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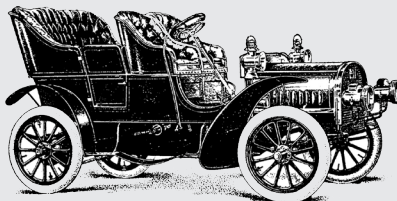
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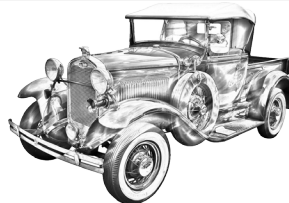
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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

- April 2016

by David Tomlinson



Well we've just about got through a whole year since the eventful AGM in 2015. Many of you will receive this issue at the AGM night, the rest in the mail shortly after.

Thanks in particular to the small band of branch members who organised the Swap Meet, and the good weather on the day, I am pleased to say we have turned around a 5 figure deficit in 2014/15 into a very small surplus this year. That was even after spending almost \$4,000 on building maintenance. Not bad when you consider our levy income is only \$10 per full member, which is less than \$1000 per year, especially when total branch expenditure is more than \$30,000 per annum.

I remain hopeful that we can fill all committee positions in the new year, especially when you see we did so well with a relatively "green" committee with gaps in some of the important roles. Imagine how much better we can do this year if we have a full group contributing to the running of the branch.

Big savings have been made on this magazine in the last year too. From here on, even if we posted every magazine each month, our total annual cost including production and post will be under \$4500, after averaging \$8500 for the last 2 years. This has been in part achieved by not printing and posting issues to the other 35 branches, making it only available online to their members (which in essence has a wider viewership anyway). We hand out about 25 each club night on average, so the annual cost of Side Curtains should now stay under \$4,000.

The focus has been on spending wisely, making sure no important services or maintenance needs have been cut, while maximising the money inwards through our events. I really do hope the membership receives the financial report well at the AGM, as I am not sure under the circumstances such a turn around could have been expected, let alone achieved.

More than once in the last year I have been queried about committee minutes. If any member wants to see them as soon as they are approved at the next committee night, I will email them to you. Just let me know you want them.

My own personal spare time in the last month has been challenged by deciding to set up a retail showroom in Ngongotaha for my Hamilton based business which my partner Fleur will operate. I have spent almost every night and all weekends since mid-April building, painting, cleaning etc. I did manage to add another old Brit to my fleet (groan), with Fleur now driving a P38 Range Rover with a V8 petrol engine.

I also got a great big goodie bag of parts for a couple of my cars from the UK, and hopefully will fit them all soon. As you will note elsewhere in this issue, the May Club run is a visit to a private collection, and it is a week later than usual.

The May midweekers also varies from the script a little in that there will be two runs on separated days as only limited numbers can take part.

The April Night Run was a great night with good food and a good run in pleasant weather, but was very poorly patronised. Perhaps we can find out why over the next couple of months and try and improve attendance next year. It was certainly an easy run, even in the dark, with no one getting lost.

Our “busy season” is coming up with prize giving in June, the Swap Meet in July, and the National VCC AGM here in August, as well as our Sulphur City rally.

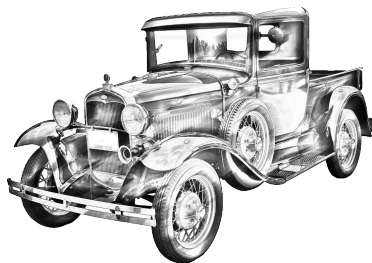
The “Swap Meet Volunteers Board” is already up in the clubrooms, it makes a big difference if all branch members can contribute in one way or another. It effectively pays for more than half our operating costs, and keeps our individual branch levy down to \$10, when it would need to be \$150 or more without this event funding our continued operation. If your name is not on the board, or you cannot come to the club night, contact Roger Nelson (contact details on page 1) offering your services on the day.

I hope we have a good turn out at the AGM, I want to personally thank all those that contributed in the past year, including the committee, the Swap Meet team, the Sulphur City team, those who contributed to our magazine and/or Beaded Wheels, and those who displayed vehicles at the Car Show.

It is important moving forward we provide activities our branch members and prospective new members want, and we can't do that without feedback. Please if you have something to say, talk to a committee member about it, or come along to the AGM and have your say. I hope to see you all there.

May Club Run

Note Change Of Date



Sunday 25th May 2016

Venue: Lawrence Beaufills Collection on Corner of Tauranga Direct and Dudley Roads.

