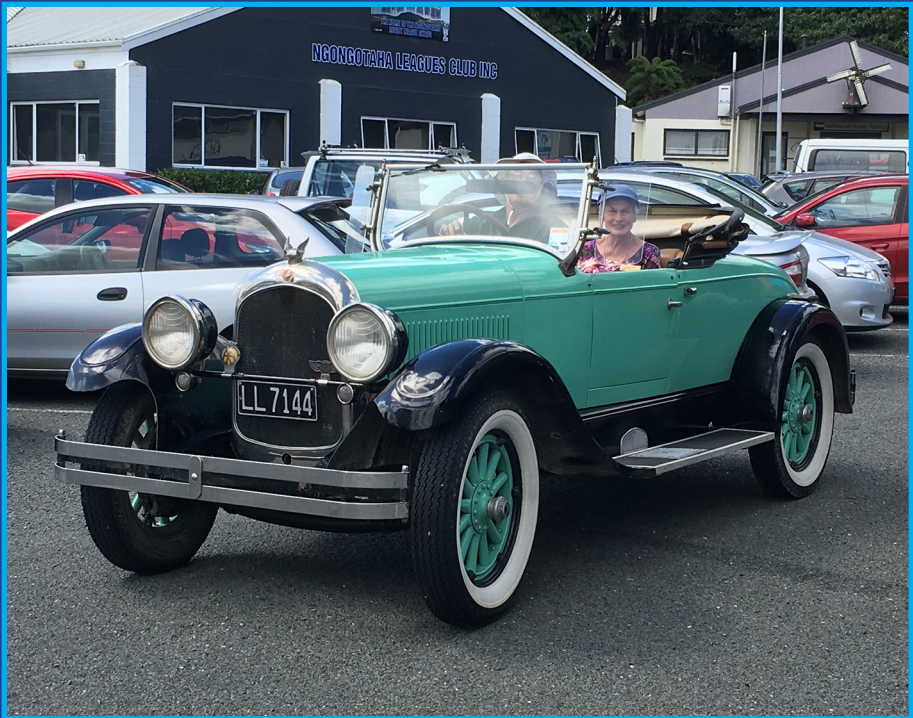


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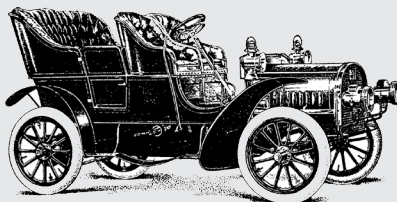
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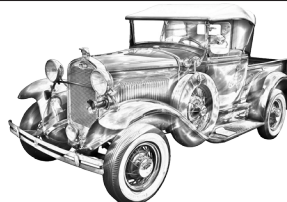
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Front - The Litten's 1926 Chrysler 70

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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

If you want your club car photo on the clubroom wall then get in touch with Doug Green, and he will organise a time and place for a photo shoot. It would be good if we could have all member's car photos on display.



Chairman's Report

- March 2016

by David Tomlinson



March was a very busy month for me. Not least of which due to branch activities. As well as our usual club night, I organised the Chairman's Run which happened to fall on my birthday, and I attended the half yearly VCC Executive Meeting in Wellington. In addition to our regular branch committee meeting, the committee met for a second special meeting during the last month, for which I thank them.

There was also an underlying theme of old green Bedford trucks for the month, the branch receiving an "out of the blue" bequest of an old Bedford K truck, and I splurged out and bought a 1959 Bedford J1 as a promo vehicle for my work. The truck pictured at right is already sign-written and will receive a newer deck and be dressed up for shows and parking around town to promote my business. It will be based in Hamilton but I am sure I will bring it down for the Lakefront Show next year, and any other appropriate events.



Regarding the Bedford K truck bequeathed to the club, the committee held a special meeting to discuss the gift, and unanimously decided to graciously accept the gift on behalf of the branch. The truck itself will be tied up in probate until September this year, and its future will be discussed with members at the April club meeting with a view to the committee putting forward a proposal regarding its future at our AGM in May. Unfortunately no pictures of the truck are available as this issue of Side Curtains goes to print. There is a sample photo in the Club Captain's report in this issue. As an aside, there are two photos of Bedford K trucks in the latest issue of Beaded Wheels, one on the inside cover (the right hand of the two Bedford trucks), and another in Idle Torque. Curiously the one in the Idle Torque section was green, as are the model we have been gifted, and the J1 I have just purchased. Maybe they were only available in green when new!

The notice of this year's AGM is in this issue, along with a nomination form. Last month's Side Curtains had an item regarding the importance of our annual meeting, and the importance for members to have involvement in their branch. I hope to see a really good turn out this year.

