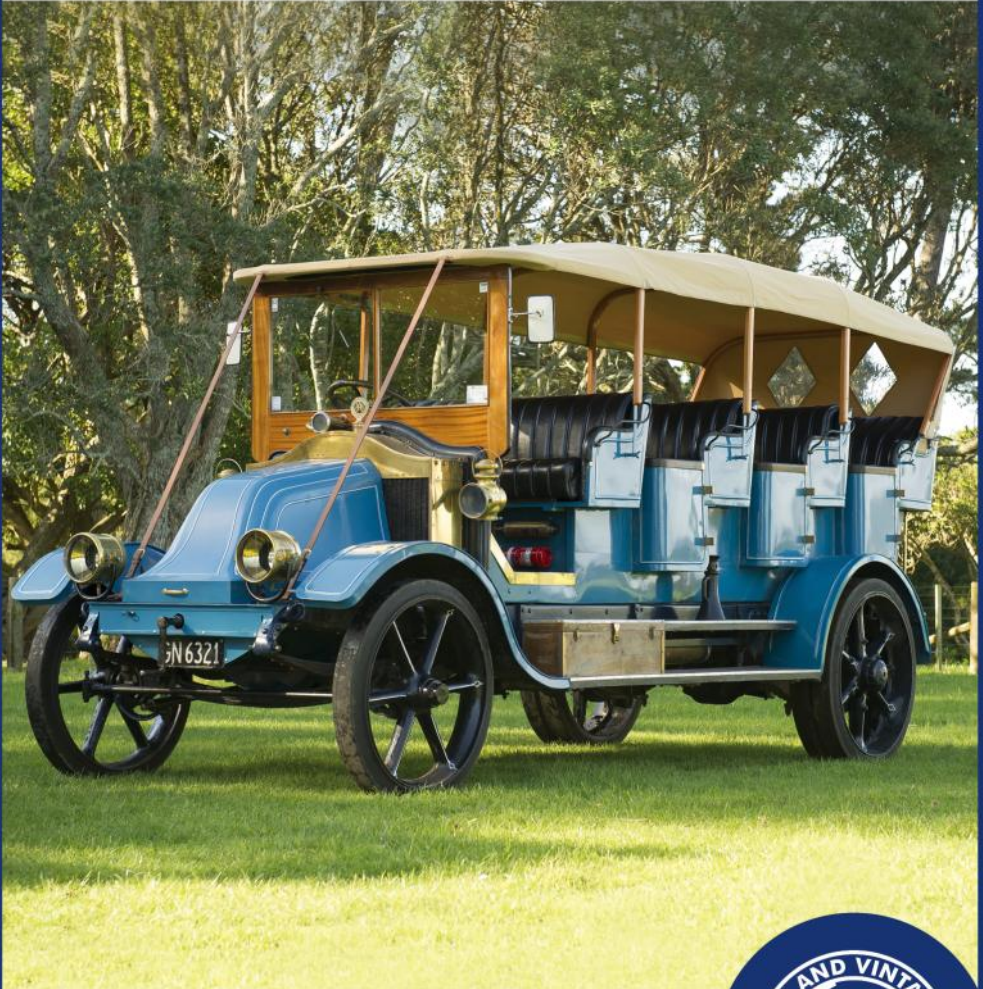




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The Bulletin

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June Bulletin submissions closing date: Saturday, 24 May

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.

MAY

3	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30 pm
4	Sun	Motorcycle Run —a visit to Paul Pavletich's collection -starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Rd, Drury	10:30 am
8	Thur	Noggin & Natter PLUS Rally Rules Explained	7:30 pm
10	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30 pm
17	Sat	Northland Motorcycle Rally hosted by Northland Branch	
22	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30 pm
24	Sat	Club Afternoon—Marion Towers on Genealogy	2:30 pm
25	Sun	Club Run— Annual Expert's Rally -starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Rd, Drury	first car away @ 11:00 am
27	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
28	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00 pm
31	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting & Co-ordinator Election	2:30 pm
31–2	June	Irishman's Rally—hosted by Canterbury Branch	

JUNE

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29	Sun	Club Run	

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AUGUST—advanced notice

23	Sat	Flares & Flowers 60s Theme Social Evening	7:30 pm
24	Sun	VCC of NZ National Daffodil Rally —Vehicle Display Day at FGS Buddhist Temple, Stancombe Rd, Flat Bush	Cars assemble 9:00–9:45 am

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

Glenn and Marion Morris plotted this year's Autumn Tour. The run took entrants through picturesque Franklin countryside with a lunch stop at Otawa and finishing at David and Linda Jones' property in Clark's Beach. There was plenty to look at in the sheds and garden. Jodi prepared a lovely afternoon tea which was well received. Our thanks to all involved.



