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at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street, Petone.

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WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

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Editorial Ramblings

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

The end of the world is high! Or should that be the end of the year? Yes, think the later is more likely so we'll go with that!

And on that note I will wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year - hope Santa brings all those goodies that you absolutely need (you have been throwing out hints, haven't you?) -may need to leave the door unlocked as things like tyres tend to get wedged in the chimney!

Hope you get out and about to some interesting places, and if so let us all know about them by writing a trip report or sending in some pix.

Alan!

We (CCVC) have been advised by the Petone Working Men's Club that everyone who is not a member of the Petone Working Men's Club **MUST** sign in when they enter the club, including CCVC members attending club nights, meetings, etc.

This is standard procedure for licensed clubs and it is a legal requirement that this be done so please ensure you sign in as a visitor whenever you attend CCVC events at the Petone Working Men's Club (if you are not a member of PWMC of course).

It is very important that we comply with their request if we wish to maintain the good relationship we have with them.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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We are trying to find out more details on the history of our club trophies and awards - things like previous winners, where the trophy came from, what it was originally given out for, etc. So if you know anything that we don't know (see trophy page on the website to see what we do know)

then please get in touch with a committee member or drop an email to:

newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

National Events

Jan 08: National Trials Round 2 Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt. Valley 4x4 Club.

Jan 15-21: Northland Kauri Coast Safari 2011
In association with the Kauri Coast 4WD Club. From Dargaville through awesome beach and forest country, the safari will end on Friday. Local schools are used for overnight camping and the schools provide a meal every night. Contact Chris & Leanne Kemp 09 434 6005, Serena Carran 09 439 0064, PO Box 18 Dargaville or kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz

Jan 28-31: Motu School East Cape Safari Auckland anniversary weekend, starting and finishing at Motu School in the reverse direction from before. Takes in farm land, DOC land & remote river valleys. Contact Motu School Paul & Shelley Cornwall ph/fax 06 863 5804, admin@motu.school.nz or ah 06 863 5002.

Jan 30: National Trials Round 3 Edgecombe, Bay of Plenty. Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club.

Feb 18: National Trials Round 4 Karapiro, South Waikato 4WD Club.

Feb 19: Tinui School 4WD Trek One day fundraiser easily accessible to Wellington/Manawatu & the Wairarapa/hawkes bay regions. Takes in normally closed Castlepoint Station & surrounds. Incredible scenery & hospitality. Contact Tony & Pattie O'Boyle on 06 372 6859.

Mar 05-07: National Park 4x4 Weekend Explore 4WD opportunities whilst enjoying the hospitality of The Park Travellers Lodge. Check the NZFWDA forum for more details.

Mar 11-13: Hereworth School Fundraiser Refer to full details in the Nov 2010 Chronicle.

Mar 13: National Trials Round 5 Colyton, organised by the Competition Committee.

Mar 19-20: OSC 4WD Safari Otamatea Christian School PTA fundraiser, two hours north of Auckland with tracks through farmland for family to advanced trucks. \$170 per vehicle includes driver and one passenger. Camping available. Contact Philip or Julia Leaf on 09 431 6622 or pjleaf@clear.net.nz

Apr 22-25: Just Jeep Reefton Easter weekend, following on from the successful 2009 event, with more West Coast adventures for all Jeep owners.

Apr 23: National Trials Round 6 Taranaki, Mt Egmont 4WD Club.

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



Club Sub-Committees

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

- **60k:** Terence Broad, Ron Johnson, Bruce Mulhare, Antony Royal, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury, Rodney Bracefield, Gavin Holden
- **Competition:** Ash Senior
- **Deadwood:** Roger Seymour
- **Emergency Comms & Radio:** Ian Hutchings, Grant Purdie, Rodney Bracefield, Jim Johnson, Phil Lewton, Rick Smith, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme, Murray Wills, Steve Mercer, Tony Brown
- **Land Access:** Grant Purdie, All trip leaders
- **Police Search & Rescue (SAR):** Jim Johnson, Gavin Holden
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King, Steve Mercer
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Charles Odlin, All trip leaders
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens, Mark Wilson

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Ralph Dobson, Charles Odlin & Grant Purdie
- **Dept of Conservation Head Office Liaison:** Paul Adams
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Bruce Mulhare, Grant Purdie, Russell Stevens & John Vruink
- **Friends of Belmont:** Stewart Burrell
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Grant Purdie & Barry Insull

Club Night Presentation—NZ Walking Access Commission

The WAC isn't just about walkers - they cover all public access to all public land.