One of the collateral side issues of putting on a run is you don't actually get to partake in the event, but I did get to do the run twice in preparing the course, and saw parts of the countryside that were new to me. I look forward to taking place in the starting queue in the Night Run this month. The format is a dinner first, then the run, then dessert, which was the preferred option when members were polled at the March club night. More details are elsewhere in this issue.

One of the benefits of the VCC Executive Meeting in March was a comprehensive report delivered on the new Health & Safety law in practical terms for our branch and general operation as a car club, and details will be sent to the branch from head office. We are not directly affected by any particular changes in the Act, as we have always had to be responsible in organising our activities to be safe for all volunteers and participants. As we are a non-profit body with no paid roles, we are not a "PCBU" under the new Act, which exempts us from much of the red tape, but your committee will continue to work hard on making sure all our activities are as safe as is "reasonably practicable", which is the requirement under the new law.

There was also some discussion about marketing and growth, and whether the term "vintage" properly represented the types of vehicles we use and maintain, especially in the eyes of younger generations. This inevitably led nowhere!

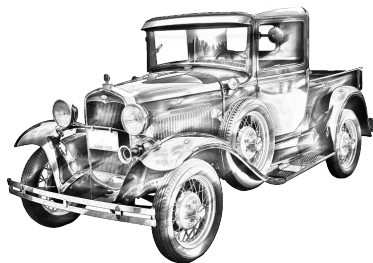
I also managed to call in and look at the Te Awamutu Car Show on my way through to Auckland, and saw 4 branch member's cars on display. There was a small but eclectic bunch of vehicles on display, mostly British, which could be expected being organised by the Waikato Triumph Club. Highlight of the day for my 2 year old boy Alex was getting to sit in the Westpac Rescue chopper which flew in and landed while we were there.

At the March club night members were also polled on the format of the Prize Giving in June, and it has been decided by the committee that there will be a short run on the afternoon finishing at a venue for "high tea" with prize giving at that venue. More details in next month's issue of Side Curtains.

We have a busy middle of the year ahead beyond that, with the Swap Meet in July, the national VCC AGM being held in Rotorua in August, followed shortly after by the Sulphur City Rally. Plenty to keep us busy over the winter months.

Club Guff

*From your Acting, Very Temporary
Club Captain*



Pete Stanaway (The Kiwifruit Kid) of Austin Maxi frame can't speak highly enough of other branches who have parts sheds. He is busy building up a supply of stuff for his latest purchase and he reckons the supply and service he's received from branches in the North Island totally exceeds any service he's received from established commercial retail suppliers. Therefore a "big tick" for clubs with parts sheds.

On the last two monthly runs there has been a very pleasing turnout of pre-1931 Vintage & Veteran Vehicles. 4 on the February run and 6 in March.

Angie & Des Brunton turned up for the March run in their latest acquisition, a 1964 Morris Minor Traveller. What a doozy of a little car which I would place in the pristine, concours restoration category. I understand that the said vehicle was a birthday gift to Angie from her devoted Des. But is this going to create some sort of precedent in our clubs social repertoire? Because if it is some are going to be seriously disappointed. Enough said, but what a choice little car and more importantly what will now happen to the Morris 8? What a dilemma.

I've been to 3 choice Vintage Events lately, details as follows:

PUKEKOHE SWAP MEET

Only a shadow of its former glory, and now seems dominated by garage sale sites. I've been a regular attender for the past 10-12 years and have witnessed a gradual lessening of vintage memorabilia being offered, although I must admit the associated car show was as good as any I have seen recently, and the organisation by the Chevy club was excellent. Also on display were some very tidy Chevs with two 1934 vehicles catching my approving eye.

WAIKATO VINTAGE TRACTOR & MACHINERY EXTRAVAGANZA (Morrinsville)

This is held every 2 or 3 years, not annually. An outstanding event aided by great weather at the Morrinsville Showgrounds. Upwards of 250 vintage tractors, of just about every make, vintage military vehicles, cars, trucks, stationary engines, haymaking equipment, even the odd mortorcycle, all combined to make this a truly outstanding event. Included in the two day event was a synchronized display by the ten Farmall Club Tractors who performed various moves which obviously required a fair amount of practice. Finally there

followed the grand parade which included all the old machinery that could possibly fit into the centre oval and was literally a “free for all”. Surely one of the best events I’ve been to in a very long while.

FRANKLIN VINTAGE TRACTOR & MACHINERY EVENT (Karaka)

Another outstanding event spoilt a bit by the weather. Very similar to the Waikato event at Morrinsville, but perhaps not on such a grand scale.

NEW MEMBERS AND VEHICLES

Apart from Angie and Des Brunton’s spectacular little Morrie Traveller two recent acquisitions spring to mind.

