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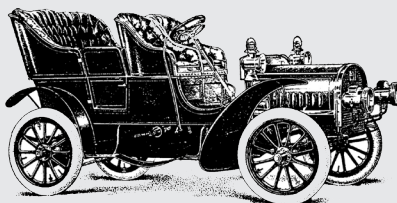
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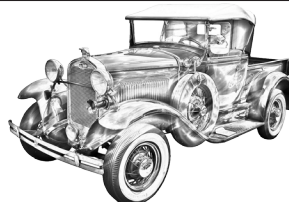
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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 2017

by David Tomlinson



By the time many get this issue of Side Curtains the mid-weekers will have already started their Spring Tour, with other club members meeting up with them in Whanganui on the Friday night. The turn out of club cars for this long distance activity is greater than most other club runs in recent times. Perhaps in part due to the novelty, but hopefully as much because it is an activity our members want to be a part of.

Since our last club night we had a club run around the western part of Rotorua finishing at The Landing cafe at Lake Tarawera, where members partook in either a picnic lunch or lunch inside the cafe. Weather held throughout and those that took part enjoyed themselves.

There was also an national car event hosted by the NZ Street Rod Association which included a classic car and hot-rod show at the Ngongotaha Domain. Many branch members attended, with several displaying cars. Even though this event was only a few hundred metres away from my garage and I had three cars all polished up and ready, when I got to the entry gate about 2 hours before the event started I was told that the display area was for NSRA members only and that "if" they could fit my cars in after their member cars were parked I could possibly park behind some fire engines and tractors away from the display area. Thankfully other locals including branch members got better treatment when they arrived and I thank them for flying the branch flag (figuratively speaking!).

As well as our branch having our 4 day club rally, the NZ Rolls-Royce and Bentley Club are having an 8 day tour from Auckland to Napier, slowly meandering around the coastline of the eastern North Island. Sean and I joined in on their first day, with stops in Tauranga and Mt Maunganui. The first stop was to view a home-made sports car being built with a 27 Litre V12 Meteor motor from an Australian tank. This is basically the same engine as in the famous Spitfire aircraft, minus its

supercharger. The car still has some way to go to being fired up, with custom fuel injection, chassis, exhaust and cooling systems all midway through completion. It will even feature a towbar! After this Sean and I had lunch with the RR & B cars at Classic Flyers where we also had a talk from Bill Janes about his incredible collection of working 1/4 scale model aero engines which are in a conference room at Classic Flyers. Bill meticulously hand-made almost everything, including the tiny spark plugs which are less than an inch in length. He told us another man made an adaptor to fit his tiny plugs in a modern Volvo car engine, and he managed to drive the car with them!

Please note that in December we have a Xmas Social at the club rooms on the Saturday night prior to our monthly meeting, more details elsewhere in this issue. Our annual Posh Picnic run is on the weekend after our club night. Next month's issue of Side Curtains will be the last for 2017, and there is no magazine or club night in January. Our February club run will be our BBQ Run. More details in the next Side Curtains.

Lastly, at Brits at the Beach in October I took an unhealthy interest in another Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow in attendance, 10 years older than mine, and with a unique and excellent NZ history, and despite trying hard to battle the demons in my head, it now resides in my garage... Those on the Whanganui trip will get occasional glimpses of it as I navigate from petrol station to petrol station...



FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



Welcome to new members

A big welcome to Neil and Michelle Jackson from Hamurana who have a 1975 Triumph Stag. We look forward to having them and the Stag at our events.

Vero Insurance subsidizes our levies

A reminder that Vero insurance not only sponsor our national rallies, but provide very competitive and discounted insurance rates to branch members. The Branch also gets the agents commission on the premiums. For a \$2000 premium, the branch gets around \$75. Last year the branch received \$1800 in commissions. Thank you to those members who have insured through Vero. For those who would like a quote contact Vero at 0800 505 905 and advise you want a quote under the VCC scheme, Rotorua branch. You will find the number on your membership card.

Magazine postage savings

With NZ post lifting the postage rate for magazine sized envelopes to \$2.00, the committee decided to fold the magazines and use the smaller envelope which is only a dollar and should save the club around \$700 pa.

Library Shelving

Now that we are getting so few hardcopy magazines from other branches, the committee will investigate replacing the library pegboard with shelving so that we can bring out some of the hidden manuals etc. If anyone has some good quality bookshelves they no longer want, please contact the committee.

Branch Newsletters Reminder

Just a reminder that 34 branches now have their branch newsletters posted on the VCC website. These are upgraded each month when the new issues are supplied.

Rotorua VVCC window stickers

We have a number of winged window stickers for your club eligible vehicles. I will have these with me at clubnights. There is no cost to members and are a good way of advertising the club.

