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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](mailto:newsletter@ccvc.org.nz) or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

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# Upcoming National Events

## **Nov 12: Porter Group 4x4 Trial Round One**

Round one of the National trial season is being held at Karakariki, just a short drive from Hamilton on the way to Raglan. Spectators \$10 adults, \$25 family. Fun day out watching extreme 4x4 vehicles go head to head.

## **Nov 12-13: Annual Ahuroa Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser**

By Rodney Offroad Club. Annual event held at Ahuroa. Usually two options Club and Shiny. For more details contact [rodneyoffroadclub@gmail.com](mailto:rodneyoffroadclub@gmail.com)

## **Nov 25-26: Manukau Winch Challenge**

Hosted by Manukau 4WD Club. More details very soon.

## **Nov 26: Moawhango School's annual 4WD fundraiser**

Raising funds for the Moawhanga School. Registration will take place at Moawhango School between 8-8.30am. Morning tea will be provided at this time, as well as a quick pre-tour talk. Information sheets will be available for you to take on your tour outlining some brief history and farming policies of the stations you will be travelling around. The tour will be leaving Moawhango School at 9am. The event will traverse across Motukawa Station, Whake Farm and Hiwinui Station before finishing back in Moawhango Village. It will conclude our tour at Whitikaupeka Marae at approx. 4pm where a fantastic BBQ dinner comprising of lamb and pork cooked on a spit, BBQ venison and beef, salads etc. awaits. Numbers are being capped at 80 vehicles so register quickly to avoid disappointment. Any enquiries to: Linda - [cwilton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cwilton@xtra.co.nz) or ph 06 388 0852, Deb - email [hiwinuistation@inspire.net.nz](mailto:hiwinuistation@inspire.net.nz) or ph. 06 388 0575

## **Dec 04: Whangamata Matariki Forests Tagalong Charity Event**

A maximum of 35 vehicles only, 8:30am start at the Whangamata Club car park for scrutineering. This is a tag along event, suitable for club trucks (not shiny's), the terrain is through local forestry, some excellent coastal views from selected spots, some easy bits, some muddy bits, some tough bits and some steep bits. We anticipate we will be out of the forest by 4pm. Bring your own lunch. Register for this event by email to Gordon Turner [gordon@corofirstnat.co.nz](mailto:gordon@corofirstnat.co.nz) or Ph. 021 385 385

## **Dec 10-11: Operation Sterling 4x4 Two Day Safari**

The dates shown are confirmed but subject always to NZ Army requirements regarding Army activities. All bookings must be made online. This guided tour is strictly limited in numbers and bookings are on a first received basis. There will be two options available for accommodation and meals; Barrack accommodation and meals: You sleep in Army barracks on Friday and Saturday night, plus receive Army cooked meals on Saturday and Sunday morning and a cooked meal on Saturday night. You will be provided with a cut lunch for Saturday and Sunday. Self-catering and camping: On the Sports ground just down the side road from the Army Museum and provide all your own meals. Showers and toilets will be supplied.

## **Dec 17-18: Waiouru Safari - 2 Day Guided Quad/Side-by-Side Safari**

The dates shown are confirmed but subject always to NZ Army requirements regarding Army activities. On Saturday the event will be based near Lake Moawhanga. The site is very picturesque. The trails are just brilliant. Course Number one. This course will be about 25-30 Kms in length. It will be designed for the more experienced driver with some fast sections. Course number 2 will be about 25-30 kms and will be tailored and restricted to drivers who wish to have some time in the seat at normal speeds. Course 3 will be a short 4-5Kms course specially designed for demonstrating the many Can-Am Models. Sunday a guided Safari with three different groups to choose from through the 163,000 acres of Waiouru military training area. The event is specifically designed for quads (4wd) and side-by-sides. There will be three groups to choose from so you will never be out of your comfort zone while you explore this Alpine wonderland.

