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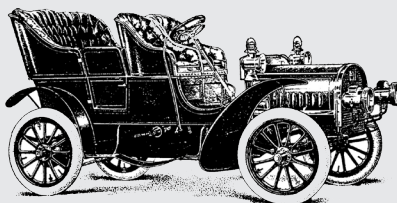
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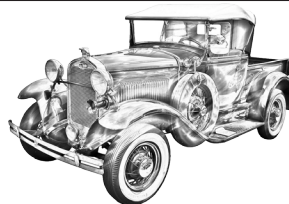


## Cover Photos

Front - Lunch stop, Sulphur City Rally  
Back - Shona Wickham, Daffodil Day

## 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

## - August 2018

*by David Tomlinson*



Well, August finished off with a very successful Sulphur City Rally, which brought many competitors from other branches along in a wide variety of cars. From start to finish the whole event was thoroughly enjoyable, and we have had significant feedback praising the efforts of the organisers. The route was fun and picturesque, the questions were challenging, and the food was probably as good as you will ever get. In particular, the lunch stop at Upper Atiamuri School was exceptional.

I wish to thank all the sponsors of this event, and most particularly, all branch members who contributed to the successful weekend. To those that were able to take part and did not, you really missed one of out of the box. I can't wait for next year.

There are a couple of new developments with this issue. Firstly, we will be dedicating at least one page per issue for the ladies. I will chase up content each month to fill this new feature. Also, the "online" version of the magazine will be bigger with more content, particularly photos, as there is no cost for extra pages online. This will also allow all items to be published each issue, not just those that fit, so even if you still receive a printed Side Curtains, you may still want to check it on the web too.

Our car in the room for August was to be a local non-member's Mercedes-Benz, but this had to be postponed for a future date. Dennis Whimp stepped in with an excellent talk on road construction and its relationship with safety, dealing with many roads we all travel regularly.

From September we are back to "normal" in terms of club and mid-week runs, except in January our only activity is the Lakefront Car Show which is confirmed with Council for Sunday the 20th of January. Earlier this year we had around 300 cars on the Village Green, so expect next year to be a worthwhile day out to be a part of.



This month's club run will be on the last weekend of the month, as we travel to Pirongia for their special 40th anniversary market, then followed by a BYO picnic lunch at a collection on a property nearby. Our mid-week run will be earlier in the month accordingly. Also, there are a couple of events on in mid-September highlighted elsewhere in this issue that may be of interest to members.

You should all have received your new subs renewal from VCC in the mail by now, make sure you pay them on time to take advantage of the discount.

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## Sulphur City Rally Feedback

We received the following letter from Sulphur City Rally entrants:

*My wife and I wish to thank the Club for the wonderful Rally on Saturday; the camaraderie was marvellous, the weather was great and the run, lunch and dinner were truly enjoyable. The drive down through the Whirinaki Valley was along roads that are not normally travelled by tourists and the steaming, volcanic cliffs of the Paeroa Range were spectacular.*

*The roads and scenery were so awesome that we missed the "photo clues" and the "silent checks"; the navigator needs to "stay on task". Our 1951 Citroen Traction Avant developed an intermittent starter solenoid fault on the Saturday morning which is why, at lunch, we parked on the sloping asphalt at the school rather than on the grass as the other cars were parked.*

*We wish to thank Neville Harper for the Lucas Starter Solenoid that he kindly gave us and we were fortunately able to drive the 500km back to Paihia without problem. The replacement solenoid is now fitted and tested for our peace of mind.*

*We also wish to thank Wayne and Carrie Roberts for taking us out, after the rally, in their 1924 Velie Tourer and teaching us another version of "straight line" navigation; no problem next time!*

*Regards, Jen and Steve Cornwall  
Members Northland VCC, Paihia*

# FROM THE SECRETARY

*by*  
*Dennis Whimp*



## A Big Welcome to our new members

Matthew Binks of Lynmore

Matthew has a 1931 Triumph WO motorcycle, a 1972 Yamaha FS1-SS motorbike and a 1966 Suzuki T20 Superbike which has an interesting storey.

