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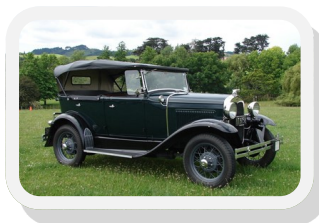


Introducing Your New Team

Welcome to the first Bulletin issued by your new team. We want to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, tell you about what we drive/ride plus our positions on the committee and give you our contact details (please note some officers' details may have changed).

We are all looking forward to overseeing the running of this branch for the next year, along with your assistance when and where needed.

It was noted at the recent National AGM Luncheon, held in our Barn, that we have a fabulous asset in our branch property, we need to ALL make the most of it.



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Chairman - Shaaran Price

I'm a country girl at heart, being brought up milking cows and rolling in the back cut. Who knows what that is? Clue – my father was a dairy farmer and part time hay baling contractor. I learned to drive on a Ferguson tractor. The difference between a sledgehammer and screwdriver was learned at an early age.

Three months after marrying Alan, a cabinetmaker at that time, we joined the Vintage Car Club and purchased our 1930 Chevrolet and started restoration. We did most of the restoration work ourselves. I spent many hours scraping rust and sewed the upholstery on a Singer treadle sewing machine. The VCC has played a major part in our lives ever since.



A shift to Auckland for Alan to do his Woodwork and Technical Drawing Teacher Training was only to be one year. I was terrified of Auckland and its traffic, to the extent, I would walk from Epsom Ave to Broadway Newmarket to bank his \$27 fortnightly cheque. During that year I took on a non-paid position at the Home Craft Student's hostel where, for \$3 a day we were fed by these students. At the end of that year (1970), Alan accepted the position of Woodwork Teacher at Massey High School. Restoration of the Chevrolet came to a halt that year but by September 1971 it had been driven up to Auckland and we had purchased our home in Birdwood Rd.

When our children started Playcentre and Primary School I was soon to join committees and trained as an Early Childhood Supervisor and was Girl Guide District Commissioner for many years. For 38 years I was Relief teacher at Massey High School and taught Night School Cake Decorating classes.

Crafts have played a large part in my life – embroidery, scrapbooking, pergamano to name a few. Bone China is also a passion.

As with many members, our vehicle fleet grew over the years and we are looking forward to catching up with you all as we enter rallies after a 12 month enforced break due to a freak flood submerging them all under five feet of water!

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Shaaran will also be one of the Delegates to attend national meetings.

Vice Chairman - Don Green

I joined our club in the mid 90's with a wide interest in things of a mechanical nature but a main interest in vintage motorcycles.

A late starter regards motorcycle ownership, which came about, following the complete restoration of a hand-me-down from a family member.

I purchased a second motorcycle to start a 'collection' within weeks of joining, and the rest you can guess...



I retired at 70 from servicing Flight Simulators. I was then head hunted, at 72, to go back to the same type of work and am still doing this today.

My skills are broad and have been well utilized for my own restorations. I now have an increasing number of requests to carry out restoration work for others, this keeps me very busy, but is also very rewarding.

Through the club I have been fortunate to have met and made friends with people from across the globe and been invited and taken part in rallies in UK, Ireland, USA, Australia, Tasmania, and the Isle of Man.

I believe the beauty of this club is the people, places, and experiences we get offered just for being a participant. Long may it continue.

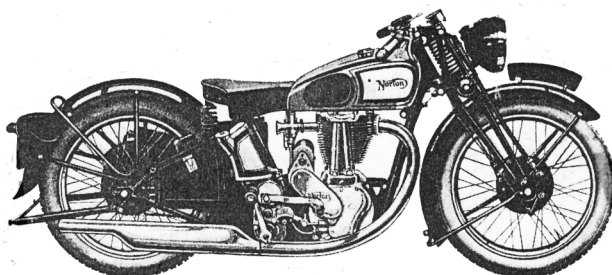
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Don is also our Health & Safety officer.



Secretary - Tracey Winterbottom

Along with my husband Stephen I've been a member for over 35 years and have grown up in the club.

We have a collection of roadworthy vehicles covering 1925 to 1973 and enough projects to see us through retirement and then some. Our interest is across all classes but if I had to choose our passion it is vintage, particularly sporting and open, back country motoring.



Our adult children also share our interest for driving our history and 2 of our fleet (1925 Essex and 1928 Sunbeam) are family vehicles that have been in the family for over 60 years.

We love to get out around the country, with most of our vehicles clocking up many miles annually. We enjoy straight out touring rallies or well plotted competitive rallies that test your navigation and timekeeping skills. (These seem to be dropping off in popularity but something I do not want to see lost.) Don't ask me what I think of questions as a competitive element!!

Why am I here? To give back to a club that gives us a lot, to inject some life back after the rough Covid times and I am keen to facilitate positive change that will ensure the longevity of our club and enable those that follow to continue to drive our history for many years to come.

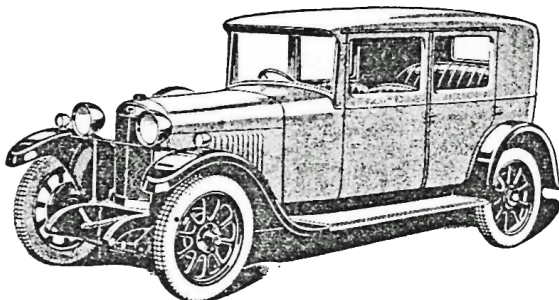
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Treasurer - Alastair Moffat

You'll see me wheeling my Zimmer frame around.

