

VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

And so, it goes on – yes, the AGM is still planned for 9 September, along with the Annual Awards presentations and some normal Club Night stuff. However, as before we are assuming that this part of the country will revert back to Level 1 on September 6 as planned and announced by the Government. Whilst the Alert levels may change in Auckland, there seems to be no case for Wellington, with no reported cases for yonks, staying at Level 2. Cross your fingers!

Whilst talking alert levels, there is certainly a corresponding economic effect throughout the country. After a week in Queenstown, there are obvious effects – planes with all middle seats blocked out, one Skifield (Remarkables) is closed mid-week, the Coronet Ski field has a maximum of two non-bubble passengers on a six-person chairlift, only 10 passengers on a 25-seater shuttle bus, and closed shops everywhere. So please recognize that numbers of our members will also be suffering with reduced hours, or job redundancies and that we all need to be as supportive as possible.

Your FWDA Association has confirmed their AGM for 7 November and that it will be an on-line meeting with business restricted to that required for running the Association, and not dealing with the Constitutional changes. The new Association database and e-mail system is now running, and will no doubt bed in over the next months. We now have new truck stickers with “Financial Member” overprinting for those members we have affiliated. I understand this will replace the former FWDA Membership Card. However, CCVC has produced a “50th Membership Card design and these will be available at the AGM (the Association Logo is printed but the Membership number has been abandoned (by the Association) and is therefore not included).

Our trip programme is now back and running with many trips being fully booked over the month. Many trips have a couple of dozen participants which puts a real load on the Trip Leader and points to the continuing benefits of all trips using the Web Site booking system.

A successful South Coast planting trip was held in August with all the available plants being distributed and planted in record time – before the BBQ was even warmed up! But a good effort by all and it is really pleasing to see the areas previously planted have generally weathered the storms and are thriving. A couple of areas need treatment to proven “truck access” but that can be arranged in future trips. Thanks to Ross for the BBQ venue and Barry for all the planning and liaison with Council.

Another successful event was an open day at our major sponsor G Guy Motors. CCVC hosted a BBQ there as well which was appreciated by all. Thanks Neil, Ralph, Ray and Ron for managing this event.

You may have noticed that the Regional Council is undertaking a consultation on their Parks and Reserves planning see <https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/parksplan>, and CCVC will be following this closely and making submissions. It is not clear which 300 or so organisations were consulted two years ago, but certainly not CCVC. But don't let that stop you from making an individual submission.

Finally, ARAC is holding their AGM on 10 September at 7 pm at the Upper Hutt Darts Club. The Agenda is not yet available on their web site (www.arac.org.nz) but feel free to attend and be involved.

Ian Hutchings

President

CLUB CLOTHING

John Vruink on behalf of the club has been investigating club branded clothing for members to purchase. He typically has samples at club night and there is usually a few members modelling various items on trips.

Cap Navy/White 4014	\$15
Beanie Navy 3059	\$20
Hoodie Navy ZHH	\$75
Soft Shell Jacket Black SJM	\$110
Jacket GJ Navy/Charcoal	\$100
Polo Shirt Navy/White	\$40
Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt	\$16.50

Watch this space for special edition 50th Ann. Clothing.

If interested please contact John directly on john.vruink@gmail.com

CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

The Club uses a series of radio call signs in the Kxxx series to meet our licence requirements. Once you get on a trip you soon know what call sign is tail end charlie etc for the day. But basically if you don't yet have a Call Sign you are not authorised to use the Club radio licence.

Call signs are available to financial members on request to database@ccvc.org.nz

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



IS YOUR CURRENT VEHICLE INSPECTION STICKER STILL VALID?

Traditionally, CCVC Vehicle Inspection Stickers all fell due in August each year.

Since moving to the new two (2) year cycle these can expire at any time during the year however, there will still be a significant number of stickers that expire around August.

