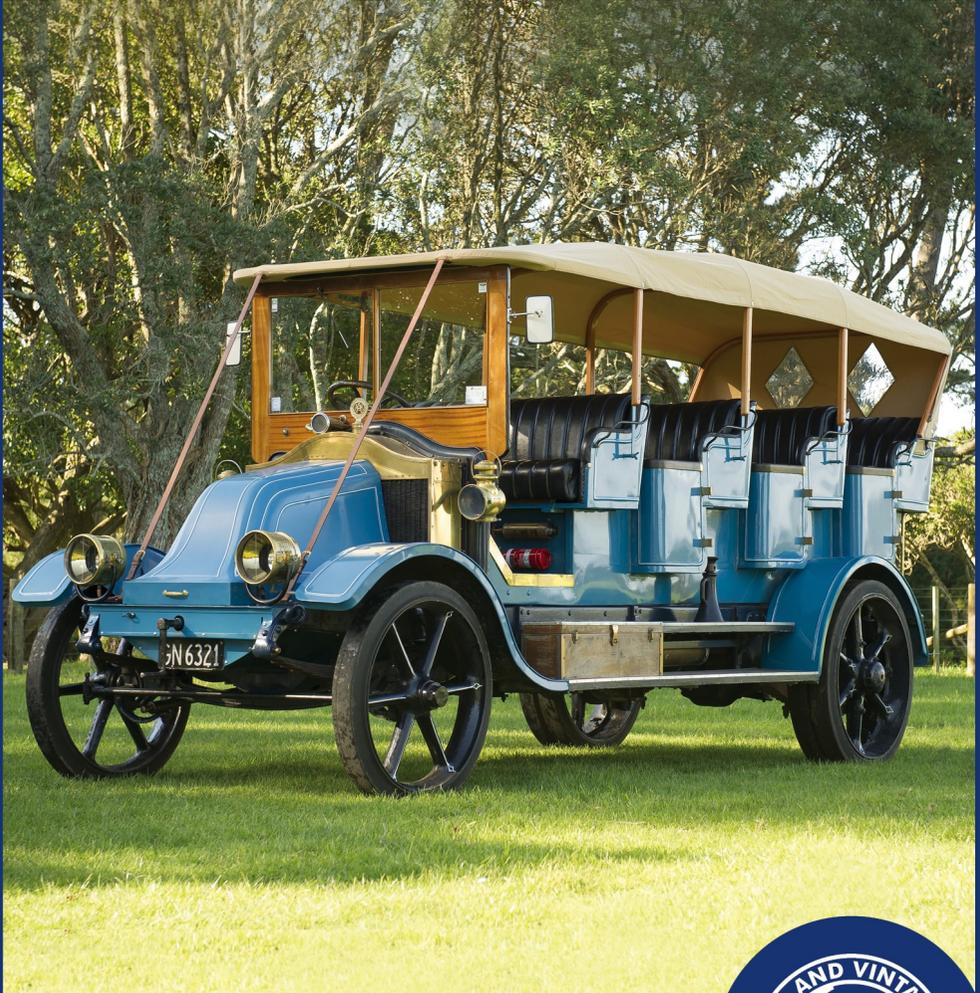




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June Bulletin closing date

Strictly 25 May 2023

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

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COMING EVENTS

All events are held at our clubrooms unless otherwise specified.

MAY

6	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
11	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
13	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
17	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run - starts BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury	<i>Note: earlier start time: 9:30am</i>
17-19		Mid-week Tourer's Tour - starts BP Service Centre, Southern Mwy, Drury	9:30am
20	Sat	Northland Motorcycle Rally hosted by Northland Branch	
20-21		Auckland Classic Motorcycle Show - Trust Stadium, Henderson	
23	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
24	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
25	Thur	Club Night—speaker Matt Ensor	7:30pm
27	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
28	Sun	Club Run - Experts' Rally - starts Royal Reserve, Beauchamp Drive	11:00am

