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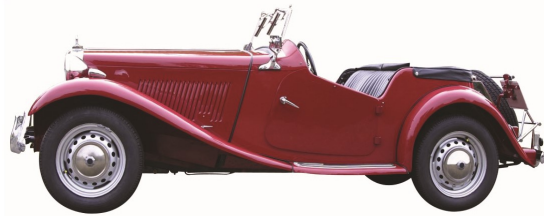


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Late submissions will feature in the following month’s edition.

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Coming Events

All events are held at our clubrooms unless otherwise specified.

APRIL

6	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
6	Sat	Waikato Mooloo Meander	
11	Thur	Club Night - guest speaker Bill Hohepa	7:30pm
14	Sun	Club Run - Ladies Run - Monte Cecilia Park, 72A Hillsborough Road, Royal Oak	1:00pm
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

MAY

4	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
9	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
11	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
15	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run	
18	Sat	Northland Motorcycle Rally	
22	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
23	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
25	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
26	Sun	Club Run - Expert's Rally	
28	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm

JUNE

1	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
8	Sat	Waikato Double 50 Rally	
13	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
15	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
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ADVANCED NOTICE - Due to Matariki falling on the last Friday of June, creating a long weekend, our AGM will be held on Saturday, July 6th.
Please note in your diary now.

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

How lucky we are to have such competent people who are willing to plot and organise our annual events. The reward for the hours spent plotting these events, is to have members enter and enjoy their day's motoring. Are you playing your part?



The Inaugural Autumn Tour -

The weather - **perfect.**

The countryside - **perfect.**

The instructions - **perfect.**

The entrants - **enthusiastic.**

What more could we ask for?

To the plotters, Val and Rodger Ball - a big **"thank you"** for plotting an event to suit everyone.

To the marshals - Thank you for a job well done.

To the entrants - *Without your participation*, the event could not have happened - thank you everyone. Spread the word - we had a great day!

Recently Tracey, your delegate and I attended the VCC Executive Meeting in Christchurch. Tracey will have a report for you in the next Bulletin.

The Spares Team have made a start to line the roller door wall interior with plywood in readiness for more wall space to display our memorabilia. Thank you, guys.

The Library Team have been working hard to free up space in the mezzanine floor in the barn. The weight of surplus magazines and books has become a safety concern. Well done boys.

Russel McAlpine recently organised a group to help clean the Barn and kitchen floors. The remaining chairs have been delivered to the upholsterers for recovering. Thank you, Russel and his team.

Please come along to the clubrooms and enjoy the fresh, new look and view the work in progress in the Barn.

By the time you read this, Alan and I will have been to Stratford to attend the Jowett Car Club's National Rally followed by Taranaki VCC Annual Maunga Moana Rally over Easter weekend. A week of great motoring over magnificent countryside.

Looking ahead, Alan and I are looking forward to hearing Bill Hohepa speak at the Club Night on Thursday 11th April! I look forward to seeing you all there.

On Sunday 14th April we have the Ladies Run. Val Ball and I are organising this run, we look forward to your participation. Anyone can partake, it's the Ladies Run because of the organising team, there is no requirement for lady drivers on the run.

Safe, happy motoring.
Shaaran.

Club Captain's Log

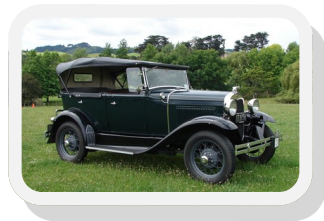
Huge thanks to Rodger and Val Ball for their organisation of last month's Inaugural Autumn Tour. It was so great to see 2 huge tables of happy faces at the finish in the busy café enjoying lunch and each other's company. Nice to catch up with members I haven't seen for a while and newer members.

Auckland members continue to support out of town branch events, with a good number attending the National Easter Rally in Nelson, the Maunga Moana in New Plymouth in the same weekend and the Highland Fling in Manawatu next month. I look forward to reading all about them in coming Bulletins.

Shaaran and I attended the Executive meeting in March, a very successful weekend and a full report will be out shortly. April has our annual Ladies Run, this will be a shorter run and has been organised by Shaaran Price and Val Ball. Stephen and I will be away that weekend so my apologies in advance.

May sees the Annual Experts Rally and then I am working on a June run at present - watch for details to come. If you have suggestions for destinations of interest for our club runs, let me know?

