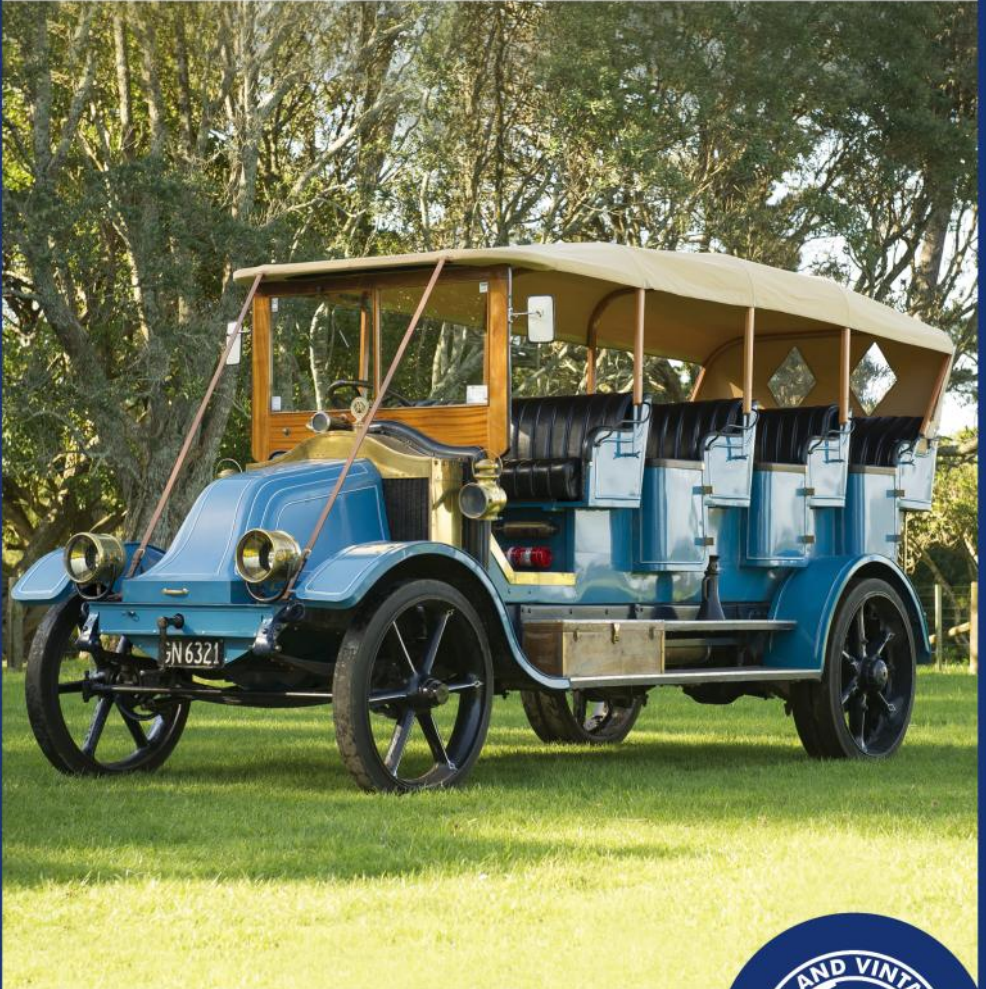




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Late submissions will feature in the following month's edition.

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Coming Events

All events are held at our clubrooms unless otherwise specified.

APRIL

4-5		Mooloo Meander hosted by Waikato Branch	
5	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
5	Sat	Social Event—POSTPONED!!! - refer page 7	
10	Thur	Noggin & Natter Night	7:30 pm
12	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
13	Sun	Motorcycle Run—Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip Run, starting Jolly Farmer Carpark Great South Rd, Drury	11:00 am
18–21		North Island Easter Rally hosted by Waikato Branch - please support our neighbours!	
19	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—guest speaker Andy Gourlay	2:30 pm
23	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run - starting BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00 am
24	Thur	Noggin & Natter Night—ANZAC Memorabilia Show & Tell	7:30 pm
25-27		Highland Fling <i>hosted by Manawatu Branch</i>	
27	Sun	Northland Swapmeet	
29	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
30	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm

MAY

3	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
4	Sun	Motorcycle Run—a visit to Paul Pavletich's collection—starts Jolly Farmer Carpark Great South Rd, Drury	10:30 am
8	Thur	Noggin & Natter PLUS Rally Rules Explained	7:30 pm
10	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
17	Sat	Northland Motorcycle Rally hosted by Northland Branch	
22	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
24	Sat	Club Afternoon	2:30 pm
25	Sun	Club Run—Expert's Rally	
27	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
28	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm
31	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting & Co-ordinator Election	2:30 pm
31–2 June		Irishman's Rally—hosted by Canterbury Branch	

JUNE

7	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
8	Sun	Pink Ribbon Posh Afternoon Tea refer page 10	2:30 pm
12	Thur	Noggin & Natter Night	7:30 pm
14	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
21	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30 pm
24	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm
26	Thur	Noggin & Natter Night	7:30 pm
28	Sat	AVVCC AGM	2:00 pm
29	Sun	Club 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 9:00am 'til noon.

Chairman's Report

I commence writing this month's report with a heavy heart, due to the passing of Patricia (Pat) Dewhurst, a very active member and friend, who celebrated her 50 years of membership last year. She has left a huge vacant space in our Branch. Pat, as we all knew her, was a vibrant, regular attendee at all our events. Her contribution over the years was enormous. We will all miss the camaraderie and laughs. Our sincere thoughts go to Norman, Tracey and all the Dewhurst family.

Jodi and I attended the National Executive Meeting in Christchurch at the beginning of March. We were driven past the new National Office site. The property is on two titles with the proposed Archive Building on one and the Office and Boardroom on the other. The two buildings are joined with a short awning cover. To comply with Council By-laws, four bicycle stands must be erected!

We were treated to two guest speakers over the weekend. First was Andrew Lister from LTSA who spoke on the importance of paperwork and photographs to prove legal entitlement to the vehicle for re-registration. For NZ Vehicles it must be noted that data prior to 1996 was not transferred onto the Motor Vehicle Database. Obtain as much information as you can from the previous owner. Take photographs of the vehicle -

- As found, and ready for purchase i.e. in the shed / under the hedge / in the basement.
- Loading onto trailer/transporter and leaving seller's property - preferably with tow vehicle showing number plate.
- Arriving at your address and unloading vehicle into your storage facility.
- Get a supervisor to inspect vehicle before you start dismantling, and again through the stages of the restoration process.
- Do not paint before it is inspected. So many times, we hear of a perfect restoration having to have the paint stripped back to bare metal.

The second speaker was Garry Jackson, the President of the Federation of Motoring Clubs. Garry was very excited to tell us that the long-awaited twelve-month Warrant of Fitness is almost with us. Also, a hint of three-year warrants for Veteran Vehicles. Much work had already been accomplished with Simeon Brown, when the Minister of Transport Portfolio was switched to Chris Bishop. Recently Garry, along with our National President, George Kear, and Registrar, Neil Beckenham, met with Chris Bishop at the Brits and Euro Show, Trentham. They found Chris to be just as enthusiastic as Simeon and as their meeting finished Chris said, "Let's make this happen".

Walking around the Pakuranga Brits and Euro Show, it was pleasing to see our stand manned by Martin and Lynda Spicer, thank you for doing this once again. Many other Branch Members were showing their vehicles on one-make stands.

Chairman's Report continued

Imagine running eight Marathons in eight days! That's exactly what Charlotte Naisey, our Guest Speaker at our Monthly Club Afternoon, has done. One of a family of eight, Charlotte was born in a small village on the Hokianga Harbour. Marathon events have taken her all around the world. Some of the varied locations she has run are Antarctica, Madagascar, Boston, New York, London, and South Africa. For those of you who didn't come, you missed a real treat.

As March draws to an end, we must consider the continuation of our Annual Events. The work involved for plotters of these events is considerable and to have such a small number of entries is a huge disappointment. Remember, we are one club. Let's make it work for ALL of us.

Shaaran.

Delegate's Notes

Adding to Shaaran's notes about the recent Executive Meeting I would like to cover a couple of other items and add to the new premises detail.

