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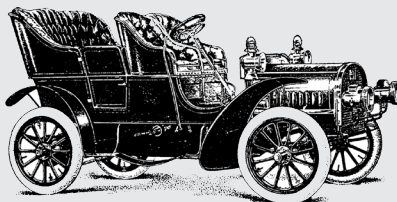
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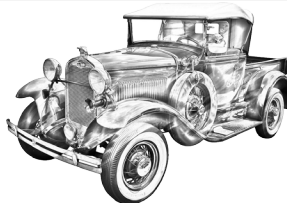


Cover Photos

Front - Andrew Thomson's Super Snipe
Back - ?

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 2019

by David Tomlinson



Another AGM has come and gone, with a few new (?!) faces being welcomed on to the committee, and the retirement of John Peters from committee after many years, and also Phil Monk. On behalf of the branch I would like to thank John and Phil for their tenure and service. New to this year's committee are Lois Thompson and Neville Harper.

The AGM was uneventful, with the only matter raised being concerns about the safety of our annual Night Run with some of the older cars. This will be considered by the committee and those organising the event for next year. The accounts presented showed a surplus, and as long as we can maintain successful results of our Swap Meets we can keep paying the bills at our existing subs level.

Our May club run included a scavenger hunt and a clockwise journey around the lake. There is a note on the winner later in this issue as scores could not be tallied on the day. It was an enjoyable run in good weather, and challenging items to find included a snail. You could almost have declared Rotorua was "snail free" with the dearth of them handed in at the end of the run. A plaster garden ornament of a tortoise was presented as a snail by one participant!

Due to the AGM we had no car in the room for May, but in June we will have an early Ford Mustang V8 on display, and a couple of Villiers engines with talks on each.

Our June Prize Giving run has been organised and will finish with a luncheon at the clubrooms for a small charge, details later in this issue. Prize Giving is generally always well supported, I hope to see many in attendance.

Don't forget our very important Swap Meet is in July, if you have not yet volunteered to take on a role at this year's event be at either the June or July club night to find out where we still need help. The success of the Swap Meet is key to our financial wellbeing as a branch.

The following month in August is our Sulphur City Rally, for which planning is well advanced. There should be entry forms available in the clubrooms very soon.

I have seen many photos of the pre-1931 vehicle Irishman Rally just completed in Canterbury, and there was a fair amount of snow over the cars, and I saw more than one photo of tow ropes retrieving cars from creeks. Certainly you (and your car) had to be made of hardy stuff. We should be very happy we don't endure those weather extremes this far north.

Humber Super Snipe Cover Photo

The photo on the cover of this issue is of branch member Andrew Thomson's 1963 Humber Super Snipe getting its first warrant of fitness for 27 years.

Andrew was hoping to display this car on a club night before he transferred to New Plymouth recently, but this was not to be. Hopefully branch members that make it to the 2021 International Motoring Festival will get a chance to view it up close.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



AGM

There was no stampede of keen members to be part of the management of the branch, but we do welcome on as committee members, Neville Harper, Lois Thompson and Kevin Scott. Although John Peters and Phil Monk have retired off the committee we are able to tap into their expertise as both have a long involvement with the branch and the clubrooms. We still don't have a Club Captain but the committee will cover these duties. There was no general business raised and the whole meeting only took half an hour. On the financial front, the measures taken to reduce the magazine and general costs, plus the increase in levies and the hiring out of the clubrooms, coupled with a good swap meet resulted in the annual accounts showing a net surplus before depreciation of \$6,697. This was an excellent turnaround from the loss of last year.

General

We used to get our copy and printing done by Dudfield Bryce, but the fire in their premises last year resulted in the business closing. The staff that we dealt with have now been employed by Advocate Printing in Fenton Street. They still have much of our copy and were able to quickly access our prize giving certificates to print off additional ones. So it is worth talking to them if you need any previous posters or entry forms altered or reprinted.

There is an interesting stream of veteran and vintage vehicles for sale on Trademe. I see that just listed is the Caulfield's 1928 Chrysler Imperial Roadster. This was a car that I looked at buying to restore 20 years ago and when I decided to pass on it, told

Gordon of its availability. He had purchased it 4 hours later as we often talked about the similar roadster that was in Invercargill and Gordon's regret at not buying it. He then did a superb job of rebuilding the vehicle with help from a number of branch members and others. I had forgotten how great the car looks and it is a real tribute to him.

It was just as well that our treasurer Terry was sitting down when he opened the letter from the council with the 3 monthly invoice for our water use. It has been consistently \$60 to \$70 per quarter. Not this June invoice. It is \$6,400 for the quarter. Terry popped in to see the Council but the nice lady told him that council doesn't make mistakes. It looks as though the meter has succumbed to wear and tear like all of us so watch this space for developments.