Cheers
Tracey



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2024 Inaugural Autumn Tour

This event replaced the Annual Vintage Muster and Post Era Rallies, both having been run for many years. Because of the dropping numbers for the rallies, the Committee decided to try something different for 2024.

We managed to encourage 23 teams to try their hands at The Inaugural Autumn Tour. The split between Competitive and Non Competitive was virtually 50/50 and started from Ray Small Park, Papakura where all vehicles had the front number plate cleaned and at the finish the number plates were swabbed for DNA of insects over the journey. Richard O'Rorke and his assistant Aimee, from Auckland Biodiversity at Auckland University, were very grateful for everybody's cooperation in allowing them to do this DNA testing.

The route was approximately 50 miles in duration and travelled from Papakura to Karaka Lakes (housing estate) and then out into the countryside of Karaka, Patumahoe, Paerata, Drury, Papakura and finished at Maxx & Daisy's Eatery at Ardmore, where most entrants had lunch and were able to socialise before heading home and some coming back to the Clubrooms for dinner and prizegiving. An added bonus was The Warbirds had an Airshow on as we came past the back of the Ardmore Airport and was also visible from the lunch venue.

We would like to thank the Marshals who helped us out during the event. These people being: Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao (who not only were start and trail car on the day, but also checked the route for us, traveling from Takapuna to do so), Diane Coleman at Batty Road Karaka (who is a relatively new member from Maramarua) and Nicola and Barry Birchall (from Blockhouse Bay) at Patumahoe, who everybody saw twice.

Congratulations to ALL entrants upon both starting and completing the Tour. Vehicles ranged from a 1920 Talbot Darracq to a 1989 Mazda MX5.

Congratulations to the Competitive placegetters:

Veteran & Slow Vintage:	John and Janice Gardner - 1928 Ford Model A Tudor
Fast Vintage & PV:	Glenn and Marion Morris - 1928 Ford Model A Phaeton
Post Era:	Tracey and Ryan Winterbottom - 1973 MGB GT
Overall Winner:	Glenn and Marion Morris - 1928 Ford Model A Phaeton

Val and Rodger Ball

Veteran Notes

The March section meeting was quite well attended, and it was very pleasing to see our chair Shaaran Price in attendance.

Mat Metcalfe had driven the 1912 Hudson Gentleman's Roadster over, complete with the newly designed and manufactured monacle wind shield in place. Mat spoke of the improvements he is making to the car since acquiring it from the George Mihaljevich estate. Thanks to Mat's computer research skills and travels to the USA he has now located a correct engine and clutch, something the late George was unable to do. He has also found a company in the US that will supply the correct material for the soon to be constructed hood, so the car is gradually being worked back to factory specifications. Mat notes that he has done some 1500 kms in the car since Christmas and that it will hold 100 kmph on the motorway.

Phil Henley has made important steps with his 1913 Mitchell, he has had a cylinder block cast in Melbourne the machining of the block may be done here.

Gavin Welch gave a report on the recent Ford Model T event, he said the runs were quite long, however, the recently fitted "underdrive" is working well. Other section members present included Monty and Pauline Scarborough, David and Beverley Oliver, David Lane and Murray Greig.

We understand Mike Courtney is thinking of selling the Model T with the Warford gearbox he brought from George Urquhart. Denis Lowe was given an enlargement of the picture of his Subritsky Curved Dash Oldsmobile in collision with the tram. Denis also thanked Mat Metcalfe for getting him the proper Lunkenheimer grease cup for the Curved Dash. Denis also brought some CRC TAC-2 grease which he recommends for chain lubrication and CRC Mendit which he has also used with success.

Shaaran Price mentioned that the engine of the Clement Bayard is being turned over regularly, but as we know this will be a long project after two successive floods through the shed in a two year period. Roy Sharman brought along a picture from a USA artist who does montages of vehicles and also a reproduction catalogue for the 1915 Perry, it appears they produced a sporty model as well as a van and other cars. We were told that the Perry eventually became the Bean during the 1920's. Barry Birchall is still having starter issues with the 1912 Cadillac, owing to the complexity of the engagement mechanism.

Tim Edney entered a 1924 Minerva in the Ellerslie Concours survivor car class, although not veteran, Tim wanted to work out how the system works and has now done this. He hopes others may consider entering this class. We also understand that David Porter may be on the way to getting his 1902 Locomobile steamer finally through compliance.

