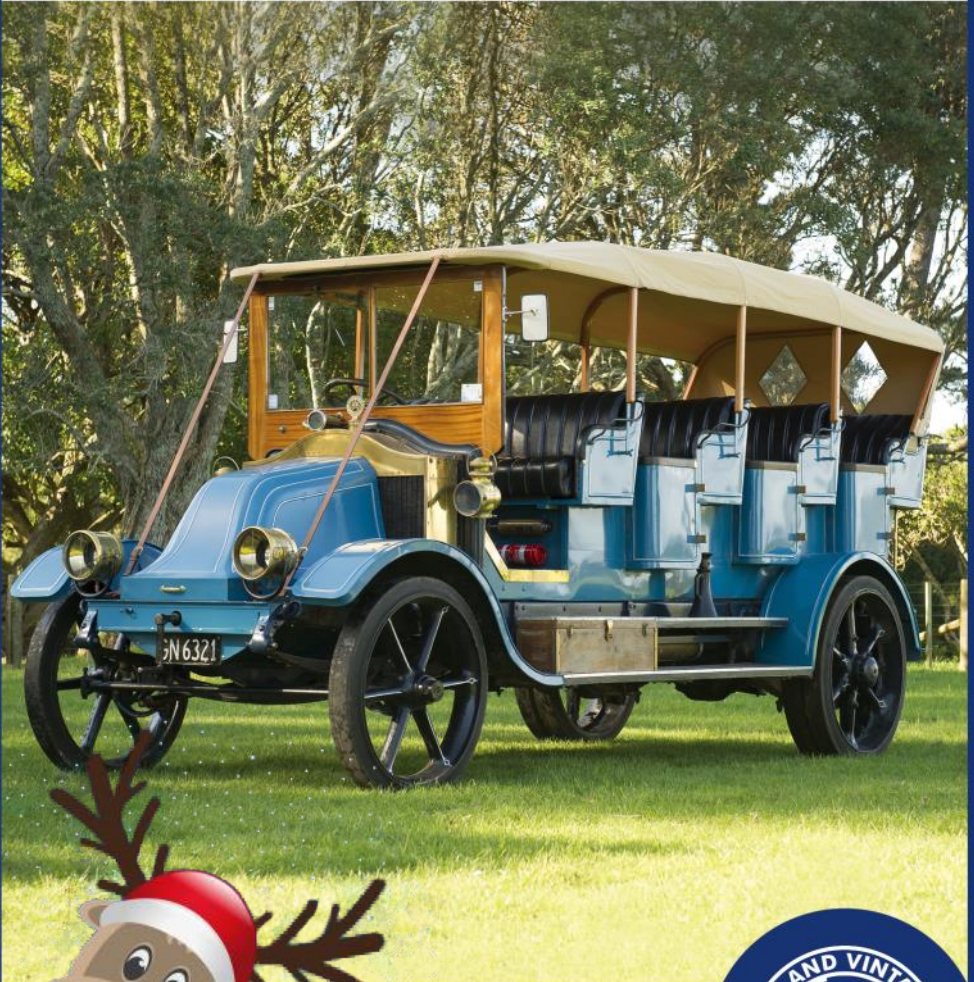




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**February Bulletin closing date**

**Strictly 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

***Late submissions will feature in the following month's edition.***

***Cover Designed by Melanie Ball***



Welcome to my fourth Bulletin and  
it's the Christmas edition already!

May you and your loved ones have a  
wonderful Christmas and  
Happy New Year.

See you at the Picnic, Pot Luck  
Dinner, at the Christmas  
Noggin & Natter on 22 Dec  
or in 2023!

Jodi

## Coming Events

### December

3	Sat	<b>VIC Application Assistance</b>	Midday - 2:00pm
3	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
<b>4</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Christmas Picnic - Meadow Brook Farm</b>	<b>from 10:00am</b>
8	Thurs	<b>Membership Awards Discussion @ the Clubrooms</b>	7:30pm
11	Sun	Special Motorcycle Run - starts Clubrooms	10:30am
<b>15</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Christmas Pot Luck Dinner - Clubrooms</b>	<b>from 7:00pm</b>
17	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting - guest speaker Trevor Hackett	2:30pm
21	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
22	Thur	<b>Club Night - Pre-Christmas Noggin &amp; Natter</b>	7:30pm
24	Sat	Christmas Eve - <b>CLOSED</b>	

### January 2023

<b>1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>New Year's Day Run - starts Jolly Farmer Carpark</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
7	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
8		<b>Blue Smoke &amp; Pedals - Waikato Branch</b>	
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
21-22		<b>Taupō International Motorsport Park's Historic Grand Prix</b>	
24	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
26	Thur	Club Night	
28	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm

### February

3-6		<b>National Motorcycle Rally - hosted by Southland Branch</b>	
4	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
9	Thur	Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms - discussion on NZVCC Constitution changes.	7:30pm
15	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
17	Fri	<b>Art Deco - Hawkes Bay Branch</b>	
18	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
22	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
23	Thur	Club Night - Phil Prior talks all things Targa	7:30pm
<b>24-26</b>		<b>National Veteran Rally - LaValla, Tuakau</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Annual Veteran Rally</b>	
25	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
25	Sat	<b>Wellsford Swapmeet - Wellsford/Warkworth Branch</b>	
26	Sun	Club Run - starts Jolly Farmer Carpark	11:00am
28	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm

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

Not only have we had a busy month within our branch, including the Annual Motorcycle Rally, visit to the Cherry Blossom Festival at Fo Guang Buddhist Temple, the Ladies Run, Section Meetings, a Men's Bake Off on Entertainment Night, Guest Speaker at Club Night, Max Colman who was a 1972 winner of Bathurst talking about V8 racing, and the Midweek Tourers Wenderholm Christmas Picnic, reports from members who have attended out of town events makes one realise what a great and busy club we have.



