

## Cross Country Chronicle

February 2021



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## THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

What is likely to be the biggest year in the club's history has kicked off, track clearing at Colin James's farm has started, a Markairo Track working bee took place as well as the Akatarawa and Orongorongo Family Shiny trips. On top of this we have just returned from our first away trip of the year to Blue Duck Station which was a great success.

A couple of trips have needed to be cancelled or postponed, Sutherlands Track being one due to the condition of the track. The club is sending in a group of trip leaders to see what can be done to open the track up again so not all is lost.

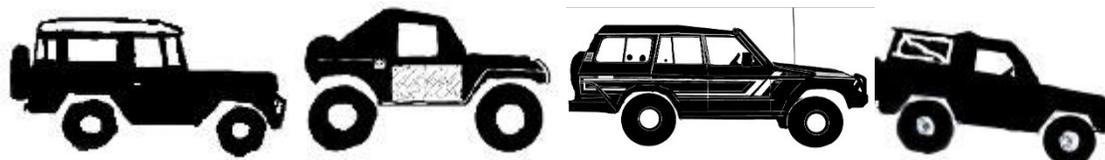
CCVC is also hosting the Central Zone Jamboree over Waitangi Weekend, this is aimed at showing off our local tracks to some fellow enthusiasts from out of town, the response has been good and a big thanks goes out to the organisers and the trip leaders who stepped up at late notice.

Something a little different for the February club night is we have arranged to have the Naenae Bowling Club restaurant open for a pre-meeting dinner. We need a minimum number so have sent out a registration email to ensure we get the numbers. I'm also keen to see some partners come along to the Feb meeting, we have Denise Ross giving a presentation on her 4x4 adventures across the globe. The hope is we encourage more female members to join our club so gentlemen step up and invite the wife/partner out for dinner.

As for my rambling holiday in the South Island over the festive season, we managed to visit all the places planned and missed most of the poor weather although we did have a huge hail storm on Boxing Day which was still on the ground in the morning. New places visited were the Fang Hill Hut which is approx. ten km's up the Wilberforce River above Lake Coleridge, Matagouri and black Pajero's just don't mix well. Then it was on to the Lakes Station which covers a huge area around Lake Sumner, a near perfect spot with only the sandflies trying to spoil the scene. The track into Big River near Reefton is considerably worse (some will say it's better now it is more technical) than the last time we drove it, well worth the drive. On to Golden Bay and a drive around Whanganui Inlet and across the Anatori River and along the coast. We then ended up in Titirangi Bay in the outer Marlborough Sounds for three very relaxing days to finish up an enjoyable break away.

My first CCVC trip of 2021 was to Blue Duck Station, the weekend went well and positive feedback from the team that took part. A couple of people were nominated to write trip reports, so I'll let them tell the stories.

Regards  
Ralph Dobson  
CCVC 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 \$15

**Beanie**  
Navy 3059 \$20

**Hoodie - Pullover**  
Navy - Unisex  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$69

**Hoodie - Zip Front**  
Navy - Unisex  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$75

**Soft Shell Jacket**  
Black  
Mens & Womens Sizes \$110

**Polo Shirt**  
Navy/White  
Mens & Womens Sizes  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$40

**Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt**  
Navy - Mens & Womens sizes  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$16.50

**Oilskin Vest**  
50th Anniversary Logo.  
Mens Only Size \$120

**Oilskin Jacket**  
50th Anniversary Logo.  
Mens Only Size \$145

**Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt**  
Grey with Deadwood Logo  
Mens & Womens Sizes. \$25

**Agri Station Boundary Jersey**  
50th Anniversary Logo  
Mens Only Size \$110

<http://www.ccvc.org.nz/Club-clothing>

# CCVC JAMBOREE - Double Ds Akas Trip - 6 February 2021

The CCVC jamboree is well underway, with trucks divided into separate 3 trips each day, showcasing what Wellington has to offer to the out of town visitors.

DD lead a group of Aucklanders, plus one truck from Gisborne, into the Akas to experience a day out with the infamous Double D.

On a side note: DD was excited that one of the visitors, a gentleman called Neville from Auckland, was the creator of his truck and mentioned several times that he will now look at his beloved truck a bit differently now that he knows a bit more about its history.