JUNE

3rd	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
3-4		Irishman Rally - hosted by Canterbury Branch	
8th	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
10th	Sat	Waikato Double 50 hosted by Waikato Branch	
10th	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting <i>(one week early!)</i>	2:30pm
17th	Sat	Vintage Meeting <i>(one week early!)</i>	2:30pm
21st	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run—start TBA	
22nd	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
24th	Sat	Branch AGM @ the clubrooms	2:00pm
25th	Sun	Club Run – starts Morrison's Florists, 222 Universal Drive, Henderson	11:00am
27th	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
28th	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm

JULY

1st	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
1-2		Winter Woollies Wander - hosted by Wellsford Branch	
9th	Sun	Central North Island Swap Meet - hosted by Rotorua Branch	7am-2pm
13th	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
15th	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
19th	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run—start TBA	10:00am
22nd	Sat	Meet'n'Greet	2:30pm
23rd	Sun	Ladies Lunch	12:00 noon
25th	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
26th	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
27th	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
29th	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
30th	Sun	Club Run	

Note: The clubrooms are open on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month from 7:30pm until 10:00pm and EVERY Saturday afternoon from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Our Spares Dept & Library are open during the clubrooms opening hours PLUS Thursday mornings from 9:30am 'til noon.

Visualize ten members sitting around the "top table" at the clubrooms. That was last Entertainment Night... "Boring" I hear you say. I can tell you this – it was one of the most entertaining nights we have had in a long time. It's amazing how imaginations ran wild when the Huntly Delivery Drone entered the conversation. Many laughs and a tasty supper made for a very enjoyable night. My point – COME ALONG, you're missing out on what your club has to offer.



The Vintage Muster is almost upon us as I write this report. I hear numbers entered are very low. There are many ideas floating around as to how to remedy the situation. All of them would eliminate this event from being a "Vintage" event and spoil it for the stalwarts who enter every year regardless. The question is: "What do we have to do to get Vintage vehicle members out to enjoy their one day a year"? We are open to all suggestions.

It is always pleasing to see our members participating in out-of-town events. Recently a number entered North Shore's 50 year Celebration Rally and they "scooped the pool".

Congratulations to -

- 1st John and Jan Gardener and Roy Sharman
- 2nd Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao
- 3rd John and Dianne Poole

Our AGM is fast approaching. This is your opportunity to join the committee as all positions are available. As the saying goes "You get out of it what you put in" and this certainly goes for being on the committee. It's rewarding working with a group of enthusiastic members who work hard to make your branch and clubrooms a place for all members to enjoy.

Happy, safe motoring to you all.
Shaaran.



FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone

We have been negotiating with Peter Martin from Targa with regard to various issues of concern the VCC has about the event going forward, specifically around entry pricing, communication and the level of organisation and support to our entrants.

We have not been able to make satisfactory progress and sadly Rod and Anne Corbett have made the difficult decision to stand down from the position of Speed Steward and their involvement for the event. On behalf of all of us, our very grateful thanks go to Rod and Anne for their untiring commitment to the event and their hard work is very much appreciated.

Regretfully I have to advise that the Vintage Car Club has made the decision that it will be in the best interests for the Club to withdraw from Targa this year. We must have absolute confidence in the organisation and integrity of any event which is run under the Vintage Car Club/VCC name.

We understand that Targa NZ may be considering running a time trial event of some sort in October 2023, but the VCC is unable to confirm this.

For anyone who has already entered or is possibly considering entering, we recommend that you contact Targa NZ directly, especially if you would now like to withdraw and require a refund.

Kind regards

Diane Quarrie

National President

The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand Incorporated

The Historic Vehicle Authority of New Zealand



During the recent Membership Awards afternoon, a group photo was captured of the Charabanc driving team members who were present that day, they are:

From left to right:
John Stokes
Tony Forster
Doug Pinker
Neil Bieleski
Bob Pickering
Alan Price



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

We are now less than 2 months away from our AGM. Our treasurer Alastair has already advised that he will be standing down. The role is not difficult, we use MYOB for our accounting system and the incoming treasurer would be supported while they get their "feet under the table".

There is also at least one committee member standing down. We need a variety of skills on committee as there are a number of varied tasks to be overseen and a monthly committee meeting takes up 2 to 3 hours. If you want to know more please have a chat with Shaaran or myself.

Please see Diane Quarrie's message about the VCC withdrawing from the annual Targa Rally (previous page). A disappointing outcome.

