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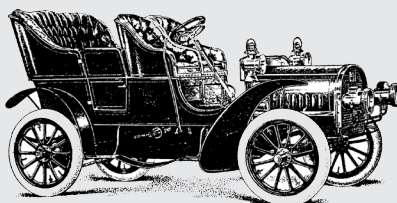
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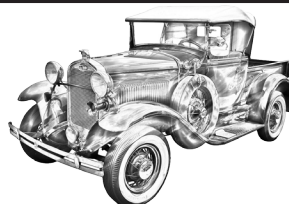
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Front - October run & collection visit

Back - Cliff & Shona Wickham

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 2018

by David Tomlinson



Another very busy month has gone by, and we still have a very busy program between now and Christmas.

I would like to start to correct a small error in my last column, I said we had a Dodge V8 from Whakatane join our club run t Pirongia, but it was from Otorohanga.

For October's club night we had a couple of DVDs played. One of the 1980 International Rally held here in Rotorua, and the other perhaps the less said about, the better, but it was about our local branch and historical social activities!

The midweekers had their normal outing and a 4 day Spring Tour around Gisborne and Napier. I am hoping we will have a report and more photos for next Side Curtains, but there are some teaser photos in this issue. I understand it was widely enjoyed by those members who took part.

Our October club run ended up visiting Bob Woolston's collection in town, and celebrating his 88th birthday. A lovely afternoon tea was put on by Bob's family, and we perused Bob's collection of cars and trucks. He even started up a truck and his 1930s La Salle roadster.

The November combined run with BoP, Taupo, EBoP and South Waikato branches will see our branch have a short run from the clubrooms arriving around the same time as the

other branches at Te Amorangi Steam Museum at Holdens Bay, where we will view the museum and have a picnic lunch on site. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available at the venue, but there will be a charge of \$10pp, to a maximum of \$20 for any one car. It promises to be a great day out socialising with members from our neighbouring branches and viewing some cars we don't often see.

We will have an Xmas Social Dinner at the club rooms on Saturday 8 December, see details elsewhere in this issue. There is a cost of \$25pp and a request for a small secret Santa gift, but those who volunteered at the Swap Meet in July will have their dinner paid for by the branch. These dinners are excellent occasions and I am sure this year's will not disappoint.

Don't forget the Lakefront Car Show on January 20th next year. This is our only formal branch activity in January, and this year we had 300 cars attend on a lovely day, lets hope we can at least match that next time. More info later in this issue.

The new "Ladies Page" is already on hiatus this issue, nothing was received. Come on ladies, send something in!

Please also note some forecast changes in our March calendar due to the Chairman getting married and being away when the Chairman's Run would normally held. This will likely be a one off, I am not planning on further marriages in the foreseeable future...

Details on all our activities before the Xmas break are throughout this issue, and for the early part of next year. I hope Santa treats you all well, and I hope to see many of you at a club activity soon.

FROM THE SECRETARY

by
Dennis Whimp



A Big Welcome To Our New Members

Ted and Betty Gooding of Sunnybrook.

Ted had been a member many years ago and now that he has retired, he has time to be involved again. He still has a very tidy 1928 Nash Sedan plus a few other Nashs in the shed awaiting attention.

Andrew Batchelar who is currently in Tauranga. Andrew is the son of Tony, one of our early members. He inherited from Tony the 1930 Ford Model A roadster and has the restoration 99% complete.

We would love to see the Nash and the Model A again at club events, especially the January car show.

Around and About

We were told that Jason Munro would not let dad Ross drive the immaculate 1973 MG midget so Ross found a similar 1974 rare round rear wheel guard model. There are now two MG's in the garage.

We received a letter from a previous Tauranga owner of a unrestored 1934 Morris 1000cc tourer that was sold into the

Rotorua area many years ago. When cleaning out his house, he found the original ownership papers and photos. Rego plate BV 9694. I have the bits If anyone knows the owner (the car looks similar in size to the Skelton's Austin 7).

Tauranga Swap meet. One of the smallest swapmeets I have been to. There was only about 30 sites occupied but probably 150 cars in the car show. The forecast may have put people off but it turned out a beautiful day. They probably made more money at the tea and sandwich kitchen.

