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NATIONAL 4X4 TRIALS SEASON BEGINS
Round One - hosted by Waikato 4WD Club

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Brendan Watchorn at the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge.

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NATIONAL 4X4 TRIALS

Round One - 12th November 2016
REPORT & PHOTOS - Bobbie Kincaid

Waikato 4x4 Club hosted the first Round for the 2016-2017 Series on a property that holds a lot of history for their Members (the Sheraton Stories). The hazards were slippery, the rain came and went and two hazards were impassable, but that's trialing!

One hazard was pulled and 11 DNF'd before the morning section was done.

Steve and brother Kevin Morley were the only ones left in F Class as Matthew Merwood didn't make lunch. The only entrant in K Class was #542 Denis Beech, he pulled the pin after two hazards.

Russell Luders and Chris Tomalin from the South Waikato 4x4 Club in the Cowper 5.7 were the fastest on the speed section coming in at 33.9 seconds. The only other team close to that time was C Class driver Kevin Hermanson in the Cowper 2000cc - clicked at 34.7secs.

Kevin and co-driver Nick Hamilton won the morning section in C Class. Behind them only 18.59 points separated second and third - Scott Biggs and Jarred Biggs in the Homebuilt 6000cc and Hamish Auret and Paul Barnes in #222 the Racing LS7 - 7000cc.



Jeremy Malcolm and Michael Singleton in the D Class Homebuilt - 3800 are first up on this morning hazard.



This was a tight turn....on a hill, that was slippery....saw some impressive turning manoeuvres... even backwards?!

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Malcom and Ayden McLeavey in The Joker C Class - 2.0 ltr Turbo from Mt Egmont Club were the only ones to clear hazard 14 in the afternoon, this isn't hazard 14.



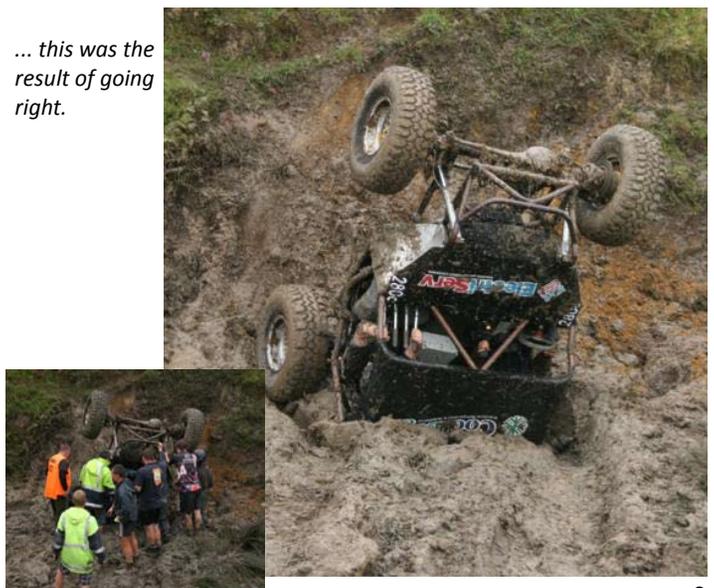
Pretty sure this is Hamish Auret and Paul Barnes taking the left option ...



Ray Raising looking for the flames



Colin Piper (Navigator in 110) has a chat with Steve Morley, Captain of the Pirate Pajero, first mate Kevin looking at the camera.



... this was the result of going right.

In the afternoon, clearing a complete hazard was not an easy task for the competitors, Scott and and Jarrad did the best with zero'ing four.

Russell and Chris once again made it around the speed section the fastest with a time of 41.02 followed closely by Phil Conwell and Paul Chapman in the C Class Homebuilt - 2 litre, at 43.22 seconds.

In total there were 41 vehicles from NZFWDA Clubs around NZ competing at this event, teams are made up of husband and wife, father and daughter, father and son, in laws and mates.

Thanks to the guys marshalling, the old trialists helping out with Sector Marshalling and the Club members pushing cars out of the car park. Thanks also to local sponsors, community organisations and volunteers. These events make a great day out - bring your gummies and an umbrella just in case!

Next Round: Saturday 21st January 2017 - South Waikato - Okoroire.



David Vanderschantz was gifted "L" Plates from his daughters for his first Trials in his new truck.



Husband and wife competitors, Ian and Jenni Templeton.



Marshals steady the vehicle while the recovery vehicles are moved into position to extract the stuck vehicle.



It is about here they decide if they are going left or right into the bog...



Phil Walton (middle) was the only one to zero hazard 27.

RESULTS FOR Round One - Sat 12/11/2016
Hosted by Waikato 4x4 Club

C CLASS.....	TOTAL
588 ...Kevin HERMANSEN.....	982.22
261 ...Darrell OSBORNE.....	1257.15
236 ...Nathan FOGDEN.....	1278.75
280 ...Rhys O'BRIEN.....	1364.91
99Phil CONWELL.....	1416.59
402 ...Shayne TOWERS.....	1577.32
485 ...Grant HARRISON.....	1594.05
199 ...Malcolm MCLEAVEY.....	1654.35
62Steven THOMASON.....	1723.43
359 ...Ian TEMPLETON.....	2052

D CLASS.....	TOTAL
448 ...Scott BIGGS.....	836.19
222 ...HAMISH AURET.....	950.62
203 ...Greg MCDELL.....	1001.71
438 ...Russell LUDERS.....	1284.89
553 ...Rowan HUCKSTEP.....	1341.6
646 ...Brian HALL.....	1433.56
451 ...Aaron GUEST.....	1453.88
777 ...Mike GEE-TAYLOR.....	1473.8
370 ...Dean WELLS.....	1492.5
110 ...David VANDERSCHANTZ.....	1555.35
240 ...Stuart EARLE.....	1570.27
202 ...Kevin GALBRAITH.....	1590.28
255 ...Silven SCHICKER.....	1597.71
632 ...Phil HOBART.....	1629.59
79Dean RUSSELL.....	1789.43
171 ...Ray RASING.....	1906.44
149 ...Steve LACEY.....	1947.51
154 ...PHILIP WALTON.....	2016.13
581 ...Jeremy MALCOLM.....	2450.09
44Phil CAMERON.....	DNF
65John MCGONIGLE.....	DNF
206 ...Ryan BOLD.....	DNF
228 ...Russell BIGGS.....	DNF
303 ...Dave MCKIE.....	DNF
316 ...Craig POTTER.....	DNF
375 ...Brent WARD.....	DNF
536 ...Wayne BUCKTHOUGHT.....	DNF
644 ...Kurt JOHNSON.....	DNF

F CLASS.....	TOTAL
335 ...Steve MORLEY.....	1656.46
230 ...Matthew MERWOOD.....	DNF

K CLASS.....	TOTAL
542 ...Denis BEECH.....	2334.07



Phil "Fireman" Conwell and Paul "Chappie" Chapman from Windy City 4WD Club.



