



# AUCKLAND VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB INC.



*The Bulletin*

FEBRUARY 2024



**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**



## In this issue...

	Page
2024 New Year's Day Run Review.....	7
Autumn Tour Notice .....	11
Rolls-Royce Road Trip.....	19-20
January Motorcycle Run.....	21-22
Request from your Secretary.....	25

## Regular Features

Coming Events .....	4
Chairman's Report .....	5
Club Captain's Log .....	6
Veteran Notes.....	8
Vintage Notes.....	9
Library Notes .....	10
Motorcycle Notes.....	12-15
Mid-Week Tourers .....	16-18
New Members.....	24
Classifieds.....	25
Your Committee.....	26

**March Bulletin submissions closing date:  
Strictly 25 February 2024**

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

*Cover Designed by Melanie Ball*



The views expressed by the correspondents in this Bulletin are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc. Any articles of interest, comments, letters to the Editor etc are welcome. All contributions are presented to and approved by the club committee prior to printing. Please forward any submissions to the Bulletin Editor [avvcceditor@gmail.com](mailto:avvcceditor@gmail.com).

# Coming Events

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

## FEBRUARY

3	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
5-7		National Vintage Only Rally - Marlborough	
8	Thur	Noggin'n'Natter	7:30pm
9-11		Waikato Motorcycle Weekend Tour	
10	Sat	<b>51st Annual Veteran Run</b> - starts Cosmopolitan Club, 4 Victoria Avenue, Waiuku	first car away 10:30am
15-18		Art Deco Festival - Hawke's Bay	
17	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
21	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run for those registered to visit Dave Tuke's Museum Starts The Warehouse Carpark, old Westgate	10:00am
22	Thur	<b>Club Night - discussion on progress of Constitution changes for our club.</b>	7:30pm
24	Sat	Wellsford Swapmeet	
24	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
25	Sun	<b>Club Run to Ngatea Water Gardens</b> - starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Road, Drury	starts 10:00am
27	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
28	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	7:30pm

## MARCH

2	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
2-11		North Island Club Captain's Tour	
3	Sun	Brits & Euro Car Show - Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakurange	10:00am-3:00pm
10	Sun	<b>Autumn Tour</b> - starts Ray Small Park Carpark, Elliot St, Papakura	10:00am
14	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
16	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
23	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
26	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
27	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
28	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm

## APRIL

6	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
6	Sat	Waikato Mooloo Meander	
11	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
14	Sun	Ladies Run	
17	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run	
20	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
23	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
24	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
25	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
27	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm

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

# Chairman's Report

Gosh, already through the first month of 2024! I trust you have all had a break from your usual daily routine and are looking forward to a fresh start to a year of VCC activities.



Since your last Bulletin, your Branch has offered many events. As well as the usual Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoon Noggin and Natters we held our Christmas Picnic which, owing to the weatherman not listening to our wishes for a fine day, was shifted to the Barn at the Clubrooms. Santa still managed to find us, and a fun afternoon was had by all who attended. My thanks to Murray and Penny Firth who had offered their lovely property for the picnic.

Next came the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner where sixty four members partook in a two course meal supplemented with the usual ham on the bone. Again, Santa found us, and together with his helper, Elfie, handed out presents. A great night was had by all.

The Jolly Farmer carpark was filled to capacity when almost 100 motorcycles and cars, assembled at the start of the New Year's Day Run. The weather was perfect, and that, together with almost traffic-free country riding/motoring, we made our way to Kaiaua for the customary fish & chips or picnic on the beach. Hence, the New Year started in the way we hope it will continue i.e. everyone turning up and enjoying themselves.

Your entries should already be in for the Annual Veteran Run scheduled for Saturday 10 February. Please note a change of start and finish venue - The Cosmopolitan Club, 4 Victoria Ave Waiuku.

Your committee has thought long and hard about our events and the lack of numbers attending. We have decided to try something a bit different from our usual Vintage Muster and Post Era Rallies and have decided to have an event for everyone in our Branch to participate in i.e. ALL sections (veteran, vintage, and post era) including motorcycles, cars, and commercial vehicles. Circle 10th March 2024 on your calendars and enter our Inaugural Autumn Tour. As the name suggests, the event plotted by Val and Rodger Ball, will be a relaxed non-competitive outing (competing is an option), on mainly rural roads with time to relax and socialise at the finish and have time to go home and get ready for the dinner and prizegiving at the clubrooms in the evening. Come and enjoy. Please note the closing date for this event is only three weeks away - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. See the Entry Form on this Bulletin email and in the Week Ahead emails from now on.

Later in the year, one week *before* Labour Weekend, we are holding our next event for ALL to enter - the Spring Tour (the original name for the Hunua 100). This event, plotted by Peter Alderdice and Paul Tomlin, is replacing our Labour Weekend Hunua 100. I am encouraging you to enter this event too, again supporting our club.

