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President's Report

Hi all,

After a bit of discussion at the last couple of meetings the committee have decided that the club should become members of The New Zealand 4WD Association. As I outlined last month, (and reprinted in this month's magazine), there are significant benefits to the club in becoming members, including the association's significant insurance policies, political clout and assistance with some of the legalities that are creeping into everyday life. This will involve a cost to the club that may require a small increase in annual subs. I'd like to keep them where they are at the moment, but that may not be sustainable. If any changes have to be made, the decision would be made at the AGM next month.

Speaking of the AGM, we would like to see as many people as possible there, and as many people as possible who wish to join the committee or become an office bearer. Clubs thrive on having new committee members and their insight into how the club should be run. Without new members and new input the club cannot progress and it is not a big commitment so please come along.

Hope to see you all at the AGM, then out on the tracks.

Happy 4WDing,

Kenn Hawkes

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By-Laws and Convoy Rules

(A Check List for Trip Leaders and Members)

1. **Trip Leader is empowered and responsible for the days activities.**
2. **No dogs** are permitted on any Club outings.
3. **No firearms** are permitted on any Club outings.
4. **No alcohol** shall be consumed during a trip, only when the trip is officially finished for the day. The Trip Leader shall determine the beginning and the end of the run.
5. The following **gate closing procedure** shall be observed on all Club outings:
 - (a) The first vehicle shall be *Trip Leader*.
 - (b) The last vehicle shall be *Tail End Charlie*.
 - (c) The vehicles in between shall be *the convoy*.

The vehicle immediately behind the Trip Leader is responsible for closing the first gate by waiting until Tail End Charlie passes through. He then rejoins the convoy in front of Tail End Charlie. The new vehicle immediately behind the Trip Leader is then responsible for closing the next gate and falls in line in front of Tail End Charlie, etc. etc. Consequently the members of the convoy (except Trip Leader and Tail End Charlie) take turns at closing the gates.
6. **If you want the vehicle in front of you to stop**, put on your headlights.
7. **All litter** must be properly disposed of at all times, preferably take it home with you.
8. **Always keep the vehicle immediately behind you in sight. Should you lose sight of them STOP** until they can be seen again or catch up. This keeps the convoy together and ensures that it doesn't get too spread out. **If the vehicle behind you gets stuck** we ask that you back up and help where possible.
9. **Tow balls MUST be removed** for all runs.

Jackson::Wills

GME

**FOR ALL OF YOUR
TWO WAY
COMMUNICATION
AND SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS.**



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SAFETY REPORT BY 'THE SEAGULL'

Booked in for The 24 Hour Challenge are you?

BYLAWS

This is an end to the Club's By-laws.

Remember that they exist to keep everyone safe and have an enjoyable 4WD experience.

ESSENTIAL GEAR

Strong Footwear

Light running shoes may be ok on a shiny summer run, but you can't beat gumboots or boots with gaiters for hooking up the strop when you are stuck with your nose in a mud hole. I find the gumboots that are lined with wet suit material great for keeping your feet warm.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

I don't recall anything. Maybe I was snoozing!!

LESSONS FROM PAST TRIPS

Many years ago we had a trip to Dummies Beach where a number of vehicles had to stay overnight. Five vehicles made it home by 3.00am Sunday morning. A rescue mission was mounted on Monday morning to retrieve the rest. I would hazard a guess that all those people now carry a sleeping bag with them. This would definitely be prudent on a snow run.

TIP FOR THE MONTH

Check the drive shaft flange bolts from time to time.

Ron McLeod.

Safety Officer

IMPORTANT MUST READ FOR ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
PROS AND CONS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN
REQUIREMENTS THE SLRC MUST NOW ADHERE TO IF LAND ACCESS
IS NOT TO BE DENIED TO US.

As I mentioned in my spiel at the start of the magazine, we have been informed that our Health and Safety Policy/Plan is no longer up to scratch with the current legislation, so we have to rewrite it. This is going to be a significant job if we attempt to do it ourselves, which brings up another topic that I wish to discuss.

