

# SIDE CURTAINS

The magazine of the  
ROTORUA VINTAGE AND  
VETERAN CAR CLUB

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# Club Night Photos - 9 September 2015



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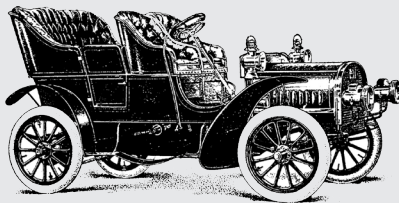
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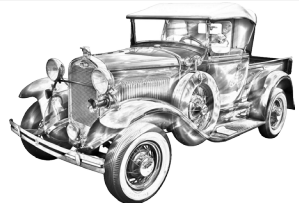
### Cover Photos

Front - Club Night, September 2015

Back - Sulphur City Rally, August 2015

## 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 2015

*by David Tomlinson*



This month's issue went to the printers (and hence online) very late due to the loss of our temporary editor combined with the late arrival of some expected copy. As noted when we lost our last editor, the current arrangement is temporary, and I will do my best to keep putting something together until the next AGM. We will need a new editor by then. Just a note too that the BUY SELL SWAP has been repeated in this issue, with no advice that anything has been sold, but if you want the ad repeated again please let the editor know.

Also, we are still in need of a Club Captain, who will receive lots of support from the committee to make life easy, and also a person to arrange the Club Night activities. It has been pointed out the newsletter comes out too late for people to consider whether they will come for the Wednesday night activity. With a person co-ordinating this in advance, we could publicise the activity a couple of months early. I would hope members get value by coming along every Wednesday club night.

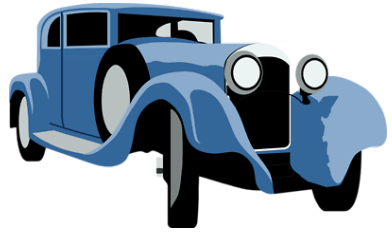
Thanks to Lois and Dorothy for putting on a challenging Spring Run last month in excellent weather, which was enjoyed by a good number of members and their cars. The midweekers had a good day out too, and have their big 4 day event later this month.

My family went to Brits At The Beach in Whangamata at the beginning of October which was attended by around 400 cars and a few bikes, with a lot fewer older vehicles this year, probably scared off by the atrocious weather at last year's event. I saw a couple of Rotorua branch members wandering about, and at least one other branch member had a car entered. It is a good weekend away, with some interesting unique cars dotted around the "masses" of Morrisies, Minis, MGs etc. I caught up with a few members of other VCC branches there too, including the Taupo Club Captain, and members of the BOP branch.



# September Midweekers

*by Roving Reporter*



## *Firth Tower Museum, Matamata*

This month's trip could be described as a "double highlight".

### **Highlight #1**

Pat Mackay's scrumptious morning tea which made me wish I'd skipped my usual bacon and eggs for breakfast. Before we all made pigs of ourselves, we cast a critical/approving eye over Bob's current Morrie Minor pickup restoration, which will obviously finish up being better than when it was new.



### **Highlight #2**

Fifteen vehicles including four moderns arrived at Firth Tower Museum around 11.30am.

The Tower Museum complex is owned, operated and administered by the local Matamata-Piako District Council and is a "must see" for any visitors to the area.

The whole Matamata area has a very rich history of rural farm land development and this is reflected in the superb museum outlay which is supported by a well organised team of volunteers.

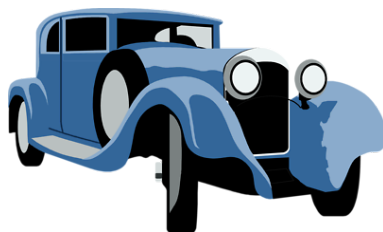
This was my 4th or 5th visit and I always find something new each time.

Suggested start points for future mid-week trips: Bob & Pat's place!

# Spring Run

## 13 September 2015

*by Kevin & Maryann Scott*



We arrived at the clubrooms around midday for the pre run cuppa and looking forward to a fun tour for the afternoon. However on finding out there was both a touring and a straight line category, we initially opted for the touring version but being the trusty navigator Maryann is, she queried Lois on the intricacies of straight line navigating and after a brief lesson was convinced we could do this. I had my doubts as my previous attempt at straight lining went horribly wrong before we got out of the car park.