We wish Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine all the best in their move to Warkworth. Russel is presently the maintenance man on the committee and among other positions he has held over the years, including being our Chairman, has been a very keen supporter of all things AVCC. He and Jocelyn have been the ones that have kept our gardens weeded for the past couple of years too. A big thank you to them both.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about enjoying yourselves.  
Shaaran.

# Club Captain's Log

---

It was great to see so many members and friends supporting the New Year's Day Run. Thanks to Martin and Lynda for organising.

I hope the Veteran owners are polishing the brass ready for their outing on the 51st Veteran Run on the 10th. John Stokes has a great day planned for you.

This month's Club Run will take us to Ngatea Water Gardens, bring a picnic and enjoy the gardens and an unusual collection of cans in their Can Museum.

The picturesque 5 acre property has funny signs and scenes throughout, and is complete with giftshop, playground and function centre. The wheelchair friendly path through the gardens will take you over bridges, past water lily ponds, waterfalls, waterwheels and magical fountains. You will be kept entertained by the friendly hand fed birds and fish, plus some fascinating turtles, said to be the oldest in New Zealand. Please note that the admission fee to the gardens is \$13 per person.

February's Club Night will be a discussion on the proposed new structure for running the club. It is also an opportunity for any other thoughts you have on the club constitution. Shaaran and I are attending the executive meeting in March and will be voting on these matters.

There is also a proposal from Wellington branch to ask that we stop to ask what we are solving for as they do not believe there is a legal need to change our structure due to the new Incorporated society act. (Document is attached to this Bulletin email for your perusal.) Personally I believe our current structure is too cumbersome and does not facilitate fast decision making but I am the delegate who represents the majority opinion for YOU the branch members, so please come along and ensure I know your thoughts.

In March we will be holding our first Autumn Tour. This is going to be a great event for all club vehicles to enjoy. Rodger and Val Ball have plotted a great route away from the hectic Auckland traffic. We want a day for all members to enjoy a relaxed event, not too long, with plenty of time to socialise and check out each other's vehicles at the end. Remember that in changing this event, our focus is on being out for a nice drive in your club eligible vehicle in a shared environment. Being competitive is an optional extra. To complete the day there will be a dinner at the clubrooms.

We look forward to seeing you out and about.  
Tracey



## 2024 New Year's Day Fish'n'Chip Run

With rain in the days leading up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January we were unsure how our run would pan out this year?, However, we woke up to a warm sunny day. Lynda and I set off to Drury, on arrival we found the two Jolly Farmer car parks nearly full.

We had printed 50 copies of the route instructions and they were soon gone. All around us people were wishing "happy new year!" to each other. It was pleasing to see a few new members coming out and also good to see a number of members that we haven't seen for a while too. We had members coming from Waiuku, Henderson and the North Shore. Parked up was a great collection of polished cars and motorcycles.

I had a quick count up of vehicles, there were 48 motorcycles, 50 club cars and a few modern ones. Just before noon I welcomed everyone, it was noted that no one could remember having a wet New Year's Day Run for a long time... As usual I told the customary joke to send them on their way with a smile.

We had a good traffic free trip down to Kaiaua, as always, on the last few miles going down to Kaiaua you get a brilliant view of the Firth of Thames, and the Coromandel Peninsula.

We arrived around 1pm and very quickly the Fish'n'Chip Shop and the Bay View Hotel car parks were full up with some cars parking over the road on the beach front, also parked on the beach were members of the Ford Cortina Club.

Member Chris Goode rode his 1982 Ducati from his home north of Thames, he had met up with a large number of riders at Kopu, they then rode over to Kaiaua. Lynda and I joined a large contingent of members for lunch in the rear garden of the Hotel. We had a very good fish'n'chip & salad meal, washed down with a good wine.

All around you could hear talking and laughter. We sat with members Chris Goode and Graham Waters and his wife, they had ridden from St Heliers on their 1000cc Honda CBX 6. We spent over an hour reminiscing about our early days riding motorcycles.

We estimate around 140 people were out enjoying the start of the new year down at Kaiaua with us. We departed Kaiaua around 3pm, so ending another great New Year's Day Run.

Martin



## Veteran Notes

---

It was a smaller meeting as a number were away after Christmas.

Barry Robert had a call from Ron Winchester in Ashburton, who brought Barry's single cylinder Rover a while ago, Ron is very pleased, saying the car is running well.

Gavin Welch again had his Model T at the North Shore Christmas Parade.

Barry Birchall is still sorting his smaller garage/workshop after he and Nicola moved back to Barry's old house in Gill Crescent.

Terry Jenkins brought a large photo of a right hand drive 1916 Dodge tourer, we assume this is a genuine NZ photo.

