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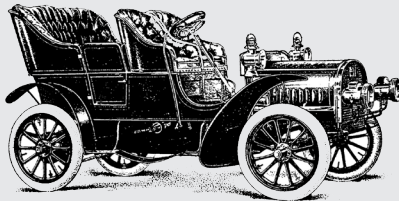
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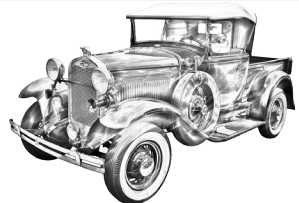
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Front - Bob Mowbray and his La Salle

Back - Bob Mowbray's cars

## 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

## - October 2017

*by David Tomlinson*



It's been a long and eventful month since the last issue of Side Curtains, starting with the 4 day tour of Fielding and Whanganui, and sadly towards the end of the month our Patron and Life Member Bob Mowbray passed away.

There are a couple of articles elsewhere in this issue on the Whanganui tour, but I would certainly like to add that I felt it was a big success. A couple of entrants had their tours curtailed due to health reasons, but other than that all cars made it to and from Whanganui in good order, and all our visits in Whanganui went relatively smoothly other than almost getting lost on the Saturday afternoon. I am not sure if we did this sort of event every year interest would remain high, but it certainly was one of our best attended driving events for 2017, and I would think that all those that took part would be keen on doing it again.

It was sad to hear the news of Bob Mowbray's passing. I had a good chat with Bob at the NSRA car show at Ngongotaha Domain at Labour weekend, where he had his Rolls-Royce on display. He was telling me he was keen on purchasing a replica Jaguar SS-100 that was for sale on TradeMe. He talked enthusiastically about that and a few other cars on display that day.

November's mid-week run must have also been a good affair, with two articles on that run in this issue also, which has 4 pages more than usual.

At the very beginning of December I had to go to Auckland to collect a car that was being serviced and as the Rolls-Royce club had been invited to join in with Auckland VCC branch's Xmas function I attended that at Dick Langridge's Meadowbrook Farm in Brookby. It was a very, very hot day, and a gymkhana had been set up, but it seemed to be abandoned in favour of seeking shade and tucking into picnic lunches. There was a wide range of cars there including 4 Model T Fords, a big charabanc which Fleur, Sean and Alex got to have a long ride on, and of course there was the extensive collection of mainly Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars in the host's museum. It was very much a family oriented day, they even had an ice-cream truck on site and all kids got one free ice-cream. Auckland

branch advise they host this event every other year in Brookby, and the alternate years in west Auckland, and they would very much like to invite Rotorua branch members along next time it is held in Brookby (2019).

While in Auckland we also got to drive through the Waterview tunnel, 3 lanes in a separate tunnel in each direction, and smooth fast driving all the way through. It runs from Pt Chevalier through to Onehunga, and locals tell me it saves 30 minutes travelling from the Wild West through to the airport.

Just before this issue went to press we had our own branch Xmas Social at the clubrooms, which was well attended despite most of us leaving it late to advise the catering crew that we were coming. As well as a great dinner there was a quiz, a draw prize, prizes for best men's and women's Xmas costuming, and pass the parcel with secret Santa gifts. Thanks on behalf of all branch members to the crew who put this event on for us.

We still have a club night to go in December, and our next club night and Side Curtains will be in February 2018. Please don't forget that in January we will host our 6th annual Lakefront Car Show. This is the branch's window to the public. The forecast is for a long hot summer. We have already had other single marque clubs and VCC branch's signal their attendance in numbers, it would be good to see upwards of 50 cars from branch members on display. I might even try and top the 5 vehicles I displayed at this year's show! Remember, its not about concours winning show ponies, its about any vehicles that the public would find interesting, regarding of the vehicles age or condition. Gold coin donations will be collected for St Johns Ambulance Rotorua, who will be putting on a display as they do every year.

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday break and I hope to see many of you at the Car Show in January.



# Vale - Bob Mowbray

Life member and Patron of the  
Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club.



On Wednesday 15th November, Bob passed away after a short illness. There were a good number of our members and their cars at the Sunday funeral. Cliff gave a summary of Bob's involvement in the branch along with a few interesting anecdotes. The following is a summary of Cliff's eulogy.

