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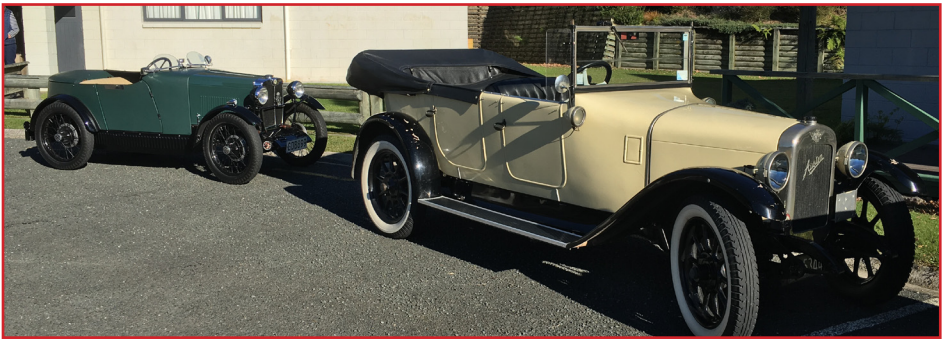
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Club Captain's Poker Run - May 2017



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Chairperson - David Tomlinson

Secretary - Dennis Whimp

Treasurer - Terry Fitzpatrick

Club Captain - vacant

Asst. Club Captain - Kevin Scott

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Bob Mackay

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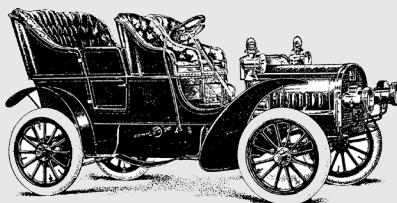
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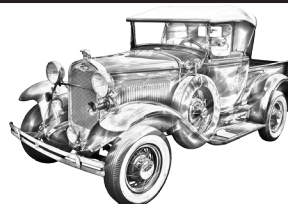
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Front - Midweekers, May 2017

Back - Pink Breakfast

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 2017

by David Tomlinson



Another AGM has gone, with this year's meeting going very quickly and smoothly. A good financial performance on top of a lot of activities provided has certainly met with general favour. I would like to thank those who retired from this year's committee for their service, Angie Brunton, Steve de Jeu and Darryl Stretch. I would also like to welcome Cliff Wickham and Bob Mackay back to the committee table.

We do have one small hiccup however, we did not have any nominations for Club Captain on the night, and we had a single nomination for Assistant Club Captain (in absentia). As we did not receive any nominations from the floor it was agreed to ask Kevin Scott if he would take on the role of Club Captain rather than Assistant, but Kevin's work load precludes his regular availability. So we are yet again on the hunt for a Club Captain, who will be ably supported by Kevin and the rest of the committee. If you have any interest in helping the branch in this role, please give me or Kevin a call.

The AGM gave some direction to the incoming committee regarding activities for the next 12 months, and these will be taken on board. We have an exciting few months ahead with the Swap Meet next month, the Sulphur City Rally in August, and the "Wanganui Weekend" long club rally in November. More on that later in this issue.

As well as May's Club Captain's Run, which was a poker run too, and our midweekers run, many club members attended the Pink Breakfast at the club rooms organised by Angie Brunton. I believe the morning raised over \$900 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. June's run will conclude with prize giving at the Distinction Hotel, with a cost of \$16 per person for the afternoon tea.

A further reminder that July's club night has been brought forward to

the first Wednesday of the month (the 5th) in order that we can finalise volunteers and instructions for the Swap Meet on July 9th. I hope all members can help with this event in some way, as it literally subsidises all members by over \$100 annually, and without this event being successful the branch would simply not exist.

The Sulphur City Rally is only two months away now, and entry forms should be in the club house by our June club night. The entry form is also online on the branch website, but still needs to be filled out with pen and paper for now.

If you are interested in the weekend away in Wanganui in early November please read the item later in this issue, accommodation will be your responsibility and there will be some advantage if most attending can stay at the same motels. It will be a good weekend away.

I would like to finish by thanking all those who contributed to, or took part in, club activities in the last year, and hope as many members as possible take part in the activities provided over the next 12 months.

Prize Giving Rally June 18th 2017

Meet at the clubrooms at 1pm
First car away 1.30ish



Afternoon tea will be at the Distinction Hotel at 3pm

This rally will be a follow the leader with a little fun on the way
(weather permitting)

Please let us know if you are coming

Ring Jenny Gill 348 6825 or Lois 357 5799

Look forward to seeing you all

**Afternoon tea
\$16 pp**

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



Vero Insurance subsidizes our subs

Vero Insurance return a portion of club members' insurance premiums to the branch. Last year this amounted to \$1813 and helped keep our branch subs down. They are \$10 and have been for as long as I can remember, largely due to the Swap Meet.

I have found Vero's premiums to be the most competitive and relatives in Christchurch with a total house and contents loss advised that they had a good response to their claim. To ensure that the branch receives their portion you need to quote your membership number which I can give you. It is also on the address label on the Side Curtains mail out.

For a quote , phone 0800 658 411 business hours with your membership number.

Use of the Clubrooms for family events

The committee reaffirmed the position that the clubrooms can be used for branch members' family events at no cost.

They can also be used for other events by clubs that a member belongs to, providing the branch member is present. There is a charge for this and a request needs to be made to the committee.

The Dick Goodall Collection Auction Hawkes Bay.

Good advertising meant that the Hawkes bay clubrooms were packed in early May with punters from all around the North Island. 180 lots of memorabilia and collectables raised around \$20,000. You just don't know how valuable your shed junk can be.

Sympathies to Roger and Keitha Couchman

Roger and Keitha's daughter in law passed away in late May. Our sympathies are extended to Roger, Keitha and family.

Midweek Run - 24th May

Members assembled at the clubrooms on 24 May for morning tea with 12 cars. British ones predominated but 3 modern ones kept their occupants warm on a cold and sometimes wet day.

An enjoyable drive took us up Dansey Road to Mamaku. We didn't stop there (cloud was down to ground level) but carried back from the plateau via Oturoa Road - pleasant driving on good, quiet roads. Back in town we headed to Rotorua's Lakeside Cafe where we had prime parking on the forecourt - we could gaze at our cars while enjoying our lunch. Gloria and I and our Triumph 2000 had last been together there in 1976 - it had been the venue for our wedding reception. The building and I have changed a bit since then but I am sure Gloria and the car look much the same.

On then to the Fire Service's national training centre in the business park opposite the airport. We were shown over much of the complex where recruits from all over New Zealand take intensive 12-week courses learning how to be firemen. And training never stops: refreshers and updates continue throughout their careers. We were impressed with the high professional standards required for what is a very specialized and dangerous occupation. Buildings representing houses, blocks of flats and business premises are arranged in streets on the site - all used for training in fire extinguishing and rescue operations.

It even contains Rotorua's only metropolitan railway system - well, there is Driving Trailer D2462 from a retired 1952 English Electric multiple unit set last used on the Wellington - Johnsonville line. It was bought for \$1 but towing it to Tauranga and trucking it on to Rotorua was not cheap. A short length of track over a railway crossing provides the scene for training firemen in rescuing occupants of cars in collisions with trains or from railway carriages.

Our thanks to Brett of the Fire Service for spending so much time explaining the operation to us, and to Cliff Wickham for organising the visit.

Ronald Mayes

MYSTERY CARS FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF SIDE CURTAINS



1975 Mazda Roadpacer
(Holden body, rotary motor)



1966 FNM Onca
made in Braail

More historic Rotorua photos



CALLING ALL BRANCH MEMBERS!

Please make sure you get your name on the volunteer board at the clubrooms for this year's Swap Meet, 9th July



**ROTORUA VINTAGE &
VETERAN CAR CLUB INC**

37th Central North Island

SWAP MEET

AND

CAR SHOW

SPECTACULAR

Stock Car Raceway Paradise Valley

SUNDAY 9th JULY 2017

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

Hot food and refreshments available

Open from 7am till 3pm

**FOR SITE ENQUIRIES - Phone Neville Harper on
07 348 2412, Mobile - 027 494 7249
or Email daharpers@gmail.com**

SHOW CAR ENQUIRIES - Phone Bob MacKay 07 332 3849

**ADMISSION: SELLER'S VEHICLE & DRIVER \$10 PER SITE
ALL OTHERS \$5 PER PERSON (ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN FREE)**

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November 2017 Spring Tour & Whanganui Weekend



With a number of members asking for confirmed dates for the tour it was confirmed at the May committee meeting and that I would plan the Wanganui trip in November. It will be arranged along the same lines as previous Spring Tours where members are free to join the whole or any part of the programme. Members are free to stay where ever they choose and should make their own arrangements directly with the motels, the motels listed below are suggestions, places members have stayed at previously and presently have vacancies.

With pressure already on the motels in Feilding for the Thursday night (9th November) the mid week group will stay in Taihape the first night and drive on to Whanganui via Feilding visiting places of interest in the Feilding area on the Friday.

If you intend to take part in this event it is strongly recommended that you book accommodation at an early date (like urgently). We will stay in Whanganui on Friday November 10th and Saturday 11th with a full day of activities on the Saturday and concluding around midday Sunday. The Whanganui programme is being arranged in association with (I should really say “by”) Ed Boyed of the Whanganui Club for which I am very grateful.

Motel in Taihape - (Thursday 9th November)
ASPEN COURT MOTEL - ph 06 388 1999 or freephone 0508 277 362

Motel in Whanganui - (Friday November 10th and Saturday 11th)
COOKS GARDENS MOTEL - ph 06 345 6003

After booking your accommodation please let me know so we know how many are on the tour.

Bob Mackay

BUY, SELL, SWAP...

FOR SALE

1971 Triumph Herald 1360. Urgent sale.

Car was fully rebuilt in 1990 and has done very few miles since then. Apart from minor paint blemish is in very good condition. Asking \$8000 but will consider offers.

Contact Snow on
07 548 1140 or
021 280 3311



FOR SALE

1962 Humber Super Snipe

1964 Austin A40 Farina

Austin Mini, modified to tilt nose

All above have water damage

1958 Austin A40 Farina, dry storage, has a re-conditioned motor and not yet run

All cars are open for offers

Any enquiries or if you would like to view any of these cars, please contact:

Les - phone 07 323 6406

Mobile 027 271 7022

Or email les.gail.costar@slingshot.co.nz

MYSTERY VEHICLES

The upper car is neither from Europe or the USA, and was made during the WW1 war years. The lower car is from either Europe or the USA, and was made in the late 1930s.



CLUB NIGHT - June 14th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car in the room: 2009 Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

Midweek Run 28th June 2017 – Midwinter lunch

If you prefer to sit down for morning tea bring your picnic chairs for morning tea at 10am in the shed at 43 Oturoa Road. Following morning tea we will take a scenic drive to a café for our midwinter lunch. After lunch we will hopefully, subject to confirmation visit either a car restorer or a vehicle of interest.

GOOD NEWS!

The ACC component of the annual licence fee for our 40+ years old cars drops from July and the total if you pay online goes down from \$48.75 to \$44.00. That helps to lower the fixed annual car ownership costs a little, just leaving insurance and six-monthly Warrants of Fitness to cause some pain in our hip pocket nerves.

- Ronald Mayes

Rocky and
Rebecca Fiske's
recently
restored
1964
MG Midget



COMING EVENTS

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| June 2017 | 14 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | 11 |
| | 18 | Run & Prize Giving | 1pm | Clubrooms | 3 |
| | 28 | Midweekers Run | 10 | 43 Oturoa Road | 11 |
| July | 5 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 9 | Swap Meet & Show | 7.00am | Paradise Valley | 7 |
| | 26 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |
| August | 9 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 23 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |
| | 26 | Sulphur City Rally | 8am | Clubrooms | |
| September | 13 | Club Night | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 17 | Club Run | TBA | TBA | |
| | 27 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |
| October | 11 | Club Night / AGM | 7.30pm | Clubrooms | |
| | 15 | Club Run | TBA | TBA | |
| | 25 | Midweekers Run | TBA | TBA | |

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 committee endeavours to have the branch website 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.

Midweek Run - Fire Service Training Area



PINK BREAKFAST May 20th