Several members mentioned they were off to a National Model T Ford event.

Reminder too, it's not too late to get your 51st Veteran Run entry form in, entries close tomorrow evening!

That's it for this month.  
John Stokes.



- Established in 1993 we specialise in Classic and Vintage Car Repair work
- Classic Car Insurance Claims
- Insurance and Private Work on all makes and models
- Rust Repairs
- Full Panel and Paint Service
- Full Cut and Polish Service

**Contact Mark McAlpine - Ph: (09) 820 2299**

**Email: [alpinepb@outlook.com](mailto:alpinepb@outlook.com) [www.alpinepanelbeaters.co.nz](http://www.alpinepanelbeaters.co.nz)**



## Vintage Notes

---

We were off to a fine start for the year with a very good turnout.

Norm and Pat Dewhurst are about to drive their 1925 Essex to the National Vintage Only Rally in Blenheim, with three days of travel in the North Island before crossing Cook Straight. Hats off to them - no trailers here.

John Morrison has the Talbot Largo running sweetly now. He traced a short in the electrics and finally got the pre select gearbox operating smoothly. The many linkages in these remarkable gearboxes must be adjusted very precisely and in the right order.

John Stokes has reduced what he calls 'The Green Thing' - his Whippet - to a hat stand. It needs a little more loving than that John!

Richard Green's Rolls Royce motor is still in Christchurch having new bearings fitted. Meanwhile, he has been advising a friend over the phone on a 1928 Morris Tourer. It is not steering well, so some experimenting with caster angles is to be tried. It was suggested that using flat washers temporarily to judge the right size wedges would help. He also showed us a copy of a booklet of bearing tolerances for 1920s cars. It was donated to the library by Neil Bieleski and is extremely comprehensive with data for everything from kingpins to main bearings. A valuable resource.

Neil Lucas thoroughly enjoyed his recent trip to Whanganui where all things vintage - not just cars - was being celebrated.

Neil Bieleski has dismantled one of the tyres on his Renault in preparation for tidying up the wheel and fitting a new tyre. John Towers suggested that Firestone in Onehunga has the skills to fit beaded edge tyres.

Arthur Atkins fitted a new 6v battery to the DeSoto. It came from HBC technologies and he was pleased with the availability and price.

Tim Gray's Model T sprayed water from an overfilled radiator over the ignition system, causing a short. The result was an almighty backfire, totally destroying the muffler.

John Towers is having difficulty getting the timing right on the Humber and thinks he may need some help. He is also going to do the pinstriping on the car himself and received quite a few suggestions on specific signwriting paints and brushes. John is an accomplished artist so I am sure the results will be great. He says he has been distracting himself lately with what he rather modestly calls 'junk art'. I saw some photos and the 'junk' definitely refers to the raw materials, not the result.

Murray & Penny

## Library Notes

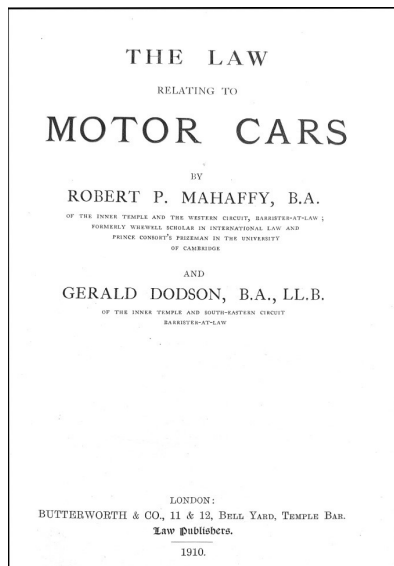
This month we received several donations of books. A small collection belonging to the late Dudley Kitson including some on MG, was donated by Fay.

Also received this month was an important and comprehensive collection of Early Morris service data sheets covering the pre- and post- WWII period. These were given to the library by Andrew Wilson. This covers the Morris 8 series and cars up to early 1950's.

Another varied collection of books came from John Sole. One on the top of the pile caught our attention because of its age. It is a book published in 1910 concerning the application of the law to Motor Cars.

While not the usual book held by the library a quick glance shows that, with the birth of the Motor Car barely a decade old the legal profession had quickly discovered another rich source of fees. The authors report that.." a study of numerous accident and collision cases leads us to divide "accidents" into three classes - those which are caused by a structural defect in a vehicle; those which are caused by negligent conduct of a well-constructed vehicle, or of a person on the highway; and those lastly which may with justice be called "pure accidents" - mischances which no care could have foreseen and for which no one is to blame. When an accident takes place and a person who is injured appears in the court as plaintiff he always tries to make out that the accident comes into one of the first two classes. The defendant tries to make out that it is either of the third class or that, if in the second, it is brought into it only by the plaintiff's negligence..." It is undoubtedly a curious read.

