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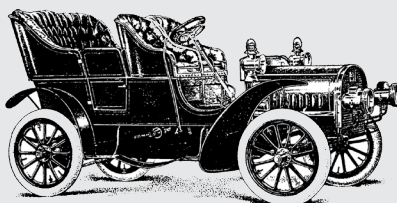
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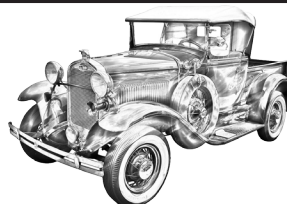
Cover Photos

Front - Bentley 8 Litre radiator mascot

Back - Packards at our 2015 Swap Meet

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

- May 2016

by David Tomlinson



I would like to start by clarifying an error in my report to the AGM regarding our accounts producing a small surplus this year. After the accounts were reviewed by our accountants, and depreciation included, we did end up recording a deficit in the end, however even including the depreciation, the deficit was substantially smaller than the preceding year, and less than the amount spent on painting the external areas of the clubrooms.

Regarding the AGM itself, while it appeared to be substantially smoother going than last year, it has generated a significant amount of correspondence, both formally and informally, so I will not report on it in more detail until next month's issue of Side Curtains.

We have a new committee with some fresh faces, some recycled and many returning. Most jobs that the committee needs to oversee for the next 12 months have been assigned, and it should certainly be plainer sailing for the next year.

I would also like to apologise for the May club run being cancelled with too short a notice to notify all members, but we still had a very good turnout at the Ngongotaha start point including visitors, and with excellent weather some of the more experienced hands managed to quickly plot an alternative which saw the cars get a good run. I wish to thank those who stepped in to salvage the day. A learning experience from this will always be to have a backup option when the planned event is reliant on third parties.

The June run will culminate in our Prize Giving High Tea at the Distinction Hotel, details elsewhere in this issue. In July we have the Swap Meet, and the Sulphur City Rally follows in August. The entry forms for Sulphur City will include printed forms in the clubrooms, and can be downloaded from the branch website.

Wednesday club nights will continue to feature a car in the room, with 4 vehicles lined up for the next few months, and the committee will work towards having other interesting talks and presentations for the rest of the year.

Membership Matters

From the Club Secretary

Dennis Whimp



Your membership cards have an expiry date of October 2016. You will be receiving another membership renewal in September. This will be a full year's renewal which will take your membership through until 31st October 2017.

A big welcome is extended to the following new members:

John Sladden

1954 Ford Consul

Colin & Patricia Sargison

1935 Packard Super 8

1972 Holden

1973 Holden HQ

Malcolm & Alison Whittle

1963 Morris Minor 1000

NEW WEBSITE !

www.rotoruaVintageCarClub.org.nz

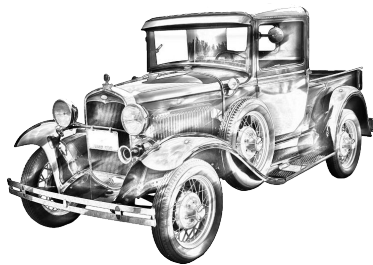
You may have noticed some changes to the look of the branch website. The committee will now have more direct control over the mechanics and the content of the website, and will do our best to tailor it to meet the needs of our members, and to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members.

If you have any suggestions for additions or improvements to the website please contact David Tomlinson.

May Club Run

And The Last Minute Changes!

by Doug Green



The May Club run was to go out to look at memorabilia at Kaharoa. Meet at the Fire Station at Ngongotaha before eleven o'clock. By 10.40am three cars had turned up, then the organiser arrived to say the run has been cancelled then he disappeared.

The Chairman arrived to help organise the day, by this time eleven more cars arrived. The chairman stayed and spoke with members to see what would take place, he suggested a drive around Ngongotaha and back to club rooms for lunch, then he left us.

As we were all set for lunch in the country, the day was beautiful, then discussions started what to do now and where to go. Then Reg Munro and I decided to set a mystery run out through Ngongotaha on to Tauranga Direct Road, right into Te Wairenga Road, left on to Hamurana Road. Right on to State Highway driving past Okawa Bay Resort then left into Okawa Road and down to the Sailing Club boat ramp, which is at the top end of Lake Rotoiti.



Pat Mackay signals her approval of the make & model a visitor brought on the run

This is where we had lunch, relaxing and spending a couple of hours just blobbing out then around 1.30 to 2pm we all went our own way home.