It was a pleasure to have the "boys" who recently completed maintenance and paint work on the barn come together for an afternoon of socializing along with those who helped with carpet problems in the lower level of the clubrooms. This was a mammoth effort and, on behalf of you all, I thank them for the huge effort put into this project.

Many of you will know that we discovered that the bar chiller was not working at the Hunua Weekend Garden Party. After investigation, it was decided that the best move was to purchase a new unit. This was installed and the bar area has been freshly painted. To add to the list of calamities, a serious leak appeared from one of the toilet ceilings. The source was found behind the waste disposal under the kitchen sink. This involved more mending and painting. Many thanks to those who have attended to this work. Its times like this that I realise that this club of ours brings out the best in people and is often the start of great friendships.

It's hard to believe that as this report goes to print, December will have started along with all the Christmas activities that it brings, including the Charabanc and other club vehicles participating in the Farmers Christmas Parade, our Christmas Picnic at Meadowbrook Farm and Pot Luck Dinner at the clubrooms, will soon be underway.

I wish you and your families all the very best for the Festive Season, and happy, safe motoring into the New Year.

Shaaran.



## Annual Motorcycle Rally Report

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Some time ago we heard that the Norton Club rally had been a great success based at the Port Waikato School Camp. So, Martin sent out an email calling for expressions of interest. Based on the positive response a booking was made. The only available weekend was the first weekend in November so we locked it in. The aim was to have an event which built camaraderie by having everyone on site together.

Leading up to the weekend saw the Spicer clan buried in organisation. Pies were sourced, potatoes were peeled and things were packed into the car until it groaned under the weight. "Did you put the coffee in Martin? Yeeess I put the coffee in! Did you put the..."

At the camp Lynda set about organizing the kitchen, helped by several volunteers, most notably Debbie and Bob Ballantyne who probably kept Lynda sane over the entire weekend. Other helpers came from the participants gathered. Our thanks to Lynda and all that helped for their invaluable contribution. Organising an offsite rally is a far bigger task than most people realise.

Friday night was 'Pie and Pud' night. About two thirds of the entrants were there in time for the dinner. If you were heading to Port Waikato through Friday afternoon/evening traffic, as I was, it took quite some time to get there (7pm arrival). Did it matter? – nah, not a bit. I just went with the (lack of) flow and it was worth it to be able to start the event with an evening natter.

I thank Jeremy Lambert for taking over Rally Secretary duties for me when my other commitments got in the way. Thanks goes to Michelle Lambert for assembling all the rally packs as well.



The accommodation turned out to be better than expected. The 'vinyl' mattress covers turned out to have clean cotton covers and the place was very well maintained, it's a credit to the camp staff. I found that after all the effort to allocate rooms, people more or less found a suitable empty room or bed and occupied it. I can report that despite the beds being perfectly comfortable, even in the dorms, it did not stop our most famous back-up driver (Leo) from attempting to sleep on the floor for the night! And finally, thanks to those with camper vans who paid the nightly fee even though they probably had no power?

Saturday morning saw the time clocks go out, Warwick Darrow took his post as starter and everyone seemed to get away okay. The weather was near perfect, not too hot and the one or two lingering black clouds never came to anything. 35 bikes and one Morgan started the rally with Paul Muir's rally instructions in their rollers, taped to their petrol tank, or as was my case, in a pocket somewhere. It was my bike's first ever outing as was Rory King's Triumph.

This year we shamelessly copied the Rubber Duckie idea for Silent Checks except that, instead of yellow ducks, we had Orange Jaffas that Jack Clark had fashioned in time for the rally. Jack and Monty set them out on Friday night – NONE were hidden but 98% of us missed at least 1 of the 5 out there. In fact, Monty and Jack had set up 6, 2 being taped to power poles at eye level, but someone must've stolen one? This snippet of detail did not make it to me, the recorder of correct answers, so every single rider lost at least 1 point! As everyone was equally penalized, I left it at that, so if you saw 5, you saw them all and well done. And yes, some saw none of them and I am

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## Annual Motorcycle Rally Report continued

told one rider saw 8? A big thanks to Jack and Monty for the Jaffas and timekeeping, without volunteers to do these tasks we would not have a rally.

The timed section was 20 miles or so and it was surprising how many people arrived inside a few minutes of their expected time meaning the Jaffa count became a crucial separator for the eventual winner who was Don Green. Don arrived less than a minute inside his target time, even so he was beaten by Andrew Blanchard who also saw the full 5 Jaffas however not being a member of the VCC he was not eligible to win despite losing only 1.1 point. However, I have it on good authority that Andrew raced through the timed section, got lost just enough to offset the excess speed and then guessed the number of Jaffas. Makes Don the deserving winner I'd say.