Father and daughter - Wayne and Rachel Buckthought in Hell Boy - LS1 from Mt Egmont 4x4 Club.



Nathan Fogden and Mike Gibbons finished the vehicle just in time for this Round...They will be happy with that travel in the front, shame the locker wasn't working...

RESULTS FOR Round Two - Sat 10/12/2016
Hosted by Bay of Plenty 4WD Club

A CLASS.....	TOTAL
204 Daniel HOWAT.....	2056.54

C CLASS.....	TOTAL
199 Malcolm MCLEAVEY.....	542.72
99 Phil CONWELL.....	713.12
588 Kevin HERMANSEN.....	715.84
261 Darrell OSBORNE.....	755.09
236 Nathan FOGDEN.....	873.9
359 Ian TEMPLETON.....	909.9
62 Steven THOMASON.....	987.1
280 Rhys O'BRIEN.....	1016.27
402 Shayne TOWERS.....	DNF

D CLASS.....	TOTAL
448 Scott BIGGS.....	534.47
255 Silven SCHICKER.....	592.37
303 Dave MCKIE.....	658.94
202 Kevin GALBRAITH.....	672.89
222 Hamish AURET.....	692.19
632 Phil HOBART.....	712.28
203 Greg MCDELL.....	736.59
370 Dean WELLS.....	742.47
438 Russell LUDERS.....	756.44
553 Rowan HUCKSTEP.....	759.96
375 Brent WARD.....	793.85
536 Wayne BUCKTHOUGHT.....	795.74
646 Brian HALL.....	837.62
171 Ray RASING.....	916.62
44 Phil CAMERON.....	940.31
110 David VANDERSCHANTZ.....	967.44
644 Kurt JOHNSON.....	989.97
316 Craig POTTER.....	1021.62
228 Russell BIGGS.....	DNF
240 Stuart EARLE.....	DNF
451 Aaron GUEST.....	DNF

F CLASS.....	TOTAL
335 Steve MORLEY.....	1185.93
230 Matthew MERWOOD.....	DNF

K CLASS.....	TOTAL
542 Denis BEECH.....	2334.07

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Silven Schicker and Grant Schuler from Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club.

Left: Dean Russell and Ivan Whewell in the Raglan Off-Road Raptor - 3.8 SC.

CZ Club Truck Challenge 2016-2017

ROUND 1 - WAINUORU HELD BY WAIRARAPA 4X4 CLUB ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW GEE



ABOVE: Keith Blackie from the Manawatu Club puts his Class 2 Hilux through the water hazard.

The new Season of the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC) began in September with an event put on by the Wairarapa 4x4 Club at a site in Wainuioru that they have used for the last few years. It was wet during the week before the event but we prayed that we could still use the block. On the day the weather was great and the Club was rewarded with an excellent turnout of competitors, over 30 vehicles and many more drivers who were sharing vehicles. We had our cadre of keen Club Truckers who do all of the Rounds, National Trials competitors keeping their hand in, local Club members and new to our CTC a good number of female competitors. I mentioned how lovely this was and had a boot jammed down my throat. No matter whether you

are a boy or girl I think the non threatening and purely skill based hazards or driving tests make the CTC a good day out. As well as your skill and experience the number of cylinders attached to your skilful foot helps, as does new tyres.

The calendar has filled out to an unprecedented three Rounds before Christmas and another couple in the new year from February with this year's final Round to be held in Taihape. Round Two will be in the Taranaki on October 29 and then a month later Capital Cruiser Club will hold Round Three in Wellington. Judith Hintz had her little boy David, riding shotgun but I don't think she needs his advice. She had a good drive and put her Suzuki away in the same condition



Amelia Dale starts this season as a driver in Class 3 after co-driving for many years.



The Wairarapa Club always fit in a side by side drag and the wet ground made it spectacular if you had some power.



Peter Robinson goes for blast off in the Class 4 Nissan Patrol.



Ross Gregory's Jeep surges up the hill climb taking advantage of its low weight.



Alan Stone of Mt Egmont Club, surges his Landcruiser through the blue pegs.

that it was when she started in the morning. With so many vehicles the competitors were split into four groups which enabled us to get through fourteen hazards and then run side by side drag races to finish the day. Unfortunately it meant that I didn't see half of the field during the day like most of the National Trials competitors, Brent Ward, Mark Smith, Peter Grey, Kevin Galbraith and Ash Senior but they pegged out some pretty tough hazards. The ground was so wet that even between just a few competitors a hazard could change completely, especially if

the preceding person got stuck and spun holes in the course. These conditions favour people with the best and newest tyres and Alan and Shona Stone were having a good day in their Toyota Landcruiser. Hazard 8 had an easy line that only lasted for three drivers before it got chopped out. We finished the day with side by side drag races where you were paired off with a similar machine and had a timed run down both



Peter Robinson from the Manawatu club has competed in many rounds of the Club Truck Challenge in the past.



Marty Green from Capital Cruisers Club drives the FJ40 in Class 3.



Tom is flying low but should get a hub through the blue pegs here.

Kauri Die Back (Phytophthora taxon Agathis or PTA)

Reporting by Tony Burgess - NZFWDA Public Relations Officer

I have for some time been aware of a major threat to our recreation from Kauri Die Back (Phytophthora taxon Agathis or PTA) which seems to have become much more of a concern in recent months. Kauri dieback is the deadly kauri disease caused by Phytophthora taxon Agathis (or PTA). Following DNA studies, this fungus-like disease was formally identified in 2008 as a distinct and previously undescribed species of Phytophthora. Kauri dieback is specific to New Zealand kauri and can kill trees of all ages. It is now widely spread and can be found in many parts of the upper North Island. Some areas of DoC land have already been completely closed to public access to prevent the spread of PTA.

Why should we be concerned, after all it is only a few trees?

