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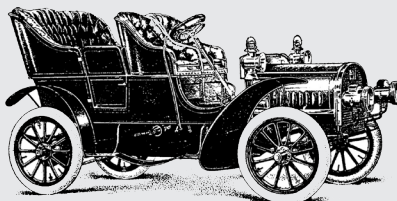
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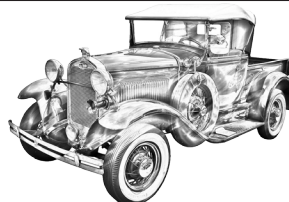
Cover Photos

Front - Spring Tour road blockage

Back - Spring Tour & Mercedes 220S

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 2016

by David Tomlinson



Super short this month so I can make way for much more interesting stuff. Suffice it to say, a very busy month concluding with the Spring Tour, and I was one of a small group of members that took advantage of joining in on the last day at Waiouru. I also have the auspicious task of putting on the BBQ Run, hope to see you there!

Membership Matters

From the Club Secretary

Dennis Whimp



1. Subscription renewals

National Office reminds everyone that if you are renewing via Internet Direct Crediting, you must put your membership number in the reference box. It is great to get money deposited when you have no idea who from. If you get a subscription reminder notice and no Beaded Wheels and have paid, contact Julie at National as you may be one of the unidentified depositors.

2. Other Club magazines

More and more clubs are not sending out hard copies of magazines. They are putting them on their club website. I would suspect that within 12 months we will cease to receive other clubs hardcopies as they are all trying to save money.

If you are interested in any other clubs magazines, log onto the site listed in the front of Beaded Wheels.

3. Interislander Discounts for VCCNZ members.

Both the Interislander and Bluebridge Ferries offer special discounts for VCCNZ members and families crossing Cook Strait. Discounts don't apply 19 Dec to 31 Jan and Easter.

Example: Off- Peak Car - \$124 Adult - \$45 Each Way

Special conditions and on line booking applies. Contact the secretary if you would like a copy of the brochure.



OCTOBER CLUB RUN - CANTABRIA

by Diana Nelson

After the weeks of dull, damp, weather we had been experiencing this spring, it was so nice to get out and about on the roads again on a reasonably sunny day. About ten cars turned up at the Club Rooms at Neil Hunt Park around midday and were ready to roll once the instructions were handed out. With warnings on the first page that no exit and unnamed roads were not to be used and answers to questions were all on the left etc, etc, we set off on the run.

First up - Straight Line Navigation. Away we all went at regular intervals, following the line of instructions to leave one on the right, then one on the left and so on.... speckled with questions every so often to keep us aware we were still on track. This took us around the streets in the Lynmore and Owhata suburbs and back along Vaughan's Road to the round-a-bout on TeNgae Road, before written instructions took over the rest of the run. These instructions took us out to Tumunui Road and off up into the hills of the Ngakuru and Waikiti areas. Whilst watching for the numerous answers to questions along the way, we could all enjoy the views in the county side enhanced by the freshness of the new spring growth all around us. We seemed to go for miles without seeing any of our fellow competitors, putting doubt in our minds as to our being the only ones out there, but the roads all worked out and the question answers fell into place, so we had to be right!

One or two of these questions became a bit of a mystery - probably because we were going a little bit fast for the eye to see them!!! A couple were hard to see - one at a school asked how many birds were on the fence - when we got there, a sports day was in action and there were cars and busses and vans everywhere, hiding the said fence, so the only way to answer that one was to alight from the car and walk along the fence to count them! Another answer could only be seen by driving into a park entrance to read the crumpled notice which had been vandalised prior to our visit.

It was about here that we came across the first of our fellow motorists. We came back down from the hills and wound our way back through the Apirana Road on our way back to town. All in all, a lovely drive I am sure everyone enjoyed. The rally concluded at Cantabria Rest Home in Old Taupo Road, where a number of residents accompanied by staff were lined up to give us a great welcome, all excited to see the variety of vintage and classic cars that were participating. One could see the memories flashing back to some of the older residents, as they recognised vehicles they had known in the past. We were treated to a lovely afternoon tea while the residents were left to view the cars in their own time - our being there really made their day. Thank you Kevin for an interesting Run.

"The Navigator"

XMAS SOCIAL DINNER NIGHT

Saturday, December 10th
Clubrooms, 5.30pm for 6pm dinner
3 course dinner - BYO drinks
Swap Meet Volunteers dine free!
All others \$20 per person for a night of
great food and great company!



Please bring a \$5 gift along to exchange

Please advise Lois or Angie if you will attend so
that catering can be organised to suit the numbers.