Wet Swap Meets

We are not the only ones with wet swap meets. Christchurch had a glorious Friday for their 3 day swapmeet. Saturday was pouring all day and over half the stall holders pulled out on Saturday night. They pulled the gate takers off at 10.30am on Sunday as it was still pouring. They expect to take a hit on their gate takings.

WHEN MECHANICS WRITE THE AGONY AUNT COLUMN...

Dear John, I hope you can help me here. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with our neighbor's daughter. I am 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counselling, and I need advice urgently. Can you help?

Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila, A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps, John



Club visit to Whanganui (including Spring Tour)

The mid-week group will meet in Taihape on the Thursday 9th November and travel on via Feilding to Whanganui on Friday 10th to meet up with the weekend group. There will be some entry payments to activities on the Friday – at Feilding visiting Colyton Clocks (\$4pp) and The Coach House Museum (\$10pp).

Our hosts at the Whanganui branch have a very interesting programme arranged, including a river trip on the Paddle Steamer in which members of the Whanganui branch are involved. There will be a charge for Paddle Steamer trip.

There are a number of venues to visit including Ed Boyd's collection as well as the local airport, it is asked that a gold coin donation be made at each venue so a pocket full of gold coins should avoid embarrassment.



Watchorn Museum Auction *by Dennis Whimp*

It was the end of an era when the final contents of Watchorn's Motor Museum were sold off on Sunday 29th October. The rural land block and over 4000 sqm of buildings had already been sold. The auctioneer went non-stop for nearly 5 hours rattling through just under 400 lots. A lot wasn't the normal lot. Typically they were piles or pallets or multiple cartons of everything collectible including lots of heavy metal components.

There were 12 lots of stacks of vehicle manuals. The largest of these lots had 6 stacks of over 200 manuals. It went for \$300. Most of the other stacks varied between 10 and 50 manuals and went for \$20 to \$50. Two cartons of 50 years of Beaded Wheels went for \$10. A quantity of enamel GM advertising signs made \$1,800.

It was the vehicles that created the most interest with buyers having flown in from the South island and Wellington plus the phone bidders. The 14 trucks were of various ages and condition. A 1960s Commer truck made \$11,000, a nice 1947 International model K7 went for \$28,000, a 1966 Mercedes went for \$3,250 while two 1961 very worn Thames Traders couldn't get a bid of \$200 for the pair. A nice modified 1965 International 450 LHD attracted keen bidding to \$25,000 but didn't reach the reserve.

Light vehicle sales (exclusive of 7.5% buyer commission):

1958 Morris Minor 1000. a tidy vehicle - \$1,200

1936 International C1 half ton pickup - \$12,000

1949 Packard. original condition with motor out - \$2,000

1981 Holden Statesman Caprice. very good cond - \$13,500

1952 Packard Deluxe 200 in very tidy original condition - \$20,500

1930 Chrysler 77 or 70 half ton pickup - \$26,000

1957 Chev Bel Air 4 door hardtop in very tidy but not show condition \$72,500

1939 Buick 46 SC convertible that had been cut down from a sedan in the distant past. This didn't sell on a top bid of \$70,000 (reserve \$90,000)

1954 BMW Isetta British 300 and trailer - \$34,000.

The Isetta was the car that Roger Nelson had stored in his chicken shed for over 4 years in the late 1980s. It was restored by Rotorua members Barry and Sandy Piercy. Barry was also responsible for the wiring in our clubrooms and made the wagon wheel light feature that hangs in our meeting room.

There were also some gems that indicated Bert had a great eye for good cars. In the long grass at the back of the sheds were the side panels off a late 30s Packard Deluxe bonnet, one of the longest vehicles that Packard made. They may have belonged with the heap of car bits outside the main doors that were mainly Packard and sold for \$100.

October Midweekers *by Bob Mackay*

The run was changed a little from that advertised, it was still a simple get together with just over a 40 miles drive to the Lakeside Café in Rotorua.

After so much wet gloomy weather recently, a fine sunny day saw 10 shiny club cars (no modern) arrive early for morning tea at the club rooms. Having had the Porsche serviced and returned to the road Val Martin brought it out for a quick spin and lead the way up Te Waerenga Road and out to the tranquil end of Kapukapu Road where we parked up to continue the discussions that were put on hold when we left the club rooms (think we stuffed up the tranquillity).