This includes Paper Roads, which we now call Unformed Legal Roads.

Come as see their presentation, planned for Club Night on Wed 08 December.

They'll tell us all about what they do and what they're planning to do and aim to give us a working demo of their new online mapping system that some of our members have been helping them test, as long as internet access works from the meeting.



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 web-site memberzone? If not then have a word with a committee member as these are all ways in which the club communicates with it's members. Some useful email addresses are:

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

Trial Calendar 2009-2010 Season

Round	Club	Date	Zone	Area
Rd 1	Bay of Islands 4x4 Club	14 November 2010	NZ	Okaihau
Rd 2	Valley 4x4 Club	08 January 2011	CZ	Upper Hutt
Rd 3	Eastern bays Twin Diff Club	30 January 2011	NZ	Edgecombe
Rd 4	South Waikato 4x4 Club	19 February 2011	NZ	Karapiro
Rd 5	Competition Committee	13 March 2011	CZ	Colyton
Rd 6	Mt Egmont 4WD Club	23 April 2011	CZ	Taranaki (FINAL)



Competition Committee 2010-2011

ZONE POINTS will be taken from your best **three** zone results
 NATIONAL POINTS will be taken from your best **five** national results

Presidents Piece Dec 2010.

The club has been really busy over the last couple of months with trips on most weekends. I unfortunately missed the last committee meeting as the date was changed and I was away watching the World Rowing Championships, a fantastically well run event I might add.

I have done a couple of trips since the last magazine starting with a great drive into the Akatarawa's to see the Redwoods. A very interesting outing with David Sole educating the party on the history of Pines and then checking out the Redwoods and Japanese Cedar's, both planted back in the 1930's. We then drove to the top of the Rock Garden before heading out, a small group this time so going was reasonably quick and no break downs although a soft 4x4 of a prospective member failed to engage four wheel drive, maybe a blessing.

The reccy for the 40th public trip was held on a fine but windy Wellington day. Great to see some different drivers out helping the club, we had a good drive around the coast, stopping frequently to mark the track. Amazing how the shingle fan changes as it was quite different going across from the previous trip held only a few weeks earlier. Here's hoping the public take up the offer of this trip as I know they will enjoy the challenge.

Also got along to the second Club Champs and I pleased to report another excellent turn out, 22 drivers from memory. A big thank you to Malcolm Judd for the use of his farm and another thank you to Ash for organising an exciting event, the lunch wasn't bad either.



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Club night was again well attended and a special thanks goes to Steve Mercer for taking us on his fascinating trip to Antarctica, I learnt plenty. Great to also have so many trip reports, makes for a really interesting night. Committee meeting for November last week, we are looking at First Aid training, 40th planning, new trip leaders and their training as well as arranging Christmas cards for land owners and friends of CCVC.

This is the last magazine until February, how the year has flown by. At the time of writing our country is in mourning for the loss of the 29 miners down on the West Coast, I know I can say on behalf of you all how our hearts go out to the families left behind.

If you ever get a chance do some exploring down around Westport, Denniston, Reefton and Greymouth please take the opportunity. Some amazing tracks and plenty of interesting history, they breed some hardy Kiwi's in the South.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Here's hoping we all enjoy the mud over the holiday break and in the coming year. That's more than enough from me, stay safe.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC President

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LONG CUTS to ALICE

Paul Clarke enjoys the vast uninhabited landscapes of the Northern Territory's Gregory National Park

The logbook at the end of the track showed we were the seventh party of the year to come through. It was September. Last year had only one party, and this didn't seem to be unusual.

