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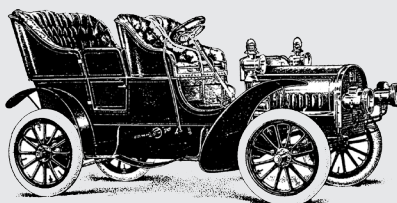
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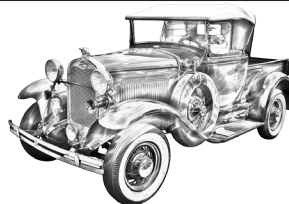
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Front - Bill & Adelai Skelton - May Run

Back - May Club 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

- May 2020

by David Tomlinson



Finally we are back at Covid-19 Alert Level One! Hooray!!!

While it is still very important we all stay healthy, we can now more or less conduct our usual club activities in the same way we always did. It is still important to stay home if you are feeling unwell, but other than that our club nights will resume again from July, and we will try and rebuild our calendar to catch up on the Night Run, iron out details for the Sulphur City Rally, and perhaps look at running a Swap Meet later in the year.

It was good to have around 10 club cars and a few moderns at our first post-Alert Level 3 club run in May. Despite perfect weather all that week, and a dry start to the run, everyone that took part got a free car wash from mother nature. While it was just a simple touring run through town and clockwise around the lake, it was good to see other members including a few we had not seen for a while. It was great to blow some of the cob webs out of the exhaust pipes too.

Just a reminder that NZTA have relaxed some rules around expired WoFs, regos and driver's licences. While they have put an extension in place until October for any of these that expired after January 1 this year, your vehicle must still be safe and of a warrantable standard if you drive it. My own driver's licence expired last month, but I have since renewed it, and await the new plastic card in the mail.

Our next club activity is our AGM on 14 June. This will be made up of 4 parts: a short club run in the morning, a BYO picnic lunch at the clubrooms, the AGM, and then a short general meeting. Members can attend any or all parts. The run will start at the clubrooms around 10.45am, the lunch around 12.30pm, and the AGM at 1pm. The AGM should be relatively straight forward. Once the AGM is over we will have a general meeting, giving out our prizes and certificates for the last year, and then discussing the calendar for the next few months, including the Sulphur City Rally and a possible Swap Meet later in the year.

The run before the AGM will be short and sweet to make sure everyone is back in time to have their lunch so we are all raring to go at 1pm. The AGM will consider the Chairman's Annual Report, the annual accounts and then elect the officers for the next financial year. It is not too late to put your hand up to help!

Due to the uncertainty before we moved back to Level One around social distancing and gathering numbers it was difficult to plan for June and July. Initially the AGM was to be held with chairs spaced apart but now members can sit next to each other if they choose. The Swap Meet would not have been possible with the gathering limits of 50 or 100, but now that there are no limits, we can plan again. We could not have held the Swap Meet in July with any confidence due to the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place.