MYSTERY CARS FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF SIDE CURTAINS



1959 DKW 1000 Sp
(made in Germany)



1972 Austin Apache
(made in South Africa)

Spring Tour

1-4 November 2016

by Mike Thorne



Participants:

Pat & Bob	Triumph Vitesse 1968
Rebecca & Rocky	Triumph GT6 1972
Evan & Wyn	Morris 1000 1958
Les & Thelma	Morris 1000 1960
Rita & David	Modern
Maurie & Shirley	Holden EJ 1963
Michael	Panther Kallista 1988

Just after 12.30pm saw 7 cars meet at Turangi for a scheduled departure of 1pm. So we left promptly at 1.15pm for a leisurely drive on SH1, turning onto SH46 at Rangipo to the famous Horopito Motors. Well what can I say. Aisle upon aisle of used and abused steering wheels, clutch cables, gauges and much more. But it got worse – acre upon acre of rusting relics. I wonder how they do a stock take. Les and I spent some time walking around the vehicle graveyard reminiscing about cars we had owned as we spotted a vehicle that was identifiable. At one stage we managed to get lost but Les did find a clip for the Morris boot support. Apparently some people spend their holidays there, looking for parts – must be an acquired taste.

We continued our trip to Ohakune via SH49. Maurie checked out the local restaurants whilst the rest of us checked into the motel. Yum, lamb shanks and mash – good choice Maurie, but I had to explain to some members why there was a condom dispenser in the toilets.

The next morning I headed off to get the ubiquitous coffee after Bob had delivered his usual briefing. We were scheduled to take a jet boat trip on the Whanganui River. I figured I'd catch up with the others further down the road via SH4 to Whanganui. Now I'm not known for going slow but the group wondered why after 20 mins I hadn't caught up with them. Unfortunately Bob's briefing didn't include the key word 'Pipiriki'. Fortunately Rebecca wasn't keen on the jet boat but took my place and loved it.

Due to road closures and road works the group had to take a number of detours on the trip to Whanganui including a muddy forestry road – what a mess. Well at least my car was clean. Maurie organised dinner at the RSA that night and afterwards some of us went to the monthly meeting of the Whanganui VCC which included a very interesting talk by one of the members who had become a Presbyterian Minister late in life.



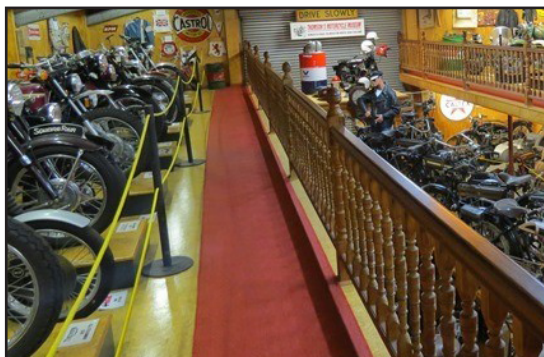
We were met the next morning by Ed Boyed from the Whanganui VCC who took us to visit his private collection of some 44 vehicles housed in in a number of buildings that were originally a Garden Centre. The collection included the usual array of standard classics like a Triumph 2000 MK1, Jags, Austins, but also two huge Cadillacs and an unusual 1927 Austin 7 AA road service car. The 1934 Caddy was the chauffeur driven limo of NZ Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage. Ed also introduced us to his neighbour and fellow VCC member Ian Chamberlain whose collection includes a 1955 Zephyr MK1 convertible, 1906 Reo (restored by Ian) with a matching 20% scale working model which Ian made in 13 weeks. We also listened to another Ian special, a hand made wagon mounted Pipe Organ. The quality of the restorations and builds were excellent. Ian was also restoring an Austin 7 Swallow – Barry Crump would describe him as a ‘clever bastard’.



One of the highlights of the morning was a visit to retired top dressing pilot Richmond “Ditch” Harding who has built and regularly flies a 90% scale model replica Spitfire with a Chev LS2 motor. He also had a working Tiger Moth top dresser on display. Ditch kept us enthralled with his early adventures of Top Dressing and delivering Fletcher Top Dressers to exotic places like Turkey. In one story he recounted how they had to fly at night with limited instruments and no panel lights. This is usually a recipe for disaster as you loose your visual horizon. So Ditch maneuvered his aircrafts wing with operational red flying lights, next to the other planes cockpit giving them enough light for some instrument visual. After an hours flying in this position they managed to make out the lights of Dubai for a safe landing. I could have spent hours listening to

Ditches adventures but we were due at the Thompson Motorcycle Museum.

The Thompson collection was started by Peter Thompson's father and includes over 100 motor cycles dating from 1904. Most of the bikes are from the 1920-30 era with many Harley Davidsons. Not my cup of tea but its worth a visit if you are in the Kairanga area (near Fielding).



And then onto Taihape for the night. Rocky and I decided the back roads to Taihape offered some challenging driving – in other words we had a bit of a hoon. After checking into the motel we met in Bob and Pats unit, also known as party central where the wine flowed freely. That night we shared a meal at a restaurant with a French name, French provincial menu but kiwi influenced cuisine – but it was good. The Doc and I had threatened to go ‘clubbing’ but after scallops, pork belly and crème brulee I was struggling to stand up.