We looked for something different to complement this year's Autumn Tour and came up with the idea to finally run the Thermette Challenge. Competitors had to prepare a meal and drink and present them to the judges, Jodi and I, who looked for presentation, flavour, colour and texture.

Thank you to Jodi who also prepared a light meal for the twenty plus members and visitors who stayed on. A great afternoon and evening with a lot of fun and many laughs.

Twelve club eligible vehicles and their crews travelled to Cambridge to attend the VCC North Island Easter Rally hosted by Waikato VVCC. We had a great weekend, travelling over many of the wonderful roads and scenery Waikato has to offer. Our thanks to Greg and Gaynor Terrill and their helpers for their hard work organising this event.



Remembering our ANZAC's was the theme for our April Club Night. Many members brought along treasured stories and articles from family members who served overseas. Jodi, Paul and Lynda had suitably decorated the clubrooms. Members reminisced over the five tables of memorabilia brought along before enjoying the scrumptious wartime era supper prepared by Jodi and Lynda.

We are coming up to the end of the Financial Year on 31st May and then our AGM at the end of June. Remember - ALL positions become vacant and need to be filled. We need some new blood. Get those nominations in.

Shaaran.

Club Captain's Log

April did not see any branch motoring activity due to the level of great activity being hosted in neighbouring branches and further afield, along with the holiday breaks, many choose to spend time at their holiday homes.

Auckland was represented at Taranaki's 60th Maunga Moana, South Waikato's Irish-women's, Waikato's National Easter Rally and of course the Highland Fling hosted by Manawatu. All great annual events which I really encourage you to continue to support or try if you have not done so in the past. A great way to see the country, meet like minded people and exercise your vehicle.

This month we have our Annual Experts Rally, this is a day to test your skills and knowledge of the National Rally Rules. I know it doesn't float everyone's boat but competitive rallying has a place, and using the rules set out by our club, (instigated and led by Auckland Branch back in the day) is very rewarding. A test of navigation skills and timekeeping. (Not to be confused with question answering). Plotted and organised properly there is no need for people to go miles off course without correction either.

Come out on the 25th and see what it is about.

June and July will have a monthly branch run and then August sees the National Daffodil Rally for Cancer on the 24th, in our case a static display, this is a great day out and our opportunity to promote the club while raising money for a really good cause that I think everyone is touched by.

Also a reminder to get your registration in for the Vero Festival next year in Nelson. This is a week-long event not to be missed, registrations are open, accommodation is filling up and I noticed when booking our ferry crossings that some of the sailings close to the opening date are already full.

Tracey

The Annual Expert's Rally

WILL YOU BE THE EXPERT THIS YEAR?

Expertly plotted by Colin and Pam Bell.

Join us for a great run on Sunday, 25th May
Starts: Jolly Farmer Carpark, Great South Rd, Drury
First car away @ 11:00 am

From your Secretary, Editor & Delegate

As Editor, I thank those of you that provided feedback about the format of the magazine. Right now, while dealing with the Constitution changes as Delegate, the Bulletin will be 'as usual', however later in the year there will be some trial runs. Watch this space as they say.

This month, we are introducing our new email accounts to you. As part of our tidying up with the updating of the Constitution for the National Club and our own Branch Constitution, we must also comply with the updated Privacy Act of 2022.

For the club's officers who correspond with members regularly we have chosen to implement domain email accounts. This means that from now on, you will see email addresses such as my Secretary account look like this: secretary@avvcc.org.nz. The contact details in the back of this magazine have been updated with the new addresses.

We know that everyone will experience a transitional period, but we ask that you please try to use the new addresses.

Mailing Lists will also be transitioned over the next little while too. We encourage you to add either the individual accounts to your "Safe Senders" list and even add the domain **avvcc.org.nz** to the safe domain list.

Moving forward this will be of benefit to all when officers change. We will not have to get used to new email addresses, the address stays the same. And as a person takes on an office, the past history will be there. Handover will be far easier.

These email accounts will be used for club business only, i.e. messages relating to the club and our members, advice of runs and events. They will not be a source of jokes and other random messages. Any such correspondence will continue via personal emails.

You will need to advise the officers whether you wish to remain on their personal list or not so that they can tidy their email address book too.

