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An Interesting Way in the Akas 15th May 2010

As our editor is always looking for contributions I thought I would submit one on David Coxon's 'Moonshine to Totara Park the Interesting way' trip. Hopefully I've got all the track names right.

The day dawned very wet as overnight rain had continued into the morning. But a little rain wasn't going to stop my plan to get out, especially when days free for 4wding don't come very often. So after packing my 4wd, I headed off to Moonshine road.

A tally of 17 trucks lined up for the trip. We made our way to the start of Puketiro road for 'air down', and briefing from David and Morris who, well done to him, is training to be a trip leader.

We started on our way, following Cleary's road, Junction Hill road and then up to Cooks Ridge road. Along here we had our first issue. A Lada didn't take kindly to going through water, and came to a halt. However, CRC and mechanical nous had the Lada on its way again. To be fair the Lada wasn't the only vehicle to strike problems. A little further on a tartan Pajero also came to a stop. But out comes the magic CRC and away we went again.

We finished our loop back at the Puketiro road. By then, the weather had cleared so we stopped at the 'air down' spot for morning tea. One vehicle had broken a CV during the morning run (no magical CRC fix here). But instead of missing out on the rest of the day, the female driver managed to thumb a ride with David. After refreshments, we made our way to Dicks yard, down the valley and then across to the ridge overlooking Battlehill, and then down to Wainui stream. This was interesting for me as this was my first time along these tracks.

Then we made our way up the zigzag. Now I know about the big rut that is on the left side of this track so was prepared for it. What I wasn't prepared for was the sunstrike I encountered as I came around the corner. Half blinded from sun I managed to feel my way around the rut but the line I took was 'ugly' to say the least. However, more due to vehicle capability rather than driver skill, I finally bounced my way up past the hazard. Lesson learned? - Make sure to keep my windscreen clean.

At the top by the pylon, everyone lined up to take the steep side track. First went David who, until it was too late, found electricity contractors had left their equipment at the bottom of the hill. Unable to find grip to back up the hill, some volunteers managed to cut away enough vegetation for David to squeeze past the equipment. It was there that we stopped for lunch.

The afternoon run proceeded to the antenna (or whatever it is) at the end of the 257 track. Then it was a trek over the Pram track. We stopped for afternoon tea at the intersection after the river crossing, while we waited for one of the vehicles to change a flat tyre.

As it was now getting late, we made our way to Totara Park and so ended an interesting and enjoyable day out.

Story by Willy Wilson



WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

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:

Anthony Reid 973 8262 or 027 273 6579 or 021 061 1831
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Editorial Ramblings

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

Hi there,
I'm particularly keen to receive any trip reports as these seem to be a bit thin on the ground at the moment—if you've enjoyed a trip (or embarrassed yourself / your vehicle on one!) jot down a note and drop me a line (or photos) at:

newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

and see your words in print.

This month's cover photo is from the "Akas the Interesting Way" with David Coxon, taken by Peter Jenkins

Cheers,
Terry Hughes...

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

This is standard procedure for licensed clubs and a legal requirement that this be done so please ensure you sign in as a visitor whenever you attend CCVC events at the Petone Workingmens 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 50 Ngarara Rd, Waikanae.

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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.

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Tom Adams	Graham Barr	George Bean (Deceased)	Leith Bean	Peter Boniface (Deceased)
Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft	Owen Farghar	Mike Gall	John Hughes
Bob Jeffery (Deceased)	Heather Jeffery	Ron Johnson	Steve Lacey	Colin Landy
Phil Lewton	Vern Lill	Bruce Mulhare	Raynor Mulhare	Ron Oliver (Deceased)
Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	Ron Wadham

Presidents Report

I wish to welcome in the new committee and thank those that are hanging up their boots, although I know we will see plenty of Roger and Brent around.

Under the club rules the officers can serve a maximum of three years in any one position, the idea is to keep introducing new blood to the various roles. My term as secretary was finishing and as I was keen to stay involved one thing lead to another and here I am as your elected President.

It wasn't so many years ago that I turned down the offer of being the "master of ceremonies" at a mates wedding as I dreaded public speaking and found the throat seize up with just the thought of it. I guess what I have learnt as the clubs delegate over the years is that you can stand up and that the world doesn't end when you do. I would like to encourage more club members to have their say at club nights and I plan to introduce a forum for this to happen.