Club Runs. We have a number of trophies associated with club activities and need to keep track of who attends. If you are going on a club run that starts at the clubrooms, please put your name in the attendance book which is just inside the clubroom door on the lectern.

Name badges. Please wear them at club activities as it is a big help for the newer members. If you have lost your one, I have the circular button that goes on them. Knox Engravers do the badges.

FOR SALE

2 x 4 litre containers of Valvoline ATF type F auto. transmission fluid. Bargain at only \$25 each

Bosch GL769 ignition points set and GL179 condenser for some 1970s British cars, \$10 each.

Contact Ronald Mayes on 347 8490

XMAS SOCIAL DINNER NIGHT

Saturday, December 8th

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. Wear an item of
Christmasclothing or jewellery

**** FREE** for those who volunteered at the Swap Meet

Please advise Angie on 348 4546 or
Dave on 027 412 8227 if you will attend so
that catering numbers can be organised.

Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc
proudly present the
**7th Annual Rotorua
Lakefront Car Show**
10am - 2pm, Sunday, 20th January 2019



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 300 vehicles were on display at last year's show, 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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Stale Fuel Problems

The following article appeared in a recent issue of Zenith, the Wairarapa branch's magazine, and is reprinted here with the permission of its author, Francis Pointon of Pointon Motors

Over the past few months I've had a number of vehicles to attend to with fuel problems. Usually they won't start after a period of no usage, however not everyone is aware of the corrosion damage which can occur. As a general rule 3 months is all you can safely leave fuel and have no problems.

I've just attended to a vehicle which had been parked for 3 years with a half full tank of gas. It cost around \$2500 to get the vehicle going properly and repair the damage; carb, fuel pump, fuel tank, fuel lines, and fuel gauge sender, all needed remedial work. The corrosion in the fuel tank above the fuel level was unbelievable .

As a general rule I drain the fuel out of any vehicle not in general use as soon as it goes back on display. This includes draining the vacuum tank if fitted.

As an example of how bad the fuel can get, I used some stale fuel in my motor mower thinking it would do no harm. It ran ok but very smelly. However after I turned it off and had smoko and came back to start it, I found the inlet valve had stuck open and it had no compression. The solution here was to heat up the engine with a heat gun really hot until the valve snapped shut, then empty the tank, install new fuel and some injector cleaner to remove the gum which had made the valve stick! Then run the engine to clean things out. Lesson learnt! I just hated the thought of dumping all that fuel!

Another job I've just done, was to fix an overhead valve engine that the owner had started on stale fuel, run it for a short time and then turned it off. The next day he went to start it and bang bang bang 3 bent pushrods caused by 3 stuck valves. Same problem again. So be warned, don't start you engine on stale fuel, drain the tank and run fresh.

As for the problem of tank corrosion I've found filling the tank with a molasses and water solution and leaving for a couple of weeks, then adding some lead shot and swishing it around works wonders. But remove the tank first!

My friend Barry tells me he has a lot of bikes with similar problems to fix, so be warned.

Would branch members be interested in an organised bus trip to Thames on the Saturday of Anniversary weekend in January to the Thames Wings & Wheels Day?

There are static displays of motor vehicles and aeroplanes at the Thames airfield. We would try and arrive close to the start time, and perhaps

leave around 1.30pm to try and have people back in Rotorua before 5pm with a comfort stop or two on the way home. If you are interested, let Chairman Dave or Secretary Dennis know. We will ask for a show of hands at November club night to gauge interest.



McVicar Vintage & Classic Car Auction results

This estate auction was run in October by Turners, Christchurch

On Saturday 13 Oct. the Castle Park museum auctioned off approx. 30 vehicles. See the advert in the last Beaded Wheels page 25. Most of the vehicles were in very good condition but there were a few tatty ones. Many had been imported, were LHD and never been registered in NZ. Hammer price results were as follows, to which a 15 % buyer's premium needed to be added.