The actual trip did not start off well. We pulled over to allow the group heading off to Redrocks pass. DD got out of the truck to have a bit of "old man" talk with one of the Trucks. I had a strange sense of movement. Handbrake on. Check!. Grabbing Handbrake to ensure it is on. Check!. Truck is has now moved a meter or so. What to do. Jump into DDs seat and use the breaks. Am I imagining this?... Meanwhile DD notices his truck is a few meters further away than it was when he got out and runs after it, mutters something about a stupid handbrake, jumps in. and off we go.

Unusually all trucks contained 2 people. 3 of which contained couples, who were all friends and were using the Jamboree and the start to a 4wding holiday around the South Island. A great bunch of people, not afraid to make fun of each others capabilities, trucks and partners. We also learnt that once you get 2 oldish men talking its hard to get them back to the task at hand. The women were often heard telling the men to stop talking and get back to driving.

The trips started at the Totara park entrance and winded its way through the main roads, taking a short cut through Rallywoods, to end up at the Moonshine entrance, where the real tracks start.

We took them through the tracks such as Dicks Yard, Blow Fly and the Zig Zag Track with the odd challenging side track as an option for those who wanted to try. The Devils Staircase caused a few wobbly bottom lips on reaching the bottom (Daves words not mine) but the trip back up was like a walk in the park, with everyone making it up unaided and with big smiles.

With the exception of a few overheated vehicles and 1 broken CV the day was a great day out and enjoyed by all. It was good to meet a few fellow 4wd enthusiast from up north and have the opportunity to show them what Wellington has to offer in terms if 4wding. We are so lucky to have a wide variety of tracks on our door step.

Thanks Dave for another great day out - more muffins will be made for the next trip.



## CCVC INVADE THE TARANAKI

Ralph and Georgie, Paul and Nikki, Megan and Tara, Grant and Nic, Luke and Emma, Kele and Foga, Rob and Barry, Andrew Pat and Thomas, Howard, John, Glennys & Murray

The first assault was the 42 Traverse. This route is an old logging road that gets its name from the original 'State Forest 42'

10 of the eleven trucks assembled in Ohakune around mid-day on Saturday and headed out to Kapoors Road, which is 18kms along SH47 from National Park village. There they picked up truck 11 and we were ready to go. After an air-down and briefing in the carpark there, we set off on 42 Traverse at just after 1pm. After 15 minutes of gravel road we got into an undulating track through regenerating scrub/bush. Half an hour on we passed an old tent camp, then came to a short track on the right which took us to the lookout over the awesome Canyon Valley.

We continued on and soon found we were negotiating some fairly steep downhill, passed some campers, then down through a creek then back up as steeply on the other side. This was how the track was developing now.

A little while later we had our first pause to investigate a truck with a funny noise. It's a Jeep thing. While this was happening one of the crew went walkabout but was soon rounded up and rehoused on board.

The noise was not major, so away we went again and encountered another steep downhill. Near the bottom there was a choice of going around a graded descent or taking it straight down the cliff face. There was no holding Grant and Luke back. They were off down it. The rest went sedately down and around. Once was not enough for Grant, he went back up it – no trouble. At the bottom, another truck was waiting for us all to get down when next minute around the corner from even further down came 16 motorbikes. Talk about Willis Street on a Friday night!! Half the motor bikes went up the cliff face and the rest took the sedate route.

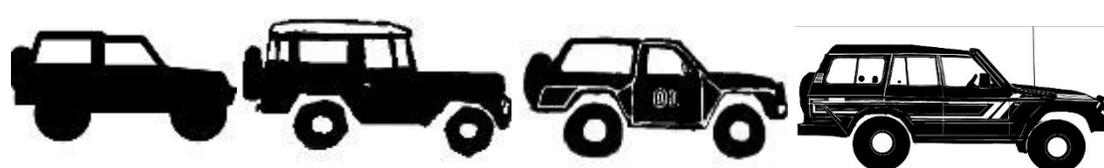
We now had a little more steep descent to get us to the creek and there came across another motorbike waiting to come up. He had a long way to go to catch his mates! There were some big rocks to negotiate in the creek and then a steep climb out. Nothing our intrepid warriors couldn't handle. Shortly after this we encountered a couple of vehicles who had kindly pulled over for us. On we went up and down a couple more steep climbs and descents and some slippery patches left from some recent remedial track work.

