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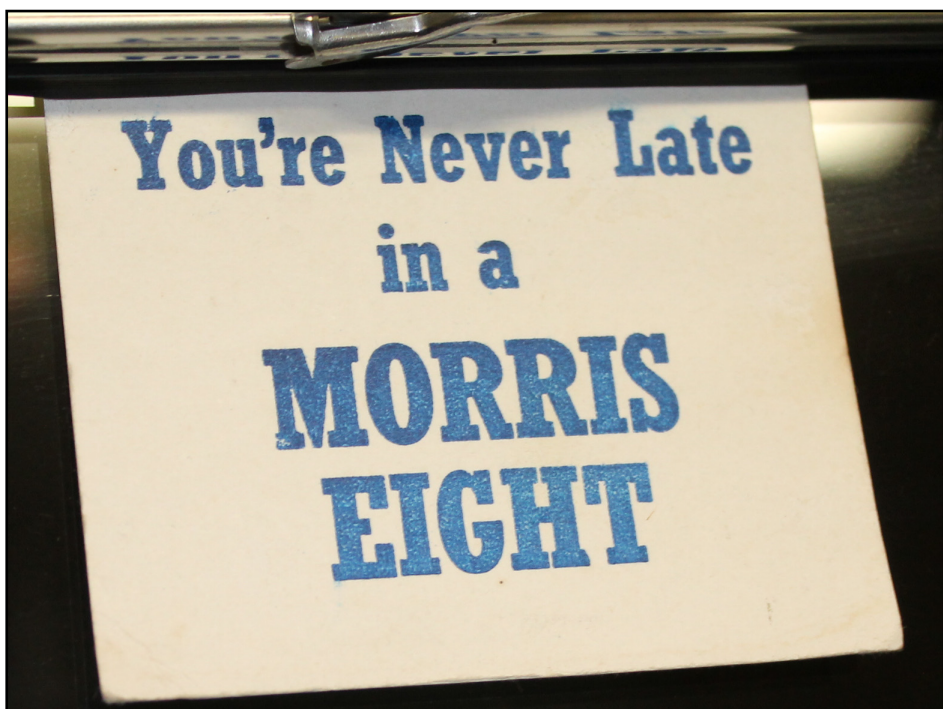
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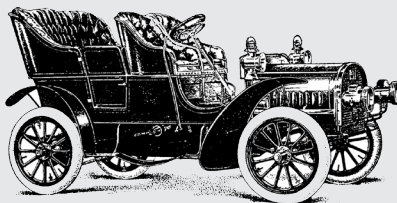
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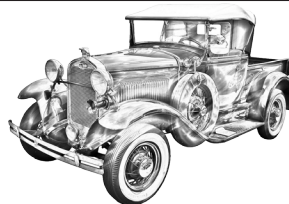
Cover Photos

Front - 1928 Reo camper

Back - Swap Meet 2022

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 2022

by David Tomlinson



I missed our July club night, only the second time I have missed one (the other time, I was overseas), thanks to my bout of Covid. Fleur ended up catching it, and although my isolation ended and I was testing negative in time to be at the Swap Meet, Fleur and the kids had to stay home.

July's car in the room was Joelene Hossack's 1938 Morris Eight. Thanks Joelene. Our August club night will see Michael Thorne's Rover P5B as the car in the room.

It was a bit damp and muddy for the Saturday prep work at the Swap Meet, but it all got done in good time. In the wee hours of Sunday it was a dry drive to the Raceway, but once we opened the seller's gate things did get a bit wet for a while. Thankfully once daylight made a proper appearance things dried out, and although it was a bit boggy underfoot in places, the day went very well. I had a bit of a wander around and most vendors I spoke to were very happy. I even bought a hubcap! Things slowed down before 1pm, and we started the knock down, bin emptying etc, and by 3pm vehicles were taking stuff back to the clubrooms and almost all vendors had packed and left. The financial result was a good one, I would like to thank Alan Judd and his small team that put the event together, all branch members and their friends and family who helped with set up, during the event and with the knock down. Without this essential volunteer help the event just would not happen.

