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September 2024 Car In The Room



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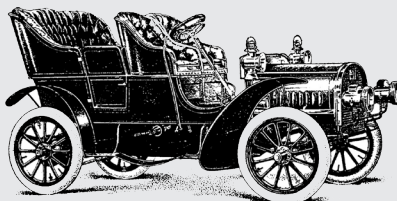
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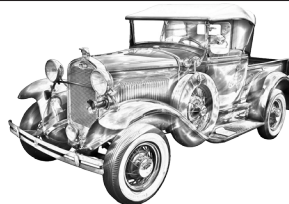
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CLUB CAR PHOTOS

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

- September 2024

by David Tomlinson



At the September club night I showed off our recently acquired 1956 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud, almost purchased by accident after submitting a low bid to Webbs Auctions which was ultimately accepted by the vendor.

Without side mirrors, it was an effort getting the very long car out at the end of the evening, but it made it home unscathed. The car is the very last of the six cylinder Rolls-Royces, and was purchased new by a gentleman in St Heliers, Auckland, whose family owned NZ Drycleaners. It has had little use in the last 40 years, other than a few weddings in recent times, but we have already put on a lot of miles, having taken it on the Pirongia club run, to the Tauriko Oil Down in October, and we will be taking part in a long run around the Coromandel with the Rolls-Royce & Bentley Club later this month.

Sadly, as a consequence, we will miss the October club run, which will be a fun Poker Run event ending up at a café. You don't need to know anything about poker to take part, just come along and have fun. Details later in this issue.

Roger Nelson has also organised a midweekers event for October. Please note this will be on a Thursday, after Labour weekend. Again, details later in this issue.

Have you paid your annual subscription to the VCC yet? If you have not received your annual subscription invoice you need to follow this up through the national office or with help from

our branch secretary Hayden. It saves the committee a lot of time if members pay in a timely fashion.

In November our club will be taking part in the Rotorua Lakes Council Heritage Week, with a range of vehicles displayed near the library on Saturday, 23rd. Unfortunately, due to the Council's health and safety requirements, we can only display 6 vehicles. I have suggested to our committee we select 6 vehicles that will cover a period from the 1920s through to the 1970s, with an emphasis on vehicles likely to have been seen in Rotorua and in relatively original condition. If you would like us to consider one of your cars to be included, let me know by email or at club night, as it would be good if the committee could select six cars and perhaps a possible of reserve cars at our October meeting. Due to the limitations of this event, we will likely also have a club run in November.

We will be having our annual Xmas Social on Saturday night, 7 December, at the Distinction Hotel. This will be free of charge for all members who volunteered at our Swap Meet in June. All others wishing to attend what is always a great night out will have to pay \$49, and there is a cash bar. The branch will be covering the cost of the private dining room hire. There are more details later in this issue, including contact details to let us know if you are wishing to attend.

The 12th edition of our annual Lakefront Car Show will be held on Sunday, 26 January 2025. This is Auckland Anniversary weekend, and hopefully will see a great turnout.

Lastly, my records show this is my 98th edition of Side Curtains as your editor, and the December issue will be my 100th. I think that is a fair effort, and I will be looking for a new editor or editors to take over from February 2025.

Pirongia Run, September 2024

by Fleur Tomlinson

We woke up in the morning to light misty rain. But the forecast for the day looked good and was meant to clear as the day went on. We got ourselves organised the Silver Cloud ready and headed off to pick up Adelai.

We were soon on the road heading over the Mamakus towards the mighty Waikato. Didn't take long and we were soon in Pirongia. The Cloud behaved the whole way over, didn't skip a beat. We were first to arrive and soon found the place we were all meant to meet up, then parked. Whilst Dave waited for the others to arrive, Adelai and I wandered around the Lions Market up the road. Adelai bought herself a very trendy new summer hat. It wasn't long before all the others had arrived and Dave had joined up with us and we all wandered around the markets.

The markets were very impressive. A woman on stilts, a bagpipe band and many stalls selling all sorts of stuff. We all walked away with an impressive haul of goodies. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Sunny and warm. We all gathered back at our parking spot for a picnic lunch and a chit chat before hitting the road for home.

