



VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

With the Omicron Covid 19 variant running rampant in our community upsetting all forms of events in our lives CCVC has not been immune. Our March club night went ahead but with greatly reduced numbers. Obviously, people are looking to stay safe and if you have any concerns about moving around then it makes sense to stay at home.

Earlier in the month we had a Trip Leaders meeting which again was down in numbers. We later heard that one of our members who attended was a close contact, goes to show it is getting very hard to stay safe. Trip leaders discussed options to run additional Family type trips as members are missing out to often due to overwhelming numbers booking. I encourage you to keep a close eye on your emails as the trips are advertised as being open for booking so you have to act fast.

The Odlins Road incident in late February has been investigated by a small sub committee and the results have been circulated to the Trip Leaders. There are a number of learnings which have been highlighted, an unfortunate incident that luckily didn't have a worst outcome.

Our AGM is being held at the May club night, this shouldn't concern anyone as the committee generally have all positions filled prior to the night. We are looking for a Secretary so if you are keen to join committee and have basic skills in note taking etc please reach out, the term is for three years and gets you involved in the direction of the club. We have a couple of constitution changes that will be tabled at the AGM, we are tidying up the criteria for a Family Member and what they might be entitled to. Just a heads up that the NZFWDA have put up their fees a little so a vote will be needed on our club fee for next year, come and have your say. Come along as it should only take 20 minutes and then back to normal club night.

Very boring month for the Jeep, a few jobs done to ready it for winter runs. First, I'm off down South for a few weeks R&R, I plan on doing a few back country runs over Easter, if anyone is down Nasby way give me a call.

Stay safe

Ralph Dobson
CCVC President

TE KOPAHU - WORK PARTY

5 April 2022

Photos by Andrew Gee

Thanks to all those members who helped out.





Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.

Notice is hereby given that the

2022 Annual General Meeting

of the

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated

will be held on

Wednesday 11th May 2022

at the

Naenae Bowling Club, 25 Vogel Street, Naenae.

The AGM will be held in association with the monthly club night starting at 7:30pm.

Shaun Ross Club Secretary

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

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

CLUB OFFICERS	NAME (Print)	ACCEPTANCE (Sign)	NOMINATOR (Sign)	SECONDER (Sign)
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Club Captain				

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS	NAME (Print)	ACCEPTANCE (Sign)	NOMINATOR (Sign)	SECONDER (Sign)

CLUB CLOTHING

John Vuink 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	\$16
Beanie Navy 3059	\$17.50
Hoodie - Pullover Navy - Unisex	\$65
Hoodie - Zip Front Navy - Unisex	\$72
Soft Shell Jacket Black Mens & Womens Sizes	\$110
Polo Shirt Navy/White Mens & Womens Sizes	\$45
Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt Navy - Mens & Womens sizes	\$16.95
Oilskin Jacket Mens Only Size	\$152

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

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 Vuink.



THE ONOKE SPIT & HAURANGI ROAD - a Backroads Touring Trip

What is it like running a CCVC trip? Well, running a touring trip is pretty straight forward - I mean what could possibly go wrong on public roads (mostly)? Actually, not a lot apart from the occasional flood, slip, fallen tree, GPS going black...

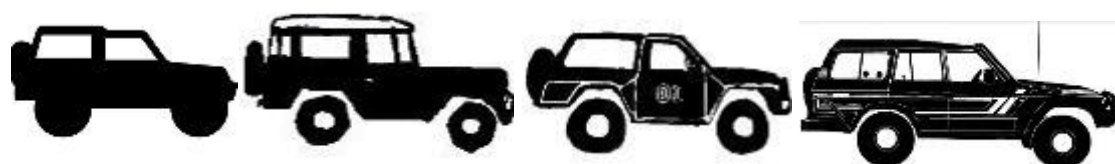
The whole point of touring trips is to have fun and see places and roads less travelled in a relaxed, chilled out manner with like-minded people. When it stops being fun, I'll stop doing them. So far they are proving popular and I'm having a lot of fun.

This trip to the Onoke Spit and to the very end of Haurangi Road was straightforward, easy to plan and the weather was kind to us. We got to the meeting point in Featherston early so we could have a coffee and a Danish pastry at a favourite cafe first (it's a long drive from Paraparaumu Beach!) At the spit, we offered everyone the opportunity to drive to the far end (something we only do once all the nesting birds have flown). David Coxon kindly led those who wished to go while the rest of us wandered around and drank coffee. David saw everyone safely back and we moved on, stopping briefly for a lunch break near Lake Wairarapa before going on to Haurangi Road - the scenery here is quite amazing.