Brought up in Timaru, I had my first motorbike as a schoolboy at the age of 15, despite my parents' objections – a Velocette GTP. That bike instilled in me a passion for Velos, but a hatred of 2-strokes. Oh, I nearly forgot, before that (at 14), there was a 1920 Indian Scout. It was kept at my cousin's place so Mum and Dad didn't know. It never ran... At 16 I went through a flying ¼ mile at over 100 mph on a friend's AJS 7R – Burt Munro was there that day.



During my engineering student years, a Matchless, and then a Vincent Comet were my main means of transport, but my mate and I shared a Model T Ford (cost £12/10) for Saturday night activities. Followed by a mint, one-owner, Model A. Of course we did our own maintenance on all these.

Following a couple of years in the UK (I remember going to a hill-climb at Prescott) on returning home there were years of settling down and family raising with Karin whom I'd met in Norway. And then it was time to play again. Cars included another Model T, an Alvis 12-70, a Jowett Jupiter and several different older Porsches. Not all of these became roadworthy.

There was an interest in motorsport – I was at the Bathurst 1000 as a pit crew member in 1988, and bought an older Formula Ford which was driven at most of the then circuits through NZ.

Then back into classic motorbikes with a MAC Velocette, several Matchlesses, and some Hondas.

My favourite bike – definitely the MAC Velo. And favourite car – probably a Vauxhall VX4/90 which I bought new in the UK in 1964, toured Europe, and brought back to NZ. It was then sold to help fund our first house.

A year or two back I lost my mobility, which is why I don't ride any more. And why I volunteered to be your treasurer.

My bikes have gone, but there's still a Porsche 914 in the garage!

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2022 Hunua 100

**Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October
(Labour Weekend)**

**This year's plotters are
John & Janice Gardner**

Saturday at the Clubrooms

- * Garden Party—Please bring a plate

Sunday

- * Traveling approx. 70 miles on country roads
in South Auckland
- * BYO Lunch - tea, coffee & juice will be available
- * Dine & Dance Prizegiving at the Remuera Club

**Entry Form in August Bulletin
or on line - www.avvcc.org.nz/entry-forms**

Enquiries and Entry Forms to

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Motorcycle Rep - Martin Spicer

I was born in London a long time ago... I started riding motorcycles on my 16th birthday, on a BSA Bantam. I then bought my 1960 BSA Golden Flash, I still ride this bike today.

I worked as a toolmaker in the Chatham Naval Dockyard in Kent, we were refitting Frigates and Nuclear Submarines.

Lynda and I emigrated to Auckland in 1982. Since arriving in New Zealand I have only had two jobs, both were in tube bending for the plumbing and dairy industries.

I joined the Auckland Vintage Car Club in 1990. In 1998 I became the motorcycle co-ordinator, a position I still hold. I have been on the branch committee for 24 years, and a member for 32 years. I was the branch Chairman from 2017 to just a few weeks ago.

My vehicle collection comprises a 1939 Morris 14/6, 1963 Hillman Minx, 1957 BSA Bantam D3, 1986 Honda CBX550F2, Suzuki TS 125, and my aforementioned 1960 BSA Golden Flash.

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Martin is also our "Immediate Past Chairman" and will be there to assist Shaaran with any intricacies of the job.



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Event Co-ordinator - John Morrison

I joined the club about 8 years ago. I've always had an interest in motor cars, and most forms of motor sport.

As a teenager I was a member of the Triumph Car Club as my first car was a 1960 Triumph Herald Coupe in which I competed in Rallies, Hill Climbs, Trials and other club events.

As is often the case this gives way to marriage and bringing up a young family and business interests. Hobbies gave way to family interests. These included encouraging activities of Rugby, Cricket, Basket Ball and Hockey of which two of my children represented Auckland in their teen years. All four children learnt to sail and my youngest son went on to win three National Youth Championships and Represented NZ Internationally. The highlights being winning all Japan Youth Sailing Championship and finishing 3rd in the world Splash Championship.

None of them showed a great interest in cars and associated sports. I now also have 4 young grandchildren.

After my wife passed away I found my old interests and am a keen Western Springs fan.

Went to the Indy 500, The Midget Car Chili Bowl, several Australian Grand Prix and Bathurst.

I'm not particularly mechanically minded, and would never think of having an art collection but this gap is more than covered by my appreciation for and the history of old cars. This is shown with my collection of old cars, a 1906 Cadillac, an 1908 Sears, 1913 Humberette, 1915 Model T Turtleback, 1916 Briscoe, 1928 Cadillac V8 Roadster, 1929 Auburn, and a 1949 Talbot Largo T26.

Its my intention to show these cars at shows and also compete in them in Vintage Car Club activities around the country.

One thing on my bucket list was to drive Route 66 but covid has put this idea on hold until things settle down.

I enjoy being a member of the club for the opportunities it offers to enjoy the cars and the friendships that a club like this allows you to build.

Look forward to many more years of active participation in the club.

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John also has the responsibilities of Inter-club Liaison and Name Badge ordering.

Entertainment Officer - Russel McAlpine

I purchased my 1930 Ford A Phaeton as a young teenager and joined the Vintage Car Club in 1968 and have enjoyed a large chunk of my membership years on committee. This is my third stint after a long initial stand where I held the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Club Captain. During my term as Chairman we built the 'barn' which is now around 30 years old and in need of some major maintenance which I am keen to assist with.



My journey with the car club has been through my teenage years, getting married, having kids, grandkids and now in my retirement years, where supposedly you have more time?