The Library Team



## Marshals Required

for

## 51st Veteran Run

Saturday 10th February 2024

If you can help...

Please contact John Stokes

Email: [jcstokes96a@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jcstokes96a@xtra.co.nz) or Ph: 027 277 2108

# *Inaugural* **Autumn Tour** **Sunday 10th March 2024**

**A TOUR for ALL members.**

A focus on SIMPLE instructions, easy motoring,  
an enjoyable days outing with your AVVCC friends.

There is an option to be competitive\* for  
those that like to put their thinking caps on?

ALL club eligible vehicles are welcome to participate.

The tour will end at a café so that you can mingle  
together plus there is an event dinner at the  
clubrooms in the evening.

The Entry Form is in the email bringing you this Bulletin.

***Enter NOW!***

\*If nominating to be competitive Vintage vehicles will compete  
for Vintage Muster Trophies and Post Era vehicles compete  
for the Post Era Trophies.



# Motorcycle Notes

---

**This report is the concatenation of December and January's Meetings:**

## **December:**

The rear car park was packed with 23 gleaming motorcycles, with a large group of our members looking over a great selection of bikes – the marques were Triumph, BSA, Honda, Velocette, Harley Davidson, Vincent, KTM, Suzuki, Matchless and Yamaha. Our guest speaker and new member Al Gill was set up in the clubrooms with his 1971 Honda CB750.

We welcomed 2 new members William Baird who has 2 Norton Dominators and our speaker Al Gill who has A LOT of Japanese bikes.

## **REPORTS**

Martin reported on our recent annual Auckland Motorcycle Rally which was a great success. Martin then called Mark Beston to come and get his prize for winning the P60 class and Ian Bell his prize for winning the P80 class.

Martin told us about the December motorcycle run, that went to Mere Mere Vintage Speedway, we had a good turn out for this run.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

John Shennan told us about a recent BSAOC event that had a number of riders on their BSA Bantams travelling from Bluff to Cape Reinga, on a fourteen day trip; this was to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bantam. The humble Bantam was initially a “going to work” bike, until New Zealand woman Joy McKean rode her Bantam 150 around the world in 1955 followed by British woman Mary Siever riding around the world in 1967 on her Bantam 175.

## **GUEST SPEAKER - AL GILL**

Al's home town is Kempsey on the North coast of NSW, a town named after the UK's midlands town. He started riding bikes at the age of 10, his first bike was an ex WD side valve Norton, it took him a year to get it sorted. He went through an assortment of old cheap bikes through his formative years. He raced motor cross and flat track motorcycles. Al married Diane in 1970, and they have a son and daughter.

By 1987 Al wasn't happy in his current job, so he applied for a position in Canada with the government, and to his surprise he got it. So they emigrated to other side of the world. Going from the warmth of Aussie to the winters of Canada, that can be **minus** 35 C degrees, was a bit of a shock. The family agreed to give it one year to see if they could cope with temperatures. Well they did and they're still there.

Al raced on flat tracks, and won titles on ice speedway solos and sidecars. He also raced at big meetings in the United States. But then Al had an industrial accident that badly broke his left leg which needed a number of operations and because of this he had to give up motorcycle racing. While he was recovering from this over a long period of time he bought a Yamaha and several other bikes to restore. Canada, it seemed, was just full of barn finds, British, American and Japanese. It seemed that when a bike broke down it was put away in a barn or garage, and just left while the owner bought another bike. And, as the winters in Canada can sometimes last 8 months the mileage on most bikes is very low. Al found that he

## Motorcycle Notes continued

---

could buy a great number of bikes very cheaply, with mostly easy fixes. One of his favourites was the bike he had on display in the club rooms, a 1971 Honda CB 750 4 that was a Japanese home market model.

Al's daughter and family emigrated to NZ and now live in Waiuku. So Al now spends 6 months in Canada and 6 months here. Around 2015 Al began making model racing motorcycles with models of the famous riders that rode them. He made one for Graham Crosby, they are now good friends. When Al restores a bike here, Graham does the engines for him. In 2012 Al went to the IOM TT with 6 Canadian policemen - they had a great time. Al went on to tell us about his time at the 2019 IOM TT when he worked in the pits merchandising shop for John McGuinness and they became great friends. He is still adding to the bike collection both here and in Canada.

Al then answered questions from the floor. Martin thanked Al for telling us his story.

### January:

Our guest speaker member Merv Bullard brought his 1966 ex Auckland Police Triumph Saint. Being at the end of the holiday season our numbers were slightly down, we had around 35 in attendance and 12 bikes parked outside.

Martin started the meeting with a hilarious joke that brought a lot of laughs.

We then welcomed visitor Peter Denton who came all the way from "Mt Eden" on his Matchless G80S, at the end of the meeting he spoke to our secretary Jodi about joining the club.

