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Cover Page: Crossing some picturesque farmland during the 2017 end of year run. Photo courtesy of David Harrison

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President's Report

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the new year everybody. I hope everybody is feeling refreshed after a bit of a break away from work. I worked through the Christmas period and I'm more than ready for a couple of weeks off shortly. Actually I'm ready to go now! Give me an hour or so to pack some gear and hook up the camper behind the truck and I could be away!

The run that Gorden has organised for the first weekend of February looks like it will be a boomer, getting into some great country that is not always accessible. If you haven't already registered make sure you do soon as registrations are required by 31 January - don't miss out! There is a small charge per truck that will be donated to the local school. I think we can expect to see more of these types of charges to access private property, it is becoming quite common further north. Personally, I don't have a problem with it, so long as the price is realistic. I have heard of properties wanting to charge \$50.00 per truck which is a bit over the top! I suspect that this is more of a technique to put people off asking to have access rather than a price the land owner expects people to pay.

There is a selection of trips coming up over the next couple of months that should give everybody something interesting to do, so please support them. Sometimes these trips take quite a bit of time and effort to organise so it is always pleasing to see a good turnout on trips. The better they are supported, the more incentive there is for people to organise more of them. I know that I go on about this a bit, but trips are what the club is all about, and what being a member is all about.

Hopefully I'll see you all on some more runs this year coming.

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.



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** 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 queries with it, please phone Kenn Hawkes - 03-230-4143.

Day and Date	: Saturday, 3 to Sunday, 4 February
What	: CAMPING WEEKEND
Grade	: Medium
Trip Leader and Phone	: Gorden Goodall 021-022-35694
Itinerary	: Saturday: - NOKOMAI TO NEVIS : - \$10 per truck. (Proceeds to be : donated to the Garston School) : - Meeting 9.00am at The Jollies Pass : Sunday : - TENNANT PEAK TO NEVIS : - Meeting 10.00am at the Kingston : Garage
Accommodation	: Kingston Holiday Park 03-248-8501 (please : arrange your own accommodation asap as this is : a busy time of the year and is already very limited)
Equipment	: Everything on the back page of this magazine.
Registration	: Yes, to Gorden before Wednesday, 31 January : please

Day and Date	: Sunday, 11 February
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



SLRC's MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING

When : Tuesday, 13 February

Time : 8.00pm

Where : Ruru School staffroom

(located at the rear of the school, access is via the driveway past the old peoples' home at the end of Ruru Street)

(all members and prospective members welcome)

Day and Date : Sunday, 25 February 2018
Where : **AITCHISON RUNS ROAD to BLACK CREEK** (59km return)
Grade : Easy-Medium
Equipment : Everything on the back page of this magazine.
Meeting Place and Time: Millers Flat 10.30am
Trip Leader and Phone : Glenn Scott (03)212-8499 or 027-474-2230
: after 7.30pm please
Registration Details : Yes to Glenn please no late than Wednesday, 21 February

Day and Date : Saturday, 10 March
Where : **MULHOLLAND TRACK**
Trip Leader and Phone : Gorden Goodall 021-022-35694
Grade : Easy-Medium
Equipment : Everything on the back page of this magazine.
Meeting Place and Time: Five Rivers Cafe 9.30am
Registration Details : Yes to Gorden please no late than Wednesday, 7 March

Day and Date : Friday, 23, Saturday, 24, Sunday, 25, Monday, 26 March (Otago Anniversary Day)
What : **INTERCLUB WEEKEND with NO4WD Club and Central Otago 4WD Club**
Hosts this Year : North Otago 4WD Club
Where : Oamaru Area
Grade : Easy-Medium and very social
Accommodation : - **Oamaru Top 10 Holiday Park,**) Choice of
: 30 Chelmer Street, Oamaru)- options, arrange
: Phone (03) 434-7666) own bookings
: - See internet for a choice of other options
Itinerary : **Friday** : Travel to Oamaru and settle into
: : accommodation
: **Saturday** : **Day Run.** Big loop top of Kakanui
: : **Evening:** Double decker bus tour
: : round Oamaru ending up at Maheno
: : Tavern Restaurant and Bar for Meal
: : Bus Cost: Not known
: : Meal Cost: No more than \$30 per adult
: **Sunday** : Shorter run into Kakanui, ending up
: : around Palmerston for convenience
: : of those heading south for home
: **Monday** : TBA for those able to stay on longer
Contact and Phone for : Ian Vercoe: Landline : 03-455-7296; or
More info/Trip Registration : : Cellphone: 021-170-8030


MORE INFORMATION IN MARCH MAGAZINE



CLUB PROPERTY FOR HIRE:

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

FOR SALE:

Spark Arresters	..	..	..	..	..	\$20.00
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 off excellent light) (while stocks last) ..					\$ 5.00
Contact Ron McLeod	..	..	..	(03) 217-6727		



Polarfleece Beanie Hats						
Monogrammed with SLRC logo	..	..	..	..	..	\$10.00
Contact Andrea Noble	..	..	..	(03) 218-6995		
SLRC logo monogrammed on clothing						
(ie. polo shirts, jackets, t-shirts, vests etc.)	..	..	..	..	..	POA
Contact Labelz Monogramming	(03)217-8585					POA

NEW MEMBER

Committee and members warmly welcome

CARL JOHNSTONE

to the Southland Land Rover Club

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

(Albert Einstein)



SAFETY REPORT BY 'THE SEAGULL'

The pizza oven is taking shape, I got half the dome built this weekend.

