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December Bulletin closing date Strictly 25 November 2022
Late submissions will feature in the following month's edition.

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Coming Events

November

4-6		Annual Motorcycle Rally - Port Waikato	
5	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
5	Sat	Waikato Veteran & Rear Wheel Brake Rally	
10	Thurs	Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms	7:30pm
11-14		Far North Tour - 50th Anniversary edition	
12	Sat	Cherry Blossom Festival - Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple 16 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush (ref. pg 22)	9:30am—2:00pm
19	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
23	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
24	Thurs	Club Night & New Members Evening	8:00pm
26	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting	2:30pm
27	Sun	Club Run - Ladies Run - starts Jolly Farmer (ref. pg 8)	10:00am
29	Tues	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
30	Wed	Mid Week Tourers - Wenderholm Picnic Run Starts from The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am

December

3	Sat	VIC Application Assistance (ref. pg 24)	Midday—2:00pm
3	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
4	Sun	Christmas Picnic - Meadow Brook Farm	from 10:00am
8	Thurs	Membership Awards Discussion (ref. Secretary's Notes) & Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms	7:30pm
10	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
15	Thur	Christmas Pot Luck Dinner - Clubrooms	from 7:00pm
17	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
21	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
22	Thur	Club Night - Pre-Christmas Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
24	Sat	Christmas Eve - CLOSED	

January 2023

1	Sun	New Year's Day Run - starts Jolly Farmer	
12	Thur	Clubrooms Open	7:30pm
18	Wed	Mid Week Tourers - starts BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Papakura	10:00am
21	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
24	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
26	Thur	Club Night	
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.

Chairman's Report

With the scaffolding gone I can say that work on the barn at 39 Fairfax is complete. A big "thank you" to the guys who worked on the repair and repaint.



New carpet in the downstairs and library area of the clubrooms is complete and we are waiting for the new vanity in the men's toilet to be installed. Reinstatement of the Library Books is also now complete and we are now open and activities are happening in the clubrooms once more. This has been a frustrating time for members and committee alike. But we had to keep members safety top of mind and we thank you for being patient.

Bulletin Mailing Night (2nd Thursday of each month) has now been replaced by "Entertainment Night". A variety of activities are planned for these evenings. Watch for details in the Bulletin and email Tree. Club Night remains the same i.e. a Guest Speaker and an evening for hosting New Members into the club.

As I write this report, the Hunua 100 Saturday Garden Party plans are underway. Sun umbrellas are being dusted off, gas bottle filled ready for the BBQ, sausages and subsidized drinks ordered. Members to attend and a fine day are all we need to make the afternoon a great success.

It is great to see our motorcyclists entered in the Sunday Hunua 100 Rally. Remember - our club is for all members. Monthly activities, rallies and club nights are for all members and their families to enjoy. Do come along and join in - there's lots of fun to be had. This is my 55th year of involvement in the Vintage Car Club of NZ, and believe me, I'm still having fun, and intend to do so for some time yet.

Recently Alan and I attended the Canterbury Swap Meet at Cutler Park, Christchurch. We have regularly attended this event over the years, not just looking for parts for vehicles, or, in my case, Ming Rose China to add to my Coalport collection, but mainly to make contact with the many friends we have made over the years from all over NZ.

In closing, if you would like a seat on the Charabanc on the National Veteran Rally February next year, please contact me? It is an experience not to be missed, a day out on "Angelique".

My message to you all this month – JOIN IN AND ENJOY!
Shaaran.

2022 Hunua 100 Rally Report

Having been the overall winners of the 2021 Hunua 100 Rally, postponed to March 2022, we raised our hand to the previous committee to express our concern in plotting both the 2022 event for October as well as plotting the Experts Rally for May, the time frame was really too short for us to plot both major events at the same time and give them both the attention that they need.

The Committee decided to put the names of all class winners in the hat and draw a name, the first name drawn would then be offered the opportunity to plot this year's rally. John and Janice Gardner agreed to plot it, but did so on the understanding that somebody else would have to be responsible for the actual running of the event as they were going to the South Island for Labour Weekend. Val and I said we would do this, seeing as we were the overall winners of the 2021 event, we didn't feel we could actually enter anyway.

