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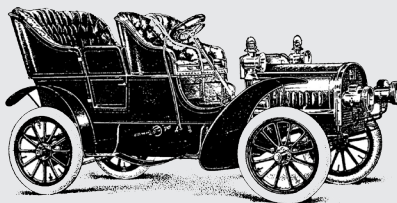
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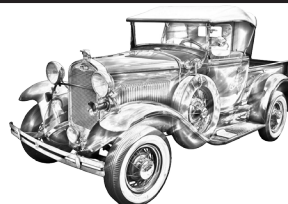
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Front - May Midweek Run - Model A

Back - May Club Run to Golden Springs

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 2018

by David Tomlinson



The AGM in May was relatively straight forward, with robust discussion about how to better operate the branch's finances. The AGM voted to change the way we distribute this magazine, and there is an important notice on the facing page about this change. Please read it! There are financial implications for those who wish to continue receiving the printed version of Side Curtains, but are unable to attend our Wednesday club nights.

The AGM also discussed the branch levy and there seemed to be unanimous support for the levy to be changed to \$30 per year. The levy is the amount of your subscription you pay to the VCC that is received by the branch. For many years this has only been \$10 per "full" member. There is no levy received for spouse or junior members. Our fixed annual costs that cannot be avoided outweigh our levy income by almost 1000% and while changes to how we send out the magazine will go some way to helping our bottom line, we still need to create a more stable income base to pay our insurance, power and rates.

As on consequence it was decided that in order that all branch members be aware of a change in the branch levy, which will affect your annual subscription, it was decided to leave it until a subsequent general meeting to consider and vote on change so that everyone who wants to have a say can do so. The July club night, which is a week earlier than usual due to the Swap Meet, will include a Special General Meeting as per the notice on the facing page, with a notice of motion from the branch committee to increase the levy for the 2018/19 VCC financial year from \$10 to \$30. If you want to have your say on this motion, please be in attendance at the July club night.

This month's run is a short touring run, which will begin with 25 Year badge presentations to Cliff and Shona Wickham, and conclude with a luncheon and our annual prize giving at the club rooms. More details are on page 11 of this issue. There is a small charge of \$15pp for lunch.

Notice of a Special General Meeting of the Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc

A Branch Special General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 4th July 2018 at the Rotorua VCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park, Rotorua.

Agenda item:

At the 2018 Branch AGM it was discussed that our existing branch levy of \$10 is the lowest of any in the country and is not meeting the needs of our branch operating costs. The national average is \$30.

It was resolved at the AGM that a motion be put to a monthly meeting that the branch levy for the next financial year be raised to \$30.

Distribution of Side Curtains magazine

The 2018 Branch AGM resolved that Side Curtains be reduced to a print run of 50 copies each month and the hard copies will be available for collection from the clubrooms. Members wishing to continue to have a hard copy of the magazine posted out each month will be required to pay \$45 per year to the branch.

The magazine will continue to be published online each issue, and notification that an issue has been placed online will go on the branch Facebook page. We can also email the magazine to branch members, it is about 8Mb generally, upon request. The magazine page of the branch website has PDF versions available to read or download of every issue of Side Curtains since March 2014.

The next issue of Side Curtains (July 2018) is the last that will be printed and posted to all branch members. If you do not regularly attend branch meetings and wish to continue to receive the printed version of Side Curtains each month please contact Secretary Dennis before the end of July so we can arrange an invoice for the \$45 fee and put you on the mailing list.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



Notes from the AGM

- Chairman Dave and 29 members were present
- The only changes to the committee were that Cliff, Lois and Roger have retired off and we have been joined by Ronald Mayes and Phil Monk. The Club Captain's position remains unfilled
- The treasurer's report showed a net loss of \$874 before depreciation.
- There were two motions regarding club finances that resulted in wide ranging discussions. The original two motions were replaced with the following that were passed without dissent
 - Resolved that Side Curtains be reduced to a print run of 50 copies each month and the hardcopies will be available for collection from the clubrooms. Members wishing to continue to have a hardcopy posted out each month will be required to pay \$45.00 per year to the branch.
Moved Doug Green / J Kirkland Carried
 - Resolved that the AGM meeting recommend that a motion be put to one of the next two monthly meetings that the branch levy for the next financial year be raised to \$30.00.
Moved J Kirkland / A Brunton Carried

