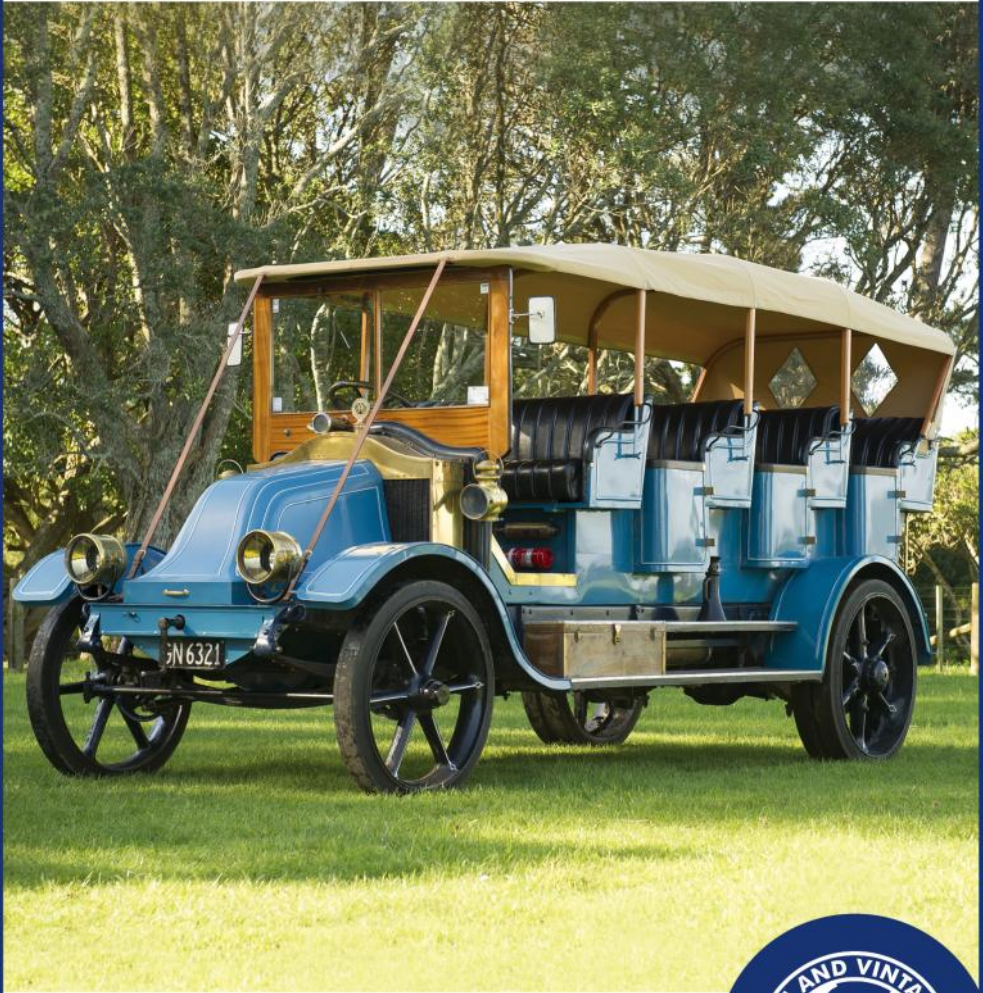




AUCKLAND VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.



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July Bulletin submissions closing date: Friday, 27 June
July Bulletin will be released Friday 4th July, due to AGM date.

Late submissions will feature in the following month's edition.
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Coming Events

All events are held at our clubrooms unless otherwise specified.

JUNE

7	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
8	Sun	Posh Afternoon Tea	2:30 pm
8	Sun	Motorcycle Run–Pokeno Woolworths Carpark, 58 Great South Rd, Pokeno	10:00 am
12	Thur	Noggin & Natter Night	7:30 pm
14	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
19	Thur	Special VIFHM Update from Ray Robertson @ the Clubrooms	7:30 pm
21	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30 pm
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm
26	Thur	NO 4th Thurs Noggin this month–Clubrooms Closed	
28	Sat	AVVCC AGM - to be held at the clubrooms	2:00 pm
29	Sun	The Annual Expert's Rally	
starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Rd, Drury			first car away 11:00 am

JULY

1	Tue	2025-2026 New Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
4	Fri	Later release of July Bulletin due to AGM & first Committee Meeting	
5	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
6	Sun	Motorcycle Rally–starts Clubrooms	10:30 am
10	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
12	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
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26	Sat	Club Afternoon	2:30 pm
27	Sun	Club Run	
29	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
30	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm

AUGUST

2	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
9	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
14	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
16	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30 pm
23	Sat	Flares & Flowers 60s Theme Social Evening	7:30 pm
24	Sun	VCC of NZ National Daffodil Rally –Vehicle Display Day at FGS Buddhist Temple, Stancombe Rd, Flat Bush	assemble 9:00–9:30 am
26	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
27	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm
28	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
31	Sun	Motorcycle Run	

"Life is too short to drive boring cars." - Unknown

Note: The clubrooms are open on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month from 7:30pm until 10:00pm and EVERY Saturday afternoon from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Our Spares Dept & Library are open during the clubrooms opening hours PLUS Thursday mornings from 9:00am 'til noon.

