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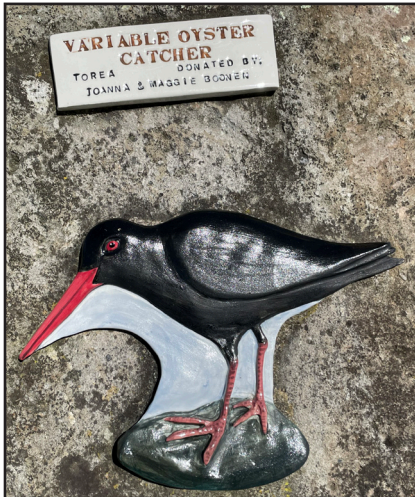
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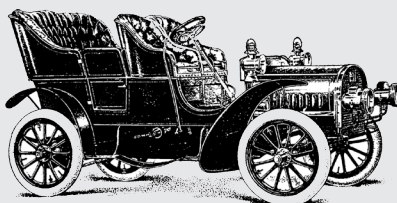
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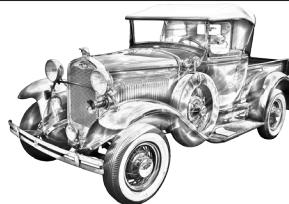
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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

- October 2023

by David Tomlinson



Another busy month as warmer, dryer weather slowly sneaks up on us. For our car in the room we had a very quick, 600Hp Nissan Skyline on display, a car that has had significant investment and time put into it by a very passionate owner, which came through in his talk on the car.

Our club run was arranged by Hayden Duncan, and was a very pleasant back roads drive out to Matata where we had a short stop (longer if you sank your heavy car in the sand!), then some more country roads to a late lunch stop at Okere Falls. We somehow seemed to end up on a special stage of the Rally of NZ in the later run, which added extra excitement to a great long drive in perfect weather. A few members decided on their own afternoon course, and eventually joined back up with us at the lunch stop.

No midweekers planned for November and beyond sadly, but the show season is starting to get into full swing, and a few members made their way up to the BoP branch Swap Meet and Car Show. Steve Lemon had a ute load of bits for sale in the sellers area, and the Harper's Studebaker, Thomas' Citroen, Mayes' Princess 1100 and our 1933 Rolls-Royce joined the large and varied range of show cars.

The show cars included Ivan Shannon's road legal 27.5L

Meteor engined roadster, a Dino 308GT4 V8, a 1948 Pontiac Silver Streak roadster and an Alvis TC21. Loads of Minis, Triumphs (including a TR3A) amongst Japanese, British, European, American and Australian collectibles.

We have a fair bit on between now and the end of January. I will have my 1933 Rolls-Royce 20/25 as the car in the room in November, and we will have a short Club Captain's Run finishing with lunch at the Waitapu Tavern in November too.

On 2 December we will have our annual Xmas Social at the same catered venue as last year, there is a flyer for this elsewhere in this issue. All Swap Meet volunteers will have their meal paid for by the branch. The meal last year was fantastic, and there was so much we could have all taken home large doggie bags. As per the flyer, please let Fleur know if you plan to attend, we have to pre-book the numbers at least one week prior to the dinner.

After December club night we will have our annual High Tea run, and in January our only event will be the Car Show at the Village Green on Sunday, 21st.

With the warm weather now here, and dryer roads, there is no excuse not to get a car or two (or three!) out over the next few months and join in some or all of our events.

We are on the look out for more cars in the room for December, and February and beyond. If you would like to show your car, let Hayden Duncan or Neville Harper know.

October Car In The Room

1990 Nissan Skyline R32 *by Hayden Duncan*

Dan had bought the car back in 2006, with the intention of transforming it into a drift car.

Once he had travelled to collect the car he soon realised, with how good the condition of the body was, that he no longer wanted to transform it into a drift car but instead he decided that he was going to get it up and running and make it a road legal vehicle. When Dan brought the car it was deregistered, therefore he had a slight journey to fulfilling his goals.

It wasn't until 2012 that he managed to get the current motor that was in the vehicle running again. He then went and bought a second car that had been crashed, with the intention of using that as a parts car to essentially rebuild the vehicle from being a rolling body to a fully functional car. He proceed to swap out everything in the engine bay from the wrecked car eg. motor, gearbox, diff, rear sub frame, brakes etc.