Further details have just come through on the work Shaaran and I were part of around some of our constitution changes and we are being asked for further feedback by early June so more preparation can be done before the National AGM in August, watch your emails for further details, we will likely discuss this at the May Noggin and Natter evening.

From the committee table:

- The latest Health and Safety Check has resulted in some further tidying up in the Barn and the temporary mezzanine lighting is to be replaced with a permanent solution.
- A new multi-function printer is to be purchased that will better service our needs.
- General running costs are being assessed to review our branch levy.
- We are going to try something a little different for introducing and meeting our new members with the first meeting kicking off in July.
- Planning is underway for our Daffodil Day – Sunday, August 20th.

The calendar as always is full of events for you take part in, see you out and about in your vehicle or socialising at the clubrooms.

Thanks
Tracey



Nomination Form For the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

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

We wish to nominate: _____ for the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy.

Proposer

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Name: _____

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Details of the accomplishment and supporting information:

Please submit to the Secretary, Tracey Winterbottom **by 31 May 2022.**

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By post: P O Box 12 138, Penrose, Auckland 1642



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I hope this finds you all well as these colder nights are now upon us. ‘

John Stokes' Veteran meetings continue to get good attendance – please refer to Johns Notes.

Martin's motorcycle meeting was down on attendance as we moved the meeting to 11.00am instead of the usual 2.30pm in order that members could attend a memorial ride and burial of ashes for our late member, John Hartles. It was a shame that so few attended the meeting as they were treated to an excellent slide show, talk and of course viewing 2 motorcycles. Who didn't read the emails, or Bulletin and came at the normal time? See Martin's report.

The monthly club night was attended by about 22 people. For those that didn't attend you missed an excellent night where our guest speaker was non other than Peter Alderdice ably assisted by our Bulletin Editor, Jodi Tomlin. See Entertainment report.

The Vintage Section meetings continue getting good turn outs and on Sunday the Vintage Muster, after a slow start, pleasingly had 18 entries. Only 9 were competitive entries though. We travelled over some lovely roads in the Tuakau, Aka Aka, Otua, Pukekohe area, in fact there were a few new or long time since used roads included. Thanks to those that have entered and to Michael & Liz Hilliar for plotting. We even managed to dodge the rain for the most part.



A number of our members attended the Highland Fling Rally last weekend – a great rally, with a very long first day, that was enjoyed by all so I hear.

Please check your Bulletin for coming events and make a note of them. Our committee endeavours to make this a club for all to enjoy, whether it be coming to our Noggin n Natter evenings, Club nights (where we always have a guest speaker) or taking part in the monthly runs or rallies – this is your Club so do come along to events and enjoy them..

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely
Lynda Spicer



Ready for the Muster, clockwise from top left:
Don Green - 1930 Rudge Ulster, Norm
& Pat Dewhurst - 1925 Essex Roadster,
Murray & Penny Firth - 1931 British
Bedford, John Morrison - 1929 Cadillac
Model 341A.

REMINDER - WE'RE GOING DIGITAL

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Thank you
Jodi & Your Committee

VETERAN NOTES

About fifteen people attended the section meeting, there were apologies from Gavin Welch and Phil Henley.

Barry Robert didn't have much to report at the meeting, however, he took his veteran Rover for a warrant later in the week. The car passed the warrant ok, but there appears to be a registration issue between the plates 1909 (zero) and 1909 (alpha O), a curse of personalised plates.

Barry Birchall was pleased that the National Veteran Rally and the work it entailed is behind him. He and Nicola had a trip to the South Island where he saw Barry Robert's old single cylinder Rover, now resplendent in Blue paint and brass trimmings, he also saw the highly original IHC Autobuggy he once owned in Geraldine.

Mike Courtney has bought George Urqharts 1913 Model T Ford, with the unusual extra gearbox but it maybe his daughter Kirsten who uses it most.

Roy Sharman visited Danny Hunif a scrap dealer from Orini who has immense amounts of Automobilia in open sheds on his property, plus some stationary engines and vehicles.

