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Editors Note

I have had a dream run with Olive over the last two years, although that came to an end over the past few weeks when my non-mechanical brain diagnosed the engine as having a few hiccups—especially under power going uphill or cruising at higher revs. It didn't detract from a wonderful day taking part in the gravel challenge, and I especially enjoyed the pizza and a glass of wine at Colombo.

The fuel lines have been cleaned out, carburettor dismantled and cleared, timing checked, and the distributor cap removed and cleaned. We then noticed a leaking exhaust gasket, which has now been ordered and will be fitted on Monday.

It was good to see the CPR skills demonstrated at last month's fish and chip evening. I look forward to seeing you next Monday at the annual Wairarapa Machine Club quiz.

Enjoy, and keep warm.
Dennis



Pointon Motors open for WOF's and repairs

Francis is open for WOF's and limited vintage repairs at reduced working hours. Contact Francis at (06) 378 6710

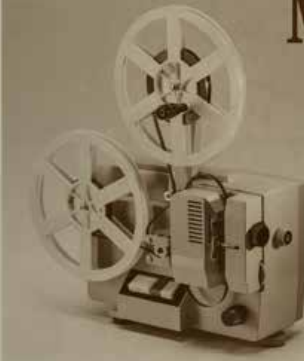
Club Night 3rd August

Quiz night with Vintage Machinery Club

Club Night 7th September

WAI VCC

Movie Night



7th

September

Travel Back in Time

Winter has certainly hit us with a vengeance. I can't recall ever having so many heavy frosts in one winter let alone in one month. Mind you I don't mind a bit of a chilly morning if it's followed by the bright sunny days we've had in the last week.

The weather was certainly kind to us for the Gravel Challenge. Not a lot of gravel and perhaps not too challenging but none the less a good drive over roads that many of us had not been on before followed by a nice lunch at a well chosen venue. The 21 members plus guests who participated all appeared to enjoy themselves.

Last weekend we hosted the Horowhenua Branch for a tour of our parts shed. We had a good turnout from both Horowhenua and our Branch for what turned out to be a fruitful exercise.

The Horowhenua team suggested that we make it an annual event with the two branches visiting each other in alternate years. A good suggestion that I think we should take up.

Thanks to the parts team for opening up, to Hugh Hunter for organising the visit and to Simon and Sandy O'Hara for helping out on the day and for providing the delicious scones.

It's pleasing to see a steady stream of new members joining the Branch. This month we welcome Tom Wyeth who has an interesting car collection including a Honda City which must be one of very few still on the road. Welcome Tom.

Planning is well advanced for the Daffodil Day Car Show to be held once again at the Masterton Motorplex on Sunday 23rd August. We had a good turnout last year and raised a record amount for the local Cancer Society. We're wanting beat last years effort so I hope to see you all at the Motorplex on the 23rd. You can enter online via our website waivcc.nz.

We had a couple of requests for cars to take young ladies to their school balls in August. In particular Val Ball has asked if someone with an open car can take her granddaughter to the Wairarapa College ball on the 22nd of August. Val worked hard for the Branch during her many years on the committee so bearing that in mind I hope someone can find the time to respond to her request.

On Monday 3rd August we have the annual quiz night with the Wairarapa Vintage Machinery Club.

The tractor drivers are setting the questions this year so we'll have to be on our mettle if we are to acquit ourselves well.

I hope to see a good crowd there.