I would say that one of my least strong points is remembering names so please help me out if I look a bit blank or start calling you "mate".

This year I am keener than ever to get out in the bush so I look forward to catching up with you all either at club night or when venturing out in the mud over the coming months.

Regards

Ralph Dobson



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
- **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, Ray Harkness, Steve Mercer
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Charles Odlin, All trip leaders
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens, Mark Wilson



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)
- NZFWDAdelagate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)

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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

June 5-6: The Kiwi 4X4 Challenge

Kiwi 4X4 Club Presents The Kiwi 4X4 Challenge

Where:- Rallywoods 4X4 park

When :- Queens Birthday Weekend
5th and 6th of June 2010

Type :- Team event

Cost :- \$90 per truck

Contact: challenge@kiwi4x4.org.nz

More Info: www.kiwi4x4challenge.co.nz

June 16-19: Agriculture Fielddays – Mystery Creek

June 20: 4x4 Challenges NZ Inc. AGM

11am, 36 Parnell Rd, Auckland

July 9-11: Rotorua Winch Challenge

Contact: Cameron Burrows cam@team-camz.co.nz

July 24-25: Speedshow

ASB Showgrounds Auckland. Lots of cars bikes and 4WDs plus action including Counties 4 Wheelers Club.

August 27-28: Rotorua Winch Challenge

Contact: Pamela Haworth pamelahaworth@xtra.co.nz

October 9: Manukau Winch Challenge

Further details to follow

Oct 20-23: Wellington Jeep Jamboree –

Wellington Jeep Club presents a long weekend of Jeep'n in the best 4WD driving areas Wellington has to offer, ranging from bush creeks to big mountain streams through to muddy bush lined logging tracks. Costs: Jeep and Driver \$295, additional adult \$80, additional child \$50. Includes Jeeping trips, packed lunches and dinner for Saturday and Sunday and camping all weekend. For Jeep 4WDs only. Register your interest at: Wellington.Jeep.Jamboree@gmail.com

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.

Delegate Report - NZFWDA Conference & AGM 22nd May 2010

This year the Manawatu Club hosted the delegates in Palmerston North.

The conference opened with an open forum, the first topic of discussion was Recreation New Zealand, Andy Cockcroft wanted to know why we were associated with them when they recently spoke out against four wheel drives. The executive acknowledged they were aware of this but overall the person concerned was friendly to 4 wheeling and opened his own property to local clubs. The subject of PANZ was raised and Andy confirmed he was in contact with Alan McMillan who was doing a lot of work which would benefit our sport and agreed he should promote his efforts more so clubs would get behind him.

NZFWDA Website, Peter Vahry explained how the site had had a melt down and a lot of information was lost. It was resurrected using a six month old backup copy and no forum information could be recovered. Peter encouraged members to re-register and get the site moving again. Jeep was to sponsor the site and hopefully also to fund the membership cards.

Next up was Paul Osman who introduced the new data base management system that the NZFWDA is about to introduce. This system should make tracking affiliation payments considerably easier, enable bulk mailing, assist with clubs maintaining a membership list and assist the association in contacting members. All delegates present saw real benefits in the system, Paul indicated it would be going live very soon.

Mark Neeson, the CEO of the NZ Walking Access Commission introduced delegates to how the commission was set up and how they were following recommendations set out in the 2007 report.

Below is from the website and covered by Mark,

'The New Zealand Walking Access Commission will provide leadership on walking access issues and develop a national strategy. It will also undertake mapping of walking access, provide information to the public, develop a code of responsible conduct, assist with dispute resolution and negotiate new walking access.'

Mark took us through the proposed mapping information that will be available which sounded like a great resource for 4 wheelers. He talked a lot on "Unformed Legal Roads" and how there was 56,000km's of them in New Zealand although much were unusable due to terrain.

Mark indicated that they would be prepared to assist in situations where a ULR was being illegally blocked, most likely by advising local councils as to their legal obligations. Mark thanked the NZFWDA for being involved in this process from the beginning.