This year's event saw a total of 36 entries, including 4 Motorcyclists and 8 Non-Competitive. In fact, all classes (categories) of vehicles catered for within the Vintage Car Club were represented, apart from Veterans. Included in the entries were 3 "Out of Town", being from Rotorua, Waikato and North Shore Branches.

The event started at Drury and meandered through the South Auckland countryside taking in areas of Clevedon, Brookby, Hunua and Pukekohe to finish for a BYO lunch at the Pukekohe East Community Centre.

Thank you to the entrants for your participation and to the Marshals, Alastair and Karin Moffat at Hunua and Alan and Shaaran Price at Pukekohe, thanks to Lynda Spicer for serving tea and coffee, with homemade baking. Thank you to Paul Carly and John Cheale, who were at the start and were trail vehicle. And, of course, thank you to John and Janice Gardner as plotters.



2022 Hunua 100 Rally Report

Results:

Slow Vintage

- 1st Wayne & Carrie Roberts
- 2nd John & Roger Morrison
- 3rd Michael & Liz Hilliar

Post Vintage

- 1st Gavin Welch & Sophie Zhao
- 2nd Paul Tomlin
- 3rd Phil & Christine Smith

P60V

- 1st Paul Collins
- 2nd Bob & Debbie Ballantyne
- 3rd Shirley Bovis & Alan Roberts

Fast Vintage

- 1st Russel & Jocelyn McAlpine
- 2nd Stephen & Tracey Winterbottom
- 3rd Glenn & Marion Morris

Post War

- 1st Paul & Carol Fussey

P80V

- 1st Alan & Christine Allbon

Congratulations to Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao as overall winners.

Rodger & Val Ball
Rally Secretaries



The Ladies Run

November Club Run

The Ladies Run

Sunday, 27th November 2022



- * **Plotted by ladies, a run for everyone!**
Team up as you usually do on club events,
Or maybe try a ladies only or men's only team?
Ask a longstanding member if they would care to swap navigators so rally instructions interpretation can be learnt?
- * **This is an Annual event with a trophy**
Won last year by a father and son combination
This year plotted by the Mum!
- * **Starts from the Jolly Farmer Carpark, Drury**
Time: 10:00am

BYO Picnic Lunch

(There is a bakery close to start venue.)

Hat Parade

Wear your Best/Quirkiest/Funniest Hat

Be in to win...



Entertainment Night



AVVCC Men's BAKE OFF

Thursday, 10th November - 7:30pm

Men—YOU are supplying supper!
Bring the baking that you are famous for...

The ladies will be the judges in a blind taste test.

*Any men that turn up without food
there's a \$2 penalty.*

PLUS men...
**There will be a prize for the
Best Pinny (Apron) too!**



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21st National Veteran Rally Update

Friday 24– Sunday 26 FEBRUARY 2023

Preparation is well underway for the rally, now less than 4 months away. We all know that veteran vehicles and modern traffic are not a good mix so Franklin was the obvious area to base the rally. The base for the event is La Valla Function Centre, 2 km from Tuakau.

La Valla is an excellent choice, and we can thank the Dewhurst family for suggesting the venue. It is a great function centre with a cinema, accommodation, well-established gardens and lawns that go on for ever. There is even an airstrip on site!

La Valla offers secure parking for us for the duration of the rally. There is a sixty vehicle on their lawn, and another 90 vehicles and trailers can be in the grounds. Parking will be prioritised to participants then to other club members.

One night a movie will be shown, the theatre seats 90 so entrants will get priority over others. On the Sunday the run goes to Waiuku, where there will be a display of vehicles for the public outside the Kentish Hotel from midday. Some of the participant's are planning to be in period costume. We intend to promote the public display in the media.

Entries are now open, the first three entries we received were from out of town members. The oldest car will probably be Peter Le Gros' 1900 Locomobile steamer, the oldest car presently in Auckland. We are expecting to see vehicles at the rally that we haven't seen before in Auckland as enquiries have come from Gore, Christchurch, Wanganui, New Plymouth, Hawkes Bay, Palmerston North, Tauranga, Taupo, Waikato, and Whangarei.

