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Lower: 1966 Norton Atlas 750cc Owner: John Peters

Owner: joini Peters

Back Cover: Ferry crossing to Russell Owners: Spring Tour group

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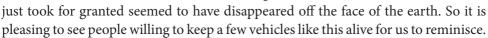
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From the Chair

We seem to be attracting new members every month which is a real buzz. This month we welcome Jenny & Jennifer Duncan who own a MGTF replica.

At the October Club night, David Philps brought his 1966 HR Holden in for show and tell. It's amazing that cars we



Following on from David's candid review of his car, Angie, assisted by her able assistant, moi, demonstrated how easy it is to view our website. With the aid of our big screen TV and my laptop connected to Angie's dongle we showed the uninitiated members how we are showing ourselves off to the world.

I can understand how the older generation have problems using computers etc if they haven't grown up with them in their chosen careers. I was lucky enough to have been exposed to computer technology since the mid 70's when we used the joint Ministry of Works and NZED main frame computer which took up a whole floor of Vogel House in Wellington. I can remember though of being severely reprimanded for tying up this monolith of computer for so many milli seconds as my programme tied it up in a loop. Anyway the gist of this spiel is that even though you may have started on the ground floor with certain technology, at some later stage you will be overwhelmed. I am happy to use email and search engines such as Google but when it comes to iphones etc and all these apps they rave about you can stick it right where the sun don't shine. Take digital cameras for instance, great for sending off photos to friends etc and invaluable for industry but how about archiving? Unless you religiously print the photos off and put them in an album, future generations will have no record of their forebears. Recently a friend passed away and I was able to search through our photo albums of some 20 year old photos of him displaying a large scale model of a De Havilland Mosquito. I can't imagine how many computers and storage systems I've had since then that are now land fill.

This month for me has been more about domestic duties rather than car activities. Her indoors has wanted some banisters made for our stairs that connect the split levels of our house since we moved here 3 years ago. (Ralph, why didn't you have these installed??) So these have now been constructed and fitted. Next we decided that the curtains should be replaced. Naturally we obtained two quotes; well we could have had a pretty good overseas trip on the cost. So being reasonably resourceful we

From the Club Captains desk

It looks as though the weather has come right at last. On the run to Edgecumbe and Awakeri the sun shone on the 7 cars that came. There is a report on page 12. It was good to see some of our newer members with us today.

The next two months are all planned, with the BBQ run next month and Ken and Lynn have an interesting run for December. Keep an eye on the magazine for further info, or hear it all at the meetings.

I am looking forward to the break of not having to set or organise the runs. My thanks go to Maurie for the info he has given me for these.

As we move closer to Christmas our attention turns to family matters and I hope we all enjoy this time.

Don't forget our car show on 18 January. This is always a good social time to catch up with other clubs and see some different vehicles involved in our hobby.

Look forward to catching up with you all next month.

Cheers, Denis

No road is long with good company.

From the Chair (continued)

decided to visit a DIY store and have done the job for a fraction of the quotes. We may now be able to afford a concrete drive to my side of the garage. In amongst all this activity we have been helping Patron Bob Mowbray move from Glenholme out to Ngongotaha along with a monster Garage Sale organised by Mary.

Anyway, on the car front, the MG decided to start slipping its clutch. Something I haven't experienced since I owned a Series 3 Sunbeam Rapier in the 70's, possibly due to having owned a fair proportion of automatics since then. So with the engine out the opportunity was taken to replace a few seals and gaskets along with a new water pump (just because I had a spare). We should be back on the road by Labour weekend.

Cheers, Andy

Editor Refreshed

Here it is November already and there are still a lot of things to do on my to-do list, but I may have to throw the list in the bin as next year there will be a fresh new list.

The two Stags went north for a tour around to refresh our memories and to explore some roads we have not been on,



with also a trip up to Cape Reinga and the lighthouse, before meeting up with the spring tour group. We were lucky with the weather as there was no rain during the nine days we were away, but the heavens opened as we drove along Fairy Springs Rd on our way home. We did over 1300 miles without any problems, apart from when I filled the tank up with 91 fuel when the car was tuned for 95, and I can assure you that it does make a difference. I thought the northern farms looked much better than 12 years ago, more prosperous, or maybe I saw it at a different time of year before. We enjoyed the trip, but it is always good to get home again.







Editor

Our Website



Our website is www.rotoruavintagecarclub.org.nz.

This is updated monthly with our newsletter and upcoming events.

If you are happy to either read our magazine "Side Curtains" from our website, or receive an e-mail version and not a hard copy by post, then advise the Editor by e-mail, letter or phone.



DIARY DATES

Next club night: 12 November, 7.30pm Next committee meeting: 17 November, 5.30pm

Club Night

Wednesday 12 November

Car on display will be Michael Thorne's Panther Kallista.

Numbers required for those attending the BBQ run please

Can you please contact Angie with numbers for the BBQ run which is being held on 23 November.

Club Run - Katikati Bird Gardens

Sunday 14 December

9.30am start from Ngongotaha Fire Station. The run is to the Katikati Bird Gardens, distance 81 kms (50 miles).

This is a lovely park with shade trees, conifers, shrubs, roses & other plantings scattered throughout the lawn areas, pathways, wetlands and lakes. Many of the birds are free to roam the grounds. Entry Fee: \$6 per person (reduced price for the club)

There is a cafe on site for those who would like lunch, coffee etc. They have a good variety of food, everything from Devonshire scones to full lunch-time meals.

Numbers required please: - phone Ken 3482 123 or 0279 5555 00

Lakefront Car Show

Sunday 18 January

Runs from 10am - 4pm at the Village Green, Rotorua Lakefront. Join us with a picnic lunch, browse the craft show and admire our display of vintage, veteran and classic cars. Anyone with a car they want to show is welcome

Mid Weekers Ag Heritage Village, Mystery Creek, Cambridge

Wednesday 19 November

Meet at the clubrooms at 10am for morning tea, we will then travel directly to Mystery Creek, Cambridge. We will have a picnic lunch on arrival at the Village, rain or shine. There is a lot to see including: "The Bledisloe" – a series of colonial rooms 1875-1930, The Heritage Village – School House, Hospital, Church, Blacksmith, Garage, Jail, The DC3 aeroplane, The Dairy Museum, The Fire Museum – a 1914 Denis Fire Engine, something for everyone. We will be guided on the day by Allan. Cost is \$5 per person. Please note that the Village is only open to pre-booked groups, so don't miss this amazing opportunity.

Contact Rocky or Rebecca for any enquiries, phone 333 1883 or 021 446 486.

Mid Weekers Whakatane Berry Farm

Wednesday 17 December

Meet at the clubrooms at 10am for morning tea. This will be followed by a trip to the Whakatane "Berry Farm" where you can pick some berries and have lunch at their Café.



Christmas Social

When: Saturday 6 December

Where: At our clubrooms

Time: 5.30pm for dinner at 6.30pm

Theme: Christmas, so Red and Green

Cost: \$20 per person

Please bring along a \$5 gift per person for Santa's sack.

Ties, hats and jewellery of a Christmas Theme should be worn.

Contact Angie on 347 7880 or 0274 754 054 or email dabrunty@hotmail.com

or Lois 357 5799 email li.thompson@xtra.co.nz

Final numbers for catering purposes to be in by 1 December.

RVVCC Events 2014-2015

DATE	WHAT	DETAILS	
23 November 2014	BBQ Run	Set by Albert and Marina	
14 December 2014		Set by Ken and Lynn	
18 January 2015	Car Show	Lakefront	
15 February 2015	Club Captain's Run	A Collection with a life style and rural enterprise	
15 March 2015	Chairman's run	Set by Andy and Mary	
12 April 2015	Night Run	Set by Andy and Mary	
17 May 2015		Shed view and a wander through rural area	

Subject to change, check your latest copy of Side Curtains or our website, www.rotoruavintagecarclub.org.nz for the most up-to-date details.

UPCOMING EVENTS - OTHER

New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday 31 December

The Morris 8 Tourer Club of NZ invites members of the Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club to a New Year's Eve party to be held at the RVVCC club rooms, Neil Hunt Park, on Wednesday 31 December 2014 at 6.30pm.

Please bring a plate for a pot luck dinner. The theme is "Island Night" so wear your loudest Hawaiian shirt or a Lei. After dinner we will have a quiz and maybe play Housie until midnight.

Any queries contact Angie email: dabrunty@hotmail.com or phone 3477880 or text 027-4754 054.

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- **1.** Set the resolution to the **highest possible quality setting** your camera will allow. This will take photos that are a large file size. You may need to purchase a memory card with a greater capacity. Do not downsize or crop to email, if need be use an online service such as Dropbox to send for use in Side Curtains.
- **2.** Hold the camera steady. Rest your arms or body against a wall or table to help with stability. The shutter on most digital cameras is open longer than the old film cameras. If using auto focus, press the shutter button halfway and give the camera time to adjust.
 - 3. Think about lighting and composition. Ask your subjects to smile.
 - **4.** Check your photos as you take them, to fix any problems before it's too late.



Club Run

Sunday 12 October

A small party of regular participants, plus some new friends, departed from the clubrooms mid-morning and had an easy drive in light traffic conditions to Edgecumbe. Beyond the village and off a side road we came to the farm of local legend Jim "Barefoot" Richardson and his vast collection of agricultural and construction machinery.

Many tractors and other vehicles, including even a Ford V8 fire engine from a local brigade, were housed in two large sheds but much, much more was outside, scattered far and wide and even lining the long entrance driveway. A large shrub was noted to have almost engulfed a pair of unidentifiable tractors.

Some were mobile and we were treated to the sight, sound and smell of an early American Rumely 30hp tractor which could run on a mixture of kerosene and petrol (or probably any flammable liquid) trundling up and down the yard and being positioned very neatly back in its tight parking space, all the while emitting huge clouds of exhaust smoke from its railway engine-size funnel. Later came an equally interesting Avery tractor, the whole engine of which was levered back and forth on its sliding mounts to engage forward or reverse.

On the road again we headed to a country cafe, the White House, which provided us with an excellent lunch. This was



followed by a visit to Awakeri Wool Craft to give the ladies some respite from the shock of seeing all that heavy, rusting machinery (a couple of all-male car crews gave the visit a miss) before heading home.

Thanks to Club Captain Denis Burr for organising the run, and to Jim Richardson for giving up his time and explaining so much to us.

Ronald Mayes





Those who took part were:

Denis and Pat Burr Evan and Wyn Dorrington Ken and Lynn Rowson Kevin Scott and John Bill and Adelai Skelton Phil and Deb Brierley Ronald Mayes 1954 Dodge Utility 1961 Morris Minor 1977 Statesman de Ville 1936 Ford V8 1929 Austin 7 1970 Triumph GT6 1970 Triumph 2000

Midweekers Spring Tour 2014

A big thank you to all those that participated in the spring tour. It was an awesome trip with reminiscences that were almost emotional at times. Most had not been in the North for years and some had not been in the North at all. Everybody drove on roads and visited areas they had not been on or seen before. Some joined and left the tour at their leisure, which was good to see. The noise and laughter generated at meal times said it all really. The weather was also amazing with blazing sun all week and some of us got quite sunburnt.

Thanks again and Cheers to all.



For lovers of the English language

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP** and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report?

We call **UP** our friends. And we use it to brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver; we warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and some guys fix **UP** the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, eat **UP** their dinner and use **UP** all the milk and think **UP** excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is blocked **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**.

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions. If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing **UP**...

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things **UP**.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so.....it is time to shut UP!

Oh . . . one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? ${\bf U}.~{\bf P}.$

Fender Skirts and Supper

I know some of you will not understand this message, but I bet you know someone who might.

I came across this phrase yesterday. 'FENDER SKIRTS'. A term I haven't heard in a long time, and thinking about 'fender skirts' started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice like 'curb feelers' and 'steering knobs.' (AKA) 'suicide knob,' 'neckers knobs.'

Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some older person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you. Remember 'Continental kits?' They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.



When did we quit calling them 'emergency brakes? At some point 'parking brake' became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with 'emergency brake.'

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the 'foot feed.' Many today do not even know what a clutch is or that the dimmer switch used to be on the floor. For that matter, the starter was down there too.

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your dad to come home, so you could ride the 'running board' up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - 'store-bought.' Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

'Coast to coast' is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term 'worldwide' for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, 'wall-to-wall' was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! To-day, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When was the last time you heard the quaint phrase 'in a family way?' It's hard to imagine that the word 'pregnant' was once considered a little too graphic, a little too

clinical for use in polite company, so we had all that talk about stork visits and 'being in a family way' or simply 'expecting.'

Apparently 'brassiere' is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just 'bra' now. 'Unmentionables' probably wouldn't be understood at all.

I always loved going to the 'picture show,' but I considered 'movie' an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure '60s word I came across the other day 'rat fink.' Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss - 'percolator.' That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with 'Coffee maker.' How dull... Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like 'Dyna Flow' and 'Electrolux' and 'Frigidaire'. Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with 'Spectra Vision!'

Food for thought. Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what Castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with Castor Oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most is 'supper.' Now everybody says 'dinner.' Save a great word.

Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'I'm just doing what you said Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.' The doctor said, 'I didn't say that, I said: You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

Now hear this...Not all thieves are stupid!!

GARAGE DOOR OPENERS

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener.

GPS

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it... Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

CELL PHONES

This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says 'I received your text asking about our pin number and I replied a little while ago.' When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral of the lesson:

- a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mum, etc....
- b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.
- c. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends' who text you.

4. PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART SCAM

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf...wait till you read the WHOLE story! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burgled. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burgle it.

This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their Tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, 'Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?

'The Lone Ranger replies, 'I see millions of stars.'

What that tell you?' asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, 'Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter Past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What's it tell you, Tonto?'

"You dumber than buffalo shit. It means someone stole the tent."

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Σ	15	Chairman's Run	ТВА	TBA	
⋖	12	Night Run	TBA	ТВА	
Σ	17	Club Run	TBA	TBA	

Newsletter Contributions

Do you enjoy our newsletter? Is there something else you would like to see included?

Letters, reports, articles of interest, photos, ideas and feedback are all welcome and should be sent to the editor, John Peters, before the 25th of each month.

These can be emailed to jwpete@xtra.co.nz

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