Chairman's Report

It was pleasing to see members attend the Rally Rules Night earlier in the month. Club Captain, Tracey, explained each of the navigation options and was well received.



During the month a new Letter Box has been positioned on our front boundary. Hence, it's "good-bye" to the P. O. Box, and "hello" to all deliveries to 39 Fairfax Ave, Penrose, Auckland 1061. We get very little mail these days and the annual cost of the Post Office Box seemed a waste of Branch Funds.

Genealogy was the topic for our Club Afternoon this month. Many thanks to Marion Towers who came and talked to us about this very interesting subject. With very few questions at the end, Marion clearly gave you all a lot of leads and you'll be busy now researching.

Our AGM is fast approaching. This is your chance to have your say and stand for committee. All positions will become vacant, and it would be good to have a representative from each Section of our Branch stand this year. Being on Committee is a lot of fun, and more hands make lighter work.

See you there.
Shaaran.

Saturday, August 23rd
From 7:30 pm–10:00 pm

Flares & Flowers

Book your spot now
\$15 per person (\$10 goes to Daffodil Day).

Fun Social Night

60's Music – "Best Dressed" Prizes – Door Prize
Time to practice your dance moves!!

Bar Open – Supper served

Chairman's Annual Report

As another year comes to a close, it is time to reflect on the past twelve months. Entrants in the Annual Events have commented that they enjoyed the changes we have made to some of these events and look forward to them continuing in this format. Thank you to Club Captain Tracey Winterbottom and all the plotters, marshals, and helpers who put in the time and effort to make these events so enjoyable for us all.

We introduced a new event this year – the Celebration of 100-Year-old Vehicles. The event, combined with our Christmas Picnic, was held at Huntly House, Clark's Beach, and was a great success.

The Buddhist Temple at Flat Bush was the venue for our fundraising for the VCC National Day for Cancer in August. I'm proud to say we deposited the \$6,500.00 collected on the day into the Auckland Cancer Society bank account—a grand effort.

I had the pleasure of welcoming VCC President, George Kear and Registrar, Neil Beckenham, to our Garden Party during the Inaugural Hunua Spring Tour. George read the Citations and presented 50-year badges to members Shirley Bovis, Pat Dewhurst, John Courtney, Tim Manning, and David Oliver. Neil then presented David Adams with his 60-Year badge and Citation. John Stewart (a 60-year badge recipient) and Barry Phillips (a 50-year badge recipient) were unable to attend, but their awards were delivered to them afterwards.

The combined Christmas Potluck Dinner and Seventieth Birthday of our Branch drew a large crowd. Life members Norman Dewhurst and Barry Robert, along with past Chairmen John Campbell, Alan Price, and Martin Spicer, and I, cut the Birthday cake. Norman gave an excellent summary of the formation of our Branch and the events that have followed over the last 70 years. We can take pride in our Branch and the former members who paved the way for our Branch to be the fine club it is today.

Although Thursday Noggin and Natter evenings draw a small crowd, these are a lot of fun and are well worth attending. We decided to switch the Thursday evening Club Nights to Saturday afternoons, in the hope of attracting a more reasonable audience for our guest speakers. The crowds have been slightly larger, but we would like to see more of you attend to make it worthwhile.

Norman Dewhurst and Jack Nazer, organisers of the Mid-week Tourers runs, retired at the end of 2024. They have done a magnificent job of organising this event for over twenty-five years. Their effort is very much appreciated.

To the two Bar Managers, Leo Fowler and Charlotte Bovis – a big thank you for stocking and serving at the bar, and to our gardeners, Michelle and Jeremy Lambert, who keep the clubrooms looking lovely.

I thank and acknowledge the hard work of the Spares Team, Library Team, Beaded Wheels Scribes, and the VIC Officers.

To the Committee, a big 'thank you' to you all; your support throughout the year has been very much appreciated.

Shaaran Price.

Club Captain's Log

In May, we had to postpone the Experts Rally due to our plotters, Colin and Pam, both falling ill with the flu at the same time. Happily, they are on the mend, and we will now have the rally at the end of June. This Rally will start from the Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Rd, Drury. The first car is away at 11:00 am.

August is our Annual Daffodil Day event at the FGS Buddhist Temple. This is our opportunity to promote our club and hobby nationally on the same day and unite in support of the Cancer Society's fundraising efforts. This year, Ford NZ are partnering with the VCC in our cause. We will be discussing exactly what this means for our event at our next committee meeting.

I would love to see you all support the day- Sunday, August 24, along with our 60s social night on the 23rd.

Remember, too, you are rapidly running out of time to get your entry in for the Vero Festival in March next year, and if you're wondering what an International Rally is all about, come along and hear Festival Director Ray Robertson give you the latest news on Thursday, 19 June at 7:30 pm.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM at the end of the month.

Tracey

Meet Ray Robertson Festival Director



*Hear about what the Festival Team have in-store for us,
the runs, the gatherings, the FUN!*

***Join us on Thursday, 19th June 2025
7:30 pm***

To enter: [VIFHM Website](#)
Keep up to date: [VIFHM Facebook Page](#)

Festival Date: March 15 to 21, 2026

Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 28th June 2025

To be held at the branch clubrooms
39 Fairfax Ave, Penrose

Meeting commences at 2:00pm

Agenda: Apologies
 Annual Reports
 Financial Statement
 Election of Officers
 Election of Life Members
 Prize Giving
 25 & 35 Year Presentation Awards
 General Business

Afternoon Tea will be provided at the close of the meeting.