I have been looking into The SLRC joining The New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association (NZFWDA), which is a national body that represents about 60 4WD clubs around the country. In the past The SLRC has not joined because The NZFWDA had a strong focus in the North Island and competition events, which didn't really fit in with our club's requirements. This appears to have changed, with their focus primarily on clubs nationwide like ours. Have a look at their website, <http://www.nzfwda.org.nz>.

The good news is:

The NZFWDA is actively involved with lobbying local authorities and government departments for land access for 4WD use. They are able to, and in the past have, legally challenged the closing of legal roads. They co-ordinate submissions to the Department of Conservation regarding access to public land (The SLRC was part of this process).

They are advisors to the Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association (LVVTA) regarding modification and certification of 4WD vehicles, and have been able to stop some of the more ridiculous changes that the LVVTA have considered.

As an affiliated club we would be covered by their significant insurance policies. These have a much broader, more substantial financial cover than we could ever hope to have. They cover clubs and club members while taking part in club runs. There are also policies for legal defence and statutory liability should anything go wrong.

They currently have around 2,100 members in about 60 clubs, meaning they have a fair bit of political clout.

They have been working on a Health and Safety policy for the last year and should have it ready in the next couple of months. They have employed consultants to get this policy right and to ensure it is acceptable within the current laws. This is a big job, one which I believe to be beyond the capabilities of a small club like ours.

The bad news is:

Membership is \$30.00 per club member per year, which would have to come out of our annual subs. In my opinion, this is the only down side to becoming a member. We would be able to close our current insurance policy because we would be covered by The NZFWDA policies. This would currently save us about \$12.00 per club member. I would suggest that our club subs would have to go up a little to cover the shortfall, but if we can make some savings elsewhere, the rise would not be significant. Our subs haven't changed in about six years, but our costs certainly have, so the cost of our subs will have to be reviewed this year regardless of any other changes we make.

This would be a big step for the club to take and I am more than happy to talk to anybody that has questions or opinions. This needs to be a club decision, so the more discussion the better. If required, a NZFWDA delegate would be able to come down and speak to us at one of our meetings, or I can collect any questions and have him answer them.

Kenn Hawkes



UPCOMING TRIPS and EVENTS (Mark the Calendar)

TRIP GRADES

GRADE:

**ESPECIALLY (though not exclusively)
SUITABLE FOR:**

EASY (Shiny)

- (Novice Drivers):

- Easy 4x4 driving, on little/no rough terrain, shallow water
No damage or scratches likely.
Road or all terrain tyres sufficient. Snorkels unnecessary

EASY to MEDIUM - (Novice to Intermediate Drivers):

- Rougher off-road tracks, some mud, bumper deep (or higher) water, some ruts. Possible scratching.
All terrain or mud tyres and snorkels strongly recommended.

MEDIUM

- (Intermediate Drivers):

- Harder terrain, more mud, wheel height water.
Scratches and other damage possible.
Mud tyres and snorkels strongly recommended.

MEDIUM to TOUGH

- (Intermediate to Experienced Drivers):

- Rough, muddy, steep, rutty and/or boggy terrain, wheel depth plus water.
Scratches and other damage a real possibility.
Mud tyres, snorkels and full recovery gear essential.

TOUGH

- (Experienced Drivers):

- Hard technical terrain, bush bashing, rough, steep, boggy, swampy, rutty terrain, deep water.
Scratches, body and other damage highly possible.
Mud tyres, snorkels and full recovery gear essential.
For well equipped vehicles only.

- The above is a guide only and will vary from trip to trip.
- We have no control over the weather, so come well prepared as a trip can all too easily move up the scale a notch or two if it turns nasty.
- If you are still not sure, please check with the trip leader before heading off on a run.

TRIP LEADERS, PLEASE REMEMBER. . .



The SLRC First Aid Kit **MUST** to be taken with you on **ALL** runs, then passed on to the next trip leader as soon as possible after your run is finished. If there are any questions or queries with it, please phone Kenn Hawkes - 03-230-4143.

