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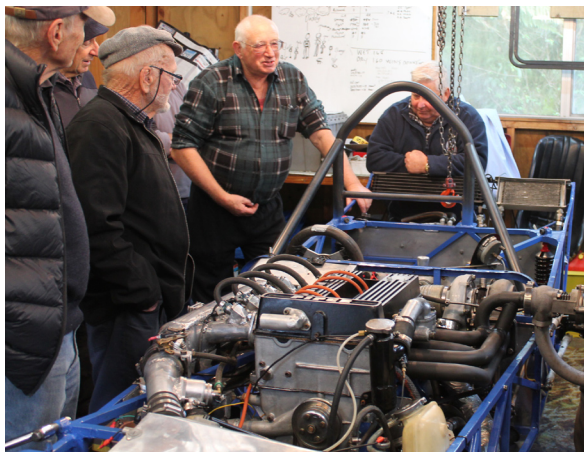
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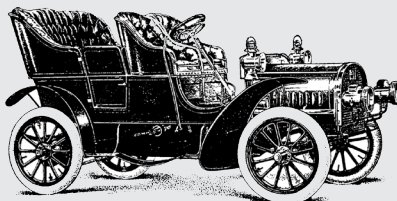
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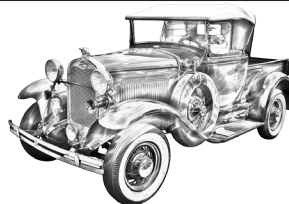
Cover Photos

Front - 1959 Cadillac, July club night

Back - Swap Meet 2016

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

- July 2016

by David Tomlinson



Again the highlight of the past month was the annual Central North Island Swap Meet, held in slightly damp weather, but slightly milder in temperature. The organising committee and the volunteers again made this a very successful event, with the overall result looking to be very similar to last year. Well done to all involved, on behalf of the branch I thank all who contributed to the success of the event.

In August the branch will hold a member's "Open Day" to view the Bedford K truck we have been gifted, details elsewhere in this issue.

The VCC National AGM will be held on August 12-13 at the Novotel in Rotorua. We are still after a couple of volunteers who can help with being "microphone runners" on the Friday night session (7.30p - 9p) and all day Saturday. Contact myself or Angie Brunton if you can help. Thanks to those members kindly displaying vehicles including motorbikes at the AGM venue.

Last month we had Chris Staines' enormous '59 Cadillac as our club night "Car In The Room", and we look forward to Angie talking about her Morris Traveller this month. We are still on the lookout for 3 more cars for the remainder of this year. If you would like to display and briefly talk about one of the vehicles in your collection, please let me know so we can schedule you in. Also, if you have any suggestions for an interesting guest speaker on club nights, let someone on the committee know.

Last month's Side Curtain's "Mystery Cars" generated a lot of interest, with many people contacting me by email or in person, and with some very mild hints dropped, 4 members got the maker right, Alfa Romeo. The red car was a Renault Dauphine made under licence, with Alfa mainly changing just the electrics (probably the thing they are poorest at!), and the jeep was a civilian version of a military vehicle Alfa made. This month features a single maker for two cars again.

Lastly, I hope many of you will take part in the Sulphur City Rally at the end of August. This year's event will focus on a run around some of our beautiful lakes. It is not too late to enter, and it will be a very enjoyable event.

Spring Tour 2016

Bob Mackay



This year's Spring Tour will take place from Tuesday 1st November to Friday 4th November. While a detailed itinerary will be available at a later date we will visit at least one car restorer, and spare parts supplier besides other points of interest in the central North Island and Whanganui areas.

On the final day (Friday) we will visit the "Behind the Scenes of the Vehicle Collection" at the Waiouru Army Base (cost \$15 pp or \$25 including the Army Museum). This collection is within the high security area, we will therefore need to supply details of our car registration numbers two weeks before the event. As the "Behind the Scenes of the Vehicle Collection" is not available during weekends, should members who wish to take the Friday off work to join us you are most welcome but please supply names and vehicles in time that we can meet the Army requirements.

Tuesday 1st November - travel to Ohakune staying at: Ohakune Court Motel ph. 0800-288289 or 06-3858183 (the motel has offered a special rate of \$100 so on booking mention Bob Mackay/RVVCC)

Wednesday 2nd November – travel via River Road to Whanganui staying at: Cooks Garden Motel (Asure) ph. 06-3456003 (mention RVVCC) rate \$125 less VCC NZ discount)

Thursday 3rd November - travel to Taihape staying at: Aspen Court Motel ph. 06-388 1999 (mention RVVCC) rate \$130

Participants should arrange accommodation directly with the motels. As I will be away at the time of the army requiring information on the car registrations notify Maurie Crowe (ph. 07-345 6540) for those attending along with the registration number of the car. In the meantime should you have any queries or suggestions please contact me, Bob Mackay on 07-332 3849

Swap Meet Observations

from a damp Dennis W. Worker



Once again the 36th Annual Swap Meet went like a well-oiled machine. After months of planning and a keen team setting up on Saturday, there was much discussion on the weather forecast.

The alarm went at 5am Sunday and was joined by the sound of a passing southerly squall that later made a couple of cameo appearances. At check in time of 6am there were already club members who had been out doing preparation for a couple of hours. The stockcar club had done a great job in preparing the carpark and pit area for us. The concrete and gravel had been extended. Excellent floodlighting lit these areas so it was like working in daylight. By 6.30am when the gates opened, there were three rows of sellers vehicles. The Ulysses Club and Terry Wadsworth had done a great job in getting the vehicles off Paradise Valley Road. At 7.30am almost all the 220 sites were taken and the sellers queue had reduced to a trickle. This was a tribute to Neville and the sellers parkers who were getting utes and trailers onto the sites at 4-5 a minute. Then came the flood of buyers in around 2000 vehicles. At one stage they were queued past Pukehangi Rd. All were quickly parked, using the overflow farm paddocks on both sides of the entrance.

The workers feed station in the old Rotorua Car Club building lived up to the very high standards of the past. The ladies again excelled. It has to be a club selling point that us old pensioners can get a great feed at least once a year.

The swapmeet relies on getting the support of sellers to attract the buyers and it is interesting to see many familiar sellers that come back year after year. One is Morrie Nottle from Tauranga who I think has been selling at every Swap Meet plus the original noggin and natter auctions. We understand that the stockcar club is erecting more buildings that should give us more undercover sites so we can keep the long term trade sellers happy.

Interesting sale items: The 1929 original unrestored model A tourer that Aubry or was it Laurence owned (he passed away 4 years ago) as his only car and came to all our Swap Meets. It was up for sale for offers around \$20,000. There was a Kenworth sized Mack tractor unit with a ute tray on the back for \$15,000 plus the wide range of all sized cars and motorbikes.

Best comments of the day: "There's more junk here granddad than there is in your shed" and Dave to the classic car magazine photographer "We don't want any umbrellas in the photos"

We all owe a big vote of thanks to the swapmeet committee Roger, Steve, Terry W and Neville plus the 33 members that worked tirelessly in some bleak weather to make it a great day for the 4000 plus people who attended.

Bedford K truck “Open Day”

14 August 2016 - 14 Hall Rd, Ngongotaha



The branch will host an “Open Day” for members to come and peruse the 1953 Bedford Model K truck we have been gifted between 9am and 12 noon on Sunday, August 14th. This is the day after the conclusion of the VCC AGM. We appreciate that some members will be helping with shuttling AGM attendees to the airport on the Sunday morning, but this time frame allows all members a good period of time to view the truck even if they are helping with AGM transport.

The viewing will be at 14 Hall Rd, Ngongotaha, a yellow coloured commercial building opposite the 4 Square a little further up the hill. If the weather is good the truck will be outside, but if the weather is poor viewing will be possible under cover. Any members who think they may be interested in being the next “keeper” of the truck with a view to making it road-worthy again will be asked to register their interest before the committee meeting on Monday 15th.

MYSTERY CARS FROM LAST MONTH’S ISSUE OF SIDE CURTAINS



*Alfa Romeo Ondine
(Renault Dauphine based)*



*Alfa Romeo 1900M Matta
(civilian version)*

Membership Matters

From the Club Secretary

Dennis Whimp



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Thomas and Jamie Fyfe with baby Olive
1973 Rover PGB 3500S saloon
1975 Datsun 120Y SSS

Declan Comer
1958 Standard Vanguard
(Declan is looking for parts to help get the car roadworthy)

MEMBERSHIP LIST OF ALL VCCNZ MEMBERS

We have received an electronic copy of the National Membership list that includes all members who have agreed to have their name publically available (members requesting name suppression excluded.)

There are three lists available to members only. Each list is electronic and 3Mb in size. They cannot be used for commercial or financial gain:

- List 1: All Branches with members names, vehicles and contact details.
- List 2: Membership list by surname in alphabetical order with contacts and vehicles
- List 3: list of vehicle makes with each make sorted into years and listing owners.

If any member would like a list, please email me at rotorua@vcc.org.nz

I have also printed off the 6 pages of the Rotorua branch membership. If you would like a copy please contact me. I will have copies at the monthly meetings.

35 YEAR BADGE - MALCOLM FOSTER

Congratulations to Malcolm Foster who was recently presented with his 35 year badge by one of our foundation members, Roger Nelson. Malcolm's accident some years ago prevents him attending our meetings, but if you are out his way, he loves a good yarn.

NATIONAL MEMBER AND VEHICLE STATISTICS

In the agenda for the National AGM the following are reported:
Total membership of the 36 Branches - 8293

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| Largest Branch | Canterbury | 1262 members |
| Second largest Branch | Auckland | 659 members |
| Third largest Branch | Waikato | 441 members |
| Number 26 on the list | Rotorua | 125 members |

Total number of vehicles listed on the club database - 19,321

Of these, the number with ID cards are 10,280 made up as follows

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| Veteran | 1025 vehicles |
| Vintage | 4706 vehicles |
| Post Vintage | 1600 vehicles |
| Post War | 2647 vehicles |
| Post 1960 | 2651 vehicles |

These numbers include 1994 motorcycles.

OTHER CLUBS MAGAZINES, RALLY ENTRY FORMS AND EVENTS

With the advent of the internet, we now receive numerous electronic requests from other branches and clubs to publicise their Rallies and events in our club mag. In addition, most branches have a website where they put an electronic copy of these and their magazines.

As an example, so far this month we have received:

| Branch | Rally | Date |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Auckland | PV through P80V | Sunday 11th Sept. |
| Taranaki Rubber | Duckie M/C | 17th Sept. |
| North Shore | Veteran Parliamentary Tour | 28 Jan – 6 Feb 2017 |
| Whanganui | National Veteran Rally | 20 – 23 Jan. 2017 |
| Whanganui | Burma Rally | Sun 22nd Jan 2017 |
| Te Aroha Business Assoc. | Street Display | Sat 1st Oct. |
| VCCNZ | National M/C Rally Waitomo | 17 – 19 Feb 2017 |
| Nelson | Commercial, M/C and Veteran | 11 – 13 Nov |
| CVUC | Classic Vehicle Union of China | 9 – 21 Oct. 2016 |
| FIVA Classic Car Challenge China. Beijing to Shanghai | | |

We have also received the following electronic branch magazines:
Banks Peninsula, Bay of Plenty, Wellington.

Contact me and I can send a link for any magazines or entry forms.

BRANCH FACEBOOK PAGE REACHES 100 LIKES!

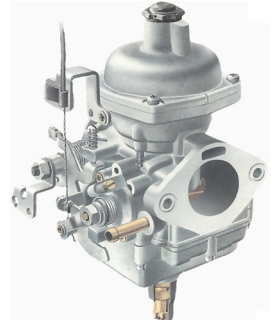
The branch Facebook page features up to the minute important information for members. We now have over 100 likes. Search for “Rotorua Vintage Car” in Facebook to find the page, press “like” and you will get notifications of posts as they go online.



Midweek Run, 27 July

by Ronald Mayes

We started out on this run with 12 cars but ended up with 13 – our Triumph 2000 “failed to proceed” (it stalled) on the way back to town at the junction of Bryce Rd and the Atiamuri-Rotorua highway. It would not idle, but ran at higher revs and I managed to get it home and completed the run with our Triumph 2500. As I write this carburettors have been checked, spark plugs swapped, points and timing checked and there is high voltage to all plugs and it runs, but very roughly. More checks to follow.



The meeting place for the run was the cafe at the Waiotapu Geothermal Park. Bob told us of a slightly changed plan which was now to be a mystery drive. He said his children used to call his mystery drives “misery drives”, but this one turned out to be one of the best yet, with visits to no less than four sheds. First stop was at Rocky and Rebecca Fiske’s farm. In addition to all of his Triumphs and that very nice Yamaha 350 there was his latest acquisition, a 1964 MG Midget with twin-carb. 1098cc power. Already partly dismantled it will no doubt soon be back on the road in excellent condition. On then to Denis and Pat. Burr’s where we had lunch amongst the Dodges and Farmalls and Pat’s ball-point pen collection (Evan started to count these but lunch beckoned before he could work out how many thousands were on show).

Back in to town we called on Tony and Marilyn Sarich to see the progress on his fastback 1947 Chevrolet. And there is another one, a Fleetmaster sedan waiting in the wings for restoration – another shed full of fascinating items for all to check out. Finally we climbed the slopes of Mount Ngongotaha to the residence of Jamie Aislabie where, before his wife Jan. kindly prepared afternoon tea for us all, we checked out his workshop (amazing tools), racing car (its Lotus Cortina engine had a fuel injection system of his own design and manufacture) and the demonstration of a go kart engine on its test bed (running at 7500rpm its sound definitely carried some distance.) Finally we heard a brief description of his life in motor racing – certainly a man of extraordinary skills.

An enjoyable run, the number of sheds containing fascinating projects never ceases to amaze me, not to mention the skills of their “inhabitants.” Many thanks to Bob and Terry, all of our hosts, and of course Evan and Wynn who escorted me and the 2000 home. Now back to the garage to try to work out the Triumph’s problem..

Post Script: After checking EVERYTHING on the ignition side and finding nothing wrong I went back to the fuel system. I had already checked the Stromberg carburettors for sticking pistons and, as the experts on the drive had advised, ruptured diaphragms. No faults there but finally I found the cause: the rear carburettor was flooding. This was due to a faulty float chamber needle valve. I removed it and blew it out but no better, it would still not stem the tide of petrol. These valves are sealed units unlike SU ones which can be dismantled for checking and cleaning so I removed one from a scrap carb. and fitted that. It’s great to have the engine running smoothly on all six cylinders again!

BUY, SELL, SWAP...

FOR SALE

1954 Dodge Kingsway.
Cert. Power steering,
good general all round
condition. Some stone chips.
Good tires, current rego
and warrant.



Contact Denis Burr

Email: Farmall@compassnet.co.nz or 07 333 2807 or 027 293 5311

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FOR SALE – 1951 Vauxhall Wyvern, good project, located near
Tokoroa, \$1000 ono, phone 027 269 9379

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WANTED TO BUY – Model T Ford, anything considered, phone Tom on
027 655 9874

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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.*

Contributions to Side Curtains

This is your magazine! 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.

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The committee endeavours to have the branch website 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.

MYSTERY VEHICLES



Two more mystery cars, again from the internet. These are from the mid 1960s to 1970, both vehicles from the same maker. One is a concept vehicle, the other is coach-built.



NEXT CLUB NIGHT - August 10th

Car In The Room: 1964 Morris Traveller

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

24th August Midweek run

Meet at the club rooms for morning tea at 10am. As this run will be only a few days before the Sulphur City Rally it will be a low key run to a café for lunch.

Inconclusive travel plans for 2016

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

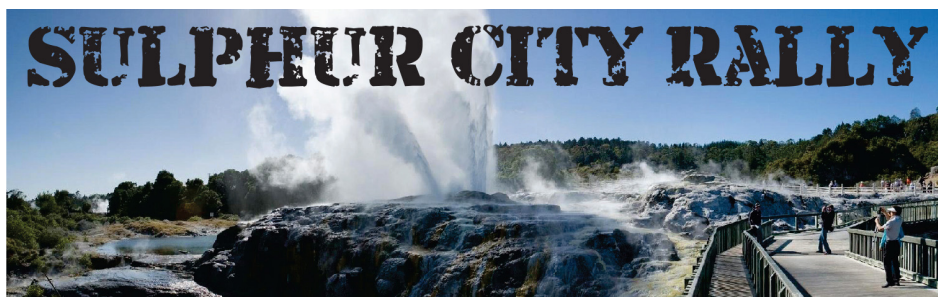
And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

COMING EVENTS

| | Date | Event | Time | Venue | Page |
|-----------|-------|----------------|---------|----------------------|------|
| August | 10 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | 11 |
| | 12-14 | VCC AGM | Various | Novotel Rotorua | |
| | 24 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | 11 |
| | 27 | Sulphur City | 8.30am | Clubrooms | 12 |
| September | 14 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 18 | Club Run | TBA | TBA | |
| | 28 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |
| October | 12 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 16 | Club Run | TBA | TBA | |
| | 26 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |
| November | 1-4 | Spring Tour | TBA | Central North Island | 3 |
| | 9 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 13 | BBQ Run | TBA | TBA | |
| | 23 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |



The Rotorua Vintage Car Club
cordially invites you to take part in their annual

Sulphur City Rally

to be held on 27 August 2016
at the RVVCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park
Briefing at 8.30am. First car away at 9.00am

Swap Meet Car Show 2016