- 1924 Ford model T roadster, very tidy, \$36,000
- 1927 Stutz 8 limousine RHD, reg & wof, excellent, \$111,000
- 1928 Auburn speedster boat tail 88, NZ new, excellent
- passed in at \$241,000
- 1929 Buick Tourer 4 litre Aussie body, no documentation, \$47,500
- 1930 Packard 726 standard 8 partially restored, \$40,000
- 1931 Chrysler CM conv. Coupe 3.2 litre RHD, excellent, \$92,000
- 1934 Ford V8 Deluxe Phaeton, very good, \$66,500
- 1936 Dodge D2 convertible coupe roadster, very good, \$80,000
(cut down from a sedan)
- 1936 Packard business coupe, LHD, \$53,500
- 1938 Lincoln Zephyr V12 sedan, very good, \$52,000
- 1941 Cadillac L62 RHD, ex Indian Maharajah, excellent, \$29,000
- 1947 Lincoln Continental V12 Continental Club coupe LHD, \$43,500
- 1948 Standard 8 convertible, very good, \$8,300
- 1951 Packard 250 2 door convertible, LHD, very good, \$66,000
- 1954 MGTF roadster 1250cc, very good, \$43,200
- 1960 Jaguar 420G, very rough condition, \$3,500
- 1965 Cadillac De Ville Concourse 2 door convertible, LHD, \$26,500
- 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado 7.2litre LHD front wheel drive, \$35,600
- 1969 Rolls Royce Corniche drop head coupe, needed work, \$26,000
- 1976 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow sedan, passed in at \$20,000

Plus a number of later year vehicles that generally made good prices

CLUB NIGHT - November 14th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Activity: TBA! We will try and arrange a car on display.

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

Wednesday December 5th

This is the last midweek run for 2018 and covers both November and December. Meet at the club rooms at 10am for morning tea. This will be followed by a short run to a lakeside venue for a BBQ lunch. BBQ lunch provided – **cost \$5 pp**. Bring your own drinks. Should the weather be unfavourable we will retire to the shed.

Spring Tour 2019 - Proposal for Labour Weekend (25-27 Oct)

In 2019 the Gisborne Vintage Car Club are celebrating the 250th year since Captain Cook's arrival. The plan is for two groups to arrive in Gisborne (one from Napier and one from BOP) for a two day event on Labour weekend 2019; Saturday visits in immediate Gisborne area and a run on the Sunday. If we decide to attend this event as a club we will need to make some accommodation bookings, the Hawkes Bay club has already fully booked out two motels.

November Club Run - *Sunday November 18th*

This run will end at the Te Amorangi Steam Museum, with 4 other branches invited, with BOP and Taupo organising runs too. The plan is to leave the clubrooms for a short run with first car away at 10.30am, and arriving at the museum along with other branches around 11.30am. There is a charge of \$10pp, maximum \$20 per car. Can you please have this in correct cash on the day, as each branch will be asked to collect their own monies to pass on to the museum. After perusing the museum's attractions we will have a BYO picnic lunch at the museum, but there will be complimentary tea and coffee available to all VCC branch members present. This will give us an opportunity to see cars and people we don't see so often. Those not wanting to do the run can just turn up to the museum with their entry money at 11.30am. See you there!

COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
November	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	18	Combined Branch Run	10.30am	Clubrooms	11
December	5	Midweekers Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
	8	Xmas Dinner	5.30pm	Clubrooms	6
	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	16	Posh Picnic Run	TBA	TBA	
Jan 2019	20	Lakefront Car Show	9am	Village Green	7
Feb 2019	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	BBQ Run	TBA	TBA	
	27	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
Mar 2019	10	Chairman's Run	TBA	TBA	
	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	27	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	

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, to promote our branch nationally, and to potential new members. If you have any suggestions please contact David Tomlinson.

Please check the branch Facebook page regularly too.

2018 Spring Tour - Gisborne / Napier



Royal Tour in Rotorua

One branch member, who shall remain anonymous, parked at the airport when the Duke & Duchess of Sussex arrived, complete with UK flag on the aerial, just in case their highnesses needed transport...



Cliff sporting his new number plate

