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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.

SEPTEMBER

2	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
9	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting (<i>Note: A week earlier than normal!</i>)	2:30pm
14	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
15-16		Rubber Duckie Motorcycle Rally - hosted by Taranaki Branch	
20	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run	
23	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
24	Sun	Post Era Rally (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—guest speaker Paul Radisich	7:30pm

OCTOBER

6-8		Canterbury Swapmeet	
7	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
12	Thur	Rallying Skills Night - learn, review, discuss...	7:30pm
14	Sat	Working Bee—time for the pre Hunua 100 Spring Clean!	9am—12noon
14	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
18	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run	
21	Sat	Hunua 100 - Garden Party	
22	Sun	Hunua 100 - Rally	
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

NOVEMBER

4	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
4	Sat	Waikato Veteran Rally	
4-5		Far North Tour	
9	Thur	Noggin 'n' Natter	7:30pm
11	Sat	Vintage Meeting - <i>Note: Early Date!</i>	2:30pm
15	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run	
18	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
19	Sun	Waikato Swapmeet	
23	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
24-25		Annual Motorcycle Rally	
28	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
29	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm

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

"Life in the fast lane" well describes this month as far as branch activities go.

Noggin and Natter Night drew a good crowd and many went home with goodies from the Spares donated by Alastair Moffatt.



The next day (Friday 11th), Tracey and I flew to Nelson for the Vintage Car Club of NZ AGM. The Executive Meeting was held that evening at 7.00pm, with the AGM and dinner on Saturday. Sunday we were treated to a visit to view the Nelson Classic Car Museum. We were driven to the airport in vehicles from the Museum - mine being a 50's Edsel. Branch representatives were buzzing with enthusiasm for the forthcoming National VCC Daffodil Day Fundraiser. From reports on social media all had great turnouts with up to 500+ cars participating in some cases.

Our Daffodil Day fundraising started with a Quiz Night on Saturday 19th. A good crowd attended, and much hilarity was had. There was strong competition between the "A" team and five other teams. Russel McAlpine ran some quick-fire raffles. We were treated to supper prepared by our Secretary, Jodi. Andrew Dewhurst and daughter Grace were the organisers of the Quiz. Winners for the night were the Wood/Price team. I've never got first place when I've known NOTHING before!

Sunday 20th August, Daffodil Day, dawned with teaming rain and cold winds. Our 1930 Chev Roadster had ticked the final box, insurance cover, on Friday 18th and it was ready to 'hit the road' for the first time after two years undergoing major drying out and repairs because of two floods drowning her in 1.6 meters of water and silt. She went like a charm. Poker hands and instructions were collected from the starter, Tracey Winterbottom and together with four members from the Jowett Car Club and two members from the public the rally entrants proceeded from North West Mitre10 to the Huapai Golf Club where the opportunity to swap cards, for a price, was given. The rally then meandered its way to the Swanson RSA. Everyone was in high spirits, and I am proud to say that over \$2200.00 will be handed on to the Auckland Cancer Society from the Auckland Veteran and Vintage Car Club this week. Thank you to all who participated.

Club Night drew a very good number of members who came to hear Nicolas Taylor, the Gun Lawyer speak on his life and hobbies as a Lawyer, and gun, car, steamboat, and motorcycle collector. To those who did not attend - you missed out on a real treat. Thank you to Lynda Spicer for providing supper.

continued...

Chairman's Report continued

Saturday 26th August - I attended a meeting lead by Neil Beckenham, VCC Registrar, at our clubrooms where our VIC Officers were catching up with updates to the VIC Application process.

Please see full reports from Tracey Winterbottom - your Delegate and Club Captain, Martin Spicer - Entertainment Officer, and section leaders on all of the above topics.

See you out and about.
Shaaran.



Backroads Trip to Taumarunui for Scenic Tour

WAYNE & CARRIE Roberts are organising another Backroads Trip to Taumarunui and return.

JOIN US ON A BACKROADS TOUR TO TAUMARUNUI, TO JOIN THE KING COUNTRY BRANCH'S "SCENIC TOUR"

We will be leaving from the BP Service Centre at Bombay @ 9:00am on Friday the 6th October, travelling over mainly tarsealed secondary roads we will join the King Country Branch for their tour on Saturday 7th October (the entry form is available on our branch's emails or I can send you a copy if you wish) we will be travelling back to Auckland on Sunday the 8th, come and join us for three days of great relaxed motoring in your chosen ride.

If you require any additional information please give me a call on 027 235 7771 or email us carrieandwayne86@gmail.com.

Wayne

Delegate's Notes

Here are the main points from the National AGM and Executive Meeting held in Nelson mid August. Watch coming events for when we will hold any further discussion nights on any matters to be discussed at the next Executive meeting in March, but feel free to drop me an email or call at anytime with thoughts or concerns you may have regarding club matters.