Day and Date	: Sunday, 28 May (weather permitting)
Where	: TIWAI
Grade	: Easy
Description	: Pleasant drive to take in the views around Tiwai/ Awarua area
Trip Leader and Phone	: Glenn Scott 212-8499 (evenings)
Meeting Place and Time	: Tiwai side of the Tiwai Bridge 9.30am
Equipment	: Everything on the back page of this magazine
Registration	: Yes to Glenn before Wednesday, 24 May please.

24 Hour Challenge

Friday, 9 June to Saturday, 10 June

Entries now closed

The 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE SOUTHLAND LAND ROVER CLUB

will be held on **Tuesday, 13 June** at **7.30pm**
in the premises of **Malloch McClean,**
101 Don Street, Invercargill

AGENDA

Minutes of last AGM to be read and confirmed
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Membership Officer's Report
Election of Officers
Election of Committee
General business

Monthly committee meeting to follow

Day and Date : Sunday, 18 June
Where : **CLUB GROUNDS**
Grade : Easy to Medium
Description : Practice your skills and/or help out with a bit of ground maintenance as the need requires.
Contact and Phone No. : Grant Noble (03) 218-6995
Meeting Place and Time : Club Grounds 10.00am to 2.00pm
Equipment : Everything on the back page of this magazine
Registration : No. Just turn up

Day and Date : Saturday, 24 June
Where : **WHITE HILL and WATERLOO VALLEY**
Grade : White Hill - Easy (unless there is snow).
 : Waterloo Valley - Tough.
Trip Leader and Phone : Gordon Goodall 217-4127 or 021-0223-5694
Meeting Place and Time : Dipton 8.30am
Description (White Hill) : (As per information supplied from Meridian contact to trip leader: "I would meet you all at the main gate on the day at 9am, drive up to a turbine that gives spectacular views of the surrounding area, you would be able to get out and under a turbine, I can answer any questions about the wind farm, and if time allows we can go for a drive further around the site before leaving the site at 11am."
Equipment : Everything on the back page of the magazine please. For White Hill trip Meridian specify: "It will be winter time, so we could get snow on site (@ 650m above sea level). Need to make sure people come with warm clothing and wet weather gear just in case. And remember it is a wind farm so can get very windy ☺."
Registration : Yes to Gordon **ASAP** please, but certainly **no later than 8.00pm**, Tuesday, 20 June because Meridian contact specifies, "near the day Meridian needs a list of people coming to the site as they like to log everyone onto the site in case of any emergency as this makes re-registering everyone prior to arrival a speedier process on the day."

One beautiful moonlit night two blondes living in Auckland were sitting outside talking when one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is further away, Invercargill or the Moon?"

The other blonde turns and says "Hellooooooooooooo! Can you see Invercargill from here?"

WEEKEND CAMP ON POPULAR MOSSBURN PROPERTY

Day and Date	: Saturday, 15 to Sunday, 16 July
Meeting Place and Time	: Main Street, Mossburn 10.00am
Grade	: As easy or hard as you want it to be
Description	: An excellent opportunity to practice your skills, : safety techniques etc. in an approved environment : in the morning, then take a guided trip around the : property in the afternoon for a bit more fun and : challenge
Organiser	: Grant Noble 218-6995
Equipment	: - Everything on the back page of this magazine : - All camping and cooking equipment etc. for self : contained camping.
Registration	: Yes to Grant please before Wednesday, 12 July

Day and Date	: Saturday, 22 July
What	: MID WINTER RUN AND EVENING MEAL
Description	: An easy and very social occasion
Trip Leader	: David and Eileen Harrison 027/216-6620
Meeting Place and Time	: To be advised in next month's magazine
Equipment	: 4WD not essential, but drive one if you wish.
Evening Meal	: Edendale Hotel 6.00pm (to be confirmed)
Registration	: Yes to David/Eileen by Sunday, 16 July stating : whether you are doing the run/attending the din- : ner or both please.

REMINDER

Please refer to the “**ESSENTIAL GEAR LIST**” before embarking on any Club trips.

Spot checks may be carried out at any time. As it's never nice to have turn people away, make sure this never happens to you. Always come fully prepared. Never go out on a run unless you are well prepared and carrying **all** the equipment listed on the back page of this magazine as an absolute minimum in your vehicle. Any extra equipment mentioned in the trip description section of this magazine is **also** to be carried.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Life is all about perspective. The sinking of the Titanic was a miracle to the lobsters in the ship's kitchen.