What a beautiful day driving through the country side and around Lake Rotorua. Eventually we all had a great time, thank you to the organisers (all twenty eight of us!). "Who said you can't have a big committee?"

June Run & Prizegiving 12 June 2016

by Angie Brunton

You are invited to participate in a run on Sunday June 12th followed by high tea and Annual Prize Giving at the Distinction Hotel, 390 Fenton Street. Cost is \$15.00 per head.



The run will leave the clubrooms at 1.15pm and end at the the hotel at approximately 3pm.

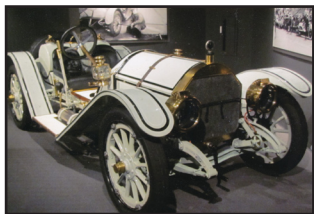
If you do not wish to participte in the rally but want to attend the prize giving you are very welcome. Afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm.

For catering purposes numbers are required by June 9th.

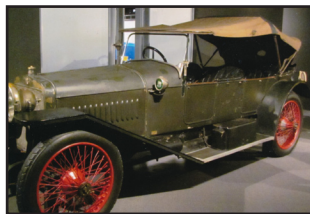
Please contact: Jenny Gill ph 3486825 or email jwpete@xtra.co.nz

Payment will be accepted at club night in May or June.

MYSTERY CARS FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF SIDE CURTAINS



*1912 Mercer Model 35-C
Raceabout, made in the USA*



*1912 Hispano-Suiza "Alfonso XIII"
45hp Torpedo Sport, made in France*

QUOTES FOR THE MONTH

Amateurs built the Ark and experts built the Titanic...

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong...

May Midweek Run

by Bob Mackay



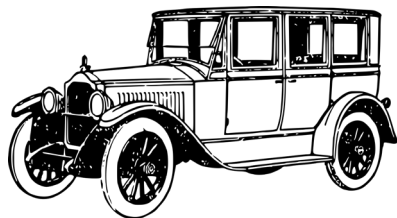
Due to health and safety requirements the numbers each day were restricted so we split into two groups on separate days, meeting at the clubrooms with the first group stopping off at Ngongotaha to check out a certain Morris pick up restoration, an earlier time of arrival being required at Te Puke the second group had to skip this visit. A total of 10 club cars and 2 moderns attended over the two days. Following a café lunch we visited Trevelans Pack & Cool Packhouse at Te Puke. We thank the management of Trevelans for the opportunity to visit this huge operation and Paul Munkley who showed us round explaining the operation and history of the privately owned company. We inspected the pack house, cool stores, despatch area as well as the private motor camp area where many Motor Home owners live during the packing season.

This has proved a very interesting insight into the modern or probably better described as a pack house of the future. Having been involved in various aspects of the kiwifruit industry during the 1970's and visited the odd smaller pack house more recently where things had change little, it was a huge surprise for me to see how things are changing. It was certainly proof that technology changes the way that we are able to do things. Without computers it would not be possible to automate the production line and the size grading with the accuracy and the speed of these machines, yet the final inspection prior to packaging still requires the human eye as very high standards are required for export produce. They employ 150 permanent staff but this swells to over 1500 during the packing season, made up of over 40 nationalities. The operation is run along the lines developed by Toyota, two 9 hour shifts a day, four days on then one day off with a very open information about the company affairs shared with staff. They are constantly striving to reduce waste, both in terms of time and product, they pay bonuses to the pickers in the field that eliminate low grade or sized fruit arriving at the pack house. What was waste, likes of cardboard is now compressed and sold, the tapes that those annoying little labels that are on all fruit these days come on are sent off for bedding at a pig farm. There was a constant stream of trucks arriving with freshly picked fruit, new packaging, and those leaving with packed and chilled fruit heading to the port.

None of use expected such an informative and interesting one and half hours which was finished off by everyone being given a plastic bay to fill with Kiwi fruit before leaving. A special thanks goes to Peter Stanaway for the suggesting this well worth while visit (Peter drives one of the 54 fork lifts on the site).

WHERE ARE ALL THE OLD CARS?

by Ronald Mayes



They are not out and about on North Island roads – In May we drove to Wellington, via the Wairarapa and home via the Manawatu, 1300 kms, and the only old car we saw was a late 1950s Ford Prefect sitting in the classic car yard in Sanson. No registration label and it looked somewhat tired, but all there and hopefully someone will rescue it. And even the second-hand shop in Hunterville had not one vehicle for sale.