Kevin Sullivan

Fish and Chips and CPR - Clubnight July



August 2026			
Monday 3rd	Club Night	SOH/PD	Quiz Night with Vintage Machinery Club
Tuesday 11 th	Committee Meeting		
Fri. 14 – Sat. 15th	National A.G.M & Executive Meeting		Manawatu Branch
Sunday 23rd	Daffodil Run	KS/GH	Masterton MotorPlex again with the same format as last year. More info to come.
September 2026			
Monday 7 th	Club Night	DE/PD	A film evening will be the attraction. Come along and enjoy the excitement.
Tuesday 8th	Committee Meeting		
Sunday 13th	Spring Rally	DE/PD	David Eade with a support person
Fri 18 th to Mon 21st	Wellington Club – Hawera Run		Arrive in Hawera on Fri 18 th – accommodation at the Tudor Lodge Motel 158 Waihi Rd. Departing Mon 21 st Sept. For more information contact Alastair McCarthy – mccarthys@xtra.co.nz
Sunday 27 th	Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive		Registrations open on the 1 st of July. Assemble at the White Swan, Greytown at 9.30 am A Fundraiser for Men's Health
October 2026			
Saturday 3rd	Tin Can Rally	SOH	
Monday 5th	Club Night		Car is the Star
Tuesday 13 th	Committee Meeting		
Monday 26 th	Labour Day		
Sat 31 st Oct. – Su. 1 st Nov.	Wairarapa A & P Show Clareville		Confirmed
Upcoming Events			
TBC	Bygone era of wings and wheels.		Organiser is Wellington Festival
TBC	Bus trip to visit museums in Maymon, Porirua with a meal at the Cossie Club on the way home.	GH/BC/KS	Cost and travel times to be advised
27 Feb 2027	Stretched Gymkhana 2027	SOH	Solway Showgrounds
6 th /7 th March 27	Citroen Club		The Citroen Club Rally being held in Wairarapa

Thirteen club vehicles and 21 members took part in this year’s Annual Gravel Challenge, organised by Dave Patten.

The line-up was an impressive one, with a wide range of vehicles on display, including three Series 1 Land Rovers.

On a beautiful Wairarapa day, members assembled at the clubrooms before setting off on a relaxed “tiki tour” through South Wairarapa, finishing at Hau Nui wind farm lookout.

There was time for the obligatory group photo with the wind turbines in the background before the convoy made its way back to Martinborough.

The day ended with lunch at Colombo, where members enjoyed pizzas and a glass of Pinot Gris for myself, before the Chairman announced the dyas winners: Mark Orange and Kirsty Loveday in their 1967 Triumph Herald.

Thanks Dave, a lot fun and great turnout

The vehicles and participants were.

Name	Vehicle
David Hunter	1990 Ford Courier
Bruce Lambert	
Paul Ferkert	1949 Land Rover
Denis Rose	1948 Ford Mercury
Pat Dutton	1957 Morris Minor
David Eade	
Hugh & Matthew Hunter	
Kevin Sullivan	1957 Land Rover
Simon & Linda Bognuda	
Gary Graham	Honda CL175 M/C
Darryl Longstaffe	1951 Plymouth
Dennis Burns	1954 Land Rover
Lindsay Durrant	Peugeot 404
Mark Orange & Kirsty Loveday	1967 Triumph Herald
Graham Hodder	1934 Dodge
John & Rae Kennedy	1905 Rolls Royce
Ryan Dewes & Sam Millar	1922 Rolls Royce





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UPCOMING DATES

30 AUGUST FORD VS GENERAL MOTORS

27 SEPTEMBER TWO WHEELS DAY

25 OCTOBER VINTAGE & CLASSIC DAY

The rivalry is back at Mangatainoka Motors on Sunday 30 August, and it's time to settle the score.

Whether you're flying the Ford flag or backing General Motors, bring your pride and joy to Tui Brewery for a day packed with incredible cars, live music, great food, cold beers, and plenty of horsepower.

 General Motors vs Ford
 Sunday 30 August 2026
 Cars from 9am | Public from 10am

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CENTRAL HAWKES BAY & MANAWATU BRANCHES VINTAGE RALLY (open to Pre-1932 vehicles)

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRY FORM

FORMAT -

10.00 am Meet at Tui Brewery (Tui HQ), 5 Mara Street, Mangatainoka, Pahiatua
10.15 am Rally Briefing
10.30 am First car away

- Run length is approximately 95 miles (30 miles of gravel)
- Fuel is NOT AVAILABLE on route
- Bring your own picnic lunch
- Rally Entry Fee includes a Plaque
- Run will conclude at the Mangatera Hotel, 391 High Street, Dannevirke

ENTRANT NAME _____

VCC MEMBERSHIP NO.: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

NAVIGATOR: NAME _____

PASSENGER: NAME _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/YEAR _____ VEHICLE REGO. NO. _____

RALLY ENTRY	@ \$20 / PER VEHICLE	=
TOTAL		=

SATURDAY NIGHT - For those interested, we will book a table at **Murray's Irish Bar in Feilding** for Dinner (6.30 pm). **PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND AND NUMBERS SO WE CAN CONFIRM A BOOKING.** YES / NO

PAYMENT DETAILS: Please make payment via Internet Banking. ALL Prices include GST.