Martin then reported on the New Year's Day run to Kaiua for fish'n'chips, this had a great turn out of vehicles 100+. He then told us about the January motorcycle run that went to branch member Peter Alderdice's farm to have a look at his impressive man cave, *another great day!* See the full report later in this Bulletin.

By the time you read this I and a number of our members will have been down to Wellington to take part in their biennial motorcycle rally, look for a report in next month's Bulletin.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Alderdice told us about his plans for next years National Motorcycle Rally, he has booked accommodation for our group of 20. For those who have never taken part in a national bike rally do consider this one, the rally is over the weekend, will have 4 days of 'hub' runs, then we'll round off the week at the Classic Motorcycle Racing Festival at Manfield. From there we will make our way home via the East Cape. If anyone wants to join us let Peter or me know.

### GUEST SPEAKER - MERV BULLARD

Merv has been a Triumph man for a very long time, and has restored a number Triumphs for himself and others. The Triumph on display was an ex Auckland Police Saint. Merv then told us this bike's story...

## Motorcycle Notes continued

---

He bought the bike on Trade Me, it was on Waiheke Island. It was said to have a rebuilt engine and had been in storage for some time. It had very slight surface rust on the chrome bits, and all the alloy was tarnished. Being a perfectionist Merv stripped the engine down. It was fortunate that he did as he found the crankshaft sludge trap was nearly blocked off, if this hadn't been found, the engine would have seized up.

So after a good clean out and all parts checked, or replaced where necessary the engine was all good now. Merv spent a great deal of time and effort polishing the chrome and alloy to a mirror finish. He farmed out the paint work which came back to the highest standard. He fitted the later 1969 Triumph twin leading front brake plate which improves the braking immensely. The bike also has the British Boyer Bransden ignition fitted. It has stainless steel spokes, and a new seat. The blue and silver tank colour was from a later Triumph model. The original police colour was off white.

Merv answered a number of questions from the floor. Martin thanked Merv for telling us the Saint story.

(While writing this I was informed by member Martyn Seay that his friend who was at our meeting has since bought Merv's Saint- "bugger"- I hear some say!)

With said Police bike on display this brought about some fantastic stories from the floor about run ins with the old Black and White Traffic Department in younger days and some more recent police stories. A number of hilarious stories were told... however they remain in the "you had to be there" category!

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely...  
Martin Spicer and Jack Clark

### Al, Martin and the Honda



## Motorcycle Notes continued

### A few of Al Gill's Bikes...



### Merv Bullard's Triumph



## Mid-week Tourers

---

### 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Run to visit David & Linda Jones at Clarks Beach

Linda has quite a large, mature garden that is very pretty and relaxing and David has a specialist mechanical business that he operates under the name of Auto France, and because I happen to own a Citroen DS21 I thought that it would be quite appropriate for me to take the Citroen on the run. Not knowing how the traffic would be, I set off early for our Drury start, arriving at 9.50am only to follow into the car park an old Essex Roadster known as *Daffodil* with the driver's grandson Ryan as navigator. I had printed 30 copies of the route instructions and by 10.15am had handed out every one of them. What a great turnout to start the year.

Our route took us to Drury township and then down the left side of the motorway and over the razorback to Pokeno. It was then a short run on SH1 before taking the first turnoff left to wind our way through some scenic countryside to Mercer where we crossed both the motorway and Waikato River on our way west to SH22 and then north, across the Tuakau Bridge and headed toward Pukekohe. Before reaching Pukekohe we turned left to climb over Pukekohe Hill on our way to Patumahoe and then Waiau Pa to the Jones property, where we found a number of our southern club members there to greet us.

Tucked in off the driveway was a wonderful condition classic old Citroen Van that was set up as the "Coffee Guy" and providing free coffee to our club members.

While David's Workshop was the main attraction with quite a number of projects taking place, outside and in another shed there were numerous French vehicles that had come to the end of a useful life. It was a great day that was enjoyed by more than 60 people.

Jack Nazer

### Coming Events:

**Wednesday 21st February:** Starting from The Warehouse carpark, old Westgate. 10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. This is the much anticipated run to view the magnificent collection of Dave Tuke, in Silverdale. With about eighty cars and bikes in total, all pristine restored or original, and rarely available for us to see. Parking is limited for cars so we request that all cars with driver only please get together and take at least one passenger. As of 23rd January we have just 7 car parking places left. For bikes there is no limit but please still book with Jack. We can accommodate up to 20 more people. Email: Jack at [jack\\_nazer@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jack_nazer@yahoo.co.nz). if you have not already registered. There will be an entrance fee of \$10, which Dave will be forwarding on to a Charity.



## Mid-week Tourers continued

---

**March:** No Mid-week run, the Mid-weekers have been asked to help support the new **Autumn Tour**, see info elsewhere. Your committee are trying new formats of old events in order to bolster the interest of all members. Let's see that we do.