After the timed section we progressed to the first of our historical stops at Whangamarino Redoubt. From this redoubt the British bombarded the Māori fortifications at Meremere about 3km away, using the latest 'long range' guns that they had somehow hauled up from the Waikato River. About two thirds of the riders made the effort to climb up the private driveway to the redoubt, some by motorbike, others on foot – well done to those people. I had a bit of a struggle on a rough patch but got up there, I did see a couple on an AJS or similar that had come to a stop. Unfortunately, the track was a bit too rough for 2 up really.

In 1863 the British were accompanied by Charles Heaphy (I believe of Heaphy track fame) who hand painted the scene at Whangamarino. Once you are on the redoubt you can clearly see the place where the guns had been situated based on Heaphy's painting. Quite a few riders spent a little time inspecting the large flood control gates situated nearby. It was noticeable in the various paintings from the time that much of the land around the area was underwater where now there is dry land. In fact the motorway runs across land that was once water, the floodgates are presumably protecting it?



The next stop was the receiving end of the British bombardment at Meremere. The Māori in the Pa there had 3 small navel guns that they had been given by a presumably sympathetic Pakeha and had dragged these all the way from Raglan. Unfortunately, these guns did not come with ammo and the assortment of junk used as shot was not able to stop the gunboat "Pioneer" passing up river to drop off soldiers to attack Meremere from the south whilst more British attacked from the north. The Maori abandoned the position. Standing there today you can see that it is a commanding site well chosen but the Brits had the cannons and

## Annual Motorcycle Rally Report continued

more men and carried the day. I think many of us, once we realised that we were now standing on the target 3km from the guns at Whangamarino were amazed that the cannons of the time could shoot that far.

From there we rode to the Te Kauwhata School where the Mums had put on an excellent lunch, many thanks to them. They told me this was the first time they had done anything like this. The school is very impressive too, nice new building, great classrooms and a fantastic large verandah overlooking the footy field, where we were able to sit and chat and eat our lunch.



*Overall Winner - Don Green*

After lunch we rode to Rangiriri Pa, being the third significant site in the invasion of 1863 and indeed, the site of the worst losses the British and the Māori incurred in all the skirmishes of that time. About 47 British and 43 Māori were killed when the Pa was stormed, well, attempted to be stormed, as the Brits never actually got into the Pa before the Māori asked to talk terms. They were promptly grabbed and shipped off to Kawau Island as rebels!

Our last stop was Te Wheoro's Redoubt also at Rangiriri. I think most people stopped there for a quick look? Although Te Wheoro himself was an interesting character, his redoubt was never involved in any action for or against the English.

From Te Wheoro's Redoubt everyone enjoyed the remainder of the journey either on the short run or the really scenic and best-for-bikes road you can hope to find around Auckland, back to the camp arriving sometime after 3pm and only 2 of us were on the backup by then. One of us decided there was also a long-long route and arrived at about 6pm.

Our thanks to Paul Muir for the route and acting as a backup along with Leo as the other backup.

Dinner on Saturday night was a great spread put on by Lynda and her helpers, thanks to everyone who pitched in. By all accounts everyone enjoyed the evening, prizes were handed out and there was a bit of banter to liven things up.

At 5am Sunday morning, in our dorm, we had a full orchestra playing with treble, contralto and a sonorous base all keeping perfect time (squeak, grunt, boom). It was so loud that even the birds who had woken us all the previous morning could not be heard.

All in all the rally was a great success!

Maybe we'll see a few more of you there next year?

Graeme Crawley





## Annual Motorcycle Rally Results

### 1st Place Overall

**Don Green**

**Norton**

#### ***Class Winners:***

1st Vintage

Peter Alderdice

Harley Davidson

1st Post Vintage

Cameron Francis

Harley Davidson

1st Pot War

Don Green

Norton

1st Post 60

Gavin Welch

Triumph

1st Post 80

Jeremy Lambert

BMW

1st Combination

Chris Clark

BSA

#### ***Annual Awards:***

1st Harley Davidson

Peter Alderdice

1st Velocette

John Bryant

#### ***Acknowledgment:***

1st Non-member

Andrew Blanchard

Honda



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## 21st National Veteran Rally - Update

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### *Calling all Veteran Motorists!*

As members, you will know from previous notices, that Auckland branch is hosting the 21<sup>st</sup> National Veteran Rally at the beginning of 2023. Many of you will be on our email list, and will have received our newsletters and the entry form.

***This is a Final Reminder that entries close on 15 December 2022.***

Please get your entries in now. Late entries will be considered but a late fee will apply. We hope that as many of you as possible, the Auckland Veteran enthusiasts, will participate in this special 3-day rally.

**The Rally entry form is attached to this Bulletin.  
Please complete and return asap.**

### **Auckland's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Veteran Run**

This event also occurs in 2023. The Anniversary Run will be celebrated as part of the National Rally on Saturday 25th February with a run to Port Waikato, followed by a display of veteran vehicles at LaValla, and a Jubilee Afternoon Tea to celebrate. If you are unable to participate in the full 3 days, there are **two** opportunities for you to be involved. A separate entry form has been prepared especially for those not participating in the weekend rally but want to be involved in the event on Saturday.

