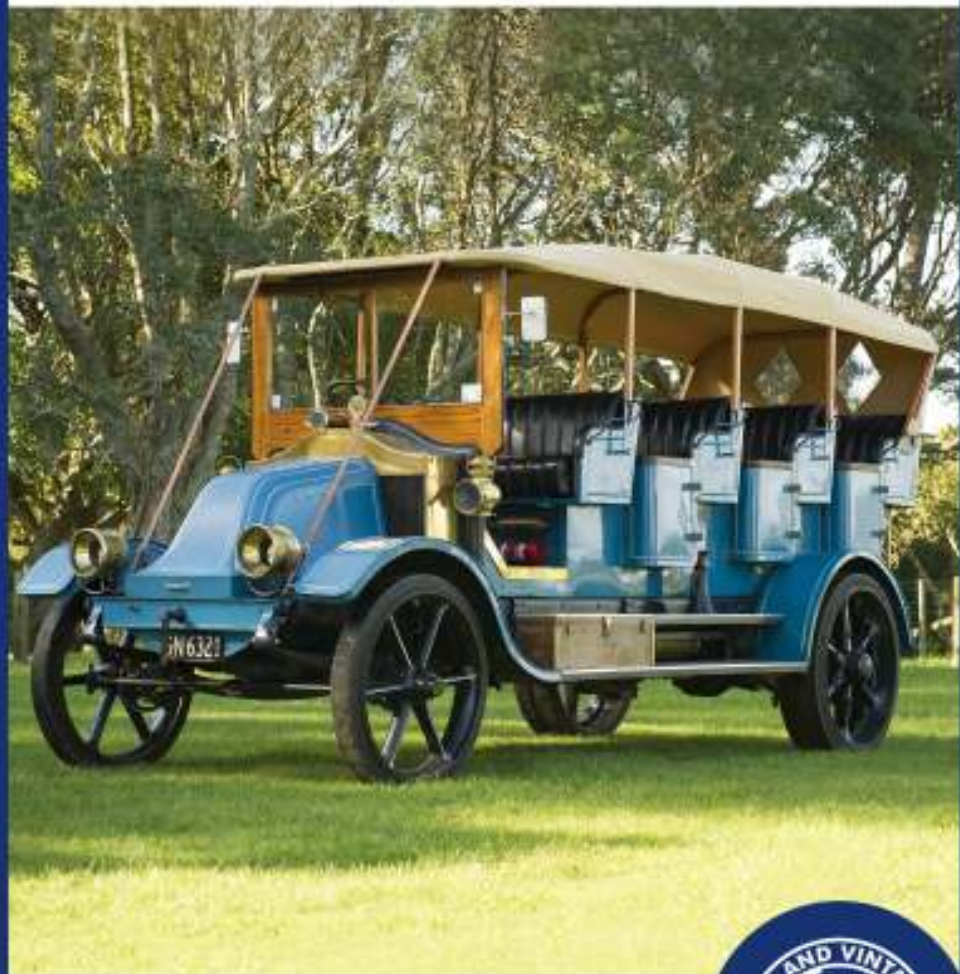




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**25 September 2017**

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## Chairman's Report

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Hi everyone, here we are into September and the days are getting longer and we're not far away from day light saving.