The convoy was called to a halt again to deal with another truck making a strange noise. Removal of some broken clips remedied the situation. Again, it's a jeep thing! Next thing we hear there is a missing radio. Apparently they do not travel well on top of a vehicle. And would you believe it, it's a jeep thing!

As we continued on a walker on the track was picked up and tucked into one of the trucks! By now we were nearing the end of the track. We encountered a couple of small narrow bridges and the second one claimed a scalp. The truck manoeuvred the bridge all right but then collided side on to a rock at the end. One brand new tyre sporting a hole in the side! This one was not a Jeep thing!

We had come to the end of 42 Traverse and were now ready for the next Taranaki adventure. So it was off to Blue Duck station for dinner and bed. The fun and games at Blue Duck Station will be recorded in the next instalment. Don't miss it.

Glennys Feist



## BLUE DUCK STATION, WHAKAHORO -23rd to 25th January 2021

Participants: Ralph & Georgie Dobson- Black Jeep, Paul & Robyn Sadler - Green Jeep, Robert Knauf & Barry (father in law) - Blue Toyota Prado, Murrey & Glenys Feist - Nissan Safari, Megan & Tara Koornneef - Black 200 series Land cruiser, Paul & Nicky Jonson - Blue V8 Mitsubishi Pajero, Kele & Funga - Silver Toyota Prado, Grant & Nicky Richards - V8 Nissan Safari, John Parfitt - Gold Toyota Prado, Luke & Emma Crossley - Silver Toyota Prado, Andrew, Pat & Thomas Gee -Black Jeep, Howard Symmes - Red Mitsubishi Pajero.

### **Saturday 23 January overcast 19° Drive 42 Traverse / Blue Duck Station, Whakahoro**

11 trucks drifted in to the meeting place in Ohakune at Utopia Café for coffee/lunch by 12pm. Some had stayed in the area overnight and others had an early start from Wellington. Gas /top up for fuel and we headed off in convoy to drive the Traverse 42 through Tongariro State Forest.

At the Traverse 42 start, Andrew turned up in his Jeep, we aired down and after a driver's meeting moved off toward Owhanga at 1330

Nice views of the canyon and Tongariro along the way. The track was in good condition. Quite a few locals where around out quad biking.

Past the river crossing which had a few campers and then up the hill to a flat area to let the vehicles and occupants rest.

Lost Georgina! She had walked on, while we had a half hour or so break and Ralph didn't hear her tell him. We drove off and Ralph asked if she was with anyone. A collective No! He drove on a couple of km while Murray, Howard, Luke & Paul walked back and past our stop. She was located 3km + up the track

Further on Paul skidded to a stop announcing there was a strange rattle in his Jeep. Grant climbed under, removed a stick, noted the steering damper looked pretty battered but that didn't appear to be the cause of the noise. Further investigation indicated the transmission lines were loose. A couple of cable ties and that seemed to be the solution

Crossing the 2000kg weight limit bridge in his Safari, Murray wrecked a rim and munted a new tyre hitting a rock as he looked back at the waterfall. Megan's fire truck jack, Kelle's torque wrench, Andrew's wheel nut removing soon had him back on the move.

The track was in good condition with quite a few people coming the other way. DoC signage says it's One Way but not in which direction !!..

We didn't air up at Owhanga as "It's only a few km on tar" from he who shall remain nameless. About 20 km later we hit gravel again

Whio Lodge was a nice spot. Three gas califont showers and three flush toilets plus well set out kitchen and lounge/dining area. People sorted themselves into various bunkrooms with a balmy evening finish.

### **Sunday 24 January Fine/Wet/Dry 25°+ Blue Duck Station circuit / Redwoods Forest- Bee-keepers bridge circuit**

Started at 9 with a look at the original homesteads garden and a view over the Wanganui River. A fawn and hind where spotted grazing on the river bank on the other side.

We carried on up the valley on a reasonable farm track for a bit of an explore off the circuit Ralph wanted to do... Howard realized going up a wet grass slope that he definitely only had 2 wheel drive. After trying a few things he parked up and jumped in with Luke who had kindly offered a seat.

Up to a high flat paddock about 75% covered in Scotch thistle, in pouring rain. We fossicked round for a track back to the Redwoods turn off but decided as it was quite slippery, to head back the way we had come, as the sun and ground drying wind came out.