As this was our main branch activity for the month, there was a bit of a gap in our program, but the group who put on the monthly classics Sunday breakfast meet years ago (at Eat Street, the later on at the Mitre 10 carpark), started it up again on the third Sunday each month, with cars parking down the Fenton St end of the Village Green in the carparking area there. As well as a few hot-rods and muscle cars, a number of branch members also turned up despite very short notice of the event. It was sunny without a cloud in the sky, but very much freezing...

Later in the month I was asked at the last minute to take some friend's kids to the JPC Ball at the Events Centre as their planned ride had fallen through, and while it did take more than an hour to travel from the

entrance to the gardens to the venue, I spied a number of branch members in mostly UK cars, and possibly one in a 1950s American car. Certainly the majority of kids turned up in either American vintage or muscle cars. The organisers probably need to think of a better way of decamping the passengers, as some cars sat for a minute or more at the single drop off area, despite dozens and dozens of cars queued behind them. The fuel companies did very well that night, with probably more than 80% of the cars having large V8 engines. There was one Tesla though...

Poor weather tried to interrupt the midweekers but it appears they still had a good day out, thanks Michael for organising this. We will need more volunteers to keep the midweekers going over the next year and beyond.

In August we have our club night, then the weekend after I will be attending the VCC AGM in South Auckland. At the end of the month we have the Sulphur City Rally on Saturday the 27th, followed by a combined prize giving and branch 50th Anniversary dinner at the Millennium Hotel. Fleur, Dennis, Terry and I checked the venue out recently, it will be a great night, with great food. VCC President Diane Quarrie will be in attendance celebrating with us and presenting special awards to some branch members on the night. Diane and her husband Geoff will also take part in the rally.

The rally will be a very worthwhile one, the morning section will be around 90km, mostly on sealed roads with 3 short gravel sections. The afternoon section will be less than 60km. A small amount of highway driving, otherwise mostly sealed rural roads. The evening dinner will feature a large video display of photos of our branch's past, and the buffet has a really great selection of food. You will not be disappointed.

It is not too late to enter the rally, or attend the dinner. There is an entry form for the rally in this issue, and a form to attend the "dinner only" if you don't want to do the rally. The branch will only turn 50 once, if you miss this, it won't happen again. All branch members, past and present are welcome, and we will be joined by rally entrants from out of town.

Lastly, if any members have photos, particularly from the 1970s through to 2015, of club activities such as rallies, swap meets or social events, particularly with people rather than the cars being the main subject, can you please let me know ASAP? I would be good to have the widest range of images possible to populate the video display at our celebration dinner.

Let's really celebrate our branch's 50th Anniversary in August!

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



It was with some excited anticipation that I entered the Westpac Bank to pick up a Rotorua Vintage Car Club item from the safe deposit box. These boxes are being closed and shifted to Auckland. What was it that was so valuable that it was in the bank vault? It was a long wait as two management staff were required to open the vault and one had just popped out on other business. They were in the vault for about 15 minutes which only further heightened my anticipation. Finally, there it was. A long thin envelope deposited on 16 Dec 1977 by Roger Nelson, Treasurer and Syd Halliday, Secretary. It was the original deed of lease between the Rotorua County Council and the Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club Inc. Our club signatories were B Rogers, Chairman, plus Roger and Syd. The Council signatory was John Keaney. The lease was for 33 years at \$10 per year. Among the interesting conditions of lease is the direction that the buildings shall not be used for dancing. I never thought that doing the hokey-cokey would get us in trouble. The lease was renewed in 2010 for a period of 20 years, still with the no dancing clause, so we may have to wait until 2030 before we can start dancing.

I loved the Swap Meet and so did most of the attendees. A couple of stall holders told me during the clean-up that it was the best Swap Meet they had been to and that they had excellent sales. It was a real opportunity to catch up with many out of towners who we don't normally see. But the downside was at least 4 of our helpers including the writer went down with Covid in the week following. I am putting it down to coincidence rather than the Swap Meet.