**National Executive meeting & AGM**—Tracey Winterbottom and I went down to Blenheim for this. It started at 6:30pm Friday evening and finished at 9:45pm, then continued on Saturday morning at 9:00am and finished at 4:00pm. We then attended the Saturday night meal and entertainment which was very good. Sunday morning we were picked up by club members in their club cars and taken to the Marlborough Branches club rooms for morning tea and a look around their large parts sheds and viewed a great collection of cars and bikes. The Midweek Tourers had a massive turnout of 69 cars and 1 bike to view a collection of motoring memorabilia in Flat Bush. The Motorcycle Section's meeting had a good turn out of members to hear guest speaker Vince Sharp talk about his bike racing days that went from the mid 70's to now racing a large selection of Japanese bikes - see report elsewhere in Bulletin. We had the Eddie Sim bike run and considering how wet it was before the start it was good to see 11 bikes and 1 car take part - see elsewhere in Bulletin for the report. John Stokes' Veteran Section is growing and at the August meeting he had Steve Raffils come along as guest speaker. Steve is a specialist on Indian motorbikes especially racing ones, but this time talked about early Cadillac's. Club night was the Shiny Parts auction, there was a good turnout for this and the auctioneer John Stokes made it very entertaining. Club run for August was The Daffodil Day National VCC fundraiser for Cancer Research. Considering the wet weather it was most satisfying to have 40 cars and 3 motorcycles taking part. We left Lloyd Elsmore Park Pakuranga at 1:30pm. They had a wet journey over to the finish at Ambury Park, Mangere, but were warmed up with a cuppa and bikkies. Coming up are the PV and Hunua 100 Rally's, both plotted by Peter Alderdice who says these will be very enjoyable and easy runs. Please try and support your Branch events, so get those entry's in.

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

*Martin Spicer*



## Notes from your Secretary

Remember if you have a change of address, phone number or email address please drop me a line to advise.

I have entry forms for the Far North Tour in November and the Rubber Duckie Motorcycle Rally in September.

By the time you read this Peter Alderdice will be reflecting on the PV – P80 Rally and putting the finishing touches on the Hunua 100. Get your entry in NOW. I know he has planned a cracker day and we also have six 50 year membership awards being presented on the Saturday at the Garden Party.

From the Committee table—we agreed to replace our well used Bar B Que, replacement of the lino on the Charabanc floor and running boards is well in hand and we are going to purchase a press for the barn workshop.

*Tracey Winterbottom*



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## Club Captain's Report

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I hope that this finds everyone keeping well and not being too troubled by the winter ills.

August has been a great month for runs, rallies and fundraisers and my congratulations goes to all the plotters – Mike Bachelor for the Eddie Sim Motorcycle Rally; Barry Birchall for the Mid Week Tourers Run and Russel & Jocelyn McAlpine for the Daffodil Day Run. These events wouldn't run so easily without help for the plotters, so to all of you who assisted Mike, Barry and Russel & Jocelyn, thank you for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Attendance's at events, I am pleased to say, are on the increase. The Eddie Sim Rally had 11 bikes and 1 car turn out on a not very pleasant day, ending at Clarks Beach for a well deserved lunch. The Mid Week Tourers got 69 cars and 1 motorcycle ending at a wonderful local collection of vehicles and memorabilia and the Daffodil Day run saw 40 cars and 3 motorcycles brave the wind and rain finishing at Ambury Park where lots of baby lambs could be seen. Thank you to everyone for your participation and look forward to seeing more of you out and about as we start to head toward better spring weather.

Club night was the Shiny Parts auction which was a lot of fun and thanks to John Stokes for being auctioneer ably assisted by Russel McAlpine. We had 50 people come out, commercial, car and bike enthusiasts. A bargain was to be had, even by me, purchasing two lovely little Matchbox vehicles for my grandson.

The monthly meetings for the various sections of the Branch are also on the increase. With John Stokes taking the initiative to run a Veteran monthly meeting on a Saturday afternoon, it is pleasing to see 30 people coming along to the last meeting and John also brought along a guest speaker, Steve Raffills. If you have a veteran vehicle, come out and enjoy the company of like minded people. Well done John.

The Motorcycle meetings continue to keep their monthly numbers up between 50-65 people in attendance and this month enjoyed Vince Sharp, Japanese era (1970+) motorcycle racer come and tell his story.

Please put these dates in your diary.

**Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>**—The Ladies Rally (this is a rally plotted by ladies). A nice South Auckland ramble finishing at a very pleasant place for afternoon tea if you wish to partake.

**October 21-22<sup>nd</sup>**—Hunua 100. Get those entries in early. Let's go for a boomer year of entries from Auckland. Peter Alderdice has plotted an extremely easy pleasant run. Don't forget that we have the Garden Party on the Saturday afternoon and this year we will be recognizing 6 members and presenting them with their 50 year membership badges. Everyone is welcome whether you are

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## Club Captain's Report Contd...

