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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.*

## AUGUST

5th	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
6th	Sun	<b>Motorcycle Run</b> - starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Gt South Rd, Drury	11:00am
10th	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
12-13		National AGM - hosted by Nelson Branch	
16th	Wed	<b>Mid-week Tourer's Run</b> - start The Warehouse carpark, old Westgate	10:00am
16th	Wed	<b>MOTAT Movie Night - Hidden Figures</b> - see email this Bulletin was sent on for details	6:00pm
19th	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
19th	Sat	<b>Quiz Night - "Believe it or Not"</b>	7:30pm
20th	Sun	<b>National Daffodil Rally</b> - refer page 10	
23rd	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
24th	Thur	<b>Club Night</b> —speaker Nicholas Taylor "Barrister at Law" his speciality Gun Law	7:30pm
26th	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
26th	Sat	Sulphur City Rally hosted by Rotorua Branch	
29th	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm

## SEPTEMBER

2	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
9	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
14	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
15-16		Rubber Duckie Motorcycle Rally - hosted by Taranaki Branch	
20	Wed	<b>Mid-week Tourer's Run</b>	
23	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
24	Sun	<b>Post Era Rally</b> (formerly PV, PWV, P60 & P80V Rally) Entry form on email.	
26	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
27	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
28	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm

## OCTOBER

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

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

# Chairman's Report

The new committee is settling in, and I look forward to a busy, fun-filled year ahead.

Alastair Moffatt, our previous treasurer, had a forced retirement from committee just prior to the AGM, ending up in hospital. I thank you for doing a great job of looking after our finances and wish you a speedy recovery Alastair. I look forward to catching up at club gatherings soon.



We are very excited to have recently had an Archgola roof installed over the deck at the clubrooms and are looking forward to warmer weather and being able to enjoy an afternoon or evening out there.

Many thanks to Peter Alderdice for supplying and delivering firewood to the clubrooms. We'll be toasty warm for the rest of winter now.

It is great to hear reports from the Section Leaders that all Sections are getting good numbers attending.

The Spares and Library Teams continue making good progress maintaining and improving their areas of the clubrooms. The Library Team has had a mammoth task sorting out the Library after all the books were packed up after the flood entered the bottom level of the clubrooms last year.

The Barn is looking great, with the addition of the newly restored Petrol Pump. Spares are being organised into an orderly fashion and the walls have been lined and painted.

The Ladies Luncheon was well supported. This was in the form of a High Tea. Some of the original members of the Ladies Section, formed in 1968, attended and told stories of the early days of our Branch clubrooms and activities. Thank you to Jodi Tomlin who is to be congratulated for the marvellous job she did of organising, and making, all the delicious food we enjoyed.



Thanks to Lynda Spicer for decorating the tables and assisting in the kitchen. To the Waiters - Russel McAlpine, Glenn Morris and Rodger Ball, and the Kitchen Hand, Paul Tomlin, a big thank you.

Looking ahead - Please come out and support VCC National Daffodil Day Rally on 20<sup>th</sup> August plus our bonus event, the Quiz Night on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. See Tracey's Club Captain's Report and adverts for details.

Looking forward to seeing you out and about.  
Shaaran.

# Quiz Night

*Join us for a load of fun...*

**Saturday 19th August, 7:30pm**

## **Quiz Night** **Believe It or Not!**

Our Quizmaster is:

**Andrew Dewhurst**

**\$15 Entry Fee**

\$10 will be donated to Daffodil Rally Fundraiser.

Wear Yellow  
Supper Provided  
Door Prize

***Bring your change...***

Quick Fire Raffles

**Bar Open**

**Teams of up to 8 people.**

If you don't have a team you  
will be put in one on the night.

***Ticketed Event***

To book your tickets contact Tracey:  
[runnymede@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:runnymede@hotmail.co.nz)

## Delegate's Notes

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Thanks to those who have attended our discussion evenings on two important issues coming up for the Club.

First issue - around the governance structure for the Club, anyone who has voiced an opinion to me is in favour of Option 1 coupled with some very good points raised around the position of Beaded Wheels Chairman, how we ensure the regional representatives get around their "region" to ensure they have the voice of the members, potential costs incurred, and to perhaps look at a regional meeting of some sort.