In 1973 Bob joined the Rotorua sub-branch of the Tauranga VCC branch. He purchased fellow club member Rex Forrester's rebuilt 1927 Ford Model A roadster. It is fair to say that Bob and Jackie enjoyed the social side of runs rather than being competitive. Christmas parades and follow-the-leader runs were a favourite.

At the start of 1977, Bob really got involved in the club. He sold the Model A and obtained from his uncle the family 1930 La Salle coupe that they had owned since new. La Salle were built by Cadillac. He spent the next 12 months restoring it with Alan Young in Alan's workshop. They rebuilt the La Salle rumble seat rear end (it had been trucked), repainted and retrimmed it.

In late 1977, Bob wrote an article for the branch magazine where he stated:

*The car weighs 2.5 tons, it has a 5.5 litre V8 engine, and most importantly, it transported my mother from North Shore to Auckland for my birth. So I have a birth connection to Sally.*

During this busy year of restoration, Bob became secretary, a position he held for 2 years and then President for the following two of 1979-80.

This 4 year period was very auspicious for our branch. We leased land off the Council for the clubrooms, fund raised and built the clubrooms mainly from volunteer labour. Our first meeting in the unfinished building shell was February 1979. 22 chairs were purchased in the morning of the meeting to complement the sawhorses. Bob made sure he chaired the meeting from one of the nice new chairs.

Then in February 1980, Rotorua hosted the largest vintage car rally in NZ to that time with over 1060 vehicles from all over the world. Bob made a speech at the opening along with Rob Muldoon.

In 1996, Bob was again elected President and held that position for 5 years until Cliff took over. Bob remained on the committee another 4 years and over most of this time, Jackie was the social convenor. They were really fun times.

In 2005, it was Cliff's privilege to present Bob and Jackie with Life Membership to our branch and later the same year, Bob accepted the position of Patron.

Bob and Jackie will not only be remembered for the good times and their huge contribution to the branch, but also for their donation of the Mowbray Cup which is most fittingly for the BBQ Run that ends with good food and fellowship.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

*by*  
*Dennis Whimp*



### Welcome to new members

A big welcome to Bob Woolston and partner Rosslyn Finnerty. Bob had a trucking business in Rotorua years ago and has retained a collection of trucks including a restored 1922 International Speedwagon S that he had at the January car show a few years ago. There is also a 1953 Humber Super Snipe in the shed.

### February 6th Ngongotaha Rail Trust Open Day

The rail trust along with the Lions club are organising an open day and fundraising walk for life on 6th February (Waitangi Day). We have been invited to display our vehicles along with other clubs between 9.30am and 3pm in the centre of the rail track. Further update at the December club night.



## Whanganui Spring Tour, November 2017

This year I thought I would be smart and use the Recording App on my phone rather than writing notes as I went – great in theory until I inadvertently managed to wipe the recordings later on, so as a disclaimer “any resemblance to the truth is purely coincidental”.

I started the Spring Tour with my usual dilemma – do I take my wife or my girlfriend. I'd have taken both but they don't like each other and the Panther only has two seats. After staying in Taupo the night before, I arrived in Taihape about 1.30pm on the Thursday, closely followed by the Skeltons – at the speed Bill drives they must have left Rotorua 2 days before. By “happy hour” in Bob and Pats unit (aka “party central”) most participants had arrived - 16 cars and 31 participants. Later we walked (and staggered) next door to a restaurant named Gumboot Manor where the table numbers were written on mini gumboots. Shoes on the table - my mum wouldn't have liked it. The menu was like being stuck in the 60s but the roast pork was tasty.

The group was scheduled to leave promptly at 9am the next morning. We finally left at 9.20am - but we did it promptly. We travelled via SH1 for about 40kms and then on SH54. According to Bob its not easy to overtake on SH54 – probably is if you drive a Triumph but I didn't have any trouble. Well what can I say about Colyton Clocks – an eclectic collection of 3850 clocks. The eccentric owner gave us a brief rundown on the history of the



collection which is apparently called a horological heritage. Of particular note was a three piece hand painted porcelain set by the artist Peter Stinton valued at \$30,000 and a French pendulum wall clock crafted in 1679. I'm not into clocks but after making our way through the dust, cobwebs and bird droppings I understood the historical importance of the collection which was insured for \$500,000 in 2005 – they just deserved to be presented in a better environment.