Kauri plays a vital role in New Zealand's culture, history, landscapes and ecosystems. Kauri are among the most spectacular trees in the world and are environment-shapers; exerting a strong influence on the species that live with them, including humans. However, due

to exploitation, only a small fraction of the original kauri forests remain. Kauri forest is critically important to all New Zealanders, but it is also vulnerable. Losing all our kauri trees has been likened to losing all our Kiwis.

Concern that PTA could be spread by vehicle use is the main reason that the Wires Track at Maratoto was closed.

NZFWDA needs to act to ensure that we are able to maintain access to DoC controlled lands north of Raglan. There is a lot of information on PTA here <http://www.kauridieback.co.nz/> and elsewhere on the web.

How can we prevent the spread of PTA?

PTA lives in soil and transported by water on to the roots of Kauri. Work is underway looking at how we can prevent the spread of PTA and if you 4x4 north of Raglan you will need to know about PTA as it will have an effect on you some time soon.

When going into, or out of an area where Kauri live, you need to remove all soil and disinfect any dust etc. (Trampers will already be familiar with the requirement to disinfect boots and dirty clothing) and keep off Kauri roots.



sides of the course. The left hand course required reversing to get around the corner which made it the slower track while the right hand track provided some spectacular jumps as people spun around to get back.

Short wheel base Nissan Patrols were a popular vehicle with variants from mild to wild, full body to ute conversion. Peter Robinson entered in the new Class 4 with his Patrol using the event to train for an upcoming winch challenge. Neil Blackie, the current president of CCVC from Wellington runs a very interesting Land Rover. The Series 3 soft top isn't what it appears to be, having a petrol V8 engine and a shortened Range Rover chassis to give the vehicle coil springs and disc brakes. Its current evolution has Nissan axles for increased beefiness. Pajeros and Wranglers are also popular choices but at the end of the day Ross Gregory came third driving his very basic Jeep showing that skill is all that is required.



Club Truck veteran Steve is back for another year of competition in his Class 3 Nissan although he has beached himself in this hazard.



Amelia Dale is the Capital Cruiser Club President and can only compete in a Toyota.



Neil Blackie from CCVC in Wellington is constantly modifying this Land Rover to make it bulletproof.



Judith Hintz drives her Suzuki in the Speed hazard threading through the trees.

**Series information on
www.czctc.org.nz
Or post a question on the
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Top 6 placings			
Driver	Club	Class	Score
1. Marty Green	Capital Cruisers	3	233.66
2. Ash Senior	Valley 4wd	2	266.19
3. Ross Gregory	Wairarapa 4x4	1	291.91
4. Nathan Thomsen	Manawatu 4wd	3	299.63
5. Peter Robinson	Manawatu 4wd	4	317.36
6. Sam Thomsen	Manawatu 4wd	3	319.82



Tom and Jess have joined the Club Truck Challenge in this Class 3 Jeep, fresh out of the workshop.

SHOUT-OUT FOR CARS



We will draw on modern manufacturers, car collectors and restorers to help present New Zealand's biggest and most interesting car exhibition. MTA invites those who own the country's most iconic, historic or just plain fantastic cars to share them with the public. If you have a car that should take its place in the line-up (or know someone who has one) please contact Kylie.Robinson@mta.org.nz and pass the word around. We intend to have at least 300-400 carefully selected cars to show off.

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CZ Club Truck Challenge 2016-2017

ROUND 2 OPUNAKE HOSTED BY MT EGMONT 4WD CLUB ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW GEE



Graham Goble of Mt Egmont 4wd Club tries to make too tight a turn to finish the hazard.



Brendan Watchorn launches the Pajero hard for a zero score.

This is one of my long distance hauls to compete against my old mates in wheeling in the Club Truck Challenge (CTC). As I bombed along past Turakina after visit to the Cowper Trucks workshop I was thinking that I was heading to my 19th Round of the 23 that have been held since 2011. It was a good idea back then and it still is now, thanks to Mark Watchorn and John Jenkins for your forethought and work in setting up the series.

We had some new competitors and the return of an old regular in Neville Vesty from the local Club, Mt Egmont. Neville's very tidy Hilux flatdeck has had some developments to make his idea of a club truck and he was ready to shake it down. It was the return of the girls that was the highlight of this Round, Shona Stone, Judith Hintz and Kelsey van Waas. Kelsey buzzed around in her bumble bee

Suzuki with gay abandon between the hazards until some air conditioning was installed in her truck. The real hero is Shona who is a veteran campaigner in the CTC having competed and travelled to the competitions for a good long time. She puts on the Taranaki Round every year as well as being the Central Zone Treasurer for so long she can't remember when she started. Her work,



Ash Senior's class 2 Pajero digs down instead of up, where he needs to be for the finish.



Sam Thomsen from Manawatu Club shared this Patrol with his dad in Class 3.

4WD Off-Road Insurance



Whilst enjoying the 4WD off-road experience your insurance needs are very specific and in most cases your standard motor vehicle policy does not cover you for off-road activities and club events.

In conjunction with the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association this 4WD Off-Road insurance product has been specifically designed for **your** needs and is available only to club members. The programme has been in place since 1999 and its longevity speaks for itself.

Vehicles are covered comprehensively for off-road and on-road use and the policy accommodates heavily modified vehicles which are often difficult to insure.

Going into forests on a non-club excursion? Ask about the Fire Service Liability extension.



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year in and year out, keeps the Zone and the CTC Series happening. Thanks also have to go out to the Mt Egmont Club members who gave up their Labour Day holiday to peg out twenty hazards, more than we could use on the day, but cheers Rowan, Gobbie, Alan, Shona and Ted.

Friday night was a howling gale and at times it was difficult to hear each other as we sheltered in the feed shed. Fortunately my tent did the business and Saturday dawned fine and still as people started arriving. Andrew the property owner was away over the weekend but he let us use his "rough" paddock, this beautiful paddock had volcanic sand and rock that was so free draining that my Jeep hardly needed cleaning when I got home. A "crowd pleaser" type bog section was left only because recovering vehicles that didn't make it would be too hard and time consuming. The Trials competitors had produced some tough hazards with multiple hill climbs and tight turns linking them requiring good planning to avoid leaving the course. The speed section was a figure of 8 route run twice, once in each direction, and the steep drop on the passenger's side had Marcus crying "Whoa Nellie". Ash Senior, a previous E Class National Trials



Ash Senior from Valley 4wd Club drives his Pajero in Class 2.