Second issue - around the running costs of the club and the need to review the current budgets - loud and clear was the message NOT to reduce the number of Beaded Wheels per year. It was pleasing to hear that your thoughts were similar to what we had discussed at the committee table, that there is not enough detail in the documents sent to ascertain the level of scrutiny that has been applied to look at our costs and where else we can make savings. A great discussion was had around the table regarding Beaded Wheels and how it should be possible to bring down the production costs. The Rolls Royce Club produce a similar magazine to BW and one of our members had physical examples of how they successfully reduced their production costs without impacting on quality or number of issues.

Clearly we are not the only club going through these sorts of changes and challenges and some of you have great experience on the solutions other clubs have implemented, thanks to those who have taken the time to share your thoughts.

The AGM and Executive Meeting are being held in Nelson August 11 and 12, Shaaran and I will be attending and as your delegate. I represent us as Auckland Branch so will be giving the collective view of us as a branch. Links to the discussion papers have been in several "Week Ahead" emails, if you have any thoughts on any of these that you wish to share please get in touch with me before 11 August.

Thank you  
Tracey Winterbottom

## Club Captain's Report

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Big thanks to Jocelyn McAlpine and team for a great Ladies Rally on Sunday. This is an annual event that has been running for many years and while organised by ladies it is open to ALL members and vehicles to enter, you do not require a lady driver. Often themes or finishing destinations have had a nod to the female gender such as silent checks have all been perfumes or women rally drivers, did you spot this year's theme?

August is Daffodil Month for us, the VCC, and the Cancer Society. As part of our strategy to promote the Club more to the general public, some years ago the National Management formed a partnership with the Cancer Society. The idea is to have a "National Day" where all branches around the country have an event (of any kind) that showcases our club, our vehicles and what we are about and at the same time raises money for a national charity. At Executive meetings the subject of changing the charity has come up a couple of times but at present we are staying with the Cancer Society. They have a national presence and most of us have been touched by the impact of Cancer ourselves, or with friends or loved ones.

Please come out and support our 2 events for Daffodil Day this month... On Saturday 19 August, in the evening, we will be having a fun Quiz night (see page 6), get your team sorted before hand or just come along and make up a team on the night. There will be quick fire raffles, awesome spot prizes and one of Jodi's extra special suppers!

Sunday is our Daffodil Day Run, and we will be inviting other car clubs to join us. We will start outside Mitre 10 Mega, Westgate (see page 10) around 9am with time to wander around and take in plenty of vehicles from all motoring walks of life as this is one of those monthly car enthusiast get togethers. Grab a drink and/or a bite of breakfast from the Mitre 10 café. We'll then head off on a poker run tour and finish at the Swanson RSA where those who wish to can have lunch. Many of us know how good value the meals are there from previous visits. At both the start and finish we'll be "shaking the bucket" for the Cancer Society. There will be a \$10 entry fee per vehicle for Sunday's Poker Run which will go straight to the Cancer Society.

Happy motoring...

Tracey



## 2023 Ladies Rally

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17 vehicles set off in sunshine from Ardmore on a scenic tour to the new walking/cycling Mangere Bridge noting some different silent checks -

Some examples -

Jane Champion  
Lisa Carrington  
Trelise Cooper  
Alison Holst  
Topp Twins  
Sophie Pascoe

Can you identify what these famous New Zealand ladies have in common?

Joint winners were Rodger and Val Ball in their 1930 Model A and Alan and Shaaran Price (in their modern with their vehicle repairs still happening) and Glenn and Marion Morris in their 1930 Model A just 2 points adrift.

Thank you  
Jocelyn McAlpine



*Leo Fowler and Don Johnston (in his 1937 Chev Truck), compare notes at the start!*

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## August Club Night Guest Speaker

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Our guest speaker for August will be Nicholas Taylor a Barrister who specialises in Firearms. Nicholas's hobbies include vintage motorcycles, cars and vintage guns. Nicholas is often called upon for legal opinion for firearms when it comes to policy and processes. It promises to be a VERY interesting night!

Thursday 24th August–7:30pm

See you there!  
Martin

**Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc.**

# August Club Run

**Sunday 20th August**

in support of the

## National Daffodil Rally for Cancer

Starts Mitre 10 Mega Westgate from 9am  
95A Northside Drive, Whenuapai, Westgate  
(arrive early and have breakfast in the café?)