After much discussion I am happy to report that a Notice of Motion was passed 'that the Club adopts the new Constitution, as presented at the March 2025 Executive Meeting' with a vote for 27 votes, against 4 votes. This means we can now get on with setting everything in place and be able to comply with the new Act in a timely fashion. Changes can still happen, but we now have the framework to press on with to be compliant.

Our National Day will again be a 'Daffodil Rally for Cancer' on **Sunday, 24th August**. With Kaaren Smylie driving the event nationwide, she is looking to us all to back the day, turn out and bring in as much money as possible for such an important organisation as the Cancer Society. Last year the club raised nearly \$100k and we'd love to push it over that line this year. Mark your calendars NOW, it's not that far away!

The new premises: As Shaaran mentioned, we did a 'drive by' to view the location and buildings. Both buildings are post earthquake builds. They are currently having some fit out work completed and it is anticipated that the move from Aberdeen St to the new building will happen in the next 2-3 months. There was also a motion moved and passed that the Executive endorse the purchase of the properties situated on Meadow Street and Main North Road (it had previously been approved to purchase a property as one came available).

If anyone would like to discuss any matters further, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Jodi

Flare's & Flowers POSTPONED



Due to a large number of the committee being unavailable this Saturday, 5th April, we do not have enough people to run the event. We sincerely apologise. We are moving the event to Saturday 23rd August - to combine the evening with our National Day—the National Rally for Cancer. We'll keep you up to date with this as we plan a fun evening for us all.

Thank you.

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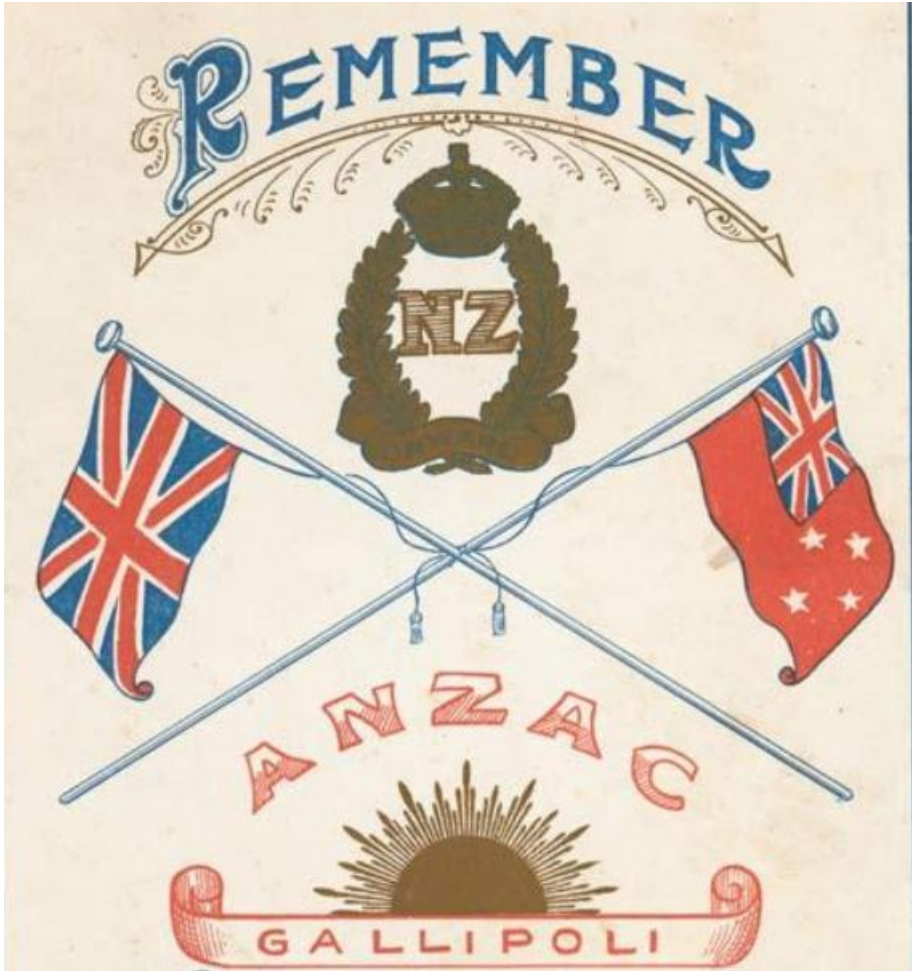
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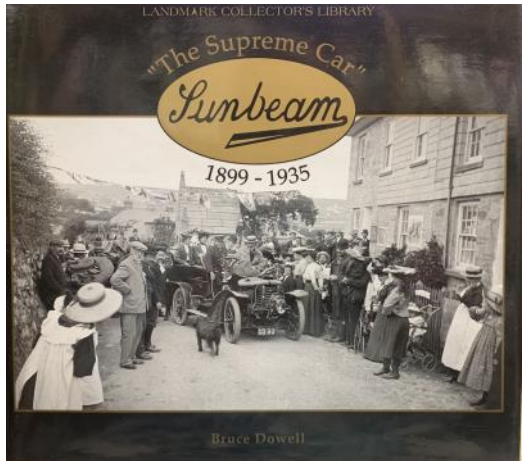
**BRING ALONG ANY MEMORABILIA YOU CAN
SHARE AND MAYBE TELL THE STORY OF?
WWI, WWII OR ANY OTHER.**