Our faithful Charabanc will be there, as always. If you would like a seat on the Charabanc, please contact our Chairman, Shaaran Price (birdwoodprices@xtra.co.nz).

These days there are a lot of veteran vehicles that have been passed from father to son. The son, in most cases, was never shown how to drive the vehicle and does not know where to go if it breaks down and some too have no mechanical knowledge. We would love to see a few of those vehicles present. There will be an opportunity to enter for the Saturday to celebrate the 50th Auckland Veteran Rally. You cannot go on the run that day, unless the vehicle has a VIC, but it is not required to bring the vehicle into the grounds. The vehicle also does not have to be registered or have a warrant to park in the grounds. We would love to see a few of these cars out.

John Stokes has now plotted the six routes and John Morrison and I have been out checking the runs. We certainly enjoyed the long run to Port Waikato. John has focused on avoiding busy roads.

However, not everything goes to plan, we were hoping to use the old school camp at Port Waikato for lunch one day but have had to make alternate arrangements, which is sad as the camp has great history.

Sharaan and Alan Price have helped us to move the trophies from Christchurch to Auckland. One of the trophies looks like something they might present for the America's Cup! Diane Quarrie the National President will be in Auckland to present the trophies.

The entry form and newsletters have been going to those that registered interest in the event. While we know not all will be able to attend we are looking forward to receiving a substantial number from them.

There will be another newsletter going out before the event. If you are going to enter, please get your entry form in now so we can talk about the cars participating in the next newsletter.

All marshals and helpers are welcome to join us for meals however you will need to submit an entry form and pay for meals required. Please make contact if you would like an entry form or download it from the branch website.

We do have to pay a ground hire at La Valla and are currently seeking a major sponsor to cover this cost.

OTS are kindly providing a transporter to pick up anyone with mechanical problems free of cost.

Vero and CRC have supplied some great prizes and have helped with items for the rally packs. If anyone knows of a sponsor, or wants to marshal, please get in touch?

Lastly, we are also looking for someone to take photos, so we have some record of the event. This person will need to be able to attend the events during the day plus the prizegiving on Sunday evening.

Thank you
Barry Birchall
Phone: 09 818 8755



Christmas Picnic



AVVCC Christmas Picnic

by courtesy of Dick Langridge
Meadow Brook Farm
Twilight Road, Brookby

Sunday 4th December
10am - 3pm

Join us for some Festive Fun:

Picnic Together - BYO Lunch

11am	Santa's Visit (Santa may have a "cool" treat for the children - young and old.)
11am—1pm	Coffee Van onsite
11:30 am	Complimentary Sausage Sizzle
1pm	Restoration Awards Judging

NO DOGS ALLOWED



Note: If EXTREMELY wet, the Picnic will be held at the clubrooms. Please watch your Emails or Facebook on the Sunday morning.



Call for Volunteers

National Veteran Rally 24-26 February 2023



We need help with:

- ◆ Marshals at lunch stops each day and on Saturday morning and afternoon ,
- ◆ Helpers to set up for lunch in community hall (Saturday only),
- ◆ Helpers at the Saturday afternoon celebrations,
- ◆ Someone to take photographs on Saturday afternoon at the “Celebration of Veterans at La Valla” event and at the prizegiving banquet on Sunday evening,
- ◆ Calligrapher to inscribe certificates,
- ◆ Any other offers?



Major sponsor required?

We'd like to be able to cover additional costs of the event.
Can anyone help us out?

Other Rally information:

Name Tags are your admission to lunch venues, so you will need to be wearing your tag at lunch venues.

Volunteers are certainly welcome to join participants for any meals and refreshments on the day they are helping, all meals will need to be paid for.

The entry form has relevant prices. We need to confirm numbers and any dietary requirements in advance, so again get your entry form in.

If you can assist in any way please contact:

Barry Birchall

09 8188755 or email barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz

Club Captain's Notes

Woohoo, a month with practically no rain to deal with here in Auckland. And so, no doubt, a number of you are busy getting those vehicles ready for some summer motor-ing, including the motorcycle section who are readying their trustee steeds for the annual Auckland Motorcycle Rally being held this weekend...

Mid-week Tourers chose not to have a run this month as moving it from 3 days before the Hunua 100 was not possible. This was appreciated by the committee.