My wife, Jocelyn and I have travelled the length and breadth of our beautiful country in the 'A' on rallies or other self-designed trips, making lifelong friends. We also own "Little Red" a 1962 Austin Healy Sprite which I manage to squeeze my 1.87m frame into. Our younger son has a 1970 Mark II Escort Estate which he calls his 'Model A'. I certainly believe that you get back what you put into a club, so looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the many different activities on offer throughout the year.

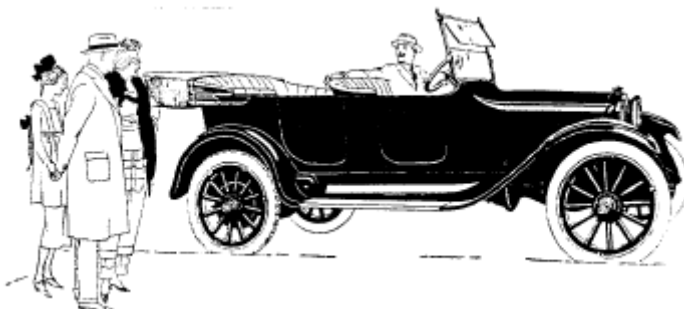
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When Russel isn't entertaining us he'll also be heading up the Building & Garden Maintenance for the club. Be on the watch out for when you can help?



Continuous Membership Awards Steward - Glenn Morris

I have been a member for over 40 years.

I currently work in Banking and Finance.

My wife Marion and I own a 1928 Ford Model A Phaeton which has travelled to most parts of New Zealand both North and South Island.

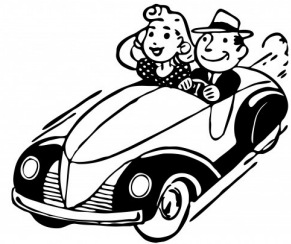
I have served on the committee over the course of my membership in various positions.

We enjoy competitive rallies and I am happy to discuss any questions on rally instructions.

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Clubroom Bookings - Jeremy Lambert

I joined the VCC when we moved to Auckland from Christchurch in 2012.

I'm originally from the U.K. and along the way I lived in Western Australia for 10 years before making my way to NZ, I've been here for 25 years.

I used to be a medical imaging engineer looking after CT scanners, xray systems and ultrasound and still do the occasional bit of contract work.



I ride a 1959 Velocette Venom which I have owned since 1975. I have just bought a 1983 BMW R80RT and also currently own a modern Triumph Bonneville. I don't own a club eligible car. I joined the Charabanc crew last year which has enabled me to improve my brass polishing skills.

Jeremy

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PV, PWV, P60V and P80V RALLY

After 2 years of Covid cancellations

THIS YEAR, IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

Sunday 11th September 2022

From PV to P80V – that's 60 years of car manufacturing

A touring style rally that starts and finishes in Drury

Plotted by Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao

Entry forms available: www.avvcc.org.nz/entry-forms

Email gjwelch1956@gmail.com

See you there!

Library Team Leader - Richard Green

I first joined the AVVCC in 1966 after acquiring a very tired 1930 Morris Cowley. It ran, but only just and several years standing in the open had caused significant rot/rust in the body. Marriage, children and overseas work significantly impacted on the repair/restoration, as well as club membership. Very significant problems with the engine rebuild forced me to postpone further progress until the early 2000s. I have since re-joined the club and finished the car, learning the skills necessary on the way. I also own a 1930 Rolls-Royce 20/25 which has been in the family since the late 70s, and currently am working on a Bullnose Morris Oxford total project.



My success on the Morris was in part due to having access to original workshop technical information sourced through the UK Bullnose Morris Club (BNMC), so I appreciate the enormous value of a library. I joined the library team a few years ago and saw an opportunity to modernise the catalogue records so that the vast collection of books and technical publications were more visible to members, and others. The library contains roughly 3,000 general books on motoring, transport, and automotive engineering, including books specific to the history of a marque. It holds a further 5,000 workshop manuals, parts books, original sales brochures, service instructions and technical instructions. In addition there are roughly 6,000 miscellaneous publications covering magazines dating back to first arrivals of motor vehicles in New Zealand. So far almost all the 3,000 general automotive books are now searchable on the on-line catalogue: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/vintagemotor>

Once the library is re-instated the next step is to add the workshop manuals etc into the catalogue.

If you are looking for more information about the marque of your motor vehicle, or technical information, do pop into the library, or browse the catalogue on your computer.

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Bulletin Editor - Jodi Tomlin

Hi, I am Jodi Tomlin, and thanks for making it this far through my first Bulletin this time round! Yes, I've been here before, some 19 years ago.

As I immerse myself in all things Bulletin once more I do have some ideas for changes that I hope to make, so keep an eye out...

One of the first things I'd like to do will require YOUR help please? I would like to include more articles of interest, articles like the "First Ten Years of Veterans in Auckland" in last month's Bulletin. If you read an article that you believe others would find interesting, please send it or its link to me. I will need to know where the article came from, if extracted from a magazine or the like, so that I can seek permission to re-produce.



Now, a little about me, I've been a member of the branch for 33 years. I joined after being introduced to the obsession that is Vintage motoring back in 1988.

I bought myself a BSA Motorcycle, a 1951 C11, as a car seemed a bit daunting for 23 year old me. I think my poor bike spent more time off the road than on, but many fellow motorcyclists were willing to help out with the mechanical work plus give me rides as a pillion or in their sidecars. I replaced the C11 with a gorgeous 1939 BSA B26 which I still have today. I was also lucky enough to find a husband in the club too! Yes, Paul was one of those mechanics that helped me out. I've enjoyed many amazing experiences over the years, I've certainly been to incredible places across NZ many of which you only get to see thanks to the VCC.