Notes regarding the need for an increased levy

- Prior to 1998 the branch had a levy that was used to help fund the running of the clubrooms. I understand it was \$7.00 per annum. Because we had such successful swapmeets, the financial reserves had built to a healthy balance and the 1998 interest was the equivalent of approx \$70 per member. In 1998 the branch levy was abolished. In the period to 2011, the financial reserves were still at the same level and the interest rates after an initial rise to around \$100 per member, had dropped. A \$10 per member levy was introduced in 2011 . At that time, the branch finances were just breaking even.
- Since 2011 the branch has posted financial losses in 6 of the 7 years. Our reserves have been depleted by \$22,000 and the interest rates have remained low. Bank interest now equates to \$50 per member.
- On the current membership, it costs approx. \$177 per member to run the branch without any extraordinary expenses in clubroom maintenance. This maintenance has been taken out from the reserves.

- Basic clubroom costs including rates, insurance, power, gas, ground rental and maintenance annually cost just over \$90 per member.
- The magazine costs have been slashed but still equate to \$45 per member. The AGM motion will significantly reduce these costs but there will still be printing costs
- Our clubrooms are now 40 years old and though in excellent condition, they still need maintenance to remain so.
- A review of a number of branch swapmeets including our own shows that the long term trend is for the profit to be reducing. There is the odd spike of a good year, but even those spikes are reducing.
- The increase in the levy and changes to the magazine costs should mean that we start to hold our current financial reserves position unless there are any major building maintenance costs.

Constitution clauses regarding the Levy.

Clause 10 General Meetings.

The Annual General Meeting of the branch shall be held during the month of May each year. Special General Meetings may be held at such time and place as the Branch Committee may decide. At all General or Special Meetings of the branch, ten percent of the financial members or thirty whichever is the less shall form a quorum. At all General Meetings, Special or Ordinary, each member of the branch who would be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Branch shall have one vote that must be given personally. Voting shall be on a show of hands unless 5 members present demand a secret ballot. The chairperson of a meeting shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

Clause 12 Ordinary meetings.

1. An ordinary meeting of the branch shall be held on at least one evening in each calendar month. Such meeting shall be held on an evening in each month appointed by the committee.

Clause 17 Branch Levy

The Branch will set each year the sum required for Branch purposes in addition to the Club Subscription which is used for Club purposes and this sum shall be known as the Branch Levy. The levy shall be fixed by vote at a General Meeting of the Branch and the amount of any such levy so set shall be binding on all members of the Branch and shall remain in force until altered by vote at a subsequent General Meeting.

Secretaries Comment on the above

- The advice I gave at the AGM was incorrect in that we do require an AGM or a Special General Meeting to set and change the levy. I had mistaken a General meeting for an Ordinary meeting. Don't you love

constitutions.

- This magazine will constitute the advice of a Special General Meeting
- Vote will be by a simple 50% majority. A three-fourths majority is only required if we are amending the constitutional rules.

Around and about.