If you have any questions about this, please email me at secretary@avvcc.org.nz I am more than happy to assist.

Next item on my list, our AGM is fast approaching. Being held on Saturday, 28th June. Refer to the notice on page 21 and please add this important Branch meeting to your diary.

There may be a position that you would like to take on, either around the committee table or as one of the non-committee helpers? In this Bulletin we have the form for nominating yourself or a friend who wants to help. The nominee needs to have a fellow member propose the nomination and another second it. I can accept nominations by email too. I keenly await your submissions!

Finally, at the AGM we present the Annual awards to members. This includes the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy, presented to a member that has contributed time and effort into making our branch special for all of us. Again, if you wish to nominate a member please use the form on page 8 of this Bulletin or email me.

Thanks, Jodi

May Club Afternoon

Saturday 24th–2:30 pm

Where did we come from? with Marion Towers

Marion started researching her family about 30 years ago and is one of the volunteer team leaders at the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG). After a brief introduction Marion will explain how to drag those hidden secrets that our ancestors tried so hard to hide out into the open. So join us with your questions.

Martin

Nomination Form For the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

Members of the Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club (Inc) are invited to nominate a fellow member for this Annual Award. The nomination should be for any member that they regard as having been involved in a significant event. It may be a particularly memorable motoring journey, an important historical article or series of articles published or some special service to the Branch. This trophy will be awarded at the Branch AGM in June.

We wish to nominate: _____

Proposer

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Name: _____

Signed: _____

Details of the accomplishments: _____

Please submit to the Secretary, Jodi Tomlin **by 31 May 2025.**

Submit in person or by email: secretary@avvcc.org.nz

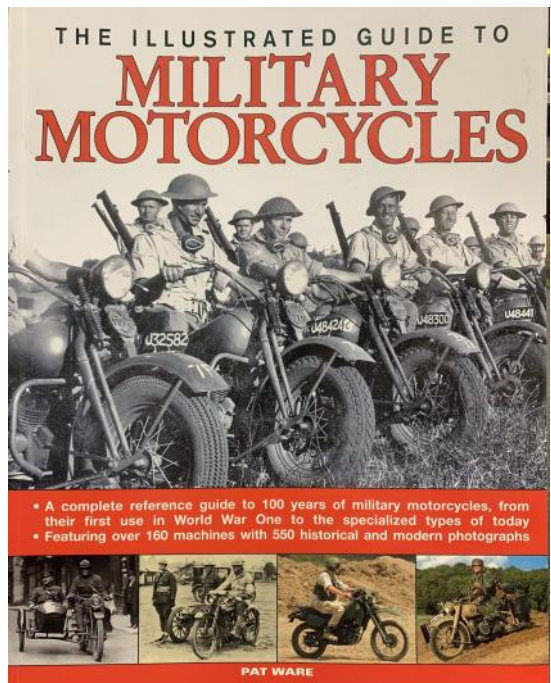
Library Notes

Back in February we acknowledged a wonderful collection of Motor Racing and Motor Cycle books received with the help of the Waitemata Branch. Besides the fascinating history of Norton, another book that deserved a second look was: *The Illustrated Guide to Military Motorcycles*, written by Pat Ware. This author is a leading expert on the history of military vehicles and a prolific writer of books and articles on every aspect of the subject. This book makes interesting reading revealing the rise and fall of the use of Motorcycles for military applications.

Motorcycles started to enter military service in the early years of World War I, replacing the then widely used mounted despatch rider to convey orders as well as a means of mechanising machine gun and stretcher units. The conflict brought an enormous upsurge in the use of motorcycles in all theatres of the war and continued to play an important role in military strategic planning during the inter-war years. The book reveals the development of the motorcycle-mounted Kradschützen troops that formed a significant element in German Blitzkrieg assault tactics. The arrival of the Jeep in 1941 highlighted the motorcycles limitations and by the end of the war its role had diminished to use by MP and convoy escort duties.

In all, the book covers 100 years of wartime motorcycles, from the first machines of World War I to the diesel-powered types and quad bikes of today, with 230 photographs. It is a complete reference guide to a century of military motorcycles, from their first use to the sophisticated models of recent years. It examines machine-gun motorcycles, tracked motorcycles, diesel motorcycles, ATVs and quad bikes. It delves into the detailed specifications of the military motorcycle - its frame, engine, transmission, final drive, front forks, rear forks, suspension and brakes. It features over 230 commissioned and rare photographs from archives, museums and private collections. It provides a country-by-country overview of military motorcycles in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, the USA, the USSR and Japan. An expertly written volume, it provides the motorcycle enthusiasts with important information about the history of these diverse multi-tasking vehicles.