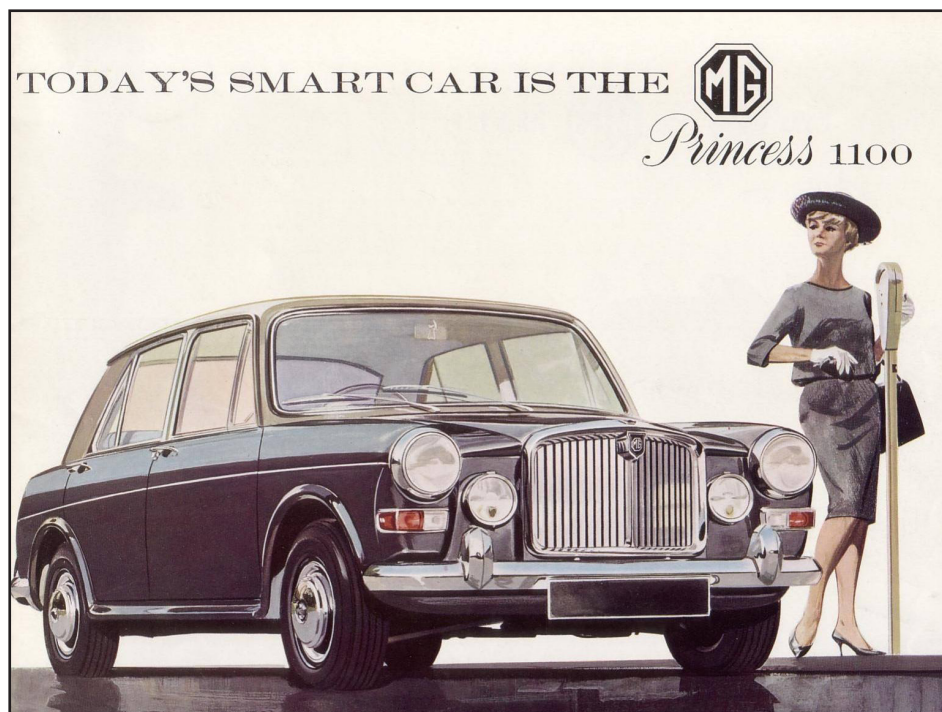
Prize Giving will also be a bit more normal now, originally the plan was to read out winners but leave the trophies for collection on the tables, but now we can hand out prizes and certificates.

Due to the recent difficult times it would be good to get feedback

during this latter part of the day for ideas to move forward safely, and get our usual club run and midweek programs on to a good footing for the next year. It would also be good to share some of the load in preparing and running some of these activities from members, you don't have to be part of the committee to help.

I would like to give a belated shout out to Angie and Lois who placed 3rd in P60V class, and to Pat and Shona for 1st in the P80V class, at the Taupo Rally in March. Well done.

Lets hope the normal times are returning for good, and we can start to live our lives as we always have, and that we can enjoy our spare time, particularly in our club cars, and also maintain the fellowship that makes our branch a great place to belong.





The Beatles in New Zealand in 1964. Can anyone identify the lower car?





Above and below: The Triumph SD2 prototype

The Triumph SD2 was to replace the Dolomite range in the 1970s, using 1.5 litre to 2 litre engines. Against the backdrop of the British car industry strikes, and competition with models within the British Leyland range such as the Austin Princess, it never made it past the design and prototype stage, finally being abandoned as a project in 1975.



Recommended Repairers *by Ronald Mayes*

1. Advanced Steel Engineering in White St. They balanced my Triumph 2000's propshaft last year. Brett even called in on his way home after work (at his wife's suggestion!) to help me remove it from the car - the bolts securing the rear UJ to the diff flange were just too tight for me to undo. And he spotted the worn housing for a UJ cup on a halfshaft, which neither I nor the WoF garage had seen. Even had a new flange in stock.

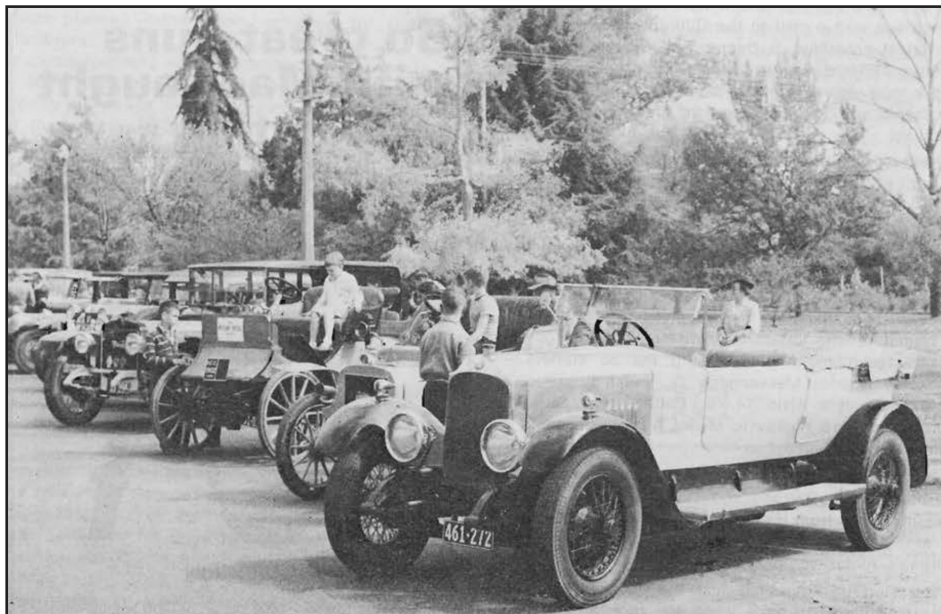
2. Rotorua Windscreens and Glass, Lake Rd. Just fitted a new screen to our Honda Accord, the original damaged by a large stone hit during the car's first open-road run since the lockdown. They spotted a small scratch on the new screen before fitting it, so demanded a replacement from the suppliers. They are known to VVCC members and say old-car windscreens with rubber seals and stainless steel trim are no problem (easy to fit when you know how!), unlike some glass shops which don't want to know.

