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# Coming Events

All events are held at our clubrooms unless otherwise specified.

## NOVEMBER

|       |      |   |               |
|-------|------|---|---------------|
| 4     | Sat  | Veteran Meeting   | 2:30pm        |
| 4     | Sat  | Waikato Veteran Rally   |               |
| 4-5   |      | <b>Far North Tour</b>   |               |
| 9     | Thur | <b>Club Night - Speaker Jocelyn McAlpine on their Alaska Cruise</b> | 7:30pm        |
| 11    | Sat  | <b>Club Outing - Cherry Blossom Festival</b>                        |               |
|       |      | Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in Flat Bush                          | 9:00am–2:00pm |
| 11    | Sat  | Vintage Meeting - <i>Note: Early Date!</i>                          | 2:30pm        |
| 18    | Sat  | Motorcycle Meeting - guest speaker Tim Gilbert                      | 2:30pm        |
| 19    | Sun  | Waikato Swap Meet- Lake Karapiro Domain                             | from 7:00am   |
| 23    | Thur | Noggin'n'Natter   | 7:30pm        |
| 24-25 |      | <b>Annual Motorcycle Rally</b>                                      |               |
| 26    | Sun  | Motorcycle Swap Meet - Classic Museum - 11 Railside Place, Hamilton | from 7:00am   |
| 28    | Tue  | Committee Meeting   | 7:30pm        |
| 29    | Wed  | <b>Mid-week Tourer's End of Year Picnic Run to Wenderholm</b>       |               |
|       |      | - starts Warehouse Carpark, Westgate                                | 10:00am       |
| 29    | Wed  | Charabanc Maintenance Night   | 8:00pm        |

## DECEMBER

|    |      |  |         |
|----|------|--|---------|
| 2  | Sat  | Veteran Meeting  | 2:30pm  |
| 3  | Sun  | <b>Christmas Picnic - 48 Carter Road, Oratia</b>         | 10:30am |
| 9  | Sat  | Vintage Meeting  | 2:30pm  |
| 10 | Sun  | Motorcycle Run–Vintage Speedway Meremere<br>Jolly Farmer | 11:00am |
| 14 | Thur | <b>Pot Luck Christmas Dinner</b>                         | 7:00pm  |
| 16 | Sat  | Motorcycle Meeting                                       | 2:30pm  |
| 23 | Sat  | Noggin'n'Natter  | 4:30pm  |
| 28 | Thur | Noggin'n'Natter  | 7:30pm  |
| 30 | Sat  | Noggin'n'Natter  | 4:30pm  |

## JANUARY

|    |      |  |         |
|----|------|--|---------|
| 1  | Mon  | <b>New Year's Day Run - Jolly Farmer Carpark</b> | 12:00pm |
| 6  | Sat  | Veteran Meeting                                  | 2:30pm  |
| 6  | Sat  | Noggin'n'Natter                                  | 4:30pm  |
| 7  | Sun  | Waikato Blue Smoke & Pedals Run                  |         |
| 11 | Thur | Noggin & Natter                                  | 7:30pm  |
| 17 | Wed  | Mid-week Tourer's Run                            |         |
| 20 | Sat  | Motorcycle Meeting                               | 2:30pm  |
| 23 | Tue  | Committee Meeting                                | 7:30pm  |
| 25 | Thur | Club Night                                       | 7:30pm  |

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 9:30am 'til noon.



## Chairman's Report

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We have come to the end of a *very busy* month for our branch. October has always been the time to "spruce up" the clubrooms, garden and barn, and this year was no exception. Six committee members and two members and spouses turned up to the Working Bee and completed a variety of tasks around the property. Much jabber and many laughs were heard, reflecting a very happy and productive time had by all.



Three members from North Shore Branch came to our Rally Rules Night where Tracey Winterbottom went through the basic rules to keep rally entrants on track. There were only a small number of our members present - all experienced rallyists. As this evening is intended to help new and inexperienced rallyists - is it something we need to continue with?

The sausages were sizzling, and the sun appeared in time to welcome approximately 70 members and guests to our usual pre-Hunua Garden Party. The Book Sale in the mezzanine floor of the barn was popular, as was the sale of Spares. Neil Beckenham (Registrar from VCC Management Committee) and his wife Jane joined us so that Neil could present our continuous membership awards badges and certificates. Fifty year awards were presented to Merv Stowers and Stipe Borich and Sixty Year Awards to Chris Wood, Bob Ballantyne and Norman Dewhurst. All spouses were presented with floral bouquets. The fact that we have members who have renewed their membership continuously for fifty and sixty years shows testimony that our club is a great club to belong to.

Labour Weekend Sunday - Hunua 100 Rally Day drew 29 entries - a much smaller number than usual. The laughter, chatter and debating during the dinner at the clubrooms proved how much everyone enjoyed their day. Many thanks to Tracey and Stephen Winterbottom who plotted this year's rally, Jodi Tomlin for organising the Sunday dinner, and to the marshals and helpers throughout the rally and weekend festivities.

Last week Alan and I were invited to lunch at the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in Flat Bush. We had a great afternoon being shown around the Temple and property which is being set up for their Blossom Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> November. There is to be a 600 piece Art Display, demonstrations, market and car display. Our club is invited to attend, so this will replace our Club Run for November. We are asked to arrive at 9.00am and park where directed until 2.00pm. There is a Dress Code - Ladies must wear long skirts or trousers. Men long trousers. No sleeveless or see-through clothing. Come along, you won't be disappointed.

See you there  
Shaaran

# 50 & 60 Year Awards

## Celebrating 50 Years

Stipe Borich

Merv Stowers



## Celebrating 60 Years

Bob Ballantyne

Chris Wood



and  
Norman Dewhurst  
QSM



## 50 & 60 Year Awards



A great crowd was present to congratulate and support the recipients.

Thanks goes to Neil Beckenham for officiating at this awards presentation on behalf of the National Club.



The awards and flowers for the spouses ready to go.





## Club Captain's Log

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Another month gone, and by now you should be feeling like summer motoring is really upon us...

October has been a busy month, a group of Aucklanders travelled down to support the King Country Scenic Tour, some went to the National Commercial Rally in Wanganui, some to the Canterbury Swap Meet and of course it was the month for our Hunua 100.

It was great to see members who we don't see a lot of these days out supporting our flagship event of the year, along with newer members and the core active membership. Sadly, numbers continue to dwindle... I get there may be a lot of reasons for that, what needs to change for you to support our major annual event that caters for every vehicle class? We are open to any and all ideas.

The clubrooms are looking fabulous, the committee and a small group of keen helpers continue to add value and improve our clubrooms. It really is a great place to socialise, look for information in the Library or find that missing part in Spares. If you haven't visited in a while, check the weekly email and come along to any of the club activities and check out what's happening.

There is no club run as such in November, we are instead supporting the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in Flat Bush on SATURDAY 11th November. Please join us to make a great AVCC display at this special day.

The next significant event on our calendar is on the first Sunday of December. We would love to see you at the Christmas Picnic, come along to relax, chat and enjoy each others company.

If you've been busy getting a restoration completed, you may wish to enter the Restoration Awards which are adjudicated on at the picnic. All vehicles are judged on a set criteria and awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze award.

Tracey

*Alan Sharpe and his 1917 Dodge ready to start the Hunua 100.*







# 2023 FGS NZ Cherry Blossom Festival

Join us for a Club Outing...

## Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple

16 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, Manukau

Saturday 11th November

9:00am - 2:00pm

(Cars will be parked at 9am)

- Art Salon - showcases Local Artists
- Cherry Blossom Market
- Tea Meditation
- Classic Car Show
- Baby & Child Blessing Ceremony

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## **AVVCC Christmas Picnic**

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**Sunday 3rd December  
from 10:30am**



*Highlights are:*

**Complimentary Sausage Sizzle**

**A visit from Santa!**

**Coffee Cart onsite**

**Free Ice Creams**

BYO Picnic Lunch

**NO DOGS ALLOWED & NO SMOKING, THANK YOU**

*Note:* If EXTREMELY wet, the Picnic will be held at the clubrooms.  
Please watch your Emails or Facebook on the Sunday morning.



## Veteran Notes

Section attendance was well down because of the Christchurch Swapmeet, Bathurst weekend and the King Country event. Thank you to those few who made it.

The major news was Barry Robert has moved from his home in Hillsborough/ Lynfield into the Murray Halberg Retirement village, his 1909 Rover twin cylinder, the only one known in the world has moved to the care of his long time friend Barry Birchall. Much of the contents of Barry's basement was donated to the club and the spares group and Barry Birchall spent several days stripping the stuff out. Much has been sold over the last couple of weeks and the club has benefited by several thousand dollars as a result.

Denis and Roslyn Lowe attended the Feilding Swapmeet and the Palmerston North spares, then they tried out the new Transmission Gully motorway. Denis said it's quite steep in parts, with his automatic Peugeot moving up and down the gears. They then went on to Castlepoint for a tour.

It's now time to think of next year's Veteran Run and the entry form must be in the December Bulletin. A member suggested going north for a change, however, although I knew Dairy Flat, Coatesville, Albany, and Silverdale well. I feel the growth of these areas in recent years may not be conducive to veteran motoring, particularly on a Saturday morning. The same applies to the once rural Kumeu/Huapai areas. I would also have a long commute there and back, if I were to plot in these areas. So unless there is a rebellion at the November meeting, it will be in the Franklin area again.

For the November meeting I will be "Post Vintage" driving on the Far North Tour. I'm hoping Barry Birchall will run the meeting and if it's fine how about bringing your veteran over.

Regards  
John Stokes.





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# Motorcycle Notes

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Lynda and I set off from Pokeno on a sunny afternoon, we collected Malcolm Brown at Bombay, and made our way up to the clubrooms.

As it was election day it may have accounted for why we only had just over 30 people in attendance, with 12 motorcycles parked out the back.

## VISITORS / NEW MEMBERS

Brian Quigley a friend of speaker Graham, came along on his Aprilia sports bike. New member Grant Astley drove his 1971 Rover all the way from the Manukau Heads, Grant is looking for a club eligible bike.

Martin opened the meeting with his usual joke, this time it was quite a good one!

Martin told us he had recently spoken to our friend Dave Tomkins, Dave has had a fall and is now recovering from a broken shoulder, but he did say he would come along to our meeting in November.

Martin has also spoken to member Neville Olsen. Neville is still involved with the Vintage Speedway down at Meremere, he will send us the up coming meeting dates so we can have a bike run to one of these events.

## REPORTS

Martin told us about the recent club night speaker Paul Radisich, who talked about his motor racing days and his NZ oil company "AEGIS OIL", see last month's Bulletin report.

Martin told us about the recent Waikato Motorcycle Tour of 200kms that he and Don Green rode on, see later in this Bulletin for his report.

Peter Alderdice told us about his visit to the Canterbury Swap Meet.

## COMING UP

November 18<sup>th</sup> motorcycle meeting, guest speaker will be BSA classic sidecar racer Tim Gilbert, Tim was also our motorcycle coordinator around 1987/88.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> The AUCKLAND MOTORCYCLE RALLY. *Please enter YOUR rally!***

## GUEST SPEAKER

Member Graham Viall came along to show us his magnificent 2004 Honda Rune, and to tell us the history of this Honda model. He rode it up from Karaka.

Now, over the years, we have had dozens of motorcycles put on show for us inside the club rooms, but this Honda being around 8 feet long and very wide it wouldn't have got through the front door, plus its weight of 397 kilos would have tested the strength of the club room floor. It has an 1832cc flat 6 cylinder engine and 6 carbs, shaft drive, the model was only made for one year. Graham said the bike is fabulous to ride, is very smooth

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and has masses of torque. The front tyre lasts around 3000k's.

Graham said wherever he parks the bike it always attracts a lot of attention with its stunning blue paint and massive amount of chrome. It is said that each bike cost around \$100,000 US to build, and they then were sold for \$27,000. It's also said that Honda lost \$225 million on them Graham told us. Graham showed pictures on the big screen of the history of the Rune.

If you want to know more and see videos on these bikes – just Google - HONDA RUNE.

Graham told us that the ASB Green Lane show grounds have been booked for the NZ motorcycle show in October 2024.

Martin thanked Graham for coming and telling us about his great motorcycle.

### Martin Spicer and Jack Clark





## Library Notes

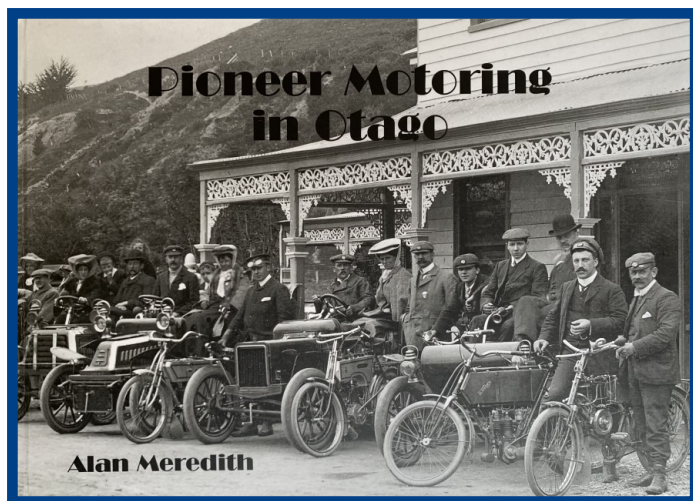
This month the club library purchased a limited edition copy of Alan Meredith's new book: *Pioneering Motoring in Otago 1870 - 1914*. This is a follow on to his earlier work *Pioneering Motoring in Southland*. It is an encapsulation of more than half a century of collecting motoring stories and photographs from what was a very progressive region of New Zealand around the end of the nineteenth century. The 113 pages contain more than a 150 excellent period photographs depicting the fashions, architecture as well as the vehicles, from this developing period. It begins with the very first form of self-propelled road transport, right up until to the commencement of WW1. Especially interesting is a section on prominent motorists and their cars, and the growth of rural motor transport, as successful farmers embraced the advantages of mechanisation and the motoring age.

Its clear that Alan's detailed research, garnered from rich collections of early New Zealand motoring history found in libraries and museums, has resulted in a meticulously produced publication that is as accurate as humanly possible. Occasionally the passage of time has led to popular yarns and folklore making their way into accepted historical facts and he has, in several instances, made a point of correcting some inaccuracies.

Overall it's a fascinating publication that amply illustrates that the age of motoring in southern New Zealand arrived much quicker than almost everywhere else in the country. The range and variety of marques arriving in Otago was quite remarkable. The book includes a section on commercial motors as well as a short section and some details of early Registration Records for Dunedin up to 1908.

Alan is to be congratulated on the publication and it is a most welcome addition to the rare books section of the club library.

The Library Team





## Mid-week Tourers

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With the on again, off again nature of the trip to David Tuke's Private Collection we'd be forgiven for being a little discombobulated!

That trip is now deferred to February 2024. If you are still interested in visiting, Jack is taking names and will contact you closer to the time. You can email Jack at [jack\\_nazer@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jack_nazer@yahoo.co.nz).

In the meantime this month, while hard to believe, it is the Mid-weeker's Annual End of Year Picnic at Wenderholm. **Wednesday 29th November**. Of course this one will start at Westgate, meeting at 10am. Please watch The Week Ahead emails for any further details.



## New Members

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A most sincere welcome is extended to this month's 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?

### **Don Hanlon**

*New Lynn*  
(No vehicles)

### **Dave Midgen**

*Royal Oak*  
1963 Datsun Bluebird  
1971 Morris Mini

### **Karen Molesworth**

*Unsworth Heights*  
1973 Norton Commando MkII 850  
1967 Ford Mustang

### **Dave Smith**

*Oratia*  
1967 MGB GT  
1967 Mercedes 230

# Hunua 100 Rally

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Our flagship annual event is the Hunua 100, the name coming from it's early roots - a rally of 100 miles, finishing at a Hunua Farm - "Lyons Farm" - in Lyons Road (now deemed to be in the Mangatawhiri area).

This year was our 65<sup>th</sup> event. As plotters it was important to us to provide the following:

- ◆ a route that used rural, scenic, less travelled roads;
- ◆ a competitive run for those who enjoy the challenge of navigation and time-keeping, but to do this without people getting lost, or even better not knowing they have even gone off course!;
- ◆ a touring run with instructions that are easily followed and provide plenty of reassurance that you are in the right place;
- ◆ silent checks that tell us, the plotters, that you travelled the right (or perhaps wrong) course, rather than prove you can read a sign sideways at speed behind a bridge;
- ◆ present instructions suitable for those who are reading instructions from a roller (usually those on 2 or 3 wheels).

The end result - 100 miles of motoring through Franklin and Waikato, lunch at Te Kauwhata and finishing in Hunua Village. A day that we hope met everyone's needs. Even the weather played ball, although not clear skies, the views from the tops of the hills were impressive, reminding me what a great piece of the world we live in.

With Stephen running trail car and myself lead car and then final check, we did not get a chance to catch up with everyone at the café at the finish to get your thoughts, but as Club Captain, I'm always after your feedback - good or bad! Let me know?

A shout out to our 2 out of town entrants:

- ◆ Alan Sharpe who motored up from Ngaruawahia in his 1917 Dodge, completed the rally and went home again.
- ◆ And regular supporters from Waikato, Paul and Carol Fussey, attended the weekend in their 1952 Morris Minor Convertible.

The balance of the field was made up of Auckland members.

The competitive rally was reasonably straight forward, I can see that everyone gets the "Straight Ahead Rule" these days, everyone now knows what KEEP LEFT means, and following a named road, or "Stay on this road" never fails to catch some of you out - even the most seasoned rallyists.

# Hunua 100 Rally

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Unfortunately, a typo error by us meant instruction inconsistency in relation to the final lunch checks, so both checks were deemed on course.

With timing, we tried something new, by giving a third speed class for the Post 60 / 80 classes, this has come out of a personal frustration when entering the MGB in events and finding the fast class speed are not really suitable for the later classes. It seems this was received positively.

Hunua School were not able to provide afternoon tea, so the next best thing was to support local business and Hunua Falls Bar and Café, right in the Village delivered great coffee and service in spades. I believe they handled 40 plus barista coffees, teas and beverages in a short space of time, with unflappable service.

A couple of hiccups on the day - Merv and Judy Stowers deciding to go home after lunch with a misbehaving MGB (of course, on the way home, it never hiccupped once!). Plus Norm and Pat Dewhurst returned home before lunch to swap the Essex Roadster for the Dolomite rather than risk a generator that was not charging.

Without marshals a competitive event or even a touring run are challenging, so THANK YOU to: Ian Hubbard, Martin Spicer, Bob and Dawn Pickering, Alan and Shaaran Price for assisting.

Thanks to Jodi Tomlin for leading the dinner organisation, and giving up her navigator's seat on the day in order to prepare the wonderful desserts we had at the dinner. Thanks to Lynda Spicer for setting up the tables, they looked beautiful.

As you may be aware, keeping catered dinner prices reasonable is becoming quite the challenge, particularly for smaller groups, and the committee are very happy with how the meal from the Spit Roast Catering Company turned out both in a trial dinner a couple of months back and at the Prizegiving Dinner on Sunday night. Value for money with a minimum of work required by the committee, plus being able to make use of the clubrooms, rather than another venue, were all key in our decision to have this type of meal.

Looking ahead to next year... at our Committee Meeting last week, we continued the ongoing discussion on what to do to get more people out on events? We think that nowadays having the Hunua 100 on a long weekend could be a hinderance. So, we've decided that the Hunua 100 for 2024 will be the weekend BEFORE Labour Weekend. That is 19th & 20th October, 2024. PLEASE mark your diaries now.

Results overleaf...

# Hunua 100 Rally

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The low number of entrants meant we had to combine some classes, as well as choosing to present the first place in each class only.

Results:

|   |                                 |                               |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Slow Vintage:</b>                      | John Morrison                   | 1928 Cadillac                 |
| <b>Fast Vintage:</b>                      | Rodger and Val Ball             | 1930 Model A Phaeton          |
| <b>Post Vintage and Post War Vintage:</b> | Paul and Carol Fussey           | 1954 Morris Minor Convertible |
| <b>Post 60 and Post 80:</b>               | Allan and Christine Allbon      | 1987 Mazda MX5                |
| <b>Motorcycle:</b>                        | Paul Tomlin and Peter Alderdice | 1925 Harley Davidson JE       |

**Overall Placing:**

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| Third  | Rodger and Val Ball             |
| Second | Allan and Christine Allbon      |
| First  | Paul Tomlin and Peter Alderdice |

Congratulations to everyone!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO... 1st Motorcycle & Overall Winners Paul Tomlin & Peter Alderdice





# Hunua 100 in Pictures

## THE CONGRATULATIONS continues...



**1st Slow Vintage**  
John Morrison



**1st Fast Vintage**  
Rodger & Val Ball



**1st PV & PWV**  
Paul & Carol Fussey

**The Plotter's Pot**  
Stephen & Tracey Winterbottom



# Hunua 100 in Pictures

## Some pics of the Starters...



**Stowaway?!**



# Hunua 100 in Pictures



## Letter from Mrs Claus



The Claus' Household  
123 Elf Road  
NORTH POLE

1 November 2023

Dear Children of the AWCC

It's Mrs Claus here... I am writing to you to ask for your help.

Santa visited your Christmas Picnic last year and was VERY SAD that there were so few children there to meet him.

He thinks that the adults forgot to tell you that Santa would be visiting? He told me the other day that he does not think he will visit this time, he will just put the adults on the naughty list.

Hearing this meant that he and I had a little bit of a... discussion... the outcome being that he has agreed that he will visit this year to see if more of you turn up?!

So, I thought I would write and let you know ahead of time so that you can organise your friends, cousins, brothers and sisters to all be there on Sunday 3rd December?

I hate seeing Santa so sad!

Merry Christmas and Thank YOU!  
Mrs Claus





## Cambridge Tour by Martin Spicer

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Don Green arrived on his Norton Commando at our Pokeno farm at 2pm. We loaded it on the trailer next to the Honda XL 250 then set off on what was an easy trip down to Cambridge. We were staying with Steve and JoAnne.

Steve was the plotter of the Saturday tour. We woke that morning to a damp overcast day. Don, Steve, JoAnne and I rode the short distance over to the Cambridge clubrooms. There were 26 riders taking part in the tour. Around 9am Peter Spiller addressed us, saying that after many years, he was standing down from being the motorcycle organiser, and that Steve Water was taking over. Steve gave the briefing and then we were on our way. Unfortunately, Ian Cheeseman who had ridden down from Puhoi on his 93 Yamaha GTS was out of luck as the bike wouldn't start. So he rode on the pillion of friend Steve's Honda Gold Wing sidecar.

Here is a list of some of the riders and their bikes on the tour:

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bob Hayton - 72 Norton Commando    | Jillian Hayton - 75 Honda CB200   |
| Maggie Bryce - 72 Honda CB 350     | Kelvin Mitchel - 58 Ariel SQ4     |
| Robert Young - 48 Ariel KH         | Don Green - 68 Norton Fastback    |
| Roy Harvey - 53 Velo Mac           | Graham Cartwright - 56 Velo Venom |
| Chris Munn - 36 Triumph 5H         | Bruce McKerras - 54 Velo Viper    |
| Dave Mayhew - 56 Douglas Dragonfly | Cam Francis - Moto Guzzi          |
| Steve Water - 46 BSA B32           | Peter Spiller - 52 BSA B33        |
| Wayne Johnson - 58 BSA Gold Star   | JoAnn Termaat - 70 Honda SL100    |
| John Shennan - 57 BSA B31          | Terry Kitson - 58 BSA Bantam      |
| Chris Minnee - 81 Honda CBX        |                                   |

Don and I were the only Auckland branch members taking part.

The route was around 200 kms. We made our way over to Leamington, and were soon out in the country. Then light rain started which was continual for the rest of the day. One rider, Terry Kitson, was game enough to ride his BSA Bantam D3. We travelled on very good, pot hole free, country roads that passed Lake Karapiro, crossed over the Whakamaru Dam, after stopping at the Dam cafe for a much needed hot drink and a warm up. We then headed over to Tokoroa to have a very good lunch at the local RSA. From there we rode a short distance to visit Murray Belfield who is well known in the area for building airplanes in his 600 sq foot two story workshop.

His last project was a ¾ scale WW2 German Storch spotter plane, which is now in a hanger at Tokoroa airport. It took Murray 12 years to build the Storch.

## Cambridge Tour continued

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If you Google Murray Belfield you can watch a video on him and the plane.

Murray is no ordinary 80-year-old. In 2005 he became the first man to fly a wooden homemade Jodel D11 aircraft from New Zealand to Australia.

Murray showed us his latest project another  $\frac{3}{4}$  scale plane that he assured us will be flying by the end of the year.

Some of you will remember that great Tokoroa motorcyclist Ted Billet who recently passed away, Ted was a good friend of Murray's and lived just around the corner and was always popping in to see Murray, to see how the work was progressing.

Steve Water thanked Murray on behalf of the group for letting us visit and see his workshop and airplane.

We then set off back to Cambridge, it was still raining... We arrived at the clubrooms at 4pm, had a drink and went back to our accommodation for showers and to get warm. It was such a shame it rained as the tour was a great country ride.

We all met up at the Cambridge racecourse for dinner at 6pm. We spent the next couple of hours eating and chatting about the day. I told Ian, owner of the dead Yamaha bike, that I'd take it on my trailer back to Pokeno for him to pickup on Monday.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny. Don, Steve and I went off to the club rooms to meet Ian along with Bob Hayton who was there to open up. The Yamaha GTS is a very big heavy bike and getting it up onto the trailer was an effort. Don then had to ride his Norton home. Ian went home on the pillion of Steve's Honda outfit. I had an easy one and half hours drive home in sunshine.

Ian and Steve arrived at lunch time Monday with their trailer to take the sick Yamaha back home to Puhoi.

Martin

**Murray Belfield**



# Cambridge Tour Gallery

## WW2 German Storch



## Work In Progress



*Martin & Don ready to set off...*



# King Country Scenic Tour by Tracey Winterbottom

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Earlier in October, 10 and a half Auckland cars (I'm counting Michael O'Kane as a half - he navigated for a South Waikato Entrant ☺) attended the King Country Scenic Tour.

Wayne and Carrie Roberts had organised a "back road tour" to get there on the Friday which I understand was a great run, unfortunately other commitments meant Stephen and I could not leave with them Friday morning.

The weekend was very relaxed, with the run being on the Saturday, covering approx. 180kms of mostly gravel back roads started and finished in Taumarunui. This part of the country is full of rugged beautiful scenery. The night before provided enough rain to dampen the dust and we enjoyed a full day of real vintage motoring.

There were 37 cars, most from other branches and across most classes, a great turnout. Taumarunui is a very small branch - 15 members according to the latest membership list, so not surprisingly only 2 were entered while an organising crew of at least 4 had the event in hand. The day covered some remote areas, with a lunch break in Aria.

There was an optional, interesting stop, at a relatively new memorial at Ongarue, put together by volunteers. The memorial commemorates one of NZ's deadliest rail disasters, which took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1923 with 17 lives lost. Story Boards cover the disaster in detail with photos and news reports at the time. Well worth stopping for a look if you are in the area.

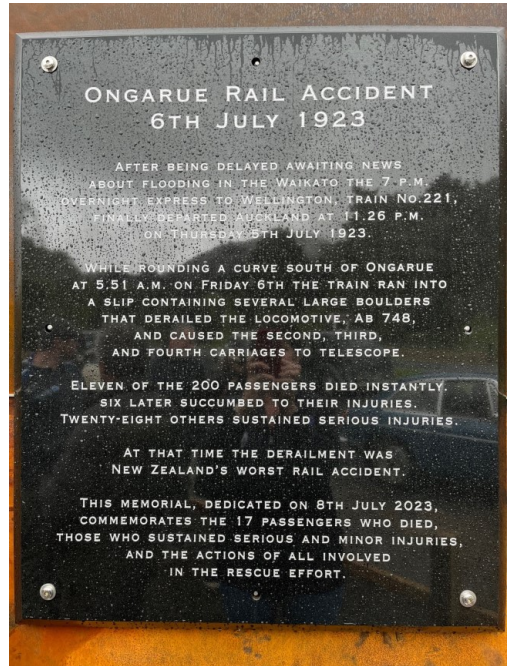
John and Janice Gardner and Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao came home with places in their class. Place getters being determined by a large number of questions throughout the day and a short spell of hidden silent checks. As often is the case in these smaller areas, the branch was well supported by local businesses for sponsorship and there were some lovely goodies handed out and a generous raffle.

The organisers are keen to keep the momentum going and keep people coming back for this weekend, with one of the organisers specifically asking for our feedback which was duly given - keep up the great route planning but ditch the questions! (Questions are another topic for another day ☺).

We will certainly be back next year.

Tracey





## ONGARUE RAIL ACCIDENT 6TH JULY 1923

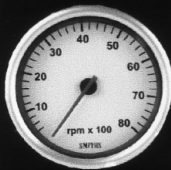
AFTER BEING DELAYED AWAITING NEWS ABOUT FLOODING IN THE WAIKATO THE 7 P.M. OVERNIGHT EXPRESS TO WELLINGTON, TRAIN NO.221, FINALLY DEPARTED AUCKLAND AT 11.26 P.M. ON THURSDAY 5TH JULY 1923.

WHILE ROUNDING A CURVE SOUTH OF ONGARUE AT 5.51 A.M. ON FRIDAY 6TH THE TRAIN RAN INTO A SLIP CONTAINING SEVERAL LARGE BOULDERS THAT DERAILED THE LOCOMOTIVE, AB 748, AND CAUSED THE SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH CARRIAGES TO TELESCOPE.

ELEVEN OF THE 200 PASSENGERS DIED INSTANTLY, SIX LATER SUCCEEDED TO THEIR INJURIES. TWENTY-EIGHT OTHERS SUSTAINED SERIOUS INJURIES.

AT THAT TIME THE DERAILMENT WAS NEW ZEALAND'S WORST RAIL ACCIDENT.

THIS MEMORIAL, DEDICATED ON 8TH JULY 2023, COMMEMORATES THE 17 PASSENGERS WHO DIED, THOSE WHO SUSTAINED SERIOUS AND MINOR INJURIES, AND THE ACTIONS OF ALL INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE EFFORT.



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## 6th National Commercial Rally

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At the recent 6th National Commercial Rally there were 6 Vehicles entered by Auckland members out of a total of 60 Registrations.

Our trip started on the Thursday before Labour weekend, meeting up with Murray and Penny Firth at National Park for dinner, where it was decided to take the long way to Whanganui (as the Firths always do) via the Fields Track and Burma Hill. This brought us out at Fordell after 30 miles of good gravel roads with lovely rural and river views.

Friday evening was a meet and greet and the official opening at The Barracks.

Saturday morning everyone met up at the Cornmarket Reserve where we headed off at 30 sec intervals for a 34 mile tour around Whanganui outskirts and back to the reserve for a public display and judging. In the afternoon we were invited back to the clubrooms for afternoon tea and a rummage through the parts shed.

Sunday we met at the Cornmarket Reserve again to depart for our second Rally. This took us up the northern side of the river into Papaiti Valley with wonderful views of the river and countryside. Lots of gravel roads winding back down the other side through Brunswick and back to the clubrooms for lunch.

The Whanganui branch is fortunate to have a large reserve next door to their clubrooms where they ran the field trials in the afternoon, in which we apparently did very well.

The Dinner and Prizegiving were held at the racecourse. The Concours d'Elegance award went to a very nice Model A. Most Original went to a very badly flood damaged Fargo.

3rd place overall went to Gavin Welch and Sohpie Zhao in their 1912 Model T.

1st place overall, to our surprise, was us - Colin and Debbie Shoebridge, in our 1936 Chev Pickup!

It was a very well run and friendly rally.

We did around 731 miles return, costing roughly \$1 per mile.

Colin & Debbie

*Editor: Congratulations to you Colin & Debbie and to Gavin & Sophie.*



# 6th National Commercial Rally in pictures



# Maintenance Report

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The last month has seen a number of jobs ticked off, including a great effort by a small number of people at the Working Bee. THANK YOU to those that did turn up!

## *Tasks completed:*

- ◆ The wood packer fitted so the squab installation could be completed, at the front of the clubrooms.
- ◆ Windows and outside of building washed.
- ◆ Painted back deck handrail.
- ◆ Assemble small flat pack bench unit for the Barn.
- ◆ Trimmed hedge and other gardening that was required.
- ◆ Wood splitting and tidy inside woodshed.
- ◆ Drill holes in garden tables for umbrellas.

## *Jobs mostly done:*

- ◆ Painted woodshed - *Roof needs to be painted*
- ◆ Painting fireplace wall - *needs a further coat plus wood surround*

## *Jobs still on the To Do list:*

- ◆ Clean barn floor (rotary floor scrubber to be hired)
- ◆ Clean kitchen floor (as per above)

If you joined us at the Hunua 100 Prizegiving Dinner you will have seen the new Dinnerware we have. The very well worn brown glass plates have been replaced by lovely White Porcelain. We've also bought some chafing dishes for serving food and again their first use was at the Prizegiving Dinner. With lower numbers attending events we will be making use of the clubrooms more for dinners.

That's the month done! Remember, if you can assist with any tasks, please just get in touch?

Russel  
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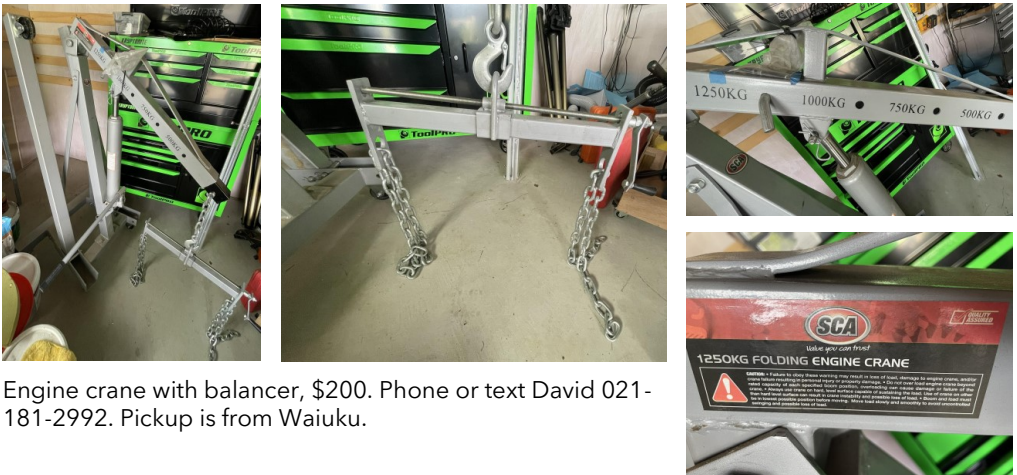


Peter Cooper is offering this on behalf of a friend, description is as supplied:  
*1965 Honda S600 roadster, mileage: 82902k. Right hand drive & this model is chain driven (the seller means: camshaft). First imported into NZ from Japan 1968. We have owned the car since 1976 and drove it a lot; last registered 1986, then stored since. A cylinder needs reboring because it is rusted due to storage not because it blew. We have accessories - wind deflector that clips onto the windscreen for example. We also have the dealer's spare parts, manual, and the workshop service manual. They are a very rare car - apparently only 7 left in Southern Hemisphere? Price: \$25,000 ono.*

There is also a 1975 Holden Statesman, Peter has seen the car and says it's pretty well optioned and in tidy condition. The Holden was last used a few months ago. Watch the Week Ahead emails for further details as they come to hand.

If you are interested in viewing either of these cars, please contact Peter and he will arrange for you. [pteeboy@hotmail.com](mailto:pteeboy@hotmail.com)

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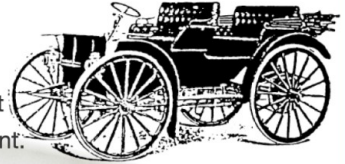
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