Debbie and I had just completed the Broadarrow Track in Gregory National Park some 600 kms south of Darwin. Darwin to Alice down the blacktop of the Stuart Highway is 1502 kms. But armed with a hired Patrol, camping equipment and the legacy of a fair few hours of research, we were taking 2830 kms over the back routes. The reward was a great sense of remoteness – greater than we had found taking the French Line across the Simpson Desert a few years before.

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Timing this kind of trip is necessarily a compromise. Go in June and it can be literally freezing in Alice and what's the point of escaping the New Zealand winter for that. From September on it nudges the 40s at the northern end. We left Darwin one dawn early in September. With a few short bird watching stops, this got us to the town of Katherine in time for lunch. A quick refuelling in the tiny settlement Timber Creek and we arrived in Bullita campsite in the northern part of Gregory National Park by late afternoon. The old homestead nearby gave a sense of history.



We'd been here a couple of years earlier and done the two-day short-but-slow Bullita Stock Route circuit. Highly recommended, this starts with a dramatic ford of a pool of the East Baines River, and then slowly traverses broken limestone landscape scattered with delightfully fat boab trees. A pool good for swimming (which hereabouts means croc free) allows a cool off and a couple of steps down and up into dry riverbeds add



to the driving interest.

This time, we were heading further into the heart of the park, an area of vast uninhabited landscapes. After a night in the open under the stars, we got an early start. The track wound its way past mesas through a mixture of open grassland and woodland, every so often taking us to the edge of an escarpment for a really big

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view. The day ended up at a campsite on a plateau by the edge of a deep craggy gorge – the head of the East Baines – perhaps 200 metres deep etched out of the red sandstone. Anywhere less remote and this would have been a celebrated beauty spot. As it was, there was no evidence of anyone else having come this way for a long time. It had a visceral feel about it, with the uncharted gorge winding its way well over the horizon.

Another night under the stars – this became something of a pattern – and an easy day across a high plateau broken by a lunch and bird watching stop at a waterhole took us to a camp at the fork between two sand rivers.



We were now near the southern boundary of the park, and with a long day ahead went for a predawn start. This got us to the boundary and the aforementioned logbook at dawn. Then it was along a ranch fence line before we reached the road. Stern warnings at the junction noted that it was 400 km to Timber Creek and not to proceed without food, fuel and safety equipment. We still had 75 km to our next fuel stop, but when we got there it was closed, so it was another 170 km to one that was open. We were glad we had brought some extra diesel.

We did over 800 km that day, which took us back to the blacktop of the Stuart Highway and a night in Tenant Creek, population 3290, the only place of any size in the 1142 km between Katherine and Alice Springs.

Suitably restocked, we carried on down the black top to a small conservation park, the Devils Marbles, where 5 metre granite spheres lie amongst rocky outcrops waiting for a putative Sisyphus to pass by. Then it was back off-road for a couple of hours and into Davenport Ranges National Park. The Old Police Station Waterhole provides a setting for a very fine campsite, with plenty of shade, lots of birdlife, and water suitable for a dip.

Just beyond the waterhole, the roughest driving of the tip took us over the end of the Davenport range with some steep climbs amongst rocky outcrops and big views back to the range and down to the creek. It was good to give low ratio a work out, but I was glad the whole 2830 kms wasn't at this kind of pace. We were now pressing on with only one more night before we had to be in Alice, so we hit the so-called Plenty Highway. Avoid this at all costs. Big corrugations are never fun. Continuing on again we hit the East MacDonnell Ranges and undulating landscape much greener than we'd become were used to. If this no longer gave a feeling of infinite space, it was in some ways prettier than the harsher landscapes further north. It was now much colder at night: 5C at dawn.

Our last day had us heading temporarily east away from Alice for Ruby Gap National Park. Only accessed by driving up a sand river in a 300 metre deep gorge, this gave access to a walk further up the gorge and some welcome exercise. What it lacked in remoteness compared with where we started at Gregory and made up in topography. Worth a couple of nights, not the day trip our schedule allowed. Reason to go back.

Some tips:

We hired a Nissan Patrol with roof tent from Britz. These are well equipped with all cooking and camping equipment and a fridge. Buy some jerry cans and take a lot of extra water and possibly some extra diesel. It is best to allow a day to pick up the vehicle and do the provisioning.