The Library Team





Invitation to All members

Join us for a

Posh Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 8th June 2025
2:30 pm

\$15.00

per person

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

Register by emailing Jodi: editor@avvcc.org.nz

If you cannot make the day but would still like to donate scan the
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9 women will be diagnosed with
Breast Cancer **TODAY!**

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



Veteran Section Notes

A reasonable number of people attended the April section meeting. Barry Birchall reports that the starter on the 1912 Cadillac is now working thanks to the help he received from Richard Green, there are still some issues to be sorted, but operationally it is a vast improvement on what was happening before.

Barry Wade has cured the overheating problems with his 1909 Rover and is building a new motor house for it. Wayne Welch has installed a "C" cylinder head on his Model T, which he says should improve performance. Gavin Welch attended the HCCNZ event at Te Awamutu, which he found enjoyable.

David Oliver is busy installing a Ruxstell rear end in his Model T despite spending some time in hospital. Bill and Denise Mercer have painted the 1916 Hupmobile, the clutch brake has been fixed and Denise will do the upholstery. Bill also spent some time in Australia learning about and driving Hupps. He has also found out about a very early RCH engine. Russell Vincent is still working on his single cylinder Cadillac.

Phil Henley won peoples choice at the Art Deco Rally in Napier, with his 1906 Cadillac single cylinder. Phil then took the 1913 Mitchell to the HCCNZ event at Te Awamutu.

Denis and Roslyn Lowe have been busy with the 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile, they won a prize for oldest vehicle at the North Shore VCC vehicle display, they also went to Ellerslie Concours where someone made a You Tube video of the veteran cars displayed there. They also visited a collection owned by Ryan Dewes of Masterton. Among the vehicles they saw were a 1914 Darracq, 1908 and 1910 Daimlers, the 1910 one being sleeve valve, 1904 Oldsmobile a Model T and SCAT, Gladiator, Adams and Calthorpe. Denis brought an Elgin Railway watch to the meeting, it's interesting to note that an Elgin car was built between 1916 and 1925, their slogan being "Built Like a Watch", look in the badge collections in the club rooms.

John Morrison is getting the starter armature on the 1916 Briscoe rewind and hopefully this will cure the starting issues.

John Stokes



Don't put Roslyn Lowe and David Porter in charge of the road cones (at Ellerslie).

Vintage Section Notes

Murray, our usual group convenor, was away in the South Island in his Vintage Bedford Truck where he is doing part of his bucket list, the Rainbow crossing and finding as many "off-piste" roads as possible.

I had barely enough time to discuss the pin striping on Ross' Model "A" before opening up. The usual good number of attendees were present. Don Johnson started off with a show and tell with his Mid 60s taximeter similar to one that had been shown being repaired the night before on "The Repair Shop".

Ross had done an oil change on the "A" which led to a discussion regarding oil disposal.

Tim then followed showing several of his dismountable spark plugs from his large collection, one of which had a rotating electrode supposedly to eliminate carboning up.

John Morrison had recently been South to successfully recover a Model 'A' for his brother.

Peter Wood brought along the internals of his Marquette steering box, the machining of which was a left-hand and right hand thread each operating brass slides that moved in opposite directions and operated a cross link that moved the drop arm some how. An over complex and unique piece of engineering and operation.

Our librarian Richard had boxed and palletised his Rolls-Royce engine (a genuine Rolls-Royce Crate Engine!) of approx. 250 kgs for delivery to Ashburton for attachment to the gear-box and installation in the chassis.

John Towers had a very pleasant experience with staff at VTNZ Manukau when re-registering (compliance) his 1930 Chevrolet.

Neil Lucas brought along his DD Dodge having just obtained a WOF and following his policy of using all of his cars on a regular basis.

Several others of us had little to report (hanging heads in shame). Many discussions followed over our cuppa at afternoon tea.