FOR SALE

Roof Rack, light weight gutter mount German make from the 1970s, max. load 70kg. Has carried a light dining table to Christchurch and back on son's Triumph 2500! Excellent condition, \$75 ono

Transmission Fluid: 2 x 4 litres Valvoline ATF Type F for Ford and original Borg-Warner 35 transmissions (I bought the wrong oil for my Triumph 2000, with its overhauled box it needs Dexron 3.) Bargain \$25 each

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These two photos are from a 1974 issue of *Beaded Wheels*, from a rally from Auckland to Rotorua in 1957 to celebrate the opening of the Giltrip Vintage Car Museum in Rotorua. As they travelled south from Auckland cars from the Waikato joined in.



From Beaded Wheels 101 - August 1976

Below is an extract from the Rotorua branch "Idle Torque" from the August 1976 issue of Beaded Wheels:

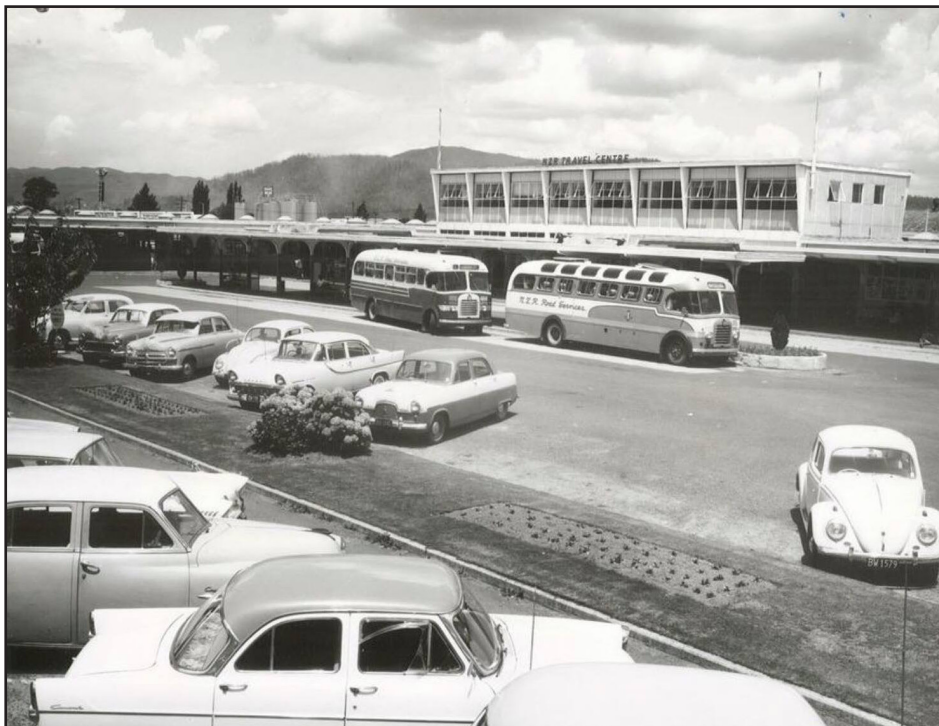
"Now back to the local scene and who is doing what. A garage run held on the 15th revealed much activity among members. A total of twelve restorations were viewed, including three Commercials. One truck which should be ready in time to meet the next increase in the price of petrol.