After ten or more years of holding our Veteran Run in South Auckland/Franklin I have made the decision that the 2025 event will be held out west. I have had the offer of one start point, and another member is working on a potential start and finish point with food available for lunch.

John Stokes.

Vintage Notes

A number of us confessed to having spent little time in the workshop this month, and why would you, with at last having a proper summer?

John Stokes spoke about 'the green hatstand', alias his Whippet, with it's ongoing cooling issues. It has had a pressure test which did not show up any obvious problems. He is now suspecting the radiator core, which is not original, so it will come out for testing.

John Morrison was nursing a bruised right arm after being T boned by a car coming through a compulsory stop. Fortunately, John was not driving one of his vintage cars, as the impact caused considerable damage. His arm will heal.

Rob Webster has just returned from the South Island where he took part in the All American Truck Club rally. A fairly informal event organised by Steve Jones, it comprised around ten vehicles using 'Roads Less Travelled' such as the Nevis where all of the trucks had to be 'helped' through some of the river crossings, as the water levels were quite high. A real adventure! Rob has recently brought home his 1925 Chevy one ton truck from Levin, and has also acquired Joe Henley's 1929 Auburn.

Neil Lucas recently attended an auction with a number of vintage cars on offer. He observed that while the supply of elderly vehicles is increasing, the number of buyers willing to pay good money is not, resulting in prices being somewhat lower than they might have been in years gone by.

For the first time in many years, Ross Bellamy's Model A 'failed to proceed', choosing an awkward place on a busy road to do so. After changing the condenser to no effect, he found an ignition wire had come off! He is pleased with his new LED headlight bulbs.

John has the Humber engine running at last. He had been trying to time it 180 degrees out, owing to multiple rather confusing timing marks, but with a little help from a friend they found the error and it now runs beautifully. Interior lights and bolting down the seats are next on the agenda. He has confirmed that the rather unusual cut-off switch on the steering column is an original feature.

Neil Bieleski brought along his brand new original part water manifold for his 1926 Type NN Renault which arrived from France. That is pretty good considering how hard it can be to get parts for much more modern cars.

Tracey Winterbottom, just back from the VCC Executive Meeting in Christchurch, told us that preparations for the next Vero International Rally, to be held in Nelson in 2026, are well in hand. It is suggested we consider responding to the petition going round at the minute which seeks to loosen up the bureaucracy surrounding the registration and warranting of older vehicles. It does not appear to be very well written or thought out at the present time but such a move would be a step in the right direction. The structure of the VCC is under review and we are encouraged to share our ideas and concerns with Tracey or Shaaran to take to the National body. There will be regular updates.

Murray & Penny

Motorcycle Notes

Pokeno was warm and sunny Saturday, after collecting Malcolm Brown at Bombay we had a trouble free trip with no holdups on the Southern Motorway, surprisingly.

Jeremy had already opened up the club rooms ready for the meeting. We had a great selection of motorcycles parked in the back car park, there were Velocette, Triumph, Indian, BMW, Suzuki, Harley Davidson, Honda, Norton and Tony Christie's classic replica of Rodger Freeth's 1983 McIntosh Suzuki.

There were 42 people in attendance, a few members were away taking part in the Taupo to Napier Motorcycle Mail Run.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and a good joke was told to start the meeting. We welcomed back past member Tim Pickering, Tim's been living in Fiji for a number of years, he's looking at relocating back here. We also welcomed new member Tony Christie from Matakana, Tony works for Graeme Crosby as the workshop manager in charge of motorcycle restorations.

REPORTS

Martin reported on the recent Brits & Euro Classic Car Show, where he and Lynda were manning our branch's stand, see separate report. Keith Ballagh told us about the recent Velocette rally in the South Island. John Shennan told us that their were a few of our BSA members away on the National BSA rally in Waimate Canterbury S I.

COMING UP

April 6th - Waikato's MooLoo Meander Motorcycle Rally.

April 11th - Our branch Club Night - Guest speaker will be member Bill Hohepa.

April 20th - Motorcycle meeting - Guest speaker will be member Al Gill.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was North Shore branch member, Nick Rump he also brought along his friend Glenn Ross. Nick brought his 1970 Honda S90Z restored from a rusty pile of parts, he also brought along a Motocompo, sometimes referred to as a trunk bike or suitcase bike. It has a 50cc two-stroke engine, the seat and handle bars fold down inside the body so it can be stored in the boot of a Honda City, Nick lifted the 40 kilo machine to show how easy it was to put in a car. Nick told us of the restoration of the Honda S90Z. The Honda Motocompo mini scooter is classed as a Moped. Nick has 15 Honda's most awaiting restoration. Nick has had the story of the S90Z recently published in the Beaded Wheels.