Bruce Tustin from Wellington Jeep Club is a Class 3 stalwart who came 5th on the day.

champion, was following up on his excellent Round 1 result, and made the trip to Taranaki for another go at the CTC. He had the full whanau support of his wife as navigator and his folks on the sideline following the example of the Hintz family and Les and Sam Thomsen in stacking the cheering crowd with your family.

Marty Green from Capital Cruisers Club narrowly won the day from Dave MacGinnity by just four points. They both came to this Round with new theories about the best way to win, Marty ditched his navigator while Dave chose to go to Class 2 in a new Jeep. Bring your new ideas to the next Round and give it a nudge.

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TOP FIVE RESULTS

Overall place.....	Class	Club
1	Marty Green.....3 ..	213.38 . Capital Cruisers
2	Dave MacGinnity...2 ..	217.43 . Windy City
3	Graham Goble.....2 ..	228.53 . Mt Egmont
4	Les Thomsen	3 ..235.40 . Manawatu
5	Bruce Tustin.....3 ..	334.60 . Wgtn Jeep



Kelsey van Waas threads through the rocks to guide the Suzuki up the slope.



Dave and Marcus try to climb the offchamber hill out of the soft bog.



Marty Green from Capital Cruisers Club flexes up his Cruiser.



Shona is a competition stalwart and frequent event organiser, she and Alan share driving their Landcruiser in Class 2.



Judith Hintz drives her Suzuki in Class 1 showing a clean pair of heels.

Brendan Watchorn's class 2 Pajero punishes its front drivetrain.



Neville Vesty from Mt Egmont Club is modifying this very tidy Hilux to be a great Club truck.

Les Thomsen runs a Nissan Patrol in Class 3, he is a previous Round



Marty Green from Capital Cruisers Club drives the FJ40 in Class 3.



Club Truck veteran Steve is back with attitude for another year of competition in his Class 3 Nissan.

Les Thomsen from Manawatu Club had a good run competing against his son in the same Nissan Patrol.



Dave MacGinnity from Windy City Offroaders trys competition in Class 2 this year.

4x4 Events/Trips/Runs

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21 JANUARY 2017

Round 3 - National 4x4 Trial Series. South Waikato. For more information visit: www.nz4x4trials.co.nz

12 FEBRUARY 2017

Round 4 - National 4x4 Trial Series. Wellington. For more information visit: www.nz4x4trials.co.nz

11 MARCH 2017

Round 5 - National 4x4 Trial Series. Taranaki. For more information visit: www.nz4x4trials.co.nz

18-19 MARCH 2017

Hosted by Kauri Coast 4WD Club of Dargaville. There will be tracks for both Club Shynys and tuff trucks. The Safari will be based in Waimamaku crossing private land, both coastal and inland that isn't accessible to the public and will be predominately off road. Full day of 4x4ing on Saturday and a half-day Sunday. This is a self-catering Safari so unlike previous years no meals provided. There will be BBQ's available and there is also a kitchen in the complex. Full camping facilities available. Cost \$100 per vehicle. Fundraising for the Northland Rescue Helicopter, Limited to 60 vehicle. For more information contact Ron or Chrissy 09 405 8316. To register email info@kauricoast4wdclub.co.nz

23 APRIL 2017 (EASTER)

Round 6 - National 4x4 Trial Series. Manawatu. For more information visit: www.nz4x4trials.co.nz

APRIL 2017 (EASTER WEEKEND)

WEST COAST 4X4 CHALLENGE. See right for details.

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Trials competition report.

Another trial season has commenced with a bang, with the Waikato Club hosting the First Round and their first for fourteen years. Despite the weather the Club ran an excellent event and lead the way for a great start to the season.

Since the last column, everyone has been prepping their trucks for another push at the latest Trial Season. After the new safety ruling addressing the influx of spinal injuries, competitors have had the tough task of altering their trucks

for compliance to make the first Round. It's been a great testament to the sport how everyone has embraced these new changes.

Many of those unable to get their trucks completed in time still made it to the first Round to spectate and support the sport which is great to see. We have had (although unexpected) an overwhelming influx of support for these changes, and I would like to thank all of those for getting on board. Although there seemed to be a short term drop in numbers at the First Round, this has had little effect on the action at the event,

well designed hazards and a good flowing course created the perfect storm.

There is excellent competition going on, and the drivers at the top end of the field are looking very sharp and on top of their game. Some new trucks joining the field looking very impressive. This is going to be a well contested season. Congatulations to Scott Biggs for taking out the First Round.

Cheers Ron
Ron Sturme
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Zone

We held a Zone meeting on the 15th of October with 16 people in attendance.

Off road

I have been able to get out on a couple of trips of recent times, the last one being a trip up to a high point in the Rauhine Ranges, just a pity the rain and low cloud took so much from the day. This was the Christmas run for my Club (Central Districts) which was meant to be a day of driving, golf, skeet shooting and finish the day with a BBQ. By the BBQ the rain was coming down well enough to scrap the BBQ idea and most people drifted off early. So all the meat went in to the freezer, maybe we can get it out after the Christmas parade.

One of our local tracks is accessed across a farmers land and that bit of the track is maintained by DoC. Recently another Club came to me

with concerns about the condition of this track and what we should do to resolve the issue, after a few phone calls I found out all was under control. So what is this story leading to..... This part of the track is considered to be easy going so how did it get in to a state to cause concern?? Part of the reason is the way we drive, have you ever followed a part time 4WD vehicle up a gravel hill track, you know the easy type of track that you don't need 4wd for.... what do you see?? the back wheels spinning in the loose surface, damaging the track. So for you guys with part time 4WD, think about this and lock in to 4WD early.

In the workshop

A few little jobs, belts and plugs in to the RangeRover P38 which is due for another WOF, hopefully without issue.

On the Discovery I have finally

rewired the electric radiator fans, I had these running through a pair of 25 amp blade fuses but the load proved too much for the holder and slowly has melted away. On a recent trip this cost me a fine from the Club Sheriff for breaking down on the trip!! I have replaced the fuses with 30 amp self reset circuit breakers which should solve that problem. Just have to make some changes in how I monitor these circuit breakers to see if they are opening.

Of course while sorting that problem, I found the reason my onboard air system was not holding pressure for as long as it should, the pressure switch has a loud leak so tomorrow, off to my favourite compressed air shop to see what they have to offer.