After lunch Jason Roxburgh, DOC Area Manager spoke on working with the Manawatu club in managing Takapari Road, near Ashurst in the Ruahines. This road is approximately 20kms in length and rises to over 800 meters. DOC are very keen for 4 wheelers to use the road as he has difficulty justifying expenditure on little used tracks. With the help of local 4x4 clubs the road is getting plenty of use and a public day was held with over 100 people taking part even though the weather was little better than atrocious. This was a refreshing discussion with the guardians of our public land as it is rare that we are actively encouraged to use a road leading into New Zealand's wilderness.

Next up was the guest speaker all the way from OZ, Rob Kelly who is the Australian President of their association. Rob talked about the seven different associations that make up the national body, one from each state and the Northern Territory who only have 96 members from three clubs but they have a huge expanse of land to play on.

Like NZ access is a problem, seems the Birdsville Track is now almost a highway and no challenge for a 4x4 and the Canning Stock Route requires a permit to drive due to someone not respecting an Aboriginal ceremony recently.

Ken McAdam kept the delegates up to date with LVVTA issues, clamping down on "Boy Racer" cars for noise is the latest. Ken advises that a huge number of vehicles would probably fail the 95db noise level so be aware.

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Trip Photo's on the web

Do you want to show people what our 4WD trips are like, but don't have any photos? Did you miss seeing the trip photos shown on club night? Most of the club night photos will now be shown on the web, go and have a look at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/CCVCAdmin> to see photos for the coming club night, and also the last few meetings. This link will be put on the club's public website and the memberzone. To minimise the possibility of photos being pirated and used out of context, the options to download or order prints from the photos have been removed.



