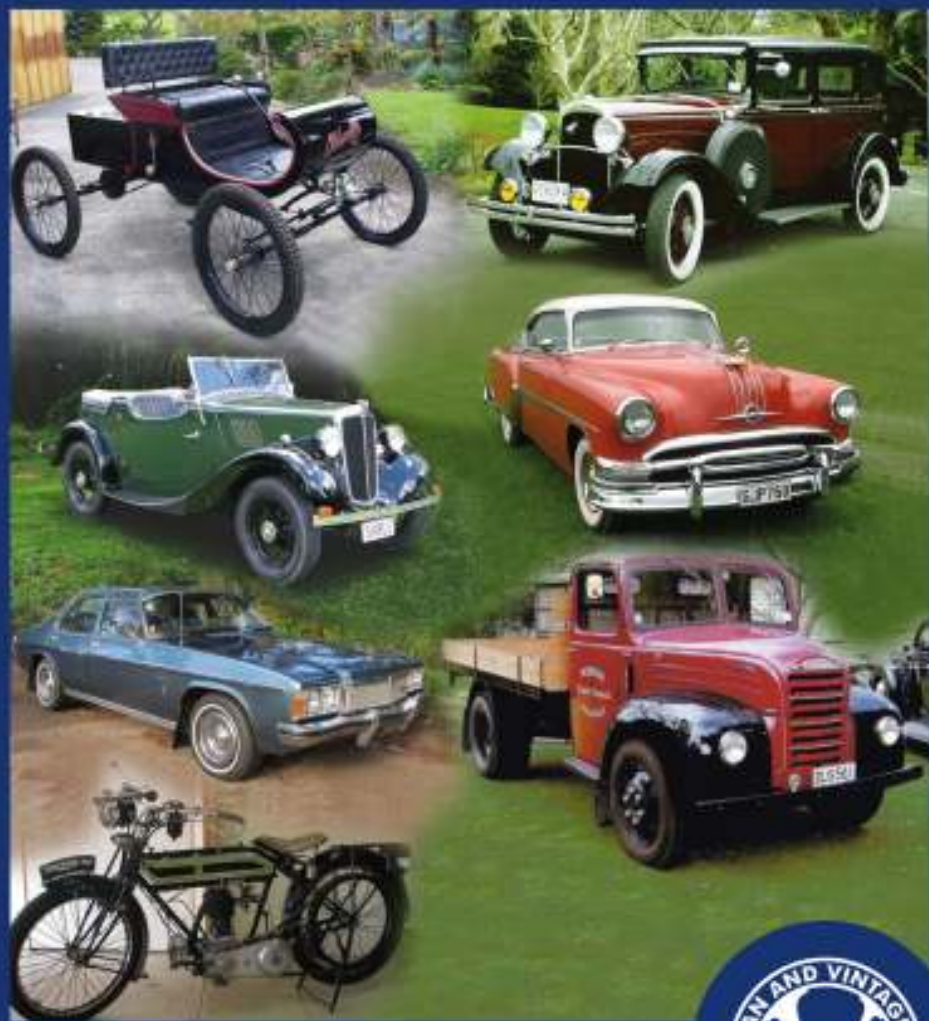




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July Bulletin closing date

25 June 2017

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Chairman's Report

May has been a relatively quiet month for Branch activity. This report was written prior to the Experts Rally taking place on 28 May 2017. Hopefully Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao will have had a successful day.

Thursday 11 May was Bulletin mailing and new members night. It was very encouraging to see eight new members have joined our Branch and the Committee members that were present welcomed them.

The AGM is to be held on Thursday 22 June 2017 at 8.00pm at the clubrooms. Come along and make yourself available for Committee, as several positions will need to be filled. The Branch is seeking people with a lot of energy and new ideas and who are keen to assist in implementing them.

The combined run with the North Shore Branch is on Sunday 25 June 2017.

That's all from me

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Colin Bell



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Notes from your Secretary

Entry forms are available from the Clubrooms or by email for:

Wellsford/Warkworth Branch, Winter Woollies Rally being held 1st & 2nd July, Rally Secretary, Leon Salt phone: (09) 423 8122 or email: brendda@extra.co.nz
Entries close 23rd June.

Recently we received an email from Julie at the National Office advising Club membership is at the highest it has ever been. As at the 10th May current membership is 8544, compared with 6537 back in January 2000.

There will be two Notice of Motion being forwarded from the National Office to all financial members in July, along with the National AGM Agenda, VCC Financial Report, President's Annual Report, Management Committee details and any voting requirements re the Notices of Motion or Management Committee positions. You would have read in the latest issue of Beaded Wheels that Paul Collins is not seeking re-election as National North Island Club Captain. Who knows, maybe there is somebody from our Branch who would like to be nominated for this position.

If any members are interested in receiving "Brits at the Beach" newsletters, please contact me and I can forward these by email to you.

Don't forget the Auckland Branch Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 22nd June. See the Notice of Meeting and nomination form for Committee elsewhere in this issue of "The Bulletin". All positions on the Committee are open for nomination, but the current Committee is aware we definitely are looking for a new Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary at least. How about contemplate getting yourself nominated onto **your** Branch Committee?

Rodger Ball



CLUBROOMS OPENING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

Remember as from April 2017 the Clubrooms will only be open on the **second** and **fourth** Thursdays of each month.

Club Captain's Report

This will be my last report as your Club Captain. This has been an interesting term with the load of plotting events being shared among Committee members in order to give a larger variety of events. We took on board comments and arranged different styles of monthly events including many being non-competitive touring type as this is what had been asked for, unfortunately this did not result in any increase in attendance numbers. However when we joined by invitation with the Motorcycle Section events for two of the Sunday outings this attracted twenty plus cars as well as the usual number of bikes each time, great to see this sort of support.

Putting together a rally takes a lot of time as you first have to decide and locate a suitable start and finish point, then plot the connecting route. Once these instructions have been drafted you then go around a second time to ensure they are correct, then you find a willing volunteer to drive around to check and ensure you haven't missed anything that may result in entrants going off course. Then you get to go around again putting out silent and manned checks, if used, these are then collected at the end by your trail car, results are collated and you start to plan the next one. This amount of work and time is required for a tour as well as a competitive event.

May is our Experts Rally each year plotted by the winners of the last year's event. This year Gavin Welch & Sophie Zhao have had this honour, however by the time you read this that event will have been and gone. I will take this opportunity to thank them both for their efforts and hope those of you who attended, enjoyed the challenge set out for you.

Next up as the start of our new rallying year is the combined event with the North Shore Branch. I have plotted this year's rally as a kick start for the new Club Captain so they won't need to do anything until July. This will start at West gate in Raupo Drive and finish at our Clubrooms for afternoon tea, as it is our turn to host North Shore Branch members. Please come along to the first of a new term of events, catch up with fellow members, get your name down and gain your first points towards the annual Points Trophy. These are gained by attendance: one point, then place getters for events gain four, three and two respectively for first, second and third placing. Rodger and Val Ball have been the recipients of this trophy for a number of years mainly due to the fact they attend every month. I challenge others to do the same.

Thank you for your past support, see you out and about

Shirley Bovis

Four vehicles, four generations, 20 members of the same family at the same event. Can you do this?



Veteran Notes

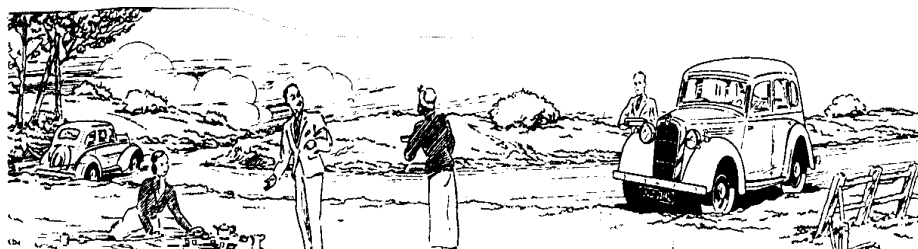
Saturday the 6th of May saw the best turnout we have had since the section had the initial meeting in January, the top table was full. We didn't have anyone bring a veteran, the cooler weather has arrived. However, Phil Henley had his Austin 16/6 there, Cedric Pegrum turned up in his 1930 Colonial bodied Chevrolet Coupe and Robin Foote had his regular 1927 BSA present.

We had the usual chat around the table, welcoming Wellsford/Warkworth Branch member Grant Stott and North Shore Branch member Len Woodgate. Terry Jenkins has been to a tractor event in Hamilton Victoria, where he saw a couple of high wheeler buggy's. Denis Lowe gave an interesting demonstration of the trembler coil, dry battery cell ignition system. Denis also has the seat from his Curved Dash Oldsmobile at David Wilkens upholstery shop in Wellington, these seats used folded upholstery with no stitching and horse hair will be used as padding as original. Murray Greig has his 1915 Headstrom Indian running again.

Roy Sharman reported on the Troughton auction, the Model N Ford selling for \$69 000 Roy also told of selling a steering box to a man in Birkdale who is doing a veteran Alldays and Onions, this guy isn't in any club. Roy and Grant Stott both had pictures of Johnson and Smiths body shop in the 'twenties with lots of Huppmobile's getting their colonial bodies built and of trucks being bodied. Mike Loosemore has driven his 1916 Huppmobile to a car show in Waiuku, he is working on his door latches. We believe Kit Maxwell has sold his Briton.

The next Section meeting will be Saturday 10 June at 2:30 p.m. and the following one on 8 July at 2:30 p.m.

John Stokes.



Commercial Notes

The earlier closing date for Bulletin copy this month, the very night of our meeting has meant a decided lack of stories from the section that might rock the world. Editor Val Ball and Rodger are off to the States for a well earned break.

Recently new member Graeme Harker, with 1926 and a 1929 Stewart trucks, enquired as to whether he might find a Stromberg carburettor in our spares that could fit one of them. He already had a good carbie for one truck and was delighted when he found a pretty good Stromberg among our meagre collection up in the barn that will now grace the other. The truck pictured is not Graeme's, I couldn't wait to get hold of one from him, I was so excited!!



With the likelihood of some Committee members stepping aside at the AGM this month, the possibility exists for a new team of enthusiastic Committee members from within that group of 31 who vetoed the name change motion last November. Our Branch is in trouble, the closure of the clubrooms on all but the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, the abysmal turnouts on our monthly club runs, the pathetic response to calendar events, capped off with just 32 entries in this year's National North Island Easter Rally from Auckland members. With the best of intentions, those who agitate for encouraging members to participate, by advocating that this should change, or we should be doing such and such, are missing the point. The point is, we are not attracting new members in the numbers and age brackets that will be necessary long term to keep us afloat. How long will we survive, with predominantly "Gold Carders" joining the ranks? The recently retired President of the Federation of Motoring Club's, said in his 2016 annual report: "The future of the heritage vehicle movement in New Zealand is dependent on getting young people interested. You cannot take your vehicles with you, so ensure that you take an interest in the young person looking at your vehicle, because one day, if his interest is cultivated, he may want to own it". Aint that the truth?

Keep M Rolling

John Campbell



Mid Week Tourers

Our AGM is almost here as you read this Bulletin and we will have major changes in the Committee. With this in mind, a quote from 400 BC seems to me to be very relevant.

Socrates wrote: "The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

The May run went to "Junk and Disorderly" in Northcote. Some suburban driving, which we normally avoid like the plague, but sometimes it is necessary in order to get to an interesting finish. This finish is definitely an interesting place. You name it and if it isn't there it has probably just been sold. Seems that those searching through the boxes of assorted hand tools were not disappointed and John Stokes scored a book for the Branch Library. I saw an incomplete Triumph Tigress marked **not for sale**, but one should talk to the proprietors wife, (she who must be obeyed). Parking was tight, but there was ample room for seating once inside and a bonus was the refreshment caravan, also inside. Thank you, Lisa. The rather dismal weather forecast was true for the morning, but cleared up by mid day. Even so, we found that someone had moved Rangitoto Island, it was nowhere to be seen! Leo Fowler says he'll bring his motorcycle wet weather gear next time, despite being in his four wheeler. Muttered some thing about original hoods only being any good when they are down!

Coming Events

Wednesday 21 June: Starts from the Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 departure. Our destination is the historic homestead of Brian & Dorothy Belcher and their more modern shed, with Vintage contents. BYO sammies.

Wednesday 19 July (School Holidays): Starts from The Warehouse car park, Westgate, 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure. Murray & Penny Firth have offered to arrange this run. More details next month.

Wednesday 16 August: Starts from the Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure. More details to come. Neil & Jan Bielecki have also offered to arrange a run sometime, it could be this one.

The Dewdrops & the Mid-Week Team

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Motorcycle Notes

Again, another excellent day for a bike ride, but what this, only 12 bikes in the yard, oh well quality beats quantity hands down. However, there was not too many spare seats left in the club rooms on the commencement of our monthly meeting. New member Steve Collet was welcomed along with our visitor Peter Hansen from Thames.

Reports The Kick Start Rally was well attended with 17 bikes lining up at the Jolly Farmer for the start of their ride through the Hunua ranges winding their way back to Elsmore Park where John Poole was declared the winner riding his Ten kick Norton Commando. Normal practice for the Kick Start Rally is the least number of kicks on command to start a bike will secure the cup. The reverse was instigated this year for a change. Mid-week tourers are heading off to a junk and disorderly arrangement, location a mystery. We look forward to hearing all about their visit next month.

Coming Up An overnight trip down to Kawhia is also planned for the 28th October. Kaiaua Fish n Chip run June the 11th. The Branch AGM will be held on June 22nd where several vacancies on the Committee are available, please consider being another motorcyclist to join me on Committee.

General Business: Robert Lauder is seeking information on best oils for light-weight motorcycles. John Campbell reported that three new members have joined recently with some thirty motorcycles between them. Chris Taylor was lucky enough to acquire new mudguards for one of his projects out of Australia. Dave Pitches reported that AB Auctions have good lathes available ex school training workshops. Martin Spicer spoke about this years planed Motorcycle Show encouraging everyone to think about putting their pride and joy on show.

Election: Time again to elect the Motorcycle Co-ordinator /Representative for our Branch. Well, before Martin had the words out, there was a unanimous congratulatory applause from the floor. Martin Spicer was duly re-elected having held this office since 1998.

Guest speaker Andy Gourlay assisted by son Daniel

The first part of Andy's presentation reflected the life and adventures of his father who had spent some 14 years in the Antarctic from 1925 to 1939. Starting a fitter/turner apprenticeship in 1921, paying the enormous sum of 100 pound to become indentured and getting paid only two and sixpence a week did not detour Andy's Dad. After qualifying he took up the position of Junior engineer on the sailing ship Discovery which was bound for the Antarctic. This was the start of an incredibly adventurous life, all of which was recorded on camera using glass plate positives which Andy had restored to CD's. Daniel took us through these photos while Andy described them in detail. It was of real interest to see pictures of the ships Discovery and Discovery 2, the latter commissioned by the British Antarctic Survey in 1931. Andy explained the superstructure of Discovery 2 had to be de-iced to keep the weight to a minimum so it would not become too top heavy. This was done by the crew belting the ice with wooden mallets. An engine breakdown occurred once disabling the vessel for two weeks. The crew lived off seal meat as there was little option but to do so. In 1986 Andy had his turn to go to the Antarctic. This was preceded by an

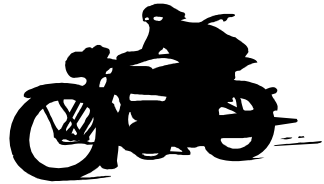
Motorcycle Notes Contd..

extensive medical run by Operation Deep Freeze. A nine-and-a-half-hour uncomfortable flight on a Hercules was the only mode of transport to McMurdoch Sound, from there another 4 hours to the south pole. Andy's brief was to instruct the deepfreeze staff on plant maintenance. Andy said of all the things that struck him about his time on the ice was that it was weird not to be able to see the horizon and the sheer solitude of the place. He once found himself stepping over a puddle, one of the workers said why did you do that, to which he replied well I didn't want to fall in. The bloke laughed and said Andy the ice is a mile thick. In conclusion, Andy proudly showed everyone his cap which you could only get one if you had been to the South Pole. The irony was the caps made in China.

Martin thanked Andy and Daniel for giving us all some insight to life on the Ice.

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Martin Spicer and John Shennan



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Entertainment Notes

Well I hope you all learnt something last club night and felt you had moved just that little bit more into the technological age we are living in. Our thanks to Tracey and Charlotte for your patience and time. Our ancestors were as wary of new innovations as we are but as we know if we all listened to the nay sayers we wouldn't be enjoying things, such as the car.....

June Club night is our AGM and I hope to see as many of you there as possible to show your support for your Branch. If you have fresh ideas and an enthusiasm for enjoying your motor vehicle please put your name forward for Committee – we would love to have you on board. Notice of Annual General Meeting and Nomination Forms are elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Our usual July club night will be our Annual Book Sale on Thursday 27th.

Plus we have an extra **July** club night which will actually be on **Saturday** afternoon starting at 2pm on the **22nd**– how can we help you get your “VIC” on your vehicle – see advert below.

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Russel McApline



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Book Sale

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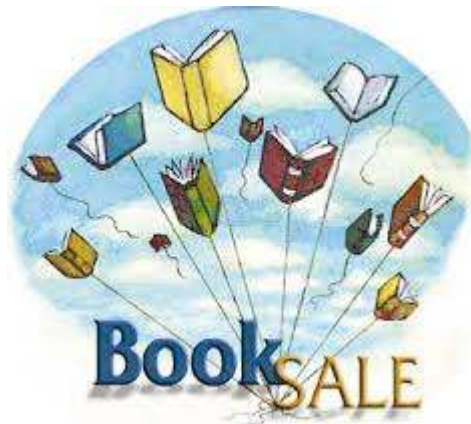
Thursday 27 July

8:00 p.m.

**Annual sale of surplus books,
manuals and magazines**



Book Sale



Library Notes

We have been given a couple of interesting books this month. The first is a 50 page Souvenir Booklet of the recent re-enactment of the 1917 Parliamentary Tour of Northland. It contains day by day reports from participants and some stories of their breakdowns and recoveries and all the time it relates back to the original tour of 100 years ago. The book concludes with six pages of information about the cars and the people with a live photo shot of each of them on the road. The next interesting book is on South Australia's Motoring Heritage "Bullock Tracks and Bitumen" where Wartime urgency forced a real road to be constructed through the Nullarbor in 1940. There is also a lot on Veteran motoring in Adelaide in pre WW1 Days. Another little book to come in is a Cassells "Work " series " Magneto Repair and Adjustment" handbook. It is in poor condition but is worth rebinding so don't ask for it just yet.



The Manuals we received from Panmure Motors last month included :

- 954-58 Series 1 Land Rover
- 1956 Sunbeam Mk2 Alpine and Talbot 90
- 1962 Chev Shop manual Supplement
- 1957 Vanguard Sportsman manual.

Space for these manuals is getting tight and we are planning to move more of our magazines into storage in airtight boxes.

The change to alternate Thursday nights has made it hard to find a night for a Book sale but we are scheduled for one in July. The book sales last year have paid for nearly all of the books we purchased and we need your support to keep this going--Bringing along a friend on Book Sale Night Thursday 27 July.

Barry Robert and the Library Team—Barry Birchall, Colin Bott, Owen Hayward, John Stokes & Chris Wood

An advertisement for Vintage Finance. At the top, the text reads "Want a Vintage Car or Motorbike". Below this, a vintage open-top car is shown from a side profile, driving on a road. To the right of the car, the text says "Or would you like to use your Automobile as Security for a Personal Loan." At the bottom, the text reads "VINTAGE FINANCE" in large, bold letters, followed by "Enquiries: Ph: (09) 827 0017 • loans@vintagefinance.co.nz" and "KIWI PERSONAL FINANCE LTD". At the very bottom, it says "Ask for: Marcel Facooory Ph: 021 545 355".

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New Members

A most sincere welcome is extended to the following new members. We hope to see you taking an active part in Club activities whenever possible. Should you or any member require any assistance or advice, please feel free to ask any Committee member. (Refer back page of this Bulletin).

Coming Events

June

10	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting	2:30pm
11	Sun	Motorcycle Rally—Kaiuaa Fish 'n Chip run Starts Jolly Farmer, Drury	11:00am
17	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
21	Wed	Mid Week Tourers Starts Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am
22	Thurs	Branch AGM	8:00pm
25	Sun	Club Run—Combined with North Shore Branch	1:00pm
28	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night Clubrooms	8:00pm

July

1-2		Winter Woolies Wander (Wellsford/Warkworth Branch)	
4	Tues	Committee Meeting	8:00pm
8	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting	2:30pm
9	Sun	Central North Island Swapmeet (Rotorua Branch)	
13	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing & New Members Night	7:30pm
15	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
19	Wed	Mid Week Tourers Starts Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
22	Sat	Club (Night), afternoon (Vehicle Identity Card Applications) Note the Change (day & time)	2:00pm
26	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night Clubrooms	8:00pm
27	Thurs	Club Night—Book Sale—Clubrooms	8:00pm
30	Sun	Club Run	

August

1	Tues	Committee Meeting	8:00pm
10	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing & New Members Night	7:30pm
11-12		National Executive Meeting & AGM—Blenheim (Hosted by Marlborough Branch)	
16	Wed	Mid Week Tourers Starts Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am
19	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
23	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night Clubrooms	8:00pm
24	Thurs	Club Night	8:00pm
26	Sat	Sulphur City Rally (Rotorua Branch)	
27	Sun	Club Run	

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

Coming Events

Club Night

**Thursday 22 June
8:00 p.m.**

Auckland Branch



Club Run

**Sunday 25 June
Combined with North Shore**

**Starts from: Raupo Drive
Westgate, Auckland**

Time: 1:00 p.m.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 22nd June 2017

**To be held in the Auckland Branch Clubrooms.
39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose.**

Meeting commences 8:00 p.m.

**Agenda: Apologies
Minutes 2016 AGM
Annual Reports
Financial Statement
Election of Officers
Prize Giving
25 & 35 Year Presentation Awards
General Business**

A light supper will be provided and the Bar will NOT be open.

Members are requested to show their membership cards to receive voting papers.

All nominations for office should be duly proposed, seconded and accepted by Financial Members and delivered to the Secretary, or maybe made from the floor at the AGM, if required.

**R K Ball
Secretary AVVCC**

Nomination Form

NOMINATION FORM for the 2017-18 COMMITTEE

Positions available are: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain and six Committee Members.