Mat Metcalfe is sorting the clutch on the ex Mihaljevich 1912 Hudson Gentleman's Roadster. He is being assisted by Peter LeGros in this matter, some other details such as carburettor, speedometer, wiring and spark plugs have also been looked at. Peter himself is replacing the boiler in the 1900 Locomobile steamer, apparently new ones can be sourced from the USA.

Russel Vincent had some clutch issues with the 1905 Cadillac on the National Veteran Rally, the thrust bearing appears to be the culprit. Russel has brought a 1908 Cadillac single cylinder four seater tourer. This was the last and possibly best of the Cadillac singles. He also has the Unic he owns running again once he sorted the correct oil level.

Denis Lowe produced a variety of early mica insulated spark plugs and also an early one gallon oil tin with the names of cars that suited that brand of oil on the back.

North Shore's Tim Edney has acquired the Colin Gordon collection of about sixteen cars.

John Morrison was having WOF difficulties with his Model T Ford, mainly to do with an engine/chassis number issue. John is constructing a sixteen car garage to hold his ever growing fleet.

That's it for this month.
John

Recently, members of the Vintage Section have been representing our branch in events all over NZ and they all come back with great stories of roads they have never travelled before and new friendships they have made. So it seems that old cars are very good for exploring and 'breaking the ice' with strangers.

Neil Bielecki is still waiting for new carbon brushes for the magneto on his Renault. He is also working on getting his Triumph Herald back on the road with rust being removed, and probably a new paint job.

Richard Green's Rolls Royce is now reduced to bits. He is replacing all the ball races, (all metric, which surprised me) but generally he is pleased there is not too much serious damage, but a lot of time and effort will be required to carefully reassemble the car. Obviously, woodwork, upholstery and electrics have suffered.

John Towers is getting on at a great pace with his 1925 Humber. He created a dust-proof spray booth in his shed and is pleased with the two-pot paint job now on the 'still to be assembled' car. The original English oak dashboard is beyond repair and John received lots of advice on whether it was appropriate to replace it with 100 year old kauri to give the NZ new car some NZ ambience.

Chris Wood is getting some miles on his 1924 Austin 20HP sports tourer, joining the Austin Register on a run to Kelvin Healy's recently.

Ray Crombach joined us this month, arriving in his 1936 Chrysler Roadster. He has quite a collection of cars, particularly Chryslers, and also a 1933 Packard Victoria long wheelbase. He is currently working on a 1931 Chrysler Imperial.

Ross Bellamy is overhauling the steering box on his Model A. He brought along a speedo that was often fitted to Model T Fords as an after-market accessory. Henry Ford never fitted speedos to his Model Ts.

After a cuppa we all trooped out to the barn where Chris Wood was re-magnetising a magneto magnet on the club's re-magnetiser. Quite an impressive bit of kit, it came to us from Bruce Madgwick's estate, and the magnet, once treated, went from being rather weak to something that could hardly be pulled off it's 'keeper'.

Happy motoring.
Murray & Penny Firth



MOTORCYCLE NOTES

Lynda and I arrived at the club rooms at 10.30am. Already there was Don Green, Leo Fowler and Jeremy Lambert. They helped our guest speaker, member Bryan King, bring in his two immaculate Aermacchis, a 250 and 350.

Our meeting started early this month, at 11am, so we could finish around 1pm and take part in the late John Hartles' memorial ride. Unfortunately we only had 24 people in attendance, with 10 bikes in the car park. Members were told at the last meeting and in two emails from me of the change of time, plus Jodi sent out the weekly email of what's on this week, so where were you all? You missed a great presentation by Bryan on the history of Aermacchi. I'm also sure there would have been a few members turn up at 2.30pm for the meeting, It amazes me when I hear from some members that they didn't read our Bulletin or check their emails about branch events.

VISITORS – Andy Gourlay & Tony Burgess.

Martin started the meeting with a joke of course. He then reported on the recent Waikato to Mooloo motorcycle rally, this was another good out of town rally. See Martins' full report on this event elsewhere in the Bulletin. We then heard from Ian Hubbard about what happened to him and Michael Watts while returning from the Mooloo Friday night dinner in Rory King's van. In the back of the van was Michael's 500 Honda with a puncture. Rally secretary Peter Spiller had told them to take the bike to Blackwood's in the morning to get the puncture fixed. So they thought they would see where they were located. So there they were driving around Cambridge in the dark with a bike in the van, when they were stopped by the police who asked what they were doing and where did the bike come from and please blow into the breathalyser, "all good fun aye?"