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participating in the rally or not. Sunday is rally day finishing with the evening meal and Prize giving. If you're not participating with a vehicle, please consider offering your services as a Marshall, I am sure that Peter would appreciate the help and if you are new to the Branch this is a great way of meeting fellow Branch members and members from other Branches as well.

That's all from me this month folks.  
Keep those 2, 3 and 4 wheels turning safely

*Lynda Spicer*



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## Veteran Notes

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The August meeting attracted strong support with about thirty people from several branches attending. The speaker was Steve Raffills, who creates replica vintage Harley Davidsons, he spoke on the history of his 1903 and 1906 Cadillac single cylinder cars. The '06 being in and about the VCC for over sixty years, an article about it appearing in the June 1956 edition of Beaded Wheels. Jim Boag had acquired some more veteran number plates. Gary Running has bought the 1913 Talbot that was owned by Jim Lewis and Stan Corlett. John Morrison, David Oliver and Monty Scarborough are all getting their brass Model T's back together, while Russell Vincent has finished a 1914 Model T engine. Roy Sharman has sorted some starting issues on the 1910 Reo with the assistance of Denis Lowe, they have got the decompression system working.

Out of Branch people included Doug Hamilton, who will be doing this years London Brighton in a 1904 Cadillac owned by David Arrigo from Malta, Dennis Scanlon who is working on a 1914 Munroe and has acquired the 12/16 horsepower Sunbeam from Bill Janes. Tim Edney is off to the Hershey swap meet.

As I pointed out in the house keeping matters, the section meetings will change to the first Saturday in the month. This will make these reports difficult.

*John Stokes*



## Ambury Farm Day



AVVCC members are invited to bring along their vehicles and enjoy a day out at Ambury Farm Day

Bring your own lunch or choose from more than 20 food vendors

There will be a designated area for club vehicles  
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## Library Notes

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During the month we were given four copies of NZ Motor & Cycle Journals and twenty four copies of the NZ Motor Journals, all within the 1918 to 1935 years to add to the collection of 40 NZ Motor & Cycle and NZ Motor Journals that we hold in our Library (the name changed in 1919). These are all originals in good condition and will be invaluable for historians that want original print for books and other publications and they were the official reports of the Auckland AA and carried Newsletters for many of the other Branches. The Auckland City Library has a full set but they are all bound and this makes them impossible to photocopy, but we do have access to a CD made a few years ago for research purposes.

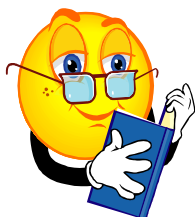
From a closing down sale we purchased a 1907 Humber Handbook and a 1910 Daimler handbook. These are in excellent order and contain details that will be of great help to anyone restoring these cars.

Last month we started a list of books from the P60 and P80Vs that we were given, now here is the other half:

- 1986 Corvette an American by Automobile Quarterly
- 2014 Holden Great years Great Cars Rockpool Pub
- Ford XW Fairlane VC Ford Motor Co
- 1988 Triumph Stag Haynes & Gilmour
- 1973 Fiat 500 Haynes & Larminie
- 1954 Austin A40 Commercial's Austin Motor Co
- Trimatic Service Manual General Motors
- Trimatic Diagnosis Guide General Motors

And last for this month—The Madgwicks have parted with another great collection "Memories" that wonderful collection of NZ historical articles that includes so many of our Motoring stories. The late Peter Steadman started us off and now we have a continuous run from no3. Thanks Wilma and Bruce.

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



## Entertainment Notes



Our August club night hosted our Shiny Parts Auction. Many a bargain was purchased and bidding was entertaining, particularly when bidders discovered they were competing against their own family members. Thanks John Stokes for once again being our auctioneer.