CLUB PROPERTY FOR HIRE:

Tyre Chains	Per weekend	..	..	..	..	\$15.00
Winch Tirfor	} 1 or all 3 per weekend (You must have your own shackle)					
Snatch Block						
Ground Anchor		..	..	..	..	\$30.00
Contact Ron McLeod	..	..	..	(03) 217-6727		

FOR SALE:

Spark Arresters	..	..	..	..	..	\$15.00
Contact Andy Underhay	..	..	(027-505-3502			

Tyre Chains						
- 31 x 10.5 x 15	..	..	..	..	..	POA
- 33 x 12.5 x 15	..	..	..	..	..	POA
Contact Alistair Mitchell	..	..	(03) 230-4934			



Key Ring Torches (give good light) (while stocks last) ..	..	..	..	..	\$ 5.00
Contact Ron McLeod	..	..	(03) 217-6727		



Polarfleece Beanie Hats			
Monogrammed with SLRC logo			\$10.00
Contact James Barrie ..	(03) 236-4082		
SLRC logo monogrammed on clothing			
(ie. polo shirts, jackets, t-shirts, vests etc.) ..			POA
Contact Labelz Monogramming	(03) 217-8585		POA

A young child goes to his mother and asks "Mummy, where did people come from?"

Mummy replies, "Well, first there was Adam and Eve, they made babies, then their babies became adults and they made babies, etc. etc. etc. . ."

Not completely satisfied with that answer, the young child then goes to his father and asks the same question, "Daddy, where did people come from?"

Smiling all knowingly, Daddy replies, "Well son, once we were monkeys, we lived in trees, then after a very, very long time we changed, we climbed out of the trees, we lived on the ground and eventually, we became the people you see all around you today."

Upset, the child runs back to his mother and yells, "Mummy! You lied to me!"

With a serene and patient smile the mother turns around, picks the young child up and gently sits him down on her knee, "No, dear I didn't lie you," she explains gently. "You see, I'm telling you about my side of the family and your daddy was telling you about his."



TRIP AND EVENT REPORTS



Due to an error on my part (apologies) in last month's magazine, the second day's report for the interclub weekend with CO4WDC and NO4WDC finished prematurely. Printed below is the remainder of that report.

Sunday, 25 March – Bannockburn – Cairnmuir Road – CO4WD Club Grounds

... We turned off the Cairnmuir Road into Earnsclough Road, then headed over the bridge into Clyde. Then it was tarseal all the way to The CO4WDC's grounds just



outside Alexandra where those who chose to, tried their vehicles out on 'Horrible Hill' where only Kristy Motz with Curtis as her passenger, were (a) the first to head up it; and (b) the only ones to make it to the top on the first attempt (sorry, no photos).

Afterwards a delicious bbq lunch, cooked for us by CO4WDC members was hungrily devoured by all before heading off on our respective ways to our respective homes.

Thank you once again Helena, Curtis and all other CO4WDC members who helped out in one way or another with today's/the weekend events. Once again we all had a marvellous time and look forward to next year's weekend interclub event, this time hosted by NO4WDC.

NEVIS VALLEY and MACETOWN

Sunday, 30 April

Trip Report by Eileen Harrison

Photos by Arthur Steinhauser and Eileen Harrison

To go, or not to go? That was the question. Snow predictions down to some 600m for today earlier in the week had filled us with just a little trepidation I must admit. However, with conditions looking better on the weather front today, bolstered not insubstantially by our front seat passenger Arthur Steinhauser's cell phone weather app, meant the confidence level certainly ramped

up a notch or two and we decided yes, we would indeed go. After all, how difficult could it be? A few years earlier the club had not only navigated its way successfully and uneventfully through snow in the Nevis, it was also night time! Light was certainly on our side today! So it was that a group of six trucks gathered at Garston, eager (we supposed) for the off.