Unfortunately, in the '00s and '10s life got in the way, I travelled all over the country and to Australia in my IT job, then left that job to take on a retail business that I traded 7 days a week, it was all consuming. Nowadays I have a simpler event admin job that allows me a bit more time for other interests, so I am back enjoying everything VCC again. I'm totally loving being back rallying with Paul. I haven't ridden for years now, but do love sitting in the sidecar of our 1925 Harley Davidson, being the navigator (even if I do have to walk steep hills occasionally—when the old bike runs out of puff with me in the sidecar!) Now that I'm back into the VCC scene I've chosen to dive back in, boots and all, as your Bulletin Editor and also as a committee member for the next year.

Other duties I will be responsible for this year are Trophy Steward, Social Convenor and New Member Liaison. I look forward to creating some good reading for you.

Cheers, Jodi
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*That's NOT us by the way!
Just an old ad for a
1925 Harley*

Thank you to Val Ball

Val Ball took over the job of Bulletin Editor from me in 2003. Since then Val has delivered your magazine once a month for all those years.

What an incredible effort and I am pretty sure I won't be in the job as long as that!

On behalf of us all Val, thank you for that dedication. It's no mean feat to produce this magazine every month. I am sure you will not miss the deadlines and chasing the reports.

In fact as I type, I am sure you are enjoying not having this task to do right now.

THANK YOU from all of us!
Jodi



Val at the recent AGM receiving a gift to acknowledge her service, presented by Shaaran our new Chairman.

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Coming Events

September

3	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—the Barn	2:30pm
8	Thurs	Noggin & Natter in the Barn	7:30pm
10	Sat	Health & Safety Briefing in the Barn (rescheduled from Aug)	1:00pm
10	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—the Barn	2:30pm
11	Sun	Annual PV, PWV, P60V & P80V Rally—starts Tui St, Drury	12:30pm
17	Sat	Rubber Duckie Rally (Taranaki Branch)	
18	Sun	Waikato PV Rally	
22	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	7:30pm
24	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting	2:30pm
25	Sun	Club Run—starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Drury	10.30am
28	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—the Barn	8:00pm

October

1	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
4	Tues	Committee Meeting—Clubrooms	7:30pm
13	Thurs	Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms	7:30pm
15	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
20	Thurs	Club Night & New Members—Rally Instruction Night	7:30pm
22-23		Annual Hunua 100 Rally	
26	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
29	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting—Clubroom	2:30pm

November

1	Tues	Committee Meeting—Clubrooms	7:30pm
4-6		Annual Motorcycle Rally—Port Waikato	
5	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
10	Thurs	Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms	7:30pm
11-14		Far North Tour—50th Anniversary edition	
19	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
23	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
24	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	8:00pm
26	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting	2:30pm
27	Sun	Club Run—Ladies Run	
29	Tues	Committee Meeting—Clubrooms	7:30pm
30	Wed	Mid Week Tourers—Wenderholm Picnic	
		Starts The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am

Note: The Clubrooms are open on the second and fourth Thursday evenings each month from 7:30pm till 10:00pm and every Saturday afternoon from 4:30pm till 6:30pm.

Chairman's Report

Just one week after my election to Chairman of your Branch, life has been full steam ahead with preparing for the National AGM, of which we were the Host Branch.

As we still can't use the clubrooms, the Barn had to be set up for the Sunday luncheon. A big thank you must go out to Lynda Spicer who prepared and served the luncheon with helpers, Val Ball, Debbie Ballantyne, Kay Hosking and Dawn Pickering.

The AGM itself went off very well. Tracey will have a full Delegate's Report for you in next month's Bulletin. The transport of Chairmen and Delegates from Branches around NZ to places of interest and arrival and departure at the airport was organised by Tracey Winterbottom and John Morrison. Thanks also to members Glenn Morris, Russel McAlpine, Alan Price, John Stokes, and Steven Winterbottom who drove the minibuses and met delegates at the airport. A special thank you to Dick Langridge for supplying Metropolitan Rentals mini vans for this.

Major maintenance work, arranged by the previous committee, is about to start on the Barn. Over the next month or two you will see the iron on the roof replaced and the exterior walls renovated and painted.

Thank you to Jocelyn and Russel McAlpine who have lately spent time tidying up the gardens and have offered to continue doing this for us.

With the start of a new year ahead, and with the help of the incoming committee, I am hoping for fresh ideas and a new start. If any of you have an idea or suggestion that you think would be appropriate to include in our branch activities, please let me know?

I had the pleasure of presenting Peter Cooper with his 35 Year Badge at the last Motorcycle Meeting. Peter is well known for his Scott and Rudge motorcycles and his cheerful manner. The meeting was held in the Barn due to the ongoing closure of the clubrooms but it did not deter members from turning up to hear the guest speaker.

Reading the VCC National Daffodil Day reports on Facebook – Canterbury 500 + vehicles, Ashburton 160 vehicles, large turnouts from Waikato and North Shore. Auckland – 15 vehicles, including three visitors who joined us for the day??? A disappointing turnout, but those who did make it enjoyed themselves and I thank you for coming and supporting Daffodil Day.

Hoping to see you out and about this month.
Shaaran Price.

Secretary's Notes

Welcome to all our new committee members.

In August we finally managed to get our AGM done and dusted, we had some new committee members elected and have a new chairman. You will have read the bios for most of the team by now and a full list of the whole team can be found on the last page of this bulletin.

We hosted a successful National AGM in Karaka, thanks to those who assisted and the Auckland members who came along to see how it works. There are over 1800 club members within a reasonable driving distance of the venue, very few took up the opportunity – is everyone happy? Complacent? Unaware? – Food for thought.