## BLUE DUCK STATION, WHAKAHORO –continued

Grant in his 6 litre Manfield monster Safari went where no one else would go. The inevitable winch back up off Pauls V8 Pajero and Kellys Prado line up. We then headed off back the way we'd come.

Lunch time, while Howard's problem was sorted. A jack up on one side quickly showed the manual locker on one side was not locking. WD40 fixed that. Happily the front wheels would then spin when gassed.

We then headed up a fairly steep track on the Redwood Forest circuit Ralph wanted to do. A bit of casting round deciding which gate/track to follow with Luke and his GPS finding the way. We followed the wet and greasy contour requiring 2/3 point turns by some of the LWB trucks, round to a nice lookout under Mt Rata, with great views over the Retaruke Valley.

Dooowwn the track through the Redwood trees, pleased to have some ruts to keep us safely on track. Megan and Murray played sideways on one hairpin, safely finding a short alternate path between the trees. At one point, a comment was made that Barry, Robs father in law, was holding on to 2 points of contact.

At the bottom of the hill we stopped at the old mill site to unclench the cheeks and to look for a stand of Kahikatea. All we found was a confused goat when Rob started bleating at it.

We carried on down the gorgy valley on a much gentler gradient passing watercourses and slips, ending up meeting the Retaruke River and followed it down to the new bridge that replaced the infamous "beekeepers suspension bridge" Some may remember that in about 1994 a beekeepers truck fell through the suspension bridge.

Tale end Charlie had some confusion leaving open or closing gates during the day. Charitably we'll say the radio was a bit crackly.

[Georgie enthusiastically went for a couple of walks to close them – thanks].

4 magnificent trophy stags presumably for the American trophy shooting market, where spotted in a paddock nearby.

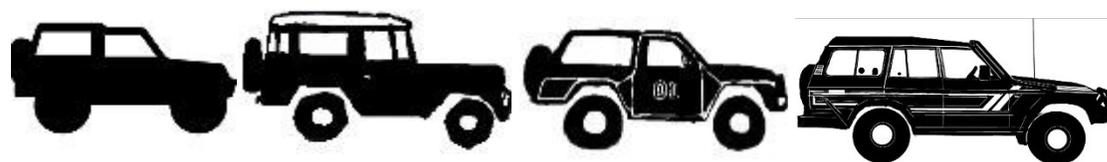
Back to Whio lodge about 16.30 for a cold beer after a day that turned into a weather stunner.

We all agreed that we wouldn't have wanted to do the Redwood section in the rain and happily returned with nothing broken or damaged.  
Ralph and Georgia put on a great bbq

### **Monday 25 January Fine & Dry 25°+ Teapot circuit / Forgotten World circuit**

Paul & Helen headed off for Hawera via the Forgotten Highway, Murray & Glennys headed home to pick up the dog, Megan after a sleepless night [we won't talk about snorers]& Tara, Kele & Funga headed home as did Grant & Nicky.

The 7 trucks remaining with "time rich" drivers or ones not in a hurry to join the long weekend traffic left about 9 and headed up valley to the start of the Teapot Circuit and up a side valley. It was realized after we had zig zagged our way up to a great view point, that a wrong turn had been taken where we crossed the stream and up a short slippery section. We turned round, descended and headed a short way up the side valley. Ralphs memory of a previous trip and Lukes GPS indicated we were going in the right direction but a large slip blocked the way. Ralph decided we would return down the main valley to Whakahoro, follow the track that heads down the side of the Wanganui River and investigate the other end of the Teapot Circuit. Apparently there are three tracks down from the top. Steep, steeper and even steeper. Two side tracks up where spotted but they looked steep and slippery and no enthusiasm was voiced to try them. We came to the newish bridge across the Whio Stream with just before it, a short track down to a waterfall.



## **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.*

## BLUE DUCK STATION, WHAKAHORO –continued

Carrying on, we came to the ancient hut where supplies carried in the 1930's, up river by boat and then from Wades Landing, where stored for collection by the WW1 returned soldier farmers in the area. After the requisite photos the others decided to see how far they could carry on up valley following the walkers/ mountain bikers track going to the Managaparuru Valley.