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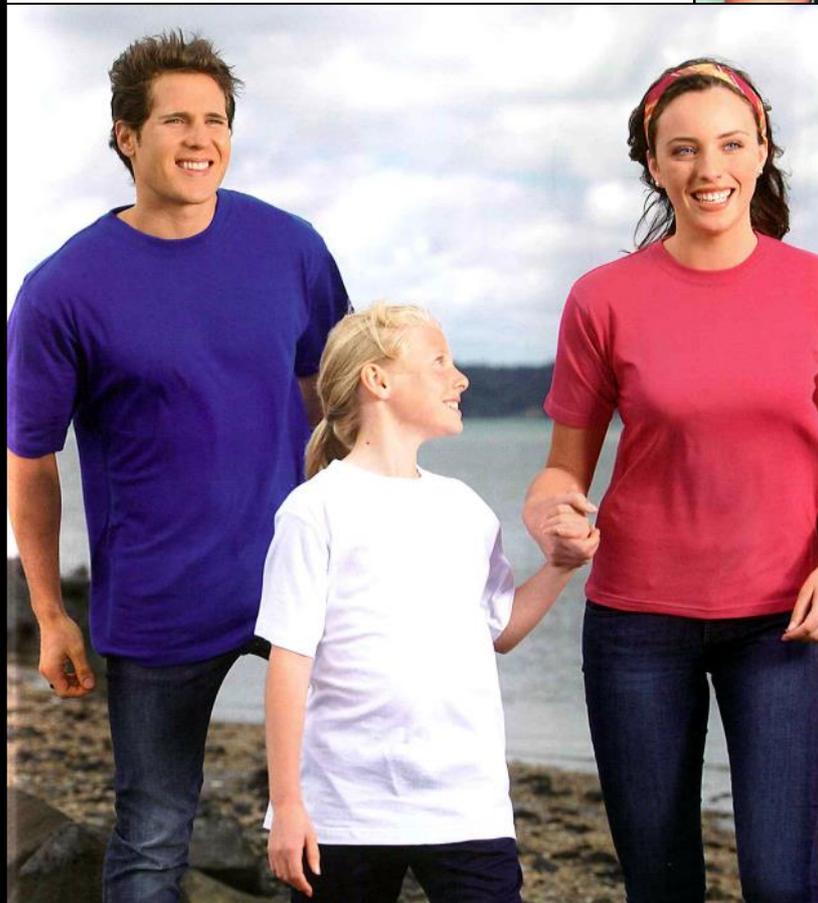
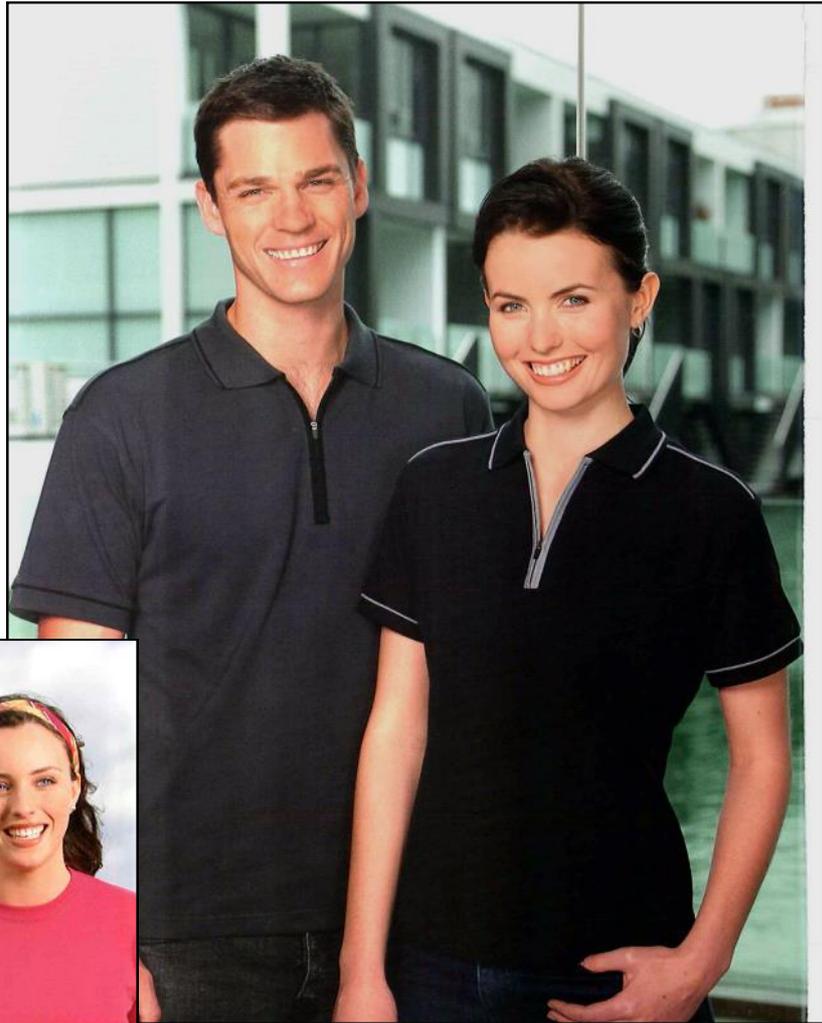
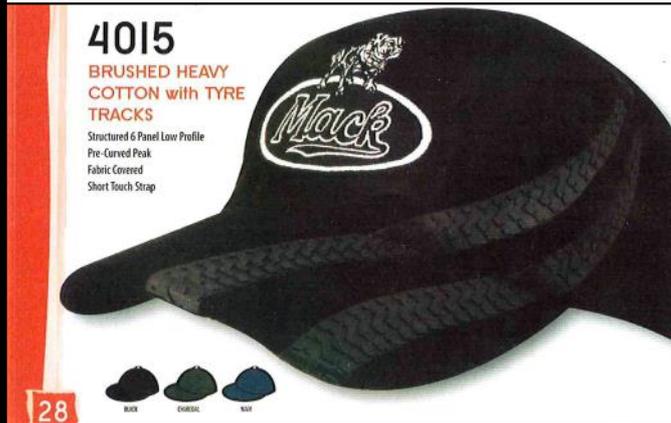
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Reports were read from the Zones and we were advised that the Trials AGM had seen a new President and that 48 remits were passed changing aspects of their constitution. Southern Zone is the only one growing at this time.

Hugh Barr from CORANZ gave a talk on how the organization was started, the latest issue being looked at was Foreshore and Seabed with an eye kept on the Coastal Coalition.

We then had a very entertaining talk by Paul McElroy on rebuilding a Landrover only to lose it in a river crossing.

The McMinn trophy was awarded to Gail Osman for all her efforts with the Trials and Central Zone committee's. No nominations for Young Driver of the Year came in, CCVC will hopefully have a nomination for next year as we have some younger members really getting involved at present.

