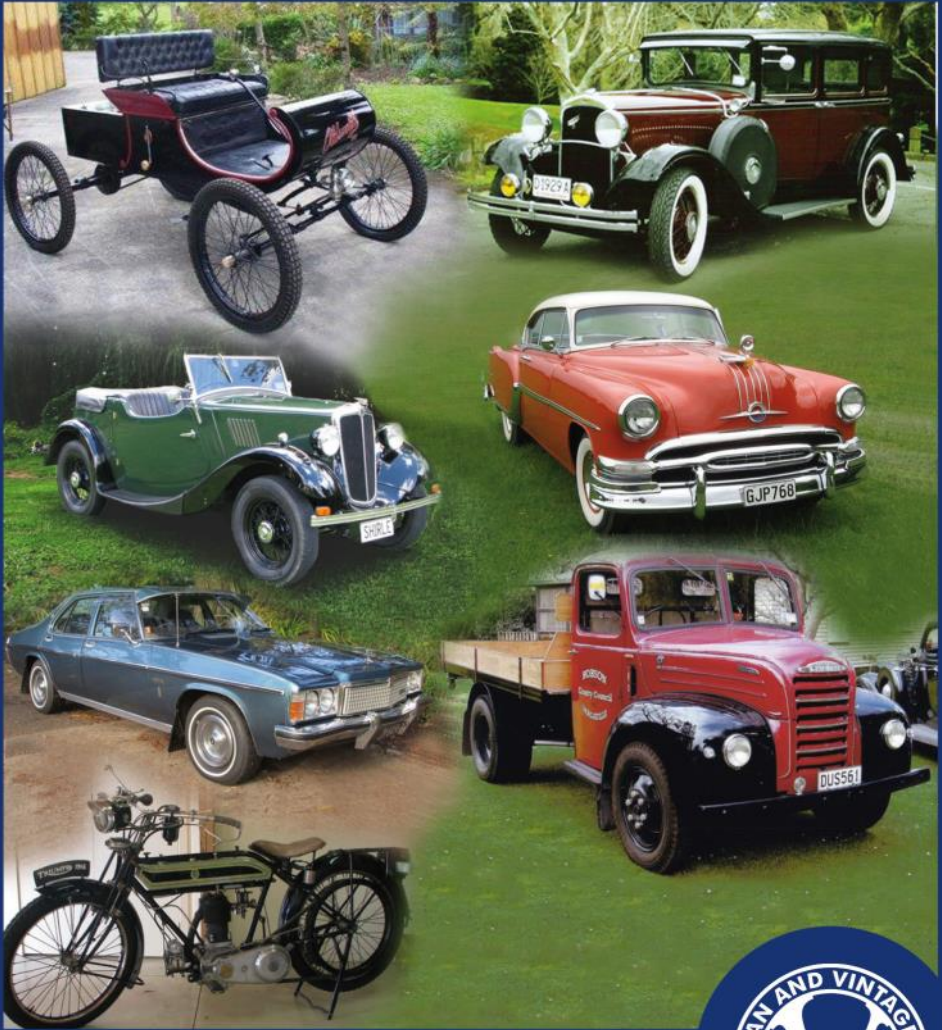




AUCKLAND VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.



The Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2023



vero



Vero is proud to have supported the **VCC** for almost 40 years.

At Vero we've been supporting the Vintage Car Club for almost 40 years, so we know a thing or two hundred about vintage, veteran and classic cars.

Talk to our team about cover for your pride-and-joy plus our competitive rates on house, contents, every-day vehicles, and boat insurance too.

Please have your VCC membership number on hand when you call.

Call us for a quote on **0800 658 411** and select option 2 or email **veropersonallines@vero.co.nz**





Index

In this issue...

| | <i>Page</i> |
|---|-------------|
| <i>New Year's Day Fish'n'Chip Run</i> | 6-7 |
| <i>The Mid-week Tourers' Tour</i> | 19 |
| <i>What our members were up to 50 years ago</i> | 26-27 |

Regular Features

| | |
|---|-------|
| Coming Events | 4 |
| Chairman's Report | 5 |
| Club Captain's Notes | 8-9 |
| Veteran Notes | 10 |
| Vintage Notes | 11 |
| Entertainment Notes | 12 |
| Motorcycle Notes December & January | 13-16 |
| Library Notes | 17-18 |
| Mid Week Tourers End of Year Picnic and January Run | 20-23 |
| Spares Dept. | 28-29 |
| Your Committee | 30 |

March Bulletin closing date

Strictly 25 February 2023

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

Cover Designed by Melanie Ball



Coming Events

February

| | | | |
|--------------|------------|--|---------|
| 3-6 | | National Motorcycle Rally hosted by Southland Branch | |
| 4 | Sat | Veteran Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 9 | Thur | Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms - discussion on NZVCC Constitution changes. | 7:30pm |
| 15 | Wed | Mid Week Tourers - starts Warehouse Carpark, Westgate | 10:00am |
| 17 | Fri | Art Deco Festival hosted by Hawkes Bay Branch | |
| 18 | Sat | Motorcycle Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 18 | Sat | Vintage Meeting—SPECIAL LOCATION Chev Club clubrooms, Unit B, 21-23 Ryan Place, Papatoetoe | 2:30pm |
| 22 | Wed | Charabanc Maintenance Night | 8:00pm |
| 23 | Thur | Club Night - Phil Prior talks all things Targa | 7:30pm |
| 24-26 | | National Veteran Rally - LaValla, Tuakau | |
| 25 | Sat | Annual Veteran Rally | |
| 25 | Sat | Wellsford Swap Meet - Wellsford/Warkworth Branch | |
| 26 | Sun | Club Run - starts Jolly Farmer Carpark—a tour to view National Veteran Rally vehicle display at Kentish Hotel, Waiuku. | 11:00am |
| 28 | Tue | Committee Meeting | 7:30pm |

March

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|--|----------------|
| 4 | Sat | Veteran Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 5 | Sun | Brits & Euro Classic Car Show, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga | 10:00am-3:00pm |
| 9 | Thur | Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms | 7:30pm |
| 11 | Sat | 25, 35, 50 & 60 Year Awards Afternoon | 2:00pm |
| 11-12 | | Kumeu A & P Show | |
| 11-12 | | Irish Women's Rally hosted by South Waikato Branch | |
| 15 | Wed | Mid Week Tourers—starts BP Service Centre, Highway 1, Drury | 10:00am |
| 18 | Sat | Motorcycle Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 19 | Sun | Waikato Vintage Venture | |
| 23 | Thur | Club Night | 7:30pm |
| 24-26 | | Maunga Moana Rally hosted by Taranaki Branch | |
| 25 | Sat | Vintage Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 26 | Sun | Club Run | |
| 28 | Tue | Committee Meeting | 7:30pm |
| 29 | Wed | Charabanc Maintenance Night | 8:00pm |