Jason Munro, son of member Ross and grandson of Reg. and Annette Jason has a beautiful red 1973 MG midget that is in showroom condition. He drove it in the Sulphur City Rally with Ross as navigator and they were both still talking at the end. Jason also brought it along to the Daffodil deliveries. Jason is probably our youngest licenced driver, having just had his seventeenth birthday in August.

## Around and About

Ross and Cushla Hollings have resigned and are moving to Australia to be nearer family. Ross said he won't be getting a vintage or post vintage there as the registration is \$800 a year which includes compulsory insurance, plus you have to keep a log book and the cars are only allowed on the road for 80 days per annum.

Bob Woolston is now the proud owner of an immaculate 1927 La Salle Cadillac roadster. It was the first year of the La Salles and they created a stir at GM because they were more stylish than the Cadillac. It is Fleetwood bodied and was one of three that went to Australia in 1927 where it stayed until it was transferred to NZ about 15 years ago.

We now have three members who are getting the magazine posted out. If you want a mailed copy please let me know. I will email it to all those that I have an email address.

# For The Ladies

This month sees the start of a new regular feature for, and from, the ladies in our branch. We are going to start with a catch up, a recipe from the fare at the Swap Meet that was not able to fit into last month's issue, and a recipe for another recent baked item at the clubrooms. Thanks to Doreen Green for these recipes.

## Moist Date Loaf

In a bowl add 1 cup of chopped dates, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 tablespoon of butter, 1 cup of boiling water. Leave to cool.

Add 3 crushed weetbix, 1 tsp vanilla essence, 1 cup flour, 1 egg, 1 tsp baking powder, 3/4 cup sugar. Mix well together. You can cut the sugar by half if so desired.

Pour into a greased loaf tin and bake for ¾ hour at 180 degrees C. Then enjoy.

## Orange Cake (food Processor needed)

1 whole orange	2 eggs
125g melted butter	1 1/2 cups of self raising flour
1 cup sugar	250g Cream Cheese

Cut orange into four quarters and put them into the whiz and pulp.

Add all other ingredients and whiz until mixed well together.

Pour into a non-stick cake tin and bake at 180 degrees C for 35-40 minutes. Test with a skewer.

Ice with cream cheese and grate orange peel over the top. Can also be used as a muffin mix.

From next issue we will try and broaden the range of content of this feature, all lady branch members are encouraged to send in contributions on anything they think is of interest to the editor before the end of the month prior to the next issue of Side Curtains.



## Sulphur City Rally 2018 *by David Tomlinson*

The 2018 edition of Rotorua branch's Sulphur City Rally could perhaps have been sub-titled Festival of Food! At the close of entries we had 46 cars which included 9 vintage through to 3 P80s. On the Friday at registration we lost a couple of the vintage entries, and a couple of entrants had to change classes with vehicles not being ready. Those that arrived early had the opportunity to have a great two course dinner with roast beef and chicken with roast veges and salad, followed by dessert at the branch club rooms.

Early Saturday the weather was great, if a little chilly. After tea and coffee and lots of scones and other baking, older cars set off first for a short course of straight line around the south of the city before heading off into the country heading towards Atiamuri. As well as traditional questions and silent checks we were given 8 colour photos with questions to test our observancy around the course.

The lunch stop was at the picturesque Upper Atiamuri School who put on a fantastic spread. Ham on the bone, roast chicken, salads, veges, two soups and lots of dessert options. It was almost too good to leave to complete the afternoon section of the rally. Back to Rotorua through country roads, the day mixed lots of one lane bridges, metal roads, river and stream crossings and some great vistas along the way.

All the vintage cars, which ranged from a 1924 Velie through to four 1929 cars including a Graham Paige coupe, made it home safely. We just had one Riley needing assistance returning home. Back at the clubrooms a big afternoon tea, and then around two thirds of competitors and many of the rally support crew attended a prize giving dinner at the Distinction Hotel. Prizes were given out for all classes as well as top Ladies team, prizes for juniors and many raffle prizes.

Three entrants had navigators not yet old enough to have a driver's licence and we had one teenage entrant driving his own MG Midget. It was a good mix of cars, great country roads, a happy bunch of competitors and an awesome amount of quality food all along the way. I can't wait for next year's edition.

## Nearby Events In September

With our club run for September being on the last weekend of the month we have been asked to let members know about these two nearby events in the middle of September:

**All Ford Day** - 16 September 2018 – hosted by The Waikato Mustang Owners Club - 24th Annual Henry Ford Memorial Day display and swap meet on The Willows at the Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton. Entry is \$10 per show car, spectators \$10, children under 12 free with a paying adult. Proceeds donated to Waikato Air Ambulance. Gates open at 8am. Please note: No dogs allowed.



A poster for the Rotary Paeroa Classic Car Show. The poster has a yellow and white checkered border. At the top, the title "Rotary Paeroa Classic Car Show" is written in a large, red, stylized font. Below the title is a photograph of a classic gold-colored car. Underneath the photo, the dates "14 -16 September 2018" are printed in a large, dark blue font. The event details are listed in blue text: "Friday 14th: Silent Movie @ Paeroa Little Theatre", "Saturday 15th: Wharf St From 10am Military Display, Live Music, Bouncy Castle", "10.30 Vehicles Muster in Taylor Rd for Parade", "11am Vehicle Street Parade", "12.30 Prizegiving", "1.30 Firepower Demonstration", and "2pm Mystery Car Ramble". The Sunday event is listed as "Sunday 16th: Antiques Roadshow@The Refinery Café". At the bottom, it says "Proudly Presented by Rotary Paeroa" with the email "rotary.paeroa@gmail.com" and "Public Gold Coin Entry". Four Rotary International logos are placed at the corners of the poster.

**Rotary Paeroa Classic Car Show**

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# August 28th Midweek Run *by Angie Brunton*

## Daffodil Delivery Day

It was a fine day for our midweek run with a difference. Members in 12 cars (mixture of club & moderns) met at 9am at the Cancer Society office Ranolf Street. Lists were distributed among them for deliveries of Daffodils to addresses around the city and surrounding suburbs. We also had the help of 2 other cars of volunteers and a few extra people as helpers for those members who were on their own. When these lists were complete we enjoyed morning tea at the Cancer society office. More lists were distributed and daffodils delivered and then we adjourned to the Cafe at Mitre 10 Mega for lunch. As the lists had been completed (so I thought) no deliveries were needed to be done in the afternoon. Thanks to all members who helped on the day especially to those members who did deliveries as far out as Rotoma, Tarawera and Waimangu.

I was quite sure that the day had gone too well as there were at least 50 bunches of daffodils left at the Cancer Society office but we checked and all the lists had been completed. The next day Lois Thompson had to call at the Cancer Society office to drop off buckets and was advised that 2 streets in the industrial area i.e. Tallyho and Riri streets had been missed. I think I hadn't printed those lists off so Lois in the pouring rain delivered 28 bunches and Tim a cancer society helper delivered a further 27. All in all over 800 bunches were delivered by club members and helpers.

The cancer Society really appreciated our help with the delivery.





# Gosford Classic Car Museum *by David Tomlinson*

## Central Coast, New South Wales, Australia

During the last week of the school holidays in August, Fleur and I spent a week travelling around New South Wales with young Alex, and I managed to squeeze in two car museum visits. The first was a very small collection of old Fords in Junee at the Licorice Factory, and the second was a new museum that opened in Gosford in June 2015.

It is unusual in that ALL cars on display can be purchased, so it is a combination museum/sales yard. Entry was free, and the 300+ vehicles are well spaced out and easy to view from most angles. The only criticism I had read about the museum before travelling there is they sometimes have a few of one model on display, and that was true, but who is going to complain that four Ferrari 512BBs are parked side by side?

It is a very eclectic mix, with very few pre-1930 cars, but a good selection of cars from just about everywhere in the world, including a lot of Cold War era eastern European cars, many with V8 engines. Most cars are highly polished, show-ready examples, but of course that doesn't always guarantee originality. Although cars are for sale, few have prices listed, but of the few that did, a Lamborghini Muira was available for an eye watering AUD\$1.85 million. Amongst classics you don't often see were a Porsche 959, a right hand drive Lamborghini Countach, an Invicta Black Prince, a Fiat "Jolly" and a Lancia Astura cabriolet. It was suggested that over \$70 million worth of cars were on display. A lot of motorcycles too.

There were plenty of more common cars amongst the glamour, but they were generally presented in immaculate order. They even had an old Bedford J1, and a couple of ex-US Army HUMVEEs out the back.

It is only 45 minutes north of Sydney, and well worth a 2 hour visit if you are up that way. You certainly can't complain about the free entry, and it has a nice cafe and an automotive themed gift store.

Because of the nature of cars being sold, the collection will change over time, so it is probably worth another visit in years to come.

# Gosford Car Museum



1931  
Pierce-Arrow  
A-144



1968  
Lamborghini  
Muira



Jaguar  
XJ220

# Gosford Car Museum



Amphicar  
Model 770



1933  
Tatra 57



Triumph  
Stag  
  
(in a very  
1970s colour)



## ROAD TEST: 1970s MORGAN 4/4 *by Ronald Mayes*

In July our midweekers saw a brand new Morgan in Katikati, awaiting compliance for N.Z. registration. (Why? It is a production model and apart from one of very few having automatic transmission, it is the same as hundreds on the roads in the U.K. and elsewhere!)

Back in the mists of time (well it must have been about 15 years ago) we visited a new member of my model railway club. In his garage sat an obviously well used 1929 Ford Model A pickup. And a Morgan 4/4! It had the Ford Essex 1600cc engine but, curiously, twin SU Carburettors, and was said to be quite highly tuned. I was told to get in the driver's seat and take it for a run. I squeezed my smallish frame into the car. Close was the big steering wheel and ahead the long, louvred bonnet, all looking excitingly vintage. The seat backrest felt comfortable, but the base was very narrow indeed, squeezed between the chassis rail at the side and the transmission hump in the centre. Even my smallish stern was in contact with both.

Starting up I noticed the lumpy idling and rorty exhaust. "Watch how you hold the gear lever" the owner said. That was because it was just below the dashboard - hold it on top and the bottom edge of the dash would take the skin off your hand as you changed gear. "Give it plenty of revs" he said as I took off "No, no, lots more than that before you change up!" "Plenty of revs" certainly brought it to life and lively indeed was its performance. Steering was very direct, it must have been only about two turns from lock to lock. The power and handling brought an instant ear to ear grin. But its ride was HARD. When I say hard I mean that, if driving on a very smooth concrete surface and you ran over a dropped matchstick, you would feel the jar as the wheels climbed over it! It did, of course, handle as if it was on rails and could be thrown around corners at speeds impossible in lesser vehicles, going exactly where I pointed it.

Driving home in our Triumph seemed a very sedate business after that experience.

A short time later the owner took me on a British Cars Bay of Plenty run in the Waikato which had been organised by the Morgan club. Suitably dressed in windproof jacket and flying helmet I was warm enough, but noticed a big gap on my side between the windscreen and the side curtain - a lot of air buffeted the open cockpit. Again, great fun on an afternoon run, but it would not be the ideal vehicle for me for a long trip!

# BUY - SELL - SWAP

**For Sale:** 1977 Ford Granada 4 door sedan. Rego and WoF. 3 litre V6 with auto gearbox, \$6500

Phone Bruce on 348 2117

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**For Sale:** 1959/60 Ford Prefect parts. Rear diff (complete with springs, wheels and tyres), 3 speed gearbox, phone John on 357 4876

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**For Sale:** Roof rack, lightweight 1960s (?) German Engelmann brand, gutter mountings widely adjustable. 70 kg load limit. Excellent condition \$75 ono

Automatic transmission fluid, 2 x 4 litre containers Valvoline ATF Type F for Ford and BW 35 transmissions. Bargain \$30 each or both for \$50. Ronald Mayes, ph 347 8490, email: randgmayes@gmail.com

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## Sulphur City Rally prize giving dinner at the Distinction Hotel



## Road Safety Updates *by Ronald Mayes*

Many of you have been driving for at least 50 years. How many are conversant with current Road Code rules? Agewise Drivewise is running courses for over-65s to get up to date with changing regulations and to learn how to keep driving safely. The course is free and so is lunch!

The details:    Thursday    27 September  
                         Tuesday    30 October

All courses start at 9.30am and run until 2.30pm at the Parksyde Community Centre, Tarewa Place, Rotorua. Telephone the Rotorua Lakes Council, 348 4199 to register.

*(I have twice attended these courses. On both occasions there were invitations to attend practical courses at the Taupo motor racing circuit. Naturally, I signed up, and had a great time!)*

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## BEADED WHEELS - IDLE TORQUE *by Ronald Mayes*

The latest issue arrived last Saturday and as usual all work stopped while I read it. As always I first looked at Idle Torque to see my contribution. This time the article was as I wrote it, but there were no photographs!

I had supplied four: Cliff and Shona receiving their 25 year badges, Terry's Holden in the clubroom, four cars with proud radiator grilles in the car park (RR, Rover, Vanden Plas and Studebaker) and a bit of self-promotion with a shot of Gloria and I with all of the trophies we won last year. Maybe we will see them in the next issue?

# CLUB NIGHT - September 12th

Neil Hunt Park - 7.30pm

Car In The Room: 1953 Land Rover Series 1

Followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

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## Upcoming Midweek Runs *by Bob Mackay*

*Wednesday September 19th*

NOTE CHANGE OF WEEK! Meet at the Club Rooms for morning tea at 10am. We will then take to the back roads of the Bay of Plenty to a country café for lunch. As the Club will have a Club run on the last Sunday of the month, the midweek run is a week earlier than normal.

*Spring Tour - Monday October 29th - Friday November 2nd*

Presently nine vehicles have confirmed as participating with motels already booked. There is no restriction as to the number participating but I understand that the chosen motels may be getting fairly booked out so it may be necessary for late-comers to find alternative motels.

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## September Club Run to Pirongia

*Sunday September 30th*

This will be the 40th Anniversary Markets at Pirongia, so there should be a good turnout of vendors. Members can make their own way to Pirongia and allow as much time as they like to look around.

We will leave the fair at 12.30pm to go to Colin Pinkerton's. It is less than 10 minutes from Pirongia on road towards Te Awamutu. We will have a BYO picnic lunch at his property, you will need to bring your own chairs. We can look through his collection.

We will endeavour to arrange a parking/meeting point for our cars so that it will be easy to leave as a group at 12.30pm. Hopefully this can be reported at our September club night.



# COMING EVENTS

	Date	Event	Time	Venue	Page
September	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	11
	19	Midweekers Run	10am	Clubrooms	11
	30	Club Run	12 noon	Pirongia Market	11
October	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	14	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
Oct / Nov	29 - 2	Spring Tour	12.30pm	Opotiki / Gisborne / Napier	11
November	14	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	18	Combined Branch Run	TBA	TBA	
	28	Midweekers Run	TBA	TBA	
December	12	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	16	Club Run	TBA	TBA	
Jan 2019	20	Lakefront Car Show	9am	Village Green	

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## 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.

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## Daffodil Day deliveries