Library Notes

This month we received a large number of books from the collection of the late Dave Allbon. We are most grateful to Barbara, his wife, as quite a number of them were not in our Penrose collection.

One book that we thought should have been in our collection was: SUNBEAM "The Supreme Car" - 1899 to 1935 by Bruce Dowell. Our old catalogue records indicated that this was once in the library but seems to have been lost or misplaced over the years. It's a welcome replacement as its one of the most authoritative and complete records of these cars once produced in Wolverhampton. We are sure that most Sunbeam owners will know the history of the company but for those unacquainted with this marque here is a very brief summary: *John Marston, the man who started it all was born in Ludlow in 1836, and sent, at the age of 15, to Wolverhampton to be apprenticed to a japanware manufacturer (which is the use of heat to fix a hard coating of a coloured varnish or lacquer on to metal, or tinplate items). Later on he opened his own business and started making any and every sort of domestic item. He started making Sunbeam bicycles, with great success and on the suggestion of his wife Ellen, adopted the brand name "Sunbeam". In the late 1890s his right-hand man, Thomas Cureton, persuaded him to consider constructing a car. Together they drew up a specification for an experimental vehicle and work began on the prototype in 1899. Within a few years the company were producing large numbers of high quality cars and went on to become one of Wolverhampton's largest employers.*

On first glance this beautiful 300-page landscape book looks like just a photographic collection of that great Wolverhampton marque but the extensive captions are packed with detail, and confirms how magnificent these grand tourers were. Clearly the author is a leading authority on Sunbeam cars, his interest first sparked when in 1959, his father Ray came home from work with an open Sunbeam 25hp from 1928. This book combines over 500 illustrations of virtually every model of car produced by the Sunbeam Motor Company at their works in Wolverhampton. There is extensive text describing the models, built up from his vast collection of information and photographs about the cars and the people associated with them. A considerable achievement



given that apart from a few copies of the sales ledger 1932-1935, practically no other company records survive. Although the Sunbeam Company made its own coachwork for 4 out of every 5 cars; most of the pictures in this book are cars with bespoke or specialist coachbuilders body work. This book first published in 2004, is the first and best photographic record of Sunbeam cars ever produced by the original company. The author followed it up with a number of model specific publications. It will be of interest to enthusiasts of vintage motoring and its history, as well as Sunbeam owners and enthusiasts.

The Library Team



Invitation to All members

Join us for a

Posh Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 8th June 2025
2:30 pm

\$15.00

per person

\$5 is the cost for Afternoon Tea and
\$10 will be donated to the
Breast Cancer Foundation of NZ

Register by emailing Jodi: avvceditor@gmail.com

If you cannot make the day but would still like to donate
click here: [Jodi's Pink Ribbon Donation Page](#)



9 women will be diagnosed with
Breast Cancer **TODAY!**

Men can be affected by
Breast Cancer too, an average
of 25 are diagnosed per year.



