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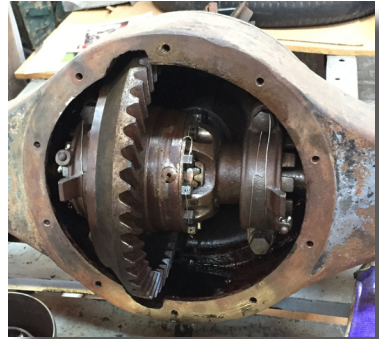
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Taupo Run - May 24



Graham Brothers
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Trucks awaiting
restoration



Dennis & Albion
truck restorations



Large
scale
model
Corsair
at
Kitenui
Farm

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Chairperson - David Tomlinson

Secretary - Lois Thompson

Treasurer - Terry Fitzpatrick

Club Captain - Currently vacant

Asst. Club Captain - Maurie Crowe

Committee

Michael Thorne

Terry Wadsworth

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Darryl Stretch

Roger Nelson

John Peters

Mid Weekers - Bob Mackay

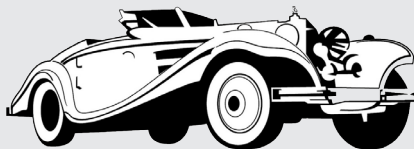
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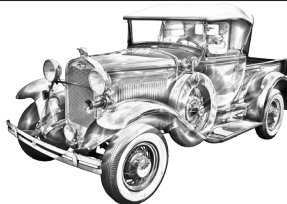
Cover Photos

Front - Truck awaiting a lot of work from the May Run, Taupo

Back - Taupo VCC clubrooms and a Packard truck engine block, May Run

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

- June 2015

by David Tomlinson



Despite the difficulties of having vacant positions on the committee, events keep on rolling along, with runs and midweekers in May & June, and forward planning still in place up until the end of August. Thanks to those members who are keeping things running smoothly.

With the Swap Meet in July and Sulphur City Rally in August, there will be no formal weekend run again until September, which gives us some breathing space to fill the remaining important roles, such as Club Captain. We still need someone to organise the club night activities, which does not have to be a person on the committee.

At the June committee meeting, it was resolved that Side Curtains would no longer be produced until a volunteer put their name forward to be its Editor. Also steps would be taken to produce a quality product, but lower the costs as much as possible to the branch. I have asked my partner Fleur to help with this for now, and the committee have allowed this issue to be produced. We are still keen to get a skilled person to put their name forward as a permanent editor for the magazine, but I will assist Fleur to put this together for the time being. Thank you Fleur. This is a shortened edition, due to time and content available, but with member contributions it can still manage a few extra pages on a tighter budget.

The committee also approved a move towards internet banking, which will be token based to continue the practice of needing multiple signatories to operate our accounts. This will simplify things and further bring the branch into the modern world.

Speaking of the modern world, as noted on this issue's cover, and elsewhere in the magazine, the branch now has its own Facebook page, and has already had people share some of the few posts already placed.

This includes a poster for the Swap Meet, which had been shared from the Swap Meet's own Facebook page. Love or hate modern technology, every bit helps promote the branch and its activities. Over time we will post photos from our runs on this page, information about our activities in the local area, and generally use the page to encourage people to contact the branch.

Some of you may have read in a recent Beaded Wheels that a branch with over 400 members held an Open Day to further increase its numbers. Side Curtains gets sent out to around 90 households, so even with "spouse" members our branch is barely a third of that size. We can promote ourselves and our activities at the Swap Meet, at the Lakefront Show, and of course online through our website and now Facebook. We will post on the Facebook page when the magazine is uploaded to the branch website. If you "like" our Facebook page, you will get the notification when that is done.

In August Angie Brunton and my good self will attend the VCC AGM in Dunedin. Part of our experience there will be to prepare for the 2016 VC AGM, which will be held in our fair city. If any branch members have opinions on any of the four notices of motion published in the most recent Beaded Wheels, two of which address national executive size and quorums, one a new class of vehicle and the fourth regarding discipline, please let me or a committee member know. We will also allow for discussion from the floor at the July and August club nights regarding these motions if any member wishes to raise any concerns or express support or otherwise.

I hope those present at our branch AGM earlier this year remember the discussions about the branch's finances and the need to do better. The first place to start is by helping out at the Swap Meet this month, details later in this issue regarding how you can help, and the volunteer board will be at the club night on July 8th.

Let's all work together to make our branch the best it can be.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT - July 8th

Annual Prize Giving Dinner Clubrooms June 13th



Angie Brunton organised and decorated a very well run catered meal at the clubrooms preceding our annual prize giving. There were 3 courses with a choice of roast meats for main, with a BYO drinks menu. Thank you to Angie and her team for setting up the tables and making all the arrangements to ensure it was a great evening.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

McGill Trophy (Night Run)

1st Neville Harper, 2nd Terry Fitzpatrick, 3rd Roger & Diana Nelson

Johnson Trophy (Club Captain's Run)

1st Rocky & Rebecca Fiske, 2nd Bill & Adelai Skelton, 3rd John Peters & Jenny Gill

Norman Honour Trophy (Lady Navigator)

1st Adelai Skelton, 2nd Lois Thompson

Fleet Trophy (Most Rallied Post Vintage) - Des & Angie Brunton

Trevor Burns Trophy (Most Rallied Pre-War Vintage) - Roger & Keitha Couchman

Harry Lapwood Cup (Male Navigator) - Terry Fitzpatrick

Lakeland Ford Trophy (Most Rallied Ford) - Cliff & Shona Wickham

Mowbray Cup (BBQ Run)

1st Kevin Scott, 2nd Ronald & Gloria Mayes, 3rd Roger & Keitha Couchman

Caulfield Cup (Novice Member - less 2 years in club) - Kevin Scott

Kiwi Cup (Most Rallied Post 1960)- Ken & Lynn Rowson

Summit Cup (Most Rallied Vintage) - Bill & Adelai Skelton

Chairman's Run

1st Terry Fitzpatrick, 2nd Cliff Wickham, 3rd Sandra Fitzpatrick

Anglis Cup (Contribution to Branch) - Lois Thompson

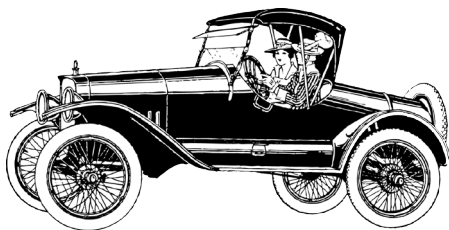
Mathias Cup (Most Points for the Year) - Terry Wadsworth

Terry Wadsworth was also presented with a 25 year membership badge.

Taupo Run

Sunday, May 24th

by David Tomlinson



Members assembled at the clubrooms early in the morning and then drove down to the Taupo branch's clubrooms. We were greeted with an array of Mustangs, Camaros and Bel Airs, which soon departed on a local poker run.

Taupo branch's Club Captain, Neil Chave, greeted us and once all there, I had the pleasure of escorting Neil about to each meeting place, with a long entourage following. We firstly stopped off to see a Graham truck in early restoration at the workplace of Ian Trainor, then off to view a near completed restoration of a Dodge tourer at his home.

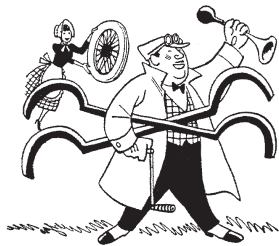
We then visited Mike Cameron's workshop where he had many old trucks stored awaiting major work. Many had solid tires, drive-shaft brakes, and most were basically just chassis and running gear. We then headed north to his rural home and viewed his Dennis & Albion trucks which were both in an advanced state of restoration.

The last stop was at Murray Matushka's "Kitenui Farm" where he had army trucks, an impressive sculpture collection he made himself, and an interesting array of animals including yaks, sika deer, himalayan tahr and a zebra!

After thanking the hosts and the local members who travelled with us, we all headed home.

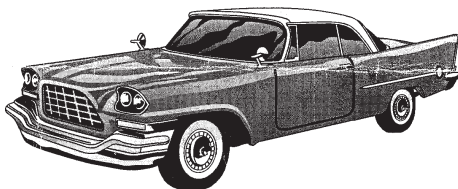
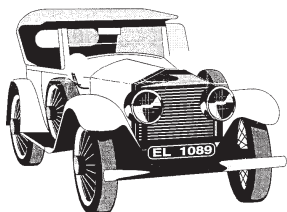


Cars parked at Kitenui Farm (more photos on inside front & back covers)



THE THIRTY FIFTH CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SPECTACULAR

STOCK CAR RACEWAY PARADISE VALLEY ON SUNDAY JULY 12th 2015



FEATURING VINTAGE, VETERAN, CLASSIC CARS AND HOTRODS

This event will be of interest to all collectors of Vintage, Veteran, Classic and Collectable Cars, Motorcycles, Hot Rods, Memorabilia, Old Car Books, Old Toys, Model Cars & Trains, and anything of a Collectable or Antique Nature.

Opens from 7am till 3pm with hot food and refreshments available

FOR SITE ENQUIRIES

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Car Show Enquiries ph: Bob Mackay ph 07 332 3849 Email: bob.mackay@clear.net.co.nz

Website: www.rotoruaVintagecarclub.org.nz

Admission -
Seller's vehicle and driver
\$10.00 per site



ALL others \$5.00 per person
(Accompanied children FREE)

OUR WEBSITE

www.rotoruaVintagecarclub.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.

HELP WANTED !

It's not too late to put your hand up
and help at the Swap Meet

There are two shifts - 6.30am - 9.30am and 9.30am - 1.00pm

Volunteers are needed, the more the better!

Please put your name on the volunteer board at the
club rooms at the July meeting or contact

Roger on 350 3136

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

The branch now has a Facebook page.

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.



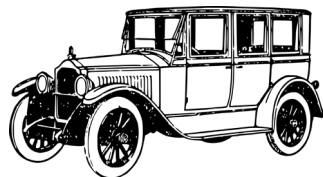
Efforts will be made to post photos from events and runs, club notices
and other items to help members and prospective new members alike.

BUY, SELL, SWAP...

Members are welcome to send short ads for items you want to sell or
swap, or are looking to buy. Send a small photo too if it might enhance
your sale. Just email the editor with the details and as space allows it will
go into the next issue of Side Curtains.

Mid Weekers - May 20

by Bob Mackay



A good turnout of fourteen club cars plus two modern met at Waiteti Holiday Park to enjoy the hospitality of Michael Thorne for morning tea. Thank you Michael.

We then drove to the Tirau Museum via Oturoa Road avoiding the long up hill of the main road. Many members had previously visited the museum, never the less there was plenty of interesting exhibits to keep all occupied in a cold the environment. We then continued to Tirau for a café lunch before we all departed for home.



1977 Mercedes and 1924 Packard parked at Waiteti Holiday Park before the Tirau run

Contributions to Side Curtains

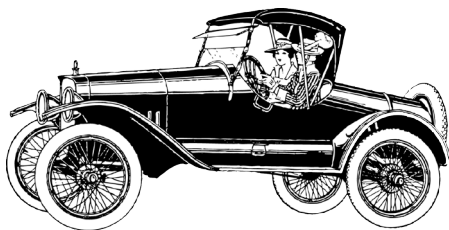
This is your magazine. It's content will only be as good as the information members submit to the editor to include. Please feel free to share anything you think might be of interest to the membership by sending it to the editor, preferably by email, and a picture says a thousand words, so include photos 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.

June Run

Sunday, 14th

by David Tomlinson



There was a good turnout for the June Run, held the day after the prize giving dinner. The weather was bright and sunny, but a very cool temperature.

There was a bit of excitement before things got underway with an oily rag that had been left in an engine bay catching fire in the carpark, fortunately it had fallen to the ground before it started to flame and all ended well.

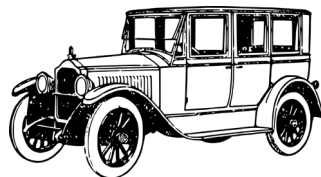
Cars left the clubrooms carpark a few minutes apart and headed to Ngongotaha, where the run started. We headed west out towards the Mamaku turnoff on SH5 and than back across the top of the lake through Hamurana, and then some interludes down many side roads on the eastern side of the lake, with questions to be answered along the way.

I had a bit of excitement myself, with my Rolls letting out thick white smoke from behind not long into the run, and fearing a total engine failure, I limped back home. I realised it was a brake fluid leak that lead to all the smoke with all the warning lights going mad on the dashboard. I had my 9 and 8 year olds on board as navigators but had to quickly swap into my 2 seater Merc and start all over again with just my 9 year old staying on board. I hoped to catch up to the bunch and almost managed to do so without breaking any road rules, but was last to arrive back to the afternoon tea. It was lucky the run started near my home and the breakdown was so close, or I would have ended up missing in action. I was asked on my return if I had a “transformer” car!

There were some tough questions to answer on arrival back at the clubrooms in addition to the run questionnaire, and then a nice array of cakes and biscuits to enjoy with afternoon tea. Thanks to Maurie for putting the run on at short notice, and to the members who took part.

Mid Weekers - June 17

by Bob Mackay



A beautiful warm sunny winters day brought out another good turnout of eleven club cars plus two modern with most meeting outside the Pyes Pa School. This proved successful in avoiding a convoy of older cars that get blamed for causing congestion on the narrow hilly State Highway 36.

We then proceeded via the Toll Road to Morris McFall's Museum at Mt Maunganui. Morris was originally a farmer in the Waikato, who became an agricultural contractor. He is also the founder of the very successful McFall Fuels, who distribute Petroleum fuels to farms, contractors and smaller country service stations. Over the last few years Morris has not only built up a very diverse collection of about twenty tractors with one close to its 100th birthday but he has fully restored them to as new condition, doing all the work himself. Many have come from the south island and even as far as Australia. They are all in running order and start like a new one. Along with a collection of petroleum memorabilia he has a collection stationary motors plus four very good original condition large Classic Cars. Following a picnic lunch in the clean spacious tractor shed we all went our separate ways back home with many taking advantage of the fish shop on the Tauranga wharf.

Upcoming Midweek Runs

Wednesday 22nd July

Meet at the club rooms for morning tea at 10 am, then take a short rural drive to a café for lunch.

Wednesday 26th August

Having been invited to join the Tauranga Club on their two day mid-year ramble we will join them for the first day, with the option for anyone to take part in the full two day event if they so wish. For further details contact Doug Noffke 07-577-9314 or Russ 07-552-0003. We will leave from at the car park at the Whaka thermal area at 9:30 am to meet the Tauranga club for picnic morning tea at the Tokoroa Lookout. eta. 10am (turn right opposite BP Service Station into Sloss Road, left onto Lion Drive drive on up to the lookout).

Picnic lunch at Wairakei Geothermal Station lookout, then calling into Huka Falls on the way to Taupo, this is to be followed later in the afternoon with 4D White-water Rafting Simulator. Two movies special price of \$10 for one and \$15 for the two. END OF DAY ONE. Rotorua members then have a choice of returning to Rotorua or staying on with the Tauranga members at the Lakeland Resort (\$99 night twin share, \$129 night twin share including breakfast). The following day they will take a scenic cruise on the lake and visit Lava Glass for lunch before returning to Tauranga via Rotorua.

Midweek run Wednesday 23rd September - To be advised

Midweek Spring Tour 27-28-29 October (return 30th)

Taranaki via the Forgotten Highway - details to follow

Classic Remise

Berlin, Germany

January 2015

by David Tomlinson



I had the good fortune to travel to Europe in January/February this year to inspect and collect some machinery my business had purchased, and while there managed to spend a day in Berlin checking out historical sights. I did my homework before travelling to see if there were any car museums in Berlin, and the “Classic Remise” with showrooms in Berlin and Dusseldorf gave the best reviews. It is a mix of display cars, cars being stored, some for sale, and service and even full restoration areas. Many marques are on display, mostly European, but some American also.

There are many millions of dollars worth of cars on display. There were two 300SL Gullwings, many rare one-off coach built pre-WW2 cars including Mercedes Benz, Rolls Royce, BMW and Lagonda. Many cars were in large glass two storied rooms, which I presumed were temperature and humidity controlled. There was a new La Ferrari on display, Lamborghini Countach and Diablo models, many older Aston Martins, mostly all convertibles. There appeared to be no staff anywhere, just a huge old railway building full of exotica new and old, and there was no entry fee. Definitely worth a visit if you are in Berlin!



A pair of
Facel Vega
HK-500s
for sale, a LHD
and a RHD
(more photos on
inside back cover)

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
July	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	12	Swap Meet	6.30am	Paradise Valley	6
	22	Midweekers	10.00am	Clubrooms	10
August	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	26	Midweekers	9.30am	Whaka Thermal Area	10
	29	Sulphur City Rally	8.30am	Clubrooms	12
September	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	23	Midweekers	TBA	TBA	
October	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	27-30	Midweek Spring Tour	TBA	via Forgotten Highway	10



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

Sulphur City Rally

to be held on 29 August 2015
at the VVCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park
Briefing at 8.30am. First car away at 9.00am



Classic Remise - Berlin



BMW 502 V8
2.6 Cabriolet

Jensen Interceptor
Convertible



1940 Horch 853 A
"Erdmann & Rossi"
Sportroadster

1939 Mercedes-Benz
Cabriolet