Our 50th Anniversary celebration dinner is on the 27th of this month. There are a number of past members coming and there will be the out of town Sulphur City Rally attendees, so PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES. 50 year continuous membership awards will be presented to Andy Bainbridge, Jim Maud, Roger Nelson, Bill Skelton,

and Dennis Whimp. Our National President Diane Quarrie will be doing the Sulphur City Rally and then presenting these awards along with 35 year membership badges. Diane has been our National president for 7 years and many older members know her as the organiser of the Art Deco Rally for at least 10 years before that.

Swap Meet 2022 Report *by Alan Judd*

Good news first: another successful day; money taken, lots of happy punters, no complaints from sellers, commercial vendors all booked for next year and caterers did well.

Bad news: there is none

We were very lucky with the weather even though it was a little soggy underfoot. The preceding days were dreadful and set-up on Saturday soaked everyone there for an hour or two.

Sunday started off dry and not too cold, then got wet for an hour or so but dried up after that and stayed pretty good for the rest of the day. The sellers poured in from 6.15am onwards; perhaps not quite so many as last year but there were more than enough seeing as how some grassy areas were so swampy we couldn't use them. After a slow start, probably due to the weather, the public arrived in droves and left loaded down as usual. For the first time this year we got interviewed and filmed by the Hot Rod Show for showing later in the year.

This event could not happen without the many hours put in by our volunteers both before and on the day. A big thank you to everyone who helped by manning (personning?) gates, organising parking inside and out and just being available to go where needed. A special mention for Doreen and Pat in the kitchen for keeping us all supplied with endless amazing food all day long. Neville and all his helpers did a great job in organising the sellers. Dennis made sure signs were in place and all the gates were manned, Bob battled through the mud to keep the Car Show under control and Terry sorted the parking with the usual skill. A great day keeping the Club solvent for another year, thanks to all once again.

Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club (Inc)

MITRE 10 MEGA

SULPHUR CITY RALLY

The Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club cordially invites you to take part in their Annual "Sulphur City Rally" to be held on Saturday, 27th August 2022 at the RVVCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park.

PROGRAMME

Friday, 26th August 2022

4.30pm Rally packs available at RVVCC Club
-6pm Rooms, tea and coffee available

Saturday, 27th August 2022

8.00am Tea/Coffee available at RVVCC Club
Rooms, rally packs can be collected

8.45am Briefing

9.15am First Car away

6.00pm Millennium Hotel, Rotorua (NO BYO)
This dinner will also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Rotorua branch

CLASSES

- Class 1 Veteran and Vintage vehicles
- Class 2 Post-Vintage vehicles
- Class 3 Post-War vehicles
- Class 4 PV 60
- Class 5 Commercial
- Class 6 Post 1980

RALLY REGULATIONS

1. One person in each vehicle MUST be a financial member of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand and may be called upon to produce their current membership card.
2. Driver must hold a valid driver's licence and may be required to produce this document to the Rally Organiser or to a Rally Marshall.
3. At all times, drivers must strictly observe the provision of the Road Code.
4. If fewer than three vehicles are entered in a particular class, then these vehicles will be placed in the next appropriate class.
5. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Organiser, in consultation with the Committee and Chairman and Club Captain of the Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club Incorporated shall be final.

ACCOMMODATION

Special rates are available for rally participants at the Millennium Hotel Rotorua at \$170 per night by booking at:

www.millenniumhotels.com/en/rotorua or 07 347 1234

RALLY SECRETARY - Fleur Tomlinson
PO Box 114, Ngongotaha, Rotorua 3041
Ph 021 181 0191 info@rvvcc.org.nz

Entries close - 21st August 2022

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME OF ENTRANT _____
ADDRESS OF ENTRANT _____

_____ POST CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF NAVIGATOR _____

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/YEAR _____

CLASS (circle) 1-VV 2-PV 3-PWV 4-P60 5-Comm 6-P80

CONTACT PHONE _____

VCC MEMBERSHIP # _____

Tick box if touring instructions required ☐

Bumper Badge _____ @ \$25.00 ea _____

Saturday Lunch _____ @ \$17.00 pp _____

Saturday Dinner _____ @ \$55.00 pp _____

ENTRY FEE \$20.00 _____

Remittance enclosed TOTAL \$ _____

DIRECT DEPOSIT TO:
ROTORUA VINTAGE CAR CLUB
BNZ: 02 0412 0236263 02

Please use entrant surname as reference!