And then onto Fielding for the Farmers Market and lunch. I didn't bother with the market and didn't want to buy a farmer. After lunch we visited The Coach House Museum which features horse-drawn vehicles, vintage farm machinery, rural NZ settler heritage and lots (and I mean lots) of John Deere tractors. Although not a large collection, it is worthy of a visit and one of the best presented museums I have seen.

We checked into our Whanganui motel mid-afternoon and were joined by a few more participants. After happy hour at Bob and Pat's (a recurring theme) most of us headed into town for dinner at the Stellar Bar and Restaurant. As a non-drinker I got to drive Angie's Morrie 1000 Traveller back to the motel. I had forgotten how sloppy Morrie gear shifts were and despite instructions from Des (and Lois and others), I kept trying to engage reverse instead of third. My driving must have been too much for Des who had a bit of an episode the next morning and headed to hospital for tests. At last report all is well and he is back on the road to recovery.



Saturday morning saw most people head for the Whanganui riverside markets and then at 10.30am we boarded the iconic Paddle Steamer Waimarie for a two hour river trip, during which lunch could be purchased. Salvaged from the bottom of the Whanganui River where she sat for almost 50 years, the Waimarie was restored (including by members of the Whanganui VCC) to her former glory and re-launched in 2000 to make her New Zealand's only authentic coal-fired paddle steamer operating from the riverboat era of late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Much of New Zealand's early educational doctrine was based on the work of educationalist and writer, Sylvia Ashton-Warner. Those who have seen the movie "Sylvia" will be aware of her teachings in the upper reaches of the Whanganui River and her relationship with paddle steamers and river boats. Interestingly enough most of the river scenes for the movie were filmed on the Puhoi River north of Auckland, using my boat as a filming platform.



In the afternoon we headed to Fordell to visit Bruce Ardell's collection of cars, mostly unrestored and many of which he drives on a regular basis. Impressive as the collection was, of more interest was the parts business he runs – Bruce claims to carry parts for every car up to the 1980s with a parts catalogue of over 500,000 items using the old Repco parts number. By his own admission Bruce is stuck in a time warp and runs this operation using a manual Kardex stock management system. He does not use a computer, so no email or website and the only forms of communication he recognizes is by phone or fax – amazing, but it seems to work. If I didn't have a computer I wouldn't know when to have my lunch.

That night we had dinner at Breakers, a short walk from the motel. I had lamb shanks – if that was lamb then I'm a spring chicken. You can tell what sort of restaurant it is when you share it with a kids play area, table tennis and juke box. They even have a condom dispenser in the bathrooms. I purchased a packet in anticipation but went home disappointed. Chrysler Dave was returning to the table with a tray of drinks, missed the step and fell head first into the table. It's a bit of a worry when the first on the scene is a pathologist.

Sunday, the final day of the tour was really a repeat of last year. But it deserved another visit. Since our last visit Ed Boyd has reorganized his collection of some 49 cars which are housed in two large sheds in what used

to be a Garden Centre. The collection includes the usual Triumphs, Jags and Cortinas but also some interesting models. Some of the vehicles have been donated to Ed by estates so they will be looked after and displayed. Since our last visit the AA has donated an unusual 1927 Austin 7 which was used as a road service car. The collection also includes a 1934 Cadillac which was the chauffer driven limo of the NZ Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage.



And then next door to Ian Chamberlain's place to view his collection including a 1906 Reo (restored by Ian) and a 20% scale model of the Reo he built in 13 weeks. After a recital from Ian's hand built, wagon mounted pipe organ we headed to Richmond "Ditch" Hardings' place. Ditch is a retired top dressing pilot who built and regularly flies a 90% scale Spitfire replica with a Chev LS2 engine.

To complete the Tour we had lunch at Windermere Gardens who specialise in berry based lunches. Some stayed in Whanganui for another night, some headed home to Rotorua and I headed for parts unknown. Once again thanks to Bob & Pat for organizing a great trip.

Michael in the red Panther.



