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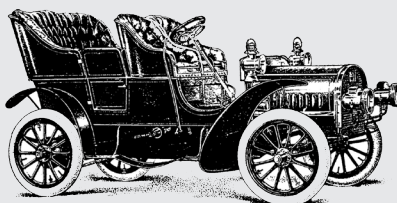
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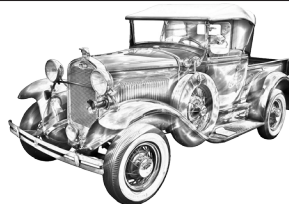
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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 Annual Report for the May 2023 AGM

by David Tomlinson



This is my eighth Annual Report, and I am pleased to report that we experienced our first full year without interruption to our meetings and activities, save for weather events, since 2019.

At last year's AGM we saw a few retirements from committee, and a short time after the AGM we managed to find a new treasurer, Maryann Paterson. Maryann has done an excellent job in the last year. We also welcomed three new committee members, Alan Judd, Ken Thomas and John Newson. All have brought some new enthusiasm and ideas to the running of the branch.

We lost our midweek co-ordinators who went overseas to continue their adventures, and this is still a role that needs to be filled.

I managed to catch Covid-19 just before last year's Swap Meet, but tested clear just in time to attend, but the rest of my family had to remain away. The Swap Meet was very successful, and yet again its surplus covered the majority of our annual operating costs. We simply could not operate the way we do without this event returning a goodly sum of money to the branch each year. Thank you to Alan Judd and his team for organising, preparing and making this event happen.

Our Sulphur City Rally a huge success, with 48 entrants we punched well above our weight, and it was a well run event. Very few other “branch” rallies attracted numbers this high, we certainly outperformed expectations. The dinner at the end of the Rally celebrated the branch’s 50th Anniversary with VCC President Dianne Quarrie present to hand out 50 year badges to Andy Bainbridge, Jim Maud, Roger Nelson, Bill Skelton and Dennis Whimp. 35 year badges were presented to Neville Harper, John Peters and Lois Thompson. The dinner had over 100 in attendance, which included branch members past and present, our special guests and some of the rally participants.

Our postponed Lakefront Car Show, ready to be held in October had to be cancelled again a few days out due to a weather event. It was a wise decision, the Village Green was under water on the day. It was finally held in January, and was a great success with over 300 cars on display.

We had a great Christmas Social at the Distinction Hotel so that all members could enjoy the night, I think this is how we will continue to hold our end of year socials. This dinner was free for all the Swap Meet volunteers who could attend.

It was sad that Brits At The Beach was held for the last time this year, but it was good to see 5 branch member’s cars there for the swansong event. Years of challenging weather, then 3 years of the pandemic, and another weather event this year saw the organisers finally throw in the towel.

It was also good to see 4 branch member’s cars at the Brit-Euro car show in Auckland this year. This event went ahead, albeit

on slightly soggy lawns at the venue, but was well patronised by exhibitors and visitors. We even had a Spitfire fly overhead a couple of times during the event. This is definitely a show that everyone should try and visit at least once.

After considering a number of options when our older TV gave up the ghost, a new 75" TV was purchased earlier this year, and it has already been used for a presentation of a visit to the Morgan factory in the UK. We will make sure it is used a lot more in the coming years.

This year we are looking for a new branch secretary, and Dennis will ensure any incoming candidate is supported into the role and throughout the year as necessary. Like the role of Treasurer, this is an important role to keep the branch running smoothly.

I think a priority for the incoming committee in this next year should be how to improve attendance at branch events and club nights. We seem to be dropping a little in both in recent times.

On behalf of all members, I would like to give a hearty thanks to all that kept the branch running over the last year, especially Dennis Whimp and Maryann Paterson. As well as the committee members, many other branch members contributed into keeping our year interesting and full of activities. Lets hope the next 12 months continues to provide opportunities and good times for the membership. The branch is only what the members make it, lets keep it moving forward positively.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



There appear to be more and more car shows, rallies and swap meets as I get advised through the branch email of these events. Sometimes 2 or 3 a day. Petrol Head has a very comprehensive list so I do not forward the emails to all the membership.

There are also many auctions of collections of vehicles including one in Te Aroha today with over 40 desirable vehicles. Last weekend's Webb's auction had 16 of the 49 lots not reaching reserve. What did sell were 18 motorcycles with no reserve. Many of them were Triumphs and Nortons from the 1950s to 1980s. Most in great condition but with no rego or WoF. There were some bargains to be had.

Bids for the 2027 International Rally have been received by National from 3 branches: Nelson, Hawkes Bay and Waikato. The venues and surrounds are currently being assessed. So I have a new target date to complete the Buick.