COMING UP

May 13th motorcycle meeting, take note its *a week early*, guest speaker will be 98 year old Les Harris the oldest competing motorcycle racer in the world, confirmed by Guinness.

May 20th Northland Rally.

May 20-21 New Zealand Motorcycle show at the Trust Arena Henderson. Martin will be manning our club stand at the show. Please let him know if you would like to put any of your bikes on display at this great show put on by the Papakura Rotary Club. Did you know that this Rotary Club donates all the profits from the show to various charities?

GUEST SPEAKER

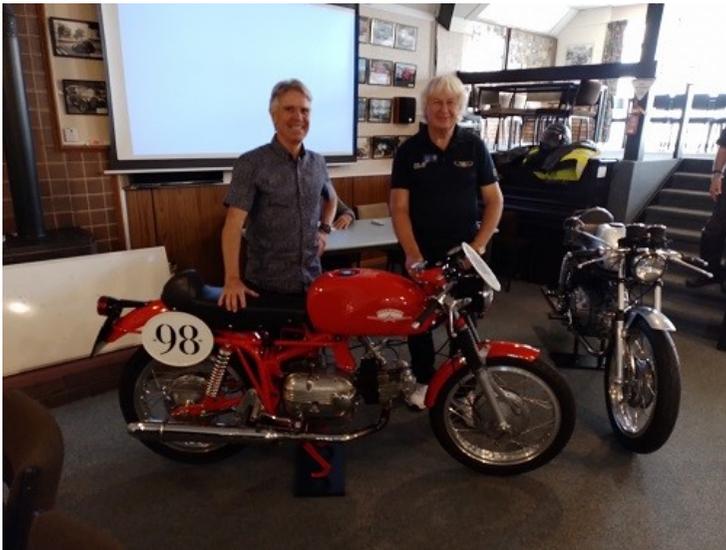
Member Bryan King came along to show us his two outstanding road bikes a 1962 Aermacchi 250 Moto Giro race replica and 1972 Aermacchi Harley Davidson GTS 350. Bryan was a member of the Classic Motorcycle Racing Register for 25 years and raced his Aermacchis at their events. Bryan told us how he obtained these bikes and of the restorations. Bryan showed us a very good slide show of the history of Aermacchi. In 1912 they started making float planes, they also took part in the famous Schneider air speed races. They built fighter planes in WW2. After the war they were banned from making planes, so they started making small 3 wheeled trucks and small motorcycles.

During the 1950's all Italian bike factories took part in classic races. As a win in these races meant good sales of their motorcycles. Bryan told us about the merger with Harley Davidson in 1960 and also when Gagiva took over the company in 1978. Aermacchi has a great racing history with their four stroke 250/350 singles. Under the name of Harley Davidson they won two 250 and two 350 world championships with two stroke engines.

Aermacchi stopped making bikes but the tradition of making airplanes carried on from building jet trainers from 1972 until ceasing operations in 2003. The NZ Air Force used these trainers right up to when all their fighters were disbanded.

Bryan then answered questions from the floor. And finally Martin thanked Bryan for telling us the Aermacchi story.

Martin Spicer & Jack Clark



MID-WEEK TOURERS

Well, Murphy has struck again. This time not because of weather or a National Emergency Declaration but that bogey called Health, which hits us all from time to time. Last month's run was cancelled due to Angus Fogg, our intended host, having a Medical emergency the day before. There will be another time set to visit in the future.

Meanwhile this month we are having a slightly longer run (about 60 Miles) finishing at that lovely country school at Kaihere. (The earlier lunch stop was to have been the Ngatea Watergardens but that didn't prove to be feasible in May, so that's been deferred for a better month). At Kaihere the staff and pupils are all geared up and excited to see us. Hot drinks will be supplied, there is a hall, and we only need to take our own cut lunch. We will be making a Koha to the school and will collect this at the start, perhaps \$5-00 per car?