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Since my last report:

The National Executive Subcommittee (which includes Grant Purdie from Wellington CCVC Club) met in Wellington for a full day workshop to work through the Health & Safety Work Act and its impact on the Association.

(a) There was substantial discussion (and very robust debate) about what the Act means and how to deal with it. Grant Purdie is working on typing up the DOC notes arising from that meeting for the purpose of progressing matters further. I realise you want to be as up to date as possible on the legislation but because of the wide nature of Health and Safety under the new Act and the consequence of anything that NZ4WD Association does, we have to be very careful about this.

(b) Whatever we do can be scrutinised.

(c) Central Zone tell me they had a Zone Meeting which they invited a local Health & Safety Representative along and apparently he referred to my paper presented to the National AGM in May which he had found on our website!

I arranged a meeting with 2 DOC Senior Managers about Maratoto on Saturday 29 October 2016 at the ford, Wires Road before the

start of the track. I took my 110. Tony Burgess took his Suzuki. Dave Brown his Safari and Steve Morley took his Jeep. Ces Horan also attended.

We had a discussion with DOC for about 45 minutes before getting in the vehicles and taking the 2 DOC Managers up the track through the gate stopping on a number of occasions on route to the ABC Rock. We stopped at the ABC rock for lunch and then continued stopping at the last big water hole before the Tairua River and walk through to the river and the campsite. We then headed back. My 110 standard 750-16 (32½ inch) mud tyres got stuck on its Salisbury diff and we were able to show Avi and Leanne how to recover a stuck vehicle. On the way out, I had a burst water pump hose. I have now changed those hoses on both my V8's! We hope to get agreement with DOC on an annual plan for the track soon.

You may be aware that there was a Toyota Rav that got stuck in the Manukau Harbour at Blockhouse Bay which led to another 4 vehicles also getting trapped in the Bay and I was questioned by TV3 about this.

In October, Penny and I went down to Hawkes Bay and stayed on one of the historic farms (Olig) with a group of Series One Land Rover enthusiasts (thanks Richard and Trudy for hosting us and to all the

group). We were able to spend some time driving around the farm. I always enjoy Hawkes Bay and always enjoy driving around farms. Those of you who are lucky enough to live in such places have much more access to four wheel driving than we have in Auckland where there is limited four wheel drive access and pressure on all the tracks because of the population.

On a health and safety note, we are adding two rooms (a loft conversion) to our old villa. I had to hire a trailer to remove the old roofing iron because my trailer was too small. It is some time since I have hired a large trailer. There was no briefing on how it operated (I had to spend some time working it out). It reinforced to me the importance of health and safety briefings – even if you know how things have been done, a quick refresher is always useful whether you are on farms, DOC land and whether you are towing or not.

Now that the summer is approaching I hope you are able to get out and about to do some off-roading now that the weather is improving, have fun and be safe.

Hope you all have a great Christmas.

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Another year gone and as usual you sit back and wonder where the hell it went. The last six months have seemed to flown, there has been quite a bit of action in the Southern Zone.

Really good to see that we may have finally cracked the Zone meetings format with an effective and informative teleconference meeting held last month and a great attendance from Clubs. It sure makes a difference when we can get an overview of what is happening over the whole Zone. So a big thank you to all those Clubs that took the time to join in. Sunday evenings seems to work well and around an hour tidies it all up.

Some interesting and disturbing issues arising from the meeting with John McDonald doing a great job as PRO dealing with some access issues that have come to light, especially in the mid Canterbury area. It's great to see John has been using other organisations like Fish and Game and the New Zealand Deer Stalkers Association to take on a combined front to talk to Ecan's about the Ashburton River Access Management plan. Where very little if any consideration had been given to Four Wheel Drive access on the river especially around the river mouth, which has been used by 4wders since four wheel drives have been around.

There is also an issue with the Clayton Pack Track where access has been blocked off by the local land owner and several organisations have been active in getting access back on



Not much chance in getting through here without some decent "illegal access gear".

a road which is an unformed legal road.

These issues are a work in progress and we will keep you informed on what outcomes come from our submissions.

The Mainland Winch Challenge Series has been completed for the year and has been very successful with good entries this year. I take my hat off to these guys, there is an enormous amount of organisation required to set up these events and run them successfully.

The Nelson Club had an issue which all Clubs and organisers should be aware off. After running their Winch Challenge on a farmers property the local Regional Council received a complaint about sediment contamination (run off) into a stream. The Club had been careful, however there was a problem and they were fined along with the Farmer. The Southern Zone helped out with a contribution to the fine and both the Association and the Club ensured that the farmer had no expenses to pay.

A lesson here for everyone running an event with vehicles around water. It is imperative that you ensure there is no run off or sediment contaminating any waterways that are going to be flowing into adjoining properties.

A positive from Nelson. Scotty, Club President, has been in the news quoting on how to get across rivers in the local rag. Old problem of people not knowing how to approach rivers, we certainly have had our share of mishaps in rivers this year in the south. Read article here; <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/85422521/applebys-waimea-river-a-frequent-sticky-spot-for-fourwheel-drivers>

We are still having problems and I guess we always will with idiots ripping up land especially on DoC land.

Here is another example:

Friday, 18 November 2016, 12:59 pm
PRESS RELEASE:
Department of Conservation

Popular visitor sites in Southland are being destroyed because of inconsiderate four-wheel drive users, forcing the Department of Conservation (DOC) to rethink access rights to some areas.

Over the past twelve months, significant parts of the Mavora Lakes and Borland areas have been damaged by vehicles. Instances of rubbish-tipping are also on the rise.

Grant Tremain, DOC Principal Ranger, Recreation/Historic (Fiordland District) said that while 4WD activity is allowed on certain areas of conservation land, these are restricted to tracks built and maintained for that purpose:

"Reckless and thoughtless four-wheel driving is causing significant damage to the landscape. There is a code of conduct for four-wheel driving, designed for the long-term sustainability of the activity, and the environment."

"If this wilful destruction of the environment persists, we may have to review vehicle access to certain areas of conservation land. This is a shame as there are many responsible four-wheel drive users in New Zealand who would never consider causing this kind of damage," Grant Tremain said.

Four-wheel drivers are required to avoid sensitive areas, including alpine landscapes, swamps, waterways, sand dunes and river beds easily damaged by vehicles. Vehicles are also required to stay on tracks, and avoid widening them.