[1] You can join rally participants in the full day event including the run and be part of the display of veteran vehicles. (As this is a VCC national event, a VIC ID is required to participate in the run.)

[2] For veteran enthusiasts whose vehicle does not have a VIC or who don't motor their veterans. You are very welcome to trailer your vehicle to LaValla to be part of the display of veteran vehicles, enjoy socialising with other veteran owners from around New Zealand, and enjoy the Jubilee Afternoon Tea.

**Please contact us for further information:**

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**Nicola North**  
(Rally Secretary)  
nicolanorth@gmail.com  
09 818 8755 or 027 722 5225 (Nicola's Mobile)

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## Celebration of Veterans at La Valla

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be acknowledged during the rally with a display of veteran vehicles, participation in the rally and a “Jubilee Afternoon Tea” at LaValla on Saturday afternoon following the day’s run.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone who has supported veteran motoring, whether as a motorist or owner, navigator or supporter of veteran events in any way during the past 50 years. Come with your family members to enjoy the display, catch up with friends and acquaintances and join rally participants in the afternoon’s celebrations. There will be a small entry fee to cover costs of catering.

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Barry Birchall on (09) 8188 755, or email [barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz)

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## Call for Volunteers

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### Required for the National Veteran Rally, 24-26 February 2023



#### *We need help with:*

- ◆ Marshals are required for lunch stops Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- ◆ Marshals are required for manning Checks on Saturday
- ◆ Helpers at the Saturday afternoon celebrations
- ◆ Helpers to assist with the public display at Waiuku on Sunday, 12 noon - 2pm
- ◆ Helpers to monitor the cars that are on display.
- ◆ About 2-3 people to assist with the gymkhana Friday (about 4pm)
- ◆ Volunteers to take photographs on Saturday afternoon at the “Celebration of Veterans at La Valla” event, at the Public Display in Waiuku on Sunday afternoon and at the prizegiving banquet on Sunday evening,

If you can assist in any way please contact:

**Barry Birchall**

**09 8188755 or email [barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz)**

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## Far North Tour Review

Some fifty vehicles assembled at the Whangarei VCC clubrooms for the start of this tour. Probably the most significant vehicle was the little 1928 Clyno of Allen Godfrey from the Waikato, this car had been owned by his father the late Ian Godfrey, from the Dargaville area for many years, and was a veteran of some earlier Far North Tours. The car has been completely re-restored and now looks excellent. Four Model A Fords in various body styles made up the rest of the vintage contingent.

The tour travelled towards Pipiwai, Kopuku, a potential site for a new Whangarei airport, and on to a stop at Wairua Falls, which were in full flood, following recent heavy rain.

The morning tea was held at the old Parakao General Store which is now a cafe. This, for me, was the high point of the tour, as the owners have created a vehicle display out the back. Curiously one of the vehicles displayed was a 1937 Plymouth formerly owned by the late Derek Winterbottom and subsequently the Shaw Vehicle Sanctuary. Other vehicles included Chev Fours and Sixes, a '34 or '35 Hudson, a '35 or '36 Dodge and Model A's. One highlight was a complete Flat Tank motorcycle petrol tank and gear lever, probably pre 1930.



*1928 Clyno & Model A*



*Veteran Motorcycle Flat Tank*



*'34/'35 Hudson and '35/'36 Dodge*

The instructions then split in two with a metalled route and an all sealed option for those that didn't want metal. Both routes skirted Lake Omapere and then went to Okaihau for lunch. After lunch the people who chose the metalled route travelling into the Waihou Valley, Otangaroa and Fern Flat areas before going through Peria and Oruru to the finish at Taipa. The sealed route went straight up Highway 10, now the main road to Kaitaia, following the closure of the Mangamuka road.



Dinner was held at Matthews Vintage Collection just north of Taipa and was up to the usual Far North standard. As it was the 50<sup>th</sup> event there were some speakers who spoke of the event's history and a slide show of Tours in the '70s and '80s. The following morning some of the entrants went to Cape Reinga, stopping at the Peter Mathews vehicle collection on the way. We, however, had to return to Whangarei to spend more time with our hosts Tony and Angela Forster.

Doug and I returned home on Tuesday morning, and as we passed the intersection of State Highway One and Port Road Whangarei we saw the Plymouth from Parakao coming out of Port Road, so it's still going well.

John Stokes



*1937 Plymouth*

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## VIC Application Assistance

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### Are you struggling with completing the VIC application forms?

If, **YES**, then we can help you.

**Saturday, 3rd December 2022**

**Midday to 2pm**

**@ the Clubrooms**

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.



# Ladies Run Review

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Thank you to all those who supported the Ladies Run in last Sunday.

We had a short run of around 30 miles, starting in Drury and finishing for a picnic lunch at the Les Batkin Reserve which is in Tuakau along side the Waikato River.