**April:** Wednesday 17th. Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury. 10-00am for a 10-30 am departure. This is a run during the school holidays, so bring the children (or your neighbours children.) We intend to finish at a members home near Rangiriri, where he has, what is claimed to be, the best display of coal mining artefacts anywhere in NZ. As well as automobilia (cars and motor-bikes). BYO lunch and camp chairs.

We look forward to seeing you out and about...  
Your Mid-week Team



## Mid-week Tourers in picures



# Marshals Required

*for*

## The Inaugural Autumn Tour

**Sunday 10th March 2024**

If you can help...

Please contact Rodger or Val Ball

Email: [rvball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rvball@xtra.co.nz) or Ph: 09 298 6476

# Rolls-Royce Road Trip

---

by Richard Green

Last November I got a call from fellow club member Philip Eilenberg who owns a 1929 20 - HP Rolls-Royce fitted with a Coupé body by Hooper. He has recently moved to Napier (and transferred to HB Branch) and had sent his car on a trailer to Bruce McIlroy Ltd in Ashburton for a major check over and service. Philip had never taken the car on a long journey since he purchased the car in the UK in 2011, and was rather nervous about driving the car 750 km without some level of mechanical assistance should something go wrong, or, in R-R parlance... "fail to proceed". Would I like to accompany him? I readily agreed as I was very interested in comparing the performance of this car against other similar models that I had driven.

The 20HP car, also known as the Goshawk, or Baby Rolls was the first departure from the single model policy established by the directors in 1907. It made its debut in September 1922 initially with only rear-wheel brakes. Philips's car chassis number GEN39 was one of the last of this model produced before the introduction of the more powerful 20/25. His car included a number of refinements subsequently introduced over the course of its production, including 4-wheel brakes and hydraulic shock absorbers front and rear. These cars were originally quite low geared and Philip had a Laycock overdrive kit fitted in the UK. The model designation of 20HP refers to the RAC Tax rating. The six-cylinder 3,127cc engine develops approximately 56 bhp at 2500 rpm.

We arranged to meet in Christchurch, stay overnight in the city centre and catch the early Intercity bus to Ashburton the following morning. There we were collected by Bruce himself, and driven to his wonderfully spacious workshops on the outskirts of Ashburton. After spending the morning touring the work that was being undertaken on a variety of Silver Ghosts, Phantoms, and various classic Bentleys, we set off for Cheviot, which was to be our overnight stopping point, a distance of 195 km. Quite apart from curiosity, I decided to keep an accurate check on fuel consumption as the only petrol gauge was a tank mounted dial at the rear of the car, and without a reserve, running out of fuel would have been very embarrassing. The drive across the Canterbury plains with its long straight roads was really impressive; the beautiful scenery - the wonderful sunny weather accentuating the snow on the Alps. The car comfortably cruised at 50 mph, thanks to the overdrive and felt extremely stable in the steering. Before long we were on the outskirts of Christchurch, and after a short stop proceeded on to Amberly which marks the start of the north Canterbury wine-growing region centred around the Waipara River. We reached Cheviot around 3:30 pm. After deducting the time for one stop we had covered the 122 miles in 2 hours 46 minutes.

The following morning the trip up to Picton along the stunning new coastal highway was especially impressive. We paused at Kaikoura, and made a morning coffee stop at Okiwi Bay a little further on. The scenery, road surface and almost zero traffic made this section of the trip easily the most memorable. We reached Picton just after lunch having covered the 143 miles in 3 hours and 10 minutes driving time. We refuelled and after a quick calculation it showed that fuel consumption was just on 17 mpg. We both concluded that so far the drive had been nothing short of effortless. After checking that the Bluebridge 7:45am sailing next morning at was on schedule, we checked into the hotel.

## Rolls-Royce Road Trip continued

---

Next morning, rising at 6:15, we joined the check-in queue at 6:45 to wait our turn. It was rather busy as the cancellation of the Interislander had resulted in a maximum vehicle capacity sailing for the Bluebridge service, and departure was eventually about 45 minutes late. Once in Wellington the drive via Highway 1, 57 and 2 was 325 km. This was the first time I had travelled on the recently opened new section of Highway 1 through Transmission Gully. While the route is spectacular, the road surface is quite disappointing especially having just driven up the Kaikoura highway; we really noticed the harsh road noise for the first time. Also, the long moderately steep sections meant it was the first time we needed 3<sup>rd</sup> gear! The next section to tax the baby Rolls was the climb over the Tararua Ranges to reach Woodville and on to Dannevirke where we refuelled again. We departed at 4:05 and arrived at Philip's home in Napier at 5:50 pm, a further distance of 78 miles, making a total of 466 miles since we departed Ashburton.