Manawatu Branch VCC - GST NO 097-216-193

**Account Name: THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND MANAWATU BRANCH
INCORPORATED Account Details: 03 0718 0027253 001 Ref: Name, Reg No.**

Please send completed Entry Form to Organisers: Glyn and Cath Clements, PO Box 232, Feilding 4740 Or email to cathclements5@gmail.com Glyn: 021 0833 4081

If you haven't received an email confirmation of entry by the closing date, please contact the
Organiser. ****ENTRIES CLOSE 31ST AUGUST 2026****



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SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH OF THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND

MOUNT COOK RALLY

26th-28th Sept 2026

ENTRIES CLOSE – and are to be returned to Ross Hamilton -
scvccclubcaptain@gmail.com 0212407137 by 30th Aug 2026

These are available online at the Clubs events page or from Ross Hamilton

No Late Entries will be accepted

- The standard club disclaimer applies and all entrants enter at their own risk.
- Membership cards must be produced on request
- No road closures are implied or in force
- This event is organised the South Canterbury Branch of the VCC. Any disputes, protests or other matters will be arbitrated by the organisers and their decision will be final

ACCOMMODATION: is the responsibility of the entrants. There may be other events on in Twizel so it would pay to book early.

SATURDAY: Please be at the South Canterbury Clubrooms for morning tea 9.30 first car away at 10.30.

Rally to Twizel on your selected route

Time trial is on the first day

Please take a picnic as there are many spots on the way to stop and there are also numerous eating places to purchase food along the way.

Evening Meal and Breakfast – please organise yourself

SUNDAY: Field Tests will be held on the grassed area outside the Chalet Motels at 10am.

Travel to Mount Cook at your leisure and on arrival follow marshals' instructions.

Awards dinner will be held at the Distinction MacKenzie Country Hotel. Meeting at 6.00 for drinks followed by the meal at 7.00.

There is a Guest speaker at the dinner

EMERGENCY CONTACT ON RALLY:

ASHLEY MILLIKEN 0274358163

NEIL MANCHESTER 027 2011942



Mark your calendar for Saturday
the 3rd October 2026

TIN CAN RALLY



DRIVE YOUR TIN CAN



BRING A TIN CAN

On Saturday October 3rd the TIN CAN RALLY will be held to support the Food Bank. Jump in your tin can (Car), and bring along a can (or cans) of food which will be donated to the food bank after the rally.

The rally will start at the Masterton Railway station and traverse some northern roads, with a BYO lunch stop at a country hall.

More information to follow.

This rally replaces this years Rex Porter Rally

Wairarapa



Our branch recently enjoyed a visit from members of the Horowhenua VCC, who came to look through our parts collection and spend some time with us.

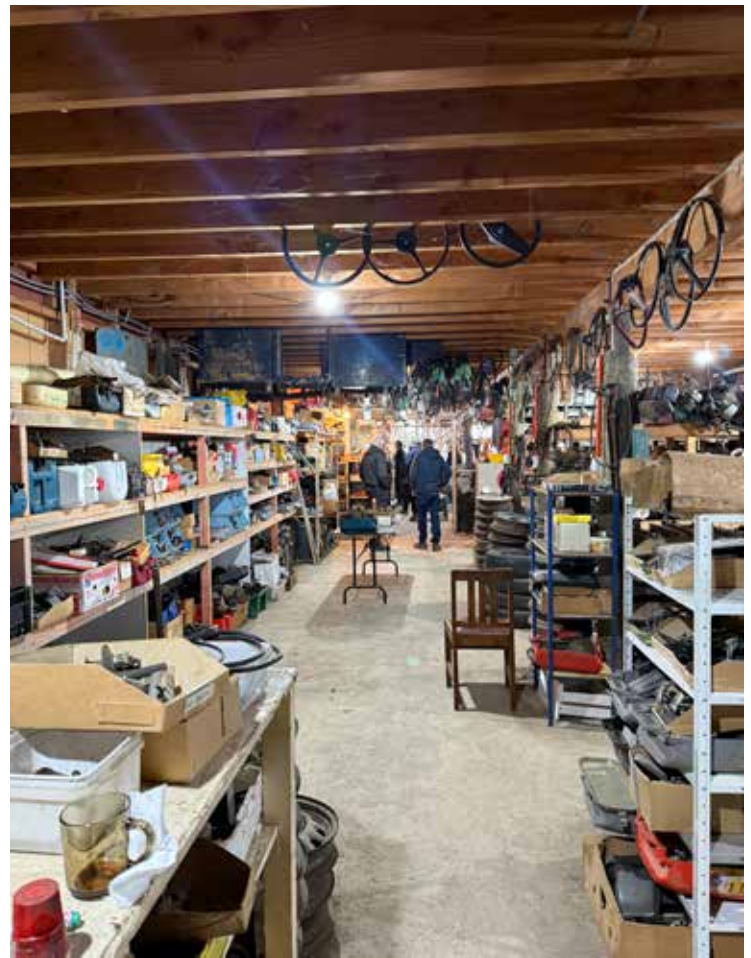
Several visitors went home with useful finds, and the day was made even more enjoyable with a barbecue, tea and coffee, and plenty of friendly conversation between the two clubs.