A number of our members told us of their previous tramping experiences in the area, while others marvelled at the native bush and steep farmland of the area they had never seen before. We then returned to Rotorua via Jackson and Central Roads. After leaving SH33 at the Ohau Channel we had the quiet country roads almost to ourselves for the next 24 miles only seeing four other vehicles and one farm bike plus a herd of cows all travelling in the opposite direction. With tar seal all the way there were no potholes or dust on such a fine dry day. At the Lakeside Café they had a long table reserved for us where we enjoyed an extended lunch while we watched the tourists posing by and photographing a little red Austin Seven parked in front of the café. The Austin may be a little slow but it is the only one that can beat the Council's anti-parking bollards at the lake front to park in what was our normal spot right in front of the Lakeside Café.



Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc proudly present the

6th Annual Rotorua Lakefront Car Show

10am - 2pm, Sunday, 21st January 2018



ALL CARS, BIKES AND COMMERCIALS WELCOME!

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 will be asked for a gold coin donation upon arrival. All monies raised will be donated to St Johns Ambulance Rotorua.



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.



Rotorua's Soundshell Market will be in operation adjacent to the Car Show, as well as other holiday attractions.



Over 200 vehicles have been on display in previous years, and the event has been very popular with locals and holiday makers alike. Vehicles have ranged from early vintage to almost new.

For further information email info@rvcc.org.nz or like our Facebook page (Rotorua Vintage Car Club) for any updates. We look forward to seeing you there!



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XMAS SOCIAL DINNER NIGHT

Saturday, December 9th

Clubrooms, 5.30pm for 6pm dinner

3 course dinner - BYO drinks

Only \$25 per person for a night of
great food and great company!



Please bring a \$5 gift along to exchange
and your sense of humour

Please wear an item of Christmas
clothing or jewellery

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

CLUB NIGHT - November 8th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car in the room: 1931 Studebaker President

Speaker: Neville Harper

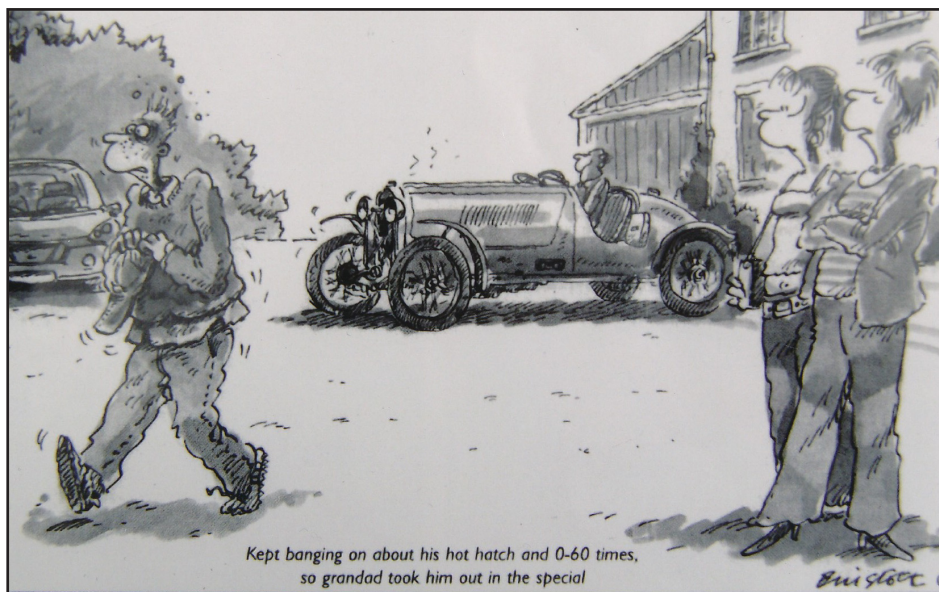
Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

Midweek Run 29th November 2017

Please note that this will be the last Wednesday of the month.

Meet at 10 am for morning tea at the club rooms before exploring a few more Rotorua back roads stopping at a lake for a picnic lunch. Should the weather be unsuitable for a lake picnic we will head for a pre-arranged shed. It is also hoped that we can visit another horticultural enterprise during the day's travel, but to date nothing is arranged so no promises there; so yes another mystery tour.



COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
November	8	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	9-12	Spring Tour	2-4 days	Whanganui	6
	29	Midweekers Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
December	9	Xmas Social	5.30pm	Clubrooms	10
	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	Posh Picnic (\$5 pp)	1pm	Clubrooms	
January 2018	21	Lakefront Car Show	10am	Village Green	9
February	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	BBQ Run	TBA	TBA	
	28	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

Gift Baskets please!

If you have any unwanted gift baskets available (just the basket!) could you please drop them off at the clubrooms? The branch regularly makes up gift baskets for sending to members from time to time, and it will save the branch money and time if we have baskets already available.

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 branch website aims to meet the needs of our members, and to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members. If you have any suggestions for improvements please contact David Tomlinson.

Member cars at the NSRA Car Show



October Club Run to Lake Tarawera