STOLEN !!! - A large enclosed trailer with a Royal Enfield bike with Swallow Sidecar and an Austin Swallow car were stolen from Onehunga at the end of May. If you see the bike or car contact John Endean on 027 477 6535. A cash reward of \$5000 has been offered.



Results for the May Scavenger Hunt Club Run

The winners were Jason and Linda Munro. Second place were Julian and Ross Munro. There was only a point between them. We have new and young blood in our branch. I believe we will see great competition coming our way. Our outings will need to be interesting. Third place went to Ronald and Gloria Mayes “does a concrete snail count?” asked Ronald. (I think cheating went on.)

Beautiful day, 15 cars that went out on the run came back laughing and happy pointing their fingers at the people that had cheated. Yes there were four planes, only one goal post numbers in reverse and you were told “The end of the run”.

Afternoon tea was served and nobody was in a hurry to get moving, I think they all liked the chairs set up in a circle.

Once again thank you for coming also thanks to Neville for checking the run.

Dorothy and Lois

Creative Fibre Group at the May AGM Night

We had a very interesting presentation for the Creative Fibre Group who use our clubrooms twice weekly before our AGM started, then even let branch members loose on the spinning wheels!



Midweekers Spring Tour 2019,

November 5th, 6th and 7th *by Rocky Fiske*

This year's Spring Tour will be 2 nights/3days to New Plymouth 1st night, then the 2nd night will be Hangatiki/Waitomo.

First day will be travel to NewPlymouth staying at "Amber Court Motel". Second day will be the feature of the tour , the "Holden Museum" in New Plymouth which we have booked for Wednesday 6th November. We drive back to Waitomo that same day and stay at the "Caves Motor Inn". Both evening meals have been arranged.

On the third day in the morning we will visit a large collection of rare cars in the Te Awamutu area. This will be followed by lunch where the tour will end.

Accommodation has been reserved with a limited number of rooms at:

"Amber Court Motel" New Plymouth at \$120 for a studio.
Please quote Rotorua Vintage Car Club reservation number 80942.
Ph 0800 654 800

Second Night booking is "Caves Motor Inn" also at \$120 for a studio once again please quote Rotorua Vintage Car Club.
Ph 07 873 8109

You will need to give credit card details to secure bookings, payment is required on arrival at both motels (payment can be made by cash or eftpos payment by credit card at Caves Motor Inn will incur a 2% fee).

We look forward to your company on this tour. Please advise us when you have made your bookings. Phone Rocky on 021 446 486 or Rebecca on 021 0286 7827, or email: rockyfiske26@gmail.com

May Midweekers, 29th May *by Ronald Mayes*

I was “volunteered” to organise this run (my first) and planned it to hopefully be of interest to many of our members. To try to raise interest I emailed or telephoned as many likely participants as possible, which I did the day before the run during a period of heavy rain. I promised them that it would be fine and so it was - Metservice got the forecast right.

Morning tea time at the clubhouse saw more and more cars arriving including one with young grandsons on board (it was the day of the nationwide teachers’ strike which gave us lighter than usual traffic situations at some points.) We eventually had 17 cars and 30 people on the run - my ringing and emailing must have worked! The cars ranged from a 1929 Austin 12/4 to an almost-club-eligible 1990 Jaguar XJ-S plus a few moderns.

I handed out instructions so no-one would get lost: a 16 mile run took them out around Lake Okareka to see the scenery and some of the clues they may have missed on the recent night rally, and ended at Tony and Marilyn Sarich’s to view progress on his Chevrolet restoration.

Dragging everyone away from Tony’s man cave we headed off to the café in Palmers Garden Centre for lunch.

Off again at 1:15 to visit another suburban attraction, the huge collection of memorabilia of all sorts which fills the museum in the basement of the home of my old friend Ken, who I have known for many years. This kept everyone fascinated for some considerable time but eventually we rounded everyone up when it was time to leave and several came back to the clubrooms for strong cups of tea to recover from all the excitement.

Everyone Should Watch These Videos!

by Ronald Mayes

If you have Internet access check out either Trade Me/Community/Message Board/Motoring Forum and the entry Improve Your Driving - 1970s Old Skool Tips entry, or look up You Tube directly: Department of Transport Australia Who's To Blame? Skills of Defensive Driving.

There are 8 short episodes in the series showing everyday driving situations and how to avoid potential collisions. As they were filmed in the early 1970s expect to see lots of interesting cars! Defensive driving techniques haven't changed; we are always learning as we drive and the better we are prepared for the unexpected the longer we, and our cars, may survive on the roads.