Members will be required to show their membership cards to receive voting papers.

All nominations for office should be duly proposed, seconded and accepted by Financial Members and delivered to the Secretary, or may be made from the floor at the AGM, if required.

Jodi Tomlin
Secretary, AVCC

National VCC Daffodil Day Event

*Daffodil Rally
for Cancer*
Sunday 24 August 2025
"Driving our History"



Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club

in association with the

Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple

Look forward to welcoming you to our Annual Vehicle Display

An event to support the Cancer Society.



16 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, Auckland

Sunday, 24th August 2025

Open to Public: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Display vehicles to arrive 9:00-9:30 am



FGS

Can you help your Club?

Being a Committee Member is voluntary work that is very satisfying. It's a great way to get more out of our club. You also get to know many more members.

Being part of the committee is a perfect opportunity for you:-

- ◆ If you believe you can make a difference;
- ◆ That you can contribute time to the club;
- ◆ You want to get a bit more out of your club.

Join your Committee *or* take on one of the Non-Committee Positions.

All positions are available for nomination, here is your opportunity to put your name or someone else's forward, with their permission, for the following *Committee positions*: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain or Committee Member (6 positions). *Non-committee positions*: Librarian, Beaded Wheels Scribe (shared job), Spares Team Member, Bulletin Editor or Web Master.

If you think you'd like to help but are unsure of the full extent of the jobs, please have a chat to any current Committee Member to find out a bit more of what the positions entail.

Nomination Form

For Committee & Non-Committee Positions

I wish to nominate: _____

For the Position of: _____

Proposer

Seconder

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Nominee

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Please submit by email or in person to the Secretary, Jodi Tomlin, at any time up to 1:30pm, Saturday 28th June. The Annual General Meeting is being held at 2:00pm, Saturday 28th June, in the AVCC Clubrooms. Email: secretary@avcc.org.nz.

From your Secretary

The Pink Ribbon Posh Afternoon Tea is next **Sunday, 8th June**. Lynda Spicer and I will be preparing a scrumptious afternoon tea for you.

Why am I doing this? Because the stats say that nine women in NZ are told each day that they have Breast Cancer, and I have been one of them. This is why I make an effort to support the Breast Cancer Foundation each year, a way of thanking them for the support they gave me. Thank you to those of you who are choosing to help me do that. The Tea is now sold out. YIPPEE!!!

On **Thursday, 19th June**, Ray Robertson, Rally Director, will visit our Branch to discuss the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring (VIFHM). Join us at 7:30 pm to hear what fun events they have planned for us next March in Nelson. While on the subject, have you entered yet? You'd better get onto that AND booking your ferry crossing too! I believe the ferry bookings are getting down to slim pickings already!

Our AGM is scheduled for Saturday, 28th June. Take the opportunity to attend the meeting and provide feedback and opinions on the Branch's operation. Please add this important meeting to your diary.

We, your committee, are pleased to be proposing three members for the status of Honorary Branch Life Member. Please review their nomination CVs later in this Bulletin. It is your vote at the AGM that decides if this honour is given.

Would you like to be part of the team that runs the club? We'd love to have more people on the committee, or perhaps there is an off-committee position that you'd like to take on? Let us know. In this Bulletin, you will find the form for nominating yourself or a friend who wishes to help. A nominee needs to have fellow members propose the nomination and second it. There are Nomination Forms for completion on the Bar in the clubrooms and I can accept nominations by email too. I keenly await your submissions.

I'd also like to advise you that I am happy to continue as Secretary and Editor for the next year if you wish to have me. I am also happy to relinquish either role if someone would like to take on the position of Secretary or Editor.

If anyone is happy to nominate me or second the nomination, I would greatly appreciate it.

Finally, we've received notification that the VCC has secured national support from Ford New Zealand and the Ford dealer network for this year's Daffodil Day Rally on **Sunday, 24th August**. Our event will again be a vehicle display in conjunction with FGS Buddhist Temple. This is a fabulous outcome, with numerous people involved in securing this partnership. However, I wish to specifically acknowledge the efforts of Kaaren Smylie, the National Coordinator for Daffodil Day 2025 and, formally, the North Island Club Captain. She has done a tremendous amount of work in gaining this support.

We hope to have many more vehicles at the Temple this year. The Temple Team hopes to fill the rear car park and grassed area with vehicles, so please mark this day in your diary.

Thank you,
Jodi

Trophies Help Required

Unfortunately, our Trophy Catalogue has disappeared. Fortunately, I still had a digital copy of the catalogue that I had built in 2000, so I am now updating that catalogue, filling in the gaps for the last 25 years.

I currently have four boxes of Trophies at the engravers for engraving, repairs, and corrections. There are a few trophies that lack engraving from more recent years, the COVID era. Some rallies never took place; others were rescheduled throughout the year due to lockdowns, etc.

What I would like to ask of you is, if you know that you won a class, be that Vehicle Era or Fast or Slow section, in any rally in the last 5 years, could you please email me the details, including the year and make of the vehicle used?

Thank you, Jodi

Nomination Form

For the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

Members of the Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club (Inc) are invited to nominate a fellow member for this Annual Award. The nomination should be for any member that they regard as having been involved in a significant event. It may be a particularly memorable motoring journey, an important historical article or series of articles published or some special service to the Branch. This trophy will be awarded at the Branch AGM in June.

We wish to nominate: _____

Proposer

Secunder

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Details of the accomplishments: _____

Please submit to the Secretary, Jodi Tomlin **by 31 May 2025.**

Submit in person or by email: secretary@avvcc.org.nz

Honorary Branch Life Member Nominations

As defined in our Constitution, the branch can have five Honorary Branch Life Members at any one time. Currently, we have two Life Members: Barry Robert and Norman Dewhurst QSM.

The current Committee have discussed that it is an appropriate time to add to this list and wishes to propose the following deserving Branch Members who have rendered exceptional service to our Branch:

- 1) Rodger Ball
- 2) Russel McAlpine
- 3) John Stokes

The CVs for each of these gentlemen follow.

Those financial members attending the AGM on Saturday, June 28th, 2025, will have one vote per nominee. A two-thirds majority of those members present and voting thereon shall be necessary to effect such election.

Rodger Ball

Rodger joined the Auckland Branch in 1976. He and his wife, Val, initially owned a Ford Model A in pieces, so they served as marshals on many club rallies. They sold the Model A bits and purchased a 1935 Hillman Minx that they rallied extensively in its original condition before replacing it with a 1930 Ford Model A Phaeton in 1987. The Model A had been restored when they purchased it, but in 2003, it was decided to give it a 'ground-up' re-restoration. This was done professionally, with Rodger spending many hours each week at the workshop meticulously cleaning and sanding to assist in the process. Having no vehicle of their own on the road during this time did not slow them down; with offers of other branch members' vehicles, they continued to be involved. Their Model A was completed, winning a Branch Gold Restoration, and after a few months of shake-down driving, they undertook the trip to the Invercargill International Rally. They have since been on the following three Internationals.

Rodger and Val were very competitive in our club events and won the following trophies over the years, some multiple times - Annual Points Trophy, Seabrook Fowlds Trophy (Expert's Rally), Nicholson Trophy (Vintage Muster), Shears Trophy (Hunua 100 Vintage Class), Automobile Assn (Hunua 100 Overall Winner), P A Jones Trophy (Night Rally), Flying Lady Trophy (Ladies Rally), Hicks Memorial Trophy (Annual Gymkhana).

Rodger held the position of secretary of the branch since 1986–2017. He has proved the most dedicated secretary that this branch has ever had. Rodger was also our branch delegate from 1987–2017.

Rodger and Val acted as returning officers for the NZ Motor Caravan Association's national election, and all remunerations were donated directly to our branch.

Rodger's passion for our Branch and time dedicated to the running of the Branch makes him totally worthy of a life membership.

Russel McAlpine

Russel joined the Auckland Vintage and Veteran Car Club in April 1968 after purchasing his 1930 Ford Model A Phaeton when he was just 16 years old in 1967, just after decimal currency was introduced in NZ, for \$400. He has been a constant member for 57 years.

Participation and driving his car has certainly been a high priority and is something Russel enjoys immensely. Testament to this is that he has been involved in every Hunua 100 since joining the club. Add to this the numerous local and nationwide rallies that Russel and Jocelyn have won over the years (some several times over). This has then involved the subsequent plotting and running of many Auckland events, including serving on the organising committee of the very successful 2017 Easter Rally.

Over the years, Russel has been able to give back to the club by serving on the committee in a number of capacities. His first 17-year stint on the committee from 1983 saw him as Club Captain for a couple of years, Vice Chairman for five years, and then Chairman for five years.

During his time as Chair, he guided the committee in building "The Barn", now a valued asset of the Branch. After taking a break from the committee for a couple of years, he accepted nomination again in 2011 and served as Vice Chair. His latest stint from 2022 until 2024 saw him look after the club maintenance, seeing a refurbishment of both the barn and the clubrooms. During his tenure and beyond he also organised and got 'stuck in' with Jocelyn at the working bees to keep the Clubrooms spick and span.

Russel has also been very active in the branch's social events, organising many after-rally functions, catering veteran rallies, initiating the Hunua Garden Parties, and arranging speakers for club nights as the entertainment officer. He also provided

quick-fire raffles, etc., and has had an alter ego as our Santa over numerous years at the annual Gymkhana and Potluck dinners.

While attending out-of-town rallies, he constantly invited and encouraged other Branch members to attend our events in Auckland.

Russel is a supportive and inclusive Club Member who deserves a lifetime membership.

John Stokes

John Stokes has been a member for well over 50 years and in his time as a member has always made a significant contribution to The Branch.

Right from the beginning, John (a university student when he joined) became involved with the restoration of the Renault Charabanc in the mid-60's. In its heyday, when the Charabanc was driven many miles to various club events throughout the country, John was integral to the team, both as a driver and as part of the crew who maintained her. He has always been among the first to encourage and get a team of passengers on board when the vehicle is taken out.

This includes our Annual Veteran Rallies and many Farmer's Santa Parades.

Beaded Wheels magazine notes have been another part of club life that John has been responsible for, for many years, and although these days he takes turns with penning the words, John continues to take responsibility and ensures those writing each issue's notes are well aware of deadlines and what is expected. Again, his encouragement comes to mind, as previous and current "scribes" were asked to take on the role due to their "suitability" for the job and his non-acceptance of No for an answer.

John has never owned a Veteran Car, but he is passionate about this era and has organised more Auckland Annual Veteran Runs than anyone else. In recent years, John kicked off the Veteran Section Saturday meeting for those interested in this vehicle class. John remains the first and current Veteran section coordinator.

John has had various stints of several years serving on the committee in various positions, the most recent finishing in 2022. Always willing to take on responsibility and get things done.

The Library and Spares Team have also benefitted from John's expertise throughout his membership. John's knowledge of the books and information held in our library is immense, and he can often go straight to the shelf and find exactly what he is looking for. He has given many years to the spares team, sorting, collecting, putting away, disposing of and selling branch spares.

John continues today to assist with the Library, Spares, Charabanc and takes the responsibility seriously. He is never afraid to "chase out" the Thursday morning stragglers if they look like holding up the cleaner.

Amongst all of this support for various teams within the branch, John also maintains and drives several vehicles and a motorcycle and is a regular attendee on a number of National Events, including the Far North Tour (which he has never missed) and the Wellsford/Warkworth Winter Woollies Wander.

John's keenness and efforts to see the Branch run well makes him a truly deserving recipient of a Life Membership.

Angelique in a previous life...



This is a photo of the charabanc in a previous life. It's a Chandler on the back that was carried down Queen Street after the car had established a record between Wellington and Auckland. At that time dealers were racing cars between the two cities, until the police stopped it a few years later. It is the oldest photo I have seen of the charabanc.

Courtesy of Barry Birchall.

Veteran Section Notes

We had apologies from David Lane, Bill Mercer and Wayne Welch.

Barry Wade has been busy with his olive harvest and hasn't done much with the '09 Rover. David Oliver has a new WOF on the Model T. He is happy with the new engine.

Phil Henley went on a HCCNZ trip to the Edney collection. The weather was against them, so, courtesy of David Porter, they went to the McMullin and Wing facility to view the construction of the new Auckland electric ferries. Battery racks are being built, and this involves some pioneering technology.

Denis Lowe has been involved in casting cylinder heads for Curved Dash Oldsmobiles. I was unaware that early Oldsmobiles had detachable cylinder heads. The casting is being done in Christchurch by a firm that specialises in casting turbo-charger housings for Nissans.

Roy Sharman advised that Graham Pate of Waikato WVCC has bought a veteran Swift from the Hastings area. Roy also brought a Master Vibrator twin spark vibrating coil for display.

Terry Jenkins mentioned the death of a fifty-year-plus member, John Wilkinson. John was responsible for the restoration of the Charabanc's acetylene generator during the early 'Seventies.

Russell Vincent and Cedric Pegrum had little to report. Barry Birchall is still attempting to perfect the 1912 four-cylinder Cadillac electric starter. And finally, it's understood that Mat Metcalfe has imported the remains of some veteran Hudsons.

That's it for May.

John

The re-scheduled **Annual Expert's Rally**

WILL YOU BE THE EXPERT THIS YEAR?

Expertly plotted by Colin and Pam Bell.

Join us for a great run on **Sunday, 29th June**
Starts: Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Rd, Drury
First car away @ 11:00 am

Vintage Section Notes

Penny and I missed the April meeting as we were in the South Island. It had been at the top of my "bucket list" to drive the Rainbow Road in our 1931 British Bedford and we were not disappointed. A private road connecting St Arnaud and Hanmer Springs, it is the highest publicly accessible road in NZ at 1347 metres at Island Saddle. We also travelled several other remote little roads, finally coming back North through Waikaremoana, and the old truck never missed a beat.

John Morrison hopes to get the starter motor on his Briscoe functioning soon. He has offered his car collection as a destination for a mid-week run, and we will certainly take him up on that!

After his Model T was used in a film, Tim Gray has returned the truck to it's normal livery. It has an annoying oil leak from the diff (don't they all?). It's probably just a gasket, but the whole unit may have to be removed so the diff can be split and a new gasket installed.

Ross Bellamy took his brother Shaun's Model A for a WOF and it flew through (hardly surprising as their cars are always immaculate).

John Stokes travelled as a passenger in a Chrysler in the recent Highland Fling. The car had some fuel problems, but the event was most enjoyable, if a little long. With the Rainbow ticked off, the Highland Fling is next on my "bucket list".

Up in the Barn John Towers has been doing a 'sympathetic restoration' on the pushbike that has been in the barn for some time - no one seems to know where it came from. It is fitted with a BSA Flying Wheel - a motor in the hub of the rear wheel. It is a fascinating bit of history which will be written up in full in a future Bulletin. John has also put back on the road his 1930 Chev tourer. It had not been registered or warranted since the 1980s so there were some hoops to jump through. Some of the 'officialdom' that he had to deal with were very helpful, but others not so much.

Neil Bieleski always has little wrinkles to make a job easier. This month's was to slip a short length of wire insulating shrink wrap over a little screwdriver and the problem screw to get the pesky thing started without dropping it. Thank you for taking over the reins for me last month too Neil.

Peter Wood showed us the restored light switch off the Buick Marquette. He started with 2 switches - one crushed and totally unusable and the other just a little better. But what he brought along looked like it was just out of the packet! Now he has to figure out how to wire it into the loom.

Norm Dewhurst did the Waikato Easter Rally and could not speak highly enough of the organisation. He hopes to have the Triumph Dolomite 'Dolly' back on the road soon after a major strip down of the motor to replace a collapsed thrust bearing. It was nice to have Norm Dewhurst back at our meeting.

Murray & Penny Firth

Motorcycle Section Annual Report

Well, as they say, time flies when you're having fun, and the motorcycle section has certainly had a lot of fun riding their bikes this past year.

Sadly, a few of our members have passed away. We will miss them all.

Our monthly runs have been well attended, and we have visited some great car and motorcycle collections. As the winner of the 2023 Annual Auckland Motorcycle Rally, I plotted the 2024 event. This had an excellent number of entries and was a great success. It was won by the oldest rider competing, Rotorua's Dave Mayhew. This year's plotter is branch member Rory King.

Last September Jack Clark and I manned our club stand at the New Zealand Motorcycle Show at the ASB Show Grounds, Green Lane. We had 26 bikes on display. This was one of the largest motorcycle shows in recent years, with most major motorcycle manufacturers in attendance, as well as accessory dealers. There was also a large number of one-make clubs showcasing their motorcycles to the public. Over the weekend, the public came in their thousands to see the show. Show organiser and branch member Graham Viall was very happy with the money raised for the Papakura Rotary Club's charities. I'm looking forward to this year's event in October.

We had a good turnout for the New Year's Day Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip Run, and again for April's annual motorcycle Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip Run.

Jack Clark, Lynda and I manned our branch stand at the very successful Brits and Euro Classic Car Show in Pakuranga. We had 15 bikes on display. The show, with free entry for the public, attracted around 8,000 people. They got to see around 1,200 vehicles on display from 70 clubs.

The highlight of the year for 26 branch members was taking part in the National Motorcycle Rally, held in Manawatu. We were away for 3 weeks riding our bikes. This rally was among the best of the great away rallies. Peter Alderdice (Camp Mother) is now making plans for us to attend the next National Rally in South Canterbury in 2027.

A large number of our members continued to participate in rallies organised by other branches around the country throughout the year, each reporting on well-run, fun events.

Our monthly bike meetings remain very popular, with a consistently good turnout of members and visitors. Over the last 12 months, we have had some brilliant guest speakers with their very desirable motorcycles on display. Thank you to you all.

I look forward to another great motorcycling year for everyone.

Martin Spicer

May Club Afternoon Review

The May Club Afternoon was held on a sunny late-autumn afternoon. We arrived in Penrose to find most roads around the clubrooms closed off due to a soccer game being played at GO Media Stadium that evening. We managed to get through the heavy traffic and barriers by 2.25pm.

It was pleasing to see around 30 members turn up for our guest speaker, Marion Towers. Shaaran Price welcomed us and introduced Marion to us.

Marion's talk focused on genealogy. She told us about all the ways of finding information and the organisations that can help you find your family tree details.

Marion had a nice, light, humorous way of explaining things to us. She told us how we can visit public libraries, use online sites and go to the NZ Society of Genealogists (NZSG), in Panmure to trace records. Marion is a volunteer NZSG, where she helps people with their quest to trace their family.

It was noted that most Public Libraries have records on Microfiche, and many now have public access to websites such as Ancestry and MyHeritage. Great for investigation, but you cannot save your Family Tree, as the version of the app differs from what you would use at home.

At the end of Marion's talk, the group asked a few questions that Marion easily answered. Marion handed out a list of sites that you can access for your investigative work (reproduced below).

Shaaran thanked Marion for coming to talk to us on this popular subject. We then went upstairs for a splendid afternoon tea put on by Lynda.

Martin Spicer

<https://genealogy.org.nz/>

<https://wilsoncollection.co.nz/>

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

<https://www.gro.govt.nz/gro/content/>

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/>

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/newzealand/>

<https://archway.howison.co.nz/>

<https://collections.archives.govt.nz/>

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/search>

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

After listening to Marion, I have been inspired to pick up where I left off with my Father's Family Tree (loads of skeletons!). Would anyone be interested in creating a Family Tree Research Group? We can meet at the clubrooms to investigate and possibly take some trips to see Marion at NZSG? Let me know? editor@avvcc.org.nz

Jodi

May 4th Motorcycle Run

I gave the Triumph a quick polish before I headed up to the Jolly Farmer in Drury. I usually ride down the Great South Road to Drury as there's no traffic. Today I encounter the Porsche Car Club out on a run coming towards me, I counted 46 of them.

I arrived at the Jolly Farmer at 10.30am. There were a large number of bikes already assembled, with the owners chatting in the sunshine.

By 11am the numbers had increased significantly. I then had a phone call from Steve Walter who was leading 15 Waikato motorcycle members up to meet us. They were supposed to be riding with us on our run to visit ex New Zealand multi motorcycle champion Paul Pavletich, but they had got lost around the Hunua Gorge. Steve said they would see us at Paul's home. I later heard that they had found the Jolly Farmer, they then set off, but then went on the wrong road, they were then heading to Pukekohe. Neville and Sheryl Michelson, riding their immaculate Velocette 500, realised the mistake and got them all back on course.

After I told my usual joke, we set off. I led the way with the convoy of riders following. The route took us on perfect bike riding roads, up and down hills, with great bends to swing around. We arrived at Paul's country home around 11.30am. Paul was waiting for us outside his very large barn. I had told Paul to expect around 30 bikes, so when we arrived with 55 plus 6 cars parking was a bit tight.

Paul greeted us and then let us wander around his great collection of 60 Japanese bikes, he had all makes Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha and Kawasaki, they range from 50cc Monkey Bikes, 125's 250's 350's 500's 750's, and 1000cc sports and touring models, plus his championship winning Yamaha OW-01, that Paul is still racing in post classics. On display was a large collection of Paul's trophies, Paul is also a Doctor Who fan, and on the wall was a large poster of all the Doctors, then we found, in another garage, two full size Daleks and two characters from Star Wars. Paul also has two classic cars a Holden Torana and a Holden HG 308 Monaro. (Ed. Were they in the "Pool Room"? Ref. the movie The Castle)

The Waikato group arrived, and so did a group of 8 riders from Waihi, they all found a parking space, this put the bike numbers up to nearly 80, we also had a few come over from the Thames area. We must have had around 90 people at Paul's.

It was good to see some motorcycle racers there, Malcolm Anderson and partner Vicky, Bill Cooney and Fergus Maynes.

With out a doubt the best sounding and looking and the most expensive bike on the run was member Lindsay Knowles 2020 MV Augusta F4 Claudio, which was number 53 out of the hundred made.

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Paul said all of his bikes run, he takes each one out for a spin at least twice a year, he also rides his modern bikes every day.

After viewing the fantastic collection, I thanked Paul for letting us come and view his collection of Japanese bikes.

I had a good ride back home, one highlight on my ride home was coming down the hills and seeing the brilliant views looking north and west, in view was Rangitoto, Auckland's Sky Tower, the Waitakere ranges, the Manukau Heads and harbour, and the Glenbrook Steel Mill.

I was back home at 2pm, ending a great "May the Fourth (Force) be with You" (For the Star Wars fans out there!) day out.

Martin



Annual Maintenance Report

Thanks goes to my predecessor - Russel MacAlpine - who tackled all the big jobs, thus leaving me with an easy run.

Our first open maintenance day was held back in October with good weather and a good turnout. A host of jobs were ticked off, a trailer full went off to the tip, the exterior of the buildings were washed plus all the windows, garden furniture water blasted and some painting. Many thanks to all present

A host of small items have been attended to:

- ◆ Changing the way the toilet doors open for safety.
- ◆ Installing mirrors and handles.
- ◆ Increasing the height of the WC in the Accessible toilet.
- ◆ In the Barn some new ply cladding above the stairwell for posters.
- ◆ A hand rail installed on the stairwell to the mezzanine in the Barn.
- ◆ The Clubrooms Roof was sprayed for mould.
- ◆ Lastly, a new letterbox now installed.

And as the year closes we are awaiting quotes for installation of new gutters.

All in a year's work!

Cheers

Rory King

Vehicle Identity Cards (VIC)

Did you know that you must have one of these for your vehicle to enter any National Rally? The VIC is the club's formal system for identifying and verifying the authenticity of your vehicle and officially it's vehicle class.

There is an application form to be completed and emailed along with photos to one of our VIC signatories. They will check things over before sending to Head Office. The process is run by volunteers, and is a serious one (our system is recognised by LTSA).

Please allow 3 months from lodging the forms to receiving your card.

Note that renewals can now be done on-line.

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Northland Motorcycle Rally Report

I set off from Pokeno on my Triumph and headed north, meeting up with John Poole at the Green Lane McDonald's for lunch. New member Bruce Verrall came to see us off.

We had an easy one hour ride up to Wellsford where we stopped for a coffee. The new Warkworth by-pass saves a lot of time. We arrived at our host Brian and Gail Taylor's home, a lifestyle block, at 4pm. We had just unloaded our luggage from the bikes, when Brian asked "would you like a flight in one of my planes". We both said "yes, please!" The plane of choice Brian bought new in 2008, a Fly Synthesis Texan, it's a factory built plane, but Brian had to assemble it, the engine is a 100 hp Rotax.

Brian also has a single seat Corby Starlet, this was built by his cousin Murray over a 21 year period, he built it in a room in his house! It's made of wood and is fabric covered, it first flew in 2017.

I got into the snug cockpit with Brian and we taxied along the driveway and around to the grass runway, which goes down a steep gradient, we rapidly reached the end of the runway and then we were in the air. We flew at around 1000 feet at a speed of 125 mph, which seemed more like 50mph to me. We flew over Kamo and all around Whangarei, Brian pointed out lots of volcanic sights, and 5 rock quarries. We headed back to Brian's and landed up hill, what a brilliant flight. Then John went up for his 15 minute flight. In the meanwhile Gail had prepared for us, a good evening meal, afterwards we chatted until bed time.

We woke up to a sunny day, after breakfast the three of us rode up to the Northland club rooms, by the time of the rally briefing, given by secretary Peter Lovatt, there were 70 motorcycles parked around the car park, with the riders chatting away with old friends.

Here's a breakdown of where they came from, 21 Auckland, 11 Northland, 3 Waikato, 3 Manawatu, 1 each from Wellington, Rotorua, and Wellsford/Warkworth, the rest were local invited riders. Brian Taylor was the plotter and he told us about the route and what to look out for.

The motorcycles on the run ranged in age with the oldest being: Robert Young—1918 Triumph Model H, Paul & Jodi Tomlin—1925 Harley Davidson JE, Steve Walter—1928 AJS, Don Green—1930 Rudge Ulster, Ludwig Eilers—1938 BSA M20. The smallest bike on the run was: 1957 50cc NSU Quickly ridden by Stephen Jeffery. There were a number of marques out on the day, the most extreme being a Boss Hoss fitted with a Chevy 5.735 cc V8 engine! (Refer May 26th Week Ahead email for the results sheet that shows all the makers marques that were out.)

First bike away was at 10am, the morning ride went over some great bike riding roads with no traffic. We arrived at the Dargaville Aerodrome club for lunch at 12.30pm. They put on a great cooked lunch for us. We then looked over the aeroplanes and Auto Giros that were parked up.

We then set off back to the club rooms, again on good twisty roads, with a few hills thrown in for good measure.

Brian had found an 18 kilometre section of metal road that was in good condition for us to ride, there was a sealed road for those who weren't so confident. We arrived back at the clubrooms around 3pm for a cuppa and a chat about the days ride.

John and I got back to Brian's at 3.30pm had showers and changed ready for the prize giving dinner at 6.30pm. We went with Brian & Gail. The branch had changed to new caterers, and they laid on some very good food for us.

After dinner Peter said that we were now to be entertained by 5 ladies, from the Kamo Club, they call themselves The Line Dance Junkies, they did a line dance demo, which was well received, they then invited any of the men present to join them, but the only brave ones were Brian and I, we did our best to keep up with the ladies, and we did get some applause afterwards.

We then had the results and prize giving part of the evening.

VETERAN	1 st Robert Young	1918 Triumph model H.
VINTAGE	1 st Don Green	1930 Rudge Ulster,
	2 nd Steve Walter	1928 AJS 350 K6,
	3 rd Paul& Jodi Tomlin	1925 Harley Davidson JE & sidecar.
POST VINTAGE	1 st Cam Francis	1941 Indian 741B
	2 nd Ludwig Eilers	1938 BSA M20 (Ludwig has only been a member of the club and our branch for one month! Well done!!!)
POST WAR VINTAGE		
	1 st John Shennan	1956 BSA B33
	2 nd Rory King	1957 AJS 16M,
	3 rd Maurice Voss	1951 Vellochette Mac.
P60	1 st John Poole	1973 Norton Commando
	2 nd Trevor Poyntz	1963 AJS model 31
	3 rd JoAnn Termaat	1970 Honda SL100.
P80	1 st Michael Watts	1987 Honda GB500
	2 nd Tony Kay	1981 Triumph T140E & sidecar,
	3 rd Robert Heath	1986 Honda GB500 TT.

OVERALL WINNER
FURTHEST TRAVELLED
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FIRST LADY RIDER
HARD LUCK

Cam Francis
Peter Simpson - Wellington
Robert Heath - Manawatu
JoAnn Temaat
John & Jill Williams - broken front axle on the Morgan.
Peter Simpson - BMW lost its sparks
Rory King - Puncture 10kms from clubrooms
Wayne & Sue Bennett - electrics and puncture
(There were 6 break downs in all.)

At the end of the prize giving I thanked Peter and Brian along with their team for putting on such a good rally for us to enjoy. I then asked Auckland member Rory King, this year's plotter, to tell the group about our Annual Motorcycle Rally being held on the 22nd November. Peter Simpson from Wellington Branch then told us about their biennial rally that will be in January 2026.

Sunday morning dawned overcast, we had breakfast and thanked Brian and Gail for looking after us.

As we left there were spits of rain... this got a little heavier around Waipu, and was on and off until we came out of the Puhoi tunnel. Fortunately it then stayed dry all the way home. I got off the bike at 11.15am, this ended a great bike riding week-end. I clocked up 675 kilometres across the weekend and the bike now needs a good wash and polish.

Martin Spicer

Right: The NSU Quickly
Far Right: Martin looking a
little pensive
Below: Ready to ride...



From the Spare Parts Dept.

Club member David Oliver is down sizing & dropped of a bunch of goodies. As a result the "Goodies Cabinet" has had a major refreshment making a visit well worthwhile.

Also in the Barn, at bargain prices, are these various tie downs, new veteran wiper arms and a set of hood bows to fit a Ford Model T.

Pop in and see us Thursday mornings or whenever the clubrooms are open.

The Spares Team



Left: Steve Driver and Cedric Pegrum sitting on Steve's Model A Woody at the All Ford Day.
(Thanks to Gavin Welch for the pic)

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Muriwai Beach

1979 Honda CBX 1000

1960 BSA A10



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Right: John and Janice Gardner at the North
Island Easter Rally in the
Mighty Waikato.
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