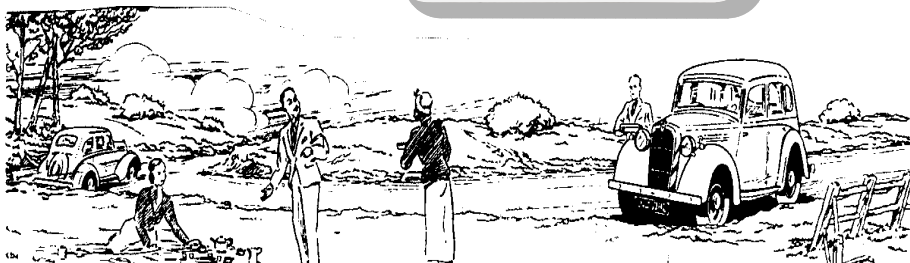
Peter Alderdice, this year's plotter of both our PV and Hunua Rallies will be our speaker at our **September club night, Thursday 28th**

This is a great opportunity for both new and old members alike to come along and just brush up on the basic general rules our club follows in regards to rally instructions. So come along as I know Peter will not only be informative but entertaining and has good rallying knowledge gained over the years riding his motorcycles and side car combinations.



See you out and about

*Russel McAlpine*



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## Commercial Notes

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On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, a group of our commercial enthusiasts took a trip down to the Pukemiro Bush Tramway primarily to see Ian Jenner's two bush Jiggers, although there was no shortage of action from the steam and diesel Loco's. The Bush Tramway Club was founded in 1965, to preserve equipment from New Zealand's former bush tramways, which were used mainly to remove timber



from the bush and transport coal to dairy factories. The club's beginnings were at MOTAT, but the Rotowaro-Glen Afton line was closed in 1973 and the club obtained the use of it in 1974. Since then, they have purchased most of the surrounding rail corridor land. We were spoiled rotten on that busy day by our very own Ian Jenner who gave us all rides in one of his two Bush Jiggers. The Tramway has a "live" day on the first Sunday of the months April thru December. Take a trip down there, you won't regret it.

There was an abundance of photo albums on the table at our August meeting, brought along by Brian Mead. They brought back a lot of memories for many of us, of the days when we used to enjoy an annual Commercial Camp-out. It would be nice to think that those times could be rekindled, but as life has got more hectic, particularly in Auckland, there isn't the same enthusiasm. Once, we could find a suitable spot for a camp-out within a 30 mile radius of the clubrooms. One such camp-out in 1995 took place on the lifestyle block of good friends of ours at Wainui, west of Silverdale. During the night the heavens opened and the paddock we were all parked in became an Island. The event was aborted next morning, but we were now faced with extricating all the vehicles across the only access, a gully. Imagine if you will, what several 6 x 6 GMC's plus a couple of 4 x 4's did to the track. Fortunately, Waikato member Garry Solly's Jimmy was equipped with a P.T.O. winch. He was first across, turned around and winched across those that could not make it. The nearby rail line was washed out as well, causing a north bound freight train to take a dive. The property eventually recovered and we are still the best of friends!!

Keep M Rolling

*John Campbell*



# Motorcycle Notes

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The morning weather was overcast and wet but sunny by the time of our August meeting. There were two bikes in the car park, the other 59 members came by car. We held a minutes silence to remember the passing of Clarrie Flutey. Then Martin read out a short eulogy on Clarrie sent in by John Shennan.

**Reports**—Martin told us about his Chairman's club run, which attracted 70 members. Martin also mentioned that he saw member Paul Tomlin on the TV news receiving a cake for giving 555 blood donations over 40 years - well done Paul, you must be so full of chocolate biscuits.

**Coming Up**—September 16/17—Rubber Duckie .

Also that weekend it's the Classic and Modern Bike Show being held at the ASB show grounds. So if you're not going to the Ducky please think about putting your bike on our Branch stand, let me know so I can forward your bike details to the organizers.

**General Business**—Peter Alderdice asked for a show of hands of those wanting to share accommodation in Blenheim for the 2019 National Motorcycle Rally, approximately 12 did.