In the past I have stopped and turned back at the gate by the DOC lodge, assuming there wasn't much to see further on, Wrong! This time, I wanted to see just how far the track went. So, with everyone happy to go on, we went to the very end. It was an easy but fun track with great views at the end. Heading back, we stopped just before reaching Martinborough - official end of the trip. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip and they helped make it a lot of fun for me too.

Cheers everyone.

The Rabbit



CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE

Round 4 Wairarapa Hakakino road, 20 March 2022

Wairarapa 4WD club organised the fourth round of the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC) at Hakainko Road in Wainuioru on 20 March. They did a great job even though they declared that they wouldn't listen to any complaints, and who would dare complain. The Wairarapa 4wd club had done an excellent job of preparing the site with 15 hazards, two speed sections and pits with a portaloo, ahh the luxury of it all.

After totalling up the points the results were: Class 1 (no traction aids) Chris Mason in a Suzuki Jimny, Class 2 (auto traction aids) Dave Smithson in a Mitsubishi Pajero, Class 3 (manual traction aids) Andrew Gee aboard the red Jeep Wrangler and Class 4 (unlimited) Mike Ward in a Nissan Patrol.

Try the Club Truck Challenge for yourself, with a good day in the office you might be clever enough to beat the chasers! The next round will be held in Taihape.

Vehicle rules and event calendar at www.sporty.co.nz/czctc

Results

Overall place		Points	Vehicle Class
1	Mike Ward	189.00	4
2	Brent Ward	285.11	4
3	Andrew Gee	417.7	3
4	Dave Smithson	431.34	2
5	Brendan Watchorn	439.85	2
6	Steve Stewart	460.44	3
7	Peter Pope	481.71	4
8	Chris Mason	545.53	1
9	Reese Pope	604.78	3
10	Ross Gregory	633.50	1
11	Dave Seymour	723.59	2

Words and Pics Andrew Gee

DD DOES SHINY

Hi all, I ran a shiny 4x4 on 27th of February. There were 4 applicants, one of which couldn't make it as he had transfer case issues.. As the plantation Forest was still in lock down because of fire risk, we went in from Totara Park and stayed in native forest only. The not too tough tracks in Native are fairly limited, so we did the ruts, no issues, then out to Hydro Valley Heading up to the causeway. From there we went to the destroyed Whakatiki Forest, [damn loggers have no respect for OUR land], then we went down the fence line track. From here we did Titi rd. and onto the Devils Staircase. A couple of the guys were a bit nervous about the steep climb back up, but to everyone's delight , all made it back up, a piece of cake!. As we now had run out of a little challenging shinyish tracks without using plantation tracks, we headed out via Whakatiki Rd., back up Pram and straight out.

Hopefully the plantation area will be open again soon, which then opens up a lot more track wise.

Dave Shiny De Martin



THE 6hr TRACK

About four years ago several of us followed Charles Odlin through the Firewood Loop – with considerable difficulty we made it almost to the end and found a huge tree down across the track. We turned around and went back. I hadn't experienced mud and carnage to that degree before and swore I wouldn't do that track again and I haven't. But for some reason I'm thinking about it.

In early December last year Darren, Roger, Kent and I tackled the 24 Hour Track – I'd done that maybe three times previously and thought I knew what to expect. There are 10-12 places which 35" tyres and lockers just won't get you through, so quite a lot of winching. Not so much for Roger on 37.5" tyres. Lots of mud, even after a long dry spell. After six hours we were 10 minutes from the end of the track when we came across a massive tree blocking progress. Not equipped to tackle that we turned around – déjà vu you say. Six hours later after a very slow trip with not much alternator but lots of overheating (and my radiator's in the rear), I got home at 9.00pm. Mud - must have been two wheelbarrows full on my driveway. Well that's it for that track – I'm never going back in there.

But Darren wants to clear that tree and plans a trip for March – Roger and I plus three or four Manawatu trucks. I'd only just got the mud out of my truck from December but someone has to do it. Arrive at 9.00am - six Nissans and one Land Rover – good start. We go in from the other end and sure enough 10 minutes later there it is – the main trunk is six foot off the ground and the tangle of growth under it is so thick I can't see through it. I expect 2 hours work but 30 minutes later it's done!