Those attending:

Bob and Pat - 68 Triumph Vitesse  
 Michael - 88 Panther Kallista  
 John and Jenny - 73 Triumph Stag  
 Bill and Adelaide - Modern  
 Dennis and Pat - 81 Mercedes 280CE  
 Ken and Lyn - 91 Jaguar XJS  
 Doug and Doreen - Modern  
 Dave and friends - 68 Rolls-Royce  
 Rocky and Rebecca - 72 Triumph GT6  
 Des, Angie, Lois & Dorothy - 64 Morris Traveller

Cliff and Shona - 65 Ford Cortina Mk1  
 Evan and Wyn - 58 Morris 1000  
 Les and Thelma - 60 Morris 1000  
 Dave and Jil - 71 Chrysler Valiant  
 Ron and Gloria - 77 Triumph 2500TC  
 David and Rata - Modern  
 Terry and Christine - Modern  
 Peter - Modern  
 Dennis and Jim - Modern

# Whanganui Spring Tour

## Notes from a first-time participant

*by Ronald Mayes*

Rotorua to Taihape the first day; an enjoyable run in the Triumph 2500TC. We saw no other club cars until stopped at Waiouru when a bunch turned up and conversation flowed. On to Taihape and our excellent motel - I could even watch the trains going past from the kitchen window. Gloria and I explored the town on foot to check out the dining places, but found the Gumboot Pub, very close to the motel, was the place of choice.



About 20 cars took off on Friday morning, the oldest three Morris Minors, most were post-1960s with just a few moderns. A stop at the wool shop at Utiku left us behind the pack (a new jacket for Gloria so my wallet somewhat lighter) but caught up in time to find the clock museum near Colyton - a staggering number of clocks housed in an old shed in a paddock.

On to Feilding and the very impressive Coach House museum, then an easy drive to Whanganui. Most stayed at the Cooks Gardens Motel but we at our usual Kings Court Motel, along with two more parties. We six enjoyed an excellent meal and stimulating conversation at the Brick House Restaurant. This had once been a gentlemen's club so we felt quite at home there. Here we learned about that "h" - one of our number had studied the Maori language and found that the local inhabitants, like Cockneys, dropped their h's, so the name was and is pronounced as originally spelled: Wanganui! (But my Mayes grandparents' wedding record of 1901 says Whanganui..)

Saturday morning privileged parking for our cars next to the riverboat museum and our excellent ride up the river on board paddle steamer Waimarie. In the afternoon the convoy to Fordell - the leader missed the entrance to Bruce Ardell's property so we saw a few more miles of interesting countryside before turning back. As well as his business of vast amounts of "new old stock" his vehicle collection filled another large building. I was very pleased to see a Vanden Plas Princess 3 Litre in superb condition - I knew the car when it belonged to an owners' club member. When he died I learned it "had gone to a museum" but here it was and it is Bruce's everyday car!

We were all together at dinner that night and on Sunday morning Ed Boyd led us, in his Rover P4, up St John's Hill and on to his property on the delightfully

named Pickwick Road to view his great collection of cars and more. Then next door Ian Chamberlain's workshop and collection. Not as many vehicles but all of them amazing, including the fairground-type organ he had made and mounted on a Ford Model TT truck and demonstrated. One of our lady members was so moved by the can-can she began to dance... Ian's featured in the latest issue of "The Shed" magazine with his scale replica Reo car and work he did on the Waimarie.

Over the road a private airstrip and hangar. Inside we heard Richmond "Ditch" Harding talk about Airworks and the two aircraft in the hangar, a DH 82A Tiger Moth and his 8/10 size replica Spitfire Mk "26B", powered by a Chevrolet V8 engine. It has 6 exhaust pipes each side but 2 are dummies. It may not sound like the V12 Merlin-engined original Spitfire but would be a lot easier and cheaper to maintain and run. He had flown the aircraft in from somewhere south just the day before. He is 80 years young.

Most members went home that afternoon but we stayed another night to catch up with cousins and clean up the headstone on my parent's grave at Aramoho. Home on Monday with light traffic up the Parapara road and as far as Turangi, then the usual congestion. Will we join the next spring tour? Yes please!

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## **November Midweekers** *by Ronald Mayes*

On arrival at the clubrooms we noticed a good number of cars had already arrived - and a large crowd of members were gathered around one particular car. This turned out to be a bright red 1964 MG Midget in immaculate condition. It must be rare to see one with a roll bar - and L (for Learner driver) labels front and rear as well. It turned out to be in the care of Reg Munro's young grandson.