Martin reminded the members of the over night run to the Kauri Lodge Kawhia on the weekend of 28/29<sup>th</sup> October. Please let Martin know if you want to go. You can go on your bike or in your car. It will cost \$30 for accommodation, ask Martin for more details.

**Guest Speaker**—Vince Sharp was August's guest speaker. He started racing in 1976 on a production Honda 750. He came last in his first two races but was hooked. He traded up to a Kawasaki Z1 and raced this bike for 2 seasons and starting to win races. He came 4th in the 1978 Castrol 6hr. Forbes and Davies gave him a Honda CBX1000 for the 1979 Castrol 6hr, qualified on pole. He was leading the race at the 3hr mark but then broke down. A senior Honda rep was watching the race and asked Honda Australia to give him a bike for the Arai 500 held at Bathurst. He didn't win but picked up good prize money. 1980 he raced Bob Haldanes Yamaha TZ 750 and a Honda CB1100R that he crashed at the Pukekohe 6hr, he wrecked the bike and broke a leg. Two weeks later he was racing at the Manukau Street race. He cut off the plaster cast and won on the TZ750 and did okay in the production race. Vince raced in Australia over the next few years getting good results on a variety of bikes, Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Yamaha. He had a bad crash practising for the 1984 Castrol 6hr. He returned to NZ and set up his own motorcycle tyre and suspension shop. Vince had achieved his goal as a professional but never got the success he was after. In 1994 he got the bug again and started racing in the post classic class. He built a CB750. Vince has assisted with the development of this class from then till now. The post classic bikes being raced here now are producing around 180 bhp, and the NZ engine builders and tuners supply engine parts to Europe. Vince raced this year at the classic bike race at Spa in Belgium. Martin thanked Vince for coming to talk to us.

Keep those 2 and 3 wheels turning safely.



*Martin Spicer and Jack Clark*

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## Mid Week Tourers

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What a fantastic turnout for Barry Birchall's run last month! Close to 70 vehicles, including members from North Shore, Waitemata and Warkworth/Wellsford branches. The destination was of course one reason. Members Stephen and Sue Keys (Stephen is the son of the late Les Keys, well known member last century) have a beautiful country property which includes a small collection of vehicles together with lots of automobilia, all perfectly presented in a dedicated part of the house. Thank you Stephen and Sue, for hosting us. Thank you Rose, Stephen's mother, for being there to meet old friends, and thank you Barry, for organising the run. Thanks also to Nicola and Roslyn who started the Club's Daffodil Day collection by taking donation buckets around. \$183-00 received, thanks to every one. Barry had said he likes to do things differently and this was evident from the time people arrived at the start. Variety is the spice of life and a variety of mid-week organisers certainly makes a difference to the runs. The members and vehicles present were so numerous it was hard to acknowledge them all but I must mention Royce Shears, who came along with Barry. Royce and her late husband Bill, motored far and wide making friends everywhere, always in a Veteran or a Vintage car. The vehicles participating ranged from the Jones' 1923 Essex and Chris Good's 1928 Ariel, through to the Stewart's newly purchased Ford Zodiac and Bruce McDonald's Toyota coupe. Hard to say who was youngest, but nonagenarians Les Harris from Waitemata and our own John Stewart probably shared the honours at the other end. We won't count the ladies, even though there were at least two who qualified as nonagenarians, ladies don't age, they simply mature, and don't they do it well.

### Coming Events

**Wednesday 20 September:** Starts from The Warehouse Carpark Westgate, 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure. Jack Nazer's good friend Gordon McIsaac is going to host us in his home which backs onto Cox's Bar Reserve. He has spent many decades gathering a great collection of articles to display in his 'Speedway Museum'. The articles on display are in total contrast to what has been seen on the May and July runs. The route Jack has in mind will take us though Henderson Valley, Kaurilands, near a number of Manukau Harbour Bays and through the Waterview Tunnel. We turn off the Motorway at Western Springs to skirt the Stadium on the way to our picnic lunch venue at Cox's Bay Reserve. This run should not be missed..