When our turn came to leave I drove to the instructions given by Maryann, sometimes having doubts especially when we saw other club cars going in different directions to us. As the run progressed we managed to find answers to most of the questions which gave us some confidence that we were on the right track.

The run took us through Ngapuna then onto Fenton Park, Glenholme, Fordlands, Western Heights, Selwyn Heights then out to Ngongotaha returning via the back streets of Koutu and finally through the Government Gardens with one final twist with some twirling strawberries near the Sala Road intersection which asked us to ignore the first right into Tarawera Rd meaning we had to extend our return through lower part of Lynmore to return to the clubrooms.

We did have our moments though as coming out of the Government Gardens the trusty old Ford suddenly became untrustworthy and stalled coming up to an intersection causing a bit of unsavoury muttering from the driver and some questions and suggestions from the navigator. The Ford did kick into life again after a couple of tries and we made it back to the road into the Clubrooms when the same thing happened again. It was then that I realised that I had left the screws that hold the carburettor to the butterfly block loose when doing a bit of work on the car the previous day. Once these were secured we were on our way again somewhat relieved we would make it home.

We arrived back thinking well that wasn't too bad and wondering how well we did considering we did notice cars passing us then we were passing them plus the odd car coming from roads we didn't go on. With afternoon tea and the results checked we were more than surprised and delighted when David announced that we were the winners of the run. Our first joint try at straight line navigating successful. Thanks to Lois and Dorothy for setting an interesting and enjoyable run.

# CLASSIC COACHBUILDING ?



Perhaps not too surprising NZ does not always come to mind first when discussing classic coachbuilding. This photo shows either someone having driven a Morris Traveller hard and fast into the back of a Jag Mk 7, or perhaps a budding apprentice's first effort at trying to do a Radford conversion by hand to the original car?

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## **OUR WEBSITE**

[www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz](http://www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz)

Monthly updates for events and our magazine.

We need more photos from members to upload to change its look regularly. Email photos to the Side Curtains editor.

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## Contributions to Side Curtains

This is your magazine. It's content will only be as good as the information members submit to the editor to include. 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 clubs are encouraged to pen a short piece about their experience to include in the next issue going to print. Please have items to the editor by the end of the month.

# Brits At The Beach 2015

*by David Tomlinson*

Brits At The Beach is a celebration of things British, with people travelling from all over NZ to Whangamata in British cars ranging from veteran to brand new. This year was the sixth running of the event, and was held in fine weather with many activities to take part in.

Friday 8th October saw 100 or so cars leave Whangamata and travel to Grahamstown in Thames, where a static display was put on a closed road, and people perused the local shops and cafes.



After a few hours in Thames it was back to Whangamata where many other cars had arrived (over 400 entries) and registration and welcomes begun.

On the Saturday morning there was a grand parade through Whangamata where marques were encouraged to group together, followed by a park up car show at Williamson Park, and lots of activities for people to watch and/or take part in, including fancy dress, won this year by “The Stig” who really hammed up to the part.





On the last morning we joined in with a number of cars and headed off to Pauanui for breakfast and another impromptu car show for the locals, while others stayed in Whangamata for a parts fair and bonnets up display. All in all a very enjoyable weekend away.



## ***WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!***

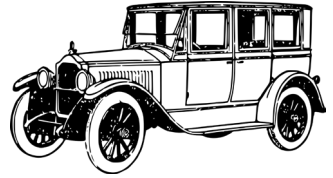
The branch has a Facebook page which has a growing number of new likes every week, with items and pictures being shared around the internet regularly.



Just search for “Rotorua Vintage Car” in Facebook to find the page. Press “like” and you will automatically get notifications of posts on the page.

Efforts will be made to post photos from events and runs, club notices and other items to help members and prospective new members alike.

# MYSTERY CAR



The 3 photos below are of a mystery car submitted by one of our branch members. If anyone thinks they know what it might be, email the editor before the end of the month.