Assembly point: Outside Ngongotaha Fire station by 11am.

Brief Description:

Weather permitting, this should be quite an interesting visit as Lawrence has a wealth of historical knowledge relating to Ngongotaha and the villages surrounding rural areas and he has a vast amount of exhibits to support it. he and his extended family have been farming in the area for decades, so much of his display will have a rural theme.

Bring your own picnic lunches and chairs etc. Travelling time from Ngongotaha Fire station is approx. 35 to 40 mins by sealed road.

A special welcome is extended to all vintage and veteran vehicles (pre-1931) plus Rotorua Tractor and Machinery Club Members. All participating vehicles must be road legal ie current W.O.F and registration. All drivers to display common sense and road courtesy.

NEW WEBSITE !

www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz

You may have noticed some changes to the look of the branch website. The committee will now have more direct control over the mechanics and the content of the website, and will do our best to tailor it to 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.

June Run & Prizegiving 12 June 2016

by Angie Brunton



You are invited to participate in a run on Sunday June 12th followed by high tea and Annual Prize Giving at the Distinction Hotel, 390 Fenton Street.

Cost is \$15.00 per head.

The run will leave the clubrooms at 1.15pm and end at the the hotel at approximately 3pm.

If you do not wish to participte in the rally but want to attend the prize giving you are very welcome. Afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm.

For catering purposes numbers are required by June 9th.



Please contact: Jenny Gill ph 3486825 or email jwpete@xtra.co.nz

Payment will be accepted at club night in May or June.

Massey Harris
bicycle from 1898

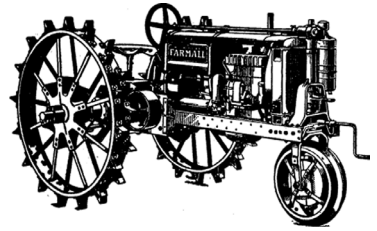
April Midweekers



Midweek “Massey Ferguson” Run

April 2016

by Red & Grey



After meeting at the clubrooms at 10am for a quick cuppa we set off under the guidance of Bob and Pat Mackay to the Waharoa Cheese Factory café for lunch.

Along the way we were followed for most of the distance by a tourist bus that kept getting ever so close to our rear end. We caught up to a little bit of traffic on the Highway 27 road and the speed slowed a little although we were still doing 95-100kph and this bus decided it was going to push us out of the way came within a meter of our rear end flashing its lights forcing me to move off the road, it shot passed and to our amazement was also towing a trailer!!!.

Anyway we made it to the lunch stop and all had a very enjoyable meal and then quickly moved on to the Glenfalls collection of Massey Harris/Ferguson Tractors owned by John and Alison Walsh in Morrinsville. We were welcomed by John and Alison and John gave a very interesting talk on the achievements of Harry Ferguson, what an incredible man he was. His post war alliance with the Standard Triumph company not only created the Massey Ferguson tractor but also saved the company with tremendous post war growth.

As we walked through the collection John gave a brief talk on the history of each tractor in the museum. He has all the rarest models of the “T” range produced plus various models of the later very successful 35 series.

It was not only the tractors but the amount of Massey/Harris/Ferguson agriculture machinery that was built, right down to the 1898 bicycle. Almost every one of his T series had some kind of implement attached from ploughs to potato planters to the banana model front end loader all built by Massey Ferguson.

Probably one of the most significant inventions of Harry Ferguson was the 3 point linkage hydraulic Ferguson system. This system is still the basis of hydraulics used in pretty much all brands of to days modern tractors. The museum is not based totally on the number of tractors but more about the history on Massey/Harris/Ferguson and the popular “T” series which would arguably be the best and most popular Tractor ever built in the world. Following the collection we were introduced to the Massey Ferguson library and once again most of the material here is about the early years of Massey Ferguson.

I was very humbled by the fact John wanted to know the history of my tractor which is a TEA that I have owned for forty years and is still used on our small farm. He has a database that he hopes to eventually have the history of every “T” model in New Zealand. From memory I believe he already has about 1300 Tractors on this database which gives you some indication of just how popular these great tractors were and still are.

This collection of Massey Ferguson history is believed to be the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere and has a world wide following. It is an absolute credit to John and Alison Walsh.

Following the guided tour we were taken to the conference room upstairs for afternoon tea before heading home.
Im sure all enjoyed the day.