Our Meeting Motto "Share Your Knowledge"

Neil Bieleski

Stand in Convenor

HOW TO INTERPRET ANTIQUE CAR ADS

If It Says

Rare model
Older restoration
Needs engine work
Uses no oil
No rust
Rough
One owner
No time to complete
Needs interior
Rebuilt engine
May run
Low mileage
Many new parts
Clean
Always driven slowly
Stored 25 years
Easy restoration
Top good
Good investment

It Really Means

Nobody liked them when new either
Can't tell if it's been restored
It's been frozen for 30 years
Just throws it out!
Body and fenders missing
It's too bad to lie about
Never been able to sell
Can't find parts anywhere
Seats are gone
Has new spark plugs
But it never has
Third time around
Keeps breaking down
It sat out in the rain yesterday
Won't go any faster
Under a tree
Parts will come off in your hand
Only leaks when it rains
Can't depreciate anymore

Enjoy, Neil

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March 15 to 21, 2026



Motorcycle Section Notes

We had just been through some very rough weather in the few days leading up to our meeting. We had it all, heavy rain, thunder, lightning and strong winds. Leaving Pokeno in showers, we picked up Malcolm Brown at Bombay. For a change the traffic on the motorway up to the clubrooms was light, we arrived in good time. Jeremy Lambert had opened up and was helping our guest speaker Andy Gourlay and son Daniel set up their presentation on the laptop.

Lynda headed up to the kitchen to get the afternoon tea ready. Members were also starting to arrive.

We only had one bike parked out the back, John Poole's Norton Commando. The sun had now come out and there were groups chatting up in the barn, in the rear car park and inside the club rooms.

I spread lots of motorcycle mags, papers and old bike pictures around the tables for the members to read or take home. We had approx. 45 members take a seat for the meeting.

We opened the meeting, welcoming new member Bruce Verrall, who had just joined the club and the weekend before went on our annual Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip run with member Leo Fowler, as his navigator, in Leo's Armstrong Siddley.

Of course Martin then told a joke to get us underway.

REPORTS

Martin told us about last month's club afternoon speaker, Charlotte Nasey, the world famous marathon running kiwi grandmother. When she has her birthday in August she hopes to have completed her 350th marathon. Wow!

Peter Alderdice told us about the recent Annual Ariel Rally that was held at Banks Peninsula in the South Island. Peter said that they had a great time riding on some great roads.

Don Green reported on the recent Waikato Mooloo Meander rally, this was another good rally, it had 56 riders. Don was the winner of the Vintage class on his 1930 Rudge 500.

By the time you read this we will also have had a bike run down to Hampton Downs to watch Classic Motorcycle Racing.

COMING UP

On May the 4th we look forward to a run to visit ex NZ Motorcycle Champion Paul Pavletich and his very large motorcycle collection; we have members from the Waikato motorcycle section coming up to join us on the run.

GUEST SPEAKER

Andy Gourlay has now been a speaker for us four times, counting this talk. Andy has an easy and humorous way of talking that goes down very well with his audience.

Andy is a Yorkshire man and comes from Malton Norton. He did his engineering apprenticeship at David Brown Tractors, Huddersfield. He worked in the gearbox department that had a workforce of 500 alone. The company was very large and employed around 3500 people. Andy noted that a few miles past the massive factory grounds is the village of Holmfirth, the TV home of 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

All the components of the tractors built were stove enamelled brown and cream, this paint lasted for decades. The company had its own sports grounds that included lawn bowls, and a large medical centre.

Andy told us humorous stories about the many characters he worked with. How he needed a bike to get work, so he bought a 5 year old Matchless G80. This was followed by a Triumph Speed twin, he then had a Feather-bed Norton, unfortunately he had an accident with a Ford Anglia on his way to work, the bike was a right off, and Andy was off work for some time.

Andy's next bike was a very slow but very reliable ex-army BSA M20. Then came a Sunbeam S8, and then he had an Ariel SQ4. Andy then bought a Vauxhall Viva H; this was then traded for a Norton Velocette race bike. Then came a VW Beetle that was to tow the bike.

He needed a trailer for the bike, so he bought a Bubble car front axle and wheels and made the trailer. By now Andy was racing bikes at the weekends. Meanwhile at work he left the gearbox department and moved onto engine development, said it was his best move ever. Andy raced Aermacchi and Yamaha bikes at UK meetings and at the IOM Manx GP.

Andy left David Brown and started a new career as a ships engineer, travelling the world.

Andy and his family emigrated to New Zealand but that's a story for later.

Andy answered questions from the floor. Martin then thanked Andy and son Daniel for coming to tell us his story.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

Martin Spicer and Jack Clark



Mid-week Tourer's Run

Our mid-week run participants started to gather on a beautiful autumn morning for our postponed mid-week run from the month before.

After ex-cyclone Tam, Jo had decided to do one final check of the run, only to find that slips on Ararimu Road meant that the run had to be completely reset. Having modified the instructions, Jo and I ran the run on Tuesday morning with no hiccups.