John Sladden’s 1954 MK1 Ford Consul and your roving reporter who has purchased a veteran 1918 Model TT Ford Truck (more about this later).

FEBRUARY RUN QUIZ RESULTS

1st Roger & Diana Nelson (18 correct)

2nd= Denis & Pat Burr (16)

2nd= David & Jill Philips (16)

The people choice suddenly became the acting (very temporary club captain’s) choice, simply because the ACC did not entirely agree with the PC.

Car of the day therefore was Terry and Chrissy Wadsavorth’s 1959 blue Morris Oxford, but I found it hard to bypass those four Fords in attendance.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to David Taylor was recently awarded his 35 year membership badge.

DECEASED ESTATE BEQUEST

Our club has been gifted a 1953 Bedford K truck in very original condition. The picture at right is of a similar truck to give members an idea of the look of this model of truck.

More information will be discussed at April’s club night meeting with a view to decided a future for the truck at the AGM in May.

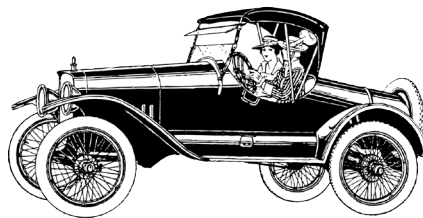


That’s more than enough guff from me, Cheers!

Chairman's "Birthday" Run

13 March 2016

by Angie Brunton



Sunday, 13th March was a really fine sunny day as 18 club cars gathered at the clubrooms for the annual Chairman's Run. A great turnout with some members having just returned from the annual Taupo rally that morning.

An extra special run, as not only had the chairman plotted the run but was celebrating his 51st birthday.

Denis Burr was driving his new car, a 1981 Mercedes-Benz coupe. I also enjoyed showing off my new club car, a 1964 Morris Minor Traveller. It was admired by many and I was very happy with how it performed on the rally.

We headed south from the city out through Whirinaki Valley and through the village of Ngakuru then through the Waikite Valley and back to town. Although we have had several runs through that area over the years David managed to ask a few tricky questions that tested our observation at times.

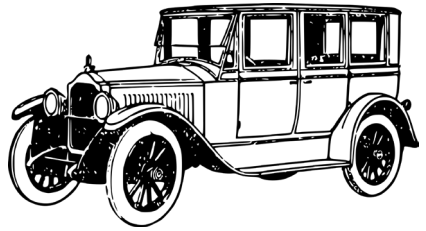
After the run we gathered at the clubrooms for afternoon tea and Fleur had made a lovely birthday cake for us to share. A good end to a pleasant afternoon drive in the country.



Midweek Report

March 2016

by Bob Mackay



Following morning tea at the club rooms on a somewhat miserable looking day, 6 club cars and 2 moderns ventured to number of tourist spots north of Taupo where the weather was quite pleasant, even if a little overcast.

First stop was the Aratiatia Rapids to view the noon release of water from the Hydro Dam along with tourists from around the world. It appeared that some of them were probably more interested in a certain blue Holden.



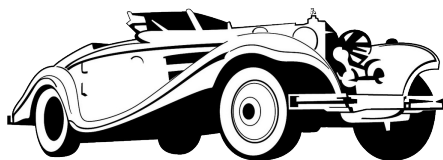
It was then time for our planned picnic lunch, well it was for six members who made themselves very comfortable amongst the bushes on the bank of the hydro lake while the rest of us got swept up in the enthusiasm of a café lunch by joining those who had not prepared a picnic, only to end up at Wairakei Wild Bean Café.

Following lunch we drove up to the Geothermal Power Station lookout, then it on to the Huka Falls before calling at the Honey Bee to marvel at the prices of all the bee products on sale. With a day full of great company and enough discussion to put the world back on track it was everyone for themselves and back to home.

Night Run

16 April 2016

by Neville Harper



This year's Night Run will be held on Saturday, April 16th.

Be at the clubrooms by 5.30pm for dinner (pea, pie & pud @ \$10 per head), then off on the night rally and back to the club rooms for dessert.

Please advise numbers on club night for catering, or call Neville Harper on 348 2412 (a/h) or 027 494 7249 or Angie Brunton on 347 7880 (a/h) or 027 475 4054. See you all there.

Recent Restoration

by Terry Wadsworth

With my Oxford I thought I would give it a coat of paint one day. When the time came to do this I thought I will do just the outside, but then I decided to put new door rubbers on so took the doors off, saved the clips and then my friend Graeme said "You should do it properly", so i did.



Graeme has been a very big help as he sandblasted all the clips for me and cut new gasket rubbers for under the chrome parts. I sandblasted the boot, bonnet and mudguards. Graeme fixed the rust in the guards for me. I also changed the 1500cc motor for a Morris Marina 1800cc engine.