After necessary modifications to the day's original plans Bob had us driving around the lakes to Rotoma, then across to the coast, taking a short-cut gravel road on the way. The crew of a grader working on the road were taking photos of our cars as we passed. Lunch stop was at the Pikowai Reserve, a pleasant spot with trees for shade, the sea on one side and road and rail on the other - a highlight for me was watching a log train heading to the Mount, its 51 wagons meaning a lot of logging trucks did not have to be on the road. And of course there was all the spirited conversation which is to be had at these gatherings.

Back home via Paengaroa was pleasant enough until encountering the heavy, erratic and slow traffic nearer town. The Triumph 2000 enjoyed the open road travels, but just as we reached home its water pump's seals decided to fail. Spares on hand had similar faults, or noisy bearings. No new pumps in the shops and rebuilt ones could be had for close on \$300, but a new English-made pump is on its way from a Tauranga Triumph club member for half that figure.

## November Midweekers *by Bob Mackay*

As the last midweek run for 2017 this was a low key picnic run on some lesser travelled country roads. With uncertain weather there was a 'plan A' & 'plan B'. With the latest forecast in favour of 'plan A' twenty four members and friends met at the club rooms for morning tea where Reg Munro introduced his grandson along with his very tidy MG Midget which gained much attention along with a few chuckles from older members regarding the fact that the car was complete with a roll bar and sported a "yellow L plate" (we all had to learn in our younger days but probably never took safety seriously). Certainly good to see a teenager with an interest in older vehicles and we congratulate Reg on his encouragement from the passenger seat.

Following morning tea we drove independently in eleven club cars and one modern to Lake Rotoma. By the time we reached Lake Rotoma the clouds were looking a little dangerous and the stand by shed for a picnic was on 'plan B' 70km to the south, so with some apprehension it was follow the leader and eat the dust (sorry Mike and Reg you really need a hard-top cars) to the Pikowai reserve and camping area where the sky opened up to a beautiful hot sunny day. I certainly felt saved by the weather even if Mike was making the point that he was still chewing the dust with his lunch.

The next midweek run will be in February and being I am easily led by some of the ladies of the Vintage Car Club I will be away overseas, so Cliff Wickham has kindly undertaken to arrange a run.



# Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc proudly present the **6th Annual Rotorua Lakefront Car Show** 10am - 2pm, Sunday, 21st January 2018



## **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 [info@rvcc.org.nz](mailto:info@rvcc.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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## VERO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF HISTORIC MOTORING – NEW PLYMOUTH 2021

As I mentioned in my recent Beaded Wheels column, the Management Committee is fully committed to this event going ahead. I am therefore pleased to advise that Tony Haycock has been appointed as Festival Director. The Management Committee will be having a more hands-on role with the 2021 event, hence the appointment of a Management Committee member as the Director.

Although Tony is currently National Speed Steward and is well known for his travel and journalist endeavours, in another life Tony has experience in event management and recently has been involved in organising major motoring events for overseas clubs.

We have taken on board the concerns and comments from many members about the future of our International Rallies and Tony has come up with a new concept (see below) which is exciting and innovative and I have no doubt that with Tony's enthusiasm and experience it will be a very successful event for our Club.

*Diane Quarrie*  
National President

**Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring - New Plymouth 2021** - A new beginning and whole new concept for our premier International event.

Forget everything you thought you knew about VCC International rallies. For 2021 we have a totally new concept for a totally new style of rally. Shorter, sharper and more bang for your buck. This is **THE** old car, bike and truck event you will not want to miss. I can promise you a week of motoring, entertainment and activities, the likes of which you have never experienced before!

We start the Festival with a massed arrival in New Plymouth on Sunday afternoon from the north and south, so you have the weekend to get there. We will then have four motoring days - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. So, what's happening on Wednesday? You might be thinking you can have a day off, and if you want to you can but I don't think you will want to and I'll explain why shortly.

The four motoring days will see all entrants on the same route. If some of us are going to Hawera on day X, we all are. You will get to see all the cars, the trucks and the bikes, every day. No more travelling with the same group of vehicles every day while the other 4/5<sup>th</sup> of the rally has gone somewhere else - your mates included.

Until now, there have been no National Rallies in the same year as an International. 2021 will be very different. Wednesday will see the National Veteran, Motorcycle and Commercial rallies taking place. For the other VCC categories which currently do not have a National rally, don't worry - there will be something for you too.