JULY MIDWEEKERS - *organised by Michael Thorne*

The day dawned clear and bright... bugger, wrong day.

21 people braved the wet and windy conditions to meet at the club rooms for morning tea and travel instructions. We were scheduled to depart promptly at 10.00am. We departed at 10.30am... but we didn't promptly. We had planned to visit a restored 1928 Reo camper van but in a last minute addition Michael directed us to Riverside Estate to view his 2019 9.2m Jayco Optimum motorhome to provide an interesting comparison with the Reo which was converted to a campervan in the early 1950s.

At a cost of almost \$300,000 the Jayco sits on a 210hp, 8 speed auto Iveco cab and chassis with adjustable air suspension and has a number of modern features including: large slide-out, satellite TV, auto levelling legs, pull out BBQ, full bathroom, dish washer (Michael did mention he now has two dish washers on board but one has some cute appendages), washing machine, Queen bed, large fridge freezer (running on 240v, gas or 12v), auto awning, oven/hob, instant hot water and a Hayman Reese towing set up.

The motor home is self contained and set up for freedom camping with 300L of water tanks, 240L grey tanks, 3 black water cassettes, 2 x 9kg gas bottles, 510w of solar panels and a built-in generator. Participants were able to view inside the motorhome in small groups. Harry the dog enjoyed the visit too.

And then onto the NZMCA Park in Ngongotaha via Paradise Valley Road. Before leaving Michael posed the question: "4.6 kms from the Pukehangi/Paradise Valley Road intersection, what is a significant and unique feature at this point" The only clue was "nothing is as it seems". Answer at the end of this report.

Michael, and Kevin Duck, Rotorua NZMCA Chairman, gave a short presentation on the Reo and a history of the NZMCA (New Zealand Motor Caravan Association).

The club was formed in 1956 by the late Andy and Gladys Anderson. Recently membership #128,000 was issued with about 60,000 active members. Michael has been a member for 27 years with #9382. The club has significant income streams and a large property portfolio of owned and leased member-only parks throughout NZ. The Ngongotaha Park is one of the largest with capacity for 120 vans.

The 1928 Reo Speed Wagon was built on a 12 pp bus chassis and the coachwork was constructed by Welbilt of Los Angeles. The interior woodwork is mainly African mahogany.

The Reo is powered by a six cylinder, 3.9L petrol motor with side valve exhaust and overhead inlet valves. The sparkplugs are partially emersed in oil from the tappet oiling system.

The Reo spent its early life as a bus in the Gisborne area clocking up some 750,000 miles. Andy converted the bus to a campervan in the early 1950s. Far ahead of its time, the camper featured a fold out bed, pull out grooming sink, pressurised water system (achieved by running an airhose between the spare tyre and the water tank), icebox and a 4 burner stove.

The camper was restored by the Gisborne branch of NZMCA in 2010 including the motor which was fully stripped down.

For lunch the group enjoyed sliders (fancy name for small hamburgers) with masterchief Ralph on the BBQ.

Answer: “Nothing”

Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club (Inc) **50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner**

The Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club cordially invites you to the celebration of the branch turning 50 years old.

Saturday, 27th August 2022

6.00pm Millennium Hotel, Rotorua (NO BYO)

ACCOMMODATION

Special rates are available for dinner attendees at the Millennium Hotel Rotorua at \$170 per night by emailing:

kimberley.daniels@millenniumhotels.com

or by phoning 07 347 1234

Please note: If wanting to pay for your dinner tickets with cash, contact branch secretary Dennis Whimp on 021 731 678.