- All reports were circulated, if anyone would like a soft copy please let me know. I will put a copy in the clubrooms.
- A majority decision was made regarding putting subs up \$25 to \$80 per annum plus branch levy. There was plenty of discussion around the topic, with a wide variety of views, most branches did not want to see a reduction in Beaded Wheels services, and this is where the bulk of the cost is. Kevin Clarkson and team are still on the look out for a better printer. Budgets will be on the agenda in March, the lift in subs for 2024 will keep the club in the black for the next 12 months at least.
- National events ratified
 - National Motorcycle Rally 2027 South Canterbury
 - National Motorcycle Rally 2025 Manawatu - January 25 to 31
 - National Commercial Rally 2024 Otago
- New Incorporated Societies Act has far stricter requirements around filing of financial reports and the like, National Office will look to provide a template to ensure all branches are supported in meeting the new requirements.
- FOMC Survey - initial indications are that there are strong results to support our cause and the support from all clubs asked to participate was high. Results for public use are expected in September and all those who were surveyed will have access to a results pack.
- 12 month WOFs - a paper on this has gone to NZTA but unfortunately new government ministers and a new head at NZTA has stalled things. There is a meeting set down but realistically no further progress is expected until after the General Election.
- 50 and 60 year membership awards continue to grow with fifty five 50 year and seven 60 year presentations in the last year.
- Steven Moe, a lawyer who specialises in the area of Incorporated Societies spoke via video link of Governance versus Management and his thoughts on options around structure and the roles and responsibilities of each group. While the current structure could remain, it clearly is not working as perhaps was originally intended. There will be further recommendations from the Management Committee for us to review and discuss before the March Meeting.
- Vero Insurance - management are aware of challenges some members are experiencing with insurance claims on their vehicles. If you are having any difficulty resolving a claim with Vero insurance, please contact Karen at Head Office for escalation and assistance. Water damage rules are also being redrafted for vehicles pre 1976.
- The Notice of Motion passed with 89.6% of the votes FOR the motion. The general percentage of the membership casting their vote was very poor with a little over 1000 members nationally voting.
- Proxy voting and electronic voting are points being investigated for constitutional change to enable in the future.

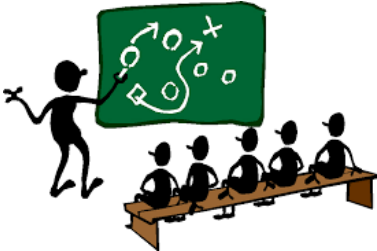
- The Branch Manual continues to be updated and is accessible to all members on line.
- VIC application form, a new format is now on the website and on line applications are expected to be up by the end of the year.
- Presentations were made to all outgoing Management and all new nominations were accepted without the need for voting. The position of Honorary Secretary Treasurer is still vacant.
- The Goddard Trophy was presented to Auckland members Steve and Sue Keys for the outstanding restoration work on the Diamond T Texaco Tanker.
- 2024 Calendar dates - some dates to note in the diary for next year
 - North Island Club Captains Tour 2 -11 March
 - National Vintage Rally, Marlborough 5 -7 February
 - A Monte Carlo Rally 14 - 15 September(This is a new event being organised by Kaaren Smylie and Diane Quarrie, it will have 6 different starting points in the North Island, all concluding in Taupo on the Saturday evening, more details to come but sounds like something not to be missed!)

Tracey Winterbottom

Rallying Skills Evening

For those wishing to learn or improve your rallying skills or to better understand rally terminology here is your opportunity to attend a rally skills evening.

Thursday 12th October at 7:30pm



Perfect time to brush up before our flagship rally of the year, the Hunua 100 at Labour Weekend.

Come join us!

Supper will be served.

Club Captain's Report

Thanks to everyone who supported Daffodil Day in some form through the month of August.

Daffodil Day is our National Day when all around the country the Vintage Car Club gets together to fundraise for the NZ Cancer Society but also just as important it is a way of gaining exposure to the general public of the VCC as a club and what we are about - Driving our History.

For those of you on social media you will have seen the tremendous support that branches around the country received, both in attendance at their events of both the public and members and invited one make clubs. Some branches had attendance in the hundreds and fundraising efforts in the \$5 to \$10k bracket.

There were plenty of people about at our start venue, and although branch attendance for us was a little underwhelming, we had several non members join us which we hope will result in new members to our branch.

We enjoyed a short run - a poker run - from Westgate to Swanson RSA via Huapai Golf Club and chocolates were at stake for the winning poker hand. The winners were not members but are very keen to join up after the day with us, and the second best hand was Neil and Christine Stott in a Model A.

Check out last weeks issue of the Howick Pakuranga Times, where our very own Glenn and Marion Morris featured on the cover and inside with an article on the day.

