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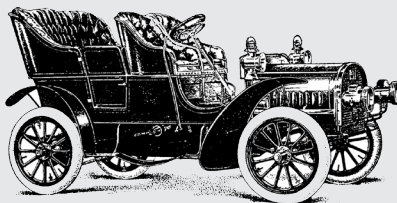
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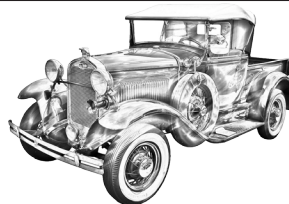
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Front - The Scott's Capri 1.6 Turbo

Back - June Chairman's 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 2022

by David Tomlinson



As I finalise the copy for this month's Side Curtains to send to the printer, I am stuffed up with Covid-19, which has finally caught up with me. I went to the Maori All Blacks vs Ireland last week, and suspect that's where it finally got me. The only good news is that I am allowed out and about again the day before the Swap Meet. Now I just have to cross fingers that Fleur and the kids don't get it during the week.

Not many pics were received for this month's edition so I padded the back pages out with some photos from the Tauriko car meet last month. Fleur and I had planned to take two cars to the Hamilton Diner meet just before our club night but that couldn't happen in view of my contracting the "Rona".

Our club night for July is a week early so we can finalise our needs for the Swap Meet. I cannot attend but the Swap Meet organisers will be there. If you have not put your name forward to help and are able to do so it would be very helpful if you could be there on Wednesday night. We will also have Joelene Hossack's 1938 Morris Eight as the car in the room.

Our August club event is the Sulphur City Rally at the end of that month. The prize giving dinner will also double up as a celebration of the branch turning 50 years old. The national VCC President Dianne Quarrie will be in attendance to hand out 50 year and 35 year badges. All members past and present are welcome to attend the dinner, you do not have to take

part in the rally to be there (but it would be nice to see you at both events!). We will make sure there is a registration form available soon just for the dinner for those not wanting to take part in the rally.

There is a slightly compressed entry form for the Sulphur City Rally in this issue, but you can also download an entry form and print it from the branch website. You only have to complete the section on the right of the front page and send it in to enter.

As you will see in the Secretary's column, we have found a new treasurer, that is very much appreciated as it is a very important role to manage our branch's funds.

Let's hope the Swap Meet is a big success. A week out the long range weather forecast looks good. A successful Swap Meet is very important for the long term good of the branch.

There will be a midweekers event at the end of July, hopefully members can be given some detail at club night, but the regular crowd will be contacted with details as they emerge.

We are looking for a couple of people to run the August and September midweekers, if you would like to do that please let Dennis Whimp know.

The VCC holds its AGM the weekend after our August club night, and I will drive up and attend the meetings over the weekend. It is being held in Karaka, South Auckland. Hopefully we might find out more about the possibility of extended periods between WoF checks for our older cars.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



A big welcome to our new members:

John Shaw of Glenholme who has a Jaguar XK8.

Richard Armstrong of Hamurana who has a Norton Commando

We look forward to seeing you at all of our events and functions.

Name badges. We provide name badges free to all new members. Existing members who have misplaced their badges, see me and I will arrange a new one. Cost is \$15. It is important that name badges are worn to all our functions, not only because new members don't know who we are, but many of us are of an age where memory is slipping. How often do you hear, "there's what's his name".

Maryann Scott has volunteered to be our treasurer and will shortly take over the reins from Sandra Fitzpatrick. Many thanks to both. For the past seven and a half years, Sandra has been extremely thorough in keeping our finances in order and providing clear reports for Terry to present to our committee. It was real team work.

They say things go in threes. The kitchen is coming up 25 years old. The stove packed it in last year and we had to replace it. The carpet in the main area was delaminating and has just been replaced. Then last week the fridge compressor seized. To repair it was almost the same cost as a new fridge. Fortunately Noel Leeming's sale was on so we got a replacement fridge freezer with a third off the normal retail price. Fingers crossed that is the lot for a while.

It is with sadness that I advise members of the passing of Shirley Crowe. Our sympathies go out to Maurie and family. At Shirley's request, there was a private family funeral.

50th Anniversary dinner. Saturday 27th August. 6pm. Millennium Hotel. Diary this event if you haven't already. The dinner will

combine with the Sulphur City Rally Dinner. We will be presenting 35 and 50 year badges at this event. If you think you are eligible and would like one, please contact me.

SWAP MEET 2022 *by Alan Judd*

It's Swap meet time again this coming weekend and we still need some more volunteers so if you can spare a few hours next Sunday that would be great.

The general timetable for the day is:

6am - first shift volunteers meet for briefing over by the pits area

6.15am - sellers let in to set up - Neville in charge.

7am - gates open to public: Top gate EFTPOS, Stan's Gate, Sellers Gate

9am - approx second shift on gates

1-2pm start clear up

We particularly need a few more people to be on one of the pedestrian gates (Stan's Gate) from 9am onwards for a couple of hours. If you can spare the time please let me or Dennis Whimp know as soon as you can.

There is free food/hot drinks available all day for volunteers.

If you want to enter your car in the Car Show part of the event you will need to go in the Top Gate then downhill to the left and follow directions for parking in the Track centre (Bob Mackay in charge).

We also need a few more pairs of hands to help with set-up on Saturday afternoon 1pm onwards if you have an hour or so to spare just turn up at the track.

This event is the major annual fundraiser for our Club and helps keep us solvent and able to subsidise events throughout the year so any help you can give will be much appreciated by us all.

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 Millenium 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

- 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.
- 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.
- At all times, drivers must strictly observe the provision of the Road Code.
- If fewer than three vehicles are entered in a particular class, then these vehicles will be placed in the next appropriate class.
- 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 Millenium 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!

Branch Prize Giving for 2022

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

Fleet Trophy (Most Rallied Post Vintage) - Ralph Bennett

Trevor Burns Trophy (Most Rallied Post-War Vintage)

John and Gayla Newson

Kiwi Cup (Most Rallied Post 1960) - Ronald Mayes

Ken & Lynn Rowson Trophy P80 - Pat Burr

McGill Trophy (Night Run) - Bob and Pat MacKay

Johnson Trophy (Club Captains Run) - Neville & Carol Harper

Mowbray Cup (BBQ Run) - Pat Burr & Shona Wickham

Cliff & Shona Wickham Trophy (Chairman's Run)

Ronald & Gloria Mayes

Lakeland Ford Trophy – (Most Rallied Ford) - Kevin Scott

Norman Honour Trophy (Lady Navigator) - Adelai Skelton

Harry Lapwood Cup (Male Navigator) - Alex Tomlinson

Caulfield Cup (Novice Member – less 2 years in Club)

John and Gayla Newson

Mathias Cup (Most Aggregate Points for Year)

David Tomlinson

Anglis Cup (Significant contribution to the branch)

Jennifer Cole

June 2022 Car in the room *by Kevin Scott*

Kevin and Maryann Scott's 1990 Ford Capri 1.6 Turbo Ghia

The Ford Capri SA, SC and SE range were assembled in Australia from 1989 to 1994. Designed by Ghia of Italy which gave the car its European styling, the convertible was based on the front wheel drive Ford Laser/Mazda 323 floorpan. It was destined for big things as it was built in both Left Hand and Right Hand Drive. The left hand drive cars being sent to North America and sold as Mercury Capris. A total of 66,640 of these cars were built and 55,932 were LHD, the balance of 10,347 being RHD. Of the RHD version 9,787 were sold in Australia, 440 sold in New Zealand and the remaining 120 were exported to Singapore.

The Capri was built to compete with the newly developed Mazda MX5. It differed from the traditional sports car design firstly by being a front wheel drive and secondly it was not a true two seater being a 2+2.

Ford offered this model with several different engine options those being a 1.3ltr, a SOHC 1.6ltr EFI and a DOHC 1.6ltr Turbo EFI. A automatic transmission was also available on all models except those with the Turbocharged engine which had a 5 speed manual transmission.

It was unfortunate for Ford that when the cars went on the market the convertible top leaked badly in wet weather. Although Ford promptly addressed the problem the motoring press gave the car a bad wrap from which the car never truly recovered.

After selling our 1936 Ford V8 we looked around for a more modern replacement. Capris were in the mix particularly a Mk2 or 3.

However we were travelling through Te Aroha and I had heard about this car so we decided to contact the owner and have a look. After some discussion and taking the car for a drive and then some further discussion and negotiation a deal was done and we owned the car. Our car is unmolested and in original condition although it has been repainted in the original colour and has been reupholstered in

leather. It came with a bolt on hardtop also in immaculate condition. It has had a sports car type steering wheel fitted, the only non standard item on the car.

We also got several boxes of spares including replacement lights, electric window mechanisms and motors and a complete new soft top.

Our Ghia version has a 1.6ltr DOHC, EFI engine, develops 100 Kw and has a five speed manual gearbox. Performance and handling are great and it is a fun car to drive. Having power steering makes it as good as any modern day driver, something we both like. Although the car has done just under 250,000kms it drives like new.

JUNE MIDWEEKERS - ROTORUA'S RAILWAYS

by Ronald Mayes

What a great turnout for the short run which I had organised! 20 members and 3 friends/neighbours, 9 club cars and only 4 moderns. I told them a (very) little about the now-closed Putaruru - Rotorua branch and directed them through town, pointing out where railway locations of interest had been or were still visible, and on to Pukehangi Rd.

There we visited fellow railway modeller Brett Bodle who demonstrated his magnificent layout depicting Rotorua, Ngongotaha, Tarukenga and Mamaku as it was in the 1950s and early 1960s. Too many people in the double garage in which the layout is housed to take any photographs of it (I will have to go back to do that).

I had to drag them away to drive on to the lunch venue, the Rotorua Golf Club's café where the caterers were a little overwhelmed by our numbers but rose to the occasion, had us housed at long tables in the bar, and were pleased by our support of the club (Gloria's idea - she is long-time member). Time for only one photo of some of the cars parked at the lunch venue, and everyone headed home.

Vintage Car Club NZ National Day

DAFFODIL RALLY FOR CANCER 2022

Sunday, 21st August

Hosted by the Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club

NOTE - All vehicles welcome, no matter the make or model.

This year, we thought we'd add something different.

10:30 – 12:30, prior to the Rally, there will be a **Vehicle Display** in front of the BOP Vintage Car Club rooms, 29 Cliff Road, Tauranga. The public are invited to view this display, and to donate a gold coin towards the local branch of the Cancer Society.

Daffodil Rally 2022 begins with a **12.30pm muster** at the BOP VCC rooms at 29 Cliff Road Tauranga for:

- 1) Rally Instructions**
- 2) A collection of \$10 per vehicle for the Cancer Society, and**
- 3) \$5pp for a delicious afternoon tea that will be served on return.**

Rally Departure - 1.00pm from the BOP VCC clubrooms.

Daffodil Rally 2022 is an interesting mix of highway and country roads (all sealed) – You will travel from the Tauranga side of the Kaimai Range, and follow along the base of the bush clad range on the opposite side, driving through flourishing dairy country. On route you will pass the memorial site for the NAC air crash, and enjoy the beautiful views of the Wairere Falls, travelling on to Waharoa, and returning to Tauranga via Matamata.

Duration, approximately two hours.

We look forward to you joining us for a great day's motoring around the countryside with like - minded people who appreciate their cars, and will enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea, and a chat afterwards, at the same time, supporting a most worthy cause, the Cancer Society.

Enquiries to:

Linda Downey - Mobil: 021 02777931 or Email: ldowneynz@gmail.com

CLUB NIGHT - July 6th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: 1938 Morris Eight

Followed by tea and coffee.

Swap Meet Sunday, 10th July

This is our main event for July, lets hope for a good number of members in attendance, and a great turnout of vendors and the general public.

Midweekers Wednesday, 27th July - TBA

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



***Central North Island
Swap Meet
& Car Show Spectacular***
Paradise Valley Raceway
7am - 2pm, Sunday, 10th July 2022



FEATURING VINTAGE, CLASSIC, MUSCLE CARS & HOT RODS
Hundreds of vendors, with items of interest to all collectors of cars, motorcycles, hot rods, automobilia, automotive books, old toys, model cars and trains. Almost everything antique or collectible.

COMING EVENTS

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July 2022	6	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	10	Swap Meet	6am	Paraside Valley	11
	27	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Aug 2022	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	27	Sulphur City Rally	8am	Clubrooms	
	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	

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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.

June Midweekers



Cars at Tauriko in June



June Chairman's Run