Veteran Section Notes

We had a few members unable to attend due to health issues. David Oliver is in hospital with a broken vertebrae, Barry Birchall has had eye surgery and couldn't be in sunlight for a couple of days and Denis Lowe had a bad cold.

Bill and Denise Mercer couldn't attend, because of visitors from Australia, however, Bill informs me that the 1916 Hupmobile Model N is painted and awaiting completion. It was good to see Kelvin Healy attending.

Much discussion centred on the proposed changes to the WOF regulations to allow for 12 month warrants for vehicles over forty years old, this would tie in with the concessional registration fees for forty plus year old vehicles. As you should be aware public submissions are open on this change, submissions close on April 4th so you have 3 days left to act. It is assumed that there will likely be strong opposition from the Motor Trade Association.

Quite a number of people have been involved in the making of the film "East of Eden", these include Gavin Welch, Terry Jenkins, Phil Henley and David Lane. You may remember vehicle wrangler Justin Cardon speaking at one of our meetings about this.

Phil Henley took his 1906 Cadillac to the Art Deco event and had the oldest vehicle and won people's choice, he is taking his 1913 Mitchell on the HCCNZ'S Brass Era Tour.

Wayne Welch was advised to consider Aegis straight mineral oil for use in his Model T. Barry Birchall is still working on the electric starter on his 1912 Cadillac this is important as the 1912 Cadillac was the first car in the world to use electric starting.

Kelvin Healey has stuck valves on the 1912 Sunbeam, they are proving obstinate to extract. Barry Wade has had issues with the 1909 Rover overheating. Terry Jenkins produced some kick plates cast for Dodges by Autoparts Ltd. These aren't known in the USA, as the Americans only used the flat running board plates.

John Morrison drove a Model T truck during the East of Eden shooting, he had to wear a dark suit during the filming and a throw over bib at lunch. Difficult in February heat. He took his 1928 Cadillac to Americana in New Plymouth.

Roy Sharman brought some period advertising for cars and bodies of the period.

So that's it for this month.

John Stokes

Vintage Section Notes

Before the meeting started, everyone was clustered around John Towers Chev handbrake. The ratchet release is controlled by a spring which is compressed to release the handbrake. Originally the spring was a torsion spring, think clothes peg or mousetrap, but they are so cleverly put together that many restorers give up and replace it with a tension spring. Good on John for wanting to understand how it is done and keep it original.

John Morrison took his 1928 Cadillac down to the Americana Festival in Taranaki. The car went very well, completing several reasonably long runs which John enjoys. His car attracted much favourable comment from vintage buffs, but the bulk of the 700 odd entries were highly modified works of art.

Richard Green has now assembled his Rolls Royce engine and described with photos the procedure for testing for oil leaks within the engine. There are a huge number of connections and other points that could pass excessive amounts of oil which would adversely compromise the whole lubrication system, so it is all assembled and tested at 20 psi. He also showed us pictures of the clutch plate which has 8 springs, each taking 150 lbs to compress. I can't imagine a RR ever suffers from a slipping clutch. He had a chart that he found on the internet giving the correct spanner to use on nuts based on 'across the flats' measurement. I would like a copy of that!

Ross Bellamy brought along a Tapley Meter used to assess braking capabilities for a WOF. It was quite an early model with such pleasing form that one could quite happily display it on the mantle piece. Later ones became very plain square boxes. He does use it to check the brakes on the Model A.

Tim Gray had his Model T truck used in a remake of the film East of Eden. He took the siderails off the deck and they constructed a new body for the back to suit the storyline. It was an ice truck. He was impressed that the budget must have been considerable as the shooting was done in many locations and involved a large number of people and vehicles.

John Stokes will be paying more attention at the pump after filling his diesel with petrol.