But a different world in the South Island! We spent a week in Christchurch in February and also drove a rental car to the West Coast. In Christchurch, despite the now-poor driving conditions with heavy, aggressive traffic, and congestion, old cars are out and about. First spotted was a pre-war Fiat Topolino, but it had strange headlamps and wheels, a very atypical colour scheme and who knows what it was like inside. Much better was a 1947 Mercury convertible, Morgan Plus 4, Riley 2 ½ Litre and a purple Triumph Stag (yes, that was an original colour!) all looking outstanding in the traffic

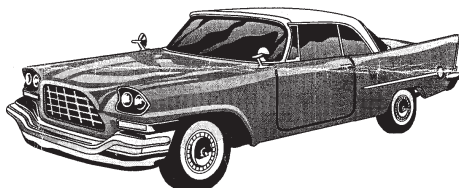
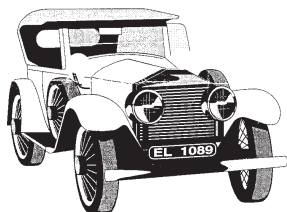
A Vanden Plas club member brought his Princess 1100 over to show us, and another member has two “1970 VP Princess 3 Litre Mark III Prototype Replicas.” That mouthful means he created might-have-been Princesses from those unloved Austin 3 Litres which used 1800 central body sections, extended fronts and rears and the new 7-bearing 6-cylinder engine driving the rear wheels. A highlight for me was a ride in a 1967 Triumph 2000, an immaculate car bought by a friend who saw it parked on the road with a tiny for sale sign on its window. The elderly owner had given up driving, no-one in the family wanted “an old dunger” and were going to take it to the wreckers.

I did drive our younger son's 1976 Triumph 2500 automatic about and did some much-needed maintenance on it. A club outing in the Hurunui area on a Sunday afternoon was obvious (lots of Jaguars) and in Westport was a bright yellow and black Morris Eight sports. In Greymouth a 1952 Sunbeam Alpine, 1972 Rover P6B 3500 and another 1952 car, a Citroen Light Fifteen, were all in everyday use. (An even rarer car there must have been the late model BMW 7 series with crowns instead of number plates – the Governor-General was in town.) Add to those the two Rolls-Royce Silver Shadows and a late 1960s Cadillac convertible and we took heart in seeing a good variety of interesting cars on the roads.



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

**STOCK CAR RACEWAY PARADISE VALLEY
ON SUNDAY JULY 17th 2016**



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

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Website: www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz

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

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

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

Sulphur City Rally

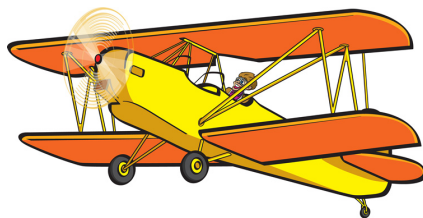
to be held on 27 August 2016
at the RVCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park
Briefing at 8.30am. First car away at 9.00am

NZ Warbirds

D-Day Open Day

5 June 2016

by David Tomlinson



A number of car clubs including the Rolls Royce & Bentley Club were invited to displays cars alongside the aircraft and military displays at this years NZ Warbirds Open Day at Ardmore, themed for “D-Day” this year. Although I had to leave home around 5.30am, it was in part a blessing, as cars had to be in the airfield by 9am with public admission starting at 10am. All exhibitors were in well in time, and after setting up we had time for a relaxed coffee before things started.

By all accounts it was very difficult getting in to the airfield after 10am as thousands turned up to the event, with many stuck on roads outside for over an hour, some turning away. Inside there were massive queues too, for the very limited number of portaloos, and the food stalls. I suspect next year there will be about 5 times as many of each for the public.