50th Anniversary Dinner registration

Complete this form and send in if you are wanting to attend the dinner but not doing the Sulphur City Rally:

Send to:

RVVCC Dinner

PO Box 114, Ngongotaha, Rotorua 3041

Ph 021 181 0191 info@rvvcc.org.nz

Bookings close 21st August 2022

Please complete details below and make payment to the bank account at the bottom of the page

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DINNER GUEST 1 _____

DINNER GUEST 2 _____

DINNER GUEST 3 _____

DINNER GUEST 4 _____

EMAIL CONTACT _____

PHONE CONTACT _____

Anniversary Dinner ____@ \$55.00 pp _____

Remittance paid TOTAL \$ _____

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 BNZ: 02 0412 0236263 02

Please use Dinner Guest 1 surname as reference!

July 2022 Car in the room *by Joelene Hossack*

Joelene Hossack's 1938 Morris Eight

I had been looking for an older car and was interested in boat tails and others like that (I already had a Morris 1100). John (my father) saw a Morris 8 on TradeMe and sent the link for me to have a look, told me to do a Buy Now, later that night around 11.30pm Dad texted me and said again to hit the Buy Now button. As the work on it was not going to be too bad and it came with lots of parts, I wasn't sure as the car wasn't running and they didn't know what was wrong with the motor. I sat there looking at the auction over and over again and decided to hit the Buy Now, I went to bed hoping I did not make a big mistake.

The following weekend we went to get it. We got there and the car was covered in bird droppings, we couldn't even see the paint work, I thought ohhhh what did I just buy?.. We got it on the trailer, the young man that was selling it said he would give it a wash. WOW, after the wash looked much better and had a very good paint job I started to feel better about the purchase. On the way home, we pulled over in a car park and I got to look inside, amazed it was in mint condition. I smiled all the way home, got it home looked at starting it, but had 2 stuck valves so we pulled the head off and started to oil them and push them up then knock them down took about 2 days to get them loose.

The next day the head was put back on, poured petrol down the carb it fired, but still wouldn't run as fuel pump wasn't working, John played with this, got it to work in a way to run, and go for drive around the block, to test drive it. I didn't want to as I didn't know how to drive it and too be honest I was a bit scared. John needed to go with me to show me how to drive it, it was a very tight fit for him, Morris' were not made for their room. We did manage it, was very exciting, then gave it a hand polish and wax, she shined and was a star, I was in love. I am very proud.

There hadn't been a WoF since 2013, the previous owner unfortunately had cancer and could not up keep the car, the rego was put on hold. For its WoF it required brakes work as they weren't working very well and 4 new tyres. I asked the mechanic to work on them, the shoes were on backwards, once flipped they were working great, all that was left to do was the tyres, I obtained these from a Tauranga business that imports them from UK.

Now that the car was road legal, I was still afraid to drive it, over a period of few weeks I started getting used to it, now its second nature. The only other repair I have had to do is the generator, replaced with a reconditioned one, to keep it 6 volt original. My Morris is a fantastic car, I do enjoy it greatly and take it on most car events.

CLUB NIGHT - August 10th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: 1972 Rover P5B Coupe

Followed by tea and coffee.

Sulphur City Rally Saturday, 27th August

This is our main event for July, lets hope for a good number of members in attendance, and a great turnout of members from other VCC branches. Entry form on page 6.

Midweekers Wednesday, 31st August - TBA

As this edition went to press details were not yet available.

FOR SALE - 1949 Morris Minor Convertible

Well maintained, current WoF and rego, regularly serviced. Original plates. Kept in a dry garage in Waihi. Phone Jan on 021 651 000 or email jmyg@xtra.co.nz



FOR SALE - Cyclops pedal car

Cyclops Oldsmobile pedal car (in Rotorua), everything works, has been to the Lakefront Car Show, ex-pat owner based now in the UK, \$1000, contact David Porthouse at david.porthouse@btinternet.com



COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
Aug 2022	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	27	Sulphur City Rally	8am	Clubrooms	6
	31	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Sep 2022	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	28	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Oct 2022	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	16	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	26	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
	30	Lakefront Car Show	10am	Village Green	10
Nov 2022	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	13	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	30	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

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The branch website aims to meet the needs of our members, to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members. If you have any suggestions please contact David Tomlinson.

Please also make sure you “Like” our Facebook page to keep up to date.

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.

July Midweekers



SWAP MEET 2022