April

| | | | |
|-----------|------------|--|--------|
| 1 | Sat | Veteran Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 1 | Sat | Mooloo Meander hosted by Waikato Branch | |
| 13 | Thur | Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms | 7:30pm |
| 15 | Sat | Motorcycle Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 19 | Wed | Mid Week Tourers | |
| 22 | Sat | Vintage Meeting | 2:30pm |
| 25 | Tue | Committee Meeting | 7:30pm |
| 27 | Thur | Club Night | 7:30pm |
| 30 | Sun | Vintage Muster (Note: re-scheduled) | |

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 is open during the clubrooms opening hours plus Thursday mornings from 9am to noon.

Chairman's Report

Happy New Year to you all. May 2023 keep you all covid free and enable you to attend the VCC events we are used to enjoying.



As usual, the Charabanc was at the annual Farmers Christmas Parade transporting the Santa Bears. Again, an eye-catcher as it appeared twice on TV1 News that evening with hardly a Christmas float in sight!

The annual Christmas Picnic, this year at Meadow Brook Farm, drew a good crowd. Santa arrived and gave out presents to the children. As always, complimentary sausages and ice creams were appreciated by those attending.

With the clubrooms festively decorated and the usual ham supplementing the numerous potluck dishes members provided, we settled in to enjoy a great meal. After the main course, Santa and his mischievous Elf arrived and handed out presents.

The Fish and Chip Shop at Kaiaua did a booming trade when riders and drivers from 80+ branch vehicles turned up for fish and chips on New Years Day.

Russel McAlpine and I met to discuss our drainage and flooding problem with club member Stephen Leech, Water Quality Engineer/Consultant, Reel Blue Environmental. Eight 1000 litre retention tanks are presently being installed (three each side of the barn, and two beside the clubrooms). While investigating our options, I rang Auckland Council to enquire when they last inspected the drains along Fairfax Ave. This has resulted in them finding a complete blockage between us at number 39 and number 43. They are to flush the drain out in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, with this, and our retention tanks, our flooding problems should be over, fingers crossed!

This month, a good number of our motorcycle members are heading for Invercargill to attend the National Motorcycle Rally. They intend taking a 'touring' route, including the Molesworth, on their way South.

Our branch is hosting the National Veteran Rally later in February. This event coincides with Auckland Branch's 50th Annual Veteran Rally, and plans have been made to combine the two events on the Saturday. With 50 plus entries, and the untiring effort of Barry and Nicola Birchall and their team, this stands to be a great event.

See you out and about.
Come and enjoy.
Shaaran.

HELPERS STILL REQUIRED!

National Veteran Rally

Contact: Barry Birchall 021 0599 339
barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz

2023 New Year's Day Fish'n'Chip Run

After celebrating the end of 2022 with a party on our Pokeno farm, getting to bed around 12.30am, we woke up to a sunny New Year's day. Lynda and I drove up to Drury for the start of our annual club run to Kaiaua. We arrived at the Jolly Farmer at 11.30am and found a very large gathering of motorcycles, cars and commercials. There was a lot of happy new years from everyone, plus a lot of chatting.

Just after noon I welcomed everybody and then told the greatly awaited joke, to which there was some groans and laughter, and then Jocelyn McAlpine came over and presented me with a well used joke book for the future.

We then set off on our country trip down to Kaiaua, we bypassed SH1 & SH2 as they were packed with holiday traffic. We had an enjoyable journey down through some great countryside.

We arrived at the fish'n'chip shop just after 1pm. But shock horror, for the first time ever, the Hotel was closed! Our family arrived including our three grand kids, after lunch we spent time walking along the beach and having ice creams.

We had a number of riders come over from Thames to join us. A number of our group were parked, across the road, on the beach front having picnics. It was also great to see friends whom we hadn't seen for quite a while due to Covid.

I had a count up of vehicles, there were 48 motorcycles, and around 40 cars, accounting for about 110 people, the fish'n'chip shop did very well in managing our numbers.

We left Kaiaua at 4pm and headed home after another great new years day run.

Martin





Club Captain's Report

Firstly, I would like to wish you a very Happy 2023. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas/New Year break?

It was pleasing to see, at the start of December, some new comers to our annual Picnic, this year being at Dick Langridge's farm in Brookby. Many thanks to Dick for his generosity in opening the farm up to the members, who enjoyed meeting the animals including a variety of chickens, and of course, the highlight being the wonderful array of cars which Dick had on display and talked to us about. We had a good crowd who enjoyed the BBQ sausage sizzle, coffee cart and great company. Santa gave out presents to the children who attended. Many thanks to everyone who helped that day.

The final club event for 2022 was the Pot Luck dinner which 55 people enjoyed. An excellent evening of good food, good company and of course, Santa and his naughty Elf and pressies for those boys and girls who had been good.

The final motorcycle meeting for 2022 was well attended and you will see more information from Martin's report of the guest speaker for that meeting.

Martin and I had our Son-in-laws father over from the UK for 3 weeks and so we have been tripping around on holiday. However on January 1st, we inducted him, and some young friends from Rotorua, into our annual first run of the year, our Kaiaua New Years Day Fish n Chip Run. Over 80 vehicles started from the Jolly Farmer at mid-day and took a slow jaunt down to Kaiaua. When we arrived there, it was lovely to see members who now live on the Coromandel Peninsula, had driven over to join us, so in all we had over 110 people at the finish. Some had a picnic on the beach, or under the trees, although the majority had Fish'n'Chips. However, for the first time in memory, the pub was closed for the day. Oh, we thought, how will the fish'n'chip shop cope? Well, the answer to this was, beautifully! From taking our order (and there were 9 of us) to actually sitting down and enjoying our fish'n'chips, was less than 40 minutes. It was cooked perfectly. Before we left I went and saw the owner of the shop, thanking them for their wonderful service, smiley faces of all the staff, and of course, excellent food.

The first motorcycle meeting for 2023 was well attended and you will see more information from Martin's reports of the guest speaker for that meeting.

Please see the reports from the Veteran, Vintage and Mid Week Tourers to see what they have been up to during December and January.