On the Sunday morning the AGM was held. CCVC was represented by Murray Taylor, Roger Seymour, Paul Adams and myself. You will be pleased to know our remit concerning the Spots Disputes Tribunal passed with ease as did the Drug Free NZ remit. Remit 3 concerning tyre size failed but did what it set out to do and that was to promote debate on the issue among clubs. It was agreed that it is generally a local issue and that clubs from outside an area should observe any voluntary tyre restriction for the area.

Affiliation fees will stay the same for next year. We have a change in Secretary for the National Executive with Kath Jaggard standing down after 3 years of excellent work, Gail Osman is now in this position. The PRO position was strongly contested with Max Wheatley narrowly holding his place on the executive.

Overall another worthwhile trip away, next AGM will be held in Auckland and if any club member is interested in being more involved with this side of 4 wheeling please let me know.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC Delegate & President.

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Trip Report – Europe May 2010

Hi there, it's the editor-on-leave travelling around Europe and I thought I should send in a trip report, not because I've done anything silly but because I have the time and a free internet connection. Note that I will not be making this trip report too detailed as I have been writing a daily blog and anyone who wishes to read it can do so at www.alans-big-oe.blogspot.com and I don't wish to write everything a second time. There is also a link to my photos from the blog as well.

I'm currently in Chur (pronounced Koor) in Switzerland but have visited a number of countries on my way here and I have a few more to go before I return home.

So I left NZ on April 4th and flew directly to London (25hrs in total with brief stops in Auckland, Sydney and Dubai) where I stayed for a day then set off on a coach tour with 29 others (2 Americans, 3 Kiwi's and the rest Australians) and over the course of 19 days we visited The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Germany (Hannover, Berlin, Dresden), The Czech Republic (Prague), Austria (Vienna), Slovenia (Ljubljana), Italy (Venice, Rome, Florence, Pisa), Monaco and France (Nice, Avignon, Lyon, Paris).

A coach tour is a great way to see the highlights of the places you visit whilst having all the hard work of arrangements, hotels, etc being taken care of by someone else. But I did find that at times it was go, go, go and at other times there was not enough time in some places – so I have had to start a list of places to revisit next time, currently Rome and Paris).

After returning to London I had a few days to take it easy and have a wee rest before I set off on the next portion of my trip – more of Europe but this time by rail.

First off was Arras, France where there are a whole lot of tunnels under the city that were dug by Kiwi soldiers during WW1. Then I had a two day tour of some of the WW1 battlefields in France and Belgium (The Somme, Western Front and Ypres) that was very interesting and informative – I don't know anyone who was here during the war but it was just one of those things that grabbed my interest when I was looking around at places to go.

After this I moved on to Switzerland (as the coach tour circled around Switzerland) and have visited Interlaken, Zermatt and Chur so far.



From Interlaken I went on the mountain cogwheel railway up to Jungfrauoch Railway Station at a height of 3450m / 11319ft. The train climbs the mountain and features a very impressive tunnel. It leaves from Kleine Scheidegg, which can be reached by trains from Grindelwald and Lauterbrunnen (and Interlaken before these two). The train enters the tunnel running eastward through the Eiger shortly after leaving Kleine Scheidegg. It runs close behind the Eiger's north face, stopping at Eigerwand, where there is a window about 8 m long and a metre high, halfway up the face. The windows have been placed in holes used to remove excavated rock from the tunnel during construction, and are also occasionally used as access points to rescue climbers. This window was used for one of the final scenes of a Clint Eastwood spy movie the *The Eiger Sanction*. There one can get off the train to admire the view before the train continues five minutes later. The tunnel then turns west, heading towards the Jungfrau. There is a second stop at a window looking out on the Eismeer ("Sea of Ice") before the train continues to the Jungfrauoch. The tunnel was constructed between 1898 and 1912; it is about 7 kilometers (4 mi) long, with gradients of up to 25%. The journey from Kleine Scheidegg to Jungfrauoch takes approximately 50 minutes including the stops at Eigerwand and Eismeer; the downhill return journey taking only 35 minutes.

Trip Report – Europe May 2010 cont...