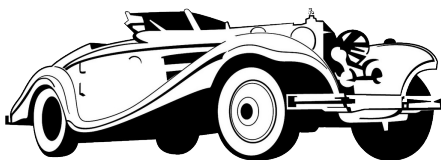
Thanks to Bob and Pat for organising the day.



Night Run

April 2016

by David Tomlinson



Only 7 starters for this year's Night Run, despite very good weather, a great pea, pie and pud dinner finished off by dessert after the run. Certainly many more hands went up at the March club night indicating a preference for a night run over a breakfast run than actually attended.

Thanks to Neville, Angie and others for the food, setting up the clubrooms and of course the run itself. The run was a circuit of the lake passing my house in Ngongy where there was a little blue Morris Traveller parked outside across the road with no petrol in it!

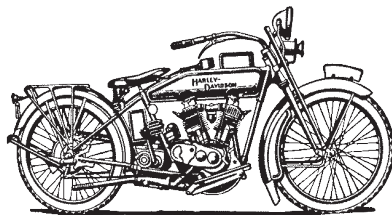
A nice easy run in the dark enjoyed by all who took part, maybe next year we need to promote it a bit more.



Waikato Mooloo Meander

April 2016

by Rocky Fiske



The Waikato Vintage Car Club annual Mooloo Meander has become a very popular event on the Vintage Motorcycle calendar.

This was my second year of doing the rally, once again it was a beautiful Autumn day as 68 motorcycles set off at 30 second intervals from the Cambridge clubrooms.

One of the first detours on the run was a ride through a Cambridge retirement Village, was great to see the waves and smiling faces.

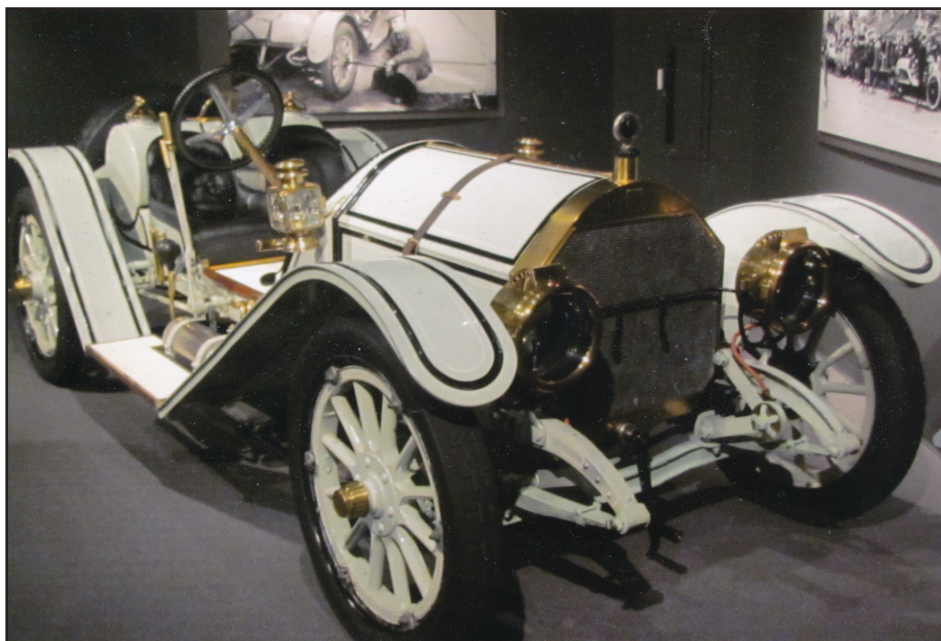
We then cruised down the west side of the Waikato River then over the Arapuni dam down to Putaruru and across to the Tirau museum for a BBQ lunch organised by the Tirau primary school as a fund raiser.

Following lunch we crossed over to Okoroire and along to the Hobbiton Movie set!! Well I know this is bringing a lot \$\$\$'s into the country but it wasn't my scene with countless buses and hundreds of people I couldn't get out of there quick enough.