Peter Wood is happily continuing work on the Marquette and had a very nice badge for the radiator, but he also came across a quite different one from Australia where they may have been marketed as a Buick Marquette. He told a story of a Marquette in a museum in Europe that was walled in to avoid the Nazis getting it. It didn't see the light of day again until the 1980s

Vintage Section Notes continued

Barry Birchall has been working with Richard Green to get the starter motor on his 1912 Cadillac working. This was the first model of car to have an electric starter. It is known as a Kettering starter-generator and bears no resemblance to a modern system with clutches and solenoids and 24 volts to turn the motor over. Barry reckons there may only be 4 cars left in the world still operating the original starter motor as many owners have opted to install a modern system or resort to cranking. Richard is optimistic that Barry's starter can be made to operate. I do hope so.

In the carpark David Goryl had his magnificent Oakland. See the photo below.

Murray & Penny



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Motorcycle Section Notes

Member Ian Hubbard had opened up for us and helped our guest speaker Lindsay Knowles bring in his MV Agusta motorcycle, the subject of Lindsay's talk.

There were nine bikes parked out the back, three were sidecars - Indian, Harley and Triumph outfits.

The meeting opened right on 2.30pm, Martin called for any new members, one was our guest speaker Lindsay, plus there was one visitor, Ian Johnson, we welcomed them to the club.

REPORTS

Martin reported on the recent Brits and Euro Classic Car Show that was held at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga, this was the 9th year for this event, a **free** show for the public, with 1200 vehicles present, from around 70 one-make clubs, and an estimate of over 10,000 viewing public coming along to view.

Don Green told us about the recent Norton Owners' Rally held in the South Island at Murchison. There were 73 Nortons taking part. Don and 3 others rode down from Auckland, Don won a trophy for the furthest ridden.

Member Trevor Hackett took part in the Vincent Owners' Rally held in Napier. Members Rory King and Gavin Welch plus a few others were taking part in the Taupo to Napier Mail Run on the day of our meeting. We look forward to hearing about it next month.

By the time you read this the Waikato's Mooloo Meander Rally will be happening this coming weekend. Many Aucklanders will be looking forward to it.

COMING UP

19th April—Our motorcycle meeting speaker will be ex motorcycle racer Andy Gourlay, who will tell us about his time working at the UK's David Brown Tractors factory and talk about crashing tractors and race bikes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Alderdice told us that he has now 22 members that have paid a deposit for their accommodation for the 2027 National Motorcycle Rally in the South Island, if anyone wants to join the group give Peter a call - 021 743 906.

GUEST SPEAKER

Lindsay Knowles is a Hastings boy. When he was 14 he restored a Honda XL350. He then progressed to a Honda XR600, he was a member of the Hawke's Bay Classic Motorcycle Club.

Motorcycle Section Notes continued

Once his children had left school the family relocated to Greenlane, Auckland. He owns his own business with locations in East Tamaki and Hastings.

He has a love for Italian machinery, his first purchase was a new 2012, 675cc MV Agusta F3, he bought it from Red Baron in Auckland and rode it home to Hastings.

He later traded that bike in for a new F3 800 Ago Limited Edition from the Wellington dealer. Then in 2018 he ordered a new 1000cc MV Agusta F4 Claudio, this model was limited to 100. As Lindsay would be 53 at expected delivery, this was the model number he chose.

The MV Agusta F4 Claudio is the final edition F4 and pays homage to the late Mr Claudio Castiglioni, ex motorcycle racer and President of MV Agusta, who was responsible for creating the original F4 launched in 1997.

The Claudio produces 212 BHP, and revs to 13,600, it has a 6-speed electronic quick-shift gearbox, titanium, carbon fibre and light alloys are used extensively, the dry weight is a very light 175 kg, max speed is 302 kph.

The whole machine oozes quality engineering, real gold is used in the paint linings and there is a gold plaque on the steering head stock.

The bike eventually arrived in 2020, its price in NZ was \$134,012.

Lindsay's bike is the only one in NZ, there are 2 in Australia. Lindsay also owns an original 1978 Suzuki GT750, some very nice Alfa Romeos and has owned Maserati's in the past.

Lindsay answered questions from the floor about this prestigious motorcycle. Martin thanked Lindsay for coming and telling us his story.

Lindsay then took the MV Agusta out into the car park, and started it up, he let me rev the engine up to 10,000 rpm, which sounded amazingly loud, then Lindsay revved it up to around 12,000 rpm, the ground was vibrating and the scream of the engine was unbelievable, just like a world championship Moto GP racer, it was funny to see the bike surrounded by people with their hands covering their ears.