All members should check their stickers to ensure they are still current and if necessary arrange for a vehicle inspection to be undertaken. Remember: (Quote from Club Rules) "CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in the trip category of "Shiny 4x4" or above have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker.

Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in such trips/events. The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off-road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Shiny 4x4" category in order to exclude non-members). "

You can also record details of your latest vehicle inspection on your profile in the club database. If enough members do this there may be an opportunity to send out renewal reminder notices to members when their stickers are coming up for renewal (This is not practical at the moment due to the limited data recorded).

John Parfitt



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AGM and Officer Nominations

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc



2020 club officer nomination form

I wish to nominate the person below for one of the following officer positions of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.

Tick one only

Club Officers

<input type="checkbox"/>	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate Past President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Captain
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Some of the photos we have received for our 50th Ann. Do you recognise any of the people, trucks, trips or tracks?



Winners will be awarded next club night,

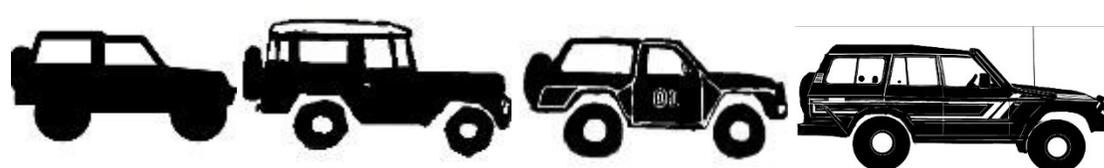


Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc

Notice is hereby Given that the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at the Naenae Bowling Club, 25 Vogel Street, Naenae.

The AGM will be in association with the September club Meeting.



IS THE EQUIPMENT IN YOUR VEHICLE “FIT FOR PURPOSE”?

Ok so you have all the required equipment for CCVC trips but is that equipment actually “Fit For Purpose”?

Strops, recovery equipment attached to and inside the vehicle should be checked at your two (2) yearly Vehicle Inspection and you are expected to maintain that equipment at the appropriate level at all times however there are a couple of pieces of equipment that are in every vehicle (not just your CCVC vehicle) that sometimes catch members out when they need them and find they are no longer “Fit for Purpose” leaving the member reliant on others on the trip to Save the Day for them.

These items are your vehicle Jack and Wheel Brace!! Vehicle Jack. When you purchased the vehicle, it may have come with the standard vehicle jack, provided by the vehicle manufacturer when the vehicle was new and in that “standard” configuration that worked just fine.

Now you have lifted the vehicle, have more suspension travel, have added larger tyres etc, but have you tested that the jack you currently carry in your vehicle will still raise the vehicle high and safely enough to be able to change a tyre when Off Road”?

When you change tyres at home do you use the jack you carry around in the vehicle all the time or do you perhaps use a trolley jack that lifts directly from the suspension?

It is recommended that members have a go at changing a tyre on their vehicle at home using the jack they carry when out on a trip and see if they can safely lift the vehicle high enough to actually change a tyre. You may be unpleasantly surprised just like a number of members have been recently out on the trails.

If you have a high lift jack, have you practiced using it checking that, not only do you actually know how to use it, but you also have appropriate and safe points on your vehicle to attach the high lift to?

High Lift jacks are inherently unstable and it is essential that not only do you know how to use it, but it attaches to the vehicle at appropriate points that will not allow it to slip off when extended.

Finally, do you carry something in your vehicle that can be used as a platform under your jack to stop it sinking into mud, sand etc ? If not it would be appropriate to have a look around home for that piece of plywood etc that is big and strong enough to support the jack when needed.

Wheel Brace. Simply put, do you carry a wheel brace that will actually fit and undo the wheel nuts on your vehicle? This can be checked at any time however use the one you carry when testing out whether you can change a tyre using your jack as suggested above.

John Parfitt

CCVC Online Store for Club Merchandise (Clothing etc).

The clubs “Online Store” is now active and is the preferred method for members to order club clothing and any other club merchandise that may be available from time to time.