That first 40 minutes was the best part of the trip, it was all mud from there and it doesn't like trucks! So lots of winching. I'd forgotten how slow my winch was, well it's not really – pushing two ton of mud was the problem. Roger was Tail-end Charlie and I was in front of him, so when we got to a winch bog followed by a 50m slippery rutted climb which I had to winch all the way up and Roger lost all drive plus flat battery, there was only one option. I turned around and my winch plus the bit of life left in Roger's battery made a slow but steady pull. Oh he was also overheating badly now. 30 minutes later can't get them on the radio and no sign of the other trucks ahead of us – they were having lunch up ahead while they waited! Nice.

Eventually they did show up and Pete drove his truck back. We were not quite halfway and decide to tow Roger the 500m to an escape route with two trucks. Always a bit tricky as the truck in the middle can get pulled off the track on a corner if the pressure goes on. And I was in the middle. Well it wasn't easy – Roger had a bit of drive but no problem, with about 500hp between us Pete and I had lots! It was uphill and slippery so we had to go for it.

Although I was off the track as much as on it and apparently often had only two wheels on the ground (I was too busy avoiding trees to notice), I was only really concerned once when there was a very solid tree on the inside of a corner. If the two strops made a straight line between Pete and Roger's trucks I was going to be in that tree. I made a mighty swerve left and dodged it – Phew! But two seconds later there was a great crash behind me and the tow strop parted. Roger hit that tree – an immovable object. Said he was having trouble steering. Pathetic.

We got to the escape route and the others carried on while Roger and I headed out. It was downhill except for one part which needed winches again. Roger had enough drive to get back to the Maungatuk Gate and onto his work truck to carry the blue beast home. We noticed his right front wheel was pretty cock-eyed – maybe there's his steering problem.

I went back to go into the other end of the 24 Hour Track to meet up with the others as there was another tree down which they were thinking about clearing. There was a way around that which they took and I met them just as they were coming out so we all headed back to the gate. It was just after three o'clock – that's one tough track but for capable trucks it seems that's a Six Hour Track.

Later that night Roger sent through a damage report:

New alternator shot and to be replaced (and a wash system?)

Nudge bar broken on that tree – needs welding

New radiator split on impact with tree but blocked with mud anyway, rear mounted now

Wheel bearings collapsed on RHF wheel – only held on by caliper on the rotor, the spigot the bearings mount on so badly scored it had to be replaced.

I'm sure there was more!

My truck looks clean after three weeks and three washes (including the inside), but I can still see mud on top of things under the truck – places where mud normally never gets to. And although I've tried to blast the mud out around them, I doubt that I can remove any sparkplugs right now.

But I think I'm ready for another trip – Darren had a plan for the Firewood Loop for 30 April but the forest is closed for the Karapoti Classic. Saved or just delayed?

Neil



APRIL 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

Wednesday 13th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Wednesday 13th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

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25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Friday 15th - Monday 18th AWAY TRIP

Ohinewairua

Sunday 23rd FAMILY SHINY

AKATAWARA Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Sunday 24nd FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Sunday 24nd TOURING

BACK ROADS to CAPE PALLISER & LAKE FERRY
All Welcome

For more events refer to our
Website www.ccvc.org.nz or our

Facebook page www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/
www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/

MAY 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS

Sunday 1st TRAINING

Training Day for potential club members or members wanting to move up a category
All Welcome

Wednesday 11th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Sunday 15th FAMILY SHINY

AKATAWARA Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 28th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 28th SHINY

Ladies Day Intro level 2nd Attempt
All Welcome

Keep an eye on the trips as new trips are being added all the time.

Keen to be a trip leader so we can run more trips? Talk to one of our current trip leader about how to be one,



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.

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



CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Adams
Leith Bean
Stuart Brown
Andi Cockroft
Mike Gall
John Hughes
Heather Jeffery
Steve Lacey
Colin Landy
Phil Lewton
Bruce Mulhare
Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne
Ross Perkins
Grant Purdie
Neil Blackie
Ralph Dobson
Alan Donaldson
Ian Hutchings
Barry Insull
John Parfit
John Vruink
Mark Wolstenholme

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	Nic Stark
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
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner
Committee	Megan Koornneef
	David Sole
	Frank Allen
	Dave DeMartin
	Dudley Harris

CLUB NOTICES

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

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.

We are also planning on using this page to live stream club nights.

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/returning members:

Rob Gould

Nick Conroy

Alex Mcready

Please make them all feel welcome



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 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
(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. The best format is as a word document in Arial Narrow 10

Please email missmuddypenne@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