It is wonderful to finally have some meetings at the clubrooms after being closed since early April. The first meeting was for the Motorcycle section, there was a good turnout, and Martin ran the Cecil Light Restoration Trophy.

Some of our members attended the Canterbury Swapmeet held in Christchurch. Did anyone find a bargain, or what they were really hunting for? If so let me know. The membership is always interested in who is restoring what. And you never know, some-one may just have that special part you are looking for?

Our next meeting was the pre Hunua Rally Rules night, which unfortunately I was unable to attend. Grandparent duties called! Thank you Rodger Ball for running this evening, covering what everyone needed to know about rally rules and interpreting them correctly.

The Hunua 100 was held this past weekend, and what a corker of a weekend weather-wise. Sun, blue skies and warm temperatures. For the first time since 2019 we were able to hold the Saturday afternoon Garden Party. A good number of people attended, enjoying each other's company in the garden, partaking in some delightful afternoon tea, together with the complimentary sausage sizzle. The library boys had put together a large number of books (gathered pre flood, along with some donations made since, I believe) that were duplicates of what is in our library up for sale. I understand they were very happy with the result. Jack Nazer was also on hand to make sales of spares, and again, he was pleased with the result. Unexpectedly, a number of guys were making enquiries about using the barn equipment, but needed to go through an induction course (as required by Health and Safety). Don Green was on hand, and willingly held a very impromptu induction course. Thanks Don. Thanks also to Jocelyn McAlpine for making our gardens so pleasant to sit in.

Sunday dawned with a beautiful day and entrants started their rally at Drury and finished at Pukekohe. Not far as the crow flies, but I understand the rally was 108k's. This year was shorter because of the huge increase in fuel prices. John & Janice Gardiner had plotted the run and Rodger and Val Ball had checked it. They then rechecked it several times and each time had to make some adjustments because of road works that kept popping up. I don't think anyone got lost too badly as all made it to the lunch and

finish at Pukekohe where I met them with hot and cold refreshments and some home baking. Everyone sat outside the venue because it was such a lovely day. My thanks to John & Janice and Rodger & Val for the Rally plotting and running. Also, thanks to the marshals, Alastair and Karen Moffat, and Shaaran and Alan Price, plus our tail end charlies Paul Carly & John Cheale.

Sunday evening was our traditional prizegiving at the Remuera Club. This year, because we ran the 2021 event as a Rally only in March 2022, we had a double prizegiving. Many congratulations to winners for 2021 Rodger & Val Ball and our 2022 overall winners were Gavin Welch & Sophie Zhao. Jodi was our photographer, so no doubt there will be a photo or two elsewhere in this issue.

The final two events for the month were our Club Night (a Hunua 100 debrief) and the Vintage Section meeting.

The Library has finally been reinstated - what a massive job it was! The boys will be happy to be back open for business.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely

Lynda Spicer



“All I can hear is a high-pitched scream rising in pitch.”

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Secretary's Notes

National Subscriptions are Due

If you haven't received an invoice from Christchurch either by email or snail mail, get in touch with Linda Duffell at National Office in Christchurch now (admin@vcc.org.nz).

Please remember to direct credit the National Account on the Invoice, NOT our branch account.

Out of Town Rallies

Entry Forms are available for a number of out of town events – see your emails, grab a hard copy in the clubrooms or contact myself or Jodi.

From the Committee table:

All committee members have completed Serve Wise training as part of our liquor licence responsibilities, the cost of bulletin printing and postage is under review, a full review of expenses is being undertaken to support our annual branch levy, clubroom and barn improvements and maintenance continue to be addressed. Keep reading your Bulletin and emails for the latest events happening for you to get involved with.

25, 35, 50 and 60 year Continuous Membership Awards

The Club is reviewing these awards and how they are managed and we would like your thoughts please:

We want to know:

- ◆ How do you feel about these Club awards?
- ◆ Are they important to you?
- ◆ Do we need all of them?
- ◆ Do we need them at all?
- ◆ Would you want your 50 year award presented by the National Club President or their delegate?
- ◆ Would you be happy if it was presented by your branch Chairman?

At our December Entertainment night, Thursday 8th, we will kick off with an open floor discussion to get your views on the matter before we move into the evenings light entertainment.

See you there.
Tracey

Entertainment Notes

October Club Nights

It was so great to be back in the clubrooms in October and we look forward to welcoming members back after what has seemed a long hiatus with Covid interruptions and then the flood. Our Special October Club Night involved Rodger Ball giving us a reminder on rally rules prior to our club's annual major event – the Hunua 100. Members were also asked to bring along some memorabilia which made for some interesting conversations and some prizes handed out.

Then last Thursday was the Rally De-brief with some fun discussion and dissection of the rally. Thank you to Rodger for explaining the specifics of the rally this year.

November Entertainment Night – Thursday 10th

AVVCC Men's Bake Off!

The men will be supplying supper ladies! And the ladies get to do a blind taste judging... Any men that turn up without food must each pay a \$2 penalty. PLUS men... there will be a prize for the Best Pinny (Apron) too!

November Club Night – Thursday 24th - 7.30pm

LET'S GO RACING

Come along to hear Max Coleman talk about V8 racing. He was a winner of Bathurst in 1972, co-driving with Peter Brock, and tests many a **HOLDEN** for other teams on this iconic road track.

So put on your **best Race Day shirt** and be in the draw for door prize and also 'best shirt', followed by our usual yummy supper.

Russel



Veteran Notes

It is with sadness that I report the deaths of section members Bryan Belcher and Jim Boag.

Turnout at the October section meeting was well down due to some members attending the Feilding Swapmeet and the afore mentioned deaths.

It was pleasing to note the attendance of member Lance Anderson from Dairy Flat and Grant Stott from Wellsford Branch.

Lance has a small but significant motorcycle collection including:

- a 1910 Endurance motorcycle, owned by his grandfather, this is powered by a Precision engine,
- a 1916 Powerplus Indian,
- a 1910 shaft drive Belgian FN, and
- a 1916 Excelsior.

Lance hopes to have the Endurance and the Powerplus on the National Veteran Rally in February next year. Lance has also made steady progress on his 1903 single cylinder Cadillac, the body, upholstery and wheels and tyres are done. The next job is the engine, which includes sourcing another crankshaft. The car apparently was initially sourced in Dunedin before being shifted to Hamilton and stored for many years. Then it moved onto Steve Raffills who on-sold it to Lance.

Grant Stott reported that his 1918 Westcott and 1924 Chandler are at his new home in Kaipara Flats.

Most of the Aucklanders attending the meeting had little to report.

The centennial of the Waiuku branch railway was celebrated on October 16th. We were represented by Monty and Pauline Scarborough, Gavin Wech and Sophie Zhao, Ron Richards and Cedric Pegrum all in their veteran Model T Fords. Terry Jenkins brought the 1917 Dodge 4, Phil and Caroline Henley took their 1920 Talbot Darracq and John Morrison brought his 1908 Sears Auto Buggy.

Other members were present with the Vintage Austin Register and Tom Brough turned up with his Post Vintage Buick.

The Hutcheson Daimler from Bay of Plenty was unable to make it, so Ron Richards 1915 Model T tourer, pictured at left, was called on to transport the dignitaries.

That's all for this month.
John Stokes



Vintage Notes

Of interest to our group is the Vintage & Veteran Tour of the lower North Island from the 13th to the 20th of March next year. From our experience these events are very enjoyable.

Bob Pickering has his 1928 Plymouth Q up and running and is almost ready for a WOF.

Lyndsay Whittle told us of his aborted attempt to drive his 1929 De Soto to Hawkes Bay for the Art Deco. The very sudden loss of air in a front tyre took the wind out of his sails (so to speak). The event was filmed by the motorway police unit but so far it has not featured on the tele.

Bill Quinn (Oakland) was wondering about the best oil to use in his car. This sparked a discussion about oils and other additives, and there was little agreement as everyone has their own favourite. There may be an opportunity here to get an oil expert to come and talk to us as it seems to be quite a complex issue.

Tim Gray has been assembling a Ruckstell diff for his Model T with some new parts from USA. However, there is 43 thou end play that should not be there, so a little more investigation is needed.

Neil Lucas has acquired a 1934 Plymouth.

John Tower is making rapid progress with his 1925 Humber which he had bought but not yet received in our last report. He has replaced all the rotten old wooden frame with ash. The dash will be English Oak. A very pleasing surprise was finding a box with all the instruments, already fully restored.

Ross Bellamy is playing with model A windscreen wipers. Did you know that Ford went from electric wipers back to vacuum in the Model A because they were quieter?

Neville Holland is sure his water loss in the Chev is a cracked head. He has successfully welded a couple of other heads, so is confident he can fix this one.

Brian King from the motorcycle section, was waiting to get access to the barn, so in the meantime he entertained us with the progress on converting his bike into a trike with an Austin 7 front axle! I can't wait to see that.

Murray Firth

Motorcycle Notes

Lynda and I, plus grand kids Riley and Isabella, arrived at the club rooms on a sunny afternoon. This was to be the first branch meeting in the club rooms in six months. We set up the room for the meeting, Lynda prepared the afternoon tea.

Around 2pm the members and motorcycles started to arrive. Out the back we had a good selection of 17 motorcycles, and around 40 members in the clubroom.

Visitors and possibly new members were – Robert Kennedy, George Lewis, Paul Bell, Carl Scott.

I welcomed the members back into the club rooms, then told them a not too bad joke. I then gave the guys a rev up about getting entry's in for our annual Auckland Motorcycle Rally. We then talked about the November meeting where we will hero three Wheeler's. A number of members have been lined up to bring their sidecar outfits along - we also will have as a centre piece Bernie Bolstad's great looking tilting Honda Gold Wing the only one in NZ, plus member Alan Duffy will bring his immaculate Morgan three wheeler.

So, if there are any other Three Wheeler's out there, please do bring them along to the meeting, the more the merrier. I'm sure this will be a great meeting.

For the December meeting our guest speaker will be member Trevor Hackett with his outstanding 1000cc Nor-Vin. We're hoping that Trevor's friends from the Vincent owners club will also turn up on their motorcycles to support Trevor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Don Green spoke on the subject of chrome plating, and how much it has cost him to have his Norton Commando's wheel rims plated, plus with the price of chrome spokes - you're talking about \$1000 each wheel (ouch).

Jack Clark spoke about next years NZ Classic Motorcycle Racing Register Festival at Pukekohe and how it will be the last ever meeting there, so make sure you put it in your diary to go to see it - Saturday 4th-Monday 6th February 2023.

Peter Alderdice told us about a Royal Enfield three wheeler he bought in 1990, it was used by Broadway Motors to transport parts in the 1950's and it was nicknamed the crab.

Member Dave Tomkins told us a story about the late Lee Brookes' father's motorcycle shop that was in Newmarket. Then he told us about his bike racing at the Pukekohe race circuit when it was just a grass track and also told us about his work on putting Bill Buckley's daughter's 1000 Vincent back together. Dave finished up by telling us about the restoration of a 350 Royal Enfield that's nearly finished.

CECIL LIGHT RESTORATION TROPHY

There were four motorcycles entered, Graeme Crawley's Ariel Special that resembles an Ivory Calthorp, Graham Waters 1972 Norton Commando (no pic sorry), Jack Clark's 1963 650 Matchless G12 and Carl Scott's 1979 Honda CB900.

These four gentlemen told us about their motorcycles and restoration, afterwards we then went out to the rear car park to inspect the motorcycles. We had to discount Carl's Honda sadly as he is not a member of the club yet!.

In the end I decided to make all three winners, as we hadn't presented the trophy since 2019 due to lockdowns. So congratulations to Graeme, Jack, and Graham.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely

Martin Spicer and Jack Clark



*Front: Jack Clark's - 1963
650 Matchless G12*

*Back: Carl Scott's - 1979
Honda CB900*

*Front: Graeme Crawley's -
Ariel Special*



Display Vehicles Required



2022 FGS NZ Cherry Blossom Festival

Can you help? Join the public display at:

Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple

16 Stancombe Road, Flat Bush, Manukau

Saturday 12th November

9:30am - 2:00pm

(Opens to the Public at 10am)

- Browse the “Art Salon 2022” showcasing 90 Local Artists with over 400 Artworks around the temple.
- Cherry Blossom Market Stalls
- Enjoy Coffee and Gelato
- Tour the Temple

Art-ful - Colour-ful - Joy-ful

Note: Long Pants and Long Skirts must be worn when touring the Temple.

Mid Week Tourers

There was no run last month, due to the Hunua 100, so nothing to report.

However, the mini survey of members preferences resulted in about a dozen responses, oral and written. A bit disappointing in view of the number of members who actually participate, but on the other hand a clear majority came back supporting our present format, i.e. non competitive, alternating between North and South, finishing at a place of interest with a group lunch, (BYO or café,) and about an hour's duration with the occasional longer run if the venue is worth it. Although several people offered to help now and again, which is welcomed, no one seems prepared to do a stint on a regular basis. Thank you to all those who took the time to reply.

So, it'll be "business as usual" for now, but it might not be every month. Your present Mid-week team do have other commitments and are not getting any younger! (The Dewdrops actually retired a couple of years ago, but Covid intervened.)

Now, for some time, we have been asked "when will there be another Overnight Tour"? These were very popular, and we are currently looking at another two night stay in a historic hotel in the Waikato. Probably starting with the usual third Wednesday and home again on the Friday. We have a nucleus already who are interested, but not enough to justify a special group deal for price. Currently it would cost close to \$500 for a couple for two nights bed and breakfast (en suite rooms) plus a group dinner on the last night. If you are interested get in touch (dewdrops@xtra.co.nz) for more details.

Coming Events

November—Wednesday 30th **Note the later Wednesday!**

Starts from The Warehouse car park, old Westgate.

10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure.

Destination is Wenderholm for a picnic, BYO.

December—No run, refer November

January—Wednesday 18th

Starts from the BP service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury.

10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure.

Member Paul Smith has plotted this run to his home in Waiuku where he has a collection of Fords and automobilia, plus his wife Vicki will have her handcrafts on display.

Your Mid-week Team

VIC Application Assistance

Are you struggling with completing the VIC application forms?

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Saturday, 3rd December 2022
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If you know that you would like to come along, please let us know? You do not need to make an appointment, we'd just like to get an indication of how many people would like some help? Simply reply to this Bulletin email.



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Spares Dept.

The Parts boys are starting to make progress with the sorting and gaining control of our stock. We have hundreds of NOS (new old stock) contact sets, rotors, & condensers. We invite all club members to take the distributor cap off their club car to take a cell phone pic. In most cases we can supply, for very little cost, the parts that in effect would be your cheapest insurance against your engine deciding that it is holiday time when you are in the middle of nowhere. We have helped quite a number of club members in this way.

We have all of the hub caps on display in the Barn. Amongst them we found some new Mk V Jag caps with one also having the centre badge and one only, new, XY Falcon cap. These are all at bargain prices.

On your next visit to the club it is a must to visit our **GOODIES** cabinet. Take home any item free of charge. Quite a number of club members have had very worthwhile visits.

Your Spares Team

The guidelines of how to inspect and purchase spares (below):



How to Find a Part

The parts catalogue is in the basket on the left of the sorting bench.

It is simple to find the **LOCATION** of the parts bin or box of any listed part.

Each shelving cabinet is marked alphabetically in a clockwise direction with A being on your left as you enter through the door of "B" (Barn) Warehouse.

Each shelf is marked alphabetically from the top: e.g. top shelf AA second AB, etc.

Each parts bin or box is **LOCATION** marked numerically: e.g. Standard 10hp 1937 – 40 Head Gasket 9 only price \$C5 (very negotiable) **LOCATION B-BE07**.

Every parts bin or box and its position on the front of that shelf is also marked with its unique **LOCATION**.

The sorting bench is available for anyone to tip out a parts bin to check the contents. This bench must be left clean and the parts bin must be return to its unique **LOCATION**.

A retrieval pole for V belts, and hubcaps is stationed on the right of the entry door.

Remember if you don't buy the part it must go back in its unique **LOCATION**.

Library Notes

We are OPEN! What a huge task this has been, but we are finally back in business!

