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**May Bulletin submissions closing date: 25th April**

*Late submissions will feature in the following month’s edition.*



### Our Honorary Branch Life Members are:

Barry Robert	Norm Dewhurst QSM
Rodger Ball	Russel McAlpine
	John Stokes

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# Coming Events

*All events are held at our clubrooms unless otherwise specified.*

## APRIL

4	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
6	Mon	April Bulletin released along with The Week Ahead	5:30 am
9	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
10-11		Waikato Mooloo Meander—entry form on email	
11	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
12	Sun	<b>Autumn Tour— POSTPONED</b> due to fuel crisis	10:00 am
15	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run - <b>POSTPONED</b>	
18	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30 pm
19	Sun	Waikato Ladies Meander—entry form on email	
23	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
25	Sat	<b>Club Afternoon—ANZAC Memorabilia Day</b>	from 3:30 pm
28	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
29	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance	10:00 am

## MAY

2	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
9	Sat	Maunga Moana Rally - hosted by Taranaki Branch	
9	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
14	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
16	Sat	Northland Motorcycle Rally	
20	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run—possibly postponed, will update closer to the date.	
23	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30 pm
24	Sun	Annual Expert's Rally—POSTPONED	
26	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
27	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance	
28	Thur	Noggin & Natter— <b>Scattergories Night</b>	7:30 pm

## JUNE

6	Sat	Waikato Double Fifty	
6	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
11	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
13	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
17	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run—possibly postponed, will update closer to the date.	
20	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30 pm
23	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
24	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm
25	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
27	Sat	Club Afternoon—James Duncan concludes the story of the Auckland Trams	2:30 pm
28	Sun	Club Run	

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

## Chairman's Report

Hello from not so sunny Blenheim waiting for a ferry crossing. Hopefully by the time this goes to print we'll be home from the Nelson Rally and ready to get back into some form of normality.

You hear the comment "it's the people that make the event, not the vehicles". I would have to agree but the vehicles do come a close second! What a tremendous show of vehicles there were. It was too hard to pick a favourite. Catching up with old friends and making new ones was great.

I was relieved to get an email from John Stokes to say the Charabanc was tucked up safely in the barn at 39 Fairfax. Thank you to the crew for looking after her while away on her second epic journey to an International Rally in Nelson. Special thanks must go to Rob Webster who took on the job of transporting Angelique to and from Nelson for us. It was very much appreciated.

I would like to thank the few committee members who did not go to the rally for "keeping the home fires burning" while we were away too.

I look forward to catching up on our return.

Shaaran



*Above: Our 1951 Jowett Javelin ready for the Team's Relay Challenge*

*Above Right: Alan found a friend.*

*Right: The charabanc on the start line ready for the Team's Relay challenge.*



## Club Captain's Log

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Jodi and I attended the last "Executive Meeting " at the start of the month. There's more detail from Jodi later, but the weekend was positive and I am looking forward to seeing and supporting the new structure and I do believe we will see the benefits from being able to make changes that the membership see fit in a far more efficient and faster way.

The Vero Festival has been and gone, now just good memories and a few more thousand miles clocked. If you follow the club Facebook page you will have seen the hundreds of photos and some stories of the week.

The abysmal ferry service and the daily increases to the price of petrol, while stressful, did not take away from the week which sums up so much of what we are about. A group of cars spanning 120+ years, all with a story, all being driven with love and enthusiasm by a great bunch of people and the local population of Tasman embracing us and our motoring history with open arms, even when we created gridlock in central Nelson.

Auckland Branch had circa 40 entries, accounting for 7% of our members. Not near enough to take out the award which was won by Canterbury with 18% attending.

Now the talk turns to where the next one will be held and when. I'm sure we'll hear more on this over the year. Let's see if we can up our percentage next time - you are missing out on something very special.

Our next event should have been our Annual Autumn Tour, but as you will have read on the email last Wednesday, we have paused all motoring events while this fuel crisis continues. Rodger and Val have been in contact with the entrants that they had to date.

Rodger and Val have plotted a great route so keep an eye out for the new date a little later in the year.

Remember to get out those ANZAC stories too for our ANZAC club afternoon at the end of the month, it was great fun last year and I am sure there are plenty more stories out there that people can share about family that either went to war for us or contributed on the home front. And why not embrace the day and come along dressed suitably and bring a plate to share in a "Wartime" potluck dinner.

Tracey

# ANZAC Display

**Saturday, 25th April**

**From 3:30 pm**

We may not be motoring at the moment but we can still meet and have a great display of ANZAC Memorabilia.

We encourage you to bring along any bits and pieces that you may want to display and, if you wish, talk about.

We will also enjoy the

**Noggin & Natter from 4:30 pm**

followed by a

**Potluck Dinner together at 6:30 pm.**

Bring a main or dessert, enough to share.

Maybe you want to go “old fashioned/wartime” and dress the part and maybe bring a wartime dish to share?

I'm going to attempt my Nana's Spanish Cream—*Jodi*



# Delegate's Report—March 7 & 8 Meeting

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Tracey Winterbottom and I attended this Delegate Meeting, the last of its kind due to the change in structure that we all voted in last year. Here's a summary of what happened.

## **Membership Status Report**

It is at this meeting that the people who have joined and departed are officially signed on/off. Also, any unpaid members, who by this meeting are 5 months in arrears, are deemed to have ceased to be members of the club.

I thought I'd give you a quick summary of the Membership movement for the last year:

Joined 50, Deceased 7, Resigned 24, Unpaid 20. So, our net membership has decreased by 1 person over the last year. The total membership for Auckland is: 609.

The Executive formally welcomed ALL new members to the club.

I would like to remind members that if a member passes away and you wish for their name to appear in the Passing Lane column in Beaded Wheels, a family member must request that our Branch Secretary notify Beaded Wheels on their behalf.

Please let family members know of this requirement.

## **Final Version of Bylaws**

After ongoing discussions about this document, we have finally passed our Bylaws. The final version I have attached to the email that delivered this Bulletin, if you care to read it. Of course, this document can be amended at any time in the future as the club sees fit.

North Shore Branch had raised a number of notices of motion for further change to the constitution and bylaws, but these were not passed by the majority, as it was felt the matters had already been fully discussed and dealt with over the last 36 months. There were a couple of points within the Notices that the Chair asked that they review and reconstruct to be presented again.

## **Regional Representative Positions**

While every Region will be voting on Reps, in some regions, we have former Management Committee members prepared to stand for the position. This will certainly help with the rotation of Regional Reps and experience at the National Committee level. Positions will be filled this time around for 1, 2, or 3 years, allowing us to build a staggered three-year cycle for the future. The Upper North Island first Representative will have an initial term of 1 year.

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## **Delegate Conference**

It was raised whether this March meeting for all Branch Delegates was still required under the new structure. Should we simply rely on our new Regional Representative for interaction? At this point, we simply don't know, so it was agreed that we keep the status quo. Then we can see what interactions each Region has with their Representative, what is working and what is not, and amend as we move forward.

### **Guest Speaker - Charlotte McGillen - Digitisation Advisor, National Library of New Zealand**

Ian Goldingham introduced Charlotte and described the work they have been doing on digitising books for the Papers Past website. Then Charlotte talked about a large project we have collaborated on together for 3 years, uploading the NZ Motor & Cycle Journal to Papers Past. Charlotte talked us through the process and what is involved in making it FULL Text searchable. An incredible job, Ian and Jacqui Goldingham along with our Library Team Leader, Richard Green, and a couple of others, were noted as being a huge help in this process.

### **Guest Speaker - Nicola Coom, CEO of the NZ Cancer Society**

Nicola came along to express the Cancer Society's sincere gratitude to the VCC. She mentioned the significant time and effort that we dedicate to the National Day and the impressive funds that we raise for them. Nicola told us how the funds are used for the likes of patient transportation and care in home and in facilities like Domain Lodge in Auckland as well as Research.

### **National Day 2026 - Cancer Society - Ford partnership.**

Kaaren Smylie then followed Nicola and spoke about our aims for this year. We learnt a lot last year about what it meant to have Ford as a partner with us. There will be more energy put into working together this year.

It was agreed that the Cancer Society remain the chosen charity for the next 3 years. It was also agreed that we keep Ford as our corporate partner for 3 years too.

It was great that we managed to have Annaliese Atina, General Manager of Ford New Zealand visit our display at the Temple last year. I think that coming out and seeing what we were doing in real life brought it all into focus for her and the Ford Team.

### **North Island Easter Rally 2027**

Manawatu Branch have volunteered to host this event. It was happily accepted by the Delegates.

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## **Branding/Club Operational Name**

Marlborough Branch have taken on an operational name (trading name) "*Heritage Motoring Marlborough*". They proposed that the Club consider changing the Club name to this as it covers the range of vehicles in the Club. After some robust discussion, there was a show of hands for the change or not. There was a clear message of most being AGAINST the idea.

This does not stop Marlborough, or any other Branch, from using the name if they would like as a trading name.

## **Members and Vehicle Updates**

Murray Trounson told us about the imminent updating of details in the National database by all members. The team are in the final stages of testing the process with one Branch. Once complete, they will then undertake to update all details, and this will be done branch by branch.

## **National Website**

There is a project underway to replace the outdated National website and the Branch email accounts (used by Secretaries). This has just commenced, and the office team are currently drafting the requirements ready to go out for quotes.

## **AGM 2027**

Ashburton are hosting this but will be hosting at a venue in Christchurch for ease of transport for Delegates.

## **National Motorcycle Rally 2027**

Barry Barnes from the South Canterbury Branch, the hosts of this event, advised that it will be in February and that the exact dates and details will be sent out very soon. This is a great way for a smaller branch to host, when they are close to a city with suitable facilities.

This concludes my summary of the March Meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jodi



*From Richard Green* 😊😊😊

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*Overheard in the crowd of people around the Charabanc at the Vero Rally:  
"..I wonder why this car has so many seats...maybe they had a really large family?"*

## Library Notes

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Last month, we reported on a small collection of motorcycle books that came to us via member Des Redgwell. One book that stood out with its attractive cover was **Barry: The Story of Motorcycling Legend, Barry Sheene**, by Steve Parrish, Nick Harris, with a foreword by Barry's wife.

This book is the remarkable story of Barry Sheene, the cheeky cockney boy who grew up to become a sporting legend. He won the British 125cc motorcycling championship aged just 20 and twice became World Champion in the 500cc class, despite two life-threatening crashes.

This is a warm and revealing account told by three people who knew him better than most. Steve Parrish, fellow bike racer and later a BBC commentator, Nick Harris, who wrote and broadcast on all Barry's major successes, and Barry's widow, Stephanie.

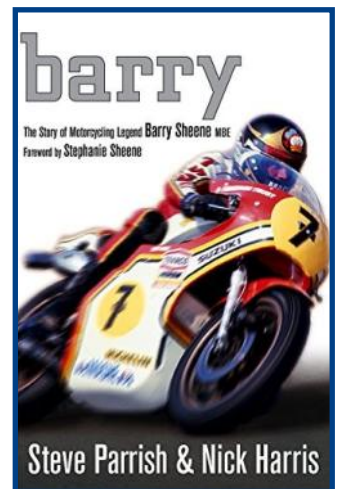
Barry Steven Frank Sheene became a British professional motorcycle racer and, later, thanks to his appealing cockney banter, became an extremely popular television sports presenter. He competed in Grand Prix motorcycle racing between 1971 and 1984, most prominently as a member of the Suzuki factory racing team, where he won two consecutive FIM World Championships in 1976 and 1977. Sheene remains the last British competitor to win the premier class of FIM road racing competitions.

He harnessed the power of mass media to rise above the sport and become the best-known face of British motorcycle racing during the 1970s. He was the first motorcycle racer to gain commercial endorsements from outside the sport, including television advertisements for globally branded products. His cheeky, cockney persona endeared him to thousands of race fans.

Sheene was also a strong proponent of racetrack safety and was one of the first competitors to object to racing at the notoriously dangerous Isle of Man TT Street circuit. He recognised his value to race promoters as a gate attraction and used his influence to force race promoters to increase rider safety. After a racing career stretching from 1968 to 1984, he retired from competition and moved to Australia, working as a motorsport commentator and property developer. Sadly, he passed away after a short battle with cancer, aged just 52, in 2003. In 2011, the FIM inducted Sheene into the MotoGP Hall of Fame.

Frank and fascinating, this book is an exclusive look into the extraordinary life of a charming and complex man.

The library team



## Vintage Section Notes

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With several of our regulars at the Vero International Festival of Motoring, as expected our numbers were somewhat diminished this month.

Penny and I were just home from Manawatu branches Ruahine Ramble. They are fortunate to have on their doorstep a range of route options from hilly, twisty little loose metal roads to extensive sealed country roads. A most enjoyable event! Before the run started, in the carpark for us to admire was a 1911 Stoddard-Dayton. Owned by an American, the extensive work on rebuilding the motor was undertaken in NZ as we have some of the most skilled engineers in this field. The owner was coming here to take part in the international rally in Nelson. It is a beautiful car to look at, but it was when the bonnet (hood) was opened that my jaw dropped! Six litres, four blind head cylinders but—with overhead valve cross flow hemispherical combustion chambers, two camshafts, one low down on each side, operating long pushrods to the enormous rockers which span the top of the block. Everything is out in the open and with the engine running the whole thing comes alive. This model was the pace car for the first 1911 Indianapolis 500.

Richard Green drove to the meeting in his 1930 Morris Cowley 14/28. It is beautifully presented down to the finest detail (see photo). His Rolls Royce is finally back in Auckland. Externally it is complete but still awaits the fitting of the interior which is ready to install but will take a few months. Apart from a little water staining on the leather which Richard will live with for the sake of authenticity, the car will be as good as the day it left the works 94 years ago.

At this stage we heard that despite the ferry breakdowns, the Charabanc had sailed for the SI. The new clutch linings are working well and the improved clutch brake is making driving at least a little easier.

John Towers has used imported Italian leather to restore the seats in the '31 Chev tourer, and the '38 has been re-vinned (thanks to some help from Neil Lucas). Two wheel cylinders had seized but replacements will soon have it warranted.

Neil Lucas is still on the lookout for a dodge DD chassis. He was offered a chassis, but it was the wrong model. He specifically wants a DD as he has most of the other bits.

Tim Gray has been working on a Model T magneto (not his) which is incorporated in the flywheel and is very fiddly to set up.

Ross Bellamy is trying to get his vintage Sparton musical air horns functioning but one of the diaphragms is munted. I wonder if new ones are available in the US?

We should be back to full strength next month.

Murray & Penny



Under the "Hood" of the stunning  
1911 Stoddard-Dayton



Richard Green's beautiful  
1930 Morris Cowley 14/28



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## Motorcycle Section Notes

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The bikes started to arrive and parked out the back, we had a nice selection of polished bikes, there were modern and vintage Triumphs, 2 Triumph sidecar outfits, and one of each - BMW, Honda, Yamaha, Norton, Keith Ballagh came on his home built Velocette special, Keith made his own mono-shock frame, tank and seat, put modern forks on it, and it had ex Graham Crosby mag wheels, the engine is a pre WW2 Velocette 350.

The meeting started at 2.40 pm, Martin welcomed everyone, then we all welcomed the new member Jim Fallows, who has a couple of Hondas. Martin then read out a joke provided by Brian Carkeek.

Martin then apologised as our guest speaker had to cancel his talk about his Creighton track bike due to business commitments overseas.

### REPORTS

Martin told us about the recent 9<sup>th</sup> Brits & Euro Classic Car show, where he and Lynda manned our club stand. There were 23 motorcycles on display. It was a great day with 75 clubs displaying around 1200 vehicles, the weather was perfect, meaning the show attracted over 10,000 people.

Jack told the guys about the recent NZ Classic Motorcycle Racing Register's meeting at Hampton Downs.

Martin told us about the last club afternoon speaker, John Pratt, who told us the history of the Auckland-based William C Daldy, the last working steam tug in the world.

Martin then told us about last Saturday afternoon when the family of Les Harris had hired the club rooms, to view a new documentary on the life of Les, officially the world's oldest competing motorcycle racer, as confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records when Les was 98. This was achieved at the very last Pukekohe Classic Motorcycle Race meeting, before the circuit was closed. We were at that race meeting. A few months later, Les received his Guinness certificate.

Les, who is now 101, received his 100th Birthday letter from King Charles last year, another great family moment. Martin and Ian Hubbard attended the screening of this documentary, which they said was very good. Maybe in the future we will be able to watch it in the club rooms.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

As our guest speaker had to cancel last minute, Martin invited each member present to tell us what their first motorcycles were.

Don Green kicked off with this and told us about his Velocette LE 200 that got him started with his bike collection.

## Motorcycle Section Notes continued

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Jeremy Lambert's first bikes were Hondas, a step-through 90 and a CB 160.

Nancy Carkeek told us about her DKW Hobby scooter.

Brian Carkeek told us about his bikes: 1952 BSA C10, two 1951 AJS 500 Twins, 1963 Triumph T110 Bathtub, and 1963 AJS 650 CSR.

Malcolm Brown's first 2-wheeler was a DKW Manurin scooter.

Tony Kay's first bikes were a Suzuki 90, a Vespa scooter, and a Honda 90 Cub.

Peter Naylor - 1970s Norman & Lambretta scooters.

John Comer - 1970 Honda SL125, Honda 500/4.

Norm Pollitt - a Honda CB 175, then a Triumph Daytona 500.

John Cook - a Norton 500 ES2.

Ian Hubbard - a 125 Excelsior.

Mark Beston - Honda CB125.

Ian Hartley had a Vespa & Suzuki T150

Jim Follow - a Honda CB 100, and a Honda XL250.

Gavin Welch - a Honda CB 500 Chopper.

Brian Gathercole - a Brockhouse Corgi, then a Triumph Tiger Cub.

Keith Ballagh - a 175 Francis Barnett.

Hamish Mark - a Suzuki TM 125.

Merv Bullard - an Ariel Arrow 250.

Jack Clark - a 1936 350 Royal Enfield.

Martin Spicer's were- a £5 1958 Raleigh moped bought when he was 14, a £10 1957

BSA D3 Bantam bought when he was 15, and when he was 16 he bought his 1960

BSA Golden Flash with sports Garrard sidecar that cost £189, he still rides this bike.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm, then we enjoyed afternoon tea. Special thanks to Nancy Carkeek who assisted Martin with serving the tea.

Martin Spicer and  
Jack Clark



## February Club Afternoon

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The day dawned warm and sunny, Lynda prepared the club afternoon tea and we left our farm in Pokeno at 1pm, for the usual 45 min journey, up to the club rooms. However, there had been a car accident near Takanini, which resulted in a slow traffic crawl from Bombay, we arrived at the club at 2.25pm *just* in time for our meeting.

### The W C Daldy Tug Boat

Our guest speakers were from the William C Daldy preservation society, President John Pratt and chief stoker and engineer Scott Laurenson who is a massive Triumph bike fan. They were shown around the club rooms, Library, barn and spares, they told me that they were very envious, and impressed with our club and facilities. I introduced John to the members around 2.40pm.

John told us the history of the Daldy, the last working steam tug in the world. The tug was built in 1935 by Lobnitz & Company in Renfrew a town 6 miles West of Glasgow, for the Auckland Harbour Board. She has a bollard pull of about 17 tons, and is fired by two coal-burning boilers making her one of the strongest of such tugs still afloat.

In 1958, she prevented one of the pre-assembled main sections of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, being constructed over on the Waitemata Harbour, from being damaged or lost in a major storm. Strong winds had come up as a construction barge was floating the 1,200-ton structure section into place. The boats manoeuvring were unable to keep it under control. The William C Daldy took up station and kept up the pull for over 36 uninterrupted hours before the wind subsided, burning 40 tons of coal.

By 1977 the Harbour Board were intending to dispose of the tug for scrap, but she was instead leased in 1978 (and then purchased in 1989 for \$1) by an enthusiast organisation, the William C Daldy Preservation Society. They have subsequently kept her in working trim, hiring her out for functions and charter cruises. Latterly the vessel was docked in Viaduct Harbour in Auckland central, though she has had a number of berths around the harbour over time.

In May 2023, it was revealed that, following a period of reduced income and maintenance during the Covid 19 pandemic and subsequently, the cost of survey and repairs to maintain her seaworthiness and certification to carry passengers in September would be about \$1 million, requiring urgent funding support.

There was a faction in the society that were considering sinking her out in the Gulf, but thankfully others stopped that idea.

John told us that the tugs main problem was pollution from the coal that was burned. This smoke covered the tug and any nearby buildings with soot, not to mention the men who were stoking her.

## Motorcycle Section Notes continued

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They have been experimenting with various compressed brickettes of wood to replace the coal, these have definitely cut down on the soot and pollution coming from the funnel. They have now changed over to the brickettes permanently.

Stoker Scott told us that it takes 3 days to gently bring her up to steam ready for a trip. In her working days as a tug this would have only taken a day. So pre-planning trips is a must. The society can take prebooked parties out for trips around the harbour.

John's talk was very informative and was well received by the 37 members in attendance.

We thanked John and Scott for coming to tell us about this interesting historic maritime story of the William C Daldy.

Martin Spicer



*Gosh—this talk seems like such a long time ago... reality though, it was just over a month ago. A lot sure has happened the month! It was a great talk especially for Paul who worked on the W C Daldy when he was doing his Fitter & Turner apprenticeship at the Auckland Harbour Board.*

*- Jodi*

## Brits & Euro Show

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Saturday evening Riley, our 11 year old grandson, helped me load my 1960 BSA Golden Flash and 1957 BSA Bantam D3 onto the trailer, we then loaded the car up with the clubs marquee, signs and banners, a table and chairs.

Just as we were leaving for the show on Sunday morning it started to rain, but by the time we arrived at Lloyd Elmore Park in Pakuranga the skies had cleared and the sun was out, it soon warmed up.

We headed to our designated space where we have been since we first took part in this great car show back in 2016.

This year on our club site we had 23 motorcycles and 3 club cars, there was a large number of our car members taking part in the show, but with other one-make car clubs.

This year's show had around 1,250 vehicles taking part. The public came in their thousands, with children, mums & dads and grandparents. Lynda manned our stand, while Riley and I took a long walk around the show. This year there were 75 clubs taking part.

Some clubs had around 10 cars but others had around 50 on display. The high standard and finish of the vehicles was outstanding. There was a great display of army vehicles from WWII and more modern vehicles, there was a German BMW sidecar outfit in desert colours.

The Mini club had a great line up of polished little masterpieces. There was a stretched and lowered Mini that had a V6 Holden engine! The other small cars there were a Fiat Bambini, a Morgan 3 wheeler, a BMW Bubble car, and a Citroen 2CV. At the centre of the show was an impressive line up of saloon race cars that were headed by two great and *very low* race cars.

On our stand, we had 4 modern Triumphs, my two BSA's and member Ludwig Eilers nicely restored 1939 BSA M20. There was a 1970's 650 BMW, 4 Velocettes, 4 very different Ducatis that the owner rode from his nearby home to the show. Julian Jones rode his rare Italian SWM Super duel 600 single Adventure down from Warkworth. Local boy Malcolm Anderson rode his very nice looking 125 two stroke Aprilia GP replica the 2 kilometres from his home. There was a modern V Twin Moto Guzzi. One of our newer and younger members, Jay Hardy, bought his 1950's Velocette LE "Noddy" Bike - put your hands up if you know why they were called this?

*Answer: Well, back in the UK, in the 1950's, whenever a Policeman was on patrol and he met a Sargent or an Inspector, he had to salute them, but he wasn't allowed to take his hands off the handle bars of his motorcycle, so he nodded to them instead.*

There were a few Honda's, one being Trevor Hackett's great looking black GB 500 single cafe racer. All through the day we had bikes come and go.

Lynda had company under the marquee through the day, branch Chairman Shaaran Price spent an hour chatting, then member David Adams spent time out of the sun with Lynda. David had his very rare 1930's open top Sunbeam car on display, then Gavin Welch, Brian Gathercole, Trevor Hackett, Warwick Darrow, Jeremy Lambert, Lloyd Wilson, Norm Pollitt and Alan Price all had a spell under the marquee.

We gave out information about the club to a number of the public. I would say that this year's show rates as one of the best for weather, the number of cars and motorcycles and the public attendance. We packed up at 3pm and headed back home to Pokeno. As we pulled up outside the house, the skies opened up for 45 minutes of rain—we were very lucky—phew!

### Martin & Lynda Spicer



*Left: Lynda & Shaaran manning the stand.*

*Below: Some of the 23 bikes at our stand.*



## Highland Fling 2026

Before people trekked off to Nelson, a few members ventured south to the Southern Waikato for the Highland Fling. By all accounts it was a great weekend, with the usual fabulous hospitality of the South Waikato Branch. There were 67 starters for a rally that was rapidly replanned the week of the event, after a horrible storm at the end of February made some of the farm tracks impassable. A huge effort for Pieter Deutz-Ebeling and Trevor Appleby to make the weekend still possible and much appreciated by all. Bruce Verrall has supplied a few photos from the weekend.



Above: The Vintage line-up at the start



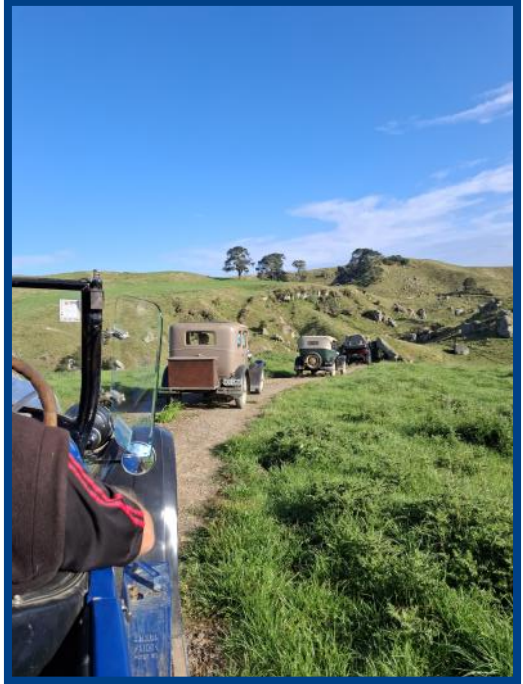
Left: Oops, a running repair for Team Betsy.

# Highland Fling 2026

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Ford view from the back of Betsy.



Venturing into Hobbit territory!

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## Welcome to our New Members

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A most sincere welcome is extended to the most recent new members. We hope to see you taking an active part in Branch activities whenever possible. Should you require any assistance or advice, please feel free to ask any Committee member?

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*Rothesay Bay*  
1932 MG J2  
1932 MG J2 style of J4

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*Botany*  
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### **John McMillan**

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