None of the driving was technically difficult. A few spots needed low ratio, but we were never at risk of getting bogged or stuck. Suitably equipped – we rented a sat phone and took an epirb and the wherewithal to fix punctures – there is no real reason not to do this kind of trip with just one vehicle, but going so remote alone may not be to everyone's taste.

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Costa Plenty 4 x 4 Park **Friday 15th – Sunday 17th October 2010**

We found our way to Paihiatua grabbed a quick bite for tea and started to follow the Google maps direction to Costa Plenty, after turning off State Highway 2 at the Paihiatua Pongaroa Rd we came to the first direction which said turn left into Miller Road, so we did and followed the road for about 100 metres before deciding that this didn't feel right as we were heading in the wrong direction. Doing a quick U-Turn and heading back to the Paihiatua Pongaroa Road we decided the best course of action was to totally ignore the directions we had downloaded and to follow our noses. This proved to be far more successful and after about three quarters of an hour and driving through the stunning Makuri Gorge we came across the gate for Costa Plenty 4 x 4 Park around 9.00 pm. We radioed John V to let him know we had arrived and would be heading on up to the hut, John's advice was to let the tyres down and engage 4 wheel drive! We were impressed 4WD just to get to the hut; this was going to be an awesome weekend.



John V and Deane were the first to arrive and they had the luxury of daylight to traverse the track up to the hut; we were the next group to tackle the track which was challenging in itself after 4 months of rain! We followed John's advice to take the left track up to the hut and encountered wash outs on the corners and deep holes in the

middle of some tracks, I stepped out of the vehicle into knee deep mud to attach the strop after we slipped into a deep hole beside the track and needed to be pulled back out to try a different approach!



After setting ourselves up in the hut we enjoyed watching and listening to Darren Young and Gareth, Andrew Trimmer, Leon and Gen attempts to negotiate the track to the hut in the dark and find their way to the hut.

Saturday 16th October dawned grey and dry, and after a hearty breakfast, a chance to gear up and a quick drivers briefing we got ready to tackle the first track. Our first obstacle for the day turned out to be negotiating our way out of the parking area and driving up around the hut, this took about half an hour and considerable work to tow Leon's discovery out of the thick

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sticky mud!

John lead the group up the first track to an area with scrub, deeply rutted tracks and spectacular views where we discovered just how windy it was up on the ridge tops [some of us couldn't stand up on our own and needed to hold on to each other to keep the camera still so we could get some photos]. We had an opportunity to watch each driver overcome the obstacles, negotiate the water holes and the slippery tracks, and overcome the wind long enough to grab some photos and some video footage. All was going to plan and we were back at the hut for lunch around 1.00pm, just like John had predicted!



In the afternoon we had time to play around in the play area where everyone was working really hard to get themselves into and then out of as many bogs and obstacles as possible. It was during our 'playtime' that we had a valuable safety lesson, while extracting Andrew from a deep hole his strop broke and recoiled straight back into the back door of his cruiser doing a great deal of damage.



After a quick competition to see who could do the most 'donuts' we moved off to another track which turned out to be totally impassable due to the depth of the mud and resulted in a tricky turn around amongst the scrub and bush. Moving off again we tried another area which included a steep hill climb where a number of vehicles required assistance via a winch to reach the top.

After our return to the hut we enjoyed a quick review of the day's adventures watching the video of our exploits, while our dinner cooked and after an evening of shared stories of past exploits we headed for bed and the pro-

spect of scouting out a few new tracks the next day.

Day two dawned grey and dry with slightly less wind [you could stand up by yourself on the ridges]. We headed off to check out a new track, but didn't get far before John decided that the two pole bridge with a steep slippery climb out the other side wasn't worth the risk to the vehicles. After a tricky turn around manoeuvre with the 5 vehicles Deane's Nissan Patrol started to have alternator issues and he decided to head back to the

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hut to have a closer look at it and try to get it sorted out before the drive back home.