## **Feb 12: Riversdale Surf Lifesaving 4WD Fundraiser**

Hosted by Wairarapa 4x4 Club. Over local farms including Flat Point, Homewood, Stansborough, Matariki, Orui and Pahautu Stations.

## **Mar 18-19: Hokianga Safari 2017**

Hosted by the Kauri Coast 4WD Club of Dargaville. There will be tracks for both club shynys and tuff trucks. The Safari will be based in Waimamaku crossing private land, both coastal and inland that isn't accessible to the public and will be predominately off road. Full day of 4x4in on Saturday and ½ day Sunday. This is a self-catering safari so unlike previous years no will be meals provided. There will be BBQ's available and there is also a kitchen in the complex. Full camping facilities available. Cost \$100 per vehicle. Limited to 60 vehicles. Fundraising for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. For more information contact Ron or Chrissy 09 405 8316.

*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.*



## **Trip Report – Orongorongo Family Shiny, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

***Written by Greg Byrom***

***Trip led by Phil Green***

2<sup>nd</sup> trip report I've written so bear with me here... I don't yet know everyone in the club so I'll just refer to the vehicles I remember driven by those people who most of the club will know better than I do. This Orongorongo trip is a great family day out so I was happy to sign up for yet another one as a colleague had asked me to take her and a couple of young boys out for a 4WD trip and this was just the ticket. It's usually great views over the harbour and some interesting mud and rocky outcrops along the coast. This time was a bit different though.

First thing was the weather wasn't the best for the usual great views, not that it mattered, the boys being quite eager to get us muddy anyway and they really enjoyed the trip up to the airfield. The first challenge on this trip is always the top of the first uphill where the direction is to go to the left of the post otherwise you'll struggle to make the right turn immediately after it. Well the shiny silver Navara in front of me took the advice to heart and went too far left, struggling for grip on the grass and soft surface with all-terrains.



The trip over the hill section to morning tea at the picnic area in the Orongorongo River was largely uneventful, disappointing to see that the left-hand downhill turn just after the saddle has been filled in avoiding the large hole that used to be there, something I usually like to scare my trip passengers with. The only major obstacle is the ditch across the track near the top which catches some people unaware in a cross-axle situation and is warned about over the radio.

After morning tea we started off for the river and a smell of fuel wafted across the fleet, the Patrol had sprung a leak and had to pull over for running repairs. The driver told me later that a fuel line had detached in the engine bay. The vehicle was fine though and made the rest of the trip with us.



Up to the farm and we entered the coastal section of the trip, where I felt comfortable to let my colleague Pru take the wheel for a section as there are no major challenges here but plenty of mud for the boys to get excited about. The boys tried to argue that they could both drive and therefore they could have a go, but... no. At a stopping point we swapped places again and we headed for the shale behind Phil's Big Baloo Hilux and Bryan Daley's Defend-

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er 90, and a red Jeep Cherokee which Land Rover owners usually thumb their noses at but which proved quite capable, for a Jeep.

So, the Shale can change on every trip. This time it proved a major challenge. About half way across there is a large bank to climb, this time it was higher, steeper and softer than usual. Phil managed the climb in Big Baloo and stopped to pick away at the top of the bank to ease the trip for others. Everyone stopped to move some rocks to make it easier for the lower vehicles, then the jeep and the Land Rover made the climb with some struggle, and next was my turn.

I wasn't sure about this, if I hit it wrong the vehicle could roll into the stream, or get stuck half way. In the event I found myself grounded on a rock mound even before the obstacle,

all four wheels spinning, which reminded me to wait a bit for the Range Rover's sensors to recognise it was grounded and raise the vehicle another 20mm. This lift to the highest setting doesn't happen under driver control, it's an automatic feature, so I had to make sure it engaged before hitting the mound again, this time with success. I had never had this feature activate.

I threw it at the bank in low-range 2nd and she went up no problem, the TC whizzing and pinging away as the tires scrabbled for grip.