While the repairs were happening the Motor Racing section, which is housed in a cabinet outside the library in the hall way, has been restored by the team. As these books were being returned to the shelves a copy of a classic motor racing memoir, Bruce McLaren's autobiography *'From the Cockpit'* unexpectedly popped open. Our copy originally published in 1964 by Frederick Muller Ltd is so scarce that Evro Publishing, in collaboration with McLaren, recently announced it has reissued a facsimile version for all fans to enjoy.

Written when just 27 years old; Bruce describes his inspiring rise up the ladder of motor racing success, culminating in the formation of Bruce McLaren Motor Racing Ltd in 1963. Paying tribute to his father and workshop foreman Harold Bardsley for a solid grounding in the practical aspects of automobile engineering, this engrossing book provides fascinating insight into not only his accomplishments but also his unique character, charm and tenacity.

Overcoming childhood illness, which at first was thought to be Polio, a rare condition called Perthes Disease stopped Bruce walking for two years and meant long spells in the Wilson Home.

Starting with an Ulster Austin purchased unseen by his father at a bargain price of £110 they end up with a sad collection of parts. Undeterred it took a year to rebuild it, while a thirteen year old watched his father's every move. Unable to obtain his license until he reached 15, Bruce honed his driving skills around a small circuit marked out in the back garden. After Early competition in New Zealand with the Ulster and several other cars, he was picked as the recipient of New Zealand's first 'Driver to Europe' scheme, his results in his first season away from home included fifth place in the 1958 German Grand Prix with a works Cooper. He became the youngest Grand Prix winner in the 1959 United States GP for Cooper, as team-mate to Jack Brabham in the year the Australian won his first World Championship title.

The story continues with the ups and downs of his life in Formula 1 up to the end of 1963; from winning at Monaco in 1962 to crashing at the Nürburgring and ending up in hospital, his first ever crash - where the idea to write this book was conceived. The story concludes with the formation of his own team, initially to run modified Cooper chassis, and Bruce's

emotional victory in the 1964 New Zealand Grand Prix.

This is a fascinating book full of 'can-do' attitude and well worth a read even if you're not a die-hard motor sport fan.

This month we received a donation of books from a deceased estate. They belonged to the late David Clare. David was a retired Air New Zealand aircraft engineer who had a long interest in MG cars and spent many years sourcing parts from the UK working on his collection. We are fortunate that some of his books will expand our collection on this marque. The collection was rescued by David's neighbour Mrs. Glenis Lindsay who used Google to find us. It's great to have a high ranking website that pops up near the top of a search!

Richard

P.S. Yesterday (Sat 22nd Oct) we received a small bag of books for the library at the Garden Party. This photograph of Bruce McLaren (waving goodbye on his Driver To Europe trip) was amongst them. Very strange coincidence!



No one guessed where!

This Garage was on the corner of Great South Road and Beach Road in Papakura.

Franklin's Garage (Petrol Station and Workshop) was my grandfather Vincent's garage, he and my grandmother Cecelia ran it for approx. 12 years between 1935 and 1947. They had the garage built.



Their house was adjoined to the Station. The attendant (my Nana) would not only serve the petrol, but also checked the oil and water while serving, remember that service?

My Poppa worked in the workshop all day. His work ethic, like so many of that era, meant that you kept working until the vehicle was back on the road. Even if that meant finishing at midnight. My Nana even served customers all day on the day that she gave birth to my Mum. All in a days work!



The building is still there, at least the bones of it, it's currently the Remax Office.

Thanks to the few that had a go at guessing!
Jodi



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New Members

A most sincere welcome is extended to the following 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? (Refer back page of this Bulletin for details).

Alwyn Gill*Waiuku*

1979 Honda CBX
1968 Yamaha DT1

Jayden Hardie*Titirangi*

1955 Peugeot 203c (2 of)

Bill Hohepa MNZM*Beachlands*

1953 Studebaker Landcruiser

Dirk Jost*Remuera*

1984 Volkswagen Golf Gti

Ian Redgrave*Kumeu*

1974 Rover P6 v8
1980 Mercedes 250

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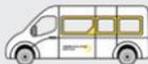
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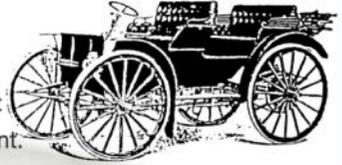
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