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully that means weather much more conducive to Vintage motoring. Next month is the Post Era Rally and then October sees the 65th running of our Hunua 100. So pop out to the garage and charge the battery, pull off the dust covers and pump up the tyres - I'd love to see you out on our major calendar event of the year that caters for every class of vehicle.

Tracey

Hunua 100 Spring Clean

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saturday 14th October

9am - 12 noon



Some of the To Do items on the list:

Wash the Windows

Gardens - tidy, trim and plant...

Clean Barn Floor

Deep Clean Kitchen Floor

Paint Woodshed

WANTED

ENTRANTS

to partake in

Post Era Rally

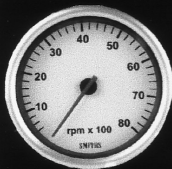
(formerly the PV, PWV, P60V & P80V Rally)

Sunday 24th September

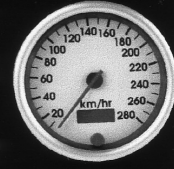
Entry Form is attached to the email
this Bulletin was sent on.

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

We had an attendance of about seventeen people with apologies from Barry Birchall and Monty Scarborough both with health issues. We welcomed David Porter to his first section meeting.

Matt Metcalfe has finally resolved the issues with the 1912 Hudson gearbox. most of which appears to relate to a selector detent issue. with keys incorrectly placed during the initial restoration. Matt also displayed an original Bosch ignition switch and other pieces. Ebay has proved a useful source of parts, and the web a source of information. Matt also had ideas of attracting younger people to the historic vehicle movement, this produced some lively discussion.

Gavin Welch had been to Singapore but didn't see much vintage stuff, from what I understand the Singaporean Government isn't old vehicle sympathetic with registration costs rising each year a vehicle ages. More importantly he has located a youthful, seventeen year old, 1914 Model T owner in his own street. Gavin is extending quiet support and encouragement without pushing the club down the young man's throat.

Roy Sharman gave Russell Vincent the correct original parts book for Russell's 1913 Unic. Roy also produced an original box of burners for acetylene head lamps.

Phil Henley got a spare hubcap off Barry Birchall for his single cylinder Cadillac. Phil is facing some frustration trying to deal with the Americans who have the cylinder blocks for his 1913 Mitchell, they seem to vary the price.

David Lane has his Model T speedster out every week.

Dennis Lowe, brought a book written by Australian Pedr Davis which showed photos of many New Zealand veterans, Denis rescued it from a skip from a deceased estate, apparently there was quite a lot of Model T and Dodge Four parts being disposed of as well. Roslyn Lowe has completed the purchase of her 1933 Austin 7 Box Saloon, but will have to wait a while before collecting it.

I also wish to acknowledge the support given to the meetings by Neil Lucas and Bob Pickering who don't own veterans but regularly turn up to the meetings.

Richard Green recently tested some spare magnetos for the Renault Charabanc these tested ok electrically but one has mechanical issues.

That's it for this month.
John.

Vintage Notes

Despite a raft of apologies from regular attendees who were out of town, we still had a lively and interesting August meeting.

Barry Birchall told us of his first car - a Whippet. Like all of us with long memories, he now regrets having sold it.

John Towers is making, from scratch, a new headlining for the Humber, and getting the seams straight is often taking three or four 'practice' runs. Finally, he achieved a really straight seam, one he could be proud of, only to find the bobbin had run out of thread, and the whole thing fell apart.

Richard Green is researching for a story about the first Rolls Royce to cross the Sahara Desert, and is being aided by quite a bit of surviving correspondence between RR in London and those attempting the challenge.

Neil Bieleski has the speedo from the Renault in for repairs. It is a chronometric instrument, so needs specialist care.

John Morrison was plagued by a battery that was always going flat in the Cadillac and finally traced it to a short in one of the horns.

A new member, Trevor, who thought he was coming to a motorcycle section meeting, gave us a very entertaining account of his ongoing restoration of a 1929 Sun motorbike. Powered by JAP, it was recovered in a very sad state from a farm shed. We hope Trevor keeps coming along with progress reports.

Ross Bellamy brought along a long tubular device with lots of holes and graduation and little chains hanging from each end. It is a Toe Gauge, a wheel alignment device, probably from the 1920s. He even had the instruction manual.

Wayne Roberts had a very pleasant surprise the other day. 40 years ago, Wayne's father Alan gave a damaged headlight off the Velie to a panel beater colleague to repair. There was no urgency, as Alan had a spare, and the headlight got forgotten. Because of a chance meeting on the Daffodil run, after all those years the brass headlight has now come home.

Penny & Murray Firth

Motorcycle Notes

Lynda and I picked up Malcolm Brown at Bombay then headed up to the motorcycle meeting. The weather was wet and chilly. We arrived at the clubrooms at 1.45pm and found that Jeremy had opened up and had helped our guest speaker Karen Molesworth set up her 1973 Norton 850 Commando MkII in the clubrooms. Karen had ridden the bike over from the North Shore. Due to the rain and wind, we only had four bikes parked out the back, but the front car park and road outside was filling up with cars.