The Online Store is a module of the clubs Wild Apricot membership database and it allows members to:

- View all products available (photo).
- Order the products online.
- Pay for the products online.

There are currently two catalogues in the store:
Club Clothing.
50th Anniversary Products.

There is also a clothing size guide.

Clothing Delivery.

The preferred method for clothing delivery is to have the products shipped to you by courier directly from the embroiders. There is a charge of \$9.50 for this (built into the system) however it means that you will receive the products within a day or so of them being produced by the embroiders.

There is also an option to pick up the goods at (say) club night however, the clubs preference is to have them forwarded directly to you.

Payment for Goods.

Payment for the goods is currently set for “online only” allowing you to use your credit card (or Paypal account) and the funds will be automatically credited to the Clubs Paypal account.

Other payment methods are not currently available through the website however, if you need to make payment using another method, please discuss the issue with the Store Manager John Vruink.

Note: Payment is required before the goods will be ordered from the supplier.

Where to find the Store.

The store is located in the clubs website under the “Memberzone” tab. You will need to be signed into the website in order to see it as it is only visible to CCVC Members.

Additional Information and Instructions.

The front page of the store contains information and instructions regarding the use of the store and it is highly desirable that you read this prior to completing an order.

This is particularly important when it comes to completing the order and making payment as you need to follow a particular sequence to successfully complete the ordering process. It is simple if you follow the process (built into the module) but very frustrating if you short cut it.

We know that it is often said that men do not read instructions but in this case PLEASE DO as it will save you a lot of frustration and confusion in the long run.

The club is keen to have its members out there proudly wearing club clothing so have a look at the store and the products and order away.



SEPTEMBER 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS:

To book for trips now go to <http://www.cvc.org.nz/New-Full-Club-Calendar>

Wednesday 9th CCVC CLUB NIGHT & AGM and Awards

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ian Hutchings
7:30

Appropriate Social Distancing will be in place and attendees are encouraged to wear face masks should they be concerned about attending the meeting

Sunday 27th FAMILY SHINY

Orongarongas Monthly Trip
All welcome

<http://www.cvc.org.nz/event-3611629?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=9/9/2020>

Wednesday 30th CCVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB
Ian Hutchings
7:30

For more events refer to our
Website www.cvc.org.nz or our
facebook page
www.facebook.com/wellingtoncvc/

www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/

OCTOBER 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS

Wednesday 9th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ian Hutchings
7:30

Saturday 17th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGARONGAs Monthly Trip
All welcome

Friday 23rd - 26th SHINY 4x4

OHINEWAIUA away trip
<http://www.cvc.org.nz/event-3937923/>
Registration

Sunday 25th FAMILY SHINY

AKATAWARAS Monthly Trip
All welcome

Wednesday 28th CCVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB
Ian Hutchings
7:30

Saturday 31st COMMUNITY

SOUTH COAST CLEAN UP
Family Shiny
(20th Year) - part of the clubs
"community contribution programme" -
All welcome

<http://www.cvc.org.nz/event-3901654/>
Registration



TRIP CATEGORIES

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated (CCVC or Club) organises and runs 4WD trips and events that cover terrain of various degrees of difficulty. Club members and visitors that participate have differing levels of off-road driving skills and experience and their vehicles have differing degrees of off-road capability.

As a guide to participants, the level of difficulty of each trip is identified in advance as falling into one or more of the pre-defined Trip Categories. The Trip Categories are defined as:

Touring Class Travelling on back country roads accessible to the General Public. Limited “off road” travel may occur but only where appropriate to vehicles on the trip;

Family Shiny Introductory level “off road” trip;

Shiny 4x4 More challenging “off road” trip;

Club 4x4 Specialist vehicles and equipment required, also additional driver skills;

Hard Yakka The most difficult terrain, requiring significant driver and vehicle capability.