Jack Clark and Martin Spicer

(see over for a pictorial of the bike!)

Motorcycle Section Notes continued



Club Afternoon Review–Charlotte Nasey

THE AUCKLAND GRANDMOTHER RUNNING HER WAY AROUND THE WORLD

On arrival at the clubrooms our guest speaker, Charlotte Nasey, was waiting for us outside the clubrooms chatting to John Shennan. We opened up and Lynda and Riley set to preparing the afternoon tea.

For those who don't know, Charlotte was the partner of the late Ernie Williams, a long time member of our branch. Ernie ran a car workshop on the North Shore, owned a number of classic cars and had a very large collection of assorted motorcycles.

Chairman, Shaaran Price, opened the meeting telling us of the very sad news that long time club member Pat Dewhurst had passed away after a short illness. Our condolences go to Norm and family for their sad loss. Pat was a lovely lady and she and Norm were staunch motorcyclists for many years on their trusty Velocette.

Charlotte started her talk telling us about her early family life up in a small village (Panguru) in the Hokianga. Her brothers and sisters all left the settlement after graduating from the local Area School to pursue further studies in Auckland.

In 1998, her University Professor said that she wanted to run a marathon on her 60th birthday, so Charlotte said she would do it with her. She joined the Auckland YMCA Marathon Club. While there she met Ernie who was a 'pack leader' and ran marathons to improve his motorcycle fitness. He was a competitive cyclist and swimmer as well. They struck up a friendship that turned into a partnership. So then Charlotte was hooked on running marathons with Ernie. When she found out that Ernie was also fanatical about classic motorcycles she then joined him on the pillion of his many bikes on runs and rallies with the AVVCC. In 2010, riding Ernie's BSA Lightning on the Auckland Motorcycle Rally, they were the overall winners, which meant they plotted the following year's event. They also took part in many of the out of town rallies around NZ.

By this stage, Charlotte and Ernie were competing in marathons all over NZ, and also in Australia. Ernie was also a staunch member of the Velocette Club, so when they competed in marathons in Australia, USA and the UK they also rode in motorcycle rallies too.

In later years Ernie was the official photographer on their many trips, when not riding the motorbike of course. Ernie had a heart condition which gradually restricted his running, riding and travel, but he always went to support Charlotte and took lots of photographs. He was happy to catch up with friends and meet new people and

March Club Afternoon continued

play a very important role as the marathon support person. Running and visiting new places had become a way of life for the Auckland couple.

Charlotte has run on Easter Island, Christmas Island, Rottness Island, in South Africa, Bhutan, Mexico, Madagascar, most Pacific Islands, the Great wall of China, London, Boston, Berlin, Hawaii and Zurich. On her bucket list was to run the Antarctica marathon as part of the 7 Continents competition. She did this in 2018 - her 200th marathon. As well as Antarctica, some other amazing places for marathons were New York, Athens and Beirut. New York was a highlight because of the huge number of participants and the fact that the 5 boroughs all close and spectators can get out and support the runners. Athens was hot and sticky, and very hilly. This one starts near the battlefield of Marathon and finishes in the stadium close to the Acropolis. Most recently a highlight was Beirut. She ran with a group that Rachel Smalley (radio host) initiated and ran in that beautiful city, at a time when Lebanon was being attacked, and Syrian refugees were 'infiltrating' the country. Charlotte went on to say that "Our group was safe, it is a beautiful country, and the people are very hospitable. I'm a runner by association and I feel incredibly blessed to meet inspirational, eclectic, crazy runners and walkers here in Aotearoa NZ, and across the globe.

"The marathon challenge is built on connection, camaraderie, discovery and pushing one's limits in the best possible way. We run/walk at our own pace, share the miles with others and soak up the solitude, no matter the weather! There is no real pressure (albeit time cut offs), just the freedom to experience the journey, our way. We have a mantra - 'Finishing is Winning', and no one is left behind! I am also aware that my courage, my strength, my achievements, my fortitude, my journey, is not that of mine alone, but of many people."