Then, after lunch, those going on the Overnight Tour will continue to Okoroire. There may still be room at the Hot Springs Hotel, contact dewdrops@xtra.co.nz in the first instance for more info.

The following month, June, Jack is away overseas and to date no one has offered to stand in for him. It should be a northern start from Westgate. If you can help please contact the Dewdrops.

Also in June, the Branch AGM will be held. Time to be nominated for any position on the committee, plus of course those non-committee tasks that are so important to a vibrant club.

Coming Events:

Wednesday 17th May

Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury 9-30 am for a 10-00 am departure.

Note the earlier times to enable finishing at mid-day.

Wednesday 21st June

To be advised but should be starting from Old Westgate

Watch 'The Week Ahead' email for further details.

Wednesday 19th July

Southern start. Will there be a new Mid-week plotter?

Your Mid-week team

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Sunday, Fun day, Join us! May 28th - 11am

Join Russel and Jocelyn on their rally using roads less traveled by the Auckland Branch!

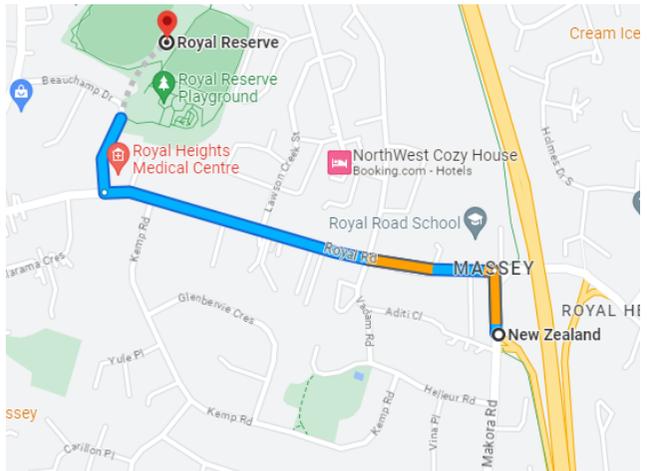
Yes, the Expert's Trophy is up for grabs, but anyone can enjoy this run. First car away 11am from Royal Reserve, Beauchamp Drive - just off North Western Motorway (Royal Road Exit).

Finish is at a café for lunch should you choose to join us?

See you there!

**ALL CLUB ELIGIBLE
VEHICLES WELCOME**

Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine
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Jodi & Your Committee

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

A big thanks to Peter Alderdice and Jodi Tomlin for sharing your stories of the groups adventure down south to the National Motor Cycle Rally and the Burt Munro Challenge at our April club night. Hopefully tales like these will inspire more to take on challenges in their vehicles and encourage those of us who like to explore the roads less travelled to get out there even more often.

May Club Night – Thursday 25th

What is this artificial intelligence we keep hearing about on the news? Join us for a special presentation by Matt Ensor, CEO and founder of FranklyAI and a proud member of the Vintage Car Club Auckland.

Matt will be discussing the latest developments in AI, including the innovative ChatGPT, and how they may affect various aspects of our lives such as education, retirement, and even automobiles. You'll have the chance to learn about some of the exciting AI projects currently being developed, and what the future may hold as these technologies continue to evolve.

This is a unique opportunity to hear from an expert in the field who also happens to share your love of vintage cars.

Don't miss out. We hope to see you there!

And don't forget a "Jodi epic supper" will be supplied. *(Sheesh that's setting an expectation... Thanks Russel!!! 😊 Jodi)*

Russel

PS – The committee is always on the lookout for members to share experiences, expertise etc on club nights. Please don't be shy in coming forward – we'd love to hear from you?



Mid-week Tourers' Tour May 2023

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!

aka The 2 Autobahn cafes run, only 8 miles apart, but
We'll do it our way! (3 days and 300 miles apart.)

It may be called a "Mid-week Tourers" run, but mid-weekers are just *members*. This event is open to every member of our club. If you are interested, and have three days to spare (or even one day for the water garden bit) and enjoy your club motoring, then please join us.