I must say the back seat must be very comfy as Adelai enjoyed her trip back to Rotorua with her eyes more shut more than they were open bless her. In saying that on a recent trip over to Tauranga, Alex sat in the back and he too had the same issue, his eyes shut most of the trip back so it must be a very comfy seat.

So thank you Kevin for arranging such an enjoyable run and fun day out and turning the weather on for us. Looking forward to doing it again next year.

Badges at the Tauriko Oil Down



ATTENTION TO DETAIL! *by Ronald Mayes*

Spotted recently on one of the restored trams operating in Christchurch was this attention to detail on the part of the coachbuilders who restored it - all of the (period) screw head slots line up! I had noted this also on the bodywork of a grip car in the Kelburn Cable Car Museum in Wellington. I decided I should see to that on my cars' fasteners - no slotted screws on them but by the 1960s Phillips-head screws were almost universally used.

Now, when were Phillips-head screws introduced by car makers and coachbuilders? They were patented in the 1930s but Dad's 1938 Ford V8 had slotted screws holding window frames and other parts in place. A high-end 1956 English car I recently inspected had Phillips screws holding many parts to the bodywork but that car had undergone restoration work in the past.



September 2024 Club Run



FOR SALE

I've been asked to sell this car on behalf of a friend, let me know if you are interested. Alan 022 049 5492 or judd21a@gmail.com

She is asking around \$8000 for it but I think \$7000 at most is more realistic. She is open to any reasonable offer.

2 owners in last 30 years, current WOF and rego. It drives really well and has been well maintained mechanically. Some hoses could possibly do with replacing. The inside needs some TLC and seats could probably do with replacing. The soft top is only about 6yrs old and works well but rear window needs replacing. Paintwork is ok but but needs attention. Good service history with invoices.



BEADED WHEELS FOR OUR CLUB LIBRARY

We are missing 2024 issues 386 February-March, 387 April-May and 388 June-July, which did not seem to make it to our archive shelves. If anyone could donate a copy of each issue we would be grateful. (Also, I wonder if anyone has copies of the very early Guff Sheets and Beaded Wheels from the 1950s - there are some gaps in in our collection from those very early years!)

- Ronald Mayes

XMAS SOCIAL DINNER NIGHT

Saturday, December 7th

Distinction Hotel, 6.30pm dinner

BBQ buffet dinner - cash bar

Only \$49 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



12th Annual Rotorua Lakefront Car Show

10am - 2pm, Sunday, 26th January 2025



ALL CARS, BIKES & COMMERCIALS WELCOME!

Join us for the 12th edition of this fabulous event. Numbers have increased every year with almost 500 vehicles on display in 2020 and a good number in 2024.

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@rvvcc.org.nz or check our Facebook page for updates. See you there!



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CLUB NIGHT - October 9th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: 1976 Ford Capri Ghia 3.0 V6

Followed by tea and coffee.

October Fun Poker Run

Sunday, 13th October *by Neville Harper*

Leaving the club rooms at 11am, we will be finishing at a café for lunch and NO you do not need to know how to play poker.

October Midweekers

Thursday, 31st October *by Roger Nelson*

Meet at Ngongotaha Fire Station at 9:30 am.

Travel to Matamata, to arrive at Pepper St Kitchen at 10:30 am for morning tea. At 11am we will be taken on a conducted tour of J Swap Civil Engineering Expansive Business Operations, which will take about 1¼ hours. After this, we have a table booked for 12:30 pm for lunch at Pepper St Café. We would like some idea of numbers attending at our next meeting night, or you can email diana.nelson@xtra.co.nz or phone 350 3136

COMING EVENTS

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	13	Fun Poker Run	11am	Clubrooms	11
	31	Midweekers	9.30am	Ngongotaha Fire Station	11
Nov 2024	13	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	23	Heritage Week	TBA	Rotorua Library area	
	TBA	Midweekers	TBA	TBA	
Dec 2024	7	Xmas Social	6.30pm	Distinction Hotel	9
	11	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	15	Posh Picnic	TBA	TBA	
Jan 2025	26	Lakefront Car Show	8am	Village Green	10

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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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