Many of the branch magazines are commenting on the difficulty of running rallies for cars that cannot keep up with modern traffic speeds. A few are tongue in cheek suggesting that the club should support the universal move to max 80km/h speed limits as the older cars can almost cruise at that. What is equally concerning is the obsession by NZTA Waka Kotahi to put kilometres of guardrail in only 1.5m off the edgeline so

there is nowhere to pull over if there is a problem. Not just vintage cars but maybe your Tesla running out of battery.

Thanks Fleur for putting on such a delicious snack (lunch) after the Club Captain's run.

A big welcome to our two new members this month.

Richard Gibson of Mangakakahi who has a 1991 Nissan Terrano station wagon.

Larry Freemantle of Tauranga Direct Road who has 1952 Morris Minor special that he used at our April club run.

Welcome to you both and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.



NZ Rolls-Royce & Bentley Club Tour 2023

by David Tomlinson

At the end of April Fleur and I took our 1933 Rolls-Royce 20/25 and our 1978 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II down to Masterton for 6 days during the NZ Rolls-Royce and Bentley Club's 50th Anniversary celebrations. The tour started at opposite ends of the country (Cape Reinga and Bluff!) but we only joined in towards the end. Amongst other cars on the tour were a 1923 Bentley which is believed to be the first Bentley imported to New Zealand, and a 1925 Bentley 3 Litre SS100. The SS100 moniker for this model denoted it could travel at 100mph.

Also on the tour was a recent import, and the oldest Rolls-Royce in New Zealand, a 1905 Light 20 (which is in fact one of the oldest Rolls-Royces in existence), and a pair of Silver Ghosts from 1913 and 1922. The 1913 car was the winning car from the Alpine Trials in that year. We are very lucky to have such special and unique cars in our small country.

Amongst a number of activities we took part in, we travelled down to the Cape Palliser lighthouse, and managed to climb the 280 steps up the hill despite 100km/h winds. We also visited Greytown and Martinborough, saw a kokako at Pukaha Wildlife centre (the only kokako in captivity), and we visited collections, small museums and some amazing private homes. The tour also included a track day at Manfield which we sadly could not take part in having to depart before the end of the tour.

At the event hotel over 40 Rolls-Royces and Bentleys, most over 40 years old, took part in a large display on the front lawn,



followed by a Concours event, which was won by a very nice 2 door Derby Bentley coupe and a 1929 Rolls-Royce 20/25, both in probably better than new condition. We also had a great audio visual presentation about the 1913 Alpine Trials Silver Ghost. Its NZ owner took the car on a 100th Anniversary Tour of the original event in Europe in 2013, and took over 50 photos in the same places photos of the same car had been taken in 1913.

The inside back cover of this issue has photos of the older Bentleys and Rolls-Royces on the tour.



1st Annual Alpine Vintage & Classic Car Show

We have been sent the following flyer and details about the inaugural Alpine Vintage & Classic Auto Show at the National Park Village School Grounds with the mountains of Tongariro National Park as a backdrop on Saturday, 3 June 2023. There will be prizes based on the VCC eligibility categories, plus a caravans prize. Entry applications can be obtained from autoshow.at.the.park@gmail.com

Show entries are free and must be received by Saturday, 27 May 2023. Entrance is also free for spectators and there will be fun for the whole family – an awards ceremony, a swap meet, raffles, coffee carts, food trucks, and more!





Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club
proudly present the



The 42nd Annual Central North Island Swap Meet & Car Show Spectacular

Paradise Valley Raceway
7am - 2pm, Sunday, 9th July 2023



FEATURING VINTAGE, CLASSIC, MUSCLE CARS & HOT RODS

Hundreds of vendors, with items of interest to all collectors of cars, motorcycles, hot rods, automobilia, automotive books, old toys, model cars and trains. Almost everything antique or collectible.

Hot food and refreshments available

INQUIRIES

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Admission -
Seller's vehicle and driver
\$10 per site

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All others -
\$5 per person
(Accompanied children FREE)

CLUB NIGHT and AGM - May 10th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: 1966 Austin Healey Mk3A Sprite

Followed by tea and coffee.

Twilight Run Sunday, 14th May

The run will be approximately 44 km, a mix of town and slow country roads, taking about one and a half hours. Be at the club rooms by 3.30pm with the first car away before 4pm.

There will be a two course dinner back at the club rooms at the end of the run, with BYO drinks, and tea and coffee available at the end of the run.

Midweekers

As this issue went to press there was no planned activity for the midweekers in May.

VCC “Daffodil Day” 2023

After putting options out to branches the VCC will hold “Daffodil Day” on Sunday, August 20th. This is the weekend before our annual Sulphur City Rally.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
May 2023	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	14	Twilight Run	3.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	TBA	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
June 2023	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	Prize Giving Run	TBA	TBA	
	TBA	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
July 2023	5	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	9	Swap Meet	7am	Paradise Valley Raceway	10
August 2023	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	26	Sulphur City Rally	8am	Clubrooms	

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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.

NZ Rolls-Royce & Bentley Club Tour 2023



April Car In The Room