We had plotted the run to try and give clear examples of things we have talked about in our Rally Rules articles, plus keep those who enjoy the navigation challenges thinking, while those who enjoy more of touring run could enjoy the rally as well without having to think about turns and bears or silent checks! I’m pleased to say everyone arrived without having clocked extra miles. For those who visited Norm and Pat Dewhurst (who were off course) you were travelling in parallel to those on course and re joined the intended route a mile or so up the hill. For those who came into the final check the wrong way- this is one of the oldest tricks in the book – your instruction should give you clear direction to deviate from the straight ahead rule, “Proceed to” does not mean making a right turn even if you have been told that is where the final check is. Continuing down the road you went straight ahead into Alder Road and then a VCC arrow directed you under the bridge and into the Reserve. No harm done but separates the field.

A shout out to Don Green, the only motorcyclist, plus the couple of lone drivers without navigators that took on the challenge.

The unsettled weather meant that one minute we were sitting on our chairs enjoying lunch, the next it was a frantic desertion of chairs to huddle in the centre of the gazebo to avoid the brief heavy, horizontal shower of rain.

To add to the day, we ran a bit of a hat parade, and the hats were quite varied. The 2 winners, who can pick up their bar vouchers next time they are in the club rooms were Harvey Brewer sporting a wonderful home made Coolie Hat; and Sean White with his Steam Punk Bowler. Special mention for Rodger and Val Ball, their newspaper hats (think Mr Bean’s Christmas) ticked the sustainability box, but didn’t hold up too well in the rain.

**Results:**

First	Jocelyn McAlpine and Christine Campbell	Austin Sprite
Second equal	Bob and Debbie Ballantyne	Torana
	Rodger and Val Ball	Model A Ford
Third	Glenn and Marion Morris	Model A Ford

Thanks to Stephen and Ryan Winterbottom and Norm and Pat Dewhurst who helped put the day together.

Tracey

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*Hat Parade (above) and how many people can get under one gazebo when it pours? (below)*



## Secretary's Notes



If you have paid your annual subs your new membership card should arrive by the first week of this month. If you haven't paid yet, your subs are now overdue! A reminder will be sent out from Head office, but please get that subscription paid. If you need assistance with online payment, please give me a call.

There are now plenty of activities for you to support, both within our branch and around the country, watch out for the weekly email, check out the calendar in this bulletin and mark your diary. For out of town events there are entry forms in the clubrooms, or often on the relevant branch website. We will also send links out via email wherever possible.

Do come along on Thursday 8 Dec to discuss the membership awards, Shaaran and I will be taking this feedback back to the March Executive Meeting. A reminder that we attend these executive meetings as your representative, so if there are things you would like to see addressed, you have ideas on how we should be doing things, please raise them with Shaaran or myself. Remember too that the second Thursday of the month, our Club Night, provides you with an opportunity to raise matters with fellow members, either branch related or those that impact us at a national level.

*From the committee table:*

- Given the number of contractors in and out over the last 6 months, we have upgraded all locks at the clubrooms and gone to a single key system. This one key system, gives specific access to specific areas per key. For safety and security these keys cannot be taken to any key cutting service for cutting. We continue to keep the outside as inconspicuous as possible.
- New chillers for the bar - The old chiller gave up the ghost on Labour Weekend. 2 new chillers were sourced for less than the repair quote for the old chiller. These were duly installed, wood surround reinstated, wood painted and bar chillers restocked courtesy of Russel McAlpine, Glenn Morris, Leo Fowler, Paul & Jodi Tomlin and Alan Price. It certainly looks much more inviting.
- The standard of cleaning in the clubrooms has not been great and this is being addressed with the cleaning company currently.
- This years' 50 and 60 year membership awards are in progress with Glenn and will be presented in March.

Look forward to seeing you on Thursday 8th and Merry Christmas to you all.

Tracey





## Entertainment Notes

The "Great Men's Bake Off" attracted 8 entrants, all well received by the discerning voters/consumers. Errol McAlpine was declared the winner with his specialty eclairs with 3 entrants coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> equal – Peter Alderdice, Russel McAlpine and Mark Tomlin. Well done to all the men – you did yourselves proud.



A big thanks to Max Colman for entertaining and informing us on club night about what goes on in the background at Bathurst and what it is like to actually race there plus what it means to be a Sports Chaplain.

### Coming up in December:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Discussion on the future of our club's 25, 35, 50, 60 year membership awards.

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>



### CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER from 7.00pm

Bring a plate to share  
Dress for the occasion  
Bring along your singing voice  
Bring an under \$10 present to swap  
(optional)



### JANUARY

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Clubrooms open - Noggin & Natter

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Club Night

### FEBRUARY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - NZVCC Constitution changes discussion.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Phil Prior talks of his Targa experience in his Jowett Javelin.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Russel

## Club Captain's Notes



We were all looking forward to getting out and about with our vehicles, when we have just had the wettest November for years. And, OH NO, we got flooded again in the clubrooms. Fortunately, it was only rain water and not black water, and so we have had to dry out our new carpets. The new vanities in the ladies and gents toilets were unfortunately not so lucky, and have swollen up, so off to Trade Depot again to buy a couple more of these units. The toilets in the ladies will be fixed, being brought forward, away from being under the cistern. the first week in December and the new vinyl will also be laid sometime that week. So, we are nearly there, some 8 months after the original damage

The month began with the Motorcycle Section Auckland Rally being held 4-6<sup>th</sup> November, out at Port Waikato, based at the Children's School Camp. What a great venue it was. A number of the men had their good ladies accompany them but did not go on the back of their trusty steeds. Diane Poole & Sophie Zhao went on a lovely bush walk which was up behind the camp and then later drove down to Nikau Caves and went caving. Braver than me (I do not like being closed in). The rally route was great, very scenic and informative. Please see Graeme Crawley's wonderful report of the weekend in this bulletin.