Free Road Safety Updates for Over 65s

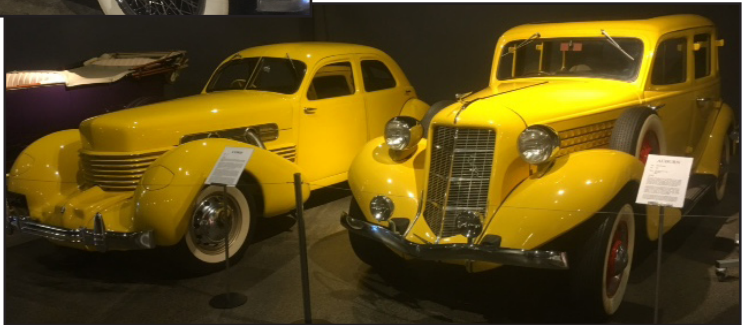
by Ronald Mayes

These courses are again being run and the next dates are TUESDAY 6 and WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST, 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Parksyde Community Centre, Tarewa Place. Revise the road rules and learn how to keep driving safely - free lunch included! Phone the Rotorua Lakes Council to register: 348 4199.

(I have twice attended these courses - when the opportunity came at the first one to attend a practical session at the Taupo motor racing circuit I jumped at the chance. It was so much fun I went back a second time!)

NELSON “WOW” and Car Museum

Below are some photos sent in from Kevin Scott of a recent visit to the Nelson World of Wearable Art and Classic Car Museum.



CLUB NIGHT - June 12th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: Ford Mustang (& Villiers Engines!)

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Rocky Fiske*

June Midweekers - 26th June 2019

Meet at Waimangu Tearooms 10am for morning tea. From there will be Taupo café for lunch followed by a visit to a car collection. Enquiries Rocky and Rebecca Fiske 021 446 486

June Club Run - Sunday June 16th

Prize Giving Run and Luncheon - NOTE START POINT

The start point for the run will be at the Westbrook Centre Carpark next to the Challenge Service Station on Malfroy Rd. Assemble at 10.30am and we will get the slower cars away fairly quickly. The run will take approximately 90 minutes, consisting of a short Straight Line Navigation section followed by an easy drive onto some country roads. A few questions along the way just to ensure people are on track.

The run will end at the clubrooms where there will be a catered luncheon for \$10 per person (please advise on the June club night how many lunches you will need, or contact Dennis Whimp by phone or email ASAP for catering numbers). After the luncheon we will hold our annual Prize Giving for the 2018/2019 events.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
Jun 2019	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	16	Run & Prize Giving	10.30am	Westbrook, Malfroy Rd	
	26	Midweekers Run	10am	Waimangu Tearooms	
Jul 2019	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	14	Swap Meet	6.45am	Paradise Valley	
	24	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Aug 2019	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	24	Sulphur City Rally	8.30am	Clubrooms	
	28	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Sep 2019	11	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	15	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	25	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

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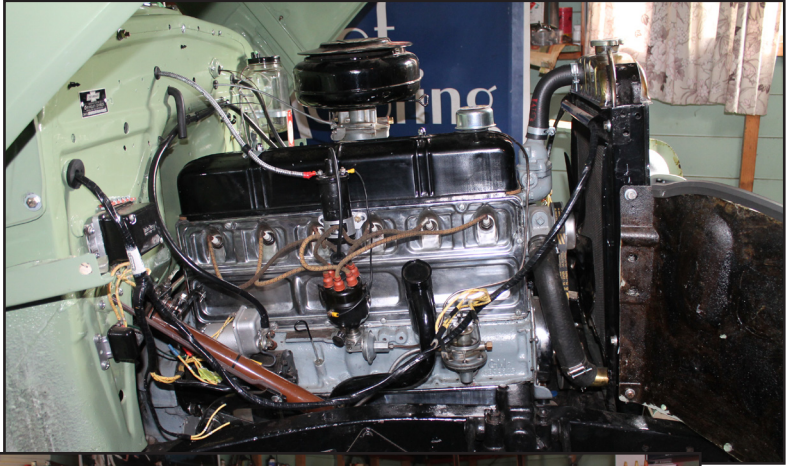
The branch website aims to meet the needs of our members, to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members. If you have any suggestions please contact David Tomlinson.

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.

May Midweekers



Top and Middle:
Tony Sarich's Chevrolet
fastback restoration

Right: Tony's "Model"
mechanic in his workshop



Nelson WOW & Classic Car Museum