- ◆ Starting on **Wednesday 17th May**, in conjunction with our usual monthly Mid-week run.
- ◆ Lunch stop will be at the school at Kaihere. Hot drinks will be supplied by it is BYO lunch.
- ◆ The overnights carry on via Tahuna, Mangateparu, Kereone, Hinuera, to the Okoroire Hot Springs hotel for a 2 night stay.
- ◆ **Thursday** is a free day, there's a private Golf course, Hobbiton, two museums, antique shopping, hot mineral pools, take your choice.
- ◆ **Friday** we return via Arapuni, Kihikihi, Pirongia, Waitetuna, Glen Murray, Bombay.

There will be as few main roads as possible, some "pioneering" roads will be used. The usual Mid-week format, non-competitive touring, enjoyable vintage motoring over quiet vintage roads, with good company, new country (for some of us) and some attractions thrown in.

The Okoroire Hotel is a popular heritage hotel where we can relax, it has a good restaurant and they are looking forward to welcoming us. They still have rooms available, but please advise us asap if you require a room, you do not want to miss out!

Contact Norm & Pat - dewdrops@xtra.co.nz



LIBRARY NOTES

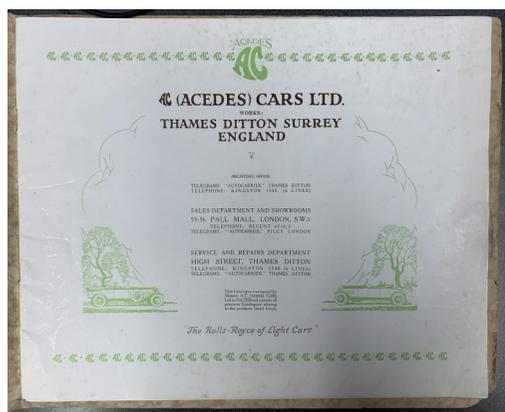
This month we gratefully acknowledge receipt of several cartons of motoring books and technical manuals from Trevor Kenworthy.

Also recently received is a 1928 **AC (Acedes) Cars Limited** sales catalogue from Phil Henley. This is an impressive 28-page document which includes a foreword by E N Duffield, a prominent London motoring correspondent and author who frequently contributed to "The Auto" magazine under the pseudonym A.B.C. The original company, which later became **AC Cars** was formed by the Weller brothers to produce a little delivery three-wheeler and first registered as **Autocars and Accessories**. **AC** has had a chequered history but has now become Britain's oldest active vehicle manufacturer.

The catalogue is from the period when Selwyn Edge, an Australian-born British business man bought the company outright in 1927 and re-registered it as AC (Acedes) Ltd. He was a colourful figure in motor racing circles and rather brazenly advertised his vehicles as "The Rolls-Royce of Light Cars". The company however collapsed soon after as a result of the 1929 crash. Over the years the company has been renamed or liquidated many times, but rather remarkably still exists today. The catalogue has been added to the club's important collection of early vehicle sales catalogues, which is currently being appended to the on-line library index.

Another interesting document in this collection is a folder of 37 prints by the Czech artist Vadimir Bidlo of Skoda vehicles from 1906 through to the late communist era. The early years cover the period when Skoda acquired the firm of Laurin & Klement and produced some outstanding motor cars. Looking through the prints the cars up to the war were clearly on a par with the leading European marques of the day, whereas the post war designs appear to rapidly date under communist influence, showing almost no evolution of styling trends for decades, and becoming decidedly dated by the '80s.

The Library team



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?

Keith Munro
Avondale
1929 Ford Model A

Terry & Joanne North
Avondale
1956 Hillman Husky Estate
(Terry & Joanne have transferred
from Central Otago Branch.)



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2023 MOOLOO MEANDER RALLY

Friday dawned warm and sunny. Earlier in the week I had been working on the 1982 Honda XL 250, I had removed the front forks and replaced the oil seals and dust caps, I also gave her a clean and polish.

Member Rory King arrived at my farm at 12 noon with his van loaded with his 1942 Harley WLA. We rode/drove down to the Pokeno shops, where we met John Poole with his Norton Commando and Ian Hubbard on his Triumph Bonneville. We had a light lunch, and then we set off for Cambridge.