Bill Jarvie, Fish & Game Officer (TeAnau) said that he was very concerned about recent reports of 4WD activity at Mavora Lakes Conservation Park:

"Vehicles have been seen racing each other along the lakeside road, and there is clear evidence of destructive off-roading, and associated littering with bottles. Apart from the environmental impact this causes, this kind of activity puts the safety of legitimate park users at risk."

"The Mavora Lakes area is popular with families, locals and overseas visitors whether they be camping, tramping, fishing or horse-riding," Bill Jarvie said.

Those embarking on four-wheel driving are required to read and abide by the activity's Care Code, available at doc.govt.nz Anyone with information relating to prohibited 4WD activity should contact Grant Tremain on grtremain@doc.govt.nz (03 249 0200).

Source... <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1611/S00516/irresponsible-4wd-activity-puts-access-in-doubt.htm>

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The Mavora Lake area is one of the remotest areas in New Zealand available to vehicles. This is some of the best country around for views remoteness and four wheel driving. It is not an area where there is a lot of hard out four wheel driving available and frankly people going into this area should be going in for its remoteness and amazing views. The eco system here is fragile. There are some great tracks especially if you get permission from DoC. There is an amazing trip from the Upper Oreiti through to Mossburn. The message here is keep to the formed tracks.

I had a really good conversation with Grant Tremain from DoC a very reasonable man. He was very quick to point out that he did not see Clubs as the problem here as he sees us as responsible and generally following the DoC four wheel drive code of Conduct. This action here is particularly galling as last year we sent a crew in to fix a hut that had been vandalised by youths. Thankfully they caught the culprits and they got their just desserts.

On a brighter note it was a real privilege to be involved in The Landrover Owners Club Otago's 50th celebrations. Over a hundred registrations plus partners from current and past members arriving from all over New Zealand.

A great "nag and natter" on the Friday evening with some fantastic photos of past events and some real pioneering stuff blasting a road through to the Barn Bay on the West Coast and the first vehicles through the Haast Pass (I think even before it was officially opened).

Brilliant trip on the Maungatua Range on a clear Autumn day for most of the time anyway. Heaps of vehicles and great to see the old Landies out with the guys and gals all dressed up in their County gear.



The old girls still showing how capable they are.



Plenty of other makes along as well. How lucky are we having this country on our doorstep. Mosgiel and Dunedin in the background.

Saturday evening dinner, more reminiscing and a run through of the Clubs history with trips, buying the Club land, camping tales at the Club camp on the Lindis and a rendition of a couple of amazing poems and songs from past and current members and to boot a pretty good feed.

Sunday out to the Club grounds, a play on the land and a Bar-be-que. Great way to finish off a wonderful weekend. A credit to all involved.

Have a great Christmas everybody and a safe holiday season - I'm looking forward to camp on the Lindis with visits from the Canterbury and Auckland Landrover Clubs. If you are four wheeling be careful but enjoy yourselves.
Russell Quin
Southern Zone President



Long-time supporters of the Club Jeannette and Russell Emmerson from Forest Range Station on Lindis Pass accepting a trophy presented to all finishers of the Inaugural and only Coast to Coast trip the Club has undertaken in the 80's. (A wee bit overdue). The Emmersons didn't take part however but provided accommodation and Russell flew his helicopter checking up to see we were all OK.



A lot of love went into making this.



Friday night Nag and Natter



President Michael Adam addressing the multitude at the dinner on Saturday evening



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It has been quiet in the Southern Zone for the last year or so, but things are starting to heat up. I have two major projects on at the moment, the Clayton Pack Track closure & the Ashburton River Habitat Plan, plus I am helping with the West Coast Challenge the SINDA Club is running and a Mud Plug my Club is running and of course there is the NZFWDA Health & Safety.

The Clayton Pack Track is one of the iconic tracks in South-Canterbury, it isn't overly difficult but the view from the Dowboy Saddle is quite spectacular looking out over South Canterbury in one direction and down into the Fairlie in the other direction. This has been a favourite trip for my Club for years. Back in July we got a letter from the Timaru District Council (TDC) saying Mr Waite, the owner of Mt Walker Station at the top of the Clayton Pack Track, had been issued a Licence to Occupy the track and had the right to lock the gate.

Well we couldn't have that so I got to work, I contacted Walking Access and got onto Geoff Holgate our Regional Field Advisor. Geoff confirmed the Council doesn't have the authority to issue a Licence to Occupy on an Unformed Legal Road (ULR) which the Clayton

Pack Track is. The problem is the track doesn't stick to the ULR. Our first step was to get the Licence to Occupy rescinded, so we went to the council to explain that we used the track, they were sympathetic but said we would have to write to Andrew Dixon the TDC's Land Transport Manager, he had the authority to cancel the licence.

I rallied the troops and the council got bombarded with letters. Confident I sat back and waited for their reply, but Andrew Dixon said he wasn't going to cancel the licence, a devastating blow. I phoned Geoff and said I was very disappointed with the decision and what was our next step, I said we were willing to fight it but wasn't sure where to start. Geoff said he would give Andrew a call as the Walking Access had been quoted that they agreed with the council where in fact they didn't. Anyway, Geoff phoned back a few days later and said the council had changed their mind and was going to cancel the licence.

Our next battle is with Mr Waite himself as he has refused to remove the barrier and unlock the gate. Geoff has arranged a meeting between Mr Waite and myself at the Council office in Timaru with Andrew Dixon and Geoff in attendance. That will

happen 9th December I am hoping we can come to some agreement where we can have access to the track again, but I am prepared for a battle.

The next battle is with Environment Canterbury (Ecan). They have decided to get involved with the management of the wild life on the Ashburton River. During spring the shorebirds nest in the river and we have one of the largest colonies of Black Bill Gulls in New Zealand. Our Club has a long standing policy not to run trips in the river during the nesting season (October to December), so we got an invite to a meeting of the working group for the "Ashburton River/Hakatere shorebird habitat management plan". We got a copy of the draft plan and it didn't look good for vehicle access. One section was headed "Implementation of a total vehicle and foot access ban at the SH1 black-billed colony". Concerned this could affect other users of the river I contacted Fish & Game NZ to see what they thought of the plan. It surprised me to find out that they had heard about the plan, but weren't given a copy or had any input into it and



Barrier on Clayton Pack Track



Black Bill Gull

Gulls may become online stars

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Move over Moana, Ashburton's black billed gulls could be the next avian celebrities to take the internet by storm.