The organisation for the National Veteran Rally is almost complete. Barry Birchall and his team are doing a wonderful job. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of seeing a large gathering of Veteran vehicles, make sure you ear-mark in your diary the February Club Run. I will have a scenic route plotted to Waiuku and a parking place within a few minutes walk of where all the 'old girls' will be on display. There will be food available at the cafes in town and also at the Kentish Arms. Please come along and support this event.

Please make sure you read the Coming Events page and mark our club events on your calendars. A lot of effort is put into plotting runs and rallies for your enjoyment. If you haven't done a Rally before, enter and give it a go. You can pick up the Rally Rules booklet at the clubrooms, just ask a Committee Member to get you a copy. Most of our monthly 'Runs' are just that, a nice journey out in the country, and usually finishing at a place of interest. I look forward to seeing you out and about.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely

Lynda Spicer



- ◆ Established in 1993 we specialise in Classic & Vintage Car Restorations and Repair work
- ◆ Classic Car Insurance Claims
- ◆ Insurance and Private Work on all vehicles
- ◆ WOF and Rust Repairs
- ◆ Full Panel and Paint Service
- ◆ New! - The Metal Room—Metal Shaping Classes

Contact Mark McAlpine—Ph: (09) 820 2299

Email: alpinepb@outlook.com www.alpinepanelbeaters.co.nz

Or call in and see us at 8/2 Lansford Crescent, Avondale

Veteran Notes

The January section meeting was well attended by eighteen or twenty people many are preparing for the National Veteran Rally in February.

David Oliver is putting some final touches to his Model T. Mike Courtney has given his 1909 Sizaire et Naudin quite a birthday with new paint and upholstery and some clutch work. Barry Birchall has had his 1912 Cadillac running and this may be used on the rally. Wayne Welch is well prepared for the rally, as are Terry Jenkins and Roy Sharman.

Gavin Welch recently won a 100 mile Model T rally.

The Renault Charabanc appears to have a full crew for the rally and Alan Price has fitted a new petrol tap after the old one collapsed just before the Santa Parade.

John Morrison has been involved checking the rally routes, but has managed to fit a repaired differential in his Briscoe.

As many are aware Tim Edney from North Shore has brought the bulk of the late George Mihaljevich cars including the 1912 Hudson, this has been moved on to Mat Metcalfe, and I understand Peter Le Gros has been giving Mat some driving instruction. Tim is also looking to dispose of some of his collection and two Darracqs 1905 and 1907 respectively may come on the market, along with a large 1917 Nash Tourer.

It is rumoured that there will be two or three brand new restorations on the veteran rally, entries for which are approaching fifty, by the time you read this the Rally will be almost ready to go ahead.

John Stokes

Please Note:

CHANGE OF DATE

Vintage Muster

NOW: Sunday, 30th April

Vintage Notes

Our first meeting of the year was a little light on numbers which was to be expected as it was only the previous day and overnight that the first weather bomb hit Auckland. Most of us were no more than a little inconvenienced, but we were acutely aware of some of our number having their precious old cars immersed and seriously damaged. I am sure we will be there to help.

Considering that this event was worse by far than the recent one that did so much damage to the library, we were relieved to find on arrival at the clubrooms that the flood had been kept at bay, probably largely because of the sandbagging around the back door.

Neil Bielecki showed us the water temperature gauge and bonnet catch for his 1925 Renault. Fiddly jobs including drilling and tapping holes for 2mm screws. Challenging when the hand is not as steady nor the eye as keen as in days of yore. A WOF is now not far away.

John Tower told us of his recently acquired Studebaker and the trials of getting it going. Lots of advice from friends failed to make it respond until someone told him to "look for the obvious". It was then noted that the distributor was rotating the wrong way, so after swapping a few wires around the motor ran beautifully. He is making good progress on his Humber with the bodywork nearing completion. Upholstery next.

Neil Lucas, 1930 Dodge, found the reason for his flat tyre. The valve stem had been chewed right off by the old wooden spoked, split rim wheel. They are a very fiddly thing to work on but he has acquired a new tube.

Shaun Bellamy really enjoyed the midweek run to Paul Smith's extraordinary collection of all things Ford in Waiuku. Paul organised the whole thing from plotting the route to the warm hospitality, and drew a large turnout of members driving vintage cars that are rarely seen. Well done.

Arthur Atkins is looking to fit telescopic shock absorbers to his '29 DeSoto as the originals are leaking oil and are not repairable. He would appreciate any advice.

John Morrison has just got new WOFs for the Cadillac and the Auburn. He will drive the Brisco in the upcoming National Veteran Rally.

Ross Bellamy's Model A developed a miss which turned out to be a misaligned rotor in the distributor that was chewing up the central carbon brush.

Next month's meeting will be *a week early on the 18th Feb*, and held in the Chev Club clubrooms.

Murray & Penny Firth

Entertainment Notes

Happy New Year to you all...

Christmas has come and gone and so too our annual Pot Luck dinner complete with Santa and his Elf who managed to fit us into his busy schedule. The clubrooms looked festive, the food plenty and scrumptious.

Club night on the 12th featured discussion on the future handling of 25, 35 and 50 & 60 year badges.

The clubrooms were open on the Thursday before Christmas – thank you Jodi for hosting this night (I was camping up North enjoying some unforecasted good weather luckily). I hear your spread was awesome, even better than your usual, (is that possible?)

We started off the New Year with a low key noggin and natter on the 12th.

Club night on the 26th was a sausage sizzle, a time to gather around the barbecue and catch up on news and see what the committee and fellow members have been up to at the clubrooms over the Christmas break.

FEBRUARY

Thursday 9th: Discussion on upcoming NZVCC Constitution changes due to Governmental policy changes.

Thursday 23rd - Targa Rally 2022: Phil Prior talks of his Targa experience in his Jowett Javelin – certainly an interesting adventure. Make sure you come along and hear all about the experience.

Looking forward to seeing you

Russel



Motorcycle Notes - December

December Meeting

With the weather overcast and spitting with rain we arrived at the club rooms to find that Don Green had opened up and was helping guest speaker Trevor Hackett unload his 1000cc Vincent Rapide and Norvin that was to be the centre piece of Trevor's talk.