Howard decided to walk up a narrow side track from which the map indicated he might be able to access the main ridge, which used to have a 6 foot wide dray track giving six families access and went across to the Managaparuru Valley. After a climb of about 150m vertical an obvious new side by side quad bike track carried onward, with the remains of the old track disappearing sideways into the manuka. The rumble of a vehicle shortly after had Andrew appearing, with the others following. The clay/papa track had dried out considerably with the wind and hot sun, there was nowhere really to easily turn round and so we carried on up, and up, and up, topping out on a large grassy knob with the mythical 5 star restaurant that Ralph had been talking about the previous day. The friendly chef and his helper who had passed Howard earlier on a side by side quad was a mine of information. They could seat up to 10 guests with 6 course gourmet meal, there were three very comfortable two person cabins and a magnificent 360 degree view with Ruepehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro in the far distance. Mt Rata from where we had been the day before and Mt Teapot with its three downs were located.

Everyone agreed this drive was probably the highlight of the trip.

Back at Whio Lodge about 1400 we packed our trucks up and headed our various ways.

A great weekend thanks Ralph and all you others, the weather was far better than forecast earlier in the week, the clay and papa ground was dryer than I with some trepidation, expected, and there was no panel damage. A good dry weather trip.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CLOTHING



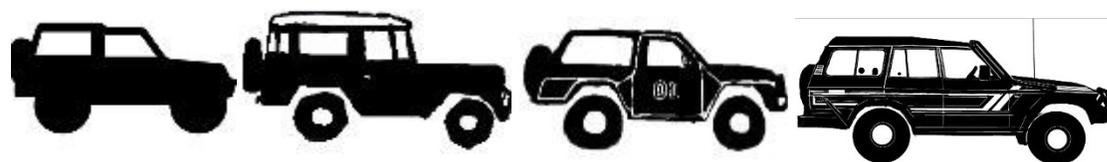
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Deadwood Safari T-Shirt \$25.00



## 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2021 - We are finally here

The committee have been catching up every month or so for 2 years to ensure that this year of events and memorabilia. There is still a bit of work to go but its good to finally get items ticked off the list.

The year has started off with a bang. With several away trips completed and the Jamboree is on its second day as this is being typed.

Items for the goodie bags for the 50th Anniversary Dinner have been ordered. If you want to receive one you will have to come along to the Awards Dinner over labour weekend. You should be able to book for the dinner in the next few months.

The book is progressing well, but we are yet to find a name. If anyone can think of a clever name that is a good fit for a book covering 50 years of the club please email us at [50years@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:50years@ccvc.org.nz)

And a reminder we are trying to get 50 new members over the Anniversary year. If you know of anyone who is keen to get out 4wding then let them know how to join (there is information on our web page) So far this year we have had 12 new members join the club so well on the way to the 50 new member target.

### LIFE MEMBERS

Maybe a bit of heady topic for 4WD enthusiasts – but read on.

CCVC has several categories of Members, and this year for our 50<sup>th</sup> we are looking for Members who should be considered for awarding of a Life Membership.

This is of course not a life sentence, but a recognition of great service to CCVC and to 4WDing. Have a look at:

<http://ccvcwellington.wildapricot.org/resources/CCVC%20Life%20Membership%20Criteria%202018.pdf>

The CCVC constitution requires:

A Nomination by the Committee;  
Someone who has rendered outstanding services to the Club, or the furtherance of its purpose;  
Agreement by a vote of two thirds of the Membership.

These have been further interpreted by the Committee to require

Financial membership of CCVC (that's a bit obvious!)

Membership for 15 years or more

Have:

been a Committee member or  
very active in the Club or NZFWDA for at least 10 years or  
with significant contribution to the betterment of the Club and/or 4WD community in some-way.

So - we need nominations, keep them confidential, and send them to:

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and - as always - the sooner the better.



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## MANAWATU - OVERNIGHTER 9 - 10 January 2021

Paul J, Paul S, Richard, Sebastian and myself and Erin met up at Ashhurst on a hot sunny Saturday afternoon after a few traffic delays on the way.

Erin and I had come up early to check the Pohangina Base Camp camp sites. After the DoC booking site showing it was booked out it was something of a surprise to find it completely empty so it looked like we were going to have the camp to ourselves for the evening....once DoC found someone who could give us the combination code the gate and toilet block locks.

After meeting at Ashhurst we decided that with the lack of pressure on the camp site we would head straight up to Takapari Road. It was a very pleasant drive up the road with a few more bumps than usual. Disappointing to see unnecessary 4wd damage alongside the track. The road along the tops appeared to be the divide between the clouds coming up from the Wairarapa and sunshine in the Manawatu.