The Horowhenua members also invited our branch to make a return visit to their club rooms, which would be a great way to continue the connection.

It was also good to meet Callum Farmer, one of their parts people and grandson of Dick Manghan, who was a very active member of our club and contributed greatly to the development of our club rooms.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make Sunday such an enjoyable and successful day.

Thanks, Hugh





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Fare Type	Off-Peak Flexi Sail	Peak* Flexi Sail
Adult/Senior	\$65	\$70
Child	\$31	\$34
Pōhutukawa Lounge (price per person)	\$60	\$70
Motorbike up to 2m	\$65	\$70
Car/Van/Ute/Trailer up to 5.5m	\$150	\$154
Extra Length each 0.5m	\$39	\$39

**Peak Fares apply for travel on 15 December 2026 to 31 January 2027 and Easter weekend 25 to 30 March 2027.*

Terms and Conditions:

- These discounted Fares are exclusively for Vintage Car Club of NZ members and are valid for bookings and travel from **1 November 2026** through **31 October 2027**.
- The member discount is applicable when the promo code **ANTIQUFCAR** is used at the time of booking, either by entering it online in the promo code box, or by quoting the promo code to contact centre staff. The code can't be applied after a booking is made.
- These discounted Fares apply to bookings made directly with Bluebridge, through the passenger website www.bluebridge.co.nz, via the Bluebridge Passenger Contact Centre, or at the Bluebridge Passenger Terminals. It is not applicable to STRAITNZ Bluebridge freight bookings or bookings made by third parties (affiliated Bluebridge resellers).
- Standard Flexi Fare conditions apply. Bookings can be amended and/or cancelled right up until 1 hour prior to sailing without any fees or penalties. All other Fare and standard [Bluebridge Terms and Conditions](#) apply.
- Discounted member Fares are eligible for bookings that include a minimum of one Vintage Car Club of NZ cardholder, a maximum of six passengers per booking.
- Members must present their Vintage Car Club of NZ membership ID card when they check-in as proof of entitlement. If not presented, the standard public Retail Fares will apply.
- Discounted pricing applies to Fares only. Optional extras, such as cabins, excess baggage and food, are charged at standard retail prices.
- The discounted Fares are not available in conjunction with any other offer.
- Fares are always subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Payment must be made when booking via the following payment methods; Poli (bank transfer), debit/credit card and/or Afterpay.
- Bluebridge reserves the right to review these terms and conditions from time to time. The Club President will be notified of any changes and the changes will apply to any new or amended bookings made after the date of notification.

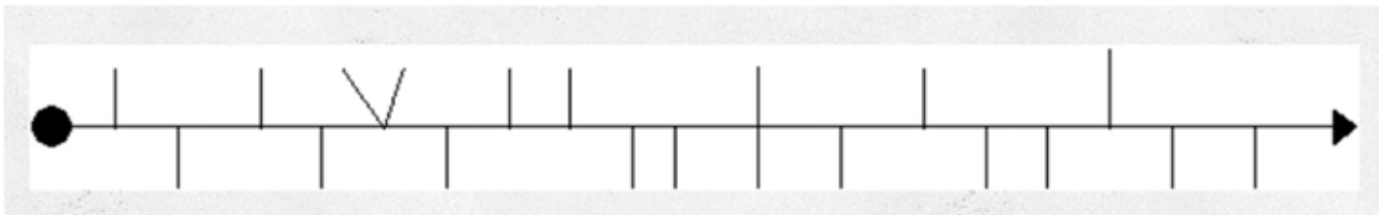
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www.bluebridge.co.nz

One for the Navigators (and drivers), A Guide to Straight Line Navigation

Herringbones, or Straight Lines as they are sometimes called, are a very simple method of defining a rally route, once you understand how they work.

