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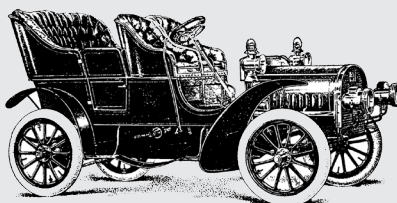
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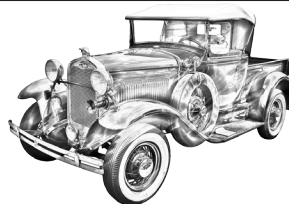
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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

- February 2024

by David Tomlinson



Our February club night featured a talk from Jen Cole and Dennis Brown about their recent travels through west Africa in their Land Rover, and their various trials and tribulations in the region. It was very timely, as a couple of days later the new “Grand Tour” episode dropped on Amazon Prime, and Clarkson, May and Hammond travelled in much the same area. It was much more enjoyable as a result of the the club night presentation.

Our February club run was organised by Roger Nelson, and he got everything right except the weather. We all met up at the Fitzgerald Glade Café, then after a light snack or two, we travelled on to Te Aroha in patchy rain. Once there we visited John Rayner and his well laid out collection ranging from a pre-war Packard roadster to a near new C8 Corvette. John and his wife did their best to talk about the cars but the rain outside made it hard to hear it all. Amongst the cars was an old Fiat Topolino, a BMW Isetta, an unusual Toyota Jubilee special, a swept tail Cadillac and a Daimler 420 Sovereign.

Following the collection visit we headed south to the Old Forge in Te Aroha West for a sit down lunch. Sean was my co-driver for the day and had a bottle of “Lemon and Te Aroha” with his lunch, which proudly states on the bottle it was started before Lemon and Paeroa. After the lunch we all made our way home to wipe down our cars.

In March we will have ‘Mystery Cars’ at club night, I know nothing, it will be a surprise to most of us. Our club run the following Sunday will be a late afternoon run followed by a BBQ dinner back

at the clubrooms (\$10pp for the dinner, BYO drinks).

At the beginning of March I travelled up to Auckland with Fleur, Sean and Alex, and we took 3 cars to Brit-Euro in Howick. The day before was mild and fine, but sadly on the show day it was damp, with a bit of a heavy shower or two. There were still many hundreds of cars on display, including some very rare models such as an AC Ace-Bristol, late model Ferraris, coach built 1960s Maseratis, and dozens and dozens of Minis, Morris', Austins and Euro marques.

Despite the poor weather, a good number of the public walked through and we got off the lawns safely in our 3 heavy cars and were back home in less than 3 hours. I understand the PM and Minister of Transport visited this event, and received a lot of feedback requesting they look at 12 month WoFs for older vehicles.

When the committee met in February it was decided to place less pressure on preparing the annual accounts, our AGM should be moved back to June. If there is no impediment to this through any formal rules or VCC National requirements, the AGM will be part of our June club night this year, rather than in May. This gives members much more time to think about being on our committee!

We discussed number plates at our February club night, and the new changes from 1 March 2024 that required proper issued number plates fitted front and back to pass a WoF. I duly made sure this was the case on my 1933 Rolls-Royce when I took it for a WoF in March, only to be told by the team there that this requirement had been deferred for now. I have also heard on the radio that NZTA have set up their first intelligent roadside camera that can detect all manner of things including whether cars have WoFs and registrations. I have no doubt it is the use of this technology in the future that has led to the tightening of rules for number plates. The standard issue older black NZ plates are still OK (for now!).

Welcome to New Members

March 2024

A big welcome to our new members:

Crispian Rankels, Kawaha Point - 1929 Essex Challenger

Paul Robinson, Selwyn Heights - 1964 Ford Galaxie

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our meetings and events.

Note that we do not put members contacts in the magazine for privacy reasons. The secretary has all the club members contact details so get them from him.

Kevin Scott has changed his phone and email contacts if you are wondering why you cannot contact him.

Sulphur City Rally 2024

The Rally is coming up at the end of August and needs to be organised ASAP. So we need help with the event operation.

We need the following:

Run plotters

Someone to arrange the lunch and dinner venues

People to arrange the prizes and awards

So if you are interested please contact the committee. Help will be available to assist, don't be shy. Teamwork is a must.

Horopito Club Run 18th and 19th May 2024

Name of Driver _____

Name of Navigator _____

Phone no _____

Email address _____

Number in Crew (incl. Driver) _____

Vehicle Make _____

Model _____ Year _____

Number attending Smash Palace _____

Number attending Dinner @ Powderhorn _____

Number attending Tangiwai Memorial _____

Number attending National Army Museum _____

To help streamline getting into Smash Palace if we could deposit the \$10 into Rotorua VCC Branch account: Rotorua VCC 02-0412-0236263-00 using your surname as Ref.

Accommodation Ohakuni options:

Powderhorn Chateau: Ph 063858888

Ruapehu Mountain Motel: Ph 063858470

The Peaks Motor Inn: Ph 063859144

King Ohakune Accommodation: Ph 063858648

Snowman Lodge & Spa: Ph 063858600

Email Registration form to: hayden.duncan@live.com or Post to:

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More tools available to borrow!

In my “diagnostics” bag I found the following tools, which despite having 3 twin-carb cars I haven’t had to use for some time: Gunson Carbalancer carburetter suction measuring gauge for setting up twin or multiple carburetters, thermometer to check coolant/thermostat, pH papers to check coolant condition, and a strobe light to set ignition timing! - *Ronald Mayes*

February Club Run



CLUB NIGHT - March 13th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: Mystery Cars!

Followed by tea and coffee, and birthday cake!

March BBQ Club Run Sunday, 17th March

Meet at the clubrooms at 3pm for first car away at 3.30pm. A short run will end up back at the clubrooms for a BBQ dinner.

There will be a charge of \$10 per person for the dinner, BYO drinks (tea and coffee will be available). You can pay the \$10pp in cash on the day or pay to the club's 00 account with your surname as a reference.

March Midweekers Wednesday, 20 March

Meet at the clubhouse at 10.15am, leaving at 10.45am for 45 Thomas Crescent, Western Heights to view Ron Jones' 2012 Dodge Challenger and basement full of memorabilia.

11.45am leave for lunch at the Basecamp Café. This is located at the Secret Spot Hot Tubs in the Mountain Bike Car Park at 13/33 Waipa State Mill Road. Lunch is booked for 12 noon.

We look forward to a good turnout.

COMING EVENTS

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Mar 2024	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	7
	17	BBQ Run	3pm	Clubrooms	7
	20	Midweekers	10.15am	Clubrooms	7
Apr 2024	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	TBA	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	TBA	Midweekers	TBA	TBA	
May 2024	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18-19	Horopito overnighiter	early!	TBA	
	TBA	Midweekers	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.

Auckland Brit-Euro Car Show 2024



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