These garage runs are always very interesting and provide an excellent way for members to get to know each others restorations and often results in recognition of parts where-by the members can help each other.

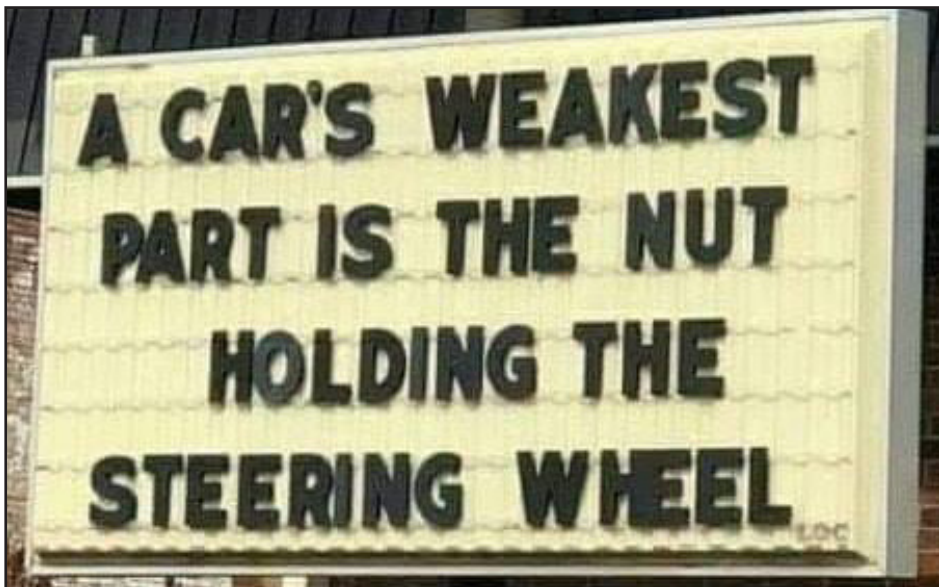
Rotorua branch is pleased to be able to say that the Minister for Tourism who is our local MP, Harry Lapwood, has accepted the position of Patron.

Our long awaited clubrooms are fast becoming a reality. Plans have been drawn up, money is in the bank and the City Council have allocated the club a site in what promises to be a unique setting. A disused quarry has been set aside by the Council solely for the use of various clubs in the district.

The building will be 60ft x 30ft of block construction and a sub-committee of three under Eric Buckley has been set up to supervise construction."



Above: NZR Travel Centre, Rotorua, late 1960s



CLUB NIGHT - July 8th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: TBA

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

Club Run / AGM - *Sunday, June 14th - 10.45am*

A short run has been planned, this time with a simple competitive element, but touring for those who wish to. We will aim to get the first car away around 10.45am so that everyone is back in time to enjoy a BYO picnic lunch at the clubrooms before the AGM starts.

Please bring all your food and drink requirements, other than tea and coffee which will now be available since we are back to the Level One Alert.

Midweek “Get the wheels turning” Run - Wednesday 24th June *by Bob Mackay*

Meet at the at the club rooms for morning tea at 10am. We will get the wheels turning at 10.30 am. Nothing is yet planned but I will get something sorted, the run may be up to 180 km including the return to Rotorua. If you have any ideas bring them along on Sunday to be discussed after the AGM.

With the lock down I trust all cars are well serviced and fully groomed ready to get the wheels turning.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
June 2020	14	Club Run	10.45am	Clubrooms	11
	14	BYO Lunch	12.15pm	Clubrooms	11
	14	AGM & Prize Giving	1pm	Clubrooms	11
	24	Midweekers Run	10.30am	Clubrooms	11
July 2020	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	12	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	22	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Aug 2020	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	TBA	Sulphur City Rally ?	TBA	TBA	
	TBA	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Sep 2020	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.



May 2020 Club Run