We decided to check out the middle track and after a tyre change on Darren's Pajero and a walk down to look over the track we decide it was worth a go. We had fun pushing through a boggy patch, skirting a water hole over a metre deep and climbing down a slippery track to a boundary fence. It was agreed that time was against us and we needed to start back to the hut. Retracing our tracks and using two Cruisers to help Darren's Pajero climb up the slippery slope we made our way back to the main track and back to the hut.

The group decided not to stop for lunch upon arriving back at the hut and instead we all loaded our gear, aired up, cleaned out lights as best we could and prepared to tackle the track back out to the road.



Six trucks arrived at Costa Plenty in a myriad of colours from red to blue to bright orange and black, but as we left the 4X4 Park all the trucks indistinguishable from each other as they were all coated in dried mud and were the same shade of brown. I was surprised to find that even after a trip home from Paihiatua in the rain we found that it took more than an hour of hosing and blasting to remove all the mud and clay from in and around the vehicle.

This was our first visit to Costa Plenty, but I am sure it won't be our last! John thank you for a great very

The Phone Call

"Hi honey, this is Daddy. Is Mummy near the phone?" "No, Daddy, she's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul". After a brief pause, Daddy says "but honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul". "Oh yes I do, and he's upstairs with Mummy, right now".

Brief Pause.

"Uh, okay then, this is what I want you to do, put the phone down on the table, run upstairs, knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mummy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway". "Okay, Daddy, Just a minute". A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone. "I did it, Daddy." "And what happened, honey?" "Well, Mummy jumped out of bed and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!" "Oh my God!!! What about your Uncle Paul?"

"He jumped out of the bed too. He jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead."

Long Pause

Longer Pause

Even Longer Pause

Then Daddy says "Swimming pool?"

"Is this 4955 5566 ?"

"No, I think you have the wrong number....."

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect.

- I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right -- only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk is a work station.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- Some people are like Slinkies ... not really good for anything, but you can't help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.
- Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
- I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted paychecks.
- A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.
- Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR."
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it... So I said "Implants?"
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they are sexy.
- Why do Americans choose from just 2 people to run for president and 50 for Miss America ?
- Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.
- Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.
- Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.
- Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.
- There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- I always take life with a grain of salt... plus a slice of lemon... and a shot of tequila.
- When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.
- If you are supposed to learn from your mistakes, why do some people have more than one child?
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Club Kit



Here's the new range of club clothing that our publicity officer has arranged to be available to members - and there's a order form elsewhere in the mag. There are male and female shirts, vests, a hat and a cap plus newly added oilskins.

CCVC Member Grant Uridge is looking to put together a team to participate in the iconic Motu School East Cape Safari being held on the weekend of 28th - 31 January 2011.

Copies of the event flyers, entry forms etc can be obtained either through Grant or the club Helpdesk

If anyone is interested in participating in this event let Grant know so he can get a team together and registered for the event.

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From The London Times: A Well-Planned Retirement

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees were cars (£1.40), buses (about £7.00)..

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the zoo management called the city council and asked it to send them another parking agent.

The council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the zoo's own responsibility. The zoo advised the council that the attendant was a city employee. The city council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the city payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain or France or Italy is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed completely on his own and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about £560 per day -- for 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over £7 million pounds and no one even knows his name.