From Zermatt I went up another mountain cogwheel railway to the top of Gornergrat which sits at a height of 3089m / 10134ft) – it was a great day with great views of the Matterhorn and I sat out on the terrace drinking coffee and soaking up the sun. That afternoon I took three different gondola rides a place called Klein Matterhorn that is actually a ski field but has a restaurant and souvenir shop at the top - actually I got slightly higher than this as there is an elevator (highest elevator in Europe) that takes you to a viewing platform at a height of 3883m / 12736ft which is about 400ft higher than Mt Cook (the highest mountain in NZ) – see photo elsewhere in the magazine.

I then travelled to Chur on the Glacier Express which is one of Switzerland's great scenic railway trips that involved going from 1616m (Zermatt) to 651m (Visp) to 1368m (Oberwald Pass) and finally to 585m (Chur). On the steeper sections of the trip the train is pulled by an engine that utilises cogwheels that lock into a rack built up the centre of the rails.

From here it is more scenic railways, Denmark, England, Scotland and Ireland but more about these when I've done them.

Alan...



Trip Report – South Island Odyssey

Thought I would share part of a trip with you that I did a few years ago. My 15 year old son Harry and I set off for a South Island Odyssey in Miss Piggy, our Safari LWB.

We had planned to tick a few boxes, namely Molesworth Station, Skippers Canyon, Macetown plus a bit of West coast.

Full of enthusiasm I laboriously checked out Google maps and entered significant points into the GPS.

We are off.

Ferry, SH1, yep there is the turnoff right where the GPS said.

Ok, Ok, there is also a road sign as well.

Down the Awatere Valley Road until there is no more Awatere Valley Road.

There it is. Entrance to Molesworth station.

Ceremonial photo and locking of the hubs. Into it.

Late summer and the country has that bare comfortable feel about it.

At this time of year it is just a drive along a dirt road but still beautiful.

After a few hours we reach the end.

I have programmed the GPS to take us into Hamner Springs via Jollies Pass Rd and a cute little road called Hydro Rd. It is marked on the map as a dotted line and cuts off part of Jollies Pass Rd.

Perfect excuse for a 4WD to take it.

Sure enough, a few K's down Jollies Pass Rd and there is a track off to the right. Good on ya GPS.

Hmmm, not much use but definitely wide enough to be more than just a track.

In we go.

Interesting. Down, level out, Pylon, Down level out pylon, Down level out pylon. Ahh. Hydro Rd because of Hydro Electricity. Ok.

Hmmm, the downs are getting steeper. 1st Low.

Down level out. That WAS steep.

Can't be too much further.

Down, oh Shit! Miss Piggy decides she can surf.

Phew! thank God for that level out.

There is now a very strange feeling in my nether regions as I fully take in the panoramic view of Hamner below.

Sure enough, a look at the next down shows increased steepness and a L.H. corner at the bottom that would be the end of us, over the side and gone for sure.

Keep calm. Deep breaths.

Turn Miss P. around and make for the pylon sitting in its patch of flat ground.

My God this country is slippery. It takes a hell of an effort just to get to the pylon.

OK. DON'T PANIC. Yeah Right!

Tyres down to 15. Diff Lock On.

Back up to the rear of the pylon flat. Give it all in 2nd Low.

Miss P. lumbers out of the flat and onto the incline.

Up she goes.

Oh hell, we are losing the battle, about two thirds of the way up the incline Miss P. finally loses all traction.

A semi controlled backwards slide into the bank and we are safe. The other side of the track is a roll off into a valley that doesn't bear thinking about. Now what?

Stuck in the middle of nowhere on Day 1 of our Odyssey. A gentle rain starting to fall.

Of course! When you are stuck who you gonna call? The A.A.! It is Hydro Rd after all.

After ascertaining our location, the A.A. politely decline my request for help but give me the number for the local garage which does their work.

We agree to meet the mechanics in Hamner in a couple of hours as they are busy.

So Harry and I set off down Hydro 'Rd'. At the bottom is the final laugh, a locked gate.

Something was on in Hamner and I felt like Joseph trying to find a room at the inn.

A souvenir shop owner took pity on us, rang round and found us the 'emergency room' that apparently the motels rotate for emergencies. True Kiwi generosity at its best.

Getting close to sundown when the mechanics turn up at the motel. No worries they say. Just show us where you went in. We rumble up Jollies Pass Rd which itself is not much more than a track, with much discussion as to where this Hydro Rd is.