We briefly stopped at the A frame hut which is still being repaired but was open. After a pause for a chinwag and a few photos we headed back down. Richard led the way down as he was keen to get a few photos having not been there before. It is always amazing to be immersed in this huge rolling landscape of leather woods on the tops and the almost primeval forest of pink pines on the way down.

Once back to the road we headed along to the Pohangina Base Camp and set ourselves up for the night. A manufacturers exhibition of awning, roof top tent, swags and ordinary tent while Paul S roughed it in a cabin he had been able to book.

Next morning we woke to a perfectly still morning with only the sound of birdsong. After months of wind in Wellington it was sheer bliss. We breakfasted packed up and on our way by 8.30.

Next destination was Whariti tv and radio mast. Turning off at Ashhurst we followed the Saddle Road towards Woodville then turned onto Woodland Road where we regrouped. From there it follows a steady climb to just over 900m at the mast. The road is in good condition and the vegetation cut well back. On the way up we lost the views as we disappeared into the cloud which was quite dense in places. Once at the top a quick conversation in the freezing wind and it was off back down... until Paul J advised his truck wouldn't start as the immobiliser was not disarming despite all the circuit and fuse checking, internet and referencing by Richard. After around 40 minutes in the bitter cold the decision was made to move the truck down the hill to where it was warmer.

With Sebastian's Landcruiser hitched on the back we took a slow descent down so Paul could maintain control of his truck and I stayed in front to pull him up the rises. As we reached the bottom Paul let us know that his truck had started and he was able to run on his own. He later advised that the cool altitude and possibly the damp weather combined with weak remote battery strength were the likely source of the problem. Kicking myself as I had recently cleaned my truck about and hadn't put the spare remote batteries back in.

Paul J decided that it would be prudent to call it a day so the remaining four of us headed off to North Range Rd after a brief stop for lunch just across the Ballance Bridge. The north end of the road now has a rather nasty drop into it though is negotiable with a modicum of speed and a bit of crash and bang. Paul got hung up on his sills but a gentle pull from Sebastian got him through and going again.

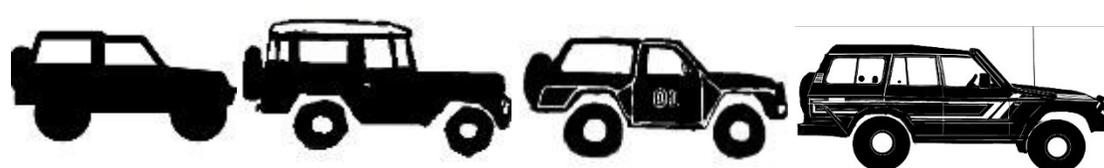
The road is certainly rougher than the last time I drove it some years ago with plenty of long puddles but still relatively easy to drive. Towards the south end it is considerably more rutted and pot holed and care needs to be taken.

We came across a trio on new Suzuki's coming in from the south end. They had stopped to do a bit of track work which we helped them finish off. They negotiated the resulting track easily as did we heading in the other direction.

We finished at the summit of the Pahiatua track around 2.00 pm. To think that day long club trips were once held just to negotiate this road the remains of which we completed in a leisurely hour and a half or so.

Though the driving wasn't too taxing it was great to be able to get away for the two days with good company and have a look again at some of those special places we enjoy

David Sole  
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# AKATAWARAS WITH DOUBLE D - 28 November 2020

The standard crew plus a few newbies turned up for another of the Double D adventures in the Akas.

The banter over the airways started up as usual with the Jeep verses every other vehicle comments. Of course we all know which vehicle truly is the best.....

Challenging tracks were offered up to those who were brave enough to try, while the timid took the alternative easier tracks. Note: the ones that tried the challenging tracks had bigger smiles at the end of the day.

As expected it was another enjoyable trip with Dave. Don't listen to the Rumours. Double D will cater his trips to those who go on them. And give alternative options for those not confident to do the more challenging tracks. A great way to boost your experience .



## GWRC Sunset Trip—Belmont 2021

It was a promising evening as we lined up at the Manor Park carpark in preparation for the first of this year's club contributions to the Greater Wellington summer programme.