A herringbone is simply a line representing the route that you are expected to follow, with all the roads at junctions etc. shown as the 'bones' sticking out of the side, looking typically like a cartoon fish skeleton. It is a good thing to remember that the route is the backbone, and all the roads that you pass and miss are the ones on the sides.

A simple Herringbone is a straight line, with a ball at one end, and an arrow at the other. Start at the ball (which is usually where you are sitting in the car at a control) and go to the arrow. See illustration below:



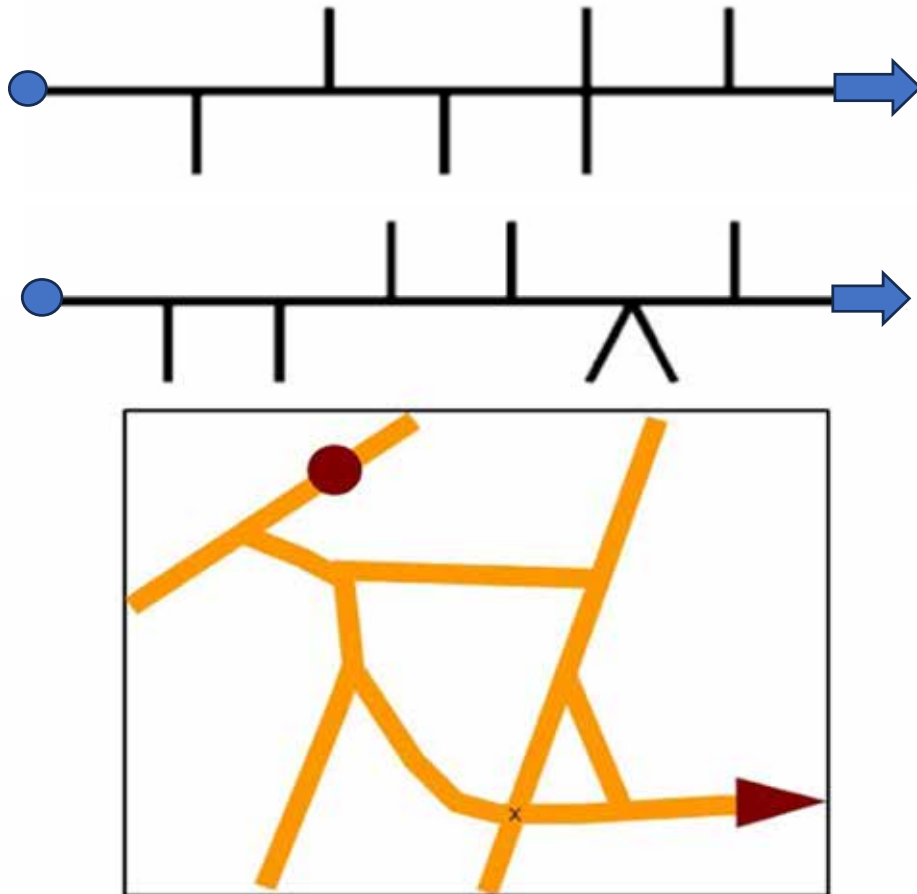
Frequently you will find the above diagram vertical, so starting at the bottom from the ball.

The route that you take is then a straight line, missing roads on the left and right accordingly. The way to convert the Straight Line to a route you are taking is to treat each intersection along the way. The instructions to the driver are "leave one on the Left", Or "Leave one on the Right" etc.

Practical Test, "Example".

Time to test out your newly acquired knowledge. Just keep trying until you "get it" and you will be an unstoppable Straight Line Expert at the next run!

Below are two Straight Lines and a Map with the start (red dot) and end (arrow) marked.