Rally headquarters will be the heart of the Festival and there will be good food, good drink, and plenty of entertainment right there - the ideal way to sit down with friends after a great day of motoring to tell lies about what you have been up to. At the same time, the New Plymouth Festival

of Lights will be taking place at Pukekura Park, and this world-renowned spectacle is both free, and only a couple of minutes walk from HQ.

The public display will be a twilight event, and Friday night will see the final function, giving everyone the weekend to get back home for work.

The proposed date at this stage is 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021. The new format is something which has never been done by the VCC before and is the result of listening to comments from members and previous rally entrants over several years. It will be a gathering of the most diverse range of New Zealand and overseas motoring heritage ever to have been assembled in one place.

*Tony Haycock*  
Festival Director

# CLUB NIGHT - December 13th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car in the room: 1968 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow

Speaker: David Tomlinson

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

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## Posh Picnic - 17th December 2017 (\$5pp)

Starting at the clubrooms at 1pm. Bring your own plate, cup etc. Dress in the period of your vehicle, and bring \$5 per person to cover the food costs at the picnic.

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## Upcoming Midweek Runs

*The next midweek run will be held on 28th February 2018*

More details on the branch website in the new year, and in the February Side Curtains.

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## FREE PROJECT FOR THE AMBITIOUS!

Here we have, free of charge, a 1923 Morris Cowley bullnose chassis with wheels, motor and box, a few other parts including 2 radiator cowlings and some boxes, but no body or interior parts.

Located at Ngongotaha, for more info phone Alan Dick on 07 357 2024



# COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
December	9	Xmas Social	5.30pm	Clubrooms	
	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	15
	17	Posh Picnic (\$5 pp)	1pm	Clubrooms	15
January 2018	21	Lakefront Car Show	10am-2pm	Village Green	13
February	11	Intermarque Concours	10am-4pm	Ellerslie, Auckland	
	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	16-18	Brits at the Beach	various	Whangamata	
	18	BBQ Run	TBA	TBA	
	28	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
March	4	Brit-Euro Car Show	10am-3pm	Howick, Auckland	
	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	Chairman's Run	TBA	TBA	
	28	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
April	11	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	15	Night Run	TBA	TBA	
	25	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

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## 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.

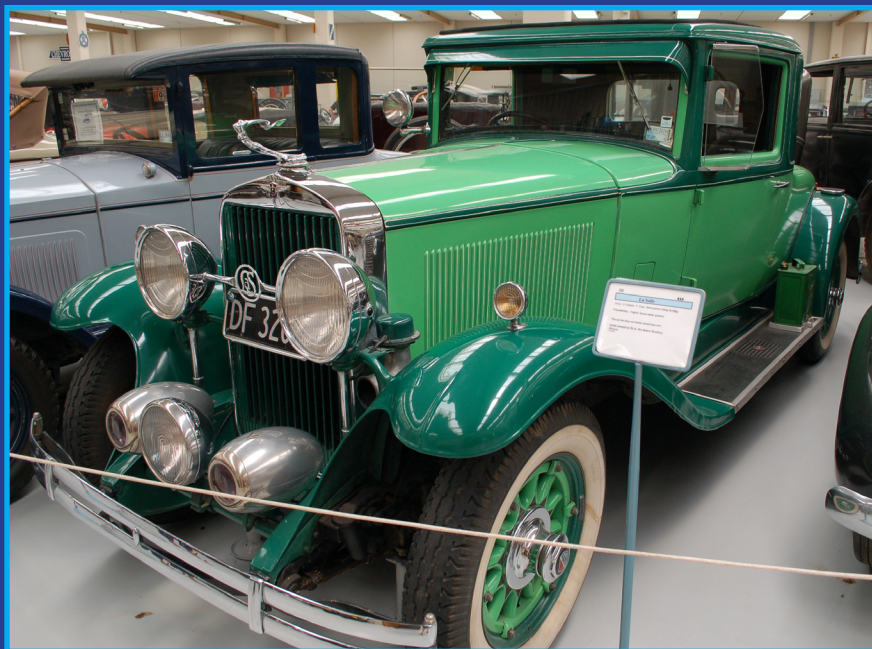
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The branch website aims to meet the needs of our members, and to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members. If you have any suggestions for improvements please contact David Tomlinson.

# Spring Tour, Whanganui, November 2017





Above: Bob Mowbray's La Salle at Southwards Motor Museum. The plaque reads "Kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Robert Mowbray, Rotorua".  
Below: Bob's Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II.