Twenty-plus cars assembled at the start of the run, and the drivers and crew were given Easter eggs with their instructions. Jo sent them on their way. We then left to set up chairs and tables in the "Friends of the Gardens" rooms.

These slightly secluded rooms were ideal for our lunchtime gathering, with tea and coffee freely available. After a bit of a wait, members started to arrive, apparently some being delayed by an altered signpost. Murray and Penny Firth suffered a slightly larger delay when the condenser in their car failed completely. Steve Driver and Murray were able to diagnose and repair the problem quickly.

The chatter and eating of lunches started, a few members chose to dine at Cafe Miko.

Meanwhile, Jo had organised a wheelchair in case anybody less mobile wanted to get up to the main building for our "Wiri Rambler" ride around the gardens. Both trips were full, with many people unaware of this being available. The Rambler takes you to lesser-known parts of the Gardens. Those who wished to were then able to explore the Gardens at their leisure.

Thanks to "The Friends of the Gardens" particularly Simon and Pat and of course Jo.

Neil



The 2025 Autumn Tour

This year's tour over 75 miles was predominantly in the Otatau area on the northern side of the Waikato River Mouth.

We had a total of 17 entries, 10 of whom choose the competitive rally. Three Vintage section with the rest in the post era class. Among the entrants were 3 Waikato Branch members.

The day turned out very sunny and the views of the surrounding countryside, Tasman Sea and the river were stunning.

After lunch the course wound its way around the back of Pukekohe into Patamahoe and out to the finish at David and Linda Jones' property in Clark's beach, where afternoon tea was provided and a lazy look around David's collection of vintage and post era cars.

Our thanks go to the Marshals for assisting in the running of the event. To Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine for checking the run and being start and trail car. To Gary Bright and family for marshalling at the Lunch break, John Stokes as the marshal just after the lunch break. To Shaaran and Alan Price for organising the tea coffee and clean-up at the lunch break and to Jodi Tomlin who baked and served the delightful afternoon tea at the finish.

And a special thanks to David and Linda for opening up their property for the afternoon.

For the competitive entrants, the overall results were:

Rodger and Val Ball	First Vintage vehicle
Stephen and Tracey Winterbottom	First Post Era vehicle
Rodger and Val Ball	Overall winners.

Glenn & Marion Morris



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Thermette Challenge

The Thermette Challenge has been mooted several times, nearly happening last year at the end of year picnic, then we considered that the owner of Huntly House probably wouldn't have appreciated scorched lawn. So, it was deferred...

Then came the planning of the Autumn Tour and wanting it to be a weekend event akin to the Hunua Spring Tour. This would give our branch two all encompassing events in the year and nicely spaced apart. Then the question was, what to do on the Saturday? The Thermette Challenge—of course!

A small group had gathered by 2.30 pm on Saturday, with four teams assembled ready to take on the challenge. The challenge was to light the Thermette in a timely fashion then make a drink and something to eat and present this to the judges within 30 minutes.

With many laughs and digs at each other, a 'little' smoke wafting the way of the judges (conspiracy?), water vessels transferring H₂O to Thermettes, pans and food being dealt to, it was a laugh from start to finish.

The teams were:

Team Name	Participant	Assistant	Branch
Stan the Man	Stan Richardson	Jeremy Brook	Waikato
Me'n'u	Trevor Appleby	N/a	South Waikato
Russel-up	Russel McAlpine	Jocelyn McAlpine	Auckland
Gordon Blue	Peter Alderdice	N/a	Auckland

The Judges were Shaaran Price and myself—Jodi Tomlin.

Shaaran and I were amazed by the calibre of the entries and the feasts we were delivered.

Team "Stan the Man" were clever enough to supply their drink and eat all in one, providing the judges (after being reminded that we were judging their effort) with a Cup'a'Soup, very Continental of them!

Contestant "Me'n'u" went very classic with Sausages and Fried Eggs served with Bread & Butter accompanied by a good ol' cuppa!

Team "Russel-up" nearly didn't make the start line, when en-route to the clubrooms realised that some of the ingredients were still on the bench at home. It turned the very flavourful, cooked to perfection, gourmet omelette with mushrooms, tomato and cheese served on a tray with plunger coffee a bit of an expensive exercise. But it was an awesome effort even if more costly than planned! 😊

Contestant "Gordon Blue" was the overall winner of the challenge, presenting the judges with first course—Miso Soup, main course—Chicken Satay with Udon Noodles and a palate cleansing dessert of freshly picked sliced peaches and Greek yogurt.