The meeting started at 2.30pm, with around 50 members attending. Martin started off with his usual joke.

We had four visitors: Terry Doherty brought along his brother Sid an ex-motorcycle racer; Phil Oliver who has a Formula 5000 Lola race car, 2 Triumph race bikes, 3 racing go-carts, a motocross bike, a VK Holden Commodore and a Mini and would like to join the club; Geoff Scott who has two WW2 Indians and also wants to join us; Fergus Maynes has 14 bikes, to note but a few, a Triumph Bonneville 1970 T120, 1978 T140 a 1975 400cc Kawasaki and a 1977 50cc Yamaha and some race bikes, he would also like to join the club. We hope they all enjoyed the afternoon with us and we see them back as members very soon!

REPORTS

Martin reported on the August run to member's Steve & Sue Keys' home in South Auckland, they have an amazing collection of vehicles and motoring memorabilia, see full report later in the Bulletin.

COMING UP

Take note - the September meeting is a week early on the 9th Sept, due to a number of our group heading off for the Rubber Duckie in New Plymouth. For the next meeting we will have the sales manager of BMW motorcycles come to talk to us and show off a bike or two?

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Alderdice spoke about the tank sealant product Red Kote that he has available.

Don Green asked who was the member that wanted some headlight rim clips?

Jeremy Lambert spoke about our November Annual Motorcycle Rally, the rally itself being held in South Auckland starting and finishing at Ramarama with the Friday and Saturday meals at the clubrooms.

GUEST SPEAKER

Karen Molesworth - 1973 Norton Commando 850

Earlier in the year at the NZ motorcycle show Martin & Jack met Karen, she agreed to come and be a speaker at one of our meetings.

Karen is a North Shore Lass; she started her story by telling us she left home at the age of 15, lived/worked in England at 17 and travelled the world. On her return to NZ at 20 she bought her first classic car - a 1963 EJ Holden the last of the grey motors.



Falling in love with the Triumph Bonneville in England she found a bike builder to build, from parts, a 1970 T120R Triumph Bonneville. Her next project was her restoration of an early 60's Morris F G house truck (right) that she lived in at Dairy Flat with her three dogs and three cats. Karen was studying for her first degree in social work at the time.



Then a move to Bethell's Beach, she took the house truck and brought a 1964 EH Holden Station wagon (the new red engine). Buying a property in Anawhata (leaving the house truck there stuck in the mud) and buying a home in Opanuku Road (Henderson Valley) she bought a 1963 AP5 Chrysler Valiant... plus a few other bikes in-between.

A new chapter saw Karen move to Australia, living 3 years in Darwin, she brought a 1100 Ducati Monster which she travelled around Australia on before living for a time in Orange and Sydney. While there she fell in love with a 1967 Ford Mustang Coupe (289) and bought it. In March 2018 she returned to NZ to look after her parents. She brought the Mustang and Ducati back with her.

NZ is not kind to imports (Rustangs hahaha...Karen's words), so the journey of compliance began... \$15k later and 'she is beautiful again'... Karen continues to drive this car.

The Ducati died after it blew up after a mechanic forgot to put the cam belt on. So, in walked the 2016 Ducati Panigale S 1299 V twin. 'Sexy as' bike she says but it's not the best handling bike, however she stills rides this around the North Island.

After losing her licence one too many times (ha-ha), the track (Pukekohe and Hampton) came calling, first buying a Suzuki GSXR 600 and then a 2018 Suzuki SV 650 race bike.

The Mustang got fitted with a tow bar (the Ford experts were horrified putting a tow bar on), Karen did not give a 'rats ass'.



Then the classic bike chapter came calling again in the way of the 1973 Norton Commando 850. She brought this unseen (except from pictures and trusting someone's word) in Dunedin...She reminded us that NZ is a small place!

It needed some work to get her loved up and in a much better rideable condition, so off she went to Tony Christy, Graham Crosby's mechanic in Matakana, to work on. This

is a work in progress but a good start. Karen then joined the Norton Owners Club and has gone on a couple of runs with them. A few weeks back Karen came out on our monthly run that visited Steve & Sue Keys' collection.

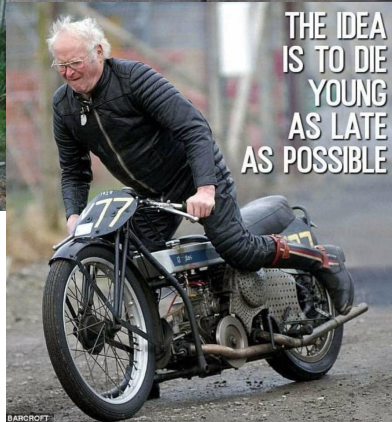
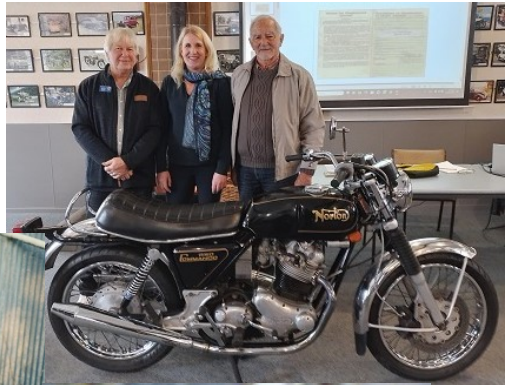
She is now thinking of taking up classic bike racing in the future.

Karen answered a number of questions from the floor. Karen's final words to us were 'The idea is to die young as late as possible' (she showed a picture of a cool old dude on a Douglas flat tanker - below), so keep riding your bikes or driving your cars!

Martin thanked Karen for coming to chat to us, and for making us laugh at the many amusing parts of her life story.

Martin gave Karen a gift which was a desk mobile phone holder, made from wood and an inlet valve, this was donated by David Broadhead who had made it.

Martin Spicer and Jack Clark



Mid-week Tourer's Report

Jack's report on the Mid-week Run, 16th August, to view the Dave Tuke's Collection in Silverdale.

75 club members from as far away as Whangarei in the north and Katikati in the south arrived at Westgate in 27 Club Eligible Cars & Utes with half a dozen riding motorbikes plus others driving a dozen moderns. We have not seen such a large turnout in years.

Senior AVVCC club member Cedric Pegrum filled his old 250S Mercedes up with the good old southern boys Roy Sharman, Tom Brough and Graham Wrathall. There was a number of rather special vehicles out, those being, the 1928 Cadillac of the Morrison brothers, 3 Corvettes, 3 1960's Daimlers and a Citroen Traction Avante. An old MG TA and much newer MG F with a Mazda MX5 and a Healey Sprite covered the sports cars. The Steve Driver/Terry Costello Model A Ute and the Coupe of Bill and Sheryl Hulse were the oldest of the Fords with the Y model of Gavin and Sophie Welch just a few years newer and also a postwar Mk 2 Zephyr Ute looking very smart. Then there was all of the regulars in a couple of Rileys and a Mini, Austin A55, EJ Holden etc.

Our run took us toward Taupaki and then through Riverhead, before taking a right onto Ridge Rd which offers great views looking over the upper harbour to the bridge on the right and some lovely rural scenery on the left. It was then down to Coatesville Village and the back roads to Dairy Flat and then passed Wainui School, to continue on Wainui Rd toward Silverdale and our destination.

I had forgotten to put my shoe phone in my pocket so I was unable to call and advise of our numbers. Dave was completely shocked by our number, with one of the Corvettes hitting a power pillar box and others skidding on his pristine grass berms, he decided not to allow our visit into his priceless collection.

He advised me that his new maximum limit is now 40 people per visit. I am devastated that so many of our club members with high expectations had to be let down.

I have been in communication with Stephen Nightingale, Dave's right hand man who has booked us in for another visit on Wednesday 18th October. To comply with Dave's rigid rules I have promised that no more than 40 club members will arriving in club eligible or classic vehicles (no moderns) numbering no more than 20 cars plus reasonable number of motorbikes.

To achieve this I will be taking bookings on a first come first served basis for this event.

Tea & Coffee will be supplied at the cafeteria which has plenty of seating. BYO lunch.

Email: jack_nazer@yahoo.co.nz with vehicle description and the name of each passenger.

Dave's Rules:

1. Maximum number of 40 visitors
2. No Parking on the road or grass berms.
3. No food or drink taken into the display area and definitely no photographs.
4. An admission fee of \$10 per person which will be charged and then donated to North Shore Hospice.

Jack Nazer

Thank you Jack for your input and successful re-negotiations.

Thank you to Ryan W. for passing the Daffodil Day bucket around. We raised \$90-00 and this was added to the Branch total.

Coming Events:

Wednesday 20th September: A run from the Service Centre, Drury to Cambridge to visit the legendary Ross Brothers Museum. This facility houses a 1960's American Cafe for us to have our BYO lunch in together with a sizable collection of vehicles and automobilia. There is also another section that houses earth moving machinery the size of which is absolutely massive. A \$5 per person entrance fee will apply. This is another MUST VISIT.

Note: that the South bound on ramp to the motorway at Papakura may still be closed. Watch the 'Week Ahead' emails for updates.

Wednesday 18th. October: A Westgate start. See Jack's notes above. We are lucky that Jack has been able to confirm that this venue is definitely on, subject to limited numbers, so Jack asks that you register with him.

Your Mid-week Team

Library Notes

This month we received a copy of "The History of the Pneumatic Tyre", which was kindly donated by Neil Bielecki. This book was written by Eric Tompkins and published in 1980. He retired from Fort Dunlop after 42 years with the company, in 1969, and began compiling this record of the development of the pneumatic tyre. Fortunately he entered the tyre business when the pioneers were still alive and he was able to begin recording events and names of those involved.

The pneumatic tyre is undoubtedly a critical component to all modern road transport and its surprising to learn that it was invented twice, initially being conceived and patented in 1848 by R W Thompson. He called it an "Aerial Wheel" and the patent describes "*a wheel where every part of its revolution presents a cushion of air to the ground...*". He made a prototype and tested his idea on a horse drawn carriage and was able show that there was a 38% - 68% reduction in the pull required depending on the roughness of the ground, quite apart from the improved comfort and reduction in noise. Unfortunately this wonderful invention languished as no-one was interested in developing the idea further into a practical product that could be mass produced at reasonable cost. He died in 1873 and his idea was forgotten.

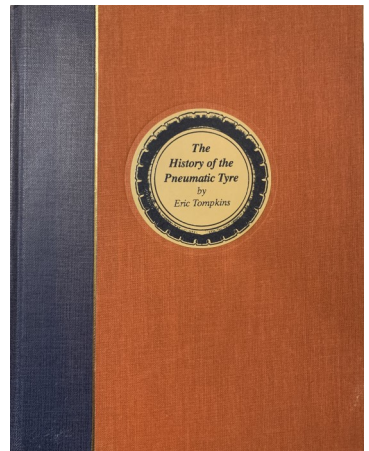
Some 15 years later the idea of a pneumatic tyre came to John Boyd Dunlop and today his name is most widely connected with this invention. Its appearance this time coincided with the development and improvements of the bicycle and tricycle and the advantages of the pneumatic tyre were quickly appreciated. Dunlop's patent application was accepted and issued in 1888. However, not long after, the original Thompson Patent was discovered by a London Patent agent invalidating the Dunlop Patent.

Although the concept of riding on a cushion of air had attracted wide interest there were a number of problems that needed to be solved before it could be made into a durable solution which could be maintained. First it had to be re-mountable in order to repair puncture damage. Almost at the same time, two solutions were found to the problem of holding the tyre on the rim: beaded-edge and wired-edge. In the years up to the turn of the century there were many related inventions and improvements including the valve, puncture-resistance improvements, self-sealing, tubeless designs, woven and laminated construction etc. all contributing to its economic production and practical use. Gradually, over the next several decades, tyre science; dealing with the physics and mechanics of tyre performance began to develop, leading engineers to understand the role that the tyre played in the suspension performance of a vehicle.

The book covers all the important developments from that time right up to the 1980s including the Denovo run-flat tyre.

This is an interesting book and useful addition to the reference section in the library.

The Library team



Maintenance Report

A great working team of Paul Tomlin, Diane and Peter Coleman, Murray and Penny Firth and Paul Hesseling completed the task of painting the wood paneling and hearths in the clubrooms. My thanks to them and also the offers of help from John Stokes and Neil Stott (we'll use you next time). We enjoyed lunching together under the new Archgola.



Other work carried out this month:

A new wooden blind has been installed in the Barn, Jocelyn gave the gardens a weed. We've treated concrete areas, front of Barn and verandah with slime strike. Thanks needs to go to Owen Hayward for the supply of product.

Onto the next task...

Russel

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Sunday 22nd October 2023

If you can help?

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A Brief History of the AVVCC Clubrooms

by Barry Birchall

When I joined the Vintage Car Club we were meeting in a hall at MOTAT. As the exhibits arrived our great hall started to disappear. The Charabanc had been restored in a tin shed on the MOTAT site. The social events after a run in those days were very popular, and as we no longer had the space at MOTAT these events were moved out to the Bowling Club hall in Blockhouse Bay.

In 1970, at the AGM, the committee were told we could look for a new clubrooms. This story of our clubrooms was found in material collected by Barry Robert. For a while they were going to build a new purpose-built building on the MOTAT site in the area now where the library now sits. John Irvine provided us with a drawing of the proposed building. That never proceeded and ultimately that's just as well. We went out and looked at several sites. We looked at a property down by the sewage works in Mangere, but although it was close to the sewage pond there was no sewage connection. We then looked at a disused church in Walls Road, a playing field in Michaels Ave, and a large two storey brick house on the water front under the bridge at Panmure with quite a bit of land. I remember going to the house several times, but the committee felt that it was remote and we could have burglaries. The house came down later when they built the new bridge.

Jim Lewis, who was in the chair and very much the driving force, then asked Les Keys and John Williams, both of whom were outside the committee, to come up with a property. Les at that time had a real estate company in the city and within 48 hours they found 39 Fairfax Ave which was for sale for \$18,000. However, by the time all the committee inspected the property the price had gone up to \$18,500. We finally agreed on \$18,300 and Eben Moffat, the treasurer, secured an ASB mortgage for the balance. When I first saw the building, it was a four-bedroom house with clothes line and small garden behind plus lots of volcanic rock.

Fund raising started in earnest and a building levy was agreed upon to use as security. Norm Dewhurst organised a vintage car run over 24 hours and the run would finish at Western Springs where the public could view the old cars to raise some funds. Many members spent a lot of hours in the house removing walls and strengthening the roof. We were lucky we had builders, plumbers and electricians among our members who donated their labour and sometimes materials for free.

For some members, however, the new clubrooms site was too far south as there were no motorways through the city and as a result they broke away from the Auckland branch and formed the North Shore branch of the VCC.

On the 28th of November 1970, the formal opening ceremony was performed by Miss Amy Moore and Mr Dick Messenger, who were life members. Both no longer with us. Joe Empen then paid off the mortgage and gave us a piano and paid for first heating system. We are indebted to Jim Lewis who drove the project, Joe who paid off the mortgage, and all those who helped. There have been many more alterations to the club rooms over the years through to what we have today.

(Reproduced from previous Bulletins for our new members to know the history.)

August Motorcycle Run Review

Just like last month's run, the weather leading up to the weekend run was wet, windy and cold. But we woke up to a sunny and warm day.

As it was my birthday weekend all nine of our family came out with us on the run.

We arrived at the Jolly Farmer, Drury for the start of the run, already there was a number of our members with their polished motorcycles, Buster Westhill had ridden his Matchless G80 down from Orewa, also there Trevor Hackett - 1000 Vincent, David Broadhead - 600 Panther, Brian Gathercole - Honda 500 FT, Ian Bell - 500 Yamaha, Lloyd Wilson Triumph Speed twin, Michael Watts V twin Suzuki, Tony Kay - Triumph Bonneville & sidecar, Tony Naylor - Triumph T100 & sidecar, Don Green - 500 Rudge, visitors Karen Molesworth - Norton Commando and a friend on a Suzuki 750, cars also on the run were - Ford Galaxy, Austin Healey Sprite, two Mazda MX2's, 1940 Desoto Deluxe, and a number of modern cars, one of the club cars was owned by Clarrie Ranby, this was built in the 1960's by Clarrie and some friends, they made four of these two seater specials. They were made of fibre glass and based on the Ford 10 chassis and engine. Its registered as an F10, to me it looks like a cross between a Triumph Spitfire and a mini Aston Martin, it looked great in its bright red paint work.

Just before the 11am start, I phoned our hosts Steve & Sue Keys to let them know how many were going to finish at their home. I then told a joke to send the members on their way. We had a great country trip in spring like weather, there were spring flowers and trees in bloom, newborn lambs in the fields, we also saw a herd of deer with full sets of antlers. We arrived at Steve and Sue's home just after noon.

Steve and Sue welcomed us, and then invited us to go into their home to view an absolutely amazing collection of oil and petroleum memorabilia. You could see on everyone's faces the amazement at what they were looking at. There were two motorcycles on display, an AJS single and an Ariel single with sidecar. There were four outstanding American cars, these were a new NZ 1936 Ford roadster, a 1928 Packard Phaeton, a 1928 Auburn 88 Victoria Coupe and a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham.

There were beautifully restored vintage petrol pumps, model race cars fitted with glow plug engines. There was such a lot to look at, you really needed a lot more time to take it all in. Sue had provided us with tea, coffee, water and biscuits. Steve gave us a talk on how the collection came about. He also told us about his recently finished 1938 Diamond T Texaco petrol tanker. If you haven't seen this masterpiece of restoration that took Steve four years to complete you can view it at the Hamilton Classics Car Cafe & Museum.

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Steve then invited us to look over his very large workshop. Inside there was a new NZ 1930 Packard being worked on, plus a 1936 Ford Coupe that had modern front and rear suspension and disk brakes, and a great set of wide alloy wheels.

We then viewed Steve's next project, the restoration/creation of a 1934 Diamond T Doodlebug petrol tanker. Only seven were ever built and none survived.

We all thanked Steve and Sue for letting us see their outstanding collection.

Martin Spicer



August Club Night

Lynda and I left Pokeno at 7pm, and headed for the club rooms, for a change we had an easy and quick journey up to Auckland. We arrived to find the front car parks and the road filled with cars. It was pleasing to see such a good crowd inside the club rooms and it was nice and warm with the log fire blazing away.

Our guest speaker Nicholas Taylor was already set up at the table with the laptop ready to go. Chairman Shaaran opened the meeting by telling us about our branch's fund raising events for the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day. I then told the members who the guest speaker will be for the September club night - former car racer Paul Radisich. Paul will come and tell us about his and father Frank's oil distribution company Aegis oils, and possibly about his racing days.

I then introduced our speaker Nicholas Taylor, Nicholas had previously been a speaker at one of the motorcycle meetings, he recalled. He told us about his work as a barrister in law, in the UK and New Zealand, he had us in stitches telling us of some characters he had defended and some very funny stories from cases. He said he has to be self employed to do the work he does. He is now the main NZ barrister that specialises in firearm cases, possibly because of his vast knowledge of firearms as it is his hobby too.

Nicholas is a member of our branch, as is his father who has a 1939 Bentley. He then told us of his small collection of vehicles - 1926 Indian Prince 350, 1926 Indian Scout 600, 1965 Norton 650 SS, 1936 Velocette 350 Mac, 1965 E Type Jaguar, 1961 Jaguar Mk 2, 1965 Triumph TR4 and a Porsche 911. He usually takes vehicles and the family to the Art Deco festival in Napier.

Nicholas is also interested in steam engines, he learnt how to use a lathe and milling machines and since has built 8 small steam engines, one produces around 4hp, this is going into the vintage boat he has built.

He worked at MOTAT, for many years, as a volunteer in the steam section and as the deputy chair on the MOTAT board of directors. But his passion is firearms. He brought along to show us some of these, there was a flint lock pistol that was very heavy. We were told that once you had fired it you then rotated the gun and used it as a club. Then there were six shot antique colt revolvers and also some very small goldmining era colt pocket pistols that could easily be hidden in a person's clothing in order to help preserve your gold mining claim.

One of the major guns was the Colt 45 peace maker that was the cowboy gun slingers favourite, the build quality of all the guns was excellent and made to last. At the end of Nicholas's talk we all thanked him for giving us his valuable time, and on the subject of time I asked him how does he find the time to do his work, that takes him

all over NZ and also back to the UK, and to have time with his growing family and to work and use all his vehicles? "That's the million dollar question" Nicholas answered. A number of questions came from the floor, and before he sat down Tracey asked him to pick out the lucky door prize ticket, that went to Jodi Tomlin. Afterwards Nicholas was kept busy chatting to members for quite some time.

Thank you again Nicholas

Martin



Spares Department

Our stock of Magnetos have been hidden away in the dark locked area of the Dungeon for decades. The Parts team have learnt that there has been quite a demand for a good working Magneto, but being quite valuable, and that they needed to be tested with security being all important when they are offered for sale. In June & July I took off and left the team so that I could flit around the northern hemisphere in 25 to 40 degree temperatures while they had a cold & wet winter to get on with the job. In my absence the boys discussed the various problems with our Magneto club expert Richard Green who not only loaned them the gear to test the mags but then gave them a lesson on how to perform the function. He also set a friendly price for each of the units that tested OK. We now have the first few securely locked in a barn display cabinet ready to go.

List of Magnetos that have tested OK and are ready for action:

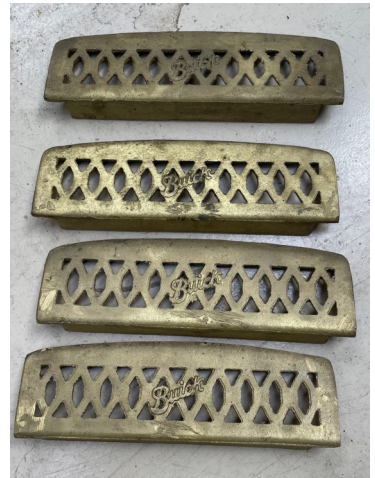
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1 only Lucas AG4 (has some parts missing)	\$150
1 only Simms SR4L	\$250
1 only Watford	\$200

We also have others that have failed to test OK but are good for parts: American Bosch, BTH, & Eisemann with prices ranging from \$20 to \$50.

Amongst our fresh stock we have a set of 4 new running board badge plates for a 1920's Buick for just \$30 for the set. (at right)

The boys have also put up a new display board in the barn. (refer pic at right on next page).

We removed the fridge compressor unit from the top of our display cabinet: It can be yours for just \$10. (refer pic at left on next page)



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?

Cameron Honore
Kaukapakapa
1979 Triumph 2500

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1973 Rover

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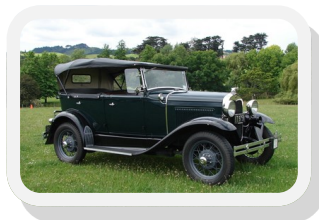


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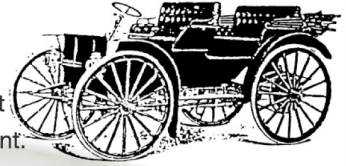
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