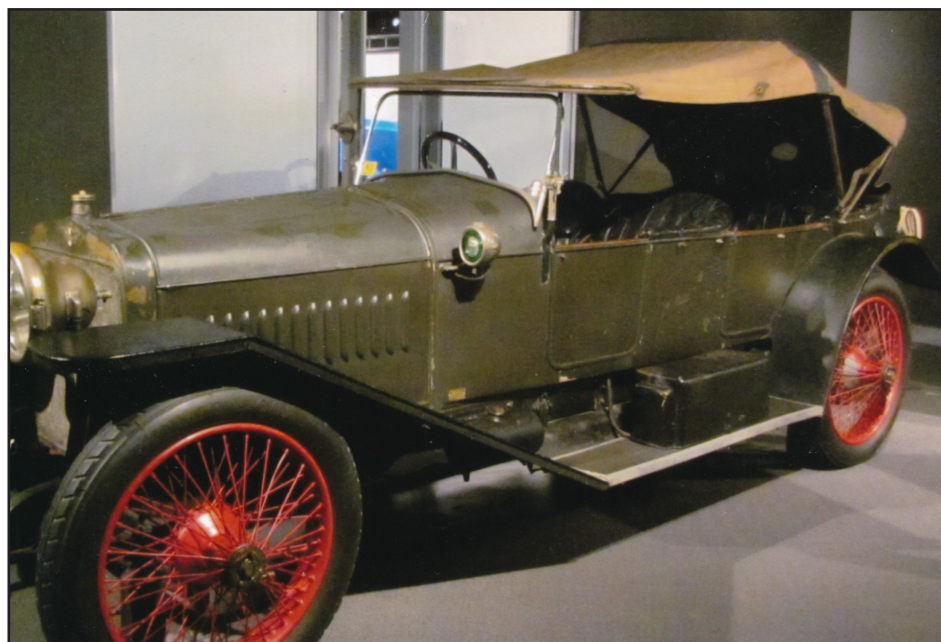
It was then lovely winding back roads and beautiful countryside back to the clubrooms for afternoon tea. This was followed by a delicious evening meal and prize giving.

Rotorua Vintage car club member Dave Mayhew took 1st prize in the post war class on his 1956 Douglas.





These two cars are from overseas collections visited by Denis Burr. No prizes, but see if you can identify them. Answers in next month's issue.



NEXT CLUB NIGHT - May 11th

Annual General Meeting

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

May Midweek run (two dates Wednesday 25th, Friday 27th)

Following a suggestion and assistance from Peter Stanaway the run will be to a Kiwi fruit pack house near Te Puke. This run has set new challenges because due to health and safety requirements at the pack house, there is a restriction on numbers attending on any one day. There is also a requirement that all participants to be able to walk and be standing for up to one hour.

To enable as many members as possible to be able to attend we will split into two groups, the first group will be on Wednesday 25th and the second on Friday 27th. Some members have already registered their interest and I ask that others wishing to attend ring me and register their interest so that numbers can be managed to the pack house requirements.

Meet at the club house for morning tea 10.30am. We will then take an interesting drive to Café 360 at Te Puke before our afternoon visit to the pack house.

Contributions to Side Curtains

This is your magazine. It's content will only be as good as the information members submit to the editor to include. 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.

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

The branch has a Facebook page which has a growing number of new likes every week, with items and pictures being shared around the internet regularly.



Just search for "Rotorua Vintage Car" in Facebook to find the page. Press "like" and you will automatically get notifications of posts on the page.

Efforts will be made to post photos from events and runs, club notices and other items to help members and prospective new members alike.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
May	11	Branch AGM	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	22	May Run	11am	Ngongotaha Fire Stn	4
	25	Midweekers (1)	10.30am	Clubrooms	11
	27	Midweekers (2)	10.30am	Clubrooms	11
June	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	12	Prize Giving	1pm	Clubrooms	5
	22	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
July	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	Prize Giving	TBA	TBA	
	27	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

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Heavy duty diesel battery - NOT used - Brand New, Warranty available.
\$100 - Phone Quinton 022 636 0112 (Rotorua)

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Austin Cambridge A60 short block 1600cc motor, c/w cylinder head, rocker cover and sump all intact. Motor has been kept in dry storage, is clean and turns over. Also radiator. \$200 - Phone 07 357 4876

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1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster. In good original condition, kept in dry storage, rego on hold, started up and driven for WoF checks. Urgent sale. Open to offers - Phone John Armstrong on 07 348 7975

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Two magnetos, 1 x Bosch, 1 x Fairbanks-Morse - Phone 07 357 4876

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If you would like to place an ad here just email details to the editor or bring it along in print on a club night. A picture of the item is a good idea too! Ads will be run for two consecutive issues unless you ask otherwise.

April 2016 Midweekers