The members started to arrive, we had 12 bikes out in the car park, plus Brian King's home built Jaguar 1930's special. Lynda with the help of Debbie Ballantyne was preparing and setting up the Christmas afternoon tea. By 2.30pm we had every available chair taken up in the club room accounting for around 60 members and visitors. My scribe Jack Clark couldn't make the meeting today, so Jeremy Lambert stood in for him. We welcomed new member Robert Kennedy, then welcomed everyone and told the customary joke to start the meeting off.

I then reported on the December bike run that went to see Mike Ensor's great motorcycle collection.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Alderdice spoke about the upcoming February National Motorcycle Rally in Invercargill, that he and around 15 of our members are going down to, they will also be staying on for the Burt Munro Festival.

GUEST SPEAKER - Trevor Hackett

A number of the Vincent Owners Club members turned up to support Trevor, they were going to ride their bikes to the meeting, but left them at home due to the weather, they were Don Raines, Dave Tomkins, Mark Cooper, David White, Kenton Short, Jim Lawson and Eugene Nhering with his Vincent Comet that was in the back of his vintage American truck.

Trevor started his talk with the history of Vincent motorcycles from the beginning with HRD, and the leadership of Phil Vincent & Phil Irving, up to when they closed the factory in the mid 1950's, an interesting story. Trevor bought his 1st Vincent in 1967, then bought his second from Len Perry, he rode these to work and then raced them at the weekends. Trevor had on display, out the back, his Vincent 1000 Rapide and his 500 Comet. The Comet was on a trailer, it was in two halves, this was to show us how they go together. Then, on display in the club rooms was his 1000 Norvin, which has been his lifetime dream to own. Back in the 1950's John Surtees built the first Norvin. Trevor had his bike built by John Mossey, the Norvin man in the UK, Trevor also helped in its assembly. Every part of this fantastic bike was brand new, it has Ceirani front forks, and a massive Fontana 4 leading shoe front brake, the bike also has an electric starter, it weighs 200kg wet, it produces 74 BHP. If you want one of these you will need around \$110,000.

Motorcycle Notes - December

During Trevor's talk he held the group's attention with his many humorous comments and asides. When Trevor finished his talk, he answered a number of questions from the floor.

Trevor owns a business that fits out super yachts around the world. One of his recent work projects for a customer was the building of a one person flying drone taxi, *with no pilot!*

Martin thanked Trevor for his time and telling us his stories. A great afternoon all round!

Keep those 2, 3 and 4 wheels turning safely.

Martin Spicer & Jeremy Lambert



Above: The Norvin

Right: Trevor on the Vincent.

Below: The Comet in two pieces.



Motorcycle Notes - January

We set off on a warm and sunny afternoon from home, en route we picked up Malcolm Brown at Bombay. The journey up to Penrose was slow due to heavy traffic. We came off the motorway onto the Great South Rd then found our usual turn right into Walls Rd was closed off to traffic so we went in a large circular route to get to the club rooms. We later found out that The Red Hot Chilly Peppers were performing at Mt Smart stadium in the evening. At the club rooms we found 20 shiny motorcycles parked out the back. Our guest speaker and member Graham Viall had already set up his motorcycle in the club rooms.

We opened the meeting at 2.30pm. There was 50+ members seated.

We welcomed visitor Garry Viall, Grahams brother, who raced Ford Anglia's and Cortina's and other saloons back in the 1960-80's, he's still a petrol head and recently bought an 800 HP Nissan R35 GTR.

Martin then told us some sad news, member Robert Waima had recently passed away after a long illness, and the widow of the late Ted Fawcett, Molly, had passed away on Christmas Day.

He then reminded the members of the up coming Classic Motorcycle Racing Register Festival at Pukekohe Park on the 4th — 7th February. Martin will be manning our club stand over this period, sadly this will be the last motorcycle race meeting there. We will also have a club stand at the Brits and Euro Car Show at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga on 5th March.

Peter Alderdice updated us on the trip south to Invercargill for the National motorcycle rally and the Burt Munro festival. Don Green and Ian Hubbard will also be taking part in the Norton rally in Blenheim on their way back home.

Don Green then asked the members to show their appreciation to Graeme Crawley who will be leaving us in March to go and live in the Hawkes Bay area. Graeme has been our annual Auckland Motorcycle Rally Secretary for many years.

Guest Speaker Graham Viall

Graham has been a speaker for us a number of times, today he brought along his 1980 Suzuki XR69 Factory Race Bike. This bike was raced by Graham Crosby in 1980. Japanese tuning guru Yoshimura took a standard GS1000cc engine that produced 89 bhp, and took it up to 135 bhp, its top speed was 170 mph. The engine was installed in a works frame inspired by the RG500 GP bike. Graeme first raced an XR69E at the Daytona 200 with Wes Cooley and won. He then went to the IOM TT for the first time with Graham's bike. In the F1 race he came 2nd to Honda's Mick Grant, amid much controversy over Grant's fuel tank

Motorcycle Notes - January

being oversized allowing only one pit stop. Crosby then went onto win TT F1 rounds in Ireland and England, which made him the TT F1 World and British champion, a feat that he did again in 1981. There were only 5 of these bikes made. 3 went to the USA, and haven't been seen since.

Graham told us that these engines were very good and reliable up to 9.400 rpm, but if you did 9.500 rpm they would always wreck the valves. Graham will be riding the Suzuki at the upcoming Classic Racing at Pukekohe. This bike was the last of the Suzuki racers to have twin rear shocks, they then went over to the 'Full Floater' mono-shock. Graham answered a number of questions from the floor. He has had some work done on the Suzuki by its former rider/owner Graeme Crosby.

Graham then told us about the March Classic Motorcycle Show that will be in Henderson, he went over the shows successful history that has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to various charities through the Papakura Rotary Club.

Martin thanked Graham for giving us his time and showing us this very rare motorcycle. After the meeting Graham rode the bike up and down the road, it looked and sounded awesome.

Martin Spicer and Jeremy Lambert



Library Notes

A new acquisition over Christmas for the library's Motor Racing section, (housed in a cabinet in the foyer) is an autobiography of John Cooper.

"John Cooper Grand Prix Carpetbagger - The Story of the Man and his Cars" by John Cooper & John Bentley was published in the USA by Doubleday in 1977. This version is clearly written for the American market, the word Carpetbagger referring to someone who, despite being a relative outsider takes advantage of opportunities. An "English" version was published by Haynes a year later. Rather than a strictly chronological account of his life, this book is a somewhat haphazard series of anecdotal recollections by John Cooper of various events that unfolded during his meteoric rise as one of the most famous racing car designers, and how he built some of the best cars ever raced.