Before I started out I was somewhat expecting that some, probably minor problem would occur causing at worst a delay or inconvenience, which is why the daily targets were extremely modest. On reflection I should have remembered that Rolls-Royce had already established legendary reliability during the 15,000 mile trial around Scotland in July 1907, where a Silver Ghost had recorded 14,371 miles without.. "an involuntary stop". The 20 HP was a product of the same genius.

At Okiwi Bay, Kaikoura Coast



# January Motorcycle Run

---

As I uncovered my motorcycle trailer to load up my Suzuki TS 125, ready for our bike run, I noticed that the trailer spare tire had exploded, with all the wire bands sticking out. This was a lucky break for me, as finding the damage then saved me a lot of trouble, for in a few weeks time I would have uncovered the trailer to load up my BSA, Don Green's Honda and John Poole's Norton to find the damage, just as we were to be setting off for the Wellington bike rally. So it was a quick trip down to the tire shop for a new tire, I then loaded up the Suzuki.

Sunday morning dawned sunny and warm. On my way up to Jolly Farmer I picked up member Malcolm Brown at Bombay. We arrived at the car park to find 14 motorcycles and around 10 Austins? It turned out the Austin Club were just about to leave on a run too.

It was good to see Henderson members Noel and Brigid Howe on their Suzuki V twin coming on the run plus Thames member Graham Brooks on his Norton Commando and his friend riding a Vincent 1000. Kawakawa Bay member Terry Doherty was also out on his BSA Lightning along with his friend, who rode a newly restored 1972 Kawasaki 350 triple. Don Green was on his 1973 CB 350/4, John Stokes rode his 1970's 350 Jawa, Graham Waters was on his Honda CBX 1000, Michael Watts came on his Suzuki V Strom, Brian Gathercole was on his Honda FT 500, Gavin Welch came from the North shore on his WLA Harley, Dave Tomkins was on his Moto Guzzi, Jack Clark rode his modern Triumph Bonnie and Leo Fowler came in his Red Austin Healey Sprite,

At 11am I gave the usual joke, and then we set off, I led the way out into the country, with the convoy following. From Drury we travelled to Papakura and then we went up and over West road to Brookby, from there it was approx. a 10 min ride to finish at Peter Alderdice's farm. When we arrived at Peter's we were greeted with the sight of a number of vintage Harley Davidson's out on display. Once we were all parked up Peter welcomed us to his property, we were then offered tea, coffee, sausages and scones. Then Peter let us look around his very large man cave which was very impressive. Up on the hoist was Peter and Leo's vintage 1926 Oakland car. Peter also has a very rare in line 1.114cc 4 cylinder engine from a 1914 Militaire, it's mounted on a platform, Leo and he went through a sequence of procedures to start it up with a crank handle. It sounded great when revved up.

Peter told us of a track that runs around part of his land, and invited people to ride around it. It was definitely only suitable for off-road vehicles. Peter led the way on his quad bike with Graham Brooks on the back, I followed on my 125 Suzuki TS and Don Green rode Peter's Honda XR 200. Some brave guys walked around the track in the stifling heat.

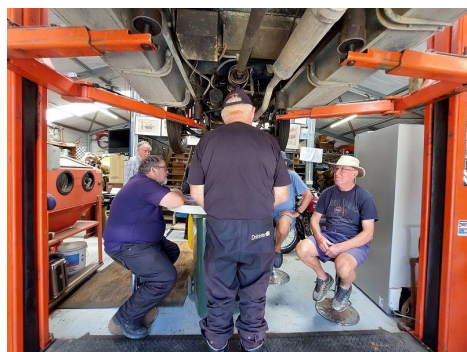
Member Marshall Corazza arrived later on his 3 wheeled Can Am Spyder and at the end of the afternoon member Brian King popped in for a chat.

After we spent a couple of hours at Peter's we said our goodbyes, and thanked Peter for hosting us at his man-cave.

Don Green had a gear change problem on his very nice Honda CB350, it was stuck in 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we loaded it onto my bike trailer and took him and the bike home. Don let me know on Monday that he had fixed the problem, it's all okay now.