Bryan Daley took a great YouTube video of the whole thing from his position perched at the top of the bank with his Defender 90 which saved the day by pulling others up, the bank being little obstacle to the better set-up vehicles but others especially some of the newcomers struggling with it. A white Hilux missed it entirely and ended up stuck half-way up and had to be pulled up, as did some of the other vehicles. Last to go up was tail-end charlie Frank in his Jeep Wrangler which of course had to have two gos at it because Jeeps are rubbish.

But one Pajero delayed us for around an hour at this point as it took a bad angle. Not making it the first time the driver reversed back

for another try only to find a bad cut at the bank throwing the vehicle off to the side. This was a bad position and from above I could see he was in trouble. Someone attached a tow line but the first pull skied the front wheel to a precarious position. Someone behind told him to put right-hand down and reverse, this relieved the position and allowed for a better angle at the pull.

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Eventually Bryan Daley's 90 saved the day again and the vehicle was slowly winched up the bank. The right-front tire had been pulled off the rim, this took around half an hour to put back on with a team of club members working to clean the rim of grit from the bank and re-fit and inflate it. The youtube can be seen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOLakU1Vwes>

With the obstacle cleared we headed for the lunch stop at the Playground, where a few vehicles attempted the steep tracks from the lower flat to the upper one. The boys played in the river and all was well with the world, except for one person... Brent in his Land Cruiser was disassembling his fuel pump to try and dislodge some water. Apparently the river crossing had got to it.

Brent was fairly sure he had fixed it and we were under way again, but it soon became clear that the Cruiser was unhealthy, someone on the radio saying it was spitting steam out the back and it might be a faulty injector. Around this time it died altogether and Brent requested a tow from the Patrol. As we were pretty much at the furthest point of the trip and had to negotiate the unexpectedly-difficult Shale again this was going to be a long haul out, club members banding together to help.

Going down the bank proved not to be as bad as going up, but some got it wrong and from my vantage point I could see most of the newbies were giving it right-hand down as the car slipped to the left. This was a bad idea so I stood at the top telling everyone to take it on the right hand side but turn to the left. Eventually the tow vehicles arrived and Brent's car was able to make it under its own power, spitting steam out the back, just as well as this would've been a nightmare to tow a vehicle across without power or brakes. All vehicles safely across I was content to let Pru take the wheel of the Rangie again for the final section out to the trip end at Orongorongo.



A great and unexpectedly hairy day out, many thanks to Phil for running the trip and all club members for helping out on the day!



<u>Round</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Host</u>
One	Sat 12 Nov 2016	Northern Zone	Waikato 4x4 Club, Hamilton
Two	Sat 10 Dec 2016	Northern Zone	Bay of Plenty
Three	Sat 21 Jan 2017	Northern Zone	South Waikato (Okoroire)
Four	11-12 Feb 2017	Central Zone	Valley
Five	Sat 11 Mar 2017	Central Zone	Mt Egmont
Six	Sat 22 Apr 2017	Central Zone	Manawatu

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## **GWRC and UHCC Events**

The following trips are events that the club is helping out the Upper Hutt City Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council - they will appear in the club calendar

### **January 2017**


Thursday 12th	GWRC - Sunset Tour No 1
Saturday 28th	GWRC - Bearing Head

### **February 2017**

Saturday 11th	GWRC - Sunset Trip No 2
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### **March 2017**


Tuesday 7th	UHCC - Parks Week event
Saturday 18th	GWRC - Akatarawa Tag - a -long
Sunday 26th	GWRC - Redwood Ramble



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1. The club is still missing a PR person, so if you are have a "Public Relations" bent then the club could use your services - nothing too time consuming, just a bit of sponsorship and club benefit negotiations really.
2. The annual Keep NZ Beautiful campaign is about to start so keep an eye out for the usual clean ups that the club does.



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Members should now have all received their membership card for the 2015/16 year. However a few members need to update their address recorded in the membership database so the card can be sent out.

