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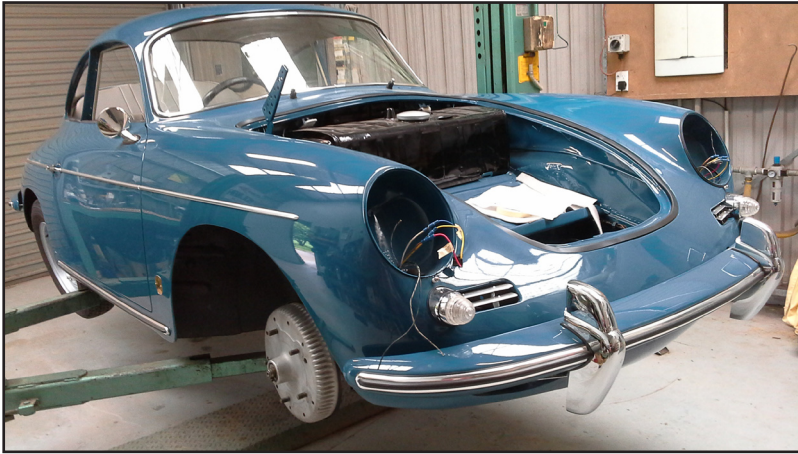
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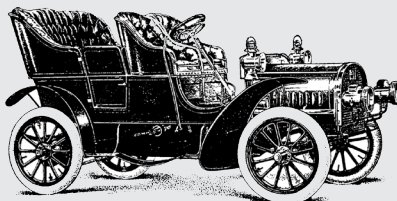
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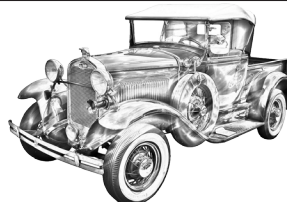
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Front - Buick at Kaponga, Spring Tour

Back - Terry's BMW emerging, Spring Tour & Ronald assisting in a Triumph's engine removal

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

- November 2015

by David Tomlinson



This is the last issue of Side Curtains for 2015, a very eventful year for both the branch and myself.

I did not imagine after displaying a vehicle at the Lakefront Car Show in January that I would join the branch, end up being its Chairman and editor, and being part of a committee trying its best to give its members a silver service delivery on a bread and dripping budget!

Despite still urgently needing a Club Captain, we have got through the year pretty well, with a great surplus generated from the Swap Meet due to very hard work from a few, and good weather on the day. I have attended all weekend rallies except last month's (due to catching the bot from a trans-Tasman flight), and one mid-week run. I hope all those that took part enjoyed the events, they do take planning, and they are designed to be fun (really!). We are getting a good number of people to club nights, and on most of the rallies.

Next month we have the 4th Annual Lakefront Car Show, it would be good for all members to display a car (or two!), and promote our club to locals who appreciate classic and special interest motor vehicles. We will supplement this with a "window slip" for members to use to try and find new branch members. We can certainly afford to grow, and a larger membership will take pressures off the current group to help keep things going. It is clear that we can't find a Club Captain, a club night organiser or a permanent editor from our current membership, so let's get out there and find new members who can help the branch develop and flourish.

In 2016 I see one of the most important steps to help further benefit our members is to improve our communication options within the branch. I know many see the electronic means as being difficult, but reality is it is simple, free and instant. All other means cost money and time.

I hope all branch members and their families have an enjoyable and restful holiday season, and I hope to see as many of you as possible taking advantage of some of our branch activities in the new year. That is, after all, what being part of a club is all about.

Window Slips

Earlier this year the committee decided we should have some simple “window slips” printed that members could keep in their glove boxes in case they spy a vehicle around the Rotorua area that they think might be a good candidate for a club car.

The idea is that you place the slip under their wiper blade and hopefully if the car’s owner is a local, and is interested in being part of a club of people with similar interests in older vehicles, they will make contact with the club or even attend a club night.

We have had 1000 slips printed and these will be kept at the club rooms and members are welcome to take a few on a club night to put in their glove boxes. As you use them come back for more, we would like to limit the numbers taken as they do cost money to print.

Hopefully this initiative will raise our profile and perhaps bring in a few more members. All members are encouraged to help get these out there.