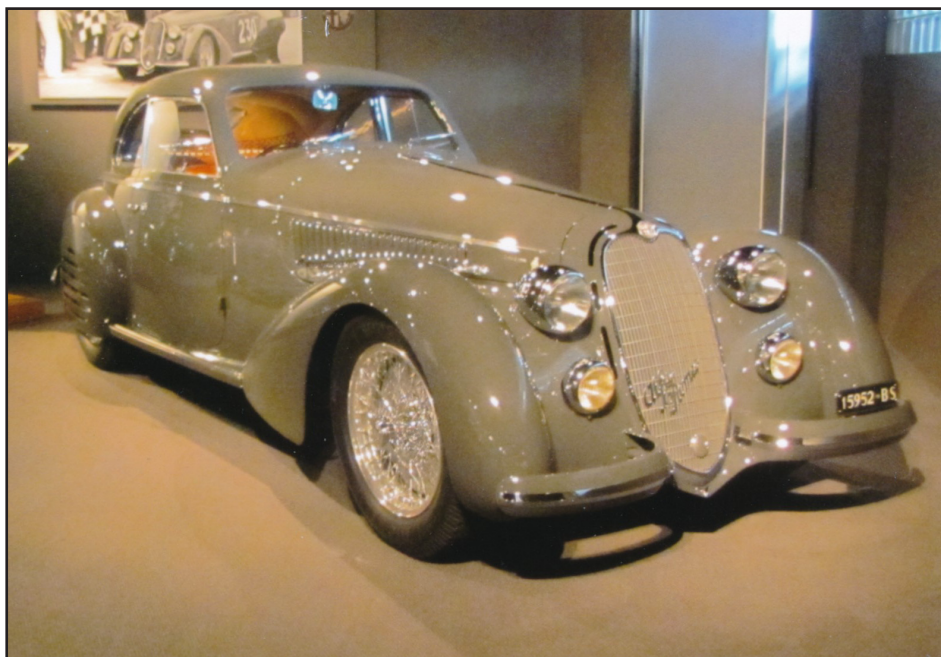
1954 Hudson Hornet

All that aside, it was a busy day with lots to see, both on the ground and in the air.

You could also be a part of it, with the DC-3 and Catalina regularly coming and going with paying passengers aboard. And if you were really flush with money you could book a seat in the 2 seater Spitfire for the “snip” of only \$3950! I did not see any passengers take that challenge.

Early displays included a couple of Strikemaster jets flying in formation, many tiger moth and Harvard flights and formations, and at the end of the day the Venom jet took off and did a fly by before apparently disappearing elsewhere. On the ground there were many military displays, as many as 10 jeeps and other military vehicles, and the RNZAF flew in a NH90 chopper which stood as a static display all day with kids being allowed on board. It flew off more or less at the same time I left around 4.30pm, getting home after a long day around 7pm.

There were Morgans, Mustangs, AC Cobras, Jags, Rolls Royces and Bentleys and a few others on display such as an old Dodge Coupe and a Model A, and a 1954 Hudson Hornet. Lots for kids to do, and other than the occasional jet taking off, not too bad on the ears. Definitely worth a bit of planning to visit next year if you like older aircraft, military vehicles and the smell of jet fuel.



Two more cars from overseas collections visited by Denis Burr. No prizes, but see if you can identify them. Answers in next month's issue.



NEXT CLUB NIGHT - June 8th

Car In The Room: 1977 Triumph 2500TC

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

22nd June Midweek run

10am – Meet at Club rooms for a quick morning tea, we will be leaving club rooms at 10.20am (sharp!). The first stop of the day ‘a garage raid’ on one of our members; followed by a café lunch at the Lakeside Café in Rotorua.

In the afternoon we will visit the Riding for Disabled at their new facility in Parawai Road at Ngongotaha, where we inspect their new state of art facility as well as being treated to see some of their disabled people in action on the horses. This is a very short run with lunch in Rotorua, so should anyone wish to attend part of the day they are most welcome, we will leave the Lakeside Café a little before 1pm. In putting this day on I thank Terry Fitzpatrick and Maurie Crowe for their assistance.

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 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.

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.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
June	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	12	Run & Prize Giving	1pm	Clubrooms	5
	22	Midweekers Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
July	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	Swap Meet	7.00am	Paradise Valley	
	27	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
August	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	12-14	VCC AGM	Various	Novotel Rotorua	
	24	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
	27	Sulphur City	8.30am	Clubrooms	

BUY, SELL, SWAP...

FOR SALE

1947 Packard Clipper Deluxe Sedan Straight 8, 3 speed manual with over drive. Restored over seven years and was originally owned by his grandfather, then his father. Has spent the last two years in the



Classic Museum in Hamilton and features on their calendar this year. Rego is on hold. \$50000 Phone Kevin Shaxon on 027 833 2861

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WANTED TO BUY

2x 640-15 crossply tyres - Phone Trevor Bennett on 347 7568

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If you would like to place an ad here just email details to the editor or bring it along in print on a club night. A picture of the item is a good idea too! Ads will be run for two consecutive issues unless you ask otherwise.

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