We arrived in Cambridge around 3pm. Rory and Ian went off to their 'book a batch' house that they were sharing with members Trevor Hackett (Vincent 1000) & Mike Watts (Honda GB500). John and I went to our billet for the weekend, Waikato member Steve Waters and partner Jo-Ann's, in their 109 year old home. This house is made from Kauri and has 11 foot high ceilings. It is packed with vintage memorabilia, Jo-Ann is into Steampunk and makes hats and clothing for this. Steve has motorcycles but he also has a large collection of old bicycles.

At 5.30pm Peter Spiller phoned me to say that fellow Auckland member Mike Watts had called to say he was stuck on the Waikato expressway with a rear wheel puncture on his Honda. I suggested that Peter call Rory King who had his van here in Cambridge, so Rory and Ian went to rescue Mike and his Honda, they all made it to the dinner on time.

As Steve, Jo-Ann, John and myself were all going to the Friday evening meal at the Cambridge racing stadium, Steve suggested we should all ride the 1.5kms across the playing fields on his old bicycles, which we did. Steve was a little crafty though, his bicycle had a cylemotor back wheel fitted.

We had a good meal with a lot of chatting with the other rallyists.

Saturday dawned overcast, we arrived at the clubrooms at 8.30am. There were 47 entries, with 20 from our Auckland branch. The rally plotter was Kelvin Mitchel, but Kelvin couldn't be there to give the rally briefing as he had damaged his hamstring a few days before, so Peter Spiller stepped in.

The rally route was, as always at the Mooloo, very good, with no traffic and good roads. We did have a little bit of rain along the way. We arrived at the lunch stop in Matamata, at "J Swap Contractors" a very large company that deal in transport, civil roadworks, aggregates, stock feeds, they also own quarries and farms and have a workforce of over 500.

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We had another good ride back to the Waikato clubrooms, arriving at 3pm, that's when the rain really started, what good timing. We came back to the clubrooms at 6pm for the prize giving dinner. All the tables were filled up quickly. There was much chatting about the days event and many other subjects. We had a very good dinner, then Peter started the prize giving, he introduced past chairman Greg Terrill who presented the awards.

The rally results:

Veteran & Vintage:	1st Peter Alderdice	1924 Harley Davidson model J.
Post Vintage:	1st Rory King	1942 Harley Davidson WLA,
	2nd Mark & Sharon Lane	1941 Indian
	3rd Cam Francis	1942 Harley Davidson.
Post War:	1st Keith Ballagh	1955 Velocette 350
	2nd Robert Young	1952 Matchless G80,
	3rd Dave Mayhew	1956 Douglas Dragonfly.
Post 60:	1st = Jillian Hayton	1976 Honda CB200
	1st = Maggie Bryce	1972 Honda
	3rd Bob Hayton	1972 Norton Commando.
Post 80:	1st Chris Clark	1981 BMW 650
	2nd Martin Spicer	1982 Honda XL 250,
	3rd Andrew Peers-Adams	1989 BMW.
Sidecars:	1st Michael O'Kane & Trevor Appleby	1952 BSA Golden Flash
	2nd Paul & Marguerite Storey	1973 BMW
	3rd Paul & Jodi Tomlin	1925 Harley Davidson model J.
Invitation:	1st Mike Hardman	1938 Ariel SQ4
	2nd Graig Wylde	1950 Triumph
	3rd Ian Cartwright	1968 Norton Commando.
1st Ladies	Jillian Hayton & Maggie Bryce	
1st Waikato Members	Jillian Hayton & Maggie Bryce	

OVERALL MOOLOO WINNER - Rory King

Sunday morning dawned very foggy just like last year. After breakfast John Poole and I set off for home at 9am. The fog was very wet which made vision iffy. We stayed off the Expressway and travelled through Hamilton and on the old SH1 up to Huntly, by now it was warm and sunny. John waved me goodbye as I turned off at Pokeno heading for home.

And so ended another great Mooloo Meander.

Martin Spicer

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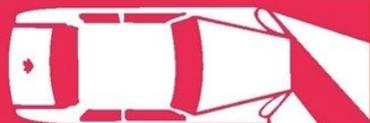
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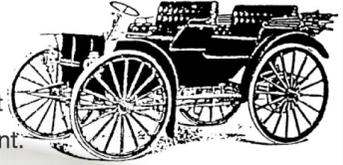
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