# Brits At The Beach - 8-11 October 2015



# NEXT CLUB NIGHT - October 14th

**“Rally Tours”** - a talk by a NZ company that organises self drive tours here and abroad.

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## Upcoming Midweek Runs

### *Spring Tour (October 27-30)*

Presently ten cars are booked for the tour of Taranaki via the Forgotten Highway. We start after lunch from the Mihi Café at Golden Springs stopping the first night at Taumaranui, visits will include the Whangamonoma Hotel, two car restorers, Pukeiti Rhododendron gardens, Dawson Falls and finally the Tawhiti Museum.

As normal the tour is open to all members who are free to take part in the whole or any part of the tour. If anyone still requires details please contact me. A broader itinerary is available to view on the noticeboard at the clubrooms.

### *October Midweek Run*

Due to the Spring Tour there is no planned midweek run for October, however if anyone wishes to give their car a run you are welcome to join us for lunch and maybe accompany us for a portion of the run towards Taumaranui.

### *November 25th Midweek run*

The November run is to the Whakatane/Ohope area and is kindly being organised by Les & Gail Costar. Meet at the Club Rooms at 9.45am, please note the earlier start as we need to leave the Club Rooms at 10.15am for any early lunch at the “Whitehouse Cafe” before a visit to Paul Handricks’s vehicle collection at Ohope.

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## Club Polo Shirts For Sale - size L

A limited number of club polo shirts have been located and are available for sale on club night for \$10 each.

Only available in a light blue coloured polo, and only in size “L”.



# BUY, SELL, SWAP...

**FOR SALE - Austin A40 Devon**  
Body in top condition reconditioned  
motor basically complete interior needs  
re-doing.



All reasonable offers considered.  
Contact Dave on 07 348 1134  
after 5pm, or email [jpridley@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jpridley@yahoo.co.nz)

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**FOR SALE - Barn Find - Barn fresh in rural Rotorua**  
1937 Chev pickup SWB truck - deceased estate. All complete, wooden flat  
deck. Been on blocks and in very dry storage for 30 years or more. Wheels turn  
freely. Very restorable. Expressions of interest to Ian Bishop 07 345 5720 or  
John Kirkland 07 357 4876.

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**FOR SALE - Morris Minors x 7 - in rural Rotorua**  
All in more or less complete condition - deceased estate. Most are worthy of  
complete restoration. Can be sold as one lot or individually. Expressions of  
interest to Ian Bishop 07 345 5720 or John Kirkland 07 357 4876.

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**FOR SALE - 1971 Morris 1100**  
Current rego & WoF. A daily runner is very good condition. Receipts for money  
recently spent. Phone 021 423 785 (in Rotorua).



**FOR SALE**  
**1922 Ford TT Truck**  
Recent engine work and general  
refurbishment. New W.O.F and  
registration. This little beauty was  
restored a while ago but still shows  
very well. Receipts for recent en-  
gine refurbishment.

Great for parades or advertising.  
A very drivable old vintage truck.  
\$11,000 ono

Enquiries to David Taylor 07 343 9392 or John Kirkland 07 357 4876.  
Email [davidtaylorldr@gmail.com](mailto:davidtaylorldr@gmail.com)



# COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
October	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	17	Classic MC Club Run	1pm	Neil Hunt Park	12
	18	BBQ Run	TBA	TBA	
	27-30	Midweek Spring Tour	TBA	via Forgotten Highway	10
November	11	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	14	Social Evening	TBA	Clubrooms	
	15	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
	25	Midweekers	9.45am	Whakatane area	10

## *Rotorua Classic Motorcycle Club Run*

The Rotorua Classic Motorcycle Club are celebrating their 40th Anniversary, they would like to invite our car club to join them. Meeting at 1pm at Neil Hunt Park on the 17th October the run is through Waikite/Ngajuru Valley ending up at Waioapu Taven for afternoon tea. Contact Lorraine Wilson 027 324 1498 or email [livit2themax@hotmail.com](mailto:livit2themax@hotmail.com)



**1939 MG WA**

A beautiful 1939 MG WA spotted at Brits At The Beach 2015

# Club Spring Run - 13 September 2015





# SULPHUR CITY RALLY

29 August 2015