Club News

At the risk of repeating what our excellent scribe Ronald Mayes may have submitted, here are a couple of items which may be of interest:

1. Peter Stanaway’s 1971 Austin Maxi has just passed its WOF and is now up and running and I understand his “love life” has also progressed in a similar vein.
2. Malcolm Foster’s 1915 Model T Ford Pickup is now up and running and ready for the road. After what has been a prolonged and at times difficult restoration. Lets see you on the road Malcolm. Fords Forever!!

Cheers, your Roving Reporter



We Like Your Car!

The Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club would like to invite you to meet their members who share an interest and passion in vehicles such as yours.


We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at our clubrooms at Neil Hunt Park just off Tarawera Rd at 7.30pm (except January).

We hold regular weekend “rallies” and mid-week drives every month to interesting places in cars ranging from old wooden spoked wheels up to cars made in the early 1980s. All marques and models at least 30 years old are welcome to join in the fun.

Come along to our friendly club night, or contact us through the website below.

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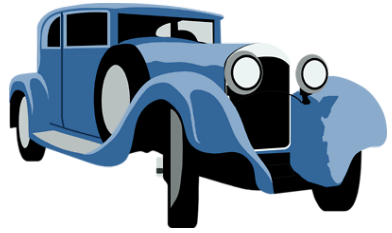




Spring Tour

27-30 October 2015

by Mike in the Red Panther



By the time I arrived at the Mihi Café, Golden Springs, most participants were well into their toasted sandwiches and cups of tea. Following a briefing from Colonel Bob, 12 cars, including 2 modern, took off towards Taupo. We were scheduled to leave at 1.00pm so we left promptly at 1.20pm. Faster cars were instructed to leave first to avoid a convoy – not sure why Bob was looking at me during that rule. Turning right just before Taupo we headed around the western side of the Lake to the Kuratau turnoff and then onto Taumaranui on SH41. We covered 120 miles for the day on some great driving roads. The 3 course meal Bob had organised for the evening was delicious with soup, lamb roast and chocolate cake. After dinner I headed off into town to check out the night life. Two minutes later I was back - Taumaranui was shut for the night.

After breakfast the next day and Colonel Bobs mandatory briefing we headed towards Stratford on the Forgotten Highway for a lunch date at the Whangamonoma Hotel. Bob assured us the last remaining unsealed section had been sealed but after driving 15 kms of unsealed road I wasn't convinced. Fortunately it had been raining overnight so the road wasn't dusty. Managed to turn myself around on one wet, slippery corner – I had better take some cornering lessons from Rocky and his skinny legs. Lunch was delayed due to the funeral of the President of the Republic of Whangamonoma, so some drivers took the opportunity to visit the historic settlements of Ohura and Tangaraka. Waiting for lunch I overheard some of the locals discussing the forthcoming election of a new president. The Republic's Constitution does not allow for females to stand but you can vote for an animal – my money's on the goat. The Hotel is renowned for its "peas, pie and pud" and as usual this did not disappoint.

Following lunch we made good speed to Inglewood via Stratford. What I really mean is that I made good speed . It is rumoured that at one stage Bill and Adelai reached the outrageous speed of 60kph in their modern. At Inglewood we visited Revive'm who restore classic vehicles. Dave Hermanns and his team specialise in high end restorations on Porsches. They were in the final stages a 1956 Porsche 356 Spyder soft top resto – cost so far \$230,000. However the car is valued at \$500,000. That evening some headed into town for a group meal while others headed off in different directions to visit friends etc. Checked the speedo at 157 miles for the day.

We left early the next morning to visit Pukeiti Gardens. Originally operated by a Trust, the gardens are now administered by the Taranaki Regional Council who are making considerable investment in redeveloping the displays with a new outside

gardens, inside plant area, reception and café. It will be a worthwhile visit in 12 months or so. We all decided to stay for lunch and a group car photo before driving to Roy King's Restorations at Kaponga with his eclectic collection of cars, bikes and memorabilia. The next stop was the Possum and Merino factory at Mahoe, at least for those who didn't miss the turnoff. The factory has some fabulous product, but expensive. I purchased some possum fur slipper inserts for Jeanette. She thought the inserts were an extravagance - should have purchased a live possum for her slippers instead.



For the final night we had dinner at the White House in Hawera who organised a bus to pick us up. The food was really good, the wine flowed freely and every body appeared to be enjoying themselves.

On Friday, the final day of the tour we left the motel a little later than usual to visit the Tawhiti Museum near Hawera which is an interesting mix of machinery, tractors, army vehicles, working heritage models and memorabilia with the use of life like models being a prominent feature. The Traders and Whalers section is recommended with it stunningly creative and hauntingly real environment. Most stayed for lunch at Mr Badgers Café before heading for home or other destinations. I went for a hoon through the desert road and ended up in Turangi for the night.