After it was painted (by me) came the good part of putting it together. The inside is how I bought it. I'd like to say a big thank you for the help that Graeme Bones has done as he had a very bad accident about 5 years ago and can't do a lot because of it.

Ed. Terry's Morris Oxford will be the display car at the April club night.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc

The Branch AGM will be held at 7.30pm on 11th May 2016 at the Rotorua VCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park, Rotorua.

Agenda items will include:

Apologies, Minutes of last year's AGM, Chairman's Report, Financial Report, Election of Officers, General Business

Only financial members may vote. Nomination papers are available from the club Chairman or Secretary on request, or you can copy or cut out the form below.

Elections will be held for the following positions:

Chairperson, Branch Captain, Assistant Branch Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, committee member (between 3 and 6 may be elected)

Nomination Form for RVVCC AGM - 11th May 2016

I nominate

for the position of

Signed

I second the above nomination

Signed

I agree to have my name put forward for the above nomination

Signed

Te Awamutu Car Show *by Ronald Mayes*

The Waikato Triumph Club's annual show was held this year at a new venue. No more the clouds of dust at the local racecourse but a green field at Castleton Park greeted exhibitors on Sunday 3 April.

It was laid out so all of the vehicles could be parked in neat lines, with Triumphs and Rovers occupying the “top shelf” next to the food suppliers and toilets.

The numbers of vehicles on show were perhaps lower than in previous years, but a good variety included such rare cars as an early 1930s Triumph Super 7 and a mighty veteran, chain driven American-La France tourer. That company was known over many decades for its fire engines but built a very small number of racing cars in the early days.



Some gaps appeared in the lines before midday, when a sprinkling of rain brought out the brollies, and more cars left shortly after lunch and the prize-giving at 1pm. Triumph 2000s and 2500s are alive and well and I counted no less than 16 on display, representing all of the variants from their production span.

Four Rotorua VCC members showed their cars, one Cadillac and 3 Triumphs.



NEW WEBSITE !

www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz

You may have noticed some changes to the look of the branch website. The committee will now have more direct control over the mechanics and the content of the website, and will do our best to tailor it to meet the needs of our members, and to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members.

If you have any suggestions for additions or improvements to the website please contact David Tomlinson.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT - April 13th

Car on Display - 1959 Morris Oxford

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

April 20th Midweek run (3rd Wednesday)

Please Note - Change of usual date (this is for April only)

Our host has a prior commitment on the last Wednesday of every month, so we change our date or we miss out. My apologies to anyone who is unable to attend on this date, but finding collections is becoming increasingly difficult, we've been almost everywhere!

Meet at Clubrooms at 10am. We then travel to arrive at 1pm to the property of John & Alison Walsh, 171 Maugatapu Road, Morrinsville to visit their "Modern Home for Vintage Tractors". We will have a café lunch (or a picnic for those prefer) on route.

Contributions to Side Curtains

This is your magazine. It's content will only be as good as the information members submit to the editor to include. Please feel free to share anything you think might be of interest to the membership by sending it to the editor, preferably by email, and a picture says a thousand words, so include photos where possible. Members taking part in club runs or events hosted by other branches are encouraged to pen a short piece about their experience to include in the next issue going to print. All items to the editor by the end of the month.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

The branch has a Facebook page which has a growing number of new likes every week, with items and pictures being shared around the internet regularly.



Just search for "Rotorua Vintage Car" in Facebook to find the page. Press "like" and you will automatically get notifications of posts on the page.

Efforts will be made to post photos from events and runs, club notices and other items to help members and prospective new members alike.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
April	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	16	Night Run	5.30pm	Clubrooms	8
	20	Midweekers Run	10.00am	Clubrooms	11
May	9	Branch AGM	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	15	May Run	TBA	TBA	
	25	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
June	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	12	Prize Giving	TBA	TBA	
	22	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

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Heavy duty diesel battery - NOT used - Brand New, Warranty available.
\$100 - Phone Quinton 022 636 0112 (Rotorua)

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Austin Cambridge A60 short block motor, c/w cylinder head, rocker cover and sump all intact. Motor has been kept in dry storage, is clean and turns over. Also radiator. \$200 - Phone 07 357 4876

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1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster. In good original condition, kept in dry storage, rego on hold, started up and driven for WoF checks. Urgent sale. Open to offers - Phone John Armstrong on 07 348 7975

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If you would like to place an ad here just email details to the editor or bring it along in print on a club night. A picture of the item is a good idea too! Ads will be run for two consecutive issues unless you ask otherwise.

Te Awamutu Car Show 2016