The Veteran meetings continue to enjoy good attendance and so too the Mid-week tourers on their monthly runs – see their reports.

A number of our members attended the Far North Tour which was enjoyed by all.

The Committee held a "Thank You BBQ" for the members and their partners who had worked on repairing and repainting the barn. It was a lovely relaxed afternoon and it was nice to meet some ladies who we never or rarely see.

You will note from the bulletin that our two club nights per month now have some form of entertainment. Please keep your eyes open for the weekly news updates from Jodi which reminds you all what is coming up for you to enjoy.

Please see Russel McAlpine's reports for the entertainment that we have enjoyed during the past month.

The final section meeting for the month was the Vintage section, and again a good attendance. Please see their report.



The month wound up with our Ladies Run, plotted by Tracey Winterbottom and well assisted by Stephen and Ryan, plus Pat and Norm out at an off-course check point. We wound around Drury, Pukekohe and Tuakau all through the back roads and finished alongside the Waikato River at the Les Batkin Reserve, Tuakau. Just as everyone settled down for a picnic lunch under the marquee or close by, the heavens opened. But, not deterred people gathered, like penguins, under the marquee or dashed back to their cars. After about 15 minutes it cleared and the sun came out. See Tracey's report and photo evidence to see who took out the Hat award and who won the run. It was nice to see a couple of new faces out with us and look forward to seeing them at future events. Thanks to Tracey and family for a lovely morning drive.

As we head off into the silly season, please make sure you come along to the **Picnic at Dick Langridge's farm this Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Dec)**, and that you have the **Pot Luck Dinner on 15<sup>th</sup> December** in your diary – two great events to be enjoyed with your fellow club members.

When you attend the club, have a look at our new chillers keeping your drinks nicely chilled. We're currently canvassing you about what you like to see on offer in the bar, let us have your feedback, via the forms up on the bar. Thank you to Russel and co for the hard work in taking the heavy old chiller out, installing the new and making it all presentable once again.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy & Safe Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels  
turning safely

**Lynda Spicer**



## Veteran Notes

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It was great to get back into the clubrooms again, good to see the library open and some fresh paint around. John Stokes said he could not attend the meeting so asked me to stand in for him.

When I arrived, Roy Sharman was talking about the auction he had attended on Rex Benn's property at Drury, when they broke up the private museum recently. Over the years a number of car clubs have finished a run there as there were always lots of bits of interest. As we see at so many auctions today the petrol memorabilia fetches the largest prices. Someone paid over \$5,000 for an advertising sign for a Nash Fayette and a tin Europa sign went for almost \$1,800. Old radios that once sold for \$250 were selling for \$50. China and antiques selling for very little. About 80 people had turned up at the auction but another 1,600 registered to bid online with about half the items sold to phone bidders.

There was a lot of discussion around the VIC as someone had to get one for the National Veteran Rally. We were told of a Veteran Ford that had a later motor installed and is now referred to as a vintage car for purposes of the VIC. Clearly not everybody was being treated the same way, but I guess we have that situation when you get a warrant of fitness too.

Grant Stott was selling the 1918 Westcott (pictured below) and I did say I was surprised to discover the car had just over 5,000 miles on the speedo. Grant told us it was correct and he talked about the work he had to do on the vehicle to put it back on the road. Many of us knew the car as it sat behind Jim Francis' shed in Otahuhu for many years. We do know Jim Francis bought the car from Mr Newman in Hawera in 1960, sight unseen. The early history of the vehicle is not known but there was a rumour it may have come out of the Moulton collection in Wellington in the 1950s when that collection was broken up. Many of the cars from the collection finished up at Southward Museum. Amazing that after 105 years the Westcott still only has 5,000 miles on the odometer. I am hoping Grant will still have the car, which is almost 100% original, for the run in Tuakau.

Dennis Lowe produced two large veteran brass carburettors which he said he was selling from the Bruce Madgwick estate. He was hoping someone from the group could tell him what vehicle they might have come off, but we were not that bright. There was conversation around the National Veteran Rally, and the estates of Jim Boag and George Mihaljevich that were being broken up. Great conversation again, followed by tea and coffee.



Barry Birchall



## Vintage Notes

Fine weather after a prolonged stormy period encouraged Chris Wood to drive his immaculate 1924 Austin 20 to our meeting.

Ross Bellamy has his after market, but period correct, electric wiper functioning well on his Model A after his original was broken by an over-enthusiastic windscreen washer at the traffic lights.

Don Johnson informed us that Muzza's, the water pump guy who has been of great assistance to many of us has closed down. His parts have all gone down to Christchurch and Don will try to find out where.

Norm Dewhurst has 3 Essexes running!

John Stokes had a copy of Webb Auctions' catalogue and there is a very original Essex listed for sale.

Martyn Seay had his 1927 Indian with sidecar in the carpark, running well and looking forward to a South Island Trip.