From the time he started to "rebuild" the car back in 2006, it took him approximately 12 months to completely having the car functional by the end of 2007.

From this point the car mainly was stored in the shed with Dan only using it every now and then to do bits and pieces to it. That's when he put the external waste gate on, then proceeded to do the suspension upgrade that is currently in it. He also did a brake upgrade, which is still currently on the car.

He eventually got it road legal back in 2012. Over the time of owning the car from 2006 to 2012 the car hadn't done a substantial amount of miles. From this point he started driving the vehicle around more frequently for around 9 years, bringing us to 2021. In this 9 year time frame the car's appearance hadn't changed and currently still looks exactly how it did back in 2012.

In the beginning of 2021 Dan decided to start building the current engine that is installed in the car today. He added a gearbox upgrade that was originally in a later model Skyline R33 to put into his current car. The car now currently has a Nissan Skyline R33 gearbox installed. The Skyline still has its original standard rear end with the standard diff. He has replaced everything else to the front end of the car, which includes the drive shaft, all of the mounts, right up to the radiator and intercooler. This includes upgrading all of the pipe work, hoses and fittings that were in the Skyline to begin with to run the new engine he has built. It has a fuel system upgrade but is still running the same standard 60/65 L fuel tank with a bigger fuel pump, bigger regulator, lines, and more fuel supply.

There is now only the water and the power steering pumps, cylinder heads, block, the crank, everything else is all aftermarket parts eg R35 GTR coil packs upgraded, Garret GTR R35 upgrade, roller bearing turbo, Sinco exhaust manifold (all custom stainless steel exhaust system from front to rear).

Everything was built to support the current 600Hp at the wheels. He is currently pushing 16.5 lbs of boost at 6000 RPM, but once he has taken the Skyline to be re-tuned his intention is to try to raise the rev limit up to 7500 RPM. With this next tune he is hoping that it will start pushing closer to 700 HP.

The current alternator is an LS1 upgrade. The car has a set of 1000cc injectors installed which means each injector can flow 1000cc every minute at full throttle but has not been tuned to flow that much fuel. He has always oversized the injectors so he is not overpowering the workload they currently do. This allows them to time everything and inject the right amount of fuel required when the intake valves are open.

He is currently running R33 Brake discs on the front bracket which is still running the factory M spec calipers, 4 piston calipers on the front and 2 piston calipers on the rear, which is a good brake package for a street car, but not really up to standard for track

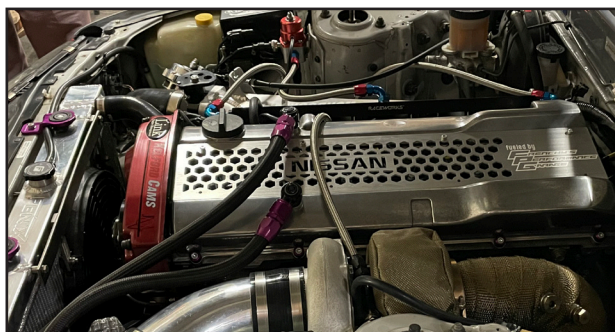
usage. This is because he is running 17" wheels all round but will possibly step-up to 18" wheels and increase the brake size alongside it.

Within the next 2-3 years Dan plans on repainting the engine bay but keeping it the same color as the rest of the car which is the factory grey. He also plans to go under the car and redo all of the under plates, ball joints, bushes, underseals, and take the sub frames out. Just to maintain the small and slow rust spots that are starting to appear on the car due to the age.

The next thing he wants to do is when it gets its next tune in 2024, he wants to put in a digital display dash to replace having all the separate gauges for the boost etc to make it easier to monitor. He wants to essentially completely swap the mechanical dash cluster with a complete digital dash cluster, with LED display for driving at night. The TN's that are currently in the Skyline are the original TN's when he brought the car and started to rebuild it.

He plans on installing strut braces into the Skyline at some point in the near future. All the arms excluding the control arms are all adjustable. Dan has also removed the rear sway bar as he felt like the car was too stiff in the rear while driving.

Going back to the engine, it is an RB30 bottom end, standard crank, RB25 cylinder head out of an R33 Skyline later model, twin carb head on the RB30 bottom end, rips racing intake plenum, running drop in Kelford cams, upgraded springs, CP forward pistons etc. He has it currently tuned to only run on NPD 100+ Octane fuel.



BoP VCC Swap Meet & Car Show



October Run to Matata and Okere Falls

by Fleur Tomlinson

We all met at car club and the weather, what can I say, nice and sunny with a few dark clouds lingering off in the distance and a threat of a few showers that had been lingering from the days before. There were 12 cars in total, a couple of modern cars, but mostly vintage cars. Was nice to see new member Evan Buckley and his family joining in and finally meeting Hayden's partner.

We soon headed off out towards the airport then turned off toward Whakatane, past the lakes before turning off and heading towards Matata, all in a long line with Pat and Shona in the lead. Number one rule, "don't follow the car in front". Instruction was to turn right, well a certain Mercedes went left and so did a few other cars, so all of a sudden there was now a Rolls-Royce leading the pack and a few cars scrambling and doing u-turns when they realised the mistake. We soon all arrived at Matata and parked on the lawn at the far end of town for a line up photo. As we drove on the grass, Dave said to me ohh this grass is a bit soft I don't know if I like this" well that was the start of things not going so well for the Rolls.

After a pit stop and a few photos we were back on the road again. A few cars headed away and the mighty Rolls started off then all of sudden sunk into the grass, and soon mud, and a few unpleasant words came flying. Some of us tried as hard as we could to pull and push but nope, it was well and truly stuck and going nowhere. Soon a lovely local came along in his trusty Toyota Hilux 4wd ute and with a tow rope at the ready he had us out in no time, and we soon were back on the road off towards Okere Falls and Rotorua.

Driving along, all of sudden, a rally car came flying up behind us and over took us then another and another, much to the amusement of Alex. Low and behold we soon were driving along amongst rally cars who were weaving in and out of traffic, overtaking us at a great

speed of knots, and keeping us all rather amused and great topic of conversation at lunch.

We soon arrived at Okere Falls and realised those that left before us were no where to be seen. We were sitting at a T intersection and out of no where to our left came Pat and Shona and we wondered where they had come from, something went wrong with their instructions.

Anyway we all made it to the lunch stop and had an amazing lunch. Thank you Hayden for putting on an fun on your first time. Looking forward to your next one.

XMAS SOCIAL DINNER NIGHT

Saturday, December 2nd

Distinction Hotel, 6pm dinner

BBQ buffet dinner - cash bar

Only \$47 per person for a night of great food and great company! FREE for Swap Meet volunteers!



Please bring a \$5 gift along to exchange and your sense of humour. Wear an item of Christmas clothing too!

Please advise Fleur on 021 181 0191 or Dave on 027 412 8227 if you will attend so that catering numbers can be organised.



Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club
proudly present the



11th Annual Rotorua Lakefront Car Show

10am - 2pm, Sunday, 21st January 2024



ALL CARS, BIKES & COMMERCIALS WELCOME!

Join us for the 11th edition of this fabulous event. Numbers have increased every year with almost 500 vehicles on display in 2020 and a good number in 2023.

The venue is the Rotorua Village Green at the lake front, off Whakaue Street. This is an informal car show open to any individuals or clubs to display their vehicles. Drivers and visitors will be encouraged to make a gold coin donation during the event for St Johns Ambulance.

Car clubs are welcome to display their vehicles in a group. During the day drivers and their companions can enjoy their own picnic lunch under the trees, or take advantage of local eateries, including Rotorua's "Eat Street" which is at the southern end of the show area.

Come and see Rotorua's newly developed waterfront boardwalk, as well as many other attractions. This event has been very popular with locals and holiday makers alike. Vehicles range from early vintage to almost new.

For more information email info@rvcc.org.nz or check our Facebook page for updates. See you there!



CLUB NIGHT - November 8th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: 1933 Rolls-Royce 20/25

Followed by tea and coffee.

Club Captain's Run Sunday, 12th November

Meet at the clubrooms at 11am, first car away by 11.30am, finishing at Waitapu Tavern for lunch. This will be a short run of approximately 50km, plus the trip home from Waitapu.

Midweekers

No midweekers event has yet been planned for November.

October Club Run



COMING EVENTS

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Nov 2023	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	12	Club Run	11am	Clubrooms	11
Dec 2023	2	Xmas Social	6pm	Distinction Hotel	9
	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	High Tea Run	TBA	TBA	
Jan 2024	21	Lakefront Car Show	10am	Village Green	
Feb 2024	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
Mar 2024	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	TBA	Club 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.

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