OPTIONAL GEAR

Snig Chain

A snig chain is a length of chain with chain hooks on both ends, an eye one end and a hook on the other, or an eye on both ends. It can be used in various situations, including anchoring a pulley block, or anchoring the rear of your vehicle while winching. Always take up the slack slowly.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Remember to register for the Combined Clubs Run in March. See details on page 7 of this magazine.

LESSONS FROM PAST TRIPS

Our new member on the Christmas run was made most welcome and we will see him again. More practice using the clutch Rabbitt!! He has driven automatics for 30 years!

TIP FOR THE MONTH

Make sure your gear, especially heavy items like your spade, axe, chains etc., are firmly secured. In the event of a roll over, what would you like wrapped around your ears - a soft jersey, the arms of your spouse/partner . . . Or a set of tyre chains?

Have fun and stay safe!!

Ron McLeod,

Safety Officer

COMBINED END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS RUN WITH SLRC AND SOUTHERN TRAILBLAZERS

Sunday, 12 December

Trip Leaders Stephen and Callum Calder

Report by Glen McPhail

Photos by David Harrison

At 9:30 we made the most important pickup of the day – ice creams. Yes, it must be Christmas picnic time again.

Twenty-four vehicles met at the Centre Bush garage and without further ado Stephen led an impressive convoy from the township, just as the rain started. It was short lived though, which was a good thing and laid the dust nicely for the start of the day. It was on this road that we made our first donation of Christmas spirit to the wider Centre Bush community by having some Christmas decorations fly off the Pajero.

Stephen and Callum had seven different properties lined up for the day and the first took us up to the Bastion through some nice farmland.



After a short walk we arrived at a trig station and got views looking over towards northern Southland and the Dipton, lower Oreti area. From here it



was onwards onto another property to the top of a hill, appropriately named Hill Top where it was dead calm and a perfect spot for lunch looking towards the Otapiri Gorge.

After a leisurely lunch and the necessary ice-creams, Callum took the lead onto another couple of properties. Since it had not rained any more, the ground conditions were deemed to have dried out enough to be able to do another track he had in mind, which had a steep grassy hill on it; a no go in the wet, it was fine for the vehicles this afternoon. About now I need to mention gates – there were lots of gates. Thank goodness there were 24 vehicles on the trip as we reckon each vehicle would have done at least two gates. We arrived back out on the main road, now north of Dipton. Back down to Dipton, we headed into Castle Downs forestry for a drive about where our leader managed to show us a few views from both directions. Some may say he was lost . . .

We were now close to the Calder farm and after a quick look around, we settled into the woolshed for the BBQ and salads and another yarn.



Thanks to the Calders for organising the trip, a pretty big effort to get seven properties lined up with very little road work and a new

view at every corner/top of hill. Eileen also did a



great job of making the salads this year rather than buying them, which saved a pile of money. And thanks to Laura for volunteering to write this report, then delegating it to me, as her memory was a bit lacking . .



LOOKING BACK

OUR EXPEDITION TO THE MOTH

Trip Date Unknown

Report by "The Smurf"

(Reprinted from pp 9, October 2001 Magazine)

As people descended upon the 'Moth' they were enveloped by the warmth and cosiness of a rather 'large' room. People gathered around the bar and prepared themselves for the 50m walk to the workshop. The pilot (remiss of me not to remember his name) gave us all a really interesting talk/discussion about the restoration work. For me this was one of the highlights of the trip.

We returned to the restaurant where we were seated at our tables. The meal seemed a long time coming, but it gave people the chance to chat and entertain themselves. One such person created a bit of mirth by being observed looking for the batteries of the candlelight flitting on the table. Dessert was another entertainment in itself. As the first dessert came out people's eyes boggled. It was **enormous**. The dismay on Scott's face as his dessert came was priceless. However, his dismay quickly turned to a taste-bud sensation as the 'nut brownie' in my opinion was **THE BEST**.

To those people who have a fear of 'creepy crawlies' the moth emblem at the bottom of the coffee cup could shatter a few unsuspecting nerves. Our true Southland grit showed through with only the odd flutter or two and it created a bit of laughter.

I feel that had there been more people going on this trip, the bus option would have provided a different dimension to the social aspect. Overall I enjoyed myself and the 'Moth' experience' is one you'll not want to miss out on again.