Ian corralled us all, provided the low down on conditions to expect on the trip, trip protocols and approximate timetable and then, at the invitation of the Rangers, proceeded to bedazzle the registrants with the exciting journey ahead. That finished, seats were allocated across the 16 trucks, a ranger fore with Ian and aft with Sean and a couple of spare trucks for the convoy.

As it was to be SW to NE event we headed back down the motorway to Maungaraki then to the Stratton St entrance to the park. Through the gate, a short pause to regroup and it was off up to Belmont trig. The road has recently been regraded so was in good condition. Passengers all quiet at this stage but some amusement at Ian's attempt to get the vehicles to count off (or inability of the vehicles to count off...it was the weekend after all...). It seemed to get it sorted by the time we got to the grass landing below the trig. We didn't stop here this year but carried on through the gate into a short section of private property. We came to a gate with a tight hairpin for which the LWBs went up the hill to turn around and the SWBs hooked a sharp left. Rather time consuming and had the convoy well and truly spread out by the end of it.

Back on Regional Park land we followed a narrow track along the western side of the hills and looking down towards the Transmission Gully works. This is a very narrow track in a long wheel base and there were a few sharp intakes of breath from the back seat and whitish knuckles in the left front as we rose up to sharp right hand corners and couldn't see over the bonnet but could see looking out the side that it was a long way down!

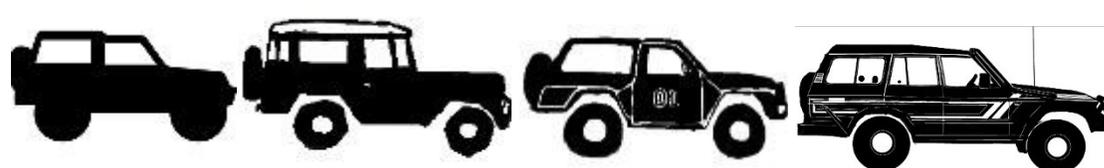
We continued along and then down to a cut spur where Ian and Jeremy juggled the vehicles around to try and fit all 16 of them in for the return trip along the track. Looking over the long bridge on the gully road you could see much of the southern end of the road and really start to get a picture of how it is all pulling together. Ranger Wayne gave the visitors and drivers a briefing, heaps of photos were taken then it was back to the main track and the woolshed. My passengers were particularly taken with the cattle...me a little less so with the thought of having to clean dried cow pats off the truck the next day.

About 8.40pm we made the climb up to Boulder Hill negotiating the large rocks then parked up for everyone to dismount and marvel at.... Well at least there was still a view! There were elements of sunset but heavy grey cloud was rolling in for a rather glum view and a sharp wind. Many, and maybe most, had never been here before so thoroughly enjoyed the journey and the views and perspectives from the tracks and from the tops.

From there we drove through to the 'new' woolshed, a break and a toilet stop then along under the ammunition bunkers towards Boulder Hill. Around 9.00 pm we started the journey back down to Dry Creek finishing at the Manor Park carpark around 9.30.

We had a great drive, passengers had a great time, Rangers were happy and a big thank you to Ian for coordinating from the CCVC end.

David Sole  
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## FEBRUARY 2020 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

### **Wednesday 10th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Ian Hutchings  
7:30

### **Saturday 13th SHINY 4x4**

ORONGORONGO STATION  
Fully booked

### **Saturday 20th SHINY 4x4**

COLIN JAMES PROPERTY  
Whitemans Valley

### **Sunday 21st FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOs Monthly Trip  
All welcome

### **Saturday 27th BEACH CLEAN UP**

TERAWHITI STATION  
All welcome

### **Saturday 19th SHINY CLUB 4x4**

AKATAWARAS with DD

### **Wednesday 24th CCVC COMMITTEE**

PORIRUA CLUB  
Ian Hutchings  
7:30

For more events refer to our  
Website [www.ccvc.org.nz](http://www.ccvc.org.nz) or our  
facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/)

[www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/)

## **MARCH 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Saturday 6th Training Day**

ORONGORONG STATION

### **Wednesday 10th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
All welcome

### **Saturday 13th SHINY 4x4**

WESTERN HILLS  
Fully booked

### **Sunday 14th SHINY - CLUB 4x4**

AKATAWARAS WITH DD

### **Sunday 14th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS Monthly Trip  
All Welcome

### **Saturday 20th CLUB 4x4**

TOUGH GOING AT RALLYWOODS

### **Saturday 27th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip  
All welcome

### **Sunday 28th CLUB 4x4**

TOUGH GOING AT COLIN JAMES

### **Wednesday 31st CCVC COMMITTEE**

PORIRUA CLUB  
Ian Hutchings  
7:30



## 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 prerequisites 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).

## **NATIONAL EVENTS**

### **5th March - 7th March 2021**

#### Hereworth 4WD Tutira Trek 2021

This biennial fundraiser is now gearing up for the 8<sup>th</sup> running in 2021 and will be based around Tutira, Northern Hawkes Bay

Bookings open 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020  
via : <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/ERA>  
Contact: [hereworth4wd@gmail.com](mailto:hereworth4wd@gmail.com)

### **8th March - 20th March 2021**

#### Top of the South

12 days very scenic covering the classic top down to Hanmer Springs area.

Contact Stewart and Graeme on [summerescape4x4@gmail.com](mailto:summerescape4x4@gmail.com) (link sends e-mail) for details quoting “Top of the South” in title or phone Stewart on 0275992633 or Graeme on 0292001700 for more details and information pack.  
<http://www.summerescape.nz/>

### **20th March - 21st March 2021**

#### **Annual Ahuroa Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser**

By Rodney Offroad Club. Suitable for all vehicles. Camping available from Friday. Registration is online prior to event. No on day registrations and numbers limited.

Included in your entry fee is you and your passengers dinners on Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Lunches for Saturday must be pre ordered with your entry.

Participants need to be members of NZFWDA and vehicles require recovery points and usual safety and recovery equipment. Vehicles must have Minimum good All Terrain Tyres, First Aid Kit, 2Kg Fire Extinguisher, Spade, recovery straps

Contact Stephanie on 0274795155. Email [rodneyoffroadclub@gmail.com](mailto:rodneyoffroadclub@gmail.com) for further details.



## 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 December 5th Book via the club website.**

## 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

**Antony Hargreaves**  
**Kane Hargreaves**  
Epuni Motors 1987 Ltd  
Hawkins St, Lower Hutt  
Ph. 04 569 3485

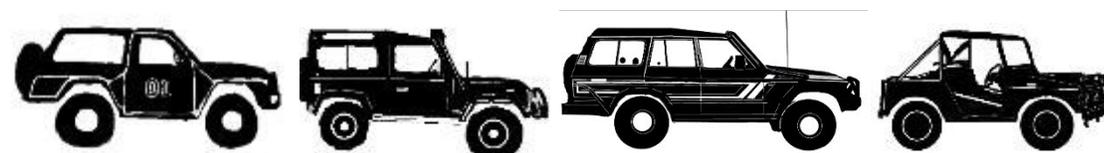
**Dave Bowler**  
**Pete Beckett**  
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11 Raiha St, Porirua  
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**Grant Guy**  
G Guy Motors  
41 Hutt Road, Pipitea, Wellington  
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**Ash Senior**  
Kaizen Works  
Unit 6/141 Hutt Park Rd, Lower Hutt  
04 568 2796

**Dayal Landy**  
Gold Coast Mechanical  
2 Epiha St, Paraparaumu  
Ph. 04 902 9244

***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 Cockroft  
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	Ralph Dobson
Vice President	John Parfitt
Treasurer	Frank Allen
Club Captain	Neil Blackie
Secretary	Shaun Ross

## 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
Committee	Megan Koornneef David Sole

## 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

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:

Marquee  
Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)  
Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)  
Portable gas bbq

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Michael Campbell  
Sebastian Scott  
Darren Pettengell  
Jared Straugheir  
Dean McDermott  
Jason Chrysoulis  
Steve Gordon  
Sebastian Hoepfner  
Bruce Forster  
Matthew Kerr



## 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](mailto:missmuddypenne@gmail.com)

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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](mailto:photos@ccvc.org.nz) – most email systems have a limit of 10MB so use an online service like [files.fm](http://files.fm) or put them on USB key

Contact details: Brendon Millard  
(027 2235705)

### MAGAZINE & SOCIAL MEDIA 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](mailto:missmuddypenne@gmail.com).

### 50 Anniversary:

We are still looking for photos, stories and videos that tell about our clubs history.

Please email [50years@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:50years@ccvc.org.nz)

### CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

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

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

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

