protect the club funds an additional level of banking security is being added to the club bank accounts.
4. Next rrip leafers forum is scheduled for 24 August.
5. Capital Comms, a current club advertiser, has moved to 7/33 Pito-One Rd, Korokoro, Lower Hutt.
6. Don't forget to send club night photos to photos@ccvc.org.nz



No trip reports have been submitted to me for inclusion in this month's magazine so has nobody been out and about and done anything? I know its winter but I would have thought someone must have been out on a trip worthy of reporting on???



You will all recognise the above logo, don't you? Well there has been a few changes to this business but it is still about and active in Downer Street, Lower Hutt. I am working on getting a new advert to include in the magazine but in the meantime we should still be patronising this and all the other club sponsors.



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Their and Back Again – An Orongorongo Trip

Most trips are never the same two times running – there are always differences. In the Akatarawas you have an amazing choice of routes to take, even though I have been on quite a few Aka's trips, I'm still never sure where I am (I knew there was a good reason for having trip leaders).



However, on an Orongorongo trip I almost always know where I am but every trip is still very different. As the trucks gathered and two Range Rovers turned up, some thought the difference was going to be breakdowns (one wag pointed out that with two of them we could always use one for spares and at



least get one back out). As it turned out, both of them ran very well and at least one person got really excited by it

all. I assume it was excitement – it could have been a cry for help! There were no breakdowns and, although the river was a bit higher than usual, there were no real problems. One of the main differences is of course “How far will we get this time?” The shale always provides a challenge, doubly so with visitors who might not want to damage their pride and joy.

We now come to the ‘There and Back Again’. I know it's been used before but it seemed appropriate because we did manage to get there (the DOC camp) and back again, with just the usual road works.



As usual, Rabbit made it in time to take some photos but all the hard work seemed to be done! Some of the rocks which had to be moved were a fair weight which made being tail a good position.



I'm sure we get closer to the sea each time – we'll soon be needing lifejackets!



The wind made some spectacular views as it whipped the tops off waves and, though the

wind was chilly, the sun gave us some beautiful landscapes.



... And Back Again, as the sun goes down.

Time was a little short and many people had places to be (and Monday morning coming up) So we decided to miss the play area this time, which gave us just enough time for a final visit to the river, air up, and head on home. Always different, always fun. Another nice one Morris.

(Those observant ones amongst you will have noticed that these last photos of the river crossing were actually from the earlier morning crossing. The



brightness of the sunlight gives it away.)

The Rabbit



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

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place
August 2015				
Thursday 6th	CCVC Web Sub Committee Meeting	John Parfitt	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 8th	WCC South Coast planting with WCC	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks & Long Gully
Wednesday 12th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Wednesday 12th	MIRO Planting - Volunteers to take passengers	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4	Eastbourne Beaches to Harbour Entrance
Saturday 15th	Family 4x4 Fun in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Frank (021 0660 682 or 04 976 5261)	Frank Allan	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 23rd	Akatarawa Challenge with DD - (Club 4x4) Bookings Required	Dave De Martin	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest
Monday 24th	Trip Leaders Forum	Steve Mercer	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Wednesday 26th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Thursday 27th	Web Sub Committee Meeting	John Parfitt	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-

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Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 12th	Family 4x4 fun in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 27th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip (to be conformed due to lambing etc)	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-

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Sunday 11th	Family 4x4 fun in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Sunday 18th	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Contact Morris - (mkssjury@slingshot.co.nz)	Morris Jury	Training (Unknown)	
Monday 26th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	-tba-	Event	-tba-
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 31st	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris - (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area