The legend begins when, as an eight year old he was given a miniature car built by his father Charles. It was a turning point in his life which was to revolve around racing cars... The start of his career really began with two written-off Fiat 500 'Topolinos' that were cannibalised, in the austere days following World War II, by John and his father to make the first JAP engined 'Cooper' 500. So successful was this unlikely machine in Formula 3 racing (at that time engine limited to 500 cc), that John was quickly manufacturing Cooper 500s in undreamt of quantities and, unwittingly taking the first steps towards becoming one of the Britain's greatest racing car constructors. The late forties and early fifties illustrated the dynamism of John Cooper through the proliferation of different models built in the never-ending search for more speed, better handling and new areas of competition. Later the association of Cooper and Coventry-Climax led to the unforgettable green and white Formula I car that gave John Cooper the Formula I Manufacturers Cup and Jack Brabham the Formula I World Championship in 1959 and 1960. Overall more than ninety types of Coopers were produced throughout his career. The Formula I Cooper-Climax was a revelation when it first appeared on the race tracks of the world and was truly the forerunner of the modern Formula I car.

In the early sixties, through his past relationship with BMC and friendship with Alec Issigonis, John Cooper was able to design a high-performance version of the then recently introduced BMC Mini. Once again John's efforts were to meet with incredible success as motoring enthusiasts throughout the world gave instant acclaim to the little fireball called the Mini Cooper and famous "s" version. Suddenly, here was a car which could almost run rings around most of the con-

Library Notes ctd

temporary sports cars and yet was practical and relatively very cheap. The Mini Cooper, through its success in all forms of competition, went on to become a legend in its own time.

As you read through his narrative, you will get a brief glimpse of three decades of motor racing. Transported on a tidal wave of enthusiasm and zest for life which epitomise John Cooper the reader will obtain some insight into the man, his cars and the Cooper racing team. The book frequently digresses to some of the escapades behind the scenes, revealing a fascinating insight to the real racing world and those great drivers of that time, who include such illustrious names as Stirling Moss, Bruce McLaren, Jack Brabham and Phil Hill.

While not strictly Vintage, the book is a fascinating account of classic motor racing and can't fail to gain the reader's appreciation. Definitely recommended!

The Library Team

NZ Welder Repair Services Ltd.

Unit 4/5 Portage Road, New Lynn, Auckland



For personal service call **Rod Rugg** (Member)



Stick, MIG, TIG and Plasma cutters.
All welding machine types and
consumables for sale.

"Over 30 years experience"

Repairs to machines, new sales and used. Hire options available.
For home or work. Large or small. We deal with only good machines not rubbish.

Phone: 09 8261425, e-mail: rod.rugg@nzwr.com
Postal address: P.O. Box 19272, Avondale, Auckland 1746

Mid-week Tourers Tour May 2023

aka The 2 Autobahn cafes run, only 8 miles apart, but
We'll do it our way! (3 days and 300 miles apart.)

It may be called a “Mid-week Tourers” run, but mid-weekers are just *members*. This event is open to every member of our club. If you are interested, and have three days to spare (or even one day for the water garden bit) and enjoy your club motoring, then please join us.

- ◆ Starting on **Wednesday 17th May**, in conjunction with our usual monthly Mid-week run.
- ◆ First stop, the **Ngatea Water Gardens**, (BYO lunch)
- ◆ The overnights carry on via Tahuna, Mangateparu, Kereone, Hinuera, to the Okoroire Hot Springs hotel for a 2 night stay.
- ◆ **Thursday** is a free day, there's a private Golf course, Hobbiton, two museums, antique shopping, hot mineral pools, take your choice.
- ◆ **Friday** we return via Arapuni, Kihikihi, Pirongia, Waitetuna, Glen Murray, Bombay.

There will be as few main roads as possible, some “pioneering” roads will be used. The usual Mid-week format, non- competitive touring, enjoyable vintage motoring over quiet vintage roads, with good company, new country (for some of us) and some attractions thrown in.

The Okoroire Hotel is a popular heritage hotel where we can relax, it has a good restaurant and they are looking forward to welcoming us. They still have rooms available, but please advise us asap if you require a room, you do not want to miss out!

Contact Norm & Pat - dewdrops@xtra.co.nz



Mid-week Tourers - End of Year Picnic

Stepping back to our End of Year outing: Wenderholm - 30th November 2022

For nearly a week Dan the man told us on TV1 that he predicted rubbish weather for our annual picnic run.

On my dawn dog walk the sky looked most unfriendly so I added a plan B to the instructions with a turn towards Silverdale to go home should the skies open.

Twenty smiling faces arrived at Westgate in eight club eligible vehicles and two moderns. Lionel and Mary Rogers had just arrived back from the other side of the world and thought their red Model A roadster needed a run. More red came with Keith Jackson in his Morgan V8 and Allan and Ellenor Kerr in their E type Jag. All others were regulars.

At our briefing we discussed plan B and the democratic vote taken was loud and clear that everyone had come for a picnic.

We set off, away from the rat race, on our regular short route via Massey, toward Taupaki and Old North Rd and then through Riverhead, and turned uphill onto Ridge Rd, taking in the great views of the upper harbour and city on the right, contrasted by rural landscape of the left. Next it was through Coatesville, Waitoki, and Wainui to a bush clad and narrow road with three kilometres of rutted unsealed surface that took us through Waiwera to the old SH1 north onto the wonderful Wenderholm.

A picnic atmosphere was put in place before Huey decided to intervene. We still had a great time.

The Mid-week Team



Do we have your email address?

We send every edition of The Bulletin
plus other notifications by email.

Email avvcceditor@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Stay up to date with your club!

Mid-week Tourers - January Run

Now for the January Run. What can we say?! A beautiful summers day in the midst of a cyclone. At least 40 starters at Drury (38 sets of instructions given out and some people who had no navigator opted to “follow that one”) and even more who chose to meet us at Waiuku. A faultless route and instructions purposely designed to avoid righthand turns at uncompromising intersections and a welcoming cuppa etc at the finish.

Well done Paul and Vicki, who not only volunteered to be our hosts at their beautiful property, but Paul also did all the organising, printing, and checking. Our grateful thanks to you both. Paul says thanks are also due to fellow member and Waiuku-ite, Mike Loosemore who urged Paul on.

Paul has an interesting collection of restored Ford vehicles, including tractors and trucks, plus a vast collection of old automobilia and petroleum exhibits from the past. His display of old number plates is quite extraordinary. Vicki’s passion is craft work, with an emphasis on garden ornaments. She has her own shed (Vicki calls it the MAIN shed) devoted to this, and is regularly seen at country markets.

