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Editorial Ramblings

Hi there

Well if you missed this year's annual awards night last month then you really missed a great night! Congratulations John on yet another well organised event, and the floor show by *The Improvisers* was brilliant! And congratulations Grant for winning the grand prize, I'm sure you'll make good use of them.

Don't forget the following:

Vehicle Inspections - these are now due so please make an appointment with one of our friendly inspectors.

Subscription notices - these have been sent out so subs are now due, don't be late!

Alan...

Cover Photo: *It would appear that Gazza's Hilux is the wrong way around! (For full story see page 10)*

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

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

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Should any members fail to return from any outing, four wheel drive or otherwise, whether as a club member or as a private individual, the following person/s should be contacted in the first instance:

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Upcoming Events

August 08-09: Queenstown Winch Challenge.

Part of the Mainland Winch Challenge series, it will be hosted by the Shotover 4WD club. For information email mhbuilding@xtra.co.nz or phone Mark on 027 479 4443

Sept 12-14: Waikato Boating, Fishing & Leisure Dhow.

Mystery Creek, Hamilton

Sept 20-21: Speedshow, 2008.

ASB Show Grounds, Greenlane, Auckland.

Sept 26-29: Jeep Jamboree, Australia.

Hosted by the Cherokee Club of NSW, based at the Morisset Showgrounds.

Oct 12: National Trials.

Round 1, CCVC

Nov 09: National Trials.

Round 2, tba

Dec 07: National Trials.

Round 3, Thames

Jan 18-24, 2008: Kauri Coast Safari.

Advance warning, contact Michelle Griffiths on 09 439 0221, email kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz or visit www.kauricoast4wdclub.co.nz

Jan 25, 2009: National Trials.

Round 4, EBTC

Feb 22, 2009: National Trials.

Round 5, Shore 4 Wheelers

Mar 08, 2009: National Trials.

Round 6, Nelson

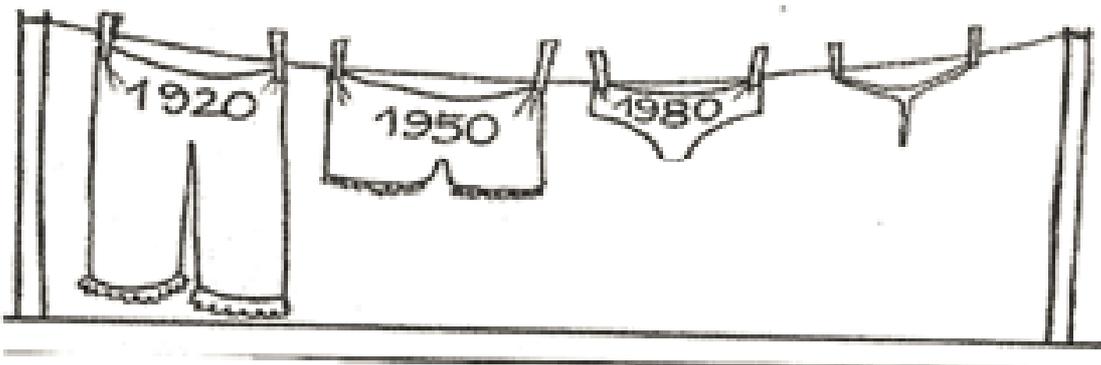
Mar 15, 2009: National Trials.

Round 7, Mid Canterbury

Mar 22, 2009: National Trials.

Round 8, Land Rover Owners Club, Otago

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



Proof Of global warming

2008/09 Annual Subscriptions & Vehicle Safety Inspections

Subscription invoices have been posted out recently, so this means your subs are now due. They can be paid by posting in a cheque, depositing directly into the club's bank account or internet banking - just make sure that your payment can be identified as coming from you.

Failure to pay on time may result in members being liable to pay a re-joining fee of \$50.

Also attached to the subscription invoice is your member details - please check these and advise the club of any changes.

If you have not received your subscription invoice please contact the Treasurer as per the contact details in the front of the magazine.

The annual safety inspection for club members vehicles are also due now, so please make an appointment at one of our inspectors to get this years inspection done.

The New Member **by David Kibblewhite**

My interest in the Cross Country Vehicle Club began back in September 2006 when my wife and I decided we needed a four-wheel drive vehicle. The revelation came from nature actually - the forever dropping lake levels were making it more and more difficult to launch and retrieve the boat using the family Toyota Camry wagon!. For many years we had (and still do every January) made the seasonal migration to Rotorua with boat and camping gear for Africa, overloaded to the gunnels with the Camry bearing the pressure to get us there and back in one piece.

We looked around for a while and finally settled on a 1998 Toyota Surf 3.4l V6 petrol. I tossed around the idea of diesel but for the amount of use this "weekend vehicle" was destined to get each year, the extra running and service costs associated with it, I decided petrol was the way to go. (remember - this was before \$2.18 per litre!!). I had grandiose plans for a Toyota Prado but this was pushing the finances just too far for a tow vehicle. In addition to boating activities, I am also a keen fly fisherman and having this new toy was going to make accessing those ideal fishing spots on the Tongarairo River that much easier. It also gave the Camry a break from performing tasks that even Mr. Toyota would not have envisaged when he designed the car.

For those of you who are parents with teenaged children (particularly daughters) buying the

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truck was also a great chance to get the girls away from TV, computers, cell phones and shopping malls (boyfriends yet to start!) and out into the fresh clean air that we in New Zealand are so lucky to enjoy. Other than fuel, access fees and occasional breakage, the idea of taking the family out to areas not normally accessible to Joe public seemed a cheap and fun activity for the whole family. I am fortunate my wife, Verena, and I grew up making use of the outdoors and camping and the like, and we have instilled this thrill (or still working on!) to our daughters who we are hopeful will one day say thanks. Seriously, 4WD has been a great way to get out as a family, meet other similar minded people and enjoy the company that it brings.

Back to CCVC. Here I was with this bright shiny metallic green and silver flash looking truck straight out of Japan that looked as though it had never seen a non-sealed road in its life. My long life mate, Eric Bon, had always been into 4WDing and I recall several visits to his place over the years only to find him in, under or on top of his truck, fixing, adding, modifying to make it go better, faster, stronger etc . I was determined my truck would not look like his and maintained (also promised the wife!) I would only stick to non-damaging, non-scratchy trips and the truck was going to stay shiny, straight and road warranted – yeah right!....

Our first club outing was to attend the Driver Training Day on the South Coast with Steve Mercer. At this point I should tell those reading this article I am a totally newby to off-roading. Never driven in or in control of a 4WD let alone engage Low-ratio and or 4WD! – it was to be a whole new experience I tell you! Having already identified and confirmed / confessed my lack of 4WD skills and experience in off-road driving at the time, I spoke with Steve to whom basically said “Don’t worry Dave, we won’t let you onto the track without engaging 4WD first!”

The following Sunday morning at 0930hrs saw the four of us (yes, got the daughters out of bed) met up at the Brooklyn Windmill carpark along with other prospective new members for a day of learning. The driver briefing was a great introduction to us new greenies and was comforting to know I had an “experienced” driver behind me and in front of me in the convoy . We were ready for a great day out.

The great thing about this trip was we were thrown deep into 4WD techniques (or did we know it?) just driving to the training area! Boy, those guys in front of me were good (I hope I didn’t pick up any bad habits) and the trip to the training area was uneventful (no damage) but thrilling. Driving in the sand and gravel we experienced the uncanny feeling of the front wheels going in the opposite direction to the way the steering wheel was turned – eerie! There were places I didn’t think my truck would get thru but with an excellent director of traffic up front and many words of encouragement from fellow trainees, we eased our way thru without a problem, just as if the truck had been built for such purposes!

I won’t go into all the what we did , who got stuck and who made a dick of themselves sto-

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National Trial Competition 2008/2009 season calendar

The 4X4 Competitions main season is between Labour weekend and Easter every year. The trials for the year are listed below and each link will provide you with information, and will be updated as information is available.



Round 1

Date: 11 October 2008
Club: CCVC
Location: Wellington
Zone: Central Zone

Round 2

Date: 9 November 2008
Club: Competition Committee
Location: Central North Island- date approx
Zone: Central Zone



Round 3

Date: 7 December 2008
Club: Thames Valley 4WD Club
Location: Thames
Zone: Northern Zone

Round 4

Date: 25 January 2009
Club: EBTD
Location: Whakatane
Zone: Northern Zone



Round 5

Date: 22 February 2009
Club: Shore 4 Wheelers
Location: Auckland
Zone: Northern Zone

Round 6

Date: 8 March 2009
Club: Nelson 4WD Club
Location: Nelson
Zone: Southern Zone



Round 7

Date: 15 March 2009
Club: Mid Canterbury 4WD Club
Location: Canterbury
Zone: Southern Zone

Round 8

Date: 22 March 2009
Club: Land Rover Owners Club Otago
Location: Otago
Zone: Southern Zone



Round 9

Date: 11 April 2009
Club: Mt Egmont 4WD Club
Location: New Plymouth
Zone: Central Zone

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ries as these are the memories we took away with us. I'll just say - you had to be there! The point of this article is really aimed at the new newbies – the training you get on this trip and all trips in the Family Shiny category is fantastic. Given it has taken me 18mths to complete my membership application criteria, I actually did the training day trip twice and you just learn so much everytime you go out. Thanks to Steve Mercer and Paul Adams, John Parfitt and other Club members who gave us such a great introduction to 4WD.

Yes it took me 18mths to get my membership application completed. This is very unusually long but this was entirely my doing as trying to fit 4WD in amongst an already busy lifestyle etc, many weekends went by and we were just unable to fit in CCVC activities. None the less, I attend the monthly Club Nights and these too are well organized and offer great opportunities to mix and learn from fellow members.

Part of getting my membership I needed to get the truck equipped and inspected. Again, this was achieved by talking to different members, getting advice, tips and “what-not-to-do” etc. I liked the fact the club caters for all interest levels from the Family Shiny (nice trucks) to the Hard Yakkas (what sort of truck is that?) categories and there is always something happening somewhere. I went through the saga of needing to replace tyres, have tow hooks fitted, purchase recovery strops etc . Again, Club sponsors, club members and contacts were on hand to advise and assist.

I have been associated with several clubs of different interest areas but I have to say I have been very impressed with CCVC. Right from the first night I turned up to Club night, I was made welcome and never felt left out. I did not know what to expect but soon learnt that 4WD enthusiasts come from all walks of life – you can't pick what people are into just by looking at their face! The club members are always eager to help you out and never short of advice – you just have to ask and you will get a response! Watch out for K296 (once I get a radio!!)

Dave Kibblewhite



Club Sub-Committees

The club has the following sub committees running currently:

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

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

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

Club Radio's - July 13 ***Rallywoods with 104***

We all meet at the corner of SH58 & Moonshine Rd. A couple of Cruisers first about 9.20am then Gazzer arrived in his HI Hilux with 37in tyres then about 9.30 then a Pajero with Cameron Campbell & Guy Hayward as mate. So Gazzer was giving him stick about Pajero, etc then it was time to 'GO' and with 37in tyres on my trip means tail End Charlie = GAZZER. The big wheels to the back on the convey line with the Pajero just in front of Gazzer and as we headed along Moonshine Rd the PRS phones were coming and going Gazzer was talking to me PRS but I didn't hear him so Cameron was great as both he and I had CLUB radios and we could get each other any time at all.

We got into Rallywoods and aired down, collected money, had a Drivers Brief and changed Tail End to Cameron because of the Club Radio and it worked ALL DAY O.K. Went up a easy track to check the radio's / PRS then Paul's Loop where some one asked for 'help' = THE TRIP REPORTER, not Gazzer, made our way to Hilux Hill we all got up apart from Gazzer who went around to meet up with us as we headed along the Radio mast lines to a couple of steep down hills to the Three Bogs with some trying the deep ones but got stuck then came Gazzer I said Andrew Farmer went across the middle bog with his FJ40 with 37in tyres.... up went the drivers window and he went for it put up a good show of 37ins working very good with a few runs he made it across, mud everywhere but Gazzer got across = well Done Gazzer.

Then down Dreamer, around to Nissan Way and then got down to the Green Hut for lunch at about 1.30pm. I'm usually here about 12 -12.30pm. Then came a call that Gazzer had fallen over on his side just before Nissan Way so up we all went to see Gazzer's HI Hilux on its side with a good look about myself and then one of the Cruisers went around and pulled HI Hilux back on to its wheels with NO broken glass anywhere just a couple of dents here and there. Gazzer drove HI Hilux out to the main road where he left the trip for home. The rest of us went up Marks Way, down The Three Sisters then over to the airstrip down to a couple of more tracks and came out about 5pm, turned off my Club Radio till next time / next CCVC trip.



Club Email Addresses

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

- Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)
- Lists@ccvc.org.nz (person who administers the list servs)
- Trips@ccvc.org.nz (Trip Coordinator)
- Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
- Database@ccvc.org.nz (membership database administrator)
- Access@ccvc.org.nz (Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)
- NZFWDAdelegate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
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The Firewood Looptrack – Sunday 20th July

Report by Dave Kibblewhite
Photos taken by Peter

Weather had been wet leading up to the trip, weather forecasted to be wet for the trip, trip was wet.

0800hrs Charles arrives at the front gate to pick up one Club 4x4 newcomer co-driver, eager to see mud and winch. This was the planned Firewood Looptrack trip to be led by Brent and assisted by Charles, aimed at taking Family Shiny dudes like myself as passengers and give them an insight into what the other half of the club members get up to when crawling around the Aka's in search of a challenge.

We met up with Brent and his volunteer Peter (cameraman), Damon and Darren, and Steve Mercer who was to be Tailend Charlie. Four trucks, seven members and lots of coffee, food and new Kathmandu clothing for D&D we took off for the hills in search of mud and mud and more mud. I had decided to come on this trip just to see first hand the difference between a Family Shiny and a Club 4x4 trip and the offer to team up with someone who had the appropriate gear (winch), vehicle (big tyres) and experience (age) was the best way of participating. I was a little surprised there was only two of us who took up the offer, but hey – everyone for them selves – I had a great time!

Brent had advised me to take wet weather gear, boots etc as it would be wet and muddy. I was not to be let down. The track was very wet and was even raining as we made our way up the tracks. We paused briefly at what was to be our exit from the track and this straight away told us it was going to be muddy. We moved on up the track to the start point and

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Message from Steve, our intrepid new members officer:

If any members are after replacement vehicle stickers, I have a stock of white and clear ones to replace those scratched off by gorse and trees (or just too much washing or sunshine (well, we are in Wellington, aren't we?)) - just ask me.

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made final preparations to trucks, lowered the air pressures in the tyres and a good reason for morning tea. Brent (with Peter, aka cameraman) led the way up the first challenge, Charles and me next, followed by Damon and Darren and finally Steve. Straight away I could see why my long wheel based Toyota Surf with 80/20 AT2 road tyres was just not cut out for this type of terrain. Now I could understand why the Pajero had bright new shiny fat knobbly mud tyres – they just spat out the mud as quickly as they bit into it. The trees were too close together and you really had to be able to spin on the centre axis

of your truck to get around. The track was overgrown by good paint scraping vegetation and roof rack grabbers but the Pajero kept on going!

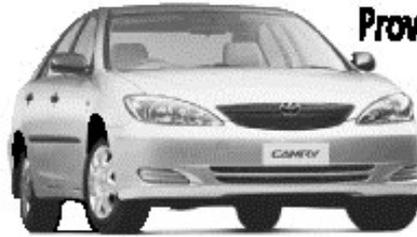
Eventually we got to the first obstacle that needed some manual intervention and this was to be my first live experience of seeing the use of the winch, tree protectors, shovels, grubbers and great flair of kiwi ingenuity to fixing winch cables that weren't secured to the drum. Was it Imperial or Metric in the end? By this stage Peter and I knew we were here to learn and not just watch. My first attempt at dragging the winch wire up the muddy slope to attach to the winch point soon saw me falling arse-over-kite into the mud – I was christened. Having successfully got everyone winched thru and onwards we went. By this stage the wet weather gear was wet and muddy and so were Charles' new seat covers. Again I thought to myself – this is the difference between Family Shiny and Club 4x4 and I was enjoying it.

We got to another challenge – an outside bath that someone had forgotten to empty the water out of. Brent tried siphoning with his Landcruiser but this too succumbed to the depths and promptly stopped half way thru. Again the winch wire came out and a suitable tree was located. Eventually Brent was free and next up was Charles. Before we attempted to get Charles thru, we thought we would do some minor irrigation repairs and lower the tide a little. Out came the grubber and shovels and the drain channel that was there already was enhanced to disperse the water. It was during this extraction exercise I discovered why it is not always good practice to wear gumboots on a trip like this. Perhaps I should have

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worn my fly fishing chest waders – I found the depth of the bog quite deep initially. Well this was certainly a learning trip! Finally got all four vehicles out of the swimming hole and back onto the track. We continued along the track following the leader until we found "the Exit".

At this time I shall apologise for not knowing all the names of the tracks, the features, the nick names etc but will just refer to them as the "track". I was born and bred in the Hutt Valley and yet this was just my second time into the Aka's. Sure, I have been to Staglands, and the Clouston Park, the old Salvation Army camp when I was a Cub and Scout but for all I knew we could have been in Wanganui – I just had no idea where exactly we were other than the forest. Slowly but surely I will one day get my bearings and be able to precisely describe where we went but for now it was mud, rain, bush, trees, mud, gravel and creeks. It is not until one is fully immersed in such fantastic surroundings do we stop and think how lucky we in CCVC are to have access to recreational areas so close to home.

All safely out of the Exit, Brent led us off to another track that led onto another track etc. Uphills, downhill, thru streams for a well earned wash down and clear the windscreen and windows, and onwards. Whilst the weather outside was a little damp it was surprisingly not cold. I was very warm in the Pajero given we had the heater on to help cool down the over-heating engine. The "Zig-Zag" was one of the tracks I had been down before and also the Power Pylons were a recognizable land marks. I thought I knew where we were and what was coming next but that too changed.

By now we were heading back to where we had started out some hours earlier. We had

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been all over the forest(s) and I had experienced so many different aspects of 4WDing. It was certainly a great day out and one that I would thoroughly recommend other newbies should participate in, given half a chance. I got to learn from experienced club members who were only too willing to teach and pass on their words of wisdom – whether I take those on board will be another story!

A big thanks to Brent and Charles and also to the other guys on the trip – a great day out.

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Central Zone Meeting 5th July

It was snowing in Palmerston North when I arrived and was the probable reason for a small turn out of Central Zone delegates.

Our new PRO, Alan Climo, reported on the Landrover 60th birthday event held at Mansfield race track which he attended on Central Zone's behalf. Alan manned a stand on the site and thought it well worthwhile. Alan also attended the funeral for "Boots" (Brian Bootten) from the Wanganui Club who was the partner of the Wanganui delegate (Gail Osman), Boots died on the Geyser Land 4x4 safari recently.

Central Districts club reported they made a small profit from holding the Landrover 60th Birthday event and most will be going to charities.

Takapouri Road, Manawatu club informed the delegates that it was likely DOC would be erecting a gate on the road to restrict vandalism of the hut.

Wellington Family club raised the GWRC public consultation policy document concerning the

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Akatarawa Forest. It was suggested that all delegates should make a submission to their local MP advising that vehicle access should be permitted in this area.

Manawatu club are putting together a Central Zone interclub trip on 6th and 7th December so mark this on your calendars, more details as they come to hand but this is the plan:

Saturday Lunch time meeting, greeting and briefing

Split into 2 groups

Shiny – fun trial with no damage

Club trucks – something else

Saturday evening

BBQ dinner

Night river run

Campout, hopefully at a campsite with kitchen and bunk rooms

Sunday

Shiny - run through windmills

Sunday lunch, farewell and tidy up

Ralph Dobson
CCVC Delegate



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Trip Report – South Coast by a different route – 19/07/2008

By John Parfitt

Given the lack of trip reports recently I thought I would submit one for this trip.

It is always difficult during the winter months to find tracks suitable for new and potential members as rain tends to make many tracks suitable only for those with mud tyres. As a result, the South Coast passed Sinclair Head is usually a safe option, tides and storms allowing.

With the club having run a number of these trips via Long Gully over the past few months it was decided that it was time we tried something else and so, after a few phone calls, Ray Harkness obtained permission to transit to the beach via Kanoli Station and the Karori Stream.

Saturday dawned wet but that didn't put people off with some 23 vehicles meeting in Makara Village at the designated start time. Following a briefing it was off down South Makara Road to the entrance to the station where the trip split into two groups, one led by Ray H that was to travel down the stream while I took the other group across the track over the ridges, with both groups meeting at the batches at the ocean end of Karori Stream.

Having met back together we exited through the locked gate on to the beach and proceeded

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toward Tongue Point and the seal colony. A Discovery and Range Rover (note the common factor here) had some difficulty crossing the beach but eventually everyone reached Tongue Point and had a look at the seals, of which there were far less than there had been during the storm of a couple of weeks earlier when I had been there on David Coxon's trip.

We then proceeded past Dip Bay to the beach by the training area where everyone had a good play testing their beach driving skills, except for the Ford Explorer which had a small "Oops" with the puddles in the bowl and managed to totally flood the engine (I didn't realise just how much water a paper air filter can absorb until I saw his).

While the mechanics in the group worked on the Explorer, everyone else either played on the beach, ate lunch, chatted or did all three.

Eventually the Explorer was made mobile, all be it with a decidedly second hand sounding engine, and we all headed back to Karori Stream where we again split into two groups for the journey home. This time Ray's group took the top road while I took the stream.

In the time we had been on the beach the stream had risen quite a lot however it was still passable without any drama. My passenger had the thrill of the water coming over the bonnet every time we entered the stream although once you were in the water it was not too deep. At least I did not have to worry about washing the salt off the underside of the truck when I got home.

Everyone arrived safely at the gate at South Makara Road and after airing up and saying their goodbyes headed home.

Everyone indicated that they had had a great day, even the driver of the Explorer who said that as he was also into car racing the damage was "nothing" and "just one of those things".

Thanks to Ray Harkness for organising access and running the trip.

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Dawn in the Waiootouru

We met early in the rain and mist
So hard on a day like this
Top of the saddle, air down, ready trucks
Anything can happen
Accidents not a "problem"
Up the track we slipped
Slowly over the ruts, and down to the side.

Down past the cable that's no longer there
Who knows where ?
People following, not watching ahead
The Zuk heads down past the turn
A faint call for help, stuck
No further forward can he go
Brent comes down to winch, up backwards comes Ash

For five minutes the sun broke though weakly
Came and left with a light kiss
Or was that the mud
as it slipped down my face, sprayed
out from his tyres
Damon stuck near the top, in a rut
Strop needed, pride hurt

Past the saddle, Renata in the distance
Mist covers the tops, the track drops sharp,
Slips to the side where the Express went Offroad
Work needed on the corner
Another day, this one too short
Back to the seal, air up
Away again, home back to a warm fire

Stories to tell, truck to clean
I'll do the same, go off again, down
roads, and backroads off backroads
And if that's not enough we see
To keep the boys happy
We'll find the river of a road through the mud
Back to place where we love to be

Ladies and Gentlemen, I think we have a winner....



As some of you will know, Grant was the winner of the major prize at last month's Annual Awards Dinner - congratulations Grant, I'm sure you will think of something to do with the rubber you've won!

An article detailing all of the award winners will be included in the September Chronicle.

**Northland Kauri Coast
Safari 2009**
In Association with the Kauri Coast 4WD Club
Sun 18th January 2009 – Sat 24th January 2009

Our sixth bi-annual Northland Kauri Coast Safari is on its way and once again will be a six day event through some of the best scenery and landscape New Zealand, 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.

The safari will also finish in Dargaville so you have a true round trip of the middle and far north. So come along and join us on a truly unique experience.

For a Registration Pack contact:
Mullet Ph: (09) 439 6014
Fred or Michelle Ph: (09) 439 0221
Address: PO Box 18, Dargaville
Email: kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz
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5TH September – 12th September



Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



CCVC Driver Familiarisation Day for Prospective Members

Sun 10/08/2008

Organiser: Steve Mercer

Description: 4WD Vehicle Familiarisation for prospective members

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):

Trip leader: Steve Mercer

Home phone 042331121 Cellphone 0274422898

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Find out when you book

Trip fee \$0.00

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Book by... Mon 04/08/2008 00:00

Meeting time Sun 10/08/2008 09:00

Drivers briefing Sun 10/08/2008 09:00

Finish Sun 10/08/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 0 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Any tyres suitable

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Average ascents/descents

Gravel

Beach or sand

Dirt roads and tracks

Clay or mud

Creeks, small rivers

Steep ascents/descents

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

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Akitio with Big Jim - Sat 16/08/2008

Organiser: Jim Johnson

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: Another trip to Akito staying overnight

Category: Shiny 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Akitio Hut

Trip leader: Jim Johnson

Home phone 049389404 Cellphone 021389404

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Find out when you book

Trip fee \$5.00

Finishing point(s):

Find out when you book

Dates:

Book by... Thu 14/08/2008 00:00

Meeting time Sat 16/08/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 16/08/2008 09:30

Finish Sun 17/08/2008 15:30

Fuel required for: 200 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio preferred

Good mud tyres essential

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Average ascents/descents

Beach or sand

Dirt roads and tracks

Clay or mud

Rocky or river boulders

Creeks, small rivers

Deep rivers, water holes

Steep ascents/descents

Deep mud holes

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Notes: Bookings required. Contact trip leader for details of start point and accommodation etc.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Shiny 4x4 Winch Practice Day - Sun 17/08/2008

Organiser: Neil Blackie

VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: Try out your winch in a controlled situation

Category: Shiny 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):

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Trip leader: Neil Blackie

Home phone 045870456 Cellphone 0275109801

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Find out when you book

Finishing point(s):

Find out when you book

Dates:

Book by... Fri 15/08/2008 17:30
Meeting time Sun 17/08/2008 09:00
Drivers briefing Sun 17/08/2008 09:00
Finish Sun 17/08/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 0 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Trip suitable for:

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

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type:

	Mostly	Some	Optional
Clay or mud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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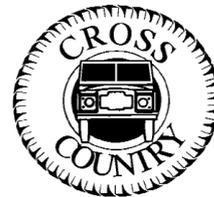
Notes: Bookings required. Bring your winch and try it out on a few challenging short climbs.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet

10 Hour Track - Sat 23/08/2008

Organiser: Charles Odlin



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Description: Try your skill on the 10 hour track

Category: Club 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):

Akatarawa Forest

Trip leader: Charles Odlin

Home phone (04) 562-8657 Cellphone 021-372-990

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Moonshine/Haywards corner

Trip fee \$15.00

Finishing point(s):

somewhere other than where we started

Dates:

Book by... Wed 20/08/2008 20:30

Meeting time Sat 23/08/2008 08:30

Drivers briefing Sat 23/08/2008 08:30

Finish Sat 23/08/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 60 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some damage to sills & corners possible

Body damage from rocky/dirt banks expected

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio or PRS required

Good mud tyres essential

Winch required

Extra recovery gear an advantage

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Dirt roads and tracks

Clay or mud

Creeks, small rivers

Average ascents/descents

Steep ascents/descents

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Notes: Bookings Required. Winch assistant preferred. Note early start time.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Kiwi Conservation Club - Beyond Red Rocks

Sun 24/08/2008

Organiser: Ralph Dobson

Description: Taking KCC members on a trip on the South Coast - seats required

Category: Family Shiny

Trip location(s):

South-west coastal area

Trip leader: John Parfitt

Home phone 044770267 Cellphone 027 496 0892

Trip fee \$5.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

The Windmill - Brooklyn

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Book by... Wed 20/08/2008 17:30

Meeting time Sun 24/08/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sun 24/08/2008 09:30

Finish Sun 24/08/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 40 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Club radio preferred

PRS radio preferred

Any tyres suitable

Track type:

Beach or sand

Mostly Some Optional

Average ascents/descents

Gravel

Dirt roads and tracks

Clay or mud

Creeks, small rivers

Deep mud holes

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Notes: Bookings essential so we know we have enough seats. Seats required to take members of the Kiwi Conservation Club on a trip around the South Coast in association with Conservation Week.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Firewood Loop and Winch Every Inch

Sun 31/08/2008

Organiser: Brent Samson

Description: Firewood Loop and Winch Every Inch

Category: Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Akatarawa Forest - Firewood Loop
Akatarawa Forest - Winch Every Inch

Trip leader: Brent Samson

Home phone 042323087 Cellphone 021 478 633

Trip fee \$15.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Find out when you book

Finishing point(s):

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Dates:

Book by... Fri 22/08/2008 00:00
Meeting time Sun 31/08/2008 08:30
Drivers briefing Sun 31/08/2008 08:30
Finish Sun 31/08/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 80 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

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

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

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

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

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type:

	Mostly	Some	Optional
Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt roads and tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky or river boulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep rivers, water holes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep mud holes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: Bookings essential

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Trip - Wellington South Coast

Sat 06/09/2008

Organiser: Barry Insull

Description: KNZB South Coast Clean Up

Category: Family Shiny to Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks

Trip leader: Barry Insull

Home phone (04) 234 - 7757 Cellphone 0272404530

Bookings are not required.

Meeting point(s):

Owhiro Bay Quarry Car Park

Trip fee \$0.00

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 06/09/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 06/09/2008 09:30

Finish Sat 06/09/2008 13:30

Fuel required for: 60 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion
Listen to radio cancellation service
on NewstalkZB 1035AM from 07:00

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

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

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks
BBQ Provided
BBQ Food Provided

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Beach or sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt roads and tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay or mud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creeks, small rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: Part of the clubs annual KNZB clean up week activities. A short off road Drive first if weather permits then 2 - 2.5 hours of clean up followed by a BBQ at one of the Red Rock batches at the end of the day. Maximum effort required.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Trip -
Wellington South Coast
Sat 06/09/2008

Organiser: Barry Insull

Description: KNZB week clean up

Category: Club 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):

Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks

Trip leader: Barry Insull

Home phone (04) 234 - 7757 Cellphone 0272404530

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are not required.

Meeting point(s):

Owhiro Bay Quarry Car Park

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 06/09/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 06/09/2008 09:30

Finish Sat 06/09/2008 13:30

Fuel required for: 60 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

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

Pets:

No

Food:

BYO Food
BYO Drinks
BBQ Provided
BBQ Food Provided

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type:

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

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Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



After the Clean up - McKenzie trail
Sat 13/09/2008

Organiser: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Description: afternoon rtip up the McKenzie trail

Category: Shiny 4X4 to Club 4X4

Trip location(s):

Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail

Trip leader: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Home phone 042348054 Cellphone 0272434243

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Bird Sanctuary Bollards, 50m past Foxton Beach Motor Camp gate.

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Book by... Thu 11/09/2008 00:00
Meeting time Sat 13/09/2008 13:30
Drivers briefing Sat 13/09/2008 13:40
Finish Sat 13/09/2008 18:30

Fuel required for: 50 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK
Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Some bush marks possible

Trip suitable for:

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

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type:

	Mostly	Some	Optional
Beach or sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average ascents/descents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steep ascents/descents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Notes: afternoon run up the trail, more challenging if it has been dry, and easier to drive if there has been rain (opposite to most tracks) please book, thanks

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up - Waitarere Beach

Sat 13/09/2008

Organiser: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Description: Morning clean up - followed by a drive on the Mckenzie trail **Category:** Club 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):
Waitarere Beach

Trip leader: Marcel Van Dorrestein
Home phone 042348054 Cellphone 0272434243

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
Waitarere Beach, surf club carpark

Finishing point(s):

Dates:

Book by... Fri 12/09/2008 00:00
Meeting time Sat 13/09/2008 09:30
Drivers briefing Sat 13/09/2008 09:35
Finish Sat 13/09/2008 12:00

Fuel required for: 5 kms.

Weather Restrictions:
Light rain/wind OK

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:
No damage likely

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

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type: Mostly Some Optional
Beach or sand

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Notes: This is a clean up trip. We may drive the beach to collect the bags, depends on the tide.

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up - Waitarere
Beach (Does not Qualify as a "Membership" Trip)
Sat 13/09/2008

Organiser: Marcel Van Dorrestein

Description: Morning clean up - followed by a drive on the Mckenzie trail
Category: Family Shiny to Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):
Waitarere Beach

Trip leader: Marcel Van Dorrestein
Home phone 042348054 Cellphone 0272434243

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
Waitarere Beach, surf club carpark

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

Dates:

Book by... Fri 12/09/2008 00:00
Meeting time Sat 13/09/2008 09:30
Drivers briefing Sat 13/09/2008 09:35
Finish Sat 13/09/2008 12:00

Fuel required for: 5 kms.

Weather Restrictions:
Light rain/wind OK

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:
No damage likely

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

Pets: Yes
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type: Mostly Some Optional
Beach or sand

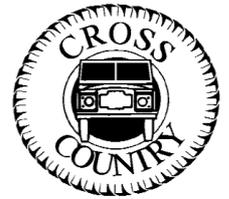
The Trip Leader is required by the Club Committee to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply with Trip Categories, or any special conditions indicated on this form.

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

Notes: This is a clean up, we may drive the beach to collect the bags, depends on the water

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Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up Trip - Foxton Beach

Sat 13/09/2008

Organiser: Grant Purdie

Description: Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up Trip - Foxton Beach

Category: Club 4X4 to Hard Yakka

Trip location(s):
Foxton Beach

Trip leader: Grant Purdie
Home phone (04) 233 - 1192 Cellphone 021612216

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):
Bird Sanctuary Bollards, 50m past Foxton Beach Motor Camp gate.

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

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 13/09/2008 09:30
Drivers briefing Sat 13/09/2008 09:30
Finish Sat 13/09/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 50 kms.

Weather Restrictions:
Light rain/wind OK

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

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

Pets: No
Food: BYO Food
BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

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

Track type: Mostly Some Optional

Beach or sand

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Notes: Part of the Clean up NZ week activities. Maximum effort please

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Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up Trip - Foxton Beach (Does not qualify as a "Membership" trip)

Sat 13/09/2008

Organiser: Grant Purdie

Description: Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up Trip - Foxton Beach

Category: Family Shiny to Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Foxton Beach

Trip leader: Grant Purdie

Home phone (04) 233 - 1192 Cellphone 021612216

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are required.

Meeting point(s):

Bird Sanctuary Bollards, 50m past Foxton Beach Motor Camp gate.

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sat 13/09/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sat 13/09/2008 09:30

Finish Sat 13/09/2008 12:00

Fuel required for: 50 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Rain, hail or snow "We go"

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers



Average drivers



Experienced Drivers



Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Any tyres suitable

Track type: Mostly Some Optional

Beach or sand



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Notes: Part of the annual KNZB clean up week activities. A maximum effort please

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Trip Information Sheet



Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up trip -
Eastbourne (Does not qualify as a "Membership"
Trip)

Sun 14/09/2008

Organiser: Darren Young

Description: Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up trip - Eastbourne
Category: Family Shiny to Shiny 4X4

Trip location(s):

Eastbourne Beaches to Harbour Entrance

Trip leader: Darren Young

Home phone (04) 934 4268 Cellphone 021 483 353

Trip fee \$0.00

Bookings are not required.

Meeting point(s):

Eastbourne - end of the road

Finishing point(s):

Where we started...

Dates:

Meeting time Sun 14/09/2008 09:30

Drivers briefing Sun 14/09/2008 09:30

Finish Sun 14/09/2008 16:30

Fuel required for: 10 kms.

Weather Restrictions:

Light rain/wind OK

Subject to landowners discretion

Possible vehicle damage expected on trip:

No damage likely

Trip suitable for:

Dry Wet

Novice drivers

Average drivers

Experienced Drivers

Pets: No

Food: BYO Food

BYO Drinks

Vehicle Requirements:

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop, shovel

First aid kit, fire extinguisher

Roll bar/cage for all soft/open tops

Low ratio gearbox

Any tyres suitable

Track type:

Mostly Some Optional

Dirt roads and tracks

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

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Notes: Part of the annual KNZB clean up week activities. A maximum effort please



Trip Details

Family Shiny:

- Description:* Family trip. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary.
- Drivers:* Particularly suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving, this category is also open to anybody who enjoys this style of trip.
- Members:* Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.
- Non Members:* Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.
- Other Club 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 been to CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family Shiny trips since becoming a member. Also, must have some experience, particularly in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidlings.
- Members:* These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.
- Non Members:* Cannot participate.
- Members of other clubs:* Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.
- Vehicles:* Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Club 4x4:

- Description:* Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks.
- Drivers:* Must have been to CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Shiny 4x4 trips since coming a member. Also, must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery.
- Members:* These trips are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.
- Members of other clubs:* Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.
- Vehicles:* Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Hard Yakka:

- Description:* Difficult trips with very challenging terrain and surfaces, where winching, digging, and vehicle damage are all a possibility!
- Drivers:* Experienced drivers only.
- Members:* Must have been to CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 3 Club 4x4 trips since becoming a member.
- Members of other clubs:* Visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.
- Vehicles:* As per the Club 4x4 category. In addition, a roll-bar or roll-cage is recommended for all vehicles on Hard Yakka trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage. Often a winch is mandatory on a Hard Yakka trip; this will be specified on the Trip Information Sheet.

Trip Requirements:

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

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| 1. Front and rear tow hooks, correctly fitted | 2. Shovel |
| 3. Fire Extinguisher | 4. First Aid kit |
| 5. Basic tool kit | 6. Kinetic rope or strop |
| 7. Roll bar or cage for all open/soft top vehicle | 8. Spare tyre & wheel changing equipment |

If these items are not present in your vehicle at the beginning of a trip, the trip leader has the authority to exclude you from the trip. Details are set out in the Club's Vehicle and Equipment Inspection document (available from the website or any committee member). All member vehicles going on club trips must display a current club vehicle inspection sticker.



More Trip Details

Trip & Convoy Rules.

1. The trip leader is always in charge. Please recognise their authority, follow their instructions and give them the respect they deserve.
2. No dogs or firearms.
3. Guests on a Club outing are the responsibility of the Club member who invited them.
4. No drinking and driving.
5. Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight. This is particularly important when you come to a turnoff. There is no excuse for vehicles taking the wrong track because of a driver in front not obeying this rule.
6. Keep your position in the convoy i.e. no passing.
7. Watch vehicle spacing on public roads to ensure that public vehicles can pass in safety.
8. Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it.
9. If you must leave the convoy, inform someone.
10. Respect the environment.

Expect to provide a trip report and / or photos for the Club newsletter from time to time if you participate in Club trips.

Cancellation Service.

We have a cancellation service for trips. What! Cancel a trip! It hardly ever happens, in reality sometimes the conditions are just too unpleasant or factors beyond our control that take out the property or the organisers. So we have registered with Newstalk ZB (1035 AM, and used to be known as 2ZB) who will broadcast any cancellations on the hour every hour from 6:00am. We will endeavour to show on the Trip Information Sheet which times to listen.

Trip Departure Times.

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

- Meeting Date & Time: The time you are requested to be at the trip meeting point, to give you a chance to get into position, let your tyres down, and to give the Trip Leader time to collect your details before the Drivers Briefing.
- Drivers Briefing Date & Time: The time that the Trip Leader will explain the trip to drivers, including any special instructions, safety briefing and points of interest.
- Departure Date & Time: The time that the trip will actually drive away.

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

It should also be noted that trips that do not include an element of four wheel driving (e.g. the recent GPS trips around Wellington) do not count towards the required number of trips a prospective member must undertake before joining the club.



Clubnight Dates

Below are the clubnight dates for 2008:

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| 09 April 2008 | 14 May 2008 |
| 11 June 2008 | 09 July 2008 |
| 13 August 2008 | 10 September 2008 |
| 08 October 2008 | 12 November 2008 |
| 10 December 2008 | |

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
August 2008						
Saturday 2nd	The Ruts	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Ruts	Confirmed	Bookings required.
Sunday 3rd	Chainsaw Training for Trip Leaders (POSTPONED watch for new date.)	Brent Samson	Shiny 4X4	-tba-	Tentative	Trip Leaders and ATLs only - bookings essential.
Sunday 10th	CCVC Driver Familiarisation Day for Prospective Members	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny		Confirmed	
Wednesday 13th	Club Night	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 16th	Akitio with Big Jim	Jim Johnson	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akitio Hut	Confirmed	Bookings required.
Saturday 16th	Causeway Wetlands Planting POSTPONED, GWRC to advise new date	Grant Purdie	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest	Tentative	Grant coordinating for CCVC. Date & details tba.
Saturday 16th	Orongorongo Area (CANCELLED - due to lambing)	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Orongorongo Coast Orgongorongo Ridges	Confirmed	Bookings required email preferred david.coxon@xtra.co.nz
Sunday 17th	Shiny 4x4 Winch Practice Day	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4 / Hard Yakka	-tba-	Confirmed	Bookings Required.
Monday 18th	Police Search & Rescue	Jim Johnson	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Saturday 23rd	10 Hour Track	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Akatarawa Forest	Confirmed	Bookings required
Sunday 24th	Kiwi Conservation Club - Beyond Red Rocks	Ralph Dobson	Family Shiny	South-west coastal area	Confirmed	Bookings essential so we know we have enough seats.
Monday 25th	Deadwood Safari Sub Committee	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Wednesday 27th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	IBM Petone		
Sunday 31st	Firewood Loop and Winch Every Inch	Brent Samson	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Firewood Loop Akatarawa Forest - Winch Every Inch	Confirmed	Bookings essential

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
September 2008						
Saturday 6th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Trip - Wellington South Coast	Barry Insull	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks	Confirmed	Maximum effort please
Saturday 6th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Trip - Wellington South Coast	Barry Insull	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks		Maximum effort please
Monday 8th	Safety Sub Committee	Brent Samson	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Wednesday 10th	Club Night	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 13th	After the Clean up - McKenzie trail	Marcel Van Dorrestein	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail		
Saturday 13th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up - Waitarere Beach	Marcel Van Dorrestein	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Waitarere Beach	Confirmed	Morning clean up trip
Saturday 13th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up - Waitarere Beach (Does not Qualify as a "Membership" Trip)	Marcel Van Dorrestein	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Waitarere Beach	Confirmed	

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
September 2008						
Saturday 13th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up Trip - Foxton Beach	Grant Purdie	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Foxton Beach	Confirmed	Part of the Clean up NZ week activities. Maximum effort please
Saturday 13th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up Trip - Foxton Beach (Does not qualify as a "Membership" trip)	Grant Purdie	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach	Confirmed	Part of the annual KNZB clean up week activities. A maximum effort please
Sunday 14th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Trip - Eastbourne	Darren Young	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Eastbourne Beaches to Harbour Entrance		A maximum effort please.
Sunday 14th	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up trip - Eastbourne (Does not qualify as a "Membership" Trip)	Darren Young	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Eastbourne Beaches to Harbour Entrance	Confirmed	A maximum effort please
Saturday 20th	Visit the Fenceline	David Coxon	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest Akatarawa Forest - Fenceline Track	Confirmed	Bookings required
Monday 22nd	Deadwood Safari Sub Committee	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Wednesday 24th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	IBM Petone		
Sunday 28th	Astronomical Delight	Paul Adams	Family Shiny	South Wairarapa	Confirmed	Bookings Essential.
Sunday 28th	Deadwood Ridge, Rock Garden & Staircase return	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Akatarawa Forest - Deadwood Ridge Akatarawa Forest - Devil's Staircase and Rock Garden		Bookings required

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
October 2008						
Saturday 4th	Deadwood Safari Site Preperation	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny			Assistance to prepare the site required.
Sunday 5th	Akatarawa High-Lights (Re-scheduled) (tentative)	Grant Purdie	Shiny 4X4		Tentative	Details to be copied from 12 July.
Sunday 5th	CCVC Driver Familiarisation Day for Prospective Members	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny		Confirmed	
Wednesday 8th	Club Night	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 11th	Deadwood Safari	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny	-tba-		All hnds on deck please.
Monday 13th	Deadwood Sub Committee	Roger Seymour	Meeting - 19:30 - 22:00			
Saturday 18th	This Highway won't be forgotten	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4	Whangamomona	Confirmed	Bookings Essential. 3 day away trip.
Saturday 25th	Levin Sand hills to the Coast	Grant Purdie	Family Shiny	Levin Area	Tentative	
Monday 27th	Labour Day Holiday	-tba-	Event		Confirmed	
Wednesday 29th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Paul Adams	Meeting - 19:30	IBM Petone		

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