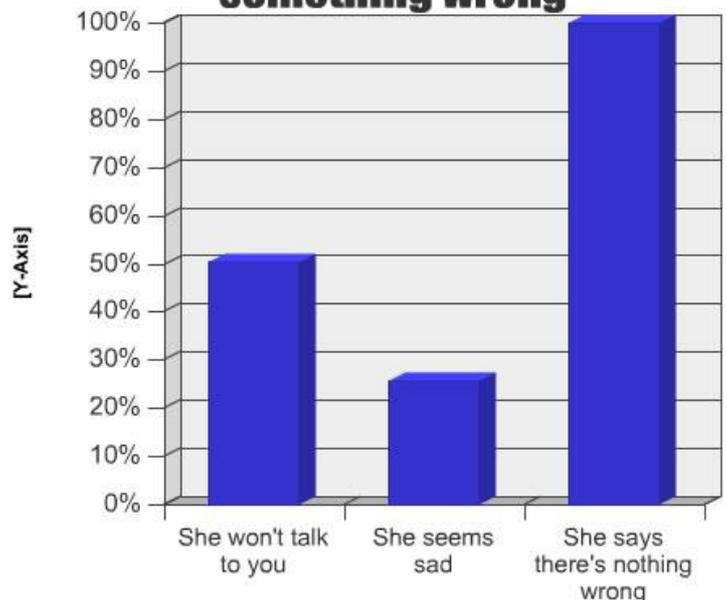
Benefits of Being a Father



-  Raising a child with good morals/values
-  PLAYING WITH LEGOS AGAIN!

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TINUI SCHOOL

Building on Beginnings

COASTAL 4 Wheel Drive TOUR NO 1

SATURDAY FEB 19TH 2011

The tour will cover country in and around the Castlepoint and Tinui districts, on the “hospitable” Wairarapa coast.

This 4WD tour is intended as both a family affair and a “shiny” trip, with most 4WD’s, fitted with good tyres, expected to comfortably handle the likely conditions.

The tour will start at approximately 60 meters above sea level rising to approx 440 m.a.s.l, taking in extensive and historic farmlands, settled from the late 1840’s.

It will follow, in part, the traditional trade routes (bullock trails) toward Mataikona, then south through the reknown Castlepoint Station, before returning to finish at the historic Tinui School and settlement, for a relaxed and informal BBQ dinner.

Cost: \$120 per vehicle
(Lunch provided, for four persons including driver)

Entries Close: 10th February 2011

Limited: to 120 vehicles

Tyres: Good condition. More aggressive tyre with at least 50% tread life left will cope with the basic route

Other: No dogs
No firearms
Time may allow for a swim along the way, with parental supervision

Entry Forms Attached

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Registration form is downloadable from the club website or available from the editor on newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

Trip Categories

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

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

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

Family 4X4:

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

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

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

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

Shiny 4x4:

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

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

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

Club 4x4:

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

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

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

Hard Yakka:

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

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

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

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
December 2010						
Saturday 4th	Odlins Road Adventure w ith Charles - SWB Only - Bookings Required	Charles Odlin	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Odlin's Road		
Saturday 4th	Team Challenge Fun Event - CANCELLED	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4	Rallyw oods		
Tuesday 7th	CCVC Safety Sub Committee Meeting	Murray Taylor	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Wednesday 8th	CCVC Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 18th	Summer Solstice on Sutherlands Bookings Required	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4	Sutherland's Track		Bookings Required
Tuesday 28th	Manaw atu Wander w ith David C - Bookings Required	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Takapauri Road, Manaw atu North Range Rd		

January 2011

Saturday 8th	Deadw ood Safari - Non CCVC Event	Valley 4WD Club	Hard Yakka	Colin James' property, Whiteman's Valley		
Monday 10th	South Island Summer Escape Tour - Limited Numbers - Bookings Essential	Stew art Burrell	Shiny 4X4			
Wednesday 12th	GWRC Sunset Tour #1 - Club Members only - Bookings Essential	Ray Harkness	Shiny 4X4	Akataraw a Forest	Confirmed	BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Wednesday 19th	GRWC Sunset Tour #1 Back up Date - Club Members Only	Ray Harkness	Shiny 4X4	Akataraw a Forest		RAIN OFF DATE ONLY
Saturday 22nd	Foxton Beach on Anniversary Weekend	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail		

February 2011

Monday 7th	Trip Leaders Forum	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 9th	Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 12th	GWRC Sunset Tour #2 - Club Members only - Bookings Essential	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4			Bookings essential
Saturday 19th	GWRC Sunset Tour #2 - Back up date - Club Members only - Bookings Essential	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4	Akataraw a Forest		Bookings Essential
Saturday 19th	Rotary Fundraiser - Bookings essential - Non members should book w ith the Organising Rotary Club	Stew art Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Akataraw a Forest		
Saturday 26th	Rotary Fundraiser - Back up date - Bookings Essential - Non members should book through the organising Rotary Club	Stew art Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Akataraw a Forest		



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