Then join in on the Poker Run

**\$10 Entry Fee per car**

(goes straight to Cancer Society)

Finishes at Swanson RSA

(with opportunity to have lunch—please advise if planning  
to have lunch to help restaurant with numbers.)

***Come along and support this great fundraiser.***



## Daffodil Rally for Cancer

**SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023**

Up and down New Zealand our classic  
and vintage vehicles will be on the  
roads and on display...

To find out more about  
your local Daffodil Rally  
for Cancer, visit

[www.vcc.org.nz](http://www.vcc.org.nz)



# **WANTED**

## **ENTRANTS**

to partake in

## **Post Era Rally**


(formerly the PV, PWV, P60V & P80V Rally)

**Sunday 24th September**

Entry Form is attached to the email  
this Bulletin was sent on.

The Rally is on country roads and a few suburban roads.  
Bob & Debbie have quite a treat for you along the way, come  
along to see what they have up their sleeve?

Debbie or Bob Ballantyne await your entry form!  
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## Veteran Notes

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Numbers were a little down with about fourteen present, due to Wellsford Winter Woolies Wander event participation, some with health issues, others with a great grandchild's birthday.

Barry Birchall brought along a genuine De Dion spark plug still in it's wooden container with some of the printed paper still attached to it.

Although not veteran Barry also brought a "STARTIX" switch box along. Without going into too much detail, this thing was an automotive absurdity manufactured by the respected Bendix company c1930-1933. What it did was to automatically re engage the starter if your engine stalled at intersections or traffic lights, or after heavy braking. The theory might have worked in harsh North American winters with manual chokes in use, from what I understand it probably began to act of it's own accord when it wasn't needed, possibly damaging Bendix drives and so on. Wheatley and Morgans book "The Restoration of Vintage and Thoroughbred Cars" states this. "If your car is fitted with the strange system known as "Startix" we think that you would be better off with a straight forward system of push button control, unless you are a collector of electrical phenomena". Google Bendix Startix to know more.

John Morrison talked about the club run to Alan Woolfs shed at Whangaparoa.

Phil Henley is still busy with the 1913 Mitchell. He has apparently sourced another two in the USA and hopefully may be able to source a spare block in good order. In the meantime he is working on getting a new block cast in Melbourne, with CAD drawings done in Pukekohe and other preparatory work done in Thames.

North Shore's Tim Edney has made a decision to put power steering on his American La France fire engine. Terry Jenkins produced an early book on Model T Fords. Neil Bieleski brought a very large and very early Longuemare carburettor a source of some discussion. I will have to check our early carb books in the library. Russell Vincent is making more progress on his 1908 Cadillac single cylinder four seat tourer.

David Lane concluded by mentioning the importance of the FOMC survey which is being conducted at the moment, a good response will be helpful in the survival of the historic vehicle movement in New Zealand.

That's a wrap for July...  
John Stokes

## Vintage Notes

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This month's meeting was held on a day when it didn't rain, the first in a long while. As a result, we had a lineup in the carpark of four old ladies looking and sounding like they had just driven off the showroom floor.

Neil Bielecki had rust showing on his Triumph Herald, and since it had to be taken out to pass a WOF he thought he might as well get it painted. But as it goes with projects like that, there is always more to do, and the costs are ballooning, but it will look stunning when finished.

Don Johnson has his '37 Ford V8 truck on Trade Me. Only silly questions so far.

John Towers is busy with the upholstery of his '25 Humber. The old seats were in such poor condition that it has taken a lot of trial and error to get them lined up properly, but when they are finished in the authentic Bedford corduroy material (which he found at Spotlight) they will look great. The springs were shot and new ones are being made at Furniture Components Ltd.

Ross Bellamy came along in his immaculate Model A coupe and is pleased with his rebuilt steering box with all the play taken out.

Tim Gray is trying to register his Ford Model T and is running into all the usual bureaucratic run arounds. It has been vinned, but because Model T's don't have a chassis number, there is a problem.

John Stokes reported that at the recent Charabanc maintenance night, the magneto and two spares were tested and found to be satisfactory. John's Whippet still has cooling system problems, but I am afraid they have been put on the back burner, as John has been seduced by the new car in his life - the Buick.

Bill Hulse picked up a Model A water pump at a swap meet, and after treating it to a new kit, now has a good spare.

Neville Holland has fitted telescopic shock absorbers, and after a badly needed wheel alignment, the Chev is now handling very well.