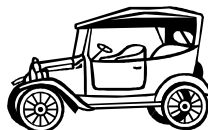
**Wednesday 18 October:** Starts from the Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure. More details next month., but we expect the run to be going to the Nikau Caves in Waikaretu, where there is a good café.

**Wednesday 15 November:** Starts from the Warehouse Carpark, Westgate, 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure. Murray Firth has organised a run finishing at an interesting collection of cars and trucks. BYO everything.

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# Coming Events

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## September

16-17		Rubber Duckie Motorcycle Rally (Taranaki Branch)	
20	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
27	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night	
		Clubrooms	8:00pm
24	Sun	Ladies Run—Rally plotted by the Ladies	1:00pm
28	Thurs	Club Night—Rally Instructions Night	8:00pm

## October

1	Sun	Motorcycle Wet Leg Run—starts Jolly Farmer, Drury	11:00am
3	Tues	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
7	Sat	Working Bee	9:00am
7	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting	2:30pm
12	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing & New Members Night	7:30pm
14	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
14	Sat	Journey Through Time (King Country Branch)	
18	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am

### 21-22 Hunua 100 Rally

25	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night	
		Clubrooms	8:00pm
26	Thurs	Club Night	8:00pm
28	Sat	Veteran Rally (Waikato Branch)	
28-29		Te Kauri Lodge Overnight Stay	
31	Tues	Committee Meeting (November Meeting)	7:30pm

## November

4	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting	2:30pm
4-5		Far North Tour (Northland Branch)	
9	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing & New Members Night	7:30pm
11	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
15	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
17-19		<b>Annual Motorcycle Rally</b>	
19	Sun	Swap Meet (Waikato Branch)	
22	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night	
		Clubrooms	8:00pm
23	Thurs	Club Night	8:00pm

**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.**

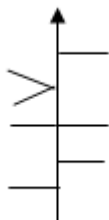
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## Coming Events

# Club Night

**Thursday 28 September**  
**8:00 p.m.**



**Rally Instruction Night**



**Club Run—Ladies Rally**  
(Plotted by the Ladies)  
**Sunday 24 September**



**Starts:** **Ray Small Park Car Park**  
**Papakura**  
(Next to the Papakura RSA)

**Time:** **1:00 p.m.**



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## Working Bee

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# WORKING BEE



Saturday 7th October  
at 9.00am

*Mark this date  
in your diary now!*



We will be giving the clubrooms & grounds  
a general tidy-up so please come along  
and give us a hand.

Bring a plate for a shared morning tea.

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## New Members

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A most sincere welcome is extended to the following new members. We hope to see you taking an active part in 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).



### CLUBROOMS OPENING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

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

## Eddie Sim Rally

Sunday morning on the 6 August, dawned wet and not very hopeful. I rode up to the Jolly Farmer getting there at 10:45am. I filled up the bike at the Mobil centre and found member Michael O'Kane looking sadly at his BSA Golden Flash outfit. Mike had just recently rebuilt the engine which did sound great but now it was covered in oil with not much left in the oil tank, so he was waiting for the AA break down truck to take him back home. Hard luck mate. Considering the weather it was pleasing for Mike Batchelor, the plotter, to have eleven club bikes plus one modern car. We set off at 11:00am, passed under the motorway, up the Great South Rd, right at Burt Rd, then Tuhimata, then crossing railway, turned left onto H22 then right at Heights Rd, Ostrich, Mauku, Findlay, Bassett, Quinn, Gearon, Kingseat roads passing through Waiau Pa and finishing at the Clarks Beach cafe where our line up of bikes had the locals looking them over and taking photos. The weather changed between rain and sunshine for the run and the trip home. We had 2 WW2 Indians, 1 Ariel, 1 Velo, 1 Norton, 2 Honda's, 1 Harley, 1 WW2 BSA, 1 Triumph and 1 BSA. The winner and next years plotter is Graeme Crawley on his 50's Ariel Huntmaster. Thank you Mike for a great run.

