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November Bulletin closing date *Strictly 25 October 2022*

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

Cover Designed by Melanie Ball



Sulphur City Rally - Rotorua

We have attended a number of other branch rallies over the years and last month enjoyed, along with 5 other Auckland entrants, the Sulphur City Rally in Rotorua. Covid had cancelled this event two years in a row but this year they were delighted to host 47 vehicles and the event also coincided with their 50th anniversary of this branch.

What a lovely scenic drive it was, the area being blessed with a vast area of superb rural roads for us to travel over. The day was fine, the cars varied. We sent a few pics to our boys, the eldest being only 10 weeks old when he first rallied in Rotorua and commented “the vehicles are getting younger”, to which one replied “and warmer” – I guess remembering days in the back of our Model A tourer.

Having a variety of vehicles is certainly not a bad thing, keeping a Mk IV Zephyr or a Holden EH Premier or a 1978 Ford Falcon on the road is what our club is about, just as it was awesome to see 92 year old Bill Skelton driving his 1929 Austin 7 Chummy.

Congratulations to fellow Aucklanders who placed in their class.

Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine	1 st Vintage	1930 Ford Model A Phaeton
Colin and Pam Bell	1 st PWV	1954 Vauxhall Velox
Gavin Welch & Sophie Zhao	1 st P60	1977 Ford Escort
Bob and Debbie Ballantyne	3 rd P60	1972 Holden Torana GTR

The opportunity to enjoy our branch or other branch events is a great way to meet fellow members, see new vehicles and enjoy roads off the main highway. The club, ie the VCC of NZ, has a master set of rally instructions that are universal for branches throughout the country, but sadly it is not always adhered to. It is indeed a strong wish of mine that consistency of rules are adhered to by all branches to avoid confusion. One bugbear of mine and others is the continual use of the word “turn”. In the rally rules this means using a road at right angles to the one you are on. This term is usually only used on competitive runs to keep you on your toes. It would be great for plotters to remember this and not use it in their instructions unless for its actual purpose. Right or Left is quite sufficient – we do not need the word Turn.

And whilst on my hobby horse, I would love for the pure safety factor, for plotters not to use questions to gain a winner. Good clear silent checks placed where they should be, ie clearly visible, either on or off course, are a much safer option. These can be

read easily while continuing to drive past without the need to slow down. Questions, however, often see vehicles slowing, stopping, or even screeching to a halt (sometimes with traffic behind them), as they suddenly see the answer to the question up a driveway or on a letterbox. Our roads have enough hazards of their own, without us adding to it, endangering members and the public alike.

Finally, Spring has sprung, definitely time to get out and about and enjoy your vehicles and club. Our own Hunua 100 is coming up during Labour Weekend – competitive or touring options are on offer – entry forms on line or email Jodi, our Bulletin Editor, if you would like a copy emailed to you?

Happy motoring...
Jocelyn McAlpine



2023 National Veteran Rally Update



21st National Veteran Rally

24-26 February 2023

Based at LaValla Estate, Tuakau, Franklin

Early next year our branch is responsible for hosting this national event. Barry Birchall is the Rally Director and Nicola North is the Rally Secretary. They've found the most delightful venue, LaValla Estate, to be the hub of the rally. Situated on the outskirts of historical Tuakau, just 56km from metro Auckland. It's the perfect location for excellent country motoring.

The rally will commence on Friday morning with a Meet'n'Greet Breakfast and rally/tour its way through to a Final Banquet Dinner and Awards on Sunday evening. The weekend also celebrates the Auckland Branch's 50th Anniversary of Veteran Rallies.

Accommodation at the venue is now booked out, but there is accommodation available in Tuakau, Pukekohe and Pokeno. However, it would be wise to get your motel booked quickly as there is also an event that weekend at Pukekohe Racetrack on the same weekend.

A number of people have expressed interest in this rally, now is the time to get your entry in...

If you have a veteran vehicle, this is a MUST!

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What is the Ladies Run?

November Club Run **The Ladies Run**

Sunday, 27th November 2022



- * Plotted by the ladies for everybody
Team up as you usually do on club events,
Or maybe try a ladies only or mens only team?
Ask a longstanding member if they would care to swap
navigators so rally instructions can be learnt?
- * A fun afternoon rally, sometimes given a female twist
i.e. a change of silent checks that may celebrate something
more feminine, eg women in history?
Often finishing where you can enjoy a coffee, a garden or similar...
- * This is an Annual event for which there is a trophy
Won last year by a father and son combination
This year plotted by the Mum!

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Si Senor, el camino es de guijarros!

(Yes sir, the road is made of shingle!)

The Rubber Duckie 2021 & 2022

The New Plymouth branch of the VCC ran an unusual Motorcycle rally this year. Due to cancelling the 2021 Duckie but having those expensive badges already made and dated 2021, their novel solution was to run two rallies in one. Consequently, we set off in the morning doing the 2021 rally and after the morning tea, (again a cracker effort by their team), we proceeded to do the 2022 timed section. The other novelty was the change to big yellow rubber duckies as silent checks. I and many others thought “you can’t miss them”? Wrong, *you can miss them!* Then there was the weather, which was perfect, not too hot, certainly no rain, very green countryside but one thing was consistent, there was no sign of the mountain.

We, of course, are the “Auckland crowd”, some of us are well into double figures for attendance and some of us are even well past 20 years. Thinking about it, the rain has been a constant until recently as well. One year was so wet most of us gave up at lunch time. The lunch was at a country hall and I imagine the floor is still drying out! It was a great lunch though.

As Covid had confined us for so long, most of our bikes were sporting a few cobwebs, most of the oil was on the floor under them, and routine maintenance was long overdue. So it was lucky we decided quite early on to ride down to the rally over a 2-day trip there and a further 2 days to get home. Before we set out the essential maintenance was done, some bikes were even cleaned and close to departure day there were 15 of us registered for the trip. Unfortunately Paul and Jodi Tomlin had a family bereavement and could not travel so we numbered 13 in the end. Not everyone came from Auckland. Three joined us on Thursday evening

in the Kawhia Hotel. This hotel turned out to be a great place to stay; very reasonable, clean and the pub had a bunch of friendly people spending their Thursday earnings, even if they did ask us nicely to go have a shower as we smelt of petrol. We think this was down to Peter Alderdice’s unwashed leather riding pants? So Pete went off and changed.

Hopefully the new owners will be as friendly and accommodating for our next stay there.

Not all of us were on bikes since Leo Fowler was in his faithful Toyota van, recently fitted with its 6th Cam belt (that’s one every 100,000km – you work it out!) and two others came along for the trip in their motorcars.

The route to get to the rally had to accommodate 2 distinct groups. One group were the “Shinglies”, and the other were the “Bitumens” on account of the fact that the shingle route was down the very windy rough, grass-in-the middle West coast road more or less from Pukekohe to Raglan then onto more rough coast road to Kawhia.

The morning run passed through Te Akau (the beach), a tiny village with nearby hot springs and a big history. It was settled in the 15th century, said to be, by the Tainui Waka sailing down from Port Waikato. Thereafter ownership changed hands by warfare many times. The length of occupation is evident in the middens near the beach, yes that mound in the picture is a shell heap.



The colonists arrived after Te Ākau was confiscated in 1863. One of the requirements to get the land was to 'improve' the land. Bill Richards moved to Ruakiwi in 1912 and described, *"The kaka, or bush parrot, was killed and eaten in large numbers. If by chance one was wounded it would hang by its beak on a limb and call out. In a matter of minutes thousands would answer its call. It was often possible to fill a sack without shifting."* He also described how the bush was cleared and how soon kiwi and kaka became rare. Of the 60,000 acres confiscated they did set aside 50 hectares as a bush reserve!



Once covered by Podocarp - Hardwood forest, made up of kahikatea, rimu, rata and tawa, above is the "improved" landscape along the road.

We had traversed the road from Raglan along the coast some years back. Whilst it had not changed much it did seem a little less rough but it still managed to rattle out the bolts of

Jeremy's faring requiring cable ties to rescue the situation. As with the morning leg the views are quite dramatic from this road. Arriving at Kawhia we were met by the rest of the team coming in from Coromandel, Kihikihi and Ngatea, spent the evening in the pub, as mentioned already, where we ate very nice usual pub fare in the restaurant for dinner. After that we crashed into bed reasonably early apart from some, who shall be nameless, who managed to stay up for the All Blacks game. One could not help but notice that these were not the Shinglies!

Next morning was fine again and we rode via the coastal village of Marokapa where the tea shop had ceased to exist which is a loss, so we carried on over the rather large hills to come out on SH3 Te Kuiti to New Plymouth. The oldest bike was Peter Alderdice's 1924 Harley Davidson. Fortunately, one thousand cc's meant Peter kept up with everyone else, more or less, with ease. It is an amazing old bike. On

the hills, just 3 speeds, hand change, foot clutch – try it sometime to appreciate Peter's perseverance. On my 1955 Ariel Huntmaster (650) I was going up and down the gears like a yoyo, but the Harley changed down just for the downhill bits since it has only a rear brake.



One small drama on this section was an unfortunate lack of air in Alice Lenny's front tyre just before we reached SH3. The 1938 Norton front wheel turns out to be relatively easily removed and Alice had the tyre off and a new tube fitted in no time at all. The more wonderful thing about this episode was that the hand pump Alice had actually worked – proof is in the picture!



We arrived on schedule into the Top Ten New Plymouth, had the usual noggin and natter Friday dinner of pizza. Again not too many were hanging around by 9PM. The rally next day was up to the usual high standard with the quirks already mentioned to make it a little different and the prize-giving dinner that evening was excellent as was the compere, Bruce Davidson, who somehow managed to observe quite a few peccadillos committed en route and embarrass as many of us as he could.

How did Alice Lenny (Norton - Coromandel) and Steve Barker (Ariel - Foxton), both in our party, manage to win their section after spotting no Duckies and 2 Duckies respectively out of 9 and ignoring all attempts to go the target speed? There is no justice!

The problem was that quite a few of us somehow got into the slow group and the speeds really were slow! I think if I had stayed in second gear I might have done alright but as it was I was way too fast and even sighting 7 Duckies did not save me. As I said, there is no justice!

The return to Auckland took us 60 km north up the coast to a turn off to Ahititi on a road that links SH3 to the Forgotten Highway.

When plotting this using Google Maps street-view it seemed to be a one-way shingle track winding through over-hanging bush. That was enough to send the Bitumens straight up Highway 3 to Te Kuiti and on to Waitomo whilst the Shinglies turned off steeling themselves for the challenge ahead. Once the seal ended, the road started to look like it was going to be the challenge expected but to our great surprise, once past some greywacke cliffs, the road opened out, bitumen reappeared and farms abounded!

The only real challenge was one hill which must be 1 in 4 or at best 1 in 5 which had everyone down lots of gears to get up. Pete thought he may run out of huff on that one but the old Harley made it.

We passed Mount Damper Falls, but the 1 Km walk in bike gear was too much, so we continued through to the Forgotten Highway. This turned out to be in pretty poor shape, with many pot holes, so everyone had to remain alert. It is strange when a State Highway has less seal than a minor side road leading into it!

Everyone arrived in Ohura safely after ignoring the "Road Closed due to Significant Slips" sign at the Taumarunui turn-off about 12km before Ohura. A Local farmer had told the first arrivals to ignore it as had the café owner informed me by text.

Thanks to that sealed road through to the Forgotten Highway we arrived in Ohura at noon which was on schedule, even though we left an hour late from New Plymouth.

At Ohura we had a trip highlight, Ohura has long been a food desert... Finally, a very nice lady has opened a café called the Fiesta Café, on account she lived in Mexico for some time.

It is a Kai Kart really but, in the sun, in the garden, with a nice plate of rice, beans, salad and corn chips with sauce, we thought we were in heaven for a while.

Si Señor, el camino es de guijarros otra vez (yes sir, the road is shingle again)



Fiesta Cafe Ohura – our team waiting for lunch to cook



as did Ian Hubbard, but we could not work out if we were just tired or if it were substantially more difficult than earlier shingle sections.

Anyway, this road eventually connects to Te Anga Road near Waitomo caves where we had booked in the Top ten for the night.

Leaving Ohura about 1pm we elected to stay on the proposed route even though it meant another 20km of shingle, up a road to the left, a short way from Ohura. This road, although shingle, was in pretty good condition and relatively easy riding. It follows a valley through the rather wild topography with just a moderate hill or two eventually emerging onto SH3 at Piopio which fortunately has a petrol station.

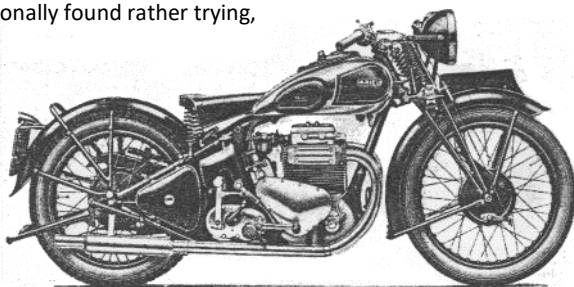
The proposed route then took us directly north from Piopio again on shingle for just 12km which I personally found rather trying,

Dinner in the pub over the road started early and quite a few ales were consumed and a great evening was had before we toddled off to bed faced with a 100% chance of rain for the next day.

Rain began at 4am but miraculously, by 6 it had more or less stopped and I know I made it home dry and I expect everyone else did as well?

Adventure complete!

Graeme Crawley



Our Clubrooms—A BIG Thank You

What an amazing team got together to work on the Barn refurbishment. Battens were removed, de-nailed, painted and screwed back on, holes and cracks filled and the barn completely repainted to a very high standard. Our grateful thanks to Graeme Crawley who coordinated the project, Rory King who oversaw the building aspects and Warwick Darrow who ensured the preparation and painting were up to spec.

A big thanks to the team who worked brilliantly together and made the work seem like fun – Don Green, Simon Ganley, Jack Clark, Martin Spicer, Paul Hesselning, Martyn Seay, Don Walker, Alice Leney, Jeremy Lambert, Trevor Hackett, Mike Batchler, Paul Grazella, Harvey Brewer, John Cooke and John Morrison it's been great working with you all.

Another thank you must go to Owen Hayward who has been instrumental in helping sort the carpet issue in the clubrooms which has been the sticking issue for us to be able to reopen. And of course, thank you to Lynda Spicer who has stayed the course of the tedious journey of the issues with the clubrooms repairs...

Thanks too to Jocelyn McAlpine who has been filling the big shoes of Barbara and the late Dave Allbon, keeping the gardens under control after our wet winter.

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Join us on the Hunua 100



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

Rally Secretaries: Rodger & Val Ball

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Rally Rules - Part 2

Following on from the first part published in August issue of the Bulletin.

Checks and Instructions

A rally may use manned checks and silent checks, they are always placed on the left hand side of the road and identified by a sign, a sample of which will be at the start.

Manned Checks

Unless you have been instructed at the start and in your instructions that you do not need to stop at manned checkpoints, competitors must stop at a manned check. Often today, check marshals will record your number and time without requiring you to stop but this will be noted in your instructions.

- You must stop past the check so as not to obscure the check point sign
- Park in accordance with all traffic regulations
- Report to the check marshal and produce your route card. You should check your route card before leaving the check.

Carry out any further instructions given by the marshal before leaving the check.

Silent Checks

These are generally used to check you have travelled the right course. Sometimes they will be off course. They will have the branch and include a "word" which must be recorded on your route card in order as you see them.

A sample silent check will be at the rally start.

Priority of Instructions

1. Roadside instructions take priority over all other types of instructions. Again these are marked branch signs to inform entrants of the rally route. Eg No Road (you are to ignore this road) or Directional arrows. These take precedence and then you should continue with your written instructions.
2. Over riding instructions have the next highest priority. These can be written at the top of your rally instructions, or you may be handed an over riding instruction sheet at a Manned Check. Eg No Exit Roads do not exist, Use Fairfax Ave, Ignore Station Rd
3. Route Instructions are the third priority. These are given to you at the start of a rally to guide you around the route. They can include written instructions, straight line navigation or tulip diagrams.
4. Lowest priority is least line of deviation or straight ahead rule, which we will talk about in more detail next month.

Don't forget to come along to the Rally Rules night on Thursday 20th, where Rodger will discuss the Rally Rules and with specific reference to this year's Hunua 100. If you have any questions, this will be a good time to have a chat with those knowledgeable on the subject.

Guess where?

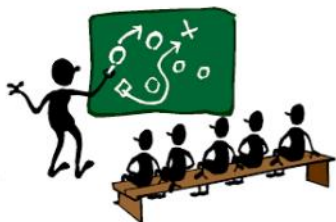


Can you guess where this is? Email me your answer—avvcceditor@gmail.com
Answer next month... Anyone else have interesting photo history to share?

“Rally Instruction Review”

Are you wondering how to interpret Rally Instructions?
Let's talk about the quirks of rallying,
learn from the experienced rallyists.

Thursday 20th October - 7:30 pm



Now is the perfect time to learn or
refresh the memory as the Hunua
100 is the following weekend.

Come join us!

Supper will be served

Coming Events

October

1	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting	2:30pm
4	Tues	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
15	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
20	Thurs	<i>Rally Instruction Review & New Members Evening</i>	7:30pm
22-23		Annual Hunua 100 Rally	
26	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
27	Thurs	<i>Hunua 100 Debrief @ the Clubrooms</i>	7:30pm
29	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting	2:30pm

November

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

December

3	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting	2:30pm
4	Sun	Christmas Picnic	
8	Thurs	Entertainment Night @ the Clubrooms	7:30pm
10	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
15	Thur	Christmas Dinner	from 7:00pm
17	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
21	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm

January 2023

1	Sun	New Year's Day Run	
12	Thur	Clubrooms Open	7:30pm
18	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
21	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
26	Thur	Club Night	
28	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
31	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm

Chairman's Report

At last, the end of Committee Zoom Meetings – and long may it last. A big thank you to Gavin Welch and Sophie, who, after two years of waiting, postponing, checking and re-writing the 2020 Annual PV Rally numerous times, can say “it’s all over”. I went to the start at Drury and was met by a lot of happy people. I must say it’s great to be able to have events again after a two year break due to Covid.



You will have received the first of our new Editor's Bulletins. Jodi is endeavouring to get the Bulletin emailed out to members around the 1st of each month.

This month, some Section Meetings managed to take place in the Barn, others were not as fortunate, owing to closures due to Barn maintenance work and re-roof. As the ply was delaminating, the exterior walls needed maintenance and a complete repaint. A huge thank you to our members who daily turned up to work on this project. As I write this report, all that remains to be done on the barn is for the scaffolding to be removed. Well done lads. Special thanks to Rory King who was the chief overseer of the building side of the work, Warwick Darrow – the painting chief, and Graeme Crawley – daily updates and work rosters chief.

Carpet issues in the downstairs area of the Clubrooms held work up for several weeks. The carpet was laid and the library shelving reinstated before we were asked to view and sign it off. On inspection, it was obvious the carpet was second grade nylon, with many flaws noticeable. We had to fight this, but as our insurance policy is 'like for like' replacement, and our original carpet was first grade commercial polypropylene we eventually won. Once work commenced, it was all go. The 26 ton of library books are about to be put back on the shelves, and as the saying goes – “we’ll be back in business before you know it”. Thanks must go to Lynda Spicer, who dealt with the Insurance Company and Carpet Layer during this time. Also, Owen Hayward, who, with his carpet laying knowledge and expertise, set us on the right track. I must add that we had asbestos testing done on the ceilings, walls and old lino that was under the carpet in the hallway and all tested negative. The complete floor in the Spares area underneath the building was disinfected. We can now say we are squeaky clean!

You will receive a message on the Tree when we are open!
Please come and enjoy!

Shaaran

Secretary's Notes

It's subscription time.

If National Office have your current email address, your subscription invoice will arrive by email. Please ensure you pay this to the National Office bank account, Alastair has already had to return a couple of payments which have been made to our branch account by mistake.

Please ensure we have your correct email address, and make sure you are receiving our email communications from Mail Chimp – sometimes your email provider may decide we are SPAM so please check your spam or junk folder and add our address to your safe sender's list. If you have somehow managed to unsubscribe accidentally, look for Jodi's instructions on how to get yourself back on. If you have not had any email communications in the last few weeks please email vccauckland@gmail.com with your correct email address.

Remember to check out our events calendar, as the clubrooms reopen and summer motoring kicks in, lets get back in the groove of participating, there is plenty happening both within the branch and further afield in the coming months, and don't forget to wear your name badge.

Thanks

Tracey Winterbottom



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Club Captain's Notes

Finally, Spring has sprung and we are getting better days, warmer and less wet. What does that mean? We can get out and about with our vehicles more.

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

All meetings were cancelled this month, with the exception of the club night on Thursday. Please see Russel's report.

Norm & Pat Dewhurst took part in the North Island Club Captains run and 17 of our motorcycle members entered the Rubber Duckie annual rally, in New Plymouth. The weather was excellent whilst travelling there and back and throughout the Rally day.

CLUB RUNS:

I apologise that I didn't report last month on the previous months Sunday run which saw just a few of us venture through the back roads down to Kaiaua to enjoy Fish n Chips in the pub. It was great that a couple of members now living in Thames came across and joined us. The Winner was Neil Stott, with John & Janice Gardiner 2nd and Rodger & Val Ball 3rd.

This month we had the Waiuku Wander. It was an 81k journey from Drury to Glenbrook Model Railway. It was great to hear that I managed to find a number of roads that no-one had been on before. If you haven't been to this Model Railway it is well worth a visit. It is not a pretty village type model, but based on Industry. Quite cool and later this week, Bob will be getting his small locomotive up and going as he has laid out a small gauge railway line around the property. The winner was Brian & Kay Hosking, 2nd Tracey & Steven Winterbottom and 3rd Russel & Jocelyn McAlpine

COMING EVENTS:

If you have not got your Hunua 100 entry in yet then please get this into the Rally Secretary as soon as possible. Rodger Ball will be going over Rally Rules on the Thursday before the event (20th Oct) for any new members, or others wanting to brush up on the rules. This is our showcase event of the year and, as you are all aware, has been impacted by Covid over the past 2 years. Everything is in place for an excellent Rally and we are having the full event this year for the first time in 3 years. We open with the Garden Party on the Saturday afternoon, plus special awards for 50 & 60 year membership. The Sunday is rally day and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Prize Giving dinner, being held at the Remuera Club (old CT Club).

November the Motorcycle section have their Annual Motorcycle Rally and this year it will be based at the School Camp in Port Waikato. Again, please get your entries into Graeme as soon as possible. This looks to be a lovely relaxed weekend with an

Club Captain's Notes ctd

interesting rally and places of interest to visit, plus good company for the weekend for those that are staying at the camp. All meals provided – see entry form.

CLUB ROOMS RE-OPENING

As you all know, I have been overseeing the re-instatement of the clubrooms after the flood back in March. The light can now be seen through the long tunnel and that's something we have ALL been waiting to hear. The carpet, which we had not accepted, was taken up by volunteers, and the new carpet which is being supplied and installed by Carpet Court will be laid this week, on Thursday & Friday. Reinstatement of the library will commence on the following Monday. Jodi will send everyone an email, a "Notice of Opening", as soon as we can confirm the date – hopefully from 10th October?

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely

Kia Kaha

Lynda Spicer

(Editor's Note: I doubt there is anyone in this branch more relieved than Lynda to see this clubrooms saga coming to an end? Lynda has been a real trooper dealing with ALL the drama that has occurred!)



Marshals Required

Hunua 100 Rally

Sunday 23 October 2022

Please phone:
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Entertainment Notes

September Club Night

A big thank you to Rich Easton, Chief Executive of the Neurological Foundation for giving us such a great insight into the work the Foundation does. He spoke of the amazing research and headway we in New Zealand are making to identify, minimize and help sufferers of strokes, migraines, epilepsy, dementia, Parkinsons disease, etc. It was mind blowing to hear about brain banks and cutting edge procedures. This should be our last "Barn night" as the Clubrooms should be up and running very soon.

Thursday 20th October – 7.30pm

RALLY RULES NIGHT

We are a little "out of sync" this month with our club nights. This is to ensure you can brush up on your navigation skills before our big Hunua 100 weekend. Come along whether you've entered competitively, touring, marshaling or just observing. Keep your skills active.

PLUS Bring along a photo or memento (captioned), from Hunuas gone by. If you haven't yet been on a Hunua bring along something that will spark interest. We have prizes on offer for the items creating the most chatter, in a popular vote by those present. Let's get our clubrooms buzzing.

PLUS PLUS Supper will be available...

THEN

Thursday 27th October– 7.30pm (our usual 4th Thursday club night)

HUNUA 100 DEBRIEF

Let's review what happened from Hunua 100 weekend.

What questions do you have?

What was the best thing about the weekend?

What did you not enjoy so much?

Enjoy a drink, have some great conversation then some supper and a cuppa.

Hope to catch up with you all
in the clubrooms!!!

Russel McAlpine

*Russel shows off 50 years between Hunua 100 rally badges!
He must have been a kid when
he started? ☺*



Delegate's Report

National AGM and Executive Meeting August 2022

Here is a summary of the key points coming out of both the Executive Meeting and the AGM hosted by our branch in August. (In no particular order). There are some significant things to think about and we will be bringing some of these to club nights over the coming months to get your thoughts and feedback.

- ◆ On line membership is running successfully, and we are seeing a steady stream of new members across the country.
 - ◆ It is hoped that the VIC system will soon follow suit and you will be able to submit these applications on line (after the relevant sign off at branch level)
 - ◆ A reminder that you must be a financial member of the club to qualify for the discount on your insurance with Vero
 - ◆ Expressions of interest are being sought from branches for the next International Rally which would be held in 5 – 6 years. I understand 2 branches have submitted, explaining why their particular part of the country would be suitable.
 - ◆ As we continue to improve our image and profile, the club has provided branches with pull up banners for use at events and new brochures for all members to distribute at suitable opportunities.
 - ◆ 12 month warrants continue to inch their way closer. A very productive meeting was held with the Transport Minister on a number of issues and the 12 month warrant is with the NZTA Director for sign off. Note that to get the legislation through the process will still take time. It is very likely it will apply to vehicles 40 years and older and that you will need a VIC.
 - ◆ Presentations were made to Chris Leith and Rod Brayshaw, both retiring from their positions, Chris from Honorary Secretary Treasurer and Rod from the role of Registrar which he has held for 26 years. Disappointing to have no nominations to fill either of these positions, and also no notice from head office that these positions would be vacant, leaving little opportunity for members to consider suitable nominations. Both these positions will be filled by the Management co opting suitable replacements.
 - ◆ The Goddard Trophy was presented to Rod and Anne Corbett, Rod and Anne are behind the growing success and popularity of the VCC section of the Targa Rally.
 - ◆ Shaaran and I participated in a workshop in the afternoon around what branches can and do to attract new membership and more importantly once they have joined get them involved. There are some great ideas around. All the worksheets were taken away by Gaynor Terril to be collated and we should get all this feedback back in a digestible format.
 - ◆ The management committee continue to work through what will be the best way forward for our National Office Building – either a new build or buying a
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Delegate's Report

suitable existing building. Meanwhile the insurance pay out earns some interest.

- ◆ It was recognised that the Branch Manual is very out of date, and work will commence soon to start updating this.
- ◆ Membership Awards for 25, 35, 50 and 60 year awards – some options were presented on possible ways to manage these going forward. 50 and 60 year awards are set to increase considerable over the next 10 years or so. There is considerable time and expense involved and perhaps it is time for a change? Do we need 25 and 35 year awards? Do you want your 50 year award presented by the National President or their representative? We will have a discussion on this in the coming months to get your feedback.
- ◆ Incorporated Societies Act – the changes to this Act mean change is required, some at a branch level and certainly the governance structure of the Club will require change. This will mean change to our constitution so we need to ensure our constitution is fit for purpose and future proofed. This will be a key focus for the next 24 months, with the plan to have a new constitution ready for members to vote on in August 2024, allowing time before the December 2025 deadline when all Incorporated Societies must adhere to the new legislation. This is another area we need to discuss and get your feedback on, so start thinking about any change you think is required. We will have some discussion on this at club nights also. If there is anything in this area you have a view on or suggestions for change, please call or email Shaaran or I – lets start getting some dialogue and ideas going!
- ◆ If you would like copies of any of the AGM reports drop me a line, I can easily email them to you.

Thank you
Tracey

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Veteran Notes

The veteran section had it's first meeting for several months in our barn on Saturday September 3rd. We had a good turnout of about eighteen members, with apologies from Russell Vincent, Cedric Pegrum and Barry Birchall. It was good to see our ninety plus year old members Bryan Belcher and Barry Robert in attendance, and we welcomed North Shores Tim Edney, David Lane and Paul, as well as Wellsford's Doug Hamilton.

David Adams spoke of the forthcoming centennial of the Glenbrook Waiuku branch railway line on the 16th of October. David has secured the Hutcheson Daimler from the Bay of Plenty to appear. This is a similar car to that which carried then Prime Minister William Massey to the original opening.

Not strictly veteran, but Tim Edney's 1923 Minerva has finally arrived from Australia. The car is very original and Tim is stuck with the dilemma of whether to restore or leave well alone?

Kit Maxwell put in a plug for the Waikato Veteran and Rear Wheel Brake Rally on November 5th. Kit also discussed sorting out a problem with the magneto on his 1913 Maxwell, this involved a screw shorting out the points intermittently and the usual fuel versus spark issues surfaced. Kit also produced a Curved Dash Oldsmobile ID plate which was manufactured by Reece Burnett, acid etched I believe.

Monty Scarborough took his veteran Ford T to a display at a rest home, where an elderly lady asked what unit he was in. He has also fallen victim to the old good looking tyres thing, when he mounted, with difficulty, a couple, then found the walls were cracked.

It was good to see vice chairman Don Green attend, considering he had spent the early part of the day with the barn refurbishment group. He is still having issues getting the correct drive belting for his 1917 Triumph motor cycle.

Gavin Welch has had his Model T Ford out at a North Shore event, Gavin also produced a very powerful Model T Ford aftermarket steering damper and an ingenious late Model T split rim compressor/expander. His friend Paul has brought a very original 1911 Model T formerly owned by Herb Fox of Nelson.

Roy Sharman discussed the sale of a number of veteran engines in the Southward collection and the sale of a high wheeler Autobuggy, he also produced a very early Morris Universal Service lapel as well as a life saving medal.

Doug Hamilton has the Scripps Booth running again and Steve Oliver is taking measurements of Doug's 1904 Cadillac bonnet.

That's it for this month
John

Motorcycle Notes

Due to the barn work we had to cancel the September motorcycle meeting. So our next event for our members was the Taranaki Rubber Duckie Rally on the 17th September. A large group of our members set off on their bikes on the Thursday morning spending the night in Kawhia, and then carried on to New Plymouth on Friday, look for Graeme's report in this Bulletin. I trailered the Honda XL down there. There were 17 Auckland members entered, 5 from Whangarei, 8 from New Plymouth, and others from assorted branches. We had a good Friday night meal at the camp site. Rally day was sunny, and because of last year's rally being cancelled it was decided to run two rally's this year to keep their continuous theme going. So the 2021 rally finished at the morning tea stop at the Taranaki club rooms in Inglewood, then the 2022 finished at lunch at the club rooms. The prize giving dinner was held at the Beach Street Hall in Fitzroy, which was an easy walk from the Top 10 camp. After the meal we had the double prize giving. The rally placings are as follow:

2021 & 2022 RALLY RUBBER DUCKIE

1st Vintage Peter Alderdice 1924 Harley Davidson.
1st Post Vintage Dennis Young 1936 Ariel **2nd** Norm Hill 1938 Velo **3rd** Paul Switzer 1937 Royal Enfield
1st Post War John Comer 1953 Triumph **2nd** Robert Young 1952 Matchless **3rd** Neville Taylor 1956 AJS
1st P60/80 Warwick Dahlberg 1970 BSA **2nd** Ian Hubbard 1972 Triumph **3rd** Wayne Bennet 1975 BMW
1st Sidecar / Morgan Mike O'Kane 1952 BSA **2nd** John & Jill Williams 1937 Morgan
Wally Hunt Memorial Simon & Sylvia Clearwater 1952 Matchless
The overall winner Warwick & Dawn Dahlberg 1970 BSA

COMING UP

The October motorcycle meeting is on the 15th. Our guest speaker booked was to be Peter Lodge of New Zealand car drag racing fame and a member of the NZ Classic motorcycle racing register. Peter owns the worlds fastest racing push rod ES2 Norton, this Norton regularly puts overhead cam Manx's in their place. A few weeks ago Peter took the ES2 to the I.O.M Manx GP. The bike with Irish rider Mike Browne came 3rd in the Senior race and it lapped at 110 mph. Unfortunately, Peter has let me know that the bike is on its way back from the UK by ship, and wont arrive in time for the meeting, so we will have to wait until a later meeting to see Peter and this great motorcycle.

So instead we will be having the Cecil Light Restoration Award. If any of you have restored a motorcycle in the past 18 months do bring it along to the meeting to show and tell us its story. The bike doesn't have to be in concours condition to win. If there is more than one entered the members will take a vote on it and there will be prizes given out as well to those that enter.

In the pipe line we have Bernie Bolstad with his three wheeled tilting Honda Gold Wing, and as an extra contrast I'm hoping to get members to come along with different versions of three Wheeler's, maybe Marshall Corraza and his new Can Am spider, and sidecar outfits from different eras with BSA, Triumph and Harley, and maybe a Morgan or two.

We are also hoping to have Trevor Hackett with his 1000cc Vincent/Norton in for a talk in the near future too.

November 4,5,6th we have our Annual Motorcycle Rally, this is our motorcycle section event of the year, so please, all of you, come along and support the branch's bike section and take part in it, or possibly even make an offer to help with the running of it? For the first time in many years we are basing the whole rally out of Auckland, in Port Waikato. So please get your entries in to Graeme as soon as possible?

That's all for now so keep those 2,3, and 4 wheels turning safely.

Martin Spicer

Mid Week Tourers

Harvey Brewer's Report for September:

Despite the glum weather forecast for Wednesday and every day, we were not bothered by any of it, and our run was a success. We had 14 cars starting at Drury Service Centre, doing a scenic run through the Bombay area, over the hills and popping out on the flat at Lyons Road in the Mangatawhiri area which has now been bypassed and died like many small settlements alongside modern arterial routes. It's interesting to see places and entertain memories of lunches there, in this case, the Castle.

We continued on through many more miles of hassle-free farm country with light traffic, then with the Hauraki Gulf looming up in sight, finally we emerged at Kaiaua on the coast, with Thames visible on the other side of the firth.

Some grabbed takeaway fish'n'chips for lunch, not a bad idea, but hadn't occurred to me, I'd brought sandwiches. Then we proceeded along the beautiful coast road to the Scarborough's residence in the choicest of spots, right at the beach, with a well-appointed man-cave complete with veteran Model T and many relics, along with a fish-cleaning bench outside and all the gear for a perfect lifestyle. (Pictures opposite.)

There was talk of road slips on the road north from there, I encountered one, a great amount of porridge from the hill, which fortunately had been cleared from the road, but then I had to turn back to retrieve my forgotten picnic chair, so went home the southern way via SH2, rather than the more appealing Kawakawa-Clevedon route.

A great day, thanks to those that joined the run.
Harvey

Thank you Harvey, for helping out, and many thanks to Monty and Pauline for hosting us.

Here are the coming events for us Mid-Weekers...

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| October | RUN CANCELLED it was too close to the Hunua 100. Make sure you get your entry in for that and/or offer to help. |
| November | Wednesday 30th —Starts from The Warehouse car park, Westgate. 10-00 am for 10-30 am departure. This is our CHRISTMAS RUN to Wenderholm. A little earlier so as to avoid the Christmas traffic. BYO everything. |
| December | NO RUN However, please do not forget the branch's Christmas Picnic, bring the grandies to meet Santa, and your car/bike/truck for the restoration awards. |
| January 2023 | Wednesday 18th —Starting from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury. 10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. Member Paul Smith has plotted a run to his home in Waiuku where he has a collection of Fords and other Automobilia, and his wife Vicky will have a display of her passion - Crafts. BYO everything, although there are cafes in Waiuku. |

Thank you
The Mid Week Team



Library Notes

Unfortunately the club library is still closed while the renovation work is being completed. Just before the books were packed away an interesting book, typical of many held in the historical marque section of the library, surfaced and the following is a brief review:

If you have ever wondered what happened to all those exotic French motor vehicles that existed in the early quarter of the 20th century - marques like Darracq, De Dion-Bouton, Levassor, Panhard, etc which were leading the world in elegance and performance then James Laux's book titled "In First Gear: The French Automobile Industry to 1914" gives us a clue. It tells the story of the French automobile industry from its inception until the onset of World War I. During this period French engineers and designers led the world in automobile manufacturing, both in terms of innovation and production. Paris was a focal point of enthusiasm for this new horseless carriage, with a large and affluent leisure class that embraced auto racing with a particular passion. This propelled the development of many automobile entrepreneurs with constant pressure to improve their products. This book closely studies forty-five of these early car-manufacturing companies from their methods of production to their marketing strategies. The author refutes the popular idea that the French economy of the time was in the doldrums pointing out that the explosion of the automobile industry is clear evidence to the contrary.

Early on at the commencement of the 20th century the dealership of Charles Rolls in partnership with Claude Johnstone felt the only car they could sell to their exclusive clients were those produced in the great workshops of Peugeot. Fortunately it was Henry Royce's fascination with an early French Decauville that ultimately led to the formation of that famous marque.

After 1914, the French automobile industry was slowly eclipsed by those of other countries. The author suggests that this is due to a failure to mass produce; the assembly-line and interchangeable parts were ideas that were slow to come to companies that built their cars largely by hand, as precision instruments for wealthy patrons, not the mass market. He believes that there was an untapped mass market for these machines in France during this period, but that the French auto-makers failed to capitalize on it.

This book contains a wealth of information about the particulars of the early French auto industry and makes fascinating reading.

The Library Team

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).

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1965 Triumph TR4A

1965 Ford Mustang

Michael LeVerne*Beachlands*

1939 Buick Special

Tracey Cousins*Waimauku*

1950 Morris Minor Convertible

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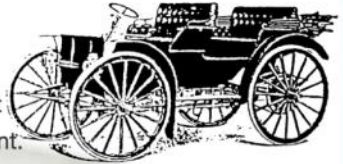


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