Harvey Brewer and Chris Wood attended the Austin Register rally. The weather forecast was terrible, so in the interests of staying somewhat dry, Harvey elected to take his Ford 10 instead of the Austin 7. It suffered severe mechanical issues around the generator and fan, and Harvey spent all of his time, with the help of some of the local members repairing it enough to get home.

Several of those present went down to the Cambridge swap meet, but it was judged to be a little disappointing. Trade Me and the internet have spoiled these once very important events.

John Judd brought along a very early ratcheting ring spanner. He also reports that a shipment of Penrite oil will soon relieve the recent shortage.

As a December Vintage Section meeting would fall on Xmas eve, our next meeting will be on 28th January.

Merry Xmas

Murray & Penny



## Motorcycle Notes

Our November meeting was all about revering Three Wheelers. Our members started arriving at 2pm and by the start of the meeting we had 13 motorcycles and 7 three wheeler's parked up and 47 people present. The Three Wheelers were Marshall Corazza's Can-Am Spider, Bernie Bolstad's Tilting Honda Gold-wing, Alan Duffy's 1930's Morgan, and supporting him was Lester Lamb and his 1930's Morgan. Tony Kay and his Harley Davidson Trike plus he also had his friend Peter Naylor bring Tony's 2019 Triumph T120 and sidecar, and finally there was Brian King with his 1950's Matchless 500 that he is in the process of fitting 2 Austin 7 wheels to the front of. It was a spectacular array.



Martin opened the meeting with a joke of course. He then reported on our recent Auckland motorcycle rally, it was agreed by all who attended to be one of the best, with congratulations to all the class place takers and to our Vice Chairman Don Green, who was the overall winner, on his Norton Dominator.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Waitemata members Mike Grieg and Graeme Banks told us about their up coming Hill climb.

### COMING UP

#### *December:*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** - is our branch Christmas picnic day, see the advert for more details.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** - I have organised a run to visit a large motorcycle collection, we will meet at our club rooms at 10.30am.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** we are having our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** is our Christmas motorcycle meeting, our guest speaker will be member Trevor Hackett who will bring along his great looking 1000cc NORVIN to show us and tell its story. We are hoping that a number of the Vincent club members will also come along on their brilliant bikes to support Trevor.

#### *January:*

**Sunday 1st** - New Year's Day Run

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Bernie Bolstad told us the story of his 2001 Honda GL1800 Gold wing tilting conversion.

He bought the front end kit from California, but first he had to get permission to import it here. The kit added another 120 lbs to the weight of the bike. It took nearly 3 years to jump all the hurdles put in front of him by the LVVTA to get certifica-



tion, this involved taking the already built up kit to pieces to show them its construction, they then told Bernie to replace every nut & bolt on it to comply with NZ standards. Going through this and paying their fee's cost a fair amount of money. Finally the bike is now all legal and on the road.

Bernie says its totally different from any other 3 Wheeler's to ride, and it definitely needs respect. As to how much the project cost, that's between him and the bank. Bernie then answered a number of question's from the floor.

Alan Duffy told us about his 1930's Morgan, he also gave us a brief history of Morgan, he said he'd been to the Morgan factory in Malvern UK a number of times, he told us how production of the 3 Wheelers stopped in 1935 and then of their rebirth in 2012.

Tony Kay spoke about his collection of 3 Wheeler's. In an earlier life he had raced cars, but then he wanted to try motorcycles, but wife Rachael said no! But yes to 3 Wheeler's.

He has a 2019 Triumph T120 and Velorex sidecar, he bought the old sidecar from Graeme Crawley and restored it, they make a great pair. Next there is a Harley Davidson Hot Rod Trike, this is a striking black and chrome model, Tony says it has taken a while to get used to riding it. Tony has another two 3 Wheeler's they are a 1981 Triumph T140 with a Watsonian Manx chair that was an ex Red Bull promotional sidecar in 2006/7, and the 4<sup>th</sup> one is a 1965 Harley Davidson Servicar, in a previous life it was used by the Police or traffic meter maids.

Marshall Corazza briefly told us about his Can-Am Spyder, there it was sitting in the car park looking menacing like a big black Praying Mantis.

Brian King told us how he is transforming his Matchless 500 into a 3 Wheeler. He has left the front forks on it, and with linkages to two Austin 7 wheels it is nearly finished. He also said about the problems he is having with the LVVTA as well. We're looking forward to seeing it on the road.

At the end of the talks Martin presented the speakers with some products to look after their 3 Wheeler's.

Well that's it for this year...

Keep those 2, 3 and 4 wheels turning safely.

Martin Spicer & Jack Clark



# 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

We encourage members to enter vehicles for restoration judging.  
Restoration Awards are judged as follows:

- \* You will not be competing against anyone else that might be there, each is judged on it's own merits.
- \* Points are assigned under categories – paintwork, brightwork, upholstery and interior, instruments, panel work, mechanical, and cleanliness.
- \* Originality adds a further 10%

### **NO DOGS ALLOWED**

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



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## Mid Week Tourers

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As our November run was later than usual, a review will not make it into the December Bulletin, watch out for our report in the New Year.