All positions are available for nomination so here is your opportunity to put your name or someone else's forward for a position.

Appointed Positions are: Librarian, Beaded Wheels Reporter & Bulletin Editor

I wish to nominate: _____ (Print)

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Proposer: _____ (Print)

Signature: _____

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Kick Start Rally

We cancelled the rally at the end of April due to rain in the morning that only brought out 4 starters, so it was pleasing to wake up on the first Sunday morning in May to find it dry with a hint of the sun breaking through. Ex world motorcycle champion of the 1960's Hugh Anderson turned up at our farm in Pokeno with his beautiful 1952 Vincent Black Shadow. Hugh and I rode up to the Jolly Farmer for the start of the rally. This time we had 17 bikes and 1 modern sports car which included 1 Vincent, 1 Ariel, 2 Honda, 1 Velo, 3 BSA, 2 Triumph, 4 Norton, 2 MotoGuzzi, 1 Royal Enfield, 1 MX5. Lloyd Wilson the plotter gave us the briefing on the route and told a joke to set us off in good spirits. The riders had to kick start their bikes on leaving which was recorded. We headed off to Drury Hills, past Stevenson's Quarry and had a good ride into Hunua village where we stopped at the check point manned by Tony Miller, where we had to stop our engines and restart them. From there it was a very pleasant ride to Clevedon, down to Duders Beach and along that great coast road riding into Whitford. From there we made our way to the finish at the Homestead Cafe in Lloyd Elsmore Park Pakuranga where we again had to stop our engines and restart them. Waiting to greet us were members Brian and Maureen Teutenberg. We had our lunch in the packed out cafe while our large collection of assorted bikes were looked over and admired by the general public.

After going through the result sheet the winner turned out to be John Poole on his recently acquired 1973 Norton Commando. John is a long time member of the Branch normally found to be driving his immaculate USA cars, but last year John decided to buy a bike just like the one he rode in his teenage years. Every year to work out the winner we alternate rider with the least amount or most amount of kick starts. This year John took 10 kicks with others being 9,5,4,3. Well done John, we look forward to you plotting next years rally.

Thank you Lloyd and your helpers for putting on a great rally.

Martin Spicer



Annual Reports

Annual Reports

Chairman's Report:

This is my last report as Chairman of the Branch. After much thought and reflection over the past year, I have decided not to seek re-election.

Some significant changes have been implemented over the past two years. We now allow any club eligible vehicle to participate in calendar events which have had a class eligibility restriction e.g. Vintage Muster and the PV & PWV Rally and this has proved reasonably successful in increasing entrant numbers. The appointment of a Continuous Membership Awards Steward has resulted in those members due for awards being contacted instead of having to apply and they are receiving these within a much more acceptable timeframe. Our National President Diane Quarrie has been presenting these awards to the deserving recipients at our clubrooms and this has proved to be very popular. Recently we introduced a New Membership Liaison Officer position with a view to encouraging new members to participate in Branch events.

The PV Rally in September attracted twenty-five entries and our largest calendar event of the year for 2016 was the Hunua 100 which attracted fifty-two entries. The Annual Gymnic was held at the home of Murray and Penny Firth in December and attracted approximately thirty-five vehicles. Our Christmas Pot-Luck dinner saw eighty members in attendance and this was a most enjoyable evening. Perhaps we will see more of this type of "get-together" in the future. The Vintage Muster in March 2017 attracted twenty-three entries. These calendar events were down in attendance from previous years. The National North Island Easter Rally which was hosted by our Branch was very successful. With two years in the planning, the number attending from the Auckland Branch was very disappointing, but for those people who did participate I have no doubt, had a wonderful three days. Due to atrocious weather conditions preceding Easter Weekend and the subsequent road closures, the rally route had to be replotted a number of times with the final rally route being completed three days prior to the rally taking place. Despite the added pressure, the rally was a great success and I am proud that we were able to run the event so successfully despite the challenges that confronted us. Financially, the rally was hugely successful due to the fundraising that was undertaken and also to our very generous sponsors, who contributed so much. You may recall that we initially sold the 1910 FN Motor Vehicle with the proceeds to be used for the Easter Rally, if needed. The great news is that we did not use any of that money, so the total amount received from that sale of \$4976.00 will be transferred into the general operating account of the Branch. In addition, after all expenses have been paid and with GST taken into account, there will be a surplus of approximately \$4600.00 which will also be transferred into the general operating account of the Branch. This is a remarkable achievement considering that the entry fee to the rally was only \$10 which included a \$20 petrol voucher, rally plaque and many other "goodies" in the rally packs. The Branch was most fortunate that it

Annual Reports contd..

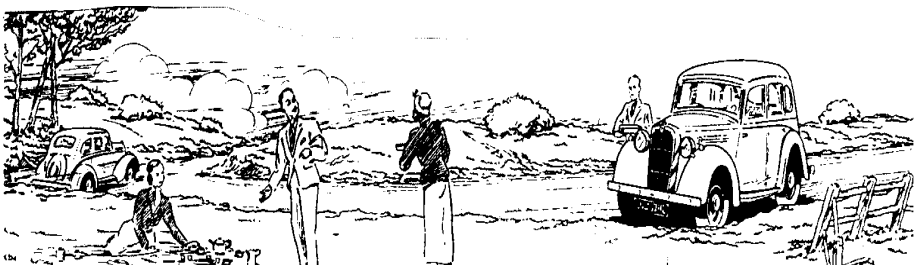
had a Rally Committee with the energy and organisational skills to conduct such a successful event. Thank you all for a great job.

The other two sections of the Branch i.e. the Motorcycle Section and Mid-Week Tourers continue to operate satisfactorily, with reasonable numbers participating. However, the lack of participation for the main Branch events continues to be a major concern. I struggle to think of anything that has not been tried within the parameters and confines under which we must operate i.e. holding events during the weekends. The conclusion has been reached that it is not the type of event we are holding, but rather the fact that members who have been active in the past, do not want, for whatever reason, to participate in club events during the weekends. The answer is glaringly clear to many of us; for the Branch to survive we must attract new members in the 40+ age group. This was the reason we sought a name change to include the word "classic" which was part of a strategy to lift our image to the public. However, this has been met with much resistance from some and this idea has had to be shelved. Regrettably we recently had to make the decision to discontinue two Thursday evenings out of every month due to declining patronage.

To all those people who have participated in Branch events, thank you for your support. To the plotters of all events, thank you for your time and commitment. To everyone who helped out in any way to ensure the smooth running of events and club nights, thank you all. Last but not least, thank you to the Committee. Glenn Morris has decided not to seek re-election as Treasurer or continue as Continuous Membership Awards Steward due to business commitments. Rodger Ball is not seeking re-election as Secretary after thirty years in this position. Shirley Bovis, the current Club Captain will also not be seeking re-election. Thank you all for your time and commitment to the Branch.

I will be remaining on Committee for the next year as immediate past Chairman.

Colin Bell



Annual Reports contd..

Club Captain's Report:

With May having been and gone we are at the end of another year of Committee duties. This has been my fifth term as the Branch Club Captain, where as in the past years the Club Captain was responsible for every months club run on the last Sunday, as a result of member feedback and diminishing numbers attending, things have been done a little different with the load being shared among other Committee members, members who have offered their services and combining events with other sections of our Branch. We were told members didn't want competitive rallies for the Sunday events, so we tried advertising and putting on non-competitive tours, sadly still the members didn't come out for these.

It has been mentioned by a number of members that in order to keep our club alive in the future we need to be attracting younger members. When these younger people step up to be part of our Committee they need to be welcomed, greeted with enthusiasm, taken on board and mentored, in order for them to gain a positive view of the experience. They are our future. I think it's time we all looked at the bigger picture, take stock of what a great organisation we are. Remember that traditionally car clubs are male domains whereas the Vintage Car Club movement has always been very family orientated.

I have noted that the months we had best attendance at events were when we joined the motorcycle section and last the Sunday events together on both these occasions we had in excess of thirty vehicles, unlike the eight to ten hardy soles on other events. Maybe we need to join sections more often, this will also lighten the load for the organisers.

Our Branch hosted some National events this term, these were well organised reasonably well attended events. The teams that put these together cannot be thanked enough for their efforts on our behalf.

I have had a lot of joy being your Club Captain and look forward to being able to support the next Club Captain that our Branch elects.

See you out and about

Shirley Bovis



Annual Reports contd..

Entertainment Notes:

It is AGM time again which is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year. On club nights we had our usual Shiny Parts Auction, Book Sales, pre-Hunua rally tuition, the odd movie, some guest speakers, presentation of 25 and 35 year badges and a special general meeting to vote on the hotly debated motion to change the Branch name. Reflecting on these I would have to say we had some hits, with great attendance and some misses – and on a personal viewpoint, a huge miss was not succeeding with the name change. The type of vehicle attending our events and in particular the latest North Island National Easter Rally certainly highlighted what members are wanting to drive more these days.

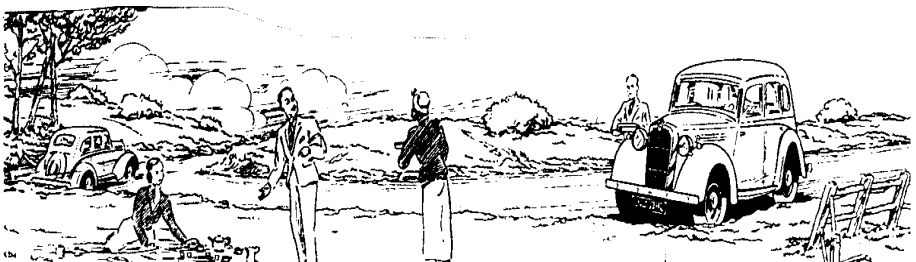
The numbers of members now receiving their 25, 35 and 50 year badges is outstanding – longevity of members is certainly not so much the Club's problem, more getting member participation. My congratulations to all those who received these badges with more to come this coming Hunua Saturday Afternoon Event. It was fabulous to reminisce, laugh and catch up with so many at last year's Garden Party and presentation afternoon.

Our after rally functions continued to be well catered by our ever helpful chef Gerald, with numbers reflecting vehicle entries on these events. Our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner saw the clubrooms buzzing just two days before Christmas. It was also wonderful to see the clubrooms with so many out-of-towners enjoying our hospitality over the Easter period.

My thanks go to all those who have provided me suggestions for guest speakers, to Branch members who have been guest speakers or have provided movie footage, to those who continually get stuck in at functions and help out and a special thanks to Pat Campbell and her team for the cuppa and date loaf every club night.

So time now to look forward to the new car club year – are you up for it?

Russel McAlpine



Annual Reports contd..

Motorcycle Report:

Well in the blink of an eye it seems another 12 months have slipped by. Over the past 12 months the Motorcycle Section has continued to have very good turn outs at the monthly meetings. Over recent years a number of the members have stopped riding but we have also been getting new members joining the Branch.

We have had again some great speakers to entertain us. There was Waikato's Snow Van Der Broek who told us about his figure of 8 ride around Australia, Frank Van-Lingen car restorer and then we had two TV personalities Bill Hohepa and Andy Shaw. We also had John MacKinlay who brought along 3 new Royal Enfields from his dealership, Kevin Grant with the Britten Aero D Zero and then there were members Don Green, Peter Alderdice, Dave Warren and Andy Gourlay who showed us their restored bikes.

The Auckland Rally was won by member Tony Vaughan. Our Branch took part in the Classic Bike Show held the ASB show grounds and our stand had the largest number of bikes on display with 45 machines of various makes.

The successful National Motorcycle Rally held at Waitomo was put on at very short notice by the team of Bob & Gillian Hayton, Peter Alderdice and Martin & Lynda Spicer.

Finally a big thank you to all our rally and run plotters and helpers and to Lynda and her helpers, Nancy and Iris who put on those great after meeting teas.

Keep those 2 and 3 wheels turning safely

Martin Spicer



Veteran Report:

The Veteran Section started holding regular meetings in January and these have been quite good. Numbers have varied, but February saw several members drive over in veterans and one member has brought his twice. We had Chris and Gillian Taylor's identify an engine afternoon. There's been a little disruption because of slight clashes with the popular motorcycle section meetings, but this should self resolve. The section seems in good heart. Members have expressed interest in holding more veteran only runs, how we do this on a geographically fair basis isn't all that easy, but this can be investigated over winter.

John Stokes



Annual Reports contd..

Commercial Report:

There is still enthusiasm among the somewhat small Commercial Section to meet once a month and as long as I am able, I will be there to foster it. It is worrying though that we are not able to enthuse more of our members with commercial vehicles to participate. You would all be surprised, just how many commercials appear in the Auckland membership list. We enjoy each others company on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm, exchanging anecdotes, magazines and general storytelling, finishing around 930 pm with a cuppa. In December, a Barbecue at our home, gives the ladies in our lives a chance to meet. Maybe you would care to join us?

John & Pat Campbell



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Penny & I enjoy one, two and three night trips, getting well out of the city, using quiet country roads, stopping at any points of interest and generally staying in cabins or studios in motor camps.

Would anyone care to join us in this type of travel?

We usually prefer mid week when even rural roads are empty as are the motorcamps, but weekends would work also. Any ideas about destinations and attractions would be welcome.

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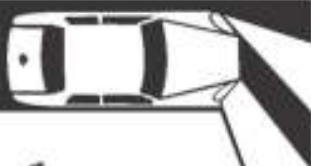
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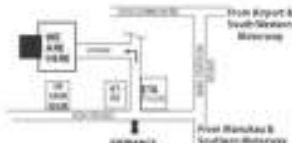


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