- Many thanks to Lois Thompson and Roger Nelson who both retired off the committee. Lois had been the secretary from 2008 to 2016 and stayed on to ensure I knew what I was doing. I greatly appreciated her wide knowledge, contacts and the detail in just what needed to be actioned. Similarly, Roger rejoined the committee in 2015 as a very experienced club member to give advice to that new committee. I noted Roger had been Club Captain back in 1992-1995.
 - Peter Stanaway is recovering well at his sister's place after his recent stay in hospital. He should be back home in the near future.
 - It is with sadness that we report the death of Snow Greaves. Snow joined the club in its foundation years and was on the first committee that was formed in May of 1970. He went on to be Chairman in 1974-1976. Snow had a great sense of humour and gave a hilarious interview as part of the TV coverage of the 1980 International Rally held here in Rotorua. The Greaves shifted to Tauranga many years ago and maintained an active interest in that club. Our sympathies go to Gladys and the family.
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Waikato Branch Shed Raid, May 20 *by John Kirkland*

The starting point, briefing and lunch venue was at the home of Russell and Edwina Rimmington's stately home, located on the magnificent 400 acre Huntingdon Estate just south of Hamilton, on Tamahere Drive.

The Road entrance is imposing enough with two great stone pillars and once through these you travel approx 2k's up a tree lined driveway to the homestead and out buildings all of most constructed of shiststone. very similar to many early central otago homesteads. It must have been quite a center of employment in the days as part of the complex contained an old church. Of particular interest, apart from the 35 vintage (including 2 motorbikes) club vehicles was a fully restored, operational tiger moth aircraft an original unrestored 1920's Model T Ford car still in going order, a couple of apparently ocean going yachts under restoration and hidden in the a corner a very original Austin 7 Tourer. The whole

complex exuded a peaceful of world charm of a bygone era set in a perfect setting to start a great afternoon motoring.

And so it was on to Mr Wilbur Brown's property in Morrinsville to view his collection of 5 great vehicles. In no particular order of importance they were:

1915 Metz (Model ZZ) Restored in going order

1914 Huberette Under restoration

1921 Factory built - Eric Campbell

1930 Huber Completely original unrestored and roadworthy

1950 Daimler completely original unrestored and roadworthy

These later two have been extensively driven around both the North and South Islands at various times in the recent past.

Then it was on to Matamata where there were two collections in the one street. Mr Graham McKenzie's Model T collection was the highlight for me and comprised the best 3 restored early Fords ive seen in a very long time. They were:

1912 Torpedo - 1913 Tourer - 1923 Center Door

All three were correctly detailed for their year and were roadworthy. The fourth was a 1920's van which looked fairly original to me but didn't appear to be roadworthy.

The final collection for the day was at Sue & Dallas McNiel's we viewed a:

1913 Monroe Under restoration

1928 Packard Tourer

1935 Packard Roadster

These latter two vehicles were both pristine, concourse vehicles at the top end of any restoration ladder, however apart from the Model T Ford collection, the top vehicle for me was one that was on the total 43 mile (69 km) run and surprise it was another Ford, namely Greg Terrill's 1927 Model A Tudor.

But just to prove that I am not totally biased with tunnel vision another smart little vehicle to catch my eye was a red Morris Series E.

What a great day and well organised by Theo and Michelle De Leeuw.

May Midweek Run *by Ronald Mayes*

24 members in 11 cars ignored the forecast rain, hail and thunder (most of which didn't happen) and turned up for morning coffee at the Rotorua Mitre 10 cafe, virtually taking over the premises. The few other patrons were probably pleased to see the boisterous and noisy bunch eventually leave and to enjoy their cuppas in peace.

On the road at 11am, we drove around the north end of Lake Rotorua and on to the highway to Paengaroa. A couple of right turns and we were on our way eastwards, stopping at the Pikowai Reserve to meet up with the able organisers of the day's activities, Les and Thelma Forward of Whakatane. One of our members apparently lamented the fact that he was no longer driving the oldest car in the fleet (a pink Morris Minor) - that honour went to the Forwards with their 1930 Ford Model A.

They led us up into the hills over a scenic road we had never before driven, ending up at the lifestyle home of Bruce and Lorraine Seddon. Bob Mackay had told us we were to see a collection of cars and, he believed, a model railway. Well, we saw some interesting cars, 1930s to '60s American and examples of automatic and manual models of the 1978 Triumph 2500S (spot the differences, one built in July and the other in August of that year...)

But we spent most of the time viewing the HO scale model railway layout! I should say model railroad, as it is based on 1950s America at the end of steam and the beginning of Diesel power. It is a huge layout, built to very high standards of track laying, scenery construction and modern electronic control, and as is the case with almost every layout, there is still some work to do. This is mostly scenery creation, another rewarding aspect of the hobby.

What shows great dedication to the layout is the fact that it was first built in Drury. When the owners shifted to Pikowai a few years ago two 40 foot containers were bought to transport it after it was partially dismantled. It was reassembled in short order, and expanded. While one operator can demonstrate its operation with one or two trains, it is usually operated just like a real railway, with several of Bruce's mates on hand to drive the trains.

Our appreciation was shown to our host and to the Forwards for giving us such a memorable day.

BUY - SELL - SWAP

For Sale: 1934 MM series Morris Minor (has been a saw bench) with gearbox and clutch. Can be heard running.

Phone Bill on 346 0394

Seeking any keen Power Cyclists

Paul Furkert, a Wairarapa VCC member, has recently recommissioned a power cycle (Paul's is a 1936 BSA bicycle driven by a 1951 Trojan Mini Motor (via a friction drive onto the rear wheel)). This machine has a top speed of around 20mph, so isn't really suitable for going on standard VCC rallies.

Paul is looking to get in touch with other owners of power cycles who might be interested in a Power Cycle rally. The idea is to all meet up at a county pub / campground somewhere in the North Island one weekend next summer, and do some short (and slow) explorations of the local area on our machines. Owners of other slow bikes (e.g. mopeds or veteran/vintage motorbikes with top speeds of less than 30mph) would also be most welcome.

If you have a suitable machine, and would be interested in such a weekend away, please get in touch with Paul (email paul.furkert@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 379 5355 or text 020 4027 3746). If there is sufficient interest from cycle / bike owners, the finer details of the rally will be worked out in consultation with all potential participants.

Library News *by Roger Couchman*

The following four books have recently been donated to the Library by Chris Cooke.

- 1 The Encyclopedia of the Motor Car
- 2 Dream Machines - Porsche
- 3 Pictorial History of Cars
- 4 The Great Cars and Drivers

Mel Cooper has donated a book entitled "Dream Cars International." A fascinating read I thoroughly recommend.

All the above are on the Library table.

WE WANT YOU! All branch members are urged to give their time and support to help run this year's Swap Meet.



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

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

CLUB NIGHT - June 13th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In Room: 1975 Holden HJ 1 tonne ute

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

Touring Run & Prize Giving

Sunday, 17th June 2018

This run will start with a gathering at “The Gardens” at 15 Hodgkins St, Pukehangi where there will be a presentation of VCC 25 Year badges to Cliff and Shona Wickham. The presentation will be in a lounge at 10.45am so please be there shortly before this time. Depending on numbers some vehicles may have to park out on Hodgkins St.

The presentation will be followed by a short run with the first car away around 11am. This will be a short touring run of about an hour around central Rotorua and some of the lakes near the clubrooms. At the conclusion of the run there will be a luncheon at the clubrooms which will cost \$15 per person, followed by our annual prizegiving. The lunch will commence shortly after midday, and prizegiving at approximately 12.45pm.

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

Wednesday June 27th

Be at the clubrooms at 10:00am for morning tea. This will be followed by a run to a mystery cafe to be selected by our café guru (aka Maurice Crowe). The distance will be approximately 150 km return.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
June	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	17	Run & Prize Giving	10.45am	The Gardens, Pukehangi	11
	27	Midweekers Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
July	4	Club Night / SGM	7.30pm	Clubrooms	3
	8	Swap Meet	7am	Paraside Valley	10
	25	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
August	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	25	Sulphur City Rally	8.30am	Clubrooms	
	29	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
September	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	16	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	26	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
October	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	14	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	24	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 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 check the branch Facebook page regularly too.

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Club Run to Golden Springs, May 2018