Chris Wood had squealing brakes on the Austin 20, so had the linings replaced by a firm in Hamilton. He is pleased with the result.

There are businesses out there that are helpful with keeping our old cars on the road and as knowledge is being lost with time, it is important that we acknowledge them.

Murray and Penny



# Motorcycle Notes

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The weather leading up to our Saturday meeting was the now 'usual' Auckland variety, rain, wind, rain! So it was pleasing to have a dry trip up to Penrose. We arrived at 1.30pm and set up the room, Jodi and Paul Tomlin were next to arrive, Jodi soon set up her laptop ready for the slideshow to go with Peter Alderice's talk about the adventures of the group that rode down to Invercargill for the National Motorcycle Rally and the Burt Munro Motorcycle Festival back in February.

Around 2pm the members started to arrive on their bikes and cars, they chatted and looked over the 13 great looking motorcycles parked out back.

In the clubrooms Waitemata member Mike Grieg had set up a collection of old period riding gear for sale, boots, gloves, assorted long coats, and two sets of rear panniers, one leather, one vinyl, everything was in good condition.

## VISITORS

Brian Brayshaw from the North Shore and Trevor Marshall who has four 1930's bikes.

Martin told a funny work related joke to get the meeting started.

## REPORTS

Martin reported on the July motorcycle run that went down to Kaiaua to visit a large collection of cars, bikes and tractors, see his full report on page 20.

Don Green and John Poole had enjoyed a Norton run during the month.

Peter Alderice spoke about the Rotorua Swapmeet, sadly nowadays there is very little motorcycle stuff for sale, but he said it was still a great day there even though it was freezing.

Martin told us to make sure to have a look up in the barn at our newly restored Shell petrol pump. Member Steve Keys and his son took on the task to turn the sad looking pump into what can now be described as a work of art, with its new globe, great paint job, polished brass work and new electric wiring too, we all thank Steve for doing such a great job for our branch, and at no cost to us! We all really appreciate you giving us your time so generously.

## COMING UP

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Motorcycle Run.** We will leave the Jolly Farmer Drury at 11am. We will have a 45 min country ride to finish at member Steve Keys' home, yes, the same Steve that restored our petrol pump. Steve has a man cave to die for. He has cars and motorcycles, plus a fantastic collection of petrol and oil memorabilia.

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You don't want to miss this run, come on your bikes or in the car, bring the family along, the grand kids would enjoy the place.

**August Motorcycle Meeting**—19th August—Our guest speaker will be Karen Molesworth, Martin and Jack met her at the recent NZ motorcycle show. Karen rides a 750 Norton Commando, a Ducati 1000cc and a Yamaha track bike, she also has an early Ford Mustang.

Following on from the motorcycle meeting in the evening the branch is having a quiz night to raise money for the Cancer society Daffodil Day. And then on the Sunday our club run will be our Daffodil Day Rally, refer to page 10 of this Bulletin.

### **CLUB NIGHT 24<sup>th</sup> August**

Guest speaker will be Nicholas Taylor “Barrister at Law”. Nicholas’s hobbies include vintage motorcycles, cars and vintage guns. It promises to be a VERY interesting night!

We then welcomed our guest speaker Peter Alderdice. Peter started with a short story of when he and Paul & Jodi and a group of kiwis went over to the USA for the 100 years of Harley Davidson celebrations 20 years ago. (*Jodi - We’re not sure where those 20 years went?*)

*Jodi summarises the Invercargill trip here: Peter talked about leaving on the day that the Anniversary Weekend storms hit. Rain was essentially with us all the way down the North Island. This was followed by the Kaitaki ferry stalling in the Cook Strait and our sailing scheduled for the next morning being cancelled, so thanks to Camp Mother (Peter) we managed to rebook on the 2am ferry instead!*

*Once we hit the South Island the weather slightly improved and we finally, after 3 prior attempts, managed to traverse the Molesworth Station. A fabulous ride. The next highlight was staying at the Historic Empire Hotel in Ross. The publican was a fabulous host who also has his own vehicle collection, mostly motorcycles, that we all got to inspect and chat about. We continued the journey down to Invercargill via Haast, Cromwell and Kingston, to arrive in bright sunshine and a scorching 32 deg.*

*The rally was the usual fun time catching up with people from all over the country, riding and enjoying each others company. By the time the Burt Munro Festival started the rubbish weather had joined us and we were back into rain and 8 deg—welcome to Southland! But it did not matter, we were on holiday. After the Burt, it was time to head north. We made this journey up the East coast via the Catlins, Dunedin, Ashburton, Hanmer Springs and back to Blenheim.*

After crossing on the ferry, the ONLY ferry that crossed that day (day after Cyclone Gabrielle), we headed to Whanganui, then due to road closures in the aftermath of said cyclone we took a gorgeous road through Fordell to Hunterville, on up to Taupo and finally then home. All in all we were away 3.5 weeks, it was awesome!