Safety issues can arise if drivers have inappropriate skills, experience or vehicle capability for any given trip.

CCVC has defined the guidelines set out in this document, describing driver skills and experience pre-requisites for participation in club trips and events in order to optimise safety to the greatest extent possible and practicable.

Membership of CCVC

To become a member of CCVC a driver must attend three (3) trips of either the “Touring Class” or “Family Shiny” category trip.

Once these trips have been completed and the “Application for Membership” submitted, the prospective new member’s application will be considered through the Club’s new member approval process.

Advancing through the trip categories

In order to advance to a “harder” trip category, members are expected to have participated in a minimum of two (2) trips in the previous category. Members are to advise the Trip Leader when they attend their first trip of the next category up.

Members will be required to have attended a club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of “Shiny 4x4” or above.

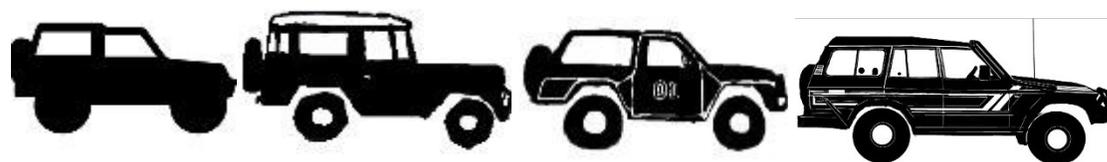
The member must also be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the Trip Leader.

A Trip Leader has the absolute right to exclude a member from a trip if they believe that the trip is beyond the capability of either the member and/or their vehicle and that participation in the trip has the potential to place the member, their vehicle or other persons participating in the trip in any form of danger due to the Member and/or their vehicles unsuitability.

The Trip Leaders decision on the day is final and can only be contested via the clubs “Complaints Process” as set out in item 51 of the Clubs Rules (Constitution).

To participate in any trip other than “Touring Class” members vehicles must have a current CCVC Vehicle inspection sticker.

Note: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a “Shiny 4x4” category in order to exclude non members).



TRAINING:

Training takes place on every trip and Trip Leaders will try to provide support and instruction (as appropriate) to prospective and new members attending each trip.

This may be done either by the trip leader or by having an experienced Club Member take the individual "under their wing" (so to speak) for the period of the trip.

Training events for specific aspects of 4WD'ing will be organised by the Club from time to time.

As from the effective date of this document, attendance at a Club driver training event will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the club.

Members will be required to have attended a Club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of "Shiny 4x4" or above.

The next training day is November 1st Book with Phil [http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3611644?](http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3611644?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/5/2020)
[CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/5/2020](http://www.ccvc.org.nz/event-3611644?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/5/2020)

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS:

Safety is paramount in everything the club does and to this end the Club has a vehicle inspection regime where members vehicles are inspected by appointed CCVC Vehicle Inspectors to ensure that the vehicles meet the specific requirements as set out in the various Club documents (e.g. CCVC-SAFETY-0002 Minimum Standards for Tow Hook Mounting).

A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue. CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in any trip category other than Touring Class trips have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Shiny 4x4" category in order to exclude non members).

As from the effective date of this document, having a vehicle inspected and obtaining a vehicle inspection sticker for the vehicle will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the Club. Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say as to whether a person or vehicle can participate in any trip or event.

It is recommended that novices on Family Shiny trips and Members new to the Shiny 4x4 category make themselves known to the Trip Leader so they can be allocated a "buddy" to guide and assist them during the trip.

VEHICLE INSPECTORS

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Bowler Motors Ltd
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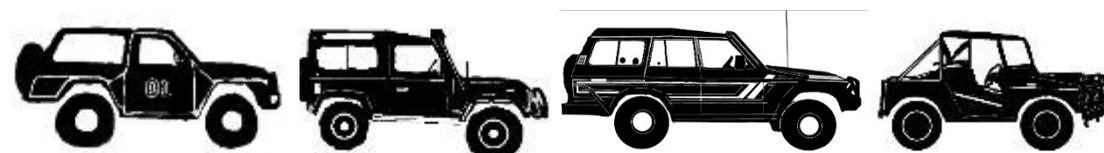
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NB: Please remember to call and make an appointment before turning up for an inspection!



CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Adams
Leith Bean
Stuart Brown
Andy Cockcroft
Mike Gall
John Hughes
Heather Jeffery
Steve Lacey
Colin Landy
Phil Lewton
Bruce Mulhare
Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne
Ross Perkins
Grant Purdie

ROLL OF HONOR

The Roll of honour celebrates life members of the club who have passed away.

Bob Jeffery
George Bean
Peter Boniface
Ron Oliver
Vern Lill
Steve O'Callaghan
Ron Wadham
Owen Farqhar
Ron Johnson
Graham Barr
Tony Street

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ian Hutchings
Vice President	Ron Gardner
Treasurer	Frank Allen
Club Captain	Neil Blackie

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Phil Green
Entertainment Officer	John Vruink
Central Zone Delegate	John Vruink
Membership Officer	John Parfitt
Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
Magazine Editor Officer	Penne Durdle
Social Media Officer	Penne Durdle
Vehicle Inspector Liaison Officer	Duncan Grocott
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner

CLUB NOTICES

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

The club members only facebook page is active! We had 50 members sign up in the first 24hours. Some members have found the link broken. This will be because the email the CCVC has for you is different from your facebook email. If you want to join then just send your facebook email to:

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

All our trips will be listed in events . Club members are using it as a way to share photos of trips—I know not everyone uses facebook but if you do and haven't managed to sign up it's a good way to see what other members are up to.

CLUB ASSETS

The Club has purchased various assets over the years, mainly for use on Club events or to facilitate the smooth running of the Club. At the discretion of the Committee these assets may be borrowed by Club members for non-club purposes. An approach for use should be made to the Clubs Asset Manager, Duncan Grocott, <mailto:assets@ccvc.org.nz>

The main assets are:

NEW MARQUEE!!!!

Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)

Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)

Portable gas bbq

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

Bernie Cruise



MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!!

We need any articles, trip reports, photos, puzzles, technical items, "How-to's", etc. these are to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each

calendar month.

Please email to

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

DISCLAIMER: The opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the club, it's executive or committee members. Publication of maintenance techniques or mechanical modifications should be weighed against generally accepted procedures and the Club should not be considered an authority in this area.

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CCVC CLUB MEMBERS PHOTOS & VIDEOS

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at club night, in the club magazine and on our facebook page

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

- Pick your best 6 to 10 photos
- Save the images as a jpg
- Please resized to 1920 x 1080 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)
- Please don't put the photos on a website in an email or in a pdf file as it makes it hard to extract the images.

We are always looking for 4WD related video clips, PowerPoint presentations, YouTube listings, etc. that can be shown on club night – we have the technology!

CLUB NIGHT CONTENT:

Brendan needs all material by 7.00pm on the Friday night prior to Club night to allow sufficient time to prepare the data show. If you have a "ready to show" USB stick with sequenced, correctly rotated photos and or video or PowerPoint presentation, these could be given to Brendan on the night, but please contact Brendon prior to arrange. If you have any questions please contact Brendon.

Please Email them to photos@ccvc.org.nz – most email systems have a limit of 10MB so use an online service like files.fm or put them on USB key

Contact details: Brendon Millard
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MAGAZINE CONTENT:

Penne needs trip reports, photos and any other content by the 1st of each month to allow sufficient time to put them into the magazine. Thanks to those who contributed content to this months magazine.

Please email missmuddypenne@gmail.com.

50 Anniversary:

We are looking for photos, stories and videos that tell about our clubs history so start looking. In the next few months look out for a photo competition where we will be looking for the best photos.

Please email 50years@ccvc.org.nz