There was a lot discussed in both the AGM and the Executive meeting, and a full report will be in next month's Bulletin.

A key issue coming at us is the changes to the Act that governs how Incorporated Societies operate. There will need to be changes to our Club Constitution, and President Diane Quarrie has indicated that this will likely include how the club is currently managed by the Executive and Management Committee. There will be a lot to consider, and the next Executive Meeting in March will probably spend a lot of time in this space. Watch the Bulletin and come along to club nights as I know there will be plenty of things we will be asking for your feedback on.

I have entry forms for the Waikato PV Rally and the ever popular Far North Tour in November – if you are interested I can email you a copy or they will be on the board in the clubrooms. If you are considering attending (which I recommend) it would be a good idea to book accommodation earlier rather than waiting.

Thanks
Tracey Winterbottom

*From Mid-Week Tourer's
run to Mangawhai Museum
"Daring" Schooner
- see report on page 23*



Club Captain's Notes

I hope this finds you all well and that you have been able to use your vehicles either in our own events or those held out of town during the last month. Unfortunately, the rain is still with us which for Martin and I this month, missed our first club night gathering in the barn on Thursday due to our farm driveway being partially washed away and our garage also had some water in. No damage in the garage but our driveway needs some remedial work.

Mid-week tourers enjoyed their monthly event - see their report.

The Howick Riders Group – motorcycles – who meeting every Thursday were only able to get out twice this month due to the heavy rain which was the same as last month.

August was the month for AGM's both our own branch and the National one of which we were hosts. We had to hold our branch AGM off site. Nonetheless, it was successful, everyone had afternoon tea and we welcomed some new members to the committee, and farewelled some old ones. Congratulations to members who have joined our committee, some not for the first time, and one new face Harvey Brewer. I look forward to the next 12 months working alongside our committee but I am praying that it will be a trouble free 12 months, no lockdowns for ANY reason. The National AGM was a success, see reports elsewhere and I had fun putting together the Goodie Bags for the registered attendees as well as putting on the Sunday lunch in the barn. Thanks to Val, Debbie, Marion, Dawn and Kay who helped me in the kitchen for the Sunday lunch.

The club reinstatement after the March weather bomb, as you are all aware has still to be completed. I am in continuous communication with the Project Managers. It has been over a month since we rejected the carpet laid in the library, as being sub-standard and it has not yet been resolved. I am sure that the project managers are getting a bit tired of my emails and phone calls, but this does need resolving urgently, so that we can get the library re-installed and the branch re-opened again properly. I am also sure that I have a few more grey hairs since this re-instatement work started, ha ha!!

You will see that the Motorcycle Section and today, as I write this, the Vintage Section held their meetings in the barn. So well done to them all for using the barn and a thank you to a working party who sorted the barn out so that this could happen (for the National AGM Sunday lunch and moving forward). It is quite a cosy setting really.

Daffodil Day was Sunday 21st August for the Vintage Car Club, and what Auckland was going to do had been advertised through our bulletin, and through the email tree. It was disappointing that only 15 vehicles turned up for this (and 3 of these were from the Howick Classic Club who had asked if they could join us), and 1 motorcycle. We had a small town tour to Pinesong Retirement Village in Greenbay, who made us very welcome. A lot of their residents popped down to view the collection of cars and were very generous with their donations. We then went along to another two retirement villages, who had requested us visit them for some time and we were disappointed at the lack of interest. The motorcycle section on Saturday had had a collection and Thursday evening Barn club night also had some fun events

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Club Captain's Notes

and raised some monies. Tomorrow, Sunday, we advertised that we are going to the Coffee n Cars, at Mt Smart Stadium, taking along the Charabanc to raise more funds – thank you to those that turned up for this.

There has been a number of out of town events which members have enjoyed this month and I believe successfully took away some good placings.

By the time you receive this bulletin, if you come along to the club, you will notice that there is scaffolding around the barn. As you are aware, the barn is undergoing some badly needed restoration work with some of the plywood lower down. We had planned on having the roof water blasted and treated but we are now having to have a new roof. This work will have commenced on the 31st August and it is planned for a month. Hopefully, the roof replacement will not interfere with us being able to use the barn, if required during September as it is all external work and the roof will be dealt with during week days. If anyone has expertise with carpentry, painting, etc, please contact Martin in the first instance.

Please get your Hunua 100 entry is as soon as possible. As previously advised we are planning on having our usual format, including the garden party on the Saturday and special awards on that day for 50 & 60 year memberships. Janice and John Gardiner have the routes plotted already; lunch stop venue is booked. This will be a BYO lunch however the I will be there with tea, coffee, juice and some yummy homemade cakes for you. We will be looking for marshals so if you don't plan on entering, please consider being a marshal or even helping me out at lunchtime.

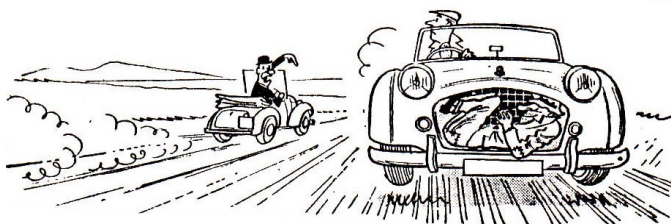
The numbers attending Sunday Club Runs and entries for events are pretty poor and I am wondering what we are doing wrong in order that you do not support your Club events? If you have ideas on what you would like to see by way of events, or even Club Nights, then please do let me know. It is disheartening for plotters of events to see only a dozen or so turn out. The plotters spend time and effort to create events for you to enjoy so why not come and join in. This is your Club, for you to enjoy. We may not have had the enjoyment of the club rooms for several months, but the committee has ensured that the club has remained active with monthly club runs, Vintage Rally, PV, PWV Rally etc.

In saying that, we have a fun run for September to the Glenbrook Model Railway, with the possibility of visiting a car collection after? So come on people, let's see you there! The run will start from the Jolly Farmer Carpark on Sunday 25th September.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely

Kia Kaha

Lynda Spicer



Vintage Notes

This month our meeting was held in The Barn but with a warm day this was no hardship.

In the yard John Morrison had his newly acquired Talbot-Lago on display – a beautiful slice of engineering history. I hope he writes an article very shortly for the Bulletin. Tim Gray has been fitting a starter motor to a friend's Model T, enabling him to drive his car when cranking is becoming a problem.

John Tower has bought (but not received yet) a rare 1925 Humber 12/25. Complete, but with some rust and a totally rotten wooden frame. This will be a worthy challenge for John's considerable skills.

Martyn Seay is restoring a 1926 Indian Prince, and the brittle old aluminium castings are presenting some problems, but he has had it running.

Brent Bellamy has his reconditioned motor in his Model A but has not started it yet, (his engine lifting system sounds a little dodgy) and Trevor Farr has been trying to convince the organisers of the British and Euro Car Show to accept Model A Fords! Well, they did assemble some in the UK.

Murray Firth has reground the front brake drums on his Bedford truck himself. They had been done very badly professionally and were far from concentric. The resultant improvement in braking is astonishing and will make the truck much nicer to drive.

Here's hoping we are back in the clubrooms next month.
Murray & Penny Firth.

Entertainment Notes

Yay, we're back. August Club Night was a 'Barn Night' as our clubrooms are not quite back to functioning use. We shared a drink, a yarn or two, had some fun spinning the raffle wheel (proceeds adding to our Daffodil Day fundraising) and finished the evening with supper – it felt good to get things started again, thanks to all those who came and those who made it happen.

This month we are lucky to have a guest speaker, Ric Easton from the Neurological Foundation, who also has classic motorcycles and 3 Minis. The clubrooms open at 7.30pm so come along, grab a drink, have a quick catch up before our guest speaker, followed by supper. Let's get reunited, and remember how to socialise again and connect with fellow members and new members who have our shared love of vehicles of all kinds.

See you there
Russel McAlpine

What is the Hunua 100?

It is our flagship annual event and is open to ALL club eligible vehicles. It is called the Hunua 100 (that's ONE hundred not just hundred!) and is traditionally held over Labour Weekend.

Back in the day it was held on the country roads in the Hunua region, covering approx. 100 miles, ending in Mangatawhiri. At the end the Commercial Section boys would have a Sausage Sizzle going for us all to enjoy.

In more recent years, in order to see some different scenery, it has been plotted either north or south of Auckland City.

We missed out last year due to the epic 107 day Covid Lockdown, so let's celebrate this year's event with a HUGE turn out?

Here's what will be happening:

Saturday 22nd October

- ◆ Garden Party at the clubrooms
(Bring a plate to share) from 2.30pm
- ◆ Sausage sizzle along with subsidised beer and wine
- ◆ Book sale and spare parts department open

Sunday 23rd October

- ◆ Rally day - traverse rural south South Auckland roads,
ably plotted by John & Janice Gardner
 - Distance this year is approx. 70 miles
 - Touring and Competitive options on offer
 - Don't have a vehicle? Then join in by being a marshal
- ◆ Dinner and prizegiving at the Remuera Club – ALL welcome

You'll find the bright green entry form in August's Bulletin or download it from our website www.avvcc.org.nz/entry-forms.

Mid Week Tourers

Run to Mangawhai Museum 17th August

When I arrived in my Citroen DS21 at 10am in the Westgate carpark it was raining and more than a bit windy with just the one club eligible vehicle parked. It was the magnificent Studebaker Hawk of Hank Coenraads. To turn up over the next 15 minutes was Paul Hesselting in his Daimler/Jag, Colin Shoebridge in his EJ Holden, John Cooke and his better half in his MGF, and in the little RED 142 Healy Sprite was Russel & Jocelyn McAlpine. Moderns of the Dewdrops and young Ryan, 2 generations of Bielecki, the Firths, and Don Johnson to total 10 cars for the 112km Journey to Mangawhai.

The Museum Café provided excellent choices for lunch to prepare our party for checking out what the authority of travel “Lonely Planet” promotes as quote: One of regional NZ’s best Museums. The well set out museum explains the area’s geology, history, and details the occupation of a number of early residents. Beside the Museum are two pair of forty foot containers placed end to end to form the sides of the structure that houses the “Daring”, a 17 metre schooner that was built locally by boat builder Donald McInnes and launched on 1st September 1863 to work on the north island’s west coast. This twin masted schooner had a very short working life as she ran aground near the mouth of the Waikato River on 1st June 1864 but was able to be refloated and repaired only to encounter a severe storm north of Muriwai on the 22-02-1885, and was deliberately beached by her crew to avoid the storm. Subsequent attempts to refloat her were unsuccessful, and she was abandoned. In a short time she was buried for more than a century. Following another storm she was freed from her grave and revealed again for all to see on 2nd May 2017. On 12th December 2018 she was recovered from Muriwai’s black sand which was the start of her journey back to Mangawhai where a group of volunteers are now in the process of restoring her. Well worth supporting and viewing, as is the museum.

Thank you Jack and Marilyn for organising this enjoyable day.

Coming Events:

September	No Mid-week run	See “Time has come for Change” overleaf
October	TBA	Could be a Westgate start?
November	Wednesday 30 th	N.B. the last run for the year!
	Westgate start, picnic run to Wenderholm.	
December	No Mid-week run	to avoid Christmas traffic.
January 2023	Wednesday 18 th	Drury start. Member Paul Smith has offered to organise this run, to his collection, at his home in Waiuku.

Watch your emails for possible further info

Your Mid-Week Team:

Jack Nazer	(09) 378 4580
Norm Dewhurst	(09) 232 0245

The Mid Week Team



The Time has come for Change...

We need feedback from this survey please?

There will be no midweek run for September! **The Dewdrops will be away and, to date, no one has volunteered to fill in.**

For each run a destination is needed that will entice members to make the effort to participate. This involves checking the suitability of the destination, negotiating with the keepers of that destination and asking for favours. To plot and drive the route to ensure participants don't get lost. Preparing and printing instructions. Following the run and putting a report together in time for the bulletin deadline and try to make it worthwhile with some decent photographs.

Norm is 88 and Jack is 83 so we need some younger blood. Jack has also recently been taken care of the Branch spares, a task he is enjoying, but is time consuming. We have found that it has become more and more difficult to retain the number of participants that we believe the effort we put into each and every run deserves. We do eleven runs annually with Norm doing the first in January from Drury and Jack the final one being the picnic at Wenderholm from Westgate on the last Wednesday in November.

We need new destinations and people to organise and host a run or two, and/or someone to act as a coordinator?

We know that the most popular runs are to destinations of automobilia, followed by the Wenderholm picnic. The automobilia destinations use up a lot of favours so we can't expect regular repeats.

Questions:

1. How likely and often would you participate in a run starting out **West?**
2. How likely and often would you participate in a run starting out **South?**
3. How likely would you participate in a run in **inclement weather?**
4. How likely would you participate in a run to?
 - A. A garden
 - B. A private property
 - C. A park
 - D. Other
4. How likely would you participate in run of **more than 100kms or 2 hours?**
5. Can you suggest or organise a worthwhile destination?
6. Would you organise and host a run?

Please reply to: jack_nazer@yahoo.co.nz
or dewdrops@xtra.co.nz

Thank you
Norm & Jack

Motorcycle Notes

With the clubrooms still closed for gatherings we moved this month's meeting to the barn. Not long after arriving and setting up the meeting area our guest speaker Rob Creemers and son Ben arrived with their fabulous New Zealand made Britten motorcycle. Also with them was Johan, the long-suffering helper of the late Kevin Grant, who has been looking after the Britten bike for a number of years. They set up the bike in the doorway for the attendees of the meeting to see as they arrived.

The meeting got underway and our new Chairman, Shaaran Price, was in attendance and pleased to be able to present Peter Cooper with his 35 year membership badge, a little belated (2 years), but Peter now finally has it, congratulations Peter!

After the routine happenings of the meeting it was time for our guest speaker... Rob Creemers who is the new owner of the Britten motorcycle. Rob bought the bike from the late Kevin Grant. Many of you will know the Britten story, they only produced 10 bikes, that was John Britten's intention. Only two of the bikes are to still be seen on the race tracks of the world, Rob's one (factory number 2 of 3, F002), and the black and yellowed checked CR&S bike (production number 1 of 7, P001) which is now in America. All the others are locked away in museums and private collections. Rob told us the history of his bike, and a number of stories that involved it.

Kevin Grant the previous owner was determined that the Britten should stay in NZ, which is why he sold it to Rob.

Also at the meeting was branch member Ken McIntosh, the McIntosh Suzuki and Manx Norton guru. Ken told us about the 1992 Pukekohe Classic racing register meeting, which had two of the Britten bikes there for the weekend to do demonstrations. John Britten, who had brought the bikes along, asked Ken if he could arrange to borrow a number of classic bikes that he could race over the weekend, which Ken did.

So there was the brilliant John Britten, the builder of these amazing bikes, having a great weekend on old classics. As a thank you John let Ken ride the Britten around the track. Ken said the bike was just fantastic, it had so much power and was so light and handled very well. But after a number of laps the engine made a strange noise and then stopped. When Ken had a look at the engine he found, to his horror, a con rod sticking out of the crankcase. When John saw the damage he phoned up the Christchurch factory and told them to send up a spare engine. It arrived later that night and the bike was ready the next day to do its demo.

When the broken con rod was checked out it was found to be from a faulty batch. The bikes were due to fly out to America for a big race meeting and there was no

doubt that the con rods would have broken in the race. So Ken did them a favour by riding the bike that day. Needless to say, the Britten won the race in America. Ken is still the only rider to have blown up a Britten.

After Robs talk, we were treated to the sound of the Britten engine running! We thanked Rob and Ben for bringing this Kiwi icon along for us see and hear. I doubt this could happen anywhere else in the world?

Looking ahead, September's Motorcycle Meeting will be a week earlier, on the 10th, as a number of us will be going to The Rubber Duckie rally in New Plymouth.

I reminded the members about our Annual Motorcycle Rally being held on November 4, 5 and 6 in Port Waikato. The entry form is attached to the email with this Bulletin.

Happy riding!
Martin Spicer



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Hunua 100 Rally

Sunday 23 October 2022

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National AGM - Thank You

In mid August our branch hosted the National AGM at the Double Tree Hilton, in Karaka.

The weekend was a great success and I would like to thank the following people who helped out over the weekend, the two main jobs being ferrying people from A to B and preparing and serving lunch to visitors in the club rooms barn on Sunday.