Although we were unable to collate, or even see all those there, we did note some who have been unavoidably absent of late. Colin and Lenise Bott, Colin has been having treatment for cancer and although not clear yet, is up and about again. Ian Bell was representing the 2 wheelers, and said that Lloyd Wilson had also had cancer treatment and was ever so much better, but didn’t feel up to riding yet. Trevor Farr has been having mobility issues stemming from his accident several years ago, but was there in a modern. Chris Wood’s wife Diana is not well but Chris was there with grandson Sam, in the Austin 20. Here’s lots of cheer germs to everyone. And of course, we had the usual support from all three of our neighbouring Branches. Another great day together. An array of photos are overleaf courtesy of Jack Nazer, John Stokes, and Roy Sharman (too many to print them all, but thank you).

Coming events:

Wednesday 15th February - Starts from the Warehouse carpark, Old Westgate.

10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. Jack (and our venue host) have been able to revive the run from last October, regrettably cancelled at the time due to proximity with other Club events. Finishing in Silverdale. BYO everything.

Wednesday 15th March - Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury.

10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. More details to come.

Your Mid-week Team

Photo evidence overleaf...

Mid-week Tourers - January



| | | | | | | | |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 240 | GO 704 | FR 1265 | FS 3092 | ET 3071 | DU 2441 | DV 4886 | DW 8584 |
| 4857 | HQ 7307 | GR 2274 | HT 7275 | FT 2393 | EU 5198 | EV 7585 | EW 6257 |
| 1002 | IQ 7337 | HR 5217 | IS 7274 | GT 7678 | GU 6072 | FV 6451 | FW 1725 |
| 9479 | JO 4549 | IR 1748 | TS 4587 | IT 651 | JU 3408 | GW 2969 | IX 5811 |
| 2241 | KQ 5992 | JR 285 | JS 381 | JT 3582 | JU 194 | HW 8802 | LX 2545 |
| 4141 | LO 1785 | KR 9749 | KS 680 | KT 1781 | KU 8386 | JW 9742 | LX 2961 |
| 1457 | MQ 7936 | LR 5610 | LS 1233 | LT 4127 | LU 1815 | KW 6050 | KX 3308 |
| 5984 | NO 1608 | MR 741 | MS 6788 | MT 8128 | MU 2477 | LW 8611 | LX 8107 |
| 5098 | OQ 8114 | NR 1156 | NS 5724 | NT 4901 | NU 1474 | MW 2502 | MX 2476 |
| 595 | PO 951 | OR 5622 | OS 5037 | OT 8771 | OU 3819 | NW 7015 | NX 979 |
| 958 | RO 8723 | RR 5982 | RS 8650 | RT 1230 | RU 9868 | OW 3916 | OX 1049 |
| 187 | SO 7475 | SR 6009 | SS 921 | ST 1125 | SU 9868 | PW 819 | PX 9408 |
| 534 | TO 6566 | TR 2661 | TS 7435 | TT 1667 | TU 9534 | RW 1349 | RX 8054 |
| 748 | UO 4811 | UR 1682 | US 5751 | UT 3862 | UV 6889 | SW 1898 | SX 683 |
| 80 | WO 9486 | WR 6224 | WS 3249 | WT 4737 | WU 427 | TW 5980 | TX 274 |
| | | | | | | WX | W6818 |
| | | | | | | WY | UX 221 |
| | | | | | | YZ | W3931 |
| | | | | | | | WX68 |
| | | | | | | | W9793 |



Mid-week Tourers - January





National Veteran Rally Tuakau February 24-26, 2023



Vehicles from a bygone era 1900 to 1918

Cars * Buses * Motorbikes * Vans * Steam

Public display in Waiuku, next to Kentish Hotel

Sunday 26, 12.00 to 2.00 p.m.

Some wearing period costume



**INSTRUMENT
NOT READING
RIGHT?
or NOT working at all?**

SPEEDOS, REV COUNTERS, GAUGES, CABLES
MADE TO SUIT ANY INSTRUMENT TO ANY
TRANSMISSION ETC. FULL SERVICING & REPAIRS.

Robinson Instruments Ltd

13 Fleming Street, Onehunga, Auckland 1061
P O Box 13426 Onehunga, Auckland 1643
Mob 0278 173 885 Ph (09) 636 5836
Email: sales@robinsoninstruments.co.nz www.robinsoninstruments.co.nz

We Need

Helpers & Marshalls

Vintage Muster

Sunday, 30th April

Please contact Lynda Spicer

spicerclan2017@gmail.com or 021 189 3120

What our members were up to 50 years ago...

This is a reprint of an article in the Beaded Wheels from December 1972...

Coromandel Tour 30th September

written by Roger Wells

At 9am on a fine and sunny morning 18 cars left "Ye Jolly Farmer Inn" at Papakura for what was to be a very enjoyable weekend of vintage motoring. No controls, or route instructions.

The theme was drive your own race, breathe that fresh country air and enjoy yourself, to meet for meal stops only.

Earl Gill in his trusting 1924 Vauxhall 23/60 tourer, was host to Ray Wassell, Ross Taylor and myself. Others included 1924 Gardner, Davis, MG 1936, 1926 Willy's Knight, 1926 Whippet of Barry Birchall's, the tour organizer, 3 Model A's, Austin 6 and a very nimble Brass T.

After repairing our spare on the way to the start we arrived to find all had left. We motored on to morning tea stop at Thames, 71 miles from Auckland on Firth of Thames, after stopping at a couple of local Vineyards to sample another vintage. We met up with other participants here.

Thames was once the centre of the gold mining and kauri cutting activities in the late 1800's and has remained a highly prosperous centre since, including local industry to maintain its (5700) townfolk. The Peugeot and Renault Co. have a large assembly plant there now.

We left Thames on a very scenic and windy coastal road, sometimes quite high above sea, with nothing to stop the unwary motorist from falling over the edge. Finally climbing to a lookout giving a vast view of Coromandel Harbour, Island and Inlets, we descended again and arrived in the town of Coromandel at 12 noon.

After collecting provisions (2 doz. Rock oysters for \$1.00) we moved around to Long Bay for lunch

(more freedom than its namesake in Sydney). Cars and occupants refreshed, we climbed out of Coromandel on our first encounter with desolate and rugged country, leaving the not so adventurous to tour the coast and rendezvous at Thames that evening.