We find the entrance, I am informed that it is 'Pylon Track' and in we go.

One 'down' and the truck parks up.

We are not going any further they say, let's go and have a look on foot.

Down, flat, down, flat, down...

After about six downs I fully realize my stupidity.

What was I thinking??

Finally there is Miss P, bum in the bank and not looking happy.

After a bit of discussion we decide to run the winch out as far as we can. The country is low scrubby second growth, but we spot a small sapling of maybe 50mm dia, so we burrow into the scrub, hook the static strop to it and have just enough left to meet the winch cable.

The chances of it holding Miss P. are nil, but the lead mechanic is full of confidence.

"Right" he says. "First low and winch together".

Now I have never seen that before but let's do it.

So we start off, one mechanic walking on each side, watching the front wheels and the winch. Miss P. inching her way up the incline.

I am getting almost hopeful when the lead mechanic who is right outside my window says to the other .

"How's your wheel doing?"

"Good, she's biting " is the reply.

"Mine's not doing much " mutters the lead mechanic. "Hang on"

He bends down and I hear "CLICK".

The hub wasn't locked.

Crimson goes my face and Miss P. deftly climbs onto the next flat.

We retrieve all the gear, pile in and she flies up the remaining inclines.

A trip to the garage to lighten my wallet, air up and we can finally relax.

Lesson learnt? Believe your eyes not your preconceptions. Rest of trip went as planned.

Bob Clegg

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

Upcoming Trips

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
June 2010						
Tuesday 1st	CCVC Safety Sub Committee Meeting	Murray Taylor	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Tuesday 1st	Web Project Meeting	Murray Wills	Meeting - 17:30	Maxsys Limited, Level 2, Davis Langdon House, 49 Boulcott Street, Wellington,		
Saturday 5th	KIWI 4x4 Challenge - NOT CCVC	Kiwi 4x4 Club (Formally ORE)	Shiny 4X4	Rallywoods		
Saturday 5th	Ohiniwairua at Queens Birthday	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Ohiniwairua Station, Taihape		Bookings Required
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		All Welcome
Saturday 12th	Coastal Monthly Shiny - Orongorongo Environs	David Coxon	Family 4X4	Orongorongo area	Confirmed	Bookings Required
Sunday 13th	Akatarawa Final Refresher Trip - CCVC Trip Leaders Only	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		Bookings Required
Monday 14th	CCVC Trip Leaders Forum	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Tuesday 15th	Web Project Meeting	Murray Wills	Meeting - 17:30	Maxsys Limited, Level 2, Davis Langdon House, 49 Boulcott Street, Wellington,		
Saturday 19th	CCVC Awards Dinner and Presentations 2010	John Vruink	Event	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St	Confirmed	
Sunday 20th	ARAC Akatarawa Trip Leader Training	Grant Purdie	Training (Trip Leaders)			
Saturday 26th	Community Planting - Wellington South Coast	Barry Insull	Family 4X4	Wellington South Coast		
Tuesday 29th	Web Project Meeting	Murray Wills	Meeting - 17:30	Maxsys Limited, Level 2, Davis Langdon House, 49 Boulcott Street, Wellington,		
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
July 2010						
Sunday 4th	Takapari Road - Easy trip	Roger Seymour	Family 4X4	Takapari Road, Manawatu		Bookings Required
Sunday 4th	Takapari Road - Tougher Trip	Roger Seymour	Club 4X4	Takapari Road, Manawatu		Bookings Required
Wednesday 7th	60K Project Meeting	Terence Broad	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Saturday 10th	Coastal Monthly Shiny - Orongorongo Environs	-tba-	Family 4X4	Orongorongo area	Confirmed	Bookings Required
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		All Welcome
Sunday 18th	Rallywoods in winter with Steve 104	Steve O'Callaghan	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Rallywoods		Bookings Required
Sunday 25th	Akers in July with David C	David Coxon	Family 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		Bookings Required
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		



Trip Details

CCVC has a number of requirements for people participating in trips and events.

- Trip Categories and the pre-requisites for attending each category
- Trip and Convoy Rules
- Code of Conduct
- Equipment required
- Cancellation Service

Details are on the club's website www.ccvc.org.nz on the "Trips" page.

Club members can access more details in the club manual and members-only website.



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