We next heard from Nick's friend Glenn Ross, Glenn brought along his 1962 Honda CB250, Glenn's Dad Ron Ross bought the Honda for Glenn on his 12th birthday 'Lucky boy'. His dad Ron bought it from one of his work mates at the car dealership John W Andrew & Sons, that they both worked at. They found out that the second owner of the bike was TV presenter Reece Jones from the TV show "Town and Around", Reece was often seen on the show riding around on the Honda. Glenn restored the bike a number of years ago, he rebuilt the engine and re chromed parts, and surprisingly the great blue and black paint job was done with spray cans. Since the restoration the bike's done very little mileage.

Glenn's dad Ron was a member of our Auckland branch back in the 1960's to 80's. He had a large collection of British bikes, this collection was sold at auction that was organised by our branch members Norm and Linda Maddock. One of Ron's favourite bikes was a Panther, this was bought by Auckland member Paul Downie.

Motorcycle Notes continued

Glenn used to work in the Western Springs pits for his dad, and then a number of the top Kiwi midget racers. Glenn also owns a classic 1984 MK 3 Ford Capri 2.8i.

Martin thanked Nick and Glenn for bringing their bikes and telling us their stories.

Just before the meeting ended Martin asked Tim Pickering to say a few words about his motorcycles. He told us he has several Indians, a Triumph Bonneville, an Indian Chief stored in Australia, and other's in Fiji, he's looking to down size to around 6 motorcycles. He might rejoin our branch in the future.

This concluded the meeting.

Finally, this month, on behalf of the branch, I would like to thank Malcolm Brown and his partner Merit who have replaced all the worn out elastic ties on the motorcycle rally bibs and have also cleaned them! Thank you Merit and Malcolm.

Martin Spicer and Jack Clark



Library Notes

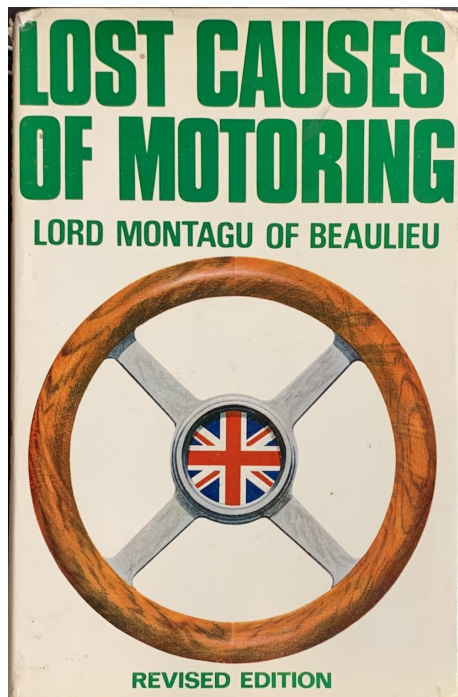
The Penrose Library holds quite a number of books that were authored by the late Michael Sedgwick, a well-known motoring historian and researcher. He began writing on motoring topics in 1959 when he became an assistant editor of 'Veteran & Vintage' magazine, a publication started in 1956 by Pioneer Publications, London, which we also hold copies of in the library. During his time as editor he held the appointment of curator of the then Montagu Motor Museum at Beaulieu now the UK National Motor Museum. He was responsible for the creation of the museum's library master index and began writing books under his own name. In addition, he did much of the extensive research for major works by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on the subject of 'Jaguar Cars', 'Rolls of Rolls-Royce', 'The Gordon Bennett Races' and the three-volume set, 'Lost Causes of Motoring'. This book, written and compiled by Lord Montagu with the help on the research side by Michael, is a splendidly detailed account of makes of cars which have gone out of production – lost causes of motoring, in fact. Marques such as Invicta, Squire, Railton, Star, Jowett, Trojan, G.W.K., Napier, Clyno, Lanchester, Leyland Eight, Crossley, B.S.A., the Argyll, Arrol-Johnston and Albion from Scotland and many other defunct makes are dealt with model by model, in fascinating detail. A great deal of little-known facts came to light, during his research and production figures are quoted liberally, making this the most interesting book about vintage cars, definitely worth a look.