The State Highway One colony of black billed gulls, which arrived earlier this month and currently numbers 2000, will be on show to the world if a proposal to install a web camera goes ahead.

The camera could cost up to \$4000, and is being discussed by local groups as part of the new Environment Canterbury (ECan) Ashburton River/Hakaterere Shorebird Habitat Management Plan.

Web cams have worked to great effect at Taiaaroa Head, where Moana the albatross has become an international celebrity.

Forest and Bird chairwoman Edith Smith said black billed gulls may not have the same "mana" as albatrosses. Never-



Pretty birds - Ashburton black billed gulls and their breeding struggles could be beamed around the world.

PHOTO STEVE ATTWOOD

theless, they were rare river gulls which many locals delighted in seeing return to the river bed each year.

The footage gained each nesting season could be intriguing

for people to see. While freshes and floods often washed nests and chicks away, survival stories could be heart-warming.

A Department of Conservation predator-watch video she saw

from last year on the Rangitata River bed showed a tern sitting on her eggs, then a big storm coming up and washing away the bird's efforts for the season.

"Then about three days later, here was this chick, one had survived. It was a great thing to see," Smith said.

She said the web cam initiative had been discussed by Forest and Bird and other groups involved in the plan with some enthusiasm.

Mid Canterbury Four Wheel Drive Club member John McDonald is the one who came up with the idea originally, and said yesterday he had discussed with a local computing firm installing a pan and tilt camera on one of the highway bridge street lights.

Whether it could be installed this season or next would come down to funding.

He agreed black billed gulls did not have the same mana as alba-

trosses. "But albatrosses aren't here (in Ashburton). Everybody who crosses the bridge will see the gulls, unfortunately a lot of people don't know the difference between black billed gulls and black backed gulls. Black billed gulls are very pretty birds if you can see them nice and close," he said.

ECan biodiversity and land management advisor Donna Field, based in Ashburton, agreed a web cam was a fantastic idea, and believed it could be erected either this season or next.

Meanwhile, Field had recently installed fencing around two colonies nesting at the Ashburton River mouth, one black billed gulls and one black fronted terns.

She had found one of the terns squashed by a vehicle on Friday. And while she believed it was unintentional, she said the fences would help mark out where the birds were.

they weren't even invited to the meeting.

At the meeting I noticed we were the only non greens there, Fish & Game did send a representative but since he only had a day to read the plan he was in the blind. I very strongly objected to the dates of the vehicle access ban from August to February inclusive since the birds don't start nesting till October and generally are gone by Christmas. I also pointed out that in the middle of the Canterbury Plains there are very little places that 4x4 enthusiasts can go other than the river and to close the river for such a long time would be very hard to police.

The writer of the plan is a consultant group called Wildlife Management International and I asked them what had the most impact on the nesting birds, the

answer didn't surprise me, it was Woody Weeds and Predators, 4x4 came well down the list. What did surprise me was that where public have access to the river the predators number are well down. Anyway to cut a long story short I went away feeling I had put our concerns forward and we were listened to.

The next thing we received from Ecan was the final plan and an invitation to the meeting to discuss the plan, they had listened to our concerns and changed it from Implementation of a total vehicle and foot access ban at the SH1 black-billed colony to "Investigate". This meeting was very different from the first meeting, there weren't as many people there, but this time Jay Graybill, Fish & Games Chief Executive was there and he wasn't happy. Fish & Game have statutory obligations when it

comes to New Zealand rivers and not to be consulted about the plan was unacceptable. Jay is a very astute man and asked a very simple question "is this a plan or something else". The answer he got changed everything, apparently it isn't a plan it's more a strategy. This makes all the difference, a Plan is what we are going to do, a strategy is what we would like to do. We have setup a group to manage the river's habitat and we will have our next meeting after the nesting season to see if any of the control measures have worked.

I feel most of our concerns over access will be ignored, but we have a better chance of influencing changes from the inside, so I will keep going to the meeting and having my say.
John McDonald
Southern Zone PRO

Total 4WD ban 'not on cards'

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Mid Canterbury four wheel drivers fear a new Environment Canterbury (ECan) bird management plan could see them banned from the Ashburton River for extended periods.

However, ECan says keeping people away from birdlife would be managed around specific nesting times, and not for extended periods.

The new Ashburton River/Hakaterere Shorebird Habitat Management Plan outlines plans to investigate reducing disturbance from off-road vehicles from State Highway One to the coast between August and February inclusive.

It also proposes a total ban on private vehicle and foot access between October to January each

year within 200 metres of the State Highway One black billed gull colony.

Mid Canterbury Four Wheel Drive Club member and New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association delegate John McDonald said ECan has its dates wrong with regard to nesting seasons.

His understanding of bird nesting seasons on the river was September to December. Restricting access August to February would be excessive, and would leave just two months of the year for recreational use of the river, as the winter months were generally not suitable.

He was wary a total all-year ban on all access to the river may be proposed by ECan, citing the plan's proposal to investigate "options for the permanent or tem-

porary closure of access points between the State Highway One bridge and the river mouth".

"When it comes to banning vehicles from the river, there's going to be one hell of a fight over that, as there is nowhere else for four-by-fours to go in Mid Canterbury," McDonald said.

The club had a long standing policy not to run trips in the river during nesting season, and club members would be happy to assist ECan with predator control. The plan itself stated habitat destruction and predation were the birds' main threats.

Additionally, McDonald wanted ECan and perhaps the Ashburton District Council to come up with alternative areas for four wheel drivers to take their vehicles, such as disused shingle pits.

The club had some years ago proposed building an area similar to one for motorbike riders off the river bed, but ECan had opposed it.

"To say 'stay out of the river and go somewhere else', it isn't going to work, unless there is somewhere else to go."

McDonald believed the plan would ultimately evolve into a good strategy for the long-term health of the river, but it was important to balance environment and people.

Meanwhile, ECan says the nesting times in the plan are correct, but an outright ban during these times is not on the cards.

Ashburton zone team manager Donna Lill said nesting times varied year to year due to river conditions. For black billed gulls,

nesting could start any time from August to January, with incubation of eggs taking up to 27 days, and a further 26 days until the chicks were fledged. Birds could have more than one nesting attempt during this time if their early nests were destroyed through flooding.