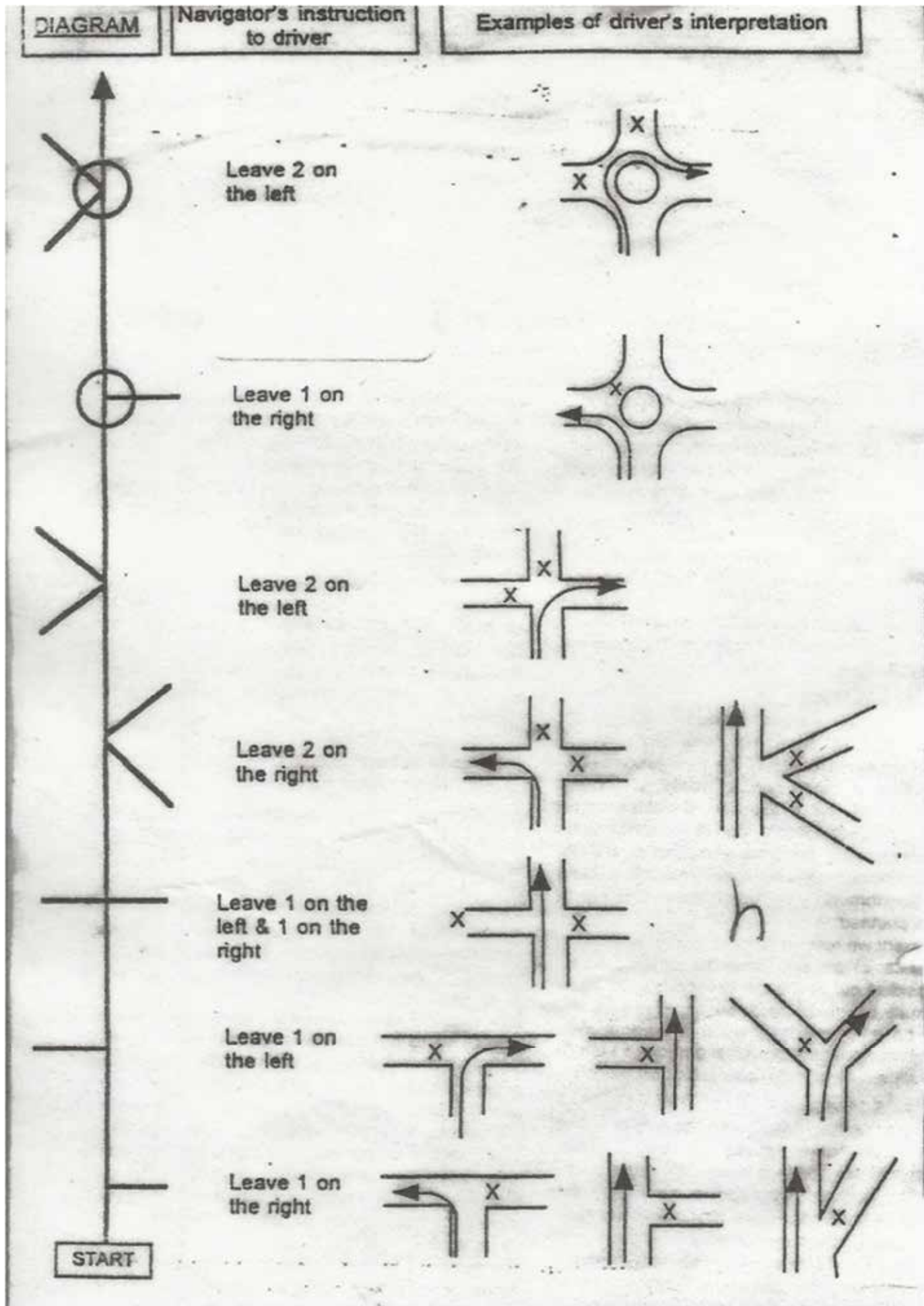


The two example Straight Lines shown above will take you from the start to finish on the map via different routes. Give it a few tries until you can figure out that both routes work.

In the first example, the instructions to the driver would read,

Leave one on the right, Leave one on the left, Leave one on the right,
leave one on the left **and** one on the right and lastly leave one on the left.

See below for further examples.



Hope this helps.

Simon O'Hara



Parts Department:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Join Frank, Graham and Jeff for yarn and a cuppa when the Parts Department is open.

In this treasure trove, you might also happen to find any bits and pieces you've been looking for.

Located at the clubrooms, the Parts Department is open:

- First Tuesday morning of the Month.
- The 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9:30am - 12noon.

You can also contact Frank for an appointment outside standard opening hours by phoning (06) 379 7167

Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

Website:

<https://waivcc.nz/>

Club Night:

First Monday of the month (except January) and June (second Monday) at 7pm.

Committee meet:

Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

Neville with his MG



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Gravel Challenge at Hau Nui