The team were very thankful to Peter for all his effort at co-ordinating the whole trip, all we had to do was turn up and ride! We are now awaiting dates for the Manawatu hosted National Rally in 2025.

Martin thanked Peter and Jodi for the talk about their marathon trip.

## Martin Spicer & Jack Clark



Clockwise from Top Left: Peter during Molesworth ride; Historic Empire Hotel; Peter in Replica of Burt's Indian; the sea of bikes on Rally Day; the crew on the Molesworth.





## Mid-week Tourer's Report

11 entrants started from Drury Service Centre on a very overcast day. With the southbound motorway on-ramp closed at Papakura some entrants had to go to Takanini on the motorway to turn around.

The route itself went through Ararimu, Hunua, Clevedon and Whitford, before finishing at Howick to look around the Pioneer Village. Only 10 entrants (Bruce McDonald had an appointment) finished for lunch at the café before a walk around the village. New members Bob and Carroll Stewart were on the run, welcome to the Mid-week Tourers group. Several grandchildren took advantage of school holidays to be there with John and Janice Gardner & the Stewarts. I navigated for John Stokes in his new Buick, a lovely motorable car John. There was a Daimler from Paul Hessling and the Jaguar from Leslie the two cars are so similar to each other, you can't really tell the difference from the two (see below). Brian Hosking was there, looking and sounding great after his recent radiotherapy treatment. Everyone had a good day, even if Poppa D had to be towed off the wet grass! Thank you to Neil and the helpful Council garden workers. And thank you every one for supporting the day.

Ryan Winterbottom.

**Thank you Ryan, for organising this run. Here are the Coming Events for us:**



### August Wednesday 16:

Jack has organised this and he has given me the following. He's been overseas. Starting from The Warehouse Carpark in old Westgate. 10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. BYO lunch. We are off on some of the "best in the West" rural roads to Silverdale to see the collection of Dave Tuke. This is an extra special opportunity that most definitely should not be missed. He has erected a high class, purpose-built building to house his 84 exhibits. Half are motorbikes, (there should be a good turnout by our bike boys) of mostly English manufacture, and half are 4 wheelers, being mostly American. There are a few original, one owner, hardly used exhibits, but most have been restored to a concourse condition and certainly have the "WOW" factor, sitting on the polished concrete floor. The entrance has a covered deck, set out like a café, so just bring your lunch. There should be enough chairs. Dave's caretaker, Steve Nightingale will be our host and knows the background of each and every vehicle. *Make a note now!*

### September Wednesday 20:

Should be a southern run starting from the BP service centre, Southern Motorway, Drury. 10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. More details to come.

Your Mid-week team

## Library Notes

This month we gratefully acknowledge receipt of a copy of “Not Much of an Engineer” an autobiography of Sir Stanley Hooker. Originally published in 1984 (two years after his death) this is a 2014 reprint by Airlife books. Who was this man, you may ask? He will be remembered as an outstanding mathematician that almost by accident became one of the world’s most brilliant engineers. His precise analytical mind, combined with uncharacteristic engineering talent was able to solve abstruse problems which he so clearly demonstrated when he led the technical rescue project to save the Rolls-Royce RB211 jet engine development and avoid the company’s bankruptcy.