Lill said feedback from groups such as the four wheel drive club and Fish and Game had been gathered at a meeting last week and would be incorporated into recommendations, with a meeting in February to further discuss management actions.

"Measures to reduce the levels of disturbance of birds during the breeding season would be managed around the actual nesting times of the birds in any given season," Lill said.



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Well, summer is upon us and with that comes even more reasons to explore the great outdoors as only 4 wheelers can.....

Of course it pays to know where you are going and to also know if formal permissions are required before you go there!

At time of writing I am aware Maratoto Track might be open before Xmas. Northern Zone have done a great job getting a new management agreement with DOC but ink and signatures are not yet on paper.....

DOC are undertaking a recreation review of KaimaiMamaku Forest Park. I attended a couple of the public consultation meetings and can report that most participants regarded the KMFP as being for recreational hunting, enjoyment of natural environment, tramping, overnighing in suitable huts / lodgings, possible development of an iconic walkway, and

possible development of cycle trails. 4Wheeling got no official recognition during the consultation meetings I attended which only serves to inform me that, as an Association, we are going to have to do much more to secure, retain, and maintain, track networks and access for our 4WD sport and recreation. The groundwork to facilitate this has been laid in terms of relationships developed by National PRO, Roger Seymour and our Zone PROs but, as a 4WD "community" we continue to be presented with more access losses than wins. More to follow on this subject methinks.....

Another membership renewal round has occurred and our annual production of membership cards has been ably completed by National Secretary Bobbie Kincaid. A second run of cards will be done for late / new associate members early in the

New Year.

The Health and Safety Executive sub-committee have continued to develop policy documentation for NZFWDA and there have been countless hours of effort put into this matter. Northern Zone President, John Hickey, has headed up the sub-committee and Grant Purdie has provided high level skills in development of draft policies and useful documentation.

The usual Christmas / New Year holiday silly season is now looming and I wish all members very best wishes and good times wherever you may end up over this period. Stay safe and take care out there but most of all enjoy!

Neville Dunton
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At the 2014 NZFWDA Conference Jeff Donaldson, National Operations Manager for the Freshwater Pest Partnership Programme informed us there are currently 187 waterways known to be affected by Didymo, but still over 400 waterways in the South Island NOT affected.



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- can be present in its microscopic form or as a large population in bloom.
- Can live in a boat hull for weeks if the water is sloshed around.
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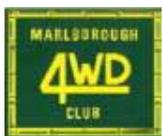
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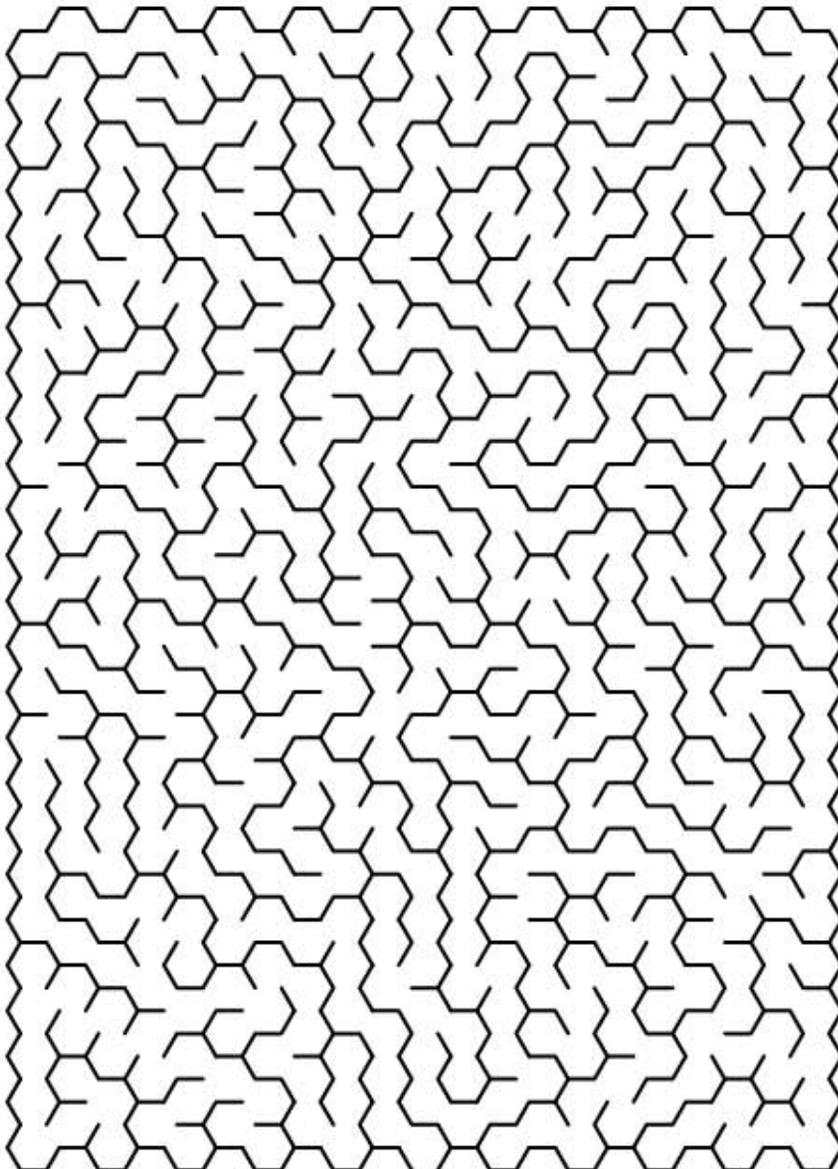


Kids Page

Can you spot the ten differences?



Can you find your way through?



Tongue Twisters

Six slippery snails, slid slowly seaward.

If a black bug bleeds black blood, what color blood does a blue bug bleed?

A tutor who tooted the flute, tried to tutor two tooters to toot. Said the two to the tutor, 'Is it harder to toot or to tutor two tooters to toot?'

RIDDLE

Whats full of holes but still holds water?

DIFFERENCES: 1. Mud puddle is smaller. 2. Marshal vest missing word. 3. Longer orange sleeve on marshal. 4. Picture on bonnet disappears. 5. Another stripe appears on back jacket. 6. Helmet graphics change to pink. 7. Marshal carries two white pieces of paper. 8. Grill on front of vehicle changes. RIDDLE...A sponge.