John Morrison, John Stokes, Russel and Jocelyn Mc Alpine, Rodger and Val Ball, Glenn and Marion Morris, Alan Price, Stephen Winterbottom, Lynda Spicer, Bob and Debbie Ballantyne, Bob and Dawn Pickering, Kay Hosking.

It was all hands on deck from the committee and helpers to clean up and get things ready for visitors, particularly given the main clubrooms are still covered in boxes of books and as you would expect everything was covered in a layer of "renovation dust".

Last but by no means least, a HUGE Thank You to members Dick Langridge and Steve and Sue Keys.

- Dick with his company Metropolitan Rentals provided us with the use of 4 minibuses for the whole weekend which made transport very simple and saved us considerable cost.
- Steve and Sue, as they always do, welcomed around 50 people into their home on Sunday morning to view their wonderful collection and see first hand progress on projects in the workshop, in particular the Texaco Tanker.

Again, thank you all.
Shaaran and Tracey

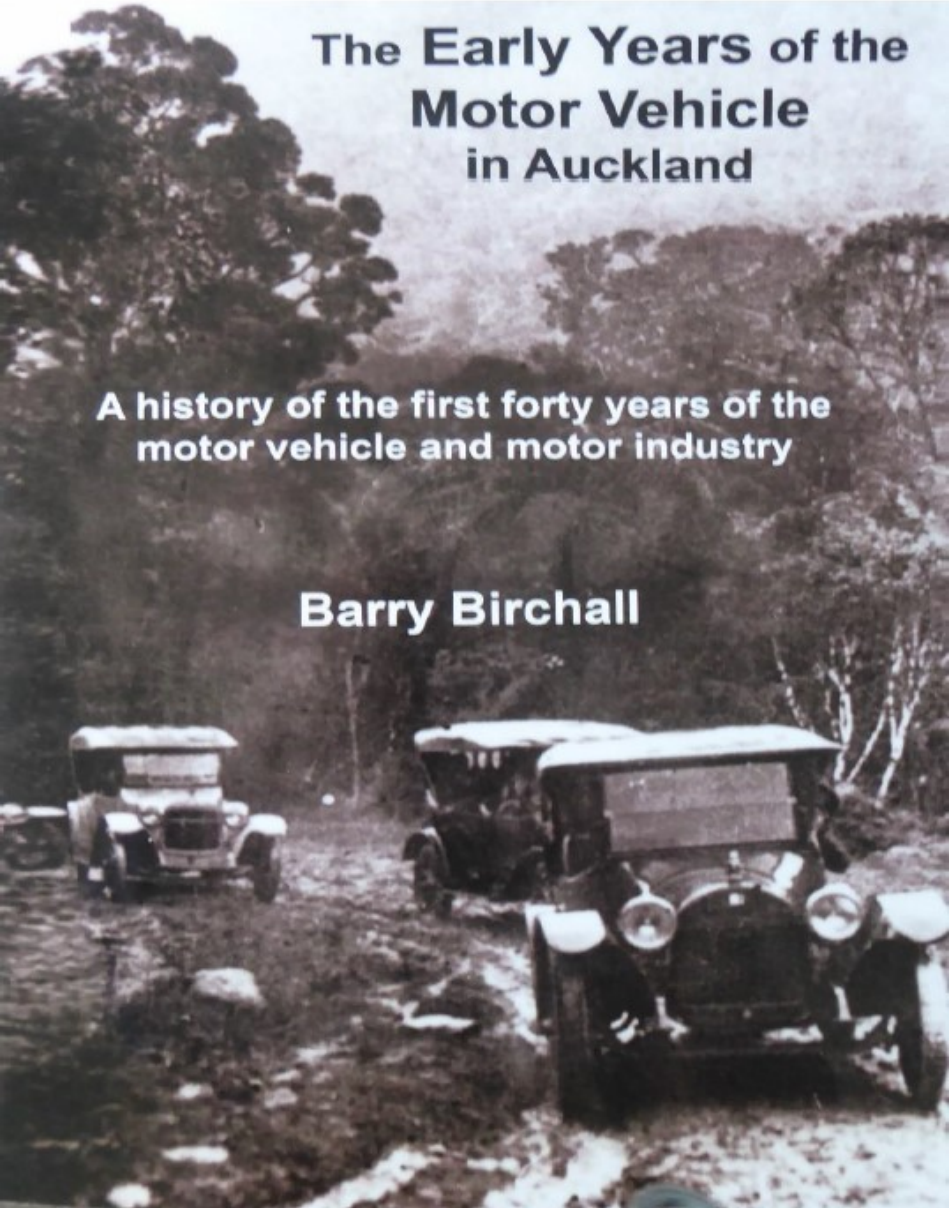
Thank you from the Allbon Family

Thank you all for your messages and cards after David's passing. We are all trying to come to terms with not having him around to help with all the little jobs he was always willing to do.

We are now looking at all his toys that he kept and used. At least they are tidy and that is making it easier to sort.

Thank you all again
From David's Family

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Each book costs **\$40.00**. Please add **\$10** for package & posting to cover the new NZ Post standard charge (\$5 extra is needed for RD addresses). Please contact the author Barry Birchall for more information and to order a copy: email barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz Telephone 09 8188755.

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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 or any member require any assistance or advice, please feel free to ask any Committee member? (Refer back page of this Bulletin).

Gwen Stone

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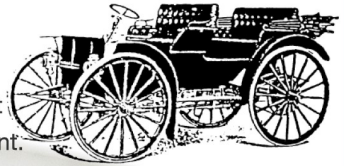
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