Looking forward to our coming events:

### ***Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023:***

Starting from the BP service centre, Southern Motorway, Drury 10:00am for a 10:30am departure. This run is being organised by Paul Smith (see earlier Bulletins) and will finish at his home in Waiuku. BYO lunch etc. Do note that there are good cafes in Waiuku.

Then we have several good runs scheduled for the following months, watch your emails as well as the Bulletin.

### ***The 2023 Overnight Tour:***

Now firming up, please contact us ([dewdrops@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dewdrops@xtra.co.nz)) if you are interested, there is still room for more participants. The date is likely to be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May (the May mid-week run will coincide with the tour up until midday) then home again on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The overnight stops are likely to be the Okoroiroi Hotel, a Heritage building with great ambience. We loved it, and we think you will too. The likely cost of the Hotel is \$180 per room (2 people) per night. The approx. cost for a final dinner (buffet) for a group is \$35 pp, but this is dependant on a minimum of 25 people. Otherwise the hotel restaurant is available with an excellent menu. Most of the motoring will be done getting there and back with lots of attractions to see in and around Okoroiroi itself. The tour route is comprised of lots of country side, lesser used roads, whilst Thursday has a museum, antique shops, (Tirau) golf, tennis, billiard table, and hot springs at the Hotel, even Hobbiton is close by. Or just relax and enjoy.

Your Mid Week Team



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## Library Notes

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Just when the club library got over the drama of the March flood and the books in some semblance of order, the heavens opened again, resulting in more water entering the back door and wetting the carpet in the library. Fortunately, much less than the previous incident. The books are back on their shelves more or less in the correct areas but some rearrangement is necessary to return them into strict alphabetic order etc. The team will be working on this over the next while. We are open for business so if you find a book on our on-line catalogue, [Library Catalogue](#), that interests you please check-in with the team.

As part of the library tidy up the team will be relocating some of the manuals that pertain to cars manufactured post 1980. Typically this will mostly be modern Haynes manuals. Anyone who has tinkered with cars will be familiar with these, and some might have been lucky enough to visit the Haynes Motor Museum in Sparkford, Yeovil, Somerset founded in 1985 with the profits from John Haynes' publishing success.

The story behind these ever popular manuals is quite interesting as their origins go back to when John Haynes was a 16-year-old at a Kent boarding school in 1954. He used a small legacy to lavish £15 on a pre-war Austin Seven and, like many of that period's car-mad youngsters, turned the humble saloon into a stark, two-seater sports car. The school was broadminded enough to let him drive round the playing fields.

Something inspired the schoolboy to put his knowledge to good use by writing and illustrating a 40-odd page booklet about building a 'special' based on the Austin Seven. He stencilled and hand-stitched 250 copies, advertised them in Motor Sport – at a price of two shillings and sixpence – he quickly sold the lot. He produced more copies and set up a partnership with his younger brother, David, calling themselves Modern Enterprise Distributors. It recorded a profit of almost £850 in its first full year: good money in post war Britain.

He began service with the RAF and was posted to Germany and shortly after, he decided to make publishing his career. Books on building 'specials' were produced there, for reasons of cost and efficiency, then crammed into his MGA sports car and driven to England each time he went home on leave.

He decided to renew his commission and combined being in the RAF with writing and publishing more car books, and running, at arm's length, a new venture called the Sporting Motorists' Bookshop. He also built and raced a Lotus Seven before writing it off at Goodwood in 1963.

During a posting to Aden he came up with the idea that would eventually make him wealthy. He offered to help a friend restore an Austin-Healey Sprite that needed serious attention. Why not strip the car right down to the last nut and bolt, then, produce a workshop manual by recording every stage of the rebuild in words and pictures? The main investments were a duty-free Pentax camera and a lot of time.

The same basic principles have been applied to every manual produced since then. Every

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book represents a vehicle that's been taken apart and put together again. John once said that the process took six to eight weeks, and required an investment of between £75,000 and £100,000.

In 1985, and after 75 million manuals, he opened the Haynes Motor Museum. What is now one of Britain's biggest car collections started when he paid £500 for a 1930 Morris Oxford whose first owner had kept it for 40 years.

Such is its success that Haynes Publishing now accounts for about half the workshop manuals sold in the English speaking world. Mr. Haynes was awarded an OBE, and passed away in 2019. In 2020 the company announced that while they will continue to publish workshop manuals already in print, all new volumes will be download-only.

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## Spares Dept.

During November the Parts Team sorted out some new old stock shelves. The oil filters which are both spin on and cartridge types have been catalogued and are priced at just \$2 each (time for the end of year oil change?). Brake parts include wheel cylinders, master and slave cylinder kits including disc brake. We also have 3 only (new old stock) S type Mercedes pressure accumulators at \$20 each or \$50 the lot. Hanging from the ceiling in the Barn is a circa 1930's brass radiator surround that we cannot identify, it has the super price of just \$20. In very good condition there are half a dozen rear number plate brackets at \$5 each.



## 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).

**John Meggitt**

*Pukekohe*

1968 Triumph 120 Bonneville

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1930 Ford Model A Roadster

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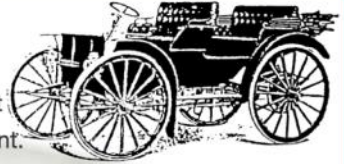


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