Michael resigned his museum post in 1966 to give more time to writing, albeit he retained links with the Montagu Motor Museum as Director of Research and as a member of the Advisory Council of the museum at Beaulieu. From 1966, a series of books followed, of which we have many. He also made extensive contributions to the 'Encyclopaedia of the Motor-Car' and other motoring encyclopaedia's, edited by Nick Georgano which also covered commercial vehicles and motor sport.

He wrote regularly for magazines published in Britain, Australia, France, Germany and the United States. The overwhelming aspect of his books and articles was his fastidious research and his ability to see any era of the motor vehicle in a social or commercial perspective, was widely acknowledged.

Michael's devotion to automobilia research coupled with a retentive and photographic memory made him an outstanding repository of motoring history, which was always freely shared with others. This knowledge was frequently drawn on as an auction consultant to Christie's International Auction house in London. Sadly, he died unexpectedly at his home in Midhurst, West Sussex, on 14 October 1983 at the age of 57.

The Library Team



Mid-week Tourers

Last month there was no Mid-week run, in order to concentrate on the inaugural Autumn Tour, which in effect was the Vintage Muster, now revamped in an attempt to provide touring style motoring for all members.

Pat and I took our '25 Essex roadster, "Daffodil" and had a wonderful day. The sun shone, we put the hood down, the instructions were clear, the route, even though familiar, was most enjoyable, the car went well, and the socialising throughout the day was a highlight for us. What more can I say ?. Surely those who weren't there were the losers. Well done, to the committee and the organisers.

Coming events

Wednesday 17th. April.

Starting from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury, 10-00 for a 10-30 am departure. Using the roads on the west of the Waikato, we finish at a members home and sheds this side of Huntly. It'll be as direct as possible, in view of it being a little longer than usual.. There we will see a collection of early coal mining equipment (He is a retired coal miner) as well as various car and motorcycle stuff. BYO everything.

Wednesday 15th. May

Starting from old Westgate, 10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. Destination TBC, but it could be Huia. At this stage BYO everything

Wednesday 19th June A southern run, likely to be short, finishing at a members collection in Karaka. BYO everything

After June, it's a new Club year, see what it brings.

Your Mid-week Tourers Team

P.S. from Jack: Norm & myself are always on the hunt for new destinations for Mid-week Runs. Please can we have details of any worthwhile collections where parking is available for 30 or so cars.

Keep up with the plans here:

[VIFHM Website](#)
[VIFHM Facebook Page](#)

March 15 to 21, 2026



Maintenance Report

What a great result the working bee was on Thursday 21st. A huge thank you to Bill Hulse, John Towers, John Stokes, John Cooke, Harvey Brewer, Rory King, Errol McAlpine, Paul Hesselning, Jeremy Lambert, David Broadhead, David Goryl.

The barn floor looks fantastic and really makes all the displays the Spares boys have been working on look like they are worthy to be in a museum. Keep up the good work team, it is truly appreciated and a credit to you all.

The clubroom kitchen floor was also cleaned and has made a huge difference.

The remaining clubroom chairs are now at the upholsterers and will be back in a couple of weeks' time.

Make sure you come by on a club night or a Saturday afternoon and check out what has been happening.

Thanks
Russel

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?

Peter Crowley

Hillsborough

1928 Ford Model A

Kevin Butler

Bombay

1971 Austin Sprite

1963 Brabham BT6 Reproduction

Thomas Ashley

Patumahoe

1968 Fiat 500 F Bambina

Callum Croad

Massey

Nissan Fairlady 2

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Brits & Euro Classic Car Show

Saturday evening the car was loaded up with everything AVVCC, banners, leaflets and copies of Beaded Wheels to give away and the trailer loaded with my bikes ready for an early start Sunday morning. I even put in some books and parts for sale.

Unfortunately the weather forecast for Sunday was for rain, we woke to overcast skies but no rain at that stage. Lynda and I set off for Pakuranga's Lloyd Elsmore park. Thankfully it was an easy run through. On arrival at the park we found members Lloyd Wilson, Stephen Leech, Al Gill and John Poole waiting, they helped us set up the marquee, table and chairs. Last year we had around 20 motorcycles on display, but clearly due to the weather forecast we only mustered a group of eight this year.

To the left of our motorcycle area there was a line up of branch members cars. Chairman Shaaran Price and husband Alan came over to sit and chat with us, they had brought along their Jowett Javelin which was displayed on the Jowett stand. There were a number of our branch members who had cars on other one make club stands.