Charlotte said she felt humbled and emotional to be sharing her story with us today. She thanked myself and Lynda for our support and aroha, to those who have passed and who are present today, grateful for the many connections and learnings over a considerable number of years with the Club.

As they say "If anyone can, a kiwi can". Charlotte has now run 340 marathons and hopes to make it 350 on her 75 birthday this year. Charlotte answered questions from the floor including one about sponsorship. Many runners have this but she does not want to be beholden to anyone or any company. She runs for herself and therefore she funds herself totally.

Charlotte had some magnificent medals and trophies on display - some of them would make your neck sore to wear as they were so large and heavy, particularly those that are awarded in the USA.

March Club Afternoon continued

For those of you that didn't join us for this meeting... You missed a great talk from a very special person!

I thanked Charlotte for coming to tell us her amazing story.

Martin Spicer



2025 Brits and Euro Car Show

Fortunately the Brits & Euro day was warm and sunny, Lynda and I had loaded up the car with the branch's marquee and banners, tables and chairs, then we put my Triumph Speed 400 and BSA Bantam on the trailer and set off for Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga for the 9th Brits & Euro Car Show. Lynda and I have attended every show since 2016.

When we arrived members Lloyd Wilson and Jack Clark helped to set up the stand. This show is the largest, free to the public, show in NZ. It had over 70 one-make clubs attending, with around 1200 vehicles on display, the organisers estimate that there were over 10,000 people browsing the display from 9am through 3pm.

Jack, Lynda and I had a great time chatting to people about the club and especially the motorcycle section, we had 16 motorcycles on display on our stand, bikes that stood out were, Norton ES2, Vincent Rapide, 2 Velocettes, 1930 BSA 250 twin port, Maico Bella scooter, Triumph Rocket 3, Trophy, Bonneville, Trident, Ducati, 2 Norton Commandos, 1930's BSA Slopper, BSA Lightning, and a very nice Honda CB 750.

It was great to see whole family's from small children to grandparents all enjoying this great classic show, if you've never been, do go next year.

Here is a You Tube film of this year's show:

[Auckland Brit & Euro Classic Car Show 2025 - YouTube](#)

Martin & Lynda





Something for our Commercial Enthusiasts to ponder...

From Peter (Honda) Cooper

I have purchased a couple of 1990s Honda Gyro Up delivery scooters for my collection of interesting and unusual 50s. As these were designed as commercial vehicles, I wonder if these two examples fall into both the Motorcycling *and* Commercial Sections' eligibility?

Someone on the VCCNZ Facebook page suggested take I bring them to a Commercial Section event, which I'm sure would be a lot of fun.

There are already a lot of VCCNZ-eligible Gyro scooters already in NZ and their owners may be interested in joining the club, nationally, hence my question. I'd be interested in what the Commercial Section folk think of these weird 'n' wonderful machines?

As an aside, my 1993 Gyro now has its VIC and the 1991 (the one with the huge proboscis!) will leave Japan at the end of the month...

...Why did I want to have *two* Gyros? Besides the rarity of the roof kits on this pair - and both being un-restored, original examples - it also means that both Rae and I could have our own to ride, rather than taking turns, especially if we were to attend a Commercial event... (Well, that's my excuse - LOL)

Here is a link to the background of the Gyro: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honda_Gyro

So, does anyone have an opinion. Let's know—either light-hearted or on the serious side?

Thanks, Peter pteeboy@hotmail.com



An Editor's conundrum...

I was recently notified of the removal of Publisher from the Microsoft Office suite of products. Their resolve is to use PowerPoint or Word as the replacements.

In the current format, as an A5 Book, it would be near on impossible to create in either of those applications. I could, BUT it would take HOURS longer to do so and being that I spend at least 30 hours a week on AVCC work, I really am looking to maintain/reduce the hours a little, not increase them.

Therefore, I would like to propose that we drop the A5 book and we switch to an A4 page, with columns, moving forward. Just as an example of the type of layout, here are two pages of a standard template available in Word:



If you have an opinion on this, I'd love to hear?

THANKS
Jodi



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

SPEEDOS, REV COUNTERS, GAUGES, CABLES
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