The whole exercise took about an hour with many shouts of support from the observing crowd, laughs at the chaos that was happening before us and finally great rounds of applause for each team as the judges presented the scores—Masterchef style—pauses for effect and all.

Thank you all for taking on the challenge. Well worth it!



North Island Easter Rally

After too long a hiatus, this Easter saw a North Island National Easter Rally back on the calendar.

Hosted by Waikato branch, the weekend was well supported by Auckland members and the majority of those met on Friday morning in order to leisurely travel to Cambridge together. Glenn had Google plot a route that saw us running to the East of SH1, skirting around Lake Waikare, with a lunch stop en route.

Although noted on our map, the lunch stop was not signposted and Norm and Ryan in the Skoda Felicia sailed on by, closely followed by Bill and Sherril in the Model A Coupe. What did we do before mobile phones?? A quick call had them turned around and “hangryness” was avoided.

The whole weekend was brilliantly put together, from good food in abundance at budget prices, the warm welcome at Waikato’s clubrooms, a carefully thought out Information booklet and instruction book and a fun Easter Hat competition! Sunday evening, people could be forgiven for thinking they had time travelled backwards, as we arrived at the Cambridge Town Hall, a beautiful historic building, arrangements had been made for us to park on the piazza right outside, and then most people stepped out in their Roaring Twenties outfits, a sight to behold!

Waikato are fortunate that within 5 minutes of leaving their Cambridge clubrooms, you are motoring through great rural roads, and the touring runs made the most of the Waikato scenery, with lunch in Matamata and then returning to Cambridge in the afternoon.

Sunday saw a couple of gymkhana events to be completed before you left on another short tour returning to the clubrooms for lunch.

Our only disappointment was the total absence of any competitive section, (the organisers sought feedback from us and I would guess others. which was given constructively).

Thank you Waikato and all entrants for a great weekend.

Tracey Winterbottom



Entrants gather at the Town Hall for the Rally Dinner

Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 28th June 2025

To be held at the branch clubrooms
39 Fairfax Ave, Penrose

Meeting commences at 2:00pm

Agenda: Apologies
Annual Reports
Financial Statement
Election of Officers
Election of Life Members
Prize Giving
25 & 35 Year Presentation Awards
General Business

Afternoon Tea will be provided at the close of the meeting.

Members will be required to show their membership cards to receive voting papers.

All nominations for office should be duly proposed, seconded and accepted by Financial Members and delivered to the Secretary, or may be made from the floor at the AGM, if required.

Jodi Tomlin
Secretary, AVVCC

April Club Night

For April's club night we decided on an ANZAC theme, with ANZAC Day the next day. We had a good turn out.

Most attendees had brought along a great selection of family memorabilia from WW1 and WW2, Jodi, Paul and Lynda had decorated the club rooms with bunting and poppies, Jodi, Lynda and Shaaran put on a supper that related to war time food, this was very tasty. We took turns telling stories about family members that took part in the two world wars, and explaining about the pictures and medals on display. Peter Alderdice started first, showing us a very special paratroopers knife that was his grandfather's, this was used to cut the parachute lines if the soldier got caught in trees. Peter also showed pictures of Harley Davidson's that were used in the wars.

Lynda and I told stories about our fathers, who were both members of the British 8th Army that fought in Africa, and Europe. My dad was a gunner on 25 pounder's, I told the story of him in the battle of El Alamein, he was told to run down the front line with a message, on his return to his gun he found all his comrades and the gun blown up. Lynda's dad was a commando who was a sniper, he could speak 5 languages, he was one of the original SAS, he spent a lot of time behind enemy lines. Even after all this time Lynda still cannot find out about his war record and what medals he was awarded due to the 'Official Secrets Act'.

Shaaran told us about her great uncle that was in WW1, and told us about the large amount of memorabilia she had on display.

Bob and Dawn told us about their fathers in WW2.

Neil and Christine told us stories about their family members in WW2.

Jodi spoke about a great uncle who was in WW1, showing the official photos of him in his uniform. Then her Mum's cousin showing a picture of him and his comrades posing in their tent in WW2.

Trevor is a gunsmith and a collector of Army munitions. He had on display German and British weapons, there was a Lee Enfield 303 rifle, revolvers, German Luger and machine guns, it was surprising how heavy these were. Trevor also showed us very small guns from the early years that were used by ladies of the night for protection, one was a single shot mini gun that was held in place by a stocking garter, two other very small ones were 6 shot revolvers that were usually hidden inside hand muffs or handbags, the bullets size was around 3mm diameter.