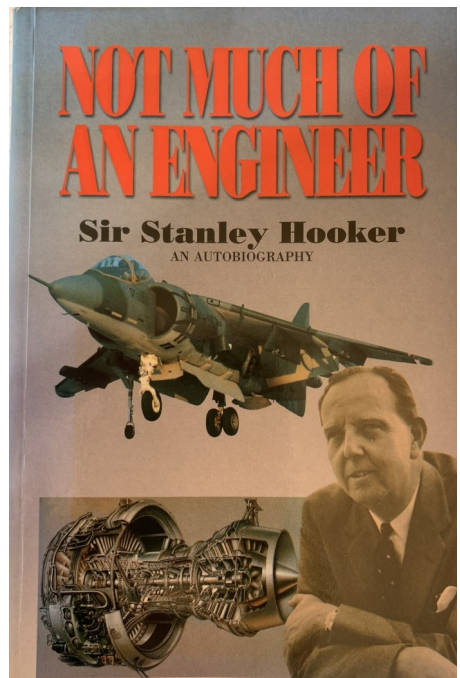
Perhaps his greatest contribution to the English speaking world was his development work in supersonic airflow and supercharger performance resulting in the famous Merlin engine staying well ahead of the Germans throughout the war. Within a few months of joining Rolls-Royce, even though he had never seen an aero engine before, produced a supercharger design, that instantly added 30% more power to the famous Merlin engine. Thus began a meteoric career, which during WWII saw the once academic researcher put in charge of developing the embryonic turbo jet, invented by Frank Whittle, into a production engine to power aircraft for the war. In just twenty months he had raised the thrust from just 1,800lbs to 5,000 lbs.

After an emotional row with Ernest Hives, the MD of the aero engine division of Rolls-Royce over the appointment of a replacement chief engineer, he left the company and joined the Bristol Aeroplane company in 1949. Determined to create real competition for Rolls-Royce, he dragged the rather reluctant Bristol company into the jet age. He was so successful that in 1966 Rolls-Royce decided the smartest thing to do was purchase its rival for £63 million. He ultimately had influence in almost every British aero engine including propulsion systems for the Concorde and Harrier. The acquisition however brought some personality clashes, and he decided to retire early on this sixtieth birthday. However just four years later, the mighty firm was teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. Recognising the strategic importance of Rolls-Royce the British government immediately stepped in and summoned Hooker to go to Derby to take charge of the RB211 jet engine program, which had run into so many technical issues that cost over-runs had broken the company.

Far from being a dull engineering narrative, the story reveals his ready wit and great sense of humour with a never ending collection of amusing anecdotes that makes it hard to put down. Definitely recommend!

The book has been added to the Biography Section of the library.

The Library Team



## New Members

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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?

**Mark Shi**  
*Whitford*

**Roger Judd**  
*Pukekohe*  
1971 Suzuki T350

## Maintenance Report

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The clubrooms continue to be tidied and kept ship shape. This month the concrete block wall by the verandah has been painted. We've installed replacement LED lighting in the barn. A power point has been installed so that the Shell Petrol Pump can be illuminated and some rubbish has been removed from the backyard. But, the most exciting thing, is that an Archgola has now been installed over the rear verandah. This will make this a far more usable space in the upcoming warmer months.

If anyone can assist with any work, please let me know and I'll add you to the list?

Russel 027 473 5451



## July Motorcycle Run Review

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Member Terry Bracey was out for a drive in his club car near Kaiaua, while parked up a man stopped alongside of him in his classic American car. They chatted about their vehicles. The other driver was Peter Blake, he told Terry that he had a number of vehicles in his collection, and he would be open to visitors from our Auckland branch. So Terry told me about Peter. I made contact with Peter and arranged a visit for July.

The days leading up to the Sunday run were very wet and windy and cold. Lynda and I plus grand-kids Riley and Isabella set off from Pokeno, the weather was over-cast but dry. We arrived in Drury at the Jolly Farmer carpark to find a number of motorcycles parked up along with a number of members in their modern cars. We had people from the North Shore, Auckland and Thames.

Just after 11 am I told the group the expected joke, which did bring out a lot of laughs. We then set off in convoy, we travelled along the old Great South Road up to Bombay, and then went the usual route down to Kaiaua.

Our host Peter had put out a sign for us on the roadside to let us know where he was. We all parked up around the garage and barn, all up we had 8 motorcycles and 6 cars, with around 20 people. Peter and family had moved south from Stillwater for a quieter life in Kaiaua.

On display were Peter's vehicles plus a couple of local friends who had also brought their vehicles along. On display were a Jail bar Ford V8 Ute, 1930's Ford V8 Ute, 1972 Ford Mustang, 2006 Ford Mustang, 1974 Ford Mustang that was once owned by Billy T James, Massey Harris tractor, 2 Case tractors, 1980's Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign, V8 Mazda, Mercedes truck, and International truck, a vintage combine harvester, Kawasaki endurance bike, Gas Gas trials bike and a Honda farm bike.

We all gathered in the large garage that had a Masport wood fire glowing in a corner, also in the garage was Peter's enormous Scalextric slot car track. Peter then told us the history of his vehicles.

At the end of his talk I asked the group to show their appreciation to Peter for letting us view his collection. We all then went down to the Kaiaua Fish n chip shop for lunch.

A great day out.

**Martin Spicer**

# July Motorcycle Run Review



# R'Oil Can Rally Review

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*by John Stokes*

This years R'Oil Can Rally attracted a good field of interesting vehicles, including Rileys, Sunbeam, Hotchkiss, MG, Ford Model A and a Ford Prefect special. A number of entrants, including the writer, had mechanical issues so their vintage vehicles stayed home.

The run started at the Red Shed Cafe in Jesmond Rd, on the way to Pukekohe. I was privileged to travel in David Adams 1932 Sunbeam, a worthy and powerful early PVV, or PVT if you prefer the English version.

We motored onto the old Great South Road and via a series of well sealed interesting back roads to Harrisville and Tuakau. Once over the Tuakau bridge it was on to Murray Road the first metalled section, and yes, there were plenty of pot holes and corrugations. Then on towards Mercer and Te Kauwhata, then Rangiriri, across the Waikato and on to Glen Murray. During this section David was able to demonstrate the performance of the Sunbeam, which was easily capable of the current open road speed limit. There was another short metalled section before morning tea at the Glen Afton Railway. After morning tea we were soon back into the metal and after that headed for Ngaruawahia and Whatawhata, where we fuelled. Soon after this we missed a turn, but some locals put us back on course and we got back into the metal on Te Pahu Road. After some miles of mainly metal we arrived at Te Akau Golf Club and sports centre for lunch.

By now the rain had set in and the organisers allowed the entrants to erect their hoods, something considered unthinkable a few years earlier. This proved "interesting" on the Sunbeam, as the car has demountable glass windows in the rear, rather than side curtains, these had to be installed after the hood was raised and took some time. We were both quite wet when we got back in.

We then proceeded onto a long metalled section which had us wondering if we were on the right course, however, we stuck with it and our instructions worked and we eventually came onto Wairamarama Onewhereo Road. (Beware of large washouts) said the instructions, well we certainly hit a beauty running right across the road. One interesting feature of the road is the remains of a "Tank Stop" erected in World War 2 to stop Japanese tanks. The strategic importance of the Waimaramara Onwhereo Road continues to elude me.

We carried on through the settlement of Onwhereo and skirted the back of Pukekohe and on to Puni. David and I abandond the Aka Aka Otaua final portion of the run as we were both more than familiar with these roads and David had some business to attend to at his home, once this was done, we rejoined the route on the Kariotahi Road to the finish at the Castaways Resort where an excellent dinner was

# R'Oil Can Rally Review

served, David's wife Anthea had come out to enjoy the meal and socialising with us. Someone won the "Can", I forget who they were!

Sunday morning we had a short drive to David's home and I got in my ute for another short drive to my place.

John Stokes.

**The Cranch's Riley 4**



**A Model A**

**The Adam's Sunbeam**



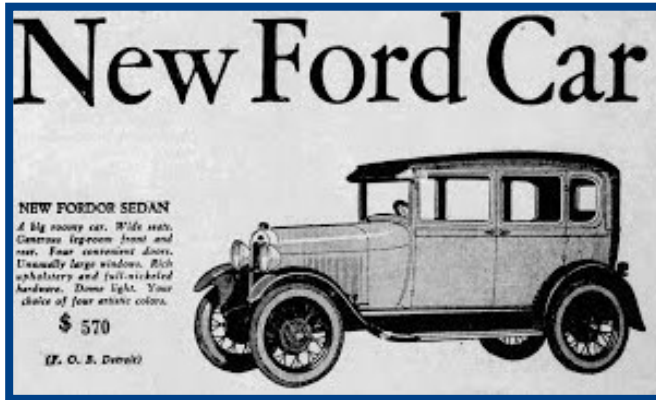
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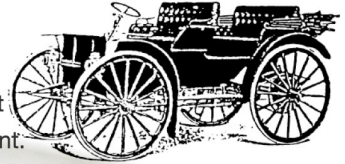
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