**Martin Spicer**

# January Motorcycle Run in pictures



# THE WORKSHOPS™

MATAKANA

YOUR CLASSIC CAR DESERVES THE BEST



**SAFE & SECURE - FREEHOLD STRATA TITLE INVESTMENT**  
SECURE ON AN INITIAL \$1,000 CASH DEPOSIT



**CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED**

64 MATAKANA VALLEY ROAD, MATAKANA

**INDUSTRIAL WORKSPACES**  
**FROM \$625,000** Plus GST  
**THEWORKSHOPS.CO.NZ**



**Mark Shi**  
Ph: +64 21 147 9315  
marks@conradproperties.com

Initial \$1,000 deposit is non-refundable. All illustrations and artist's impressions are for illustrative purposes only and landscaping, fittings and furnishings are excluded from Purchase Price. Units will vary in size. Every Precaution has been taken to establish the accuracy of the material herein at the time of printing, however, no responsibility will be taken for any errors/omissions. Prospective purchasers should not confine themselves solely to the content of this material and acknowledge that they have received recommendation and that reasonable opportunity to seek independent legal, financial, accounting, immigration, technical and other advice. The Developer reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of units according to market demand and therefore sizes and layouts of units may vary throughout the development. Changes may be made during development and all dimensions, finishes, fittings and specifications are subject to change without notice. Capital Values Rise and fall according to Market Conditions. It is recommended that Property Investment is at 10-12 year investment horizon. Prices quoted for Commercial Property are GST exclusive.

## 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?

**Mary Rupapera & Richard Moko**

*Pukekohe*

1949 Lanchester LDI0 Coupe

**Stephen Leech**

*Ellerslie*

1983 Honda XL250RC

1972 BSA Bushman

**Jasen Nixen**

*Waiuku*

1929 Ford Model A

**Stephen Cropp**

*Penrose*

1932 Ford Model A

1989 Mercedes 300se

**Paul Heays**

*Ellerslie*

1939 Mercury Town Sedan

**Matthew Dalziel**

*Glendene*

1948 Morris 8 Series E

# 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](mailto:rod.rugg@nzwr.com)  
Postal address: P.O. Box 19272, Avondale, Auckland 1746



## Classifieds

---



### Trunk For Sale

Was used on my Model A ♦ Colour: Black ♦ 650mm wide ,740mm deep, 640mm high ♦ Lockable ♦ Water tight ♦ some wear on bottom corners.

Contact: Russel McAlpine 027 473 5451.

---

**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

---

## Request from your Secretary

---

### "Passing Lane" Notification

If you know of a member that has passed away, could you please advise me by email? I can then correct our records, saving embarrassing errors and I can also advise National Office for you too.

Thank you. Jodi - auckland@vcc.org.nz

---

# Your Committee & Officers

---

## **Chairman**

Shaaran Price (Alan) Email: birdwoodprices@gmail.com H: 09 833 8575  
M: 0204 195 2476

## **Vice Chairman/Continuous Membership Awards Steward**

Glenn Morris (Marion) Email: glenn-maze@xtra.co.nz M: 021 136 5926

## **Secretary /Privacy Officer /Bulletin Editor /Website Maint. /New Member Liaison**

Jodi Tomlin (Paul) Secretary Email: auckland@vcc.org.nz M: 021 678 258  
Editor Email: avcceditor@gmail.com

## **Treasurer:**

Ian Hubbard (Lesley) Email: iant120@outlook.com M: 0274 426 748

## **Club Captain / Branch Delegate/Trophy Steward**

Tracey Winterbottom Email: runnymede@hotmail.co.nz H: 09 232 0246  
(Stephen) M: 021 732 209

## **Committee Members:**

Martin Spicer (Lynda) **Motorcycle Section Rep/Entertainment** H: 09 233 6382  
Email: spicerclan2017@gmail.com M: 022 102 5954

Lynda Spicer (Martin) **Social Convenor** H: 09 233 6382  
Email: spicerclan2017@gmail.com M: 021 189 3120

Russel McAlpine (Jocelyn) **Building & Garden Maintenance** H: 09 818 4285  
Email: rjmc Alpine@xtra.co.nz M: 027 473 5451

Jeremy Lambert (Michelle) **Clubroom Bookings/ Health & Safety Officer** M: 027 576 7045  
Email: velo500@icloud.com

## **Non-Committee Positions:**

### **Library Team Leader**

Richard Green (Lois)  
Email: randlgreen@orcon.net.nz  
H: 09 489 2427 M: 021 818 334

### **Spares Team Leader**

Bill Hulse (Sherrill)  
Email: bill.sherrill@xtra.co.nz  
M: 09 579 0494

### **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 (Penny)  
Email: pennyandmurray@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: 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

## **Phone: 09 579 5625**

**Branch Email Address:** auckland@vcc.org.nz **Branch Website:** www.avcc.org.nz

**Library Email Address:** libraryavcc@gmail.com

## **Branch Honorary Life Members:**

Barry Robert

Norm Dewhurst QSM

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:sales@autofrance.co.nz)

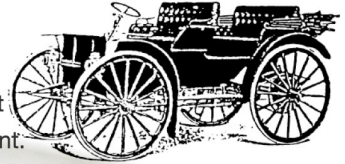
Clarks Beach, Auckland



# ***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](mailto: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](mailto:vet.vin@xtra.co.nz)**



**[www.veteranvintagecars.co.nz](http://www.veteranvintagecars.co.nz)**