Adding a little interest and excitement to the day, as it turned out we did get snow. All of one inch or so of it! We ran into it a tad bit shy of the ski hut



where it was noticed one tough/brave/slightly 'unhinged' (you choose) member was actually wearing shorts! My word Grant Noble, (fellow club member) Peter Smith would be proud of you! As for the rest of us, "Brrrrr."

By the time we reached the ruins of the two old huts by the dredge lake where we made a brief stop, we'd left the snow well behind us and we saw precious little of it for the rest of the day.

As we drove throughout the day Arthur took some video footage along the way. Those whom have already watched the finished result consider it an excellent production despite the fact Arthur himself, rather modestly perhaps, stated it is definitely not his best work. He explained he is capable of much better, especially when weather conditions are right (which they weren't today) and he has official clearance (which he didn't today) to take photographs and video footage from the drones he flies in the course of his day-to-day business. Arthur also specialises in time lapse photography and those works of his of which I have already seen, are absolutely stunning. A You Tube viewing of the day's run can be accessed by entering Southland Landrover Club Saturday Tour. It is immediately recognisable by the very catchy tune "Big Wheels Keep on Turning" and a somewhat battered yet familiar enough looking olive green Nissan Safari parked in the Anderson's Battery area. In an e-mail dated 2 May to me Arthur says:

"... I uploaded the images to my google drive so others can watch the images and download them if they like: The link is: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bxro05dWoUZXRFPzM3VQN0NfeTQ>



pretty low and uneventful to all who passed through. Our next customary stop was at the ruins of the old hotel in the lower Nevis Valley, after which we



made a stop for lunch on the banks of the Nevis River, just over the bridge at the Nevis Crossing. Autumn colours up to this point were well advanced with some of the trees still partially clad in autumn finery, while others were already completely nude. While we ate, the sun poked its nose out a bit and a few dare devil patches of blue sky even managed to put in a bit of a brave appearance among the whiter puffer stuff also, meaning our lunch break was not too unpleasant a spot in which stop, all-in-all.

After lunch the winding climb up into the Carrick Range was as pleasant as usual with only a light dusting of snow/frost at the summit of Duffers Saddle (altitude 1,275metres or 4,783 ft).

The second half of our trip saw us back on tarmac where we skirted the shoreline of Lake Dunstan then through the Kawerau Gorge to the start of the Macetown track on the banks of the Arrow River in Arrowtown. Unfortunately David Noble, who had been spied on one or two occasions today, head down, bum up under the bonnet of his truck had to pull out on account of alternator issues. Better luck next time eh David?



From Arrowtown to Macetown, river and ford crossing levels were pretty low



and crossings were once again, blessedly uneventful. As usual the light effects cast over to-day's snow cloaked Advance Peak and

surrounds which we reached around 2.30pm, did not disappoint us. Then again, Advance Peak is beautiful whatever the season, whatever the weather, what-

ever time of the day you happen to be visiting. It is one of the main reasons we never,



ever tire of visiting this absolutely wonderful place. As in the Nevis, autumn colours were relatively well advanced with a pretty enough showing of autumnal colours of yellows and golds in some of the trees, while once again, others displayed themselves, rather rudely perhaps, in total nudity.

A big thank you to all who accompanied us on the day. Your friendship, company and evident camaraderie helped make it the enjoyable day it was.

ONE LINERS

1. A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.
2. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.
3. Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.



LOOKING BACK

NORTHERN SOUTHLAND TRIP

Trip Leaders Lesley and John Pritchard
By 'The Beast'
(Reprinted from March 2001 Magazine)

Twelve intrepid travellers left various points of the compass to assemble at the Fairlight Railway Station on Saturday, 10 February. The wind was blowing a howling gale when our vehicle pulled out of the drive at about 7.00am!! After nearly two hours of endless tacking into the wind 'The Beast' arrived at the rendezvous area. It was time to wake the other occupants up!!

Lesley and John, on their first outing as trip leaders, had made arrangements for the property owner to talk to the group. Our anonymous farmer was very informative as he talked about the local land formations and the history of the land's ownership. He farmed in partnership with his brother a total of nearly 30,000 acres.

The first stage of the journey was over a reasonably rough track (some would say not rough enough) that meandered its way to the top of the hill range at about, oh 20,000ft. Well, it seemed that high. There were some very interesting parts of that track with extremely deep ruts forged by nature and care had to be taken not to get caught up in them. It would have been rather different had the weather been wet.

Once we had made it to the top the views were very impressive. On one side we could see Fairlight Station and on the other, the Nevis River Valley. The wind was blowing so strongly that care had to be taken when climbing some of the rocky outcrops for a photographic opportunity. The track seemed to flatten out on the tops and 'The Beast's' suspension was in its element.

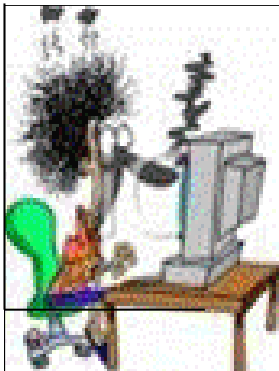
Before descending down into Kingston, we stopped for lunch. From where we were parked we had a birds' eye view of Kingston Township and right down the lake to Queenstown. Quite spectacular views.

The Sheriff must have had a late night on Friday as she missed the opportunity to nab one of the group denuding the countryside of flora. It was left up to everyone's imagination as to what the thorny branches and sharp sticks were to be used for.

Vicki, aka "The Sheriff" delivered swift and rough justice to all and sundry before we had a quick cuppa and headed home.

Remember that if every member can find just one run to organise then we will have an abundance of new and exciting runs to look forward to.

Thanks from the entire group Lesley and John. Well done.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello everyone,

Well, you may all very well sigh, a big, loud, sigh of relief; because I can't actually think of much to say this month at all. Except perhaps, to thank Kenn Hawkes, our Club President, for the excellent run he led recently up into The Old Man Range. It was an utterly fabulous trip. Despite the fact a good deal of work has been

done on the track and it is now a whole lot smoother than most of us would like, we did have snow lying in places across the track which we had to plough through. This of course, was a whole lot of fun, especially for me as I was passengering with Kenn in the lead vehicle. (Kenn didn't look none to bored either I might add.) I regret the fact the trip report was unable to make it to me before this magazine went to print, but I'm very much looking forward to it making it (hint, hint) into next month's edition, so it can do the run the credit it so much deserves. Whereas I'm always happy to write a trip report, because I actually quite like (yes really) writing, what I don't want to see happen is my name appearing as the author of trip reports month after month after month. To be fair, I believe I pretty much do my fair share of trip reports and it makes for a much more balanced publication if we all take a turn. Then no one can say "Oh hell, there's HER name there again. . ." There's absolutely no way I should ever be seen to have a monopoly on the thing.

Happy 4x4ing

Eileen Harrison

Trip reports, photos or anything else you wish to contribute to next months magazine should be received **by the deadline of:**

FRIDAY, 16 June.

(Anything received after this date may not be included in the magazine)

Either post your contributions to : 22 Cushen St, Invercargill; or
E-mail : harrison22@outlook.co.nz ; or
Phone : 03-216-6620 or 027-216-6620

(The Editor reserves the right to use discretion to edit trip reports and to withhold names of properties and landowners to protect their privacy)

Essential Gear List and Things to Do

If you haven't got it, you shouldn't be on club trips!

- **Remove towball**
- **Tow hooks / Clevis (on front and rear)**
- **Recovery strop / joining stick**
- **Rated 'D' or bow shackle**
- **Shovel / spade**
- **Basic tool kit / vehicle spares**
- **Spark Arrester**
- **Fire Extinguisher**
- **Jack and jack base of wood or steel**
- **Radiator blind / sack**
- **Torch**
- **Strong footwear**
- **Soap / towel / toilet paper**
- **Water in a container**
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Valid drivers licence**
- **Third Party Insurance (minimum required)**
- **Current Registration and Warrant of Fitness**
- **Self-sufficient overnight equipment: Tent, bedding etc. when required.**
- **No dogs or firearms**
- **For further information on any trip, contact trip leader**

*** Please make sure that any guests you bring are equipped with the required safety gear and abide by the Club rules. ***