Trevor told us that he builds replica's of the early cannons that use black powder,

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and fires cannon balls on Anzac morning. The following morning, he joined others at Waikumete Cemetery firing their cannons at the dawn service as a salute.

After all the talks we then sat down for supper and chatted until just past 10pm, this was a great evening.

Martin Spicer



Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip Run

We woke up to a sunny morning. After breakfast I got my bike out of the garage and gave her a quick polish. I then set off for the start of the Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip Run, at the Jolly Farmer in Drury.

I arrived at 10.30am to find good number of members already there with their bikes, all chatting away. The Triumph Owners' Club were also having a run to Kaiaua, so some of them decided to join us for the ride there.

We had new member Bruce Verrall come along for his first club event, he doesn't have a club vehicle yet, but while chatting to member Leo Fowler at the clubrooms about the run, the night before, Leo suggested that Bruce could go with him and be his navigator in the 1952 Armstrong Siddeley. Bruce thought this was a great idea. Member Tim Hardy and friends arrived in his very large opened top 1963 Ford Galaxie, Malcolm and Merit Brown went in their Mazda MX sports car.

As usual I told a joke to send everyone on their way. Our route took us under the Southern Motorway and onto the Great South Rd, we travelled up to Bombay, then turned left onto Paparata Rd, then onto Paparimu Rd. We continued onto Lyons Rd and over to the old SH2, passing through Mangatawhiri, then onto Mangatangi Rd. At Mangatangi settlement we turned left onto the Kaiaua Rd. As we were riding down towards Kaiaua we had a brilliant view of the Firth of Thames and the Coromandel Peninsula. The roads were just perfect for motorcycle riding, with hardly any traffic.

We arrived at noon, the fish'n'chip shop and the next door Bay View Hotel car parks were filling up quickly. Already there was a large number of riders from Thames. I had a count up of the bikes parked up, there were 65 plus 6 club cars. There were five 3 wheelers, a Honda, a Harley, a Triumph, a Morgan and a Can Am Spyder. As for bikes, there were Triumphs, BSAs, Velocettes, Nortons, Ducatis, BMWs, and Hondas. One of the Thames riders rode his home built special, it had taken him many years to build this unique bike, he cut off 2 cylinders from a V8 car engine, then did a lot of machining, he attached Honda motorcycle cylinder heads, he made the frame, the seat and tank. As he rode off, the engine sounded very sporty.

All around there were groups chatting, outside the fish shop and out the back of the hotel.

At 1pm Lynda and our 3 grand kids arrived for lunch, afterwards it was time for a beach walk and ice creams. We set off for home at 2.30pm so ending another great Kaiaua Fish'n'Chip Run.

Martin Spicer



Can you help your Club?

Being a Committee Member is voluntary work that is very satisfying. It's a great way to get more out of our club. You also get to know many more members.

Being part of the committee is a perfect opportunity for you:-

- ◆ If you believe you can make a difference;
- ◆ That you can contribute time to the club;
- ◆ You want to get a bit more out of your club.

Join your Committee *or* take on one of the Non-Committee Positions.

All positions are available for nomination, here is your opportunity to put your name or someone else's forward, with their permission, for the following *Committee positions*: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain or Committee Member (6 positions). *Non-committee positions*: Librarian, Beaded Wheels Scribe (shared job), Spares Team Member, Bulletin Editor or Web Master.

If you think you'd like to help but are unsure of the full extent of the jobs, please have a chat to any current Committee Member to find out a bit more of what the positions entail.

Nomination Form

For Committee & Non-Committee Positions

I wish to nominate: _____

For the Position of: _____

Proposer

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Name: _____

Signed: _____

Nominee

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Please submit by email or in person to the Secretary, Jodi Tomlin, at any time up to 1:30pm, Saturday 28th June. The Annual General Meeting is being held at 2:00pm, Saturday 28th June, in the AVCC Clubrooms. Email: secretary@avcc.org.nz.

More pics from the Thermette Challenge

At one point Shaaran and I almost had to leave due to being smoked out!!!



Right: Russel-Up's presentation was pretty stunning. A beautifully set out breakfast tray, freshly brewed coffee and look at that stunning omelette. Russel-Up was just pipped at the post by the slimest of margins.





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A most sincere welcome is extended to the most recent 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?

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Titirangi

1969 BSA Thunderbolt
1938 BSA M20

Graeme Ross

Beachlands

No vehicle for now

Robert Ellis

Manurewa

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