WAIKAWA - CATLINS RUN

Sunday, 2 September 2001

Report by Tina Phillips (the reluctant scribe)

(Reprinted from pp 11-12 October 2001 Magazine)

One sunny September Sunday (the 2nd to be precise) at 9.00am, eight enthusiastic 4WD vehicles led by Ross Bulling met to undertake an adventure that will be long remembered by all who came. This was no trip to be undertaken without the use of gumboots, chains, shovels, strops and winches which were all used on more than one occasion throughout the day. Keith Gutsell described this run (with an evil little chuckle) as something in store for Mr Clark. This was a hard run through heavy stump ground, farm pastures and tracks with a view of the east coast that became more magnificent as we came closer to the rugged coastline. After a brief meeting between the drivers, it was decided that I was scribe (so much for democracy).

The first to require assistance from another vehicle was none other than our trip leader himself, who after only five minutes into the run got stuck in what he described as the easy bit! His lovely assistant vehicle and co-leader Keith Gutsell in the white Toyota Land Cruiser came to his rescue and the convoy continued. However, it wasn't long before the next vehicle had to be pulled up a steep and greasy incline, which proved difficult for a few of the vehicles.

Throughout the run there were a number of opportunities to see just what each vehicle was capable of and test the skills of the drivers behind the wheels. There were a few good hills, slopes and loops to get the blood pumping and the wheels spinning of those who may have been looking for a challenge. The Club President [Kevin Clark] who was also Tail End Charlie showed everyone on a number of occasions exactly how it should be done after watching other 4WD vehicles ploughing the paddocks for the farmer. Being in James' vehicle gave this particular scribe a bit of an education about language and words I didn't even know existed, as he decided to make things a bit more greasy and challenging for the vehicles behind us (on more than one occasion I might add).

At one point we had to stop for the blokes to get out their shovels and fill in a few holes and bumpy bits so that we could head down a gully then continue up a steep and muddy hill which everyone managed to conquer except for Stephen Parry in his truck, who got stuck toward the top - but not to worry that's what strops were invented for (to get people out of sticky situations) and John Watson in the Toyota who took the 'B' track around the dip. We had a few brief stops but these never lasted for more than a couple of minutes as we travelled through the peat based obstacle course of stumps and debris. This all equates to a good bumpy Sunday joyride.

We stopped at the top of a hill with the wind in our faces and the sun at our backs for some good conversation and a spot of lunch. Then we continued on our journey toward the picturesque view and tranquil setting of the ocean (the stuff that postcards are made of). With the deep blue waves crashing into the mountainous coastline beside us we drove on through the paddock, past a penguin colony, to be joined by John Taylor.

Just when we thought we had made it through the rough stuff our trip leader takes us through a muddy paddock (resulting in a line of stuck vehicles). Scott Gorrie's wife Demelza got behind the wheel of his vehicle to tidy up the mess he decided to make (and a good job she made of it too!) Whoever said that girls couldn't play in the big boys' sandpit has obviously never seen the Land Cruiser wives in action as Vicky Clark almost made it through the sticky mud bath that others had failed to conquer. She said to herself "I knew I should have stuck it in third and just went for it! Better luck next time Vicky.

John Taylor, our late comer, opted for an easier route on a couple of occasions and should have stuck to his game plan throughout the rest of the journey because it wasn't long before he became well and truly stuck, requiring the assistance of James towing him one way (almost getting himself stuck as well) then Scott with the other to get him out (a most spectacular rescue with a lot of mud flicking all over the place.

We ended the adventure by taking a quick spin around a clay hill through a maze of tree trunks and gorse with a few tight fits and bumpy bits. This was a great day had by all who embarked on the journey with not a clean truck to be seen by the end of the day. At 4.45pm it was chains off and time to go home.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello everyone,

So, another year begins. At the rate the years just seem to be flying by, I guess that means Christmas will once again soon be upon us. . . !

Finally Dave and I have our truck back all in one piece again and very good it is to have the battered but faithful old girl with us once more. She has now been made more secure. The low life scumbags that stole her still have not been caught. I guess they probably won't be. Grrr! She had her first run out with the club on 10 December for the combined end of year run with SLRC and Southern Trailblazers. Previously referred to by Dave and I by the name of BET; with reference to the 1970s tv series 'The Bionic Man/Woman,' we are now calling her 'Bionic BET.' You know, "... 'BET.' A truck barely alive. We can rebuild her. We can make her better than she was before..." And guess what? 'Bionic BET' is indeed running better than she was before her dark little sojourn into the hands of the criminal world. Mind you, as good as she's running now, she's still a long, long way off perfecting the technique of leaping tall buildings in a single bound and seeing way, way into the distance with her 'bionic headlights.'

Can't think of anything else meaningful to say, so until next time. . .

Happy 4x4ing. We hope to see you out on the trail with us somewhere soon.

Eileen Harrison

Trip reports, photos or anything else you wish to contribute to next months magazine should be received **by the absolute deadline of FRIDAY, 16 February** either by:

- Posting to 22 Cushen Street, Invercargill 9812; or
- E-mailing to editor@southlandlandroverclub.co.nz

(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. ***