Its easy, <http://ccvcwellington.wildapricot.org> and log in (use the lost password routine if you need to) and update your address details.

The NZ4WD Association has now also printed membership cards and these will be available to pick up at Club night.

## **CCVC Club Member's Photos and Videos**

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at Club night.

Here are some simple guidelines to make it easy for everyone:

Pick your best 6 to 10 photos , resized to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)

Email them with a brief description of event, location, date taken and any notes you would like included to Dave Kibblewhite

email address: [verda@xtra.co.nz](mailto:verda@xtra.co.nz)

OR

Put on a USB stick and contact Dave to arrange collection / dropoff

Always looking for 4WD related video clips, Powerpoint presentations, YouTube listings etc that can be shown on clubnight – we have the technology!

I need all material by 7.00pm on the Monday night prior to Club night to allow sufficient time to prepare the data show. If you have a "ready to show" USB stick with sequenced, correctly rotated photos and or video or Powerpoint presentation ready to show , these could be given to me on the night but please contact Dave prior to arrange.

Any questions please contact Dave

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR CELEBRATES LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB  
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

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Bob Jeffery  
George Bean  
Peter Boniface  
Ron Oliver  
Vern Lill  
Steve O'Callaghan  
Ron Wadham

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### **Member Information:**

Bob Jeffery	Steward 1982
George Bean	Treasurer 1972, 73, 74, 84, 81, 82, 84, Steward 1976
Peter Boniface	Not listed as a committee member
Ron Oliver	Initial President in 1971 the President 1972, 73, 74
Vern Lill	Committee 1974, 76, Steward 1975, Delegate 1977, 78, Vice President 1979, 80
Steve O'Callaghan	New Members Officer 1999 till 2015
Ron Wadham	Safety Officer 1997, 98, led many CCVC trips

### **CCVC Life Members**

Tom Adams	Graham Barr	Leith Bean	Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft
Owen Farghar	Mike Gall	John Hughes	Heather Jeffery	Ron Johnson
Steve Lacey	Colin Landy	Phil Lewton	Bruce Mulhare	Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	

### **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.

Call signs are available to financial members on request to [database@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:database@ccvc.org.nz)

So if you have purchased a suitable radio for CCVC use, make sure you get a call sign allocated.

## **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](http://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
<b>November 2016</b>				
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 12th	Akatarawa Forest with Frank A - Book with Frank (francis.a@clear.net.nz)	Frank Allan	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 12th	Odlins Road with DD (to the Hut and beyond) - Book with DD	Dave De Martin	Club 4X4	Odlin's Road
Saturday 19th	South Coast Cleanup - Club vehicles only - Book with Barry	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks, Long Gully and beyond
Saturday 26th	Central Zone Club Truck Challenge	Wellington Jeep Club	Family Shiny / Club 4X4	Berkett's Farm (2015 Deadwood site) 528 Whitemans Valley Road
Sunday 27th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-

## December 2016

Sunday 4th	Akatarawa with Graeme - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 4th	Club Champs	Brent Samson	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	-tba-
Tuesday 6th	Upper Hutt City Sunset Trip - Members vehicles only (Seats Required - Book with Ralph)	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Mt Climie
Thursday 8th	UHCC Sunset Trip - Back up date - Club vehicles only	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 17th	Kids Christmas Run - Details to be confirmed	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	
Sunday 18th	Sutherlands Track - Bookings Required	David Sole	Shiny 4X4	Sutherland's Track
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie		

## January 2017

Saturday 7th	Akatarawa with Ian G - Book with Ian (ipgroom@xtra.co.nz)	Ian Groom	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Thursday 12th	GRWC Sumer Program - Sunset Trip Number 1 - Club Vehicles only - Members of the public must book with the council	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	Belmont Regional Park
Thursday 19th	Sunset Trip Back up date	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Wednesday 25th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 28th	GWRC Summer Program Baring Head - Club Vehicles only - Members of the public must book with the Council.	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Saturday 28th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area