We talked to many people and handed out information in regards to joining our club.

We had a visit from one of our long time motorcycle members Vic Brickell, Vic gave up riding some time ago, but had kept his bikes until just recently when they went to new owners, but Vic still has his nice looking Ford Model A that he came to the show in.

Around 12.30pm the rain that had been just spitting on and off all morning started to come down with much more force. So at 1pm we packed up, member's Steve Heaney and Al Gill helped us.

We have been taking part in this great free to the public show since the beginning in 2015. It's a great show - remember it for next year!

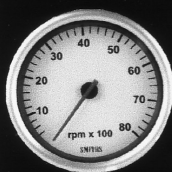
Martin & Lynda Spicer



Shaaran & Alan in the Jowett



Martin being a great ambassador of the club!



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The Charabanc and Nelson 2026, a response to Neil Bielecki

from John Stokes

I was very interested in Neil Bielecki's article regarding the Charabanc and the 2026 Nelson International event and would like to make some points myself.

Neil is correct in that attendance at international events has frequently been at the request of the organising branch. I have never agreed with this, unless a full voluntary crew has been arranged and prepared to PAY the full cost of getting to the event and back. This happened at Nelson 1972, Rotorua 1980, and Christchurch 1986. Also the HCCA/NZ Parliamentary Tours of the north in 1977, 2007 and the Centennial of the Motor Car in NZ in 1998.

I agree with Neil that we need new blood, however, the VCC is largely comprised of individuals who will consider their own vehicle as a priority and group vehicles a secondary consideration. I further agree that a group should be established fairly soon and that group should have firm commitment to enter by February 2025. This means that they should be substantially PAID UP with accommodation all in the one place as Neil suggests.

I totally disagree with the suggestion to remove the hood during the event. The charabanc looks far more aesthetically pleasing with the hood erect, and you will note that the only time now that the hood is removed is for transport and the Farmer's Christmas Parade.

I don't agree that "failure to take part in this rally will be the death Knell for the charabanc" it may one day die of it's own accord, probably in the 2030's or 40's, it must, however, be conceded that the driving pool is shrinking.

Certainly the Nelson event will be no place to "train" new drivers, they should have pretty reasonable competency before it leaves Auckland. Before a major event, some years ago, I organised training sessions on a Saturday afternoon on a circuit around Penrose and Oranga, this included one quite steep hill where people could get used to gear changing going both up and down. Attempts to teach people on paddocks such as the Gymnic day weren't all that successful.

Getting it there, my personal thoughts have always been that it should be driven, at least to the event, as happened in 1972 and 1980. In 1972 it was railed back to Auckland. At the 2000 event in Hamilton Neil Bielecki was stuck with the responsibility of getting it there and back solo. It didn't attract vast numbers of potential passengers during the event, a lonely trip. Many years ago I did drive it solo from Whangarei to its then home at MoTaT, so I have knowledge of how Neil would have felt.

As for loan vehicles and sponsorship, in the 1992 Palmerston North event, the late Peter Crowther secured a vehicle from Bradley's Towing and he and I took it to Palmerston North and back at the cost of the diesel, all went well. In 1998 I secured sponsorship from the Renault truck distributors to transport the Charabanc to Wellington for the drive back to Auckland for the Centennial event. This worked but was something of an embarrassment to me as weather prevented our commitment to visit their head office in Palmerston North. Then when I got back to Auckland I was told that they wanted to leave it in an open unprotected yard for a week, so our part of the deal never worked out. In recent years Rob Webster has provided a truck for transport, but this may no longer be available?

The committee idea of containerising and railing it to the event, that's ok, but it would have to be put on a truck for the Wellington-Nelson part, so there's some double handling both ways. A compromise might be to rail it to Wellington, put it on the ferry and drive Picton-Nelson, this would take a day, but not as long as in 1972 when lengthy stops were made at two or three pubs enroute, Picton, Havelock and Canvas Town.

Crew size, as they probably won't be camping, Ten would be a maximum, eight sufficient, six minimum, under six LEAVE IT AT HOME.

John Stokes



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Stephen and I will look to organise a back road trip to get down to Nelson if there is interest?

Regards
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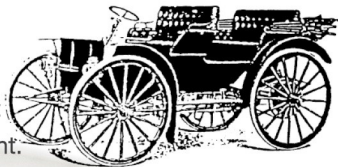


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