Well this was my first Spring Rally and I wasn't sure what to expect - travelling with a bunch of old cars and people. But as I wrote this report, some four weeks later and now officially a golden oldie I can say it was fun - great company, great drivers roads, interesting places to visit, good food and heaps of laughs

Special thanks to Bob and Pat for organising a memorable trip.



Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc
proudly present the
**4th Annual Rotorua
Lakefront Car Show**
9am - 4pm, Sunday, 17th January 2016



ALL CARS, BIKES AND COMMERCIALS WELCOME!

The venue is the Rotorua Village Green at the Lake Front, off Whakaue Street. This is an informal car show open to any individuals or clubs to display their vehicles. Drivers will be asked for a gold coin donation upon arrival. All monies raised will be donated to St Johns Ambulance Rotorua.



Car clubs are welcome to display their vehicles in a group. During the day drivers and their companions can enjoy their own picnic lunch under the trees, or take advantage of local eateries, including Rotorua's "Eat Street" which is at the southern end of the show area.



Rotorua's Soundshell Market will be in operation adjacent to the Car Show, as well as other holiday attractions.



Over 200 vehicles have been on display in previous years, and the event has been very popular with locals and holiday makers alike. Vehicles have ranged from early vintage to almost new.



For further information email rotorua@vcc.org.nz or like our Facebook page (Rotorua Vintage Car Club) for any updates. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Library News

Our Library continues to be a grossly under-used resource and only 2 or 3 members appear to continuously use the facility. Any suggestions for improvements as to layout presentation etc will be welcome and given positive consideration. Access to the library over the Christmas break can be gained by giving the Assistant Librarian a call on 357 4876, giving a days notice.

A planned project of mine in the new year will be to build up an as complete as possible collection of Beaded Wheels, from the earliest to the latest. Also beginning next year will be a series of articles in the Side Curtains covering some of the lesser known American Vehicles up to the 1930's.

Cheers and Bang Ho, Assistant Librarian

OUR WEBSITE

www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz

Monthly updates for events and our magazine.

We need more photos from members to upload to change its look regularly. Email photos to the Side Curtains editor.

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 clubs are encouraged to pen a short piece about their experience to include in the next issue going to print. Please have 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.



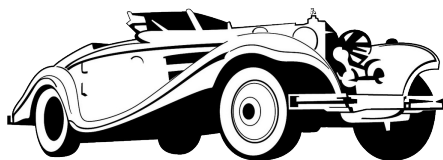
Just search for "Rotorua Vintage Car" in Facebook to find the page. Press "like" and you will automatically get notifications of posts on the page.

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

Midweek Meander to Ohope

25 November 2015

by Roving Reporter



Midweek Meander to Ohope - Paul Handricks Collection

The day started brilliantly with sunny weather and great driving conditions all the way to Ohope. Traffic was light which made it ideal for the good cross section of vehicles which left Rotorua to join up with our Eastern BOP friends at the Whakatane lunch stop.

Paul's collection is right up there near the top of the list, in my opinion anyway, and his collection of associated automotive memorabilia and electronic equipment should be a must see for any vintage enthusiast visiting the area.

But I do wonder what the future is, for all these marvellous individual collections, as the younger generation, probably through no fault of their own, don't seem remotely interested in all this old stuff. But then again are many of us old codgers interested in all this modern electronic gadgetry? Well I'm not anyway. Give me a model T Ford any day, and stuff the computers. But back to Paul's collection, especially a couple of his cars, a 1960's Ford Thunderbird and a 1930's Chrysler Coupe and two Model A Pickups, plus a classic Ford Mustang in the back shed.

Many thanks Paul for allowing us to view and appreciate your well laid out and tidy collection, also many thanks to Les and Gail Koster for doing the ground work organisation. Another top notch midweek run.

Until next time, your Roving Reporter

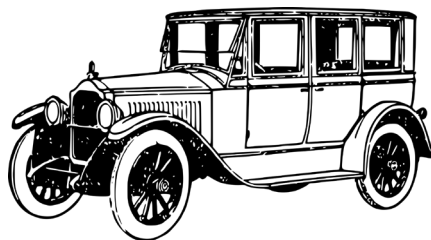


DECEMBER CLUB RUN

13 December 2015

“POSH PICNIC”

Organised by Angie Brunton



Assemble at the clubrooms at 1pm

First car away 1.15pm

There is a \$5 per head cost to cover the “posh picnic” afternoon tea provided at the end of the run.

Club Run February 2016 (mid to late)

I am reliably informed that one of our club members is planning a “special run” for old pre-Dec 31st 1931 vintage and veteran club vehicles. This is advance notice so sharpen your “dipsticks” and get those old Chevy’s, Fords, Austins, Dodges, Chryslers and Buicks etc ready to roll for an approximately 200 km round trip on 95 per cent sealed rural roads, deep into the heart of the TANIWHA country.

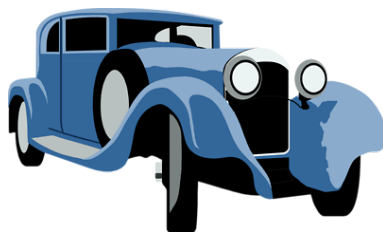
While it is a club run for all members and vehicles, there will be a distinct preference for old vintage wheels and he says he is going to target as many owners as possible to encourage their participation. Although the vintage car movement may in future largely involve more modern vehicles, he feels strongly that the older tin should not be left to dwindle and lie idle. Petrol will probably never be as cheap as it is now and the roads this trip is planned for will be sparsely occupied, so start cranking eh!

More and final details will be revealed at the February club meeting. So be there “Dipsticks”.

Cheers, your Roving Reporter

Spring Tour Postscript

Mrs Blue



The Hawera visit to Tawiti Museum ended the Spring Tour and we all headed for home in various directions.

Having once spent a pleasant hour (and seen the superb meals being served) we had confidently booked into the Awakino Hotel for the night. This broke the 226 miles back to Rotorua nicely into two comfy days.

We booked in and were shown how to get to our bedroom - around in the next street. No problems! We had 2 keys: 1 to our bedroom and 1 access from the road into the building. Of course it wasn't long before we were on the road and the key was inside. This was quite funny in the daylight but not quite so funny later, in the dark.

We found the dining room and the evening and breakfast menus, but no staff. No problem! We took our orders with us to the bartender - miles away (indeed in the other street). He quickly informed us there was no meal tonight, no breakfast tomorrow, in fact there was no cook! But we could use the kitchen ourselves. No problem! We'd settle for a liquid tea.

About 9pm we were startled when the bartender told us that 'he was going home now', and the other two customers were family and going with him... and off they went...

We were now the only people in the hotel (both streets). We didn't even know where the light switches were or even the layout of the building (which was not a good thing to think of at 2am when fire was on the mind).

No problems! Morning came as it regularly does. We filled our thermos flask, left an orange and note for the cook hoping her flu soon cleared.

Mrs Blue and 2 Problems.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT - December 9th

A special Xmas supper will be provided at the end of the formalities to round out our last club night for 2016

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

There will be no midweek run in December.

January 27th Midweek picnic run

Wednesday January 27th 2016. Meet at the Club Rooms (10 am) for morning tea. We will then take a short drive to a picnic spot, possibly at a lake for a picnic lunch. Members are welcome to bring children or grandkids.

Buy/Sell Night

At the November club night Neville brought along some old tool sets that had been sitting around for many years to see if anyone was interested in becoming their new owners.



Perhaps in 2016 we will have a more formally organised Buy/Sell night at the club so members can bring out some treasures that might be better off in a new home. We will canvass the interest for this at the December club night.

Club Polo Shirts For Sale - size L

A limited number of club polo shirts have been located and are available for sale on club night for \$10 each.

Only available in a light blue coloured polo, and only in size "L".



COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
December	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	13	Posh Picnic Club Run	1pm	Clubrooms	9
January	17	Lakefront Car Show	9am	Lake Domain	6
	27	Midweek Picnic Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
February	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	TBA	Club Run	TBA	TBA	9
	TBA	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	11

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Rally Tours NZ Update

The team from Rally Tours NZ who gave us a presentation in October would like to advise members of the following links regarding their tour next year, and a presentation of the adventure itself.

<http://www.rallytours.co.nz/item/shanghai-to-london-2016>

This is all the information you need for the Shanghai to London self-drive tour

<http://www.rallytours.co.nz/overland-tours-2016>

For a mini power point presentation to remind you of the adventure

Roy King's, Kaponga, Spring Tour