A wonderful view was had looking back towards Auckland, of Hauraki Gulf, while in our path the vast Pacific Ocean lay in the distance. We arrived at Whitianga for afternoon tea, a popular coastal resort, clean beach and large harbour, the top of our battery box having decided to part company somewhere behind us.

A very rugged crossing of the peninsula was then encountered from Coroglen to Tapu over Coromandel Range. A once thick Kauri forest, now only a few of these awesome giants remain so as not to be forgotten, we wound in and out of mountains, giving views of noted peaks such as Camel's Back at 2,688 ft and finally descending into the setting sun and following coastal road back to Thames with our shadow on the cliffs beside us keeping us company.

All tired crews were glad to find respective accommodation which in our case was outstanding (Station Hotel), after 180 miles being covered since leaving Auckland.

There were many yarns told over the dinner table, Barry Birchall's exhaust pipe broke from manifold, and driver of Model T told of 'modern' which was approaching him, suddenly swerving off road, finishing in a ditch, bogged to its axles. Obviously its driver amazed by the sight before him lost his senses, when last seen was waiting for a tractor to assist him on his journey.

A fine and sunny morning dawned over a very quiet and sleepy town, although a few locals managed to climb out and view our departure. Heading across again from Tapu to a very steep climb to Kirikiri Saddle with a grand view of the forest, the owners of larger cars proud of their climb in top gear. An unusual site of a Rata arch was

viewed, the Rata being a vine which eventually takes over its victim. We overhauled most cars on this section, the Vauxhall very agile for its size. We had morning tea kindly arranged by Andy and Peter Webster's inlaws at Opoutere, through Tairua Pine Forest, a view of Whangamata and its attractive beach and harbour then to lunch at Karangahake Gorge.

We decided to part company here as Ross Taylor, a keen bush walker knew of an old mining camp site in the Wentworth Valley. A 5-mile drive took us to end of road, unless we forded the stream. As we needed some exercise a short walk brought us to the site. A number of non native trees such as Oak, Pine, Cabbage and even Gum trees and a large clearing were the only signs left, where nearly 100 years ago, one of the largest mining activities in the district was carried out.

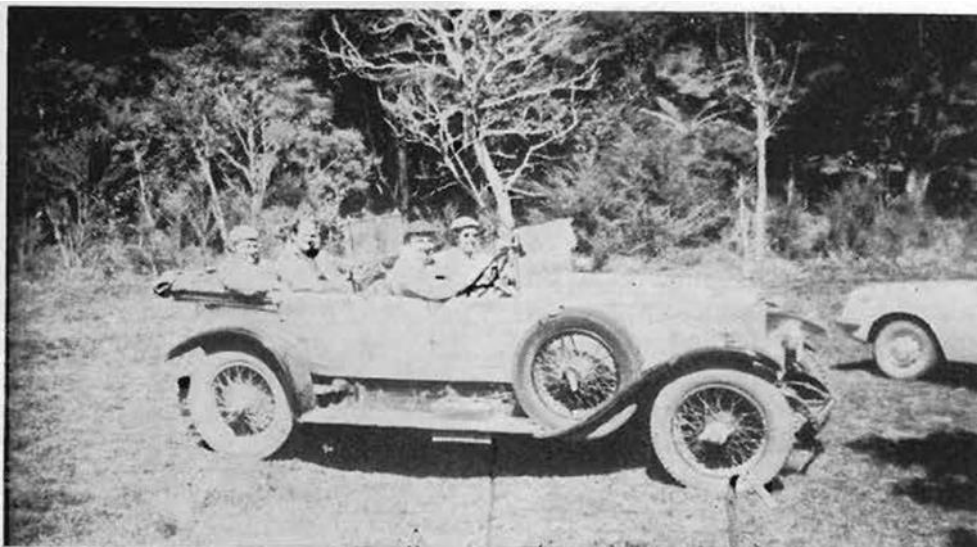
Being behind time now we motored quickly to Karangahake Gorge for lunch arriving at 2.00pm to find most fellow vintagents already leaving. Nevertheless we fought the sandflies while eating and viewed a model gold mine over the river where one could pay 50c to try their luck.

It was a better scene than what faced the entrants of International Rally earlier in the year, we fought a severe storm and landslips the first day out of Auckland, leaving a few of us soaked from head to toe.

We returned via Paeroa, the home of the famous mineral water, drunk all over NZ, and noted a very aptly named hotel for those in the dog house called 'Fathers'. Then through Mangatawhiri and the very lush dairy centre called 'Happy Valley', Hunua, which is the centre of the prestige rally of year, 'The Hunua 100', next on calendar, then home, with 350 enjoyable miles behind us.

Those who took part seem all in favour of future similar tours being held, with greater support from our Members.

On behalf of all, thanks to the organisers for a great Vintage weekend.



23/60 Vauxhall and crew in Wentworth Valley.

Spares Dept.

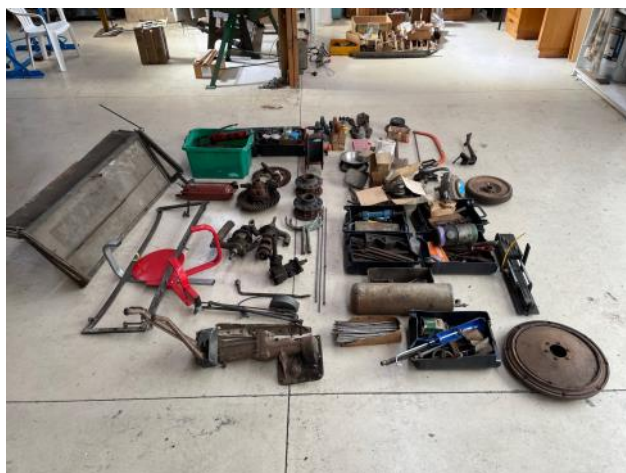
Invitation to all club members to visit us on Thursday mornings between 9am and just after midday, when our team of five are sorting our stock out.

In the last four years the spares has had a total change of culture from simply hoarding for decades any donated item until all of the boxes and shelves were overflowing and spilling onto the floor. With storage space being limited we treat every little piece as being valuable. We only keep in stock any item that can be used for the maintenance or restoration of a club eligible vehicle or would fit in a club member's automobilia collection. Anything else that could be useful goes into our "GOODIES" cabinet where if it has not found a new kind loving home within 6 months it gets the death penalty & is forcibly taken on its final journey to the scrap yard. The "GOODIES" cabinet is freshened with new stock every week, so therefore should be visited regularly. Our process for evaluating every item following identification: Is it worthy of shelf space? If it passes it is labelled, priced, catalogued, and given a shelf location where it can be easily found. Our stock control system is a variation of the same one that has been in place, in the USA wrecking industry for almost a century.

Pictures are the fresh items we have for sale:

Selection from the late George Mihaljevich's shed.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| New unused wheel clamp at less than half of the Repco price | \$45 |
| Cutting torch with lighter | \$10 |
| Compressed air orbital sander & buff | \$10 ea |
| Pair of jumper leads as new | \$ 10 |
| Vacuum Tank near new | \$45 |
| Grease guns | from \$2 to \$10 |
| Gear pumps | From \$2 to \$10 |



Spares Dept.



HELPERS REQUIRED PLEASE!

National Veteran Rally

Contact: Barry Birchall 021 0599 339

barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz

Your Committee

Chairman/Delegate

Shaaran Price (Alan)

Email: birdwoodprices@gmail.com

H: 09 833 8575

M: 0204 195 2476

Vice Chairman/Health & Safety Officer

Don Green (Brenda)

Email: greend@slingshot.co.nz

H: 09 266 8836

M: 021 073 2642

Secretary/Delegate/Privacy Officer:

Tracey Winterbottom (Stephen) Email: aucklandvcc@gmail.com

H: 09 232 0246

M: 021 732 209

Treasurer:

Alastair Moffat (Karin)

Email: treasureravvcc@outlook.com

H: 09 813 1313

M: 027 493 3229

Club Captain:

Lynda Spicer (Martin)

Email: spicerclan2017@gmail.com

H: 09 233 6382

M: 021 189 3120

Committee Members:

Martin Spicer (Lynda)

Motorcycle Section Rep/Immediate Past Chairman

H: 09 233 6382

Email: spicerclan2017@gmail.com

M: 022 102 5954

John Morrison

Event Co-ordinator/Inter-Club Liaison/Name Badges

H: 09 521 6307

Email: morrison03@gmail.com

M: 022 655 1479

Russel McAlpine (Jocelyn)

Entertainment/Building & Garden Maintenance

H: 09 818 4285

Email: rjmc Alpine@xtra.co.nz

M: 027 473 5451

Glenn Morris (Marion)

Continuous Membership Awards Steward

M: 021 136 5926

Email: glenn-maze@xtra.co.nz

Jeremy Lambert (Michelle)

Clubroom Bookings

M: 027 576 7045

Email: velo500@icloud.com

Harvey Brewer

Spares Dept.

H: 09 238 3617

Email: harveygrahambrewer@gmail.com

Jodi Tomlin (Paul)

Trophy Steward/Social Convenor/New Member Liaison

M: 021 678 258

Email: avvcceditor@gmail.com

Non-Committee Positions:

Library Team Leader

Richard Green (Lois)

Email: randlgreen@orcon.net.nz

H: 09 489 2427 M: 021 818 334

Bulletin Editor

Jodi Tomlin (Paul)

Email: avvcceditor@gmail.com

M: 021 678 258

Beaded Wheels Reporters

John Stokes/Jocelyn McAlpine/Peter Wood

Mid-Week Tourers Rep

Jack Nazer H: 09 378 4580

Email: jack_nazer@yahoo.co.nz

Veteran Section Rep & VIC Officer

John Stokes

H: 09 236 4582 or M: 0272 772 108

Email: jcstokes96a@xtra.co.nz

Vintage Section Rep

Murray Firth

Email: pennyanthemurray@xtra.co.nz

H 09 818 6434

Insurance

Vero Consumer Insurance Specialist F: 0800 505 905 or B: 09 356 4501 Agency Number: 0300126

Clubrooms

Street Address:

Phone: 09 579 5625

39 Fairfax Ave, Penrose

Postal Address:

PO Box 12 138, Penrose, Auckland 1642

Club Night:

4th Thursday of the month

Open:

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:30-10:00pm, Every Saturday 4:30-6:30 pm

Branch Email Address

aucklandvcc@gmail.com

Library Email Address

libraryavvcc@gmail.com

Branch Website

www.avvcc.org.nz

Branch Honorary Life Members:

Barry Robert

Norm Dewhurst QSM

Alan Roberts

METROPOLITAN RENTALS



- CARS, STATION WAGONS, VANS & UTES
- TRUCKS- FLATBED, TIPPERS, HIABS, TRANSPORTERS, CURTAINSIDERS
- FURNITURE TRUCKS FROM 2 – 20 TON
- MINIBUSES 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 21, AND 25 SEATERS
- LUGGAGE TRAILERS
- FOUR WHEEL DRIVES
- LONDON TAXIS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

10 % DISCOUNT FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Please call us for a quote (09) 630 2030

321 Dominion Road, Mt Eden, Auckland

Email: info@metropolitan.co.nz **Hours:** Monday – Saturday 7.30am – 5.00pm



Auto France Ltd



Veteran-Vintage-Classic

Warrant of Fitness



David Jones

Phone: 092784301 / 0210557117

Email: sales@autofrance.co.nz

Clarks Beach, Auckland

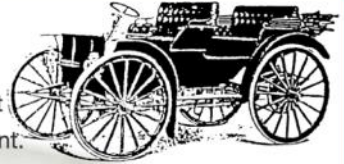


GASKET SPECIALTIES

(1991) LIMITED

145A Station Road, Penrose

NO, we did not supply the original gasket for this one, but if called upon we could produce a satisfactory replacement.



INTERNATIONAL AUTO BUGGY

In addition to large production quantities in a wide range of materials, we are specialists in Hand Made Copper and CNAF Cylinder Head Gaskets for Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage and Post War Vintage Vehicles and for other low volume machines.

Phone: 09 579 0834 for all your SPECIALIST GASKET REQUIREMENTS

Fax: 09 579 0833 Email: sales@gasketspecialties.co.nz

Postal Address: PO Box 11 266, Ellerslie, Auckland, NZ

Veteran AND Vintage

Spares and Repairs Ltd. - Model T & Model A

Model T & A Ford Parts / Restoration Supplies

Penrite Lubricants / Tyres

ERROL & LINDA MCALPINE

1127 Scenic Drive, Swanson, Auckland

Phone 09 832 9818 Fax 09 832 3578

Mobile 0274 543 983

Email vet.vin@xtra.co.nz



www.veteranvintagecars.co.nz