On the last day of the tour we were joined by some other Rotorua VCC members at The Army Base in Waiouru for a private visit to the “Behind the Scenes” vehicle collection. Only about 14% of the total collection is on display at the Museum, the rest is held in 6 large storage sheds. We were escorted by the Assistant Curator, Grant, who was also in the Army for 20 years. Most vehicles, armoury and other equipment is usually not restored but maintained by volunteers in original condition. We were invited to sit in and explore some of the vehicles, young Sean got to sit in the Chopper.



Again special thanks to Bob and Pat for organising a memorable tour – good driving roads, interesting places to visit and great company.

Michael in the red Panther



Midweek Run - 26th October - *by Maurie Crowe*

On a typical spring day with frequent showers and the occasional fine period twelve cars and twenty four members took part in the run.

First was a visit to Cliff Wickham's place where in a new work shop he gave us very interesting talk on gas struts and explained how repairs were carried out as well as sales of new units. Also on show was a large collection of model cars, utes, fire engines as well as a Jim Bean collection.

Next it was off to Waimangu café for lunch, always a great country café with good fresh food.

A group of classic cars was next on show at Colin Sargeson's (club member). Australian and American are Colin's main interest and we saw some fine examples. Club members also took the opportunity to browse around the building to check out items of interest, Colin also has an interest in vintage trucks so watch this space.

Many thanks to Colin and Cliff for allowing the Club to visit their premises.

Next month we will be visiting Barry Cauilfield's Museum of Transport, more details elsewhere in this magazine.



One of Colin's cars

BUY, SELL, SWAP...

FOR SALE

Cylinder head and rocker cover gaskets (new old stock) for Standard Vanguard 1948 to 1961 (and Triumph Renown 1950 to 1955) - offers.

Roof rack, light weight vintage German Engelmann brand. 75 kg load limit, wide gutter mounting adjustment range (used on a Triumph 2500), excellent condition, \$75 ono.

Smiths Rear Window Heater, self adhesive. In its box, unused and as new, complete with wiring and instructions. \$10.

Ronald Mayes, (07) 347 8490 Email: randgmayes@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1927/28 Ford Model AR Roadster. Runs well.
Current W.O.F. and registration \$35,000.
More photo's available on request.

Contact David Taylor
Email: davidtaylor@dr@gmail.com
Phone (07) 343 9392



FOR SALE

1983 Mitsubishi Cordia coupe - 1600 Super Shift

Has always been garaged and serviced from new by its only 2 owners. Having an 8 speed gearbox it is the only car I have ever driven that is always in the right gear. The shift gives it a 2 speed diff. Being the first front drive Mitsubishi it is bullet proof. Car has unmarked interior with seats and mats always covered. Body has been repainted 10 years ago. Fitted with 5 factory mags and tow bar.

Contact Reg Munro on 07 348 2770



WANTED - Holden parts

Holden Banjo diff head, ratio 278-1 - phone 07 345 6540

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.

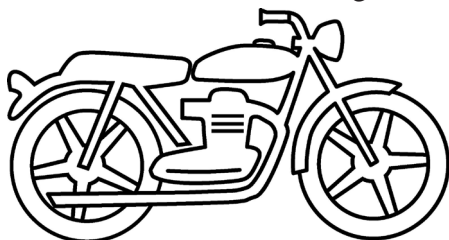
MYSTERY VEHICLES

For this month, two British cars, both styled on the continent.
Both from the very late 1950s.



NEXT CLUB NIGHT - November 9th

Car In The Room: Something on 2 wheels!



Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Maurie Crowe*

23rd November Midweek run

The next Mid Week run will be on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Meet at the club rooms at 10 am for morning tea, after which we will be travelling to the Red Barn café for lunch. After lunch we will continue onto Awakeri to check out Barry Caulfield's Museum of Transport and memorabilia.

See you there.

BBQ Run *by David Tomlinson*

Sunday, 13th November

This year's BBQ run will be on Sunday, November 13th.

Meet at the club rooms at 12.45 pm for first car away at 1pm. The drive will take approximately 2 and a half hours, south of the City, including a very short drive on metal, and a circuit of at least one lake.

The BBQ will start as the last cars arrive back to the clubrooms, and juice and tea and coffee will be included. There is a charge of \$5 per person who will partake in the BBQ after the run.

This year's winner will have the privilege (!) to set next year's course.

For reasons unknown, this year we held the BBQ run a month later than last year, but if the weather is kind, it probably does make sense to hold it a bit later in the year.

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
November	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	13	BBQ Run	1pm	Clubrooms	11
	23	Midweekers Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
December	10	Xmas Social	5.30pm	Clubrooms	4
	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
January 2017	22	Lakefront Car Show	9am	Rotorua Village Green	
February 2017	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	12	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	22	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

October Club Run Results

- 1st Cliff and Shona Wickham with Natasha Warburton. 30/34
 2nd Tom and Jamie Fyfe. 29/34
 3rd Bill and Adelaide Skelton. 29/34

The Fyfes and Skeltons both got the same number of questions correct but the Fyfes completed the straight line with all answers as a tie break.

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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The committee endeavours to have the branch website 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.

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