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## **November Bulletin submissions closing date: Strictly 25 October 2023**

*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.

## OCTOBER

6-8		Canterbury Swapmeet	
7	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
12	Thur	<b>Rallying Skills Night - learn, review, discuss...</b>	7:30pm
14	Sat	Working Bee—time for the pre Hunua 100 Spring Clean!	9am—12noon
14	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
18	Wed	<b>Mid-week Tourer's Run</b>	
21	Sat	<b>Hunua 100 - Garden Party</b>	
22	Sun	<b>Hunua 100 - Rally</b>	
24	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
26	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
28	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
29	Sun	Motorcycle Rally - start Jolly Farmer Carpark	11:00am

## NOVEMBER

4	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
4	Sat	Waikato Veteran Rally	
4-5		<b>Far North Tour</b>	
9	Thur	Noggin 'n' Natter	7:30pm
11	Sat	Vintage Meeting - <i>Note: Early Date!</i>	2:30pm
18	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
19	Sun	Waikato Swapmeet	
23	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
24-25		<b>Annual Motorcycle Rally</b>	
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
14	Thur	<b>Pot Luck Christmas Dinner</b>	7:00pm
16	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
21	Thur	Noggin'n'Natter	7:30pm
23	Sat	Noggin'n'Natter	4:30pm
28	Thur	Noggin'n'Natter	7:30pm

## EARLY JANUARY

1	Mon	New Year's Day Run - Jolly Farmer Carpark	12:00pm
6	Sat	Noggin'n'Natter	4:30pm
7	Sun	Waikato Blue Smoke & Pedals Run	

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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The Post Era Rally is a week away as I write this report. I am disturbed at the report that there are only 12 entries at this stage. This Annual Event caters for the largest section of vehicles in our branch, i.e. cars, motorcycles and commercials manufactured between 1932 and 1993. Where are you all? Please be mindful of the effort, plotters and your club captain put in to organising these events.

I have also heard many times lately that our Sunday monthly Club Runs are inclined to be competitive. This is not so, and has not been for almost 10 years. The Annual Events have both Competitive and Non-Competitive instructions, again catering for all. There should not be an issue on any of these events. Or, am I wrong, is the problem that you prefer competitive runs and you are not turning up for our Sunday Monthly Runs for this reason?

Please let Club Captain Tracey or myself know which you prefer? We are here to please and have you participate.

October is always a busy month for AVVCC as we prepare for our flagship Annual Rally, the Hunua 100.

- *Thursday 12 October 7.30pm* - Rally Skills Evening. For those wishing to learn or 'brush up' rallying skills, Tracey Winterbottom, the plotter of this year's Hunua 100, will run over some of the basic rally rules in preparation for the Hunua 100 Rally on the Sunday of Labour Weekend.
- *Saturday 14 October* - Working Bee at the Clubrooms. Come along and help get the clubrooms and grounds tidied up for the busy weekend ahead. As usual, a shared plate for lunch at the end of the tidy up would be appreciated.
- *Saturday 21 October* - Garden Party afternoon. Fifty and Sixty Year Badges will be presented to Norman Dewhurst, Bob Ballantyne, Chris Wood, Stipe Borich and Merv Stowers during the afternoon. This event always draws a crowd. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. As usual, drinks will be at reduced prices.
- *Sunday 22 October* - Hunua 100 Rally. Grease, oil and polish up those vehicles and enter them into the Rally.

See advertisements in this Bulletin for all particulars regarding the above events.

Come out and enjoy.  
Shaaran.

## Club Captain's Log

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Thanks to all those who supported this year's Annual Post Era Rally. We started from Massey, and it was great to see the 49 Chev back on the road. Although Alan and Shaaran are not happy with how it is idling, it is motorable and I'm sure the idling issue will be sorted soon. This is now 2 cars warranted and returned from a very watery spell. Entries ranged from Harvey Brewer in the '34 Austin 7 to Alan and Christine Allbon in the '90 Mazda Eunos, It was also great to see up close the immaculate 1954 Mk1 Zephyr Convertible entered by relatively new members Malcom Edgar and Glenis Percy.

We finished at Northcote, where we were able to discuss the finer points of the day over a beverage and some lunch. Big thanks to Bob and Debbie Ballantyne who were the plotters this year, and had to manage every plotter's nightmare - a road closure as you are running round setting up as lead car!! Thank you to Rodger & Val, Glenn and Marion, and Colin and Pam who marshalled and again thanks to the entrants.

Now it's October and Labour Weekend is just around the corner, and that means Hunua 100!! This is our premier event of the year, the Hunua 100 Rally on the Sunday, with 64 years of history behind it, and Saturday the clubrooms will be abuzz with a wonderful Garden Party, Book Sales, Spares Sales and we have some well known members receiving 50 and 60 year badges this year as well as welcoming recent New Members to the club.

I would love to see you all out, what more do you need to get your vehicle out? Whether you enter or not, come along Saturday and see how great all the recent renovations around the clubrooms are looking.

Sunday's Rally is our 65<sup>th</sup> Hunua 100. The rally will start in Drury, lunch is in Te Kauwhata and the finish is in Hunua. The run is 50 miles in the morning and 50 miles in the afternoon, with petrol available at lunch. The route is definitely open vintage motoring roads, with 3km of gravel, and to date we have encountered very little traffic, when out plotting.

For those who enjoy a simple tour, there will be specific touring instructions, and if you're on a motorcycle we will sort your instructions too.

To compliment this we have, on Thursday 12 October, our rally rules instruction night at the clubrooms, this will be very beneficial to newer members who are keen to understand the basics of following a set of instructions to get around a rally.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about this month!  
Tracey



# 65th Hunua 100



**21 - 22 October**

(Labour Weekend)

## Programme

### Saturday at the Clubrooms



- ◆ Clubrooms will be open from 2:00 pm
- ◆ New Members Welcome 2:00pm - 2:30pm
- ◆ Garden Party in the backyard from 2:30pm
  - ◆ Sausage Sizzle on offer
  - ◆ Subsidized beer & wine
  - ◆ Bring a Plate to share Nibbles
- ◆ 50 & 60 Year Membership Awards Presentation
- ◆ Book Sale in the Barn
- ◆ Spare Parts Department open
- ◆ Rally packs available 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



### Sunday - Rally Day

- ◆ Rally through approx. 100 miles on country roads starting in Drury, lunching in Te Kauwhata and ending in Hunua.
- ◆ BYO Lunch - tea & coffee will be available
- ◆ Prizegiving at the clubrooms from 7pm



**Entry Form available to download  
via link in this Bulletin's email**



### Enquiries and Entry Forms to

Rally Secretary: Tracey Winterbottom

Email: [runnymede@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:runnymede@hotmail.co.nz) or Ph: 021 732 209

# Rallying Skills Evening

For those wishing to learn or improve your rallying skills or to better understand rally terminology here is your opportunity to attend a rally skills evening.


**Thursday 12th October at 7:30pm**

Perfect time to brush up before our flagship rally of the year, the Hunua 100 at Labour Weekend.



**Come join us!**

*Supper will be served.*



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# Hunua 100 Spring Clean

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

**Saturday 14th October  
9am - 12 noon**



If you can help please contact Russel to advise the job you would like to be allocated to? We are looking to do the following, in brackets is equip that you could bring with you if possible?:

- Wash windows (bring buckets, water blaster, extension ladder)
- Paint woodshed
- Paint fireplace wall
- Paint back deck handrail
- Assemble small flat pack unit (battery drill)
- Drill holes in garden tables for umbrellas (drill)
- Trim hedge and any gardening required.  
(Hedge Trimmer, general gardening tools.)
- Wood splitting (chainsaw/woodsplitter)

Contact Russel at: [rjmc Alpine@extra.co.nz](mailto:rjmc Alpine@extra.co.nz) or phone 027 473 5451.

## Veteran Notes

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We extend our condolences to Russell Vincent and family upon the death of Kathleen, we also extend condolences to the Scarborough and Cavanaugh families on the death of Gary. On a more upbeat note, Monty Scarborough is out of hospital and it was good to see David Oliver back at the section meeting after a long spell in hospital. Barry Robert has moved to the Murray Halberg Retirement Village.

It was good to see David Lane and the Welch brothers, all bring their brass Model T Fords to the meeting, we will be in daylight saving for the October meeting so if the weathers good, hopefully more will use their vehicles. We had an apology from Phil Henley, family commitments.

Some issues were raised about the National Subscription increase and the online sale of spare parts. Apparently spammers have now realised there is a market for veteran spare parts and are taking advantage of this. It was suggested that buyers request current photos of the parts for sale and get the sellers details.

David Lane produced the Blue Magic brass cleaner and also a bottle of Brass Restorer, which has been around since the days of Rawlieghs patent medicines. It is made in Ireland and has a phosphoric acid base.

Gavin Welch had an interesting tale about getting a warrant for his Model T, the garage owner wanted to put it on a float for a Christmas parade with his employees doing a mock inspection. There was also discussion about new \$40 000 brake machines, which all garages/testing stations will be required to have by next April, the Motor Trade Association has concerns that many smaller garages may exit WOF work because of the cost of these machines.

Mat Metcalfe continues to make enhancements to the 1912 Hudson he purchased from the Mihaljevich estate, he has had most of the nickel plating stripped back to brass which Mat found out was the original finish, he has designed a monocle windshield which will probably replace the existing one. He is also doing some brake work and work on the advance retard mechanism.

North Shores Tim Edney has been in Nelson sorting out parts for 1904 '06 and '11 Darracq cars. Roy Sharman brought along an English "Light Car" AA badge, rare in this country, however, a previous owner had removed the central part of the two As to make it look like M presumably for Morris, although if you inverted the badge you could have W for Wolseley, something for Roy to think about.

Start thinking about the location of next years Veteran Run.

That's it for this month.

John Stokes



## Vintage Notes

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Our meeting started with Pat Dewhurst encouraging us to take part in the upcoming Hunua 100 Rally - our flagship branch event for the year. Enjoy 100 miles of rural roads south of the city.

Neville Holland is disappointed that despite using Scotchgard Water Shield on the newly upholstered door cards of his Chev, there is some spotting. After trying to touch them up he is now considering re-dyeing them.

Martyn Seay has a reproduction sidecar on his 1927 Indian with which he is very pleased, but the quality of the upholstery fabric lets it down, so he is going to re-upholster it with a better product.

Norm Dewhurst's Essex was having clutch problems. Originally a cork clutch running in oil, the cork was replaced with Kevlar, still in oil, but this was not satisfactory. He is now running the Kevlar dry and it seems to be working smoothly.

There was some discussion on where to source the 6 volt batteries that many of our old cars still run on. Two places were suggested as being helpful - Battery Bill and Batteries Direct.

John Tower is moving along well with the 1925 Humber. With the upholstery pretty much finished he is now onto the wiring.

Bill Hulse has not yet got to the bottom of his Model A starter problems, so is going to have to delve deeper still. Just as well he has a spare car!

Arthur Atkins is struggling with a distorted split rim on his DeSoto. He also had a defective brake light switch, but Hawkswood Classic Car Parts were very helpful there.

At last a victory for Tim Gray! He is now able to register his Model T using a form called 'Authority to register a car using alternative documents'. The absence of chassis numbers on Model T's is a problem for authorities.

Ross Belamy is looking for a Rocky Mountain brake drum for the Model A. He also produced a mystery tool for us to try and identify. Well done to those that could. It was a device for forming the square end of the inner speedo cable.

***Get your entries in for the Hunua 100.***

Murray & Penny Firth

# Motorcycle Notes

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Our September meeting was held a week early due to the Taranaki Rubber Duckie Rally being held on our usual Saturday. A cool spring day saw around Ten bikes in the car park, and approx 50 members attending to hear our Guest speaker Tony Lester from BMW Motorcycles Auckland.

## Reports

Martin told us about the club night guest speaker Nicholas Taylor, he gave everyone an entertaining account of his Life as a Lawyer and his hobbies, that were classic & vintage guns, cars, motorcycles and steam engines.

The ever-popular Rubber Duckie Rally is one not to be missed, look for a report in this Bulletin.

Guest Speaker for October: Our speaker will be member Graham Viall who will be bringing along his very rare Honda Rune motorcycle and will tell us all about it.

*Note that the October Meeting is also a week early, on October 14th, due to the Hunua 100 being on the following weekend.*

## General Business

Member Graham Viall told us that the next Auckland Motorcycle Show scheduled for October/ November 2024 will be back at the Auckland Green Lane ASB Showgrounds.

The Annual Auckland Rally is plotted and ready to go with an interesting visit to the Pokeno Whisky Distillery. **Please support YOUR bike rally!**

Peter Alderdice advised he is organising a tiki tour for riders to attend the next National VCC Motorcycle Rally to be held in the Manawatu. Contact Peter if you would like to be included in this group.

Peter also announced that member Lee Walker-Holt has opened up his new business, **Vintage & Veteran, Classic Motorcycle Servicing**, offering Engineering Services, Machine Boring -Honing, Alloy, and Steel Welding. Lee worked under the guidance of our own Paul Tomlin while at Auckland Uni.

Finally, Peter spoke of a book he recently came across, his extreme excitement in finding this 50mm thick volume was on par with a lotto win. The book is a comprehensive detail of the design of early Harley Davidson Sidecars...

## Guest Speaker

We welcomed our guest speaker Tony Lester the after sales manager of BMW Motorcycles. Tony brought along the recently released in NZ BMW Evolution Electric motor scooter. An interesting mode of transport having a range of 100ks, and a top speed of 100 ks, it costs a mere \$28,000.



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Tony's presentation on the big screen covered the history of BMW from the early 1900's, and Max Fritz's Straight six cylinder Aero engine to their highly desirable motorcycles of today. One particular BMW model that's unique is their 1991, 125cc partially enclosed motorcycle named the C1. The rider was not required to wear a crash helmet but the pillion was not so lucky.

Talking of Helmets, Tony pointed out that BMW was the first to market the modular or flip-up helmet in 1981. The future challenges for BMW Motorrad will centre around offering Machines that comply with the required emissions standards while satisfying the market's quest for power.

Martin thanked Tony for coming to talk to us.

Martin Spicer and stand in scribe John Shennan



## Library Notes

It has been a relatively quiet time in the library over recent months. This is not unusual as we are still in winter after all.

The number of books out on loan have been slightly down on those in the warmer months too.

Our main project remains the on-going tidy up following the removal and reinstatement of the books after the dreaded floods last year. Unfortunately the books did not make it back to their original location, so the sorting out and putting back where they belong continues to be a frustratingly difficult task.

In the meantime, donations of books to our library continue. In that regard, a very significant and special donation has recently been made by Barry Robert as it is his complete collection of motoring history books. He has collected and cared for this collection over his long life, a devoted enthusiast of both motoring history and the cars involved and we are most grateful for his generosity.

Regarding books of special interest, we have also received a copy of a relatively rare book which will be of special interest to all motor racing enthusiasts. It is 'Motor Racing'. First published in c1934, it is a superb record of the state of the art of designing and building racing cars in those relatively early, yet fast-developing years of car design and manufacture. The book was edited by The Rt. Hon. Earl Howe, himself a racer, and is a wonderful compilation of essays written by top engineers, designers, specialists and so on of the time. Names such as Peter Berthon, Wally Hassan, Raymond Mays, Georges Roesch, Cecil Kimber, etc etc are included. Of special interest to some readers will be the references to design developments of the time being made by German manufacturers Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union.

Chris Wood  
(stand in scribe)



*This book comes to the AV-VCC from the collection of the late Douglas Wood.*

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## Mid-week Tourer's Report

Hardly a cloud in the sky for our Drury start. We had a couple of bikes with Lance Edlin on his Moto Guzzi & Ron Dunn on his BMW. John Stokes turned up driving his new acquisition, a tidy old 37 Buick with Doug Pinker to keep him on the straight & narrow.

Faces we have not seen for a long time were John & Ngaire Cheale in their 54 Morris Oxford. Cedric Pegrum brought his very smart 73 Mercedes 350SE with Neil Beileski & Clarry Ranby as passengers.

Becoming a regular is Steve Doll in his big 15 Citroen Traction Avant. Others were Hulse's (Model A Tudor), Driver's (Model A pickup), Redgwell's (Volvo 244) & Willan's (Chrysler Century) with everyone else driving moderns. The Tomlins started in Tuakau to shadow new club members Peter & Diane Coleman driving their smart little 60 Singer Gazelle on their first run.

Our route took us off the motorway at the first exit then onto rural roads with refreshing springtime green all around. Our first country village was Tuakau then across the Waikato River and down SH 22 to turn off at the Onewhero Golf Club towards Rangiriri and on to Huntly where we crossed back over the Waikato River for a short run on the old SH1 to Taupiri. From the Taupiri junction we followed SH1B to Hautapu and our destination, C & R Developments where the four Ross brothers have established their incredible museum.

On entering the Museum, on the left was Kenny Smith's Formula 5000, one of Chris Dixon's Indy cars and much more. On the right was a recreation of a traditional early American Café/ Diner where our club members were able to enjoy their lunch.

A little further on each side of the main aisle were pristine examples of the 3 most iconic Australian cars ever built. On the left was Chrysler's 265 cubic inch 1972 Charger E49 R/T 6 pack, & Holden's 1971 350 cubic inch Monaro HG GTS, with Ford's 351 cubic inch 1971 Falcon XY GTHO on the right. Further on were numerous mostly American cars and automobilia etc.







(Jack, you forgot the classy specimens of 2 wheel rides - including this American specimen! © Plus a CHiPs bike too! - Jodi)



Then it was off through the sliding door. Open it and WOW the biggest bulldozer blade you will ever see.



Now for a little history: Following WW2 a pair of ex RNZAF Aircraft engineers James Ross & Norman Todd, set up a workshop in a retired dairy factory in Leamington (replica above) naming the business, Ross-Todd Motors and acquired an International Harvester agency.

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## Mid-week Tourer's Report

Enjoying great success in 1961 with a capital injection from Arthur Baker, Ross & James started the earth moving and construction company Baker Construction. Contracts that they had a big input into included all of the South Island Power Project Dams, the new Hong Kong Airport, and the West Coast iron sand recovery. In 1998 the Ross family purchased the Todd family shares in Ross-Todd Motors. The current Hautapu site was purchased in about 2003.

Our host was Murray Barton who has been with the company since 1973 is just one of the 240 staff members.



The Baker Construction Dump Truck is a 1961 International Pay Hauler, 285 bhp Detroit 817, 30 ton capacity, & was one of the first 4 Dump Trucks in NZ.

The biggest in the world 1995 Komatsu Super Dozer with a blade 8 metres wide & 3.5 metres high is one of only 42 that were ever built. It was purchased second-hand from the Queensland Coalfields by the Drinkrow brothers company Kaipara Contractors.

Elanor the Catapillar rubber tyred bucket loader has a 1250 bhp cat V12 engine with 4 metre tall tyres costing \$40,000 each, that was started for us.



The world's biggest grader the Catapillar V16 has an 8 metre wide blade and is controlled by a joystick.



*It was a VERY IMPRESSIVE museum. Thanks for organising Jack! - Jodi*



## COMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday 18th October:** The Dave Tuke's Collection in Silverdale reboot. A Westgate start.

Assemble at The Warehouse Carpark. Gather from 10:00am for a 10:30am Start.

**HOWEVER, you MUST be booked in with Jack prior to going on this run.**

You must be in a club eligible or classic vehicles (no moderns) numbering no more than 20 cars plus reasonable number of motorbikes. Jack will be taking bookings on a first come first served basis for this event. Email: [jack\\_nazer@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jack_nazer@yahoo.co.nz) with vehicle description and the name of each passenger.

Dave's Rules are:

1. Maximum number of 40 visitors
2. No Parking on the road or grass berms.
3. No food or drink taken into the display area and definitely no photographs.
4. An admission fee of \$10 per person which will be charged and then donated to North Shore Hospice.

**Wednesday 29th November:** Mid-week Tourer's Annual End of Year Picnic to Wenderholm. A Westgate start. Further details coming soon.

Your Mid-week Team



## Maintenance Report

The updating of the clubrooms continues. We are getting great feedback on how much lighter, brighter and bigger the place feels. We are very pleased with the results so far. You will see from our advertisement for help at the next Working Bee, 14th October, that we plan on doing some more painting and freshening up. Any help you can provide will be much appreciated.

This month we have had the squabs on the bench seat re-upholstered and they are looking mighty fine!  
(Note: The back rest is yet to be fixed properly, it's awaiting a wooden packer to be installed behind.)



We look forward to completing a spring clean and a few touch ups in October, in the lead up to Hunua 100 weekend!

If you can help Russel please get in touch?  
[rjmc Alpine@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rjmc Alpine@xtra.co.nz) or phone 027 473 5451

# Marshals Required

## HUNUA 100 RALLY

**Sunday 22nd October 2023**

**If you can help...**

Please contact Tracey Winterbottom

Email: [runnymede@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:runnymede@hotmail.co.nz) or Ph: 021 732 209

# Spares Department

## Huge Opportunity for a Bargain!

Barry Robert has moved home and our club has been donated the contents of his basement and workshop.

To clean up and get all of this back to the Barn for sorting, John Towers spent 10 hours, Jack Nazer spent 15 hours, with Bill Hulse & John Stokes toiling for 25 hours each. It took eight van loads to the club and John's ute made the trip to the scrap yard five times before Barry Birchall was able to sweep the floor of the garage.

Last Thursday morning (28th Sept) we had Murray Firth also join us for sorting and pricing.

And happily next Thursday (October 5th) we will be open for business!. Listed below is some of what we have:



*View of the pile ready for sorting...*



Power Hacksaw "Matthews" single phase \$60



Compressor "Clisby" twin cyl. 1 hp  
single phase \$60



## Spares Department continued



**Clockwise from Top Left:**

**Drill Press "Cosmos" 1/3 hp \$30;**

**Weed Eater "Featherlite" battery with charger \$10;**

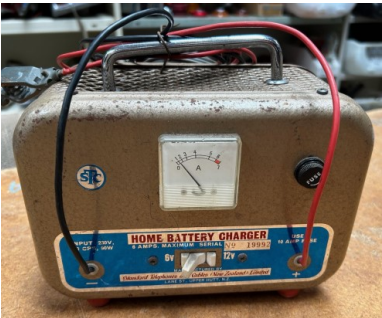
**Leaf blower/sucker "Flymo 1500" near new \$20;**

**Antique baby's bath very good condition \$15;**

**Metal Chest in very good condition \$150;**

**Valve Radio "Ultimate" quite tidy but not perfect \$30;**

**Battery Charger "STC" 6 amp 6/12 volt tested OK \$20;**



# Post Era Rally Review

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The annual Post Era Rally was held 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023. Saturday night (23rd) had Bob and I holding our breath as it poured with rain, a plotters nightmare. Something worked, as Sunday turned out over-cast but no rain.

We had 17 vehicles entered, unfortunately, on the day only 12 started. A car not going and illness were the reasons for most.

Before the rally even got underway we had our first problem, a road closed where Glenn and Marion were to be our 1<sup>st</sup> manned check. Quick thinking and we were underway leaving Rodger and Val to alter instructions and Glenn and Marion waiting in a new road - Duke St - to see how many read the overriding instructions.

From Royal Reserve we travelled towards Whenuapai and onto Riverhead where Glenn and Marion were waiting. The next road from them was the end of the timed section where Colin and Pam were taking the times.

From there we took everyone over some pleasant country roads, past Paremoro prison, before heading into Albany and around the back roads to pop out prior to the motorway. Going under the motorway we headed into the industrial roads off Albany highway, onto Glenfield Road and then onto Beach Haven, Kauri Point and Birkenhead.

Our final destination of Northcote Point, where our problem at the start arose again, there happened to be another Duke Street there too. I covered that while Bob sat and waited further down the road as final check.

On leaving Bob, everyone was guided down under the Harbour Bridge, to a large area with car parking, taking in the houses still occupied there. There was an optional short walk down to the waters' edge.

From there everyone headed to the Northcote Tavern for a welcome drink and food stop. A great place to dine in the summer and winter. An amazing building with loads of history, I recommend looking it up and reading about it's colourful history. From the 1850's to today. It has had 2 fires in its time and been rebuilt. The present owners ran the tavern for Lion Breweries in 1989 then purchased the business and then the building and land from them in 1994/1995.

We'd like to thank all entrants and our Marshalls as without you all rallies don't exist. Our Marshalls were Rodger and Val, Glenn and Marion, Colin and Pam.

We enjoyed planning the rally and hope everyone enjoyed some different roads and their goodie bags given at the start.

## **Rally results:**

**1<sup>st</sup> - John and Janice Gardner**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Alan and Christine Albon**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Alan and Shaaran Price.**

THANK YOU EVERYONE  
FROM BOB AND DEBBIE BALLANTYNE  
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## September Club Night Review

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It was a bit of a nervy drive through to the clubrooms for Lynda and I. We had to set off in very heavy rain and strong winds, but we arrived OK!

The clubrooms were already filling with members. Lynda set to getting the supper ready while I chatted with our guest speaker Paul Radisich, plus gave him a quick tour of the club rooms. Paul then apologised that when I had booked him weeks ago, he had forgotten that it was his daughters birthday, so he couldn't stay too long. That being said, we jumped straight into the presentation.

Paul told us about his early years working with dad in his Henderson garage 'Central Motors' and of course when Frank took up car racing it was inevitable that Paul would give car racing a go too.

In 1983 he was the Formula Atlantic runner up, earning him the prestigious "Driver to Europe" award. In 1985/86 he raced in the British F3 races alongside future world champion Damon Hill, in 1988 he won the NZ GP, also in that year he won the NZ Formula Pacific title. He later raced in the Indy Lights and Formula Super V with some success. He finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1990 Bathurst 1000. This lead Paul to racing saloon cars full time. In 1993-4 he won the world touring car rounds at Monza and Donington. In 1993 driving a Ford Mondeo he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the British Touring Champs, he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> again in 1994. In 1995 he was a works Ford driver in the British touring car championships. In 1997 he drove the new Ford Mondeo but this car wasn't competitive. So unhappy with these cars he gave up racing in the British Touring car championships. In 1999 he took up a race seat in the Dick Johnson race team in Australia, he left Dick's team in 2002. He raced for these teams afterwards, Triple Eight, Team Kiwi, and the Toll HSV dealer team. Paul was practising for the 2008 Bathurst 1000, when he had a high speed crash, when his car's throttle jammed wide open, he hit a concrete wall between the tire barriers. He sustained multiple injuries, which brought an end to his racing.

In the 2016 season he was the team manager of the Super Black Racing team, up until the team was disbanded.

In 2018 Paul raced a Ford Mustang in the Invitational non championship class three of the BNT V8 championship of New Zealand.

Over 30 years ago Frank Radisich bought a disused Caltex oil facility in Turua just below Thames on the Hauraki Plains. This was developed into AEGIS oils, a small but thriving company selling a large range of oils to the farming community, marine and aircraft industries and motorist.

## Club Night Guest Speaker–Paul Radisich

Paul told us how he partnered with Frank in the business, sadly Frank passed away in 2021.

Paul outlined how the company is run, they have a staff of 19, he said it's a bit of a journey from Henderson to Turua, but needs must!

Paul answered a number of questions from the floor. Paul left us a number of info sheets with prices, he also offered the branch a 10% discount on their products. Paul was an entertaining speaker, and even though he was late for his daughter's party he still was answering questions at 9.20pm.

I asked the group to show their appreciation to Paul before he left us.

We then all enjoyed the supper prepared by Lynda.

Martin Spicer



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# 2023 Rubber Duckie Review

by Jodi Tomlin

The annual trek to New Plymouth is always talked about for months beforehand, planning which scenic route will be taken. This year, after investigating a number of options that all had stumbling blocks, the travel essentially was directly there and back.

And after about a 15 year hiatus... the best bit for me was that I was going too!

Friday 15th Sept saw us head off towards Otorohanga, to meet for lunch at Ronnie's Café, with what turned out to be quite a number of Aucklanders! The contingent that actually ride these days are few however. But there are still some brave souls, those being Michael O'Kane, Don Green, Michael Watts and Lee Walker-Holt that take on the journey on their trusty machines.



**Michael O'Kane en route...  
one of the few whole  
weekend riders.**

After a load of banter amongst familiar faces, we headed off, next stop Awakino Pub. Mentally I questioned the judgment as the discussion about the pub, at lunch, was how awful the place was the last time they stopped there?! Anyway, we were all pleasantly surprised by the very friendly, well run set up we found. After a quick pit stop it was onward bound to New Plymouth.



I did love watching the countryside go by, in some areas, it was like looking at the scenery for the first time...

We arrived into New Plymouth around 4.30pm, settled into the cabins booked at the Top 10 Holiday Park and had some drinks and nibbles before walking over to the dining hall for an easy dinner put on by the Rally Committee.

Saturday morning we woke to this weird phenomenon... it was SUNNY! Yes, the 'Naki was turning it on for us!!!

The rally commenced at 10am and was a great ride over beautiful Taranaki landscape with the narrow country roads that are synonymous with the area. Both the Morning Tea and Lunch stops were at the same hall in Ratapiko (south-east of Inglewood). Completing the timed part of the rally at Lunch meant that the afternoon was a simple ride back into New Plymouth. (On the email accompanying this Bulletin is a link to a "Relive" app capture of our ride between Morning Tea and Lunch, this includes a few pics of that part of the ride.)

**One of those country lanes with a gorgeous old bridge!**



## 2023 Rubber Duckie continued

The bonus of the days travels was the clearing of Mt Taranaki, it was gorgeous to keep seeing it as we turned corners and popped up over hills.

**Yes... Yes... YES!**

That evening we were able to walk a couple of blocks to the Prizegiving Dinner at the Beach St Hall. A great meal was served, then we were given a Saxophone performance by Dave Mayhew (the oldest rider at 87 btw!) followed by the prizegiving. This was very entertaining, especially when Bruce Davidson presented/returned Peter Alderdice's Rally Entry Fee to him (longevity of attendance means he does not need to pay the entry fee), but he gave it to Peter by way of four hundred 10c pieces!

Of the 12 Aucklanders entered in the rally, we managed to gain 1st, 2nd or 3rd placings in the Vintage, Post War, Post 60, Post 80 and Combination/Morgan classes. A total of 7 placings.

We returned back to Auckland on Sunday, making a stop at Mokau for the obligatory Whitebait Omelette.

Another great weekend of Vintage riding for us all and a fantastic effort by the very hospitable Taranaki Branch!

**Top Right: The contingent of bikes at the Lunch stop.**

**Right: Doggy Transport... CUTE!**

**Far Right: Peter Alderdice and his prizes plus that bag of coins (before they were returned to the organisers!)**



## New Members

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?

**Ian Duigan**  
*Parnell*  
1987 BMW 325iA

**George Lewis**  
*Pakuranga*

Transferred to our Branch:  
**Susan & David Hamp**  
*New Windsor*  
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*Mark your diary now...*



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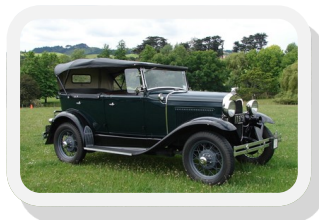


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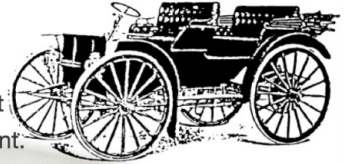




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