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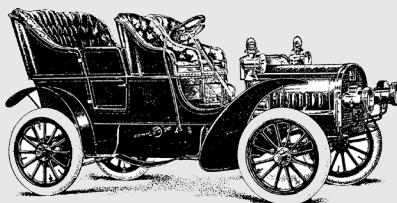
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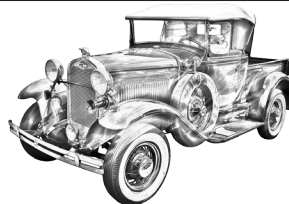
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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

- July 2017

by David Tomlinson



July was Swap Meet month, and despite significant weather challenges, the event has made a small surplus and will contribute greatly to the costs of running the branch. It is inevitable that we will use some of our reserves during this financial year, but we made a good surplus last year, and it will be funds put away last year that will likely be used this current year. Despite several people commenting at the AGM two years ago that the reserves are there to be spent, the reality is we need around \$15,000 to come in each year from fund raising. We managed well with the number of members that helped on the day, and there was a lot of good feedback from vendors.

August will be a very busy month for me, I will have no less than 9 days related to branch activity. It will start with the social night on the 5th, then there will be club night on the 9th, I will be away from home for 3 days at the VCC AGM from the 11th to the 13th, committee night on the 14th, and the Sulphur City Rally and the Daffodil Day run and display from the 25th to the 27th. That is almost one third of my month, and I still have to juggle running my business and hope my family remember who I am. Many branch members put in significant hours each year keeping things working, events happening and trying to improve opportunities for members. The greatest reward is members taking part in our activities and attending our club nights.

During the school holidays in July my family spent some time in Napier, and as well as visiting the very interesting Faraday Centre, which is a hands-on museum, we visited the British Car Museum in Haumoana. It is probably better described as a very large private collection rather than a museum as such. I am not sure of the total number of cars, but they are packed in tighter than sardines in places, and it wasn't always easy to inspect some cars. Also, about 1/3 of the collection are mounted above other cars on frames, so you can really only see the fronts and sometimes rear of those cars. It is extremely economic use of the building! There were a few interesting cars you don't often see, and a lot of Vauxhalls and Morris Minors. There are a few photos elsewhere in this issue. The collection owner let my 3 kids climb up on an old fire engine which made them all happy.

We are still on the lookout for a Club Captain. While perusing the online magazines of other branches near us I see we are not alone in not having this position filled. It is not as arduous as some might make it sound, and the committee will help the person who fills the role. If you are at all interested, even if you do not want to commit, please contact me or Kevin Scott and we can let you know what the role entails in more depth.

The aforementioned social dinner was well attended and featured a four part quiz, with various teams winning prizes along the way. Thank you Angie and all the others that contributed to a successful event.

The Sulphur City Rally is only a few weeks away now. Branch member entries are low at present. Please support this event. It is our main driving event for the year. We get many entrants from other branches so you are part of a big event with a wider variety vehicles and people. The social side of the weekend is also very enjoyable. A lot of hard work is put into creating the event, it would be good to see a big contingent of branch members on the run. At the August club night I will be asking if any drivers need navigators so there may be opportunities to take part even if your club car is not currently roadworthy.

Speaking of roadworthy, it is my understanding that there will be a renewed call for Warrants of Fitness for 40 plus year old cars to be extended to 12 months. When the rules changed a few years ago there were some major industry players that spoke against increasing the time between checks for older cars, but they have all changed their views now, with agreement being that regular use of older cars contributes strongly to safety. Let's hope this happens in the near future. Even though the lower registration fees are great, sometimes it seems you spend more time driving to and from WoF checks than you do enjoying your pride and joy.

Please don't forget our 3-4 day event to Wanganui in early November, its not too late to join in the fun, but accommodation may get more difficult to secure as time moves on.

Lastly, you will notice a fairly barren calendar on the Coming Events page. This is because some of the activities being planned for the next few months may vary a little from the usual times to coincide with some interesting community activities, and we need to cross some T's and dot some I's before we finalise those events. This may be fleshed out a little more at the August club night.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



Welcome to new member

A very familiar face, Gloria Mayes has just joined as a joint member so we can officially welcome her. Funny how we assume someone is a member. May be it's because she keeps Ronald on the correct straight line in those rallies.

Gleaned from the Executive meeting agenda - 12 August at Blenheim

Club member's vehicle statistics summary:

The latest membership returns show that there are 19,687 vehicles shown as being owned by members. Of these, 10,662 have vehicle ID cards, 75 of them being from Rotorua. Numbers of vehicles with ID cards are:

Veteran	612
Vintage	2530
Post Vintage	1643
Post War	2723
Post 1960	2789
Post 1980	94
Historic Race Vehicle	92
Period Special	138
Non Eligible	38
Authentic Reproduction	3

Midweek Run - 26th July

After all the rain, we had a beautiful fine day for our run which seventeen members in nine cars took advantage of.

After morning tea we left for Kawerau, one car did not make it but the members were able to continue on the way after being offered a ride.

At Kawerau we had lunch at a little-known cafe called Knives and Forks (good food there) and then onto the museum, where Phil Leaning was waiting to show us around. There was a huge collection and a great variety of history. Some items were a 1908 Reap & Binder, a 1904 shooting buggy - Cooper shearing unit - potato planter - 1905 horse buggy - stationary engines - cameras - type writers and much more.

The museum is in temporary premises and does not do itself justice as it is not well displayed. It is soon to be shifted to a larger building and they are in the process of building their premises on land they already have, so we are looking forward to visit again at a later date.

A BIG thank you to Phil Leaning for taking the time to show us around.

We also had the company of three cars and four members from EBoP VCC branch.

Maurie Crowe *(pictures from the run on the inside back cover. Ed.)*

MYSTERY CARS FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF SIDE CURTAINS



1966 Vauxhall
VXR Prototype



1952 Porsche 542
"Studebaker"

July Car in the Room *by Dennis Whimp*

The Scott's 1936 Ford V8 Deluxe sedan

Kevin normally has a smile on his face but he was beaming as he explained with great pride the history of the '36 Ford that was our last meeting car in the room.

He wasn't really looking for a car but 5 years ago while in Wellington, heard about a dealer who sold vintage and classics on behalf and was closing down. The unsold vehicles were being shifted out of the premises. The owner of the V8 was the great grandson of the original owner, had nowhere to store it, was a bit desperate and was on site when Kevin arrived.

After serious to and fro negotiations, Kevin was able to become the proud owner and get the vehicle trucked to Rotorua as it hadn't run for a while.

It turned out that the V8 was purchased new in 1936 by G.G. Ranger who had the Putaruru Ford Agency and Ranger Transport. It cost 220 pounds. It stayed in the family until well after the war, and then went through a number of owners. G.G. Ranger's grandson tracked it down and purchased it in the early 1990's. He had Te Puke Autobarn's Ray Singleton restore the vehicle to as close to original as possible. Doug dipped the body. And it turned out that some of the Ranger's descendants were Kevin's clients. They were very happy to hear it has returned to the area.

There were 561,000 Ford deluxe sedans built in 1936. This car has the original 21 stud motor replaced with a 1942 24 stud one. It still runs on the 6 volt system and is one of the items that Kevin is looking at. It is part of the joy of owning an 80 year old regularly driven car that there is always a bit of work to do to make it more reliable.

(Kevin's car is pictured on the cover and inside front cover. Ed.)

Swap Meet 2017 *by Dennis Whimp*

The really good news according to a number of sellers that came from the far corners of the North Island was that we didn't postpone the swap meet as other clubs had done. (Not vintage clubs). The preceding week's rain had cleared to present a fine clear Saturday for setting up. The Metservice's fast moving deluge arrived as predicted just after dark and had almost stopped by 6.30am Sunday. It was definitely a gumboots event.

The sellers queue had cleared by 7am and more dribbled in through the morning, especially when the sun broke through. The buying public was steady and filled the main carpark although this year we didn't need the overflow paddocks.

A great variety of hot food was again available c/o the kitchen ladies and was greatly appreciated by all the members and helpers.

The afternoon showers meant that the area was basically empty by 2pm. I chatted to a number of sellers as they left and almost all said they had had a very successful day and would be back next year. Some said a bit of rain is good as people don't stand around and haggle, but grab, pay and run. Everyone was very positive and most had a cheeky quip as they left. The sellers are the key to any good swap meet. We need to do all we can to continually attract them.

The wet weather made it interesting with the counting of the notes as when they are wet they stick together. Bob said he had a very understanding teller at the bank that spent an hour checking the notes and found that there was \$40 more than our tally. Some wet notes were almost impossible to separate.

I can't wait for next year. Where else can you stand in a polar blast with water dripping down your neck and off your nose, collecting money and telling the punters what a great day it is to be alive. All our organisers and helpers need a big vote of thanks for another successful swap meet.



British Car Museum, Haumoana



BUY, SELL, SWAP...

FOR SALE

1970 Triumph 2000 Mark II, manual with desirable and now rare overdrive option. White paintwork. Has had considerable mechanical work done, needs painting and some TLC. Advertised on TradeMe at \$2500 ono.

Contact Charles Fletcher on 027 368 3770 or 348 7836

FOR SALE - URGENT !

Bill Knutsen of Te Puke has sold his home and needs to find a home for his three 1934 Morris cars urgently. One of which is in good order, recently painted and new upholstery, the other 2 are in containers and he has lots of parts.

Bill is willing to let these go at bargain offers as he cannot take them with him. He is happy for anyone to ring him.

Bill Knutsen, Te Puke - phone 07 573 8525

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW - KAWERAU - 12 August 2017

The Waterwheel Historic Trust is hosting an "Antiques Roadshow" from 10am to 3pm at the Kawerau Town Hall on the 12th of August.

Experts will value "treasures" for a fee (\$10 for 1 item, \$25 for 3 items).

There will also be a lot of treasures on show.

Entrance is by gold coin donation.

MYSTERY VEHICLES

The upper car is a European styled prototype from the 1950s made by a US maker. The lower car was planned to be launched by a smaller UK manufacturer in the 1960s.



CLUB NIGHT - August 9th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car in the room: TBA

Speaker: Bryce Shapley of Cyclezone - "Electric bikes"

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

Midweek Run 23rd August 2017

Meet at 10am for morning tea at the club rooms.

Please Note: It is advised that all participants should wear closed shoes for this visit.

The run will be fairly short offering a rare opportunity to view a modern state of the art plant production nursery hiding behind a high fence. With the equipment designed and imported from Europe the facility started limited production in November last year and is now entering the first full year, it has a capacity of about five million container grown forestry seedlings a year.

Following this we will make our way back to Rotorua having a picnic lunch along the way, at a venue that offers a covered area should the weather not be favourable. There will be a barbeque available so bring something along to cook. With the Sulphur City Rally just a few days later the short run offers an ideal opportunity to check out the club cars prior to the rally.

SULPHUR CITY RALLY - August 26th

Entry forms at the club rooms, and on the branch website.

Entries close 19th August 2016, please get entries in on time!

For any further information please contact the

Rally Secretary, Dorothy Clouston, phone 07 348 6270

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
August	5	Social Evening	5.30pm	Clubrooms	
	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	23	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	11
	26	Sulphur City Rally	8am	Clubrooms	11
September	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	27	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
October	11	Club Night / AGM	7.30pm	Clubrooms	

Gift Baskets please!

If you have any unwanted gift baskets available (just the basket!) could you please drop them off at the clubrooms? The branch regularly makes up gift baskets for sending to members from time to time, and it will save the branch money and time if we have baskets already available.

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.

Midweek Run - July 2017



SWAP MEET CAR SHOW - 2017