*Martin Spicer*



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## VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer



This Head Office initiative selected Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August for all branches to simultaneously hold an event to, not only fundraise for this very worthy cause, but also as a chance to promote our club to the public.

Our Branch held a simple rally which began at what turned out to be a very busy day at Lloyd Elsmore Park, where a good number of people arrived early to enjoy a wander around the Howick Historical Village or to partake in lunch or a coffee at the café. Fittingly the daffodils were in full

bloom on the area of grass where we had a number of vehicles on display, along with our Branch flag.

It was pleasing to see many new faces and some young members trying their hand at navigation. Vehicles started off on a short and simple rally taking in areas of Auckland showing its diversity from coastal suburbs, to rural properties and through areas which have recently sprung up and others which have been there for many a good while. We



had included a few easy questions to keep you alert. The majority got all of them, however the following receive an "Excellence" for total accuracy – Bruce and Ruth Cooper (Morris Minor), Graham and Murielle Gill (Mini) and Don and Wynne Howarth (Peugeot).

The rally finished at Ambury Farm Park where we had a lovely area set aside for us to park, however the weather didn't play fair as most scurried for cover and a welcome cuppa in the Park's Kitchen. 40 odd vehicles participated and it was great to see cross-club participation with Model A Club, Austin Register, Rover Car Club, Horseless Carriage Club involved. So many of us belong to more than one car club these days.

We raised \$794 and the Branch will top this up so our donation to the Cancer society will total \$1600. Thanks to all who gave generously of your time and money.

### *Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine*



## Hunua 100 Rally

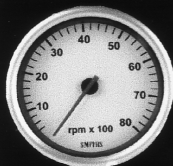
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## Executive Meeting & National AGM

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Martin Spicer and I attended the above meetings mid August in Blenheim.

There was good discussion in both meetings with a continued focus around attracting new members and how we make our national events more attractive and get better participation.

Neither Notice of Motion gained the necessary 75% vote to be passed. The Notice of Motion to remove the need for a proposer and seconder on a membership application was lost – 67% FOR and 33% AGAINST. The second Notice of Motion to change the vehicle class names was lost – 22% FOR and 78% AGAINST. The percentage of members who voted was very poor. Only 19% of you took the time to mark and post your ballot paper. This in itself sparked discussion around making voting easier for members to complete. Another issue that was debated was when does a vehicle becomes eligible for the P80 class? A member believed his 1987 vehicle was eligible for the P80 class this year in 2017. Our Club Registrar tried to explain why it is not eligible until 2018. The debate was one of semantics; the intent of the rule is that a vehicle may not become eligible for the P80 class until the year immediately AFTER the year that the vehicle becomes 30 years old. It would be fair to say the current wording is not clear in its intent and I believe there will be revised wording put forward for voting on next year that is more straightforward.

Remits at the Executive Meeting were passed, the first allowing the executive meeting to be held more often in Wellington. In Wellington there is a meeting room available at the Airport which removes the need for transport to a venue and generally allows more flexibility for the March Executive Meeting. The second remit allows for a proposed notice of motion to be emailed to all branches so it can be discussed and submissions then to be received by the proposers no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The Goddard Trophy was awarded this year to the Beaded Wheels Committee for their dedication to producing our National Magazine.

Here are some key points for thought from the weekend.

More effort to be put into finding out why people resign from the club.

Health and Safety, this is important. In the rare event of an accident we must be able to show we have a policy in place and have done everything we can to keep people safe. The Committee will look into our Branch policy this year.

There is a fuel card deal available to all members which has poor support at present. This is being co-ordinated by Bay of Plenty Branch and I will get the details in time for our next Bulletin.

Investigation has been undertaken into being able to join the VCC on line. To work efficiently this will need a few changes to the clubs current joining process and fee structure. Management member David Yorke presented on this and expect to see more on this in the future.

A sub- committee has been investigating the structure of some other well known events which are growing and getting very good support from both car people and the general public. Three events were looked into in detail – Art Deco, Beach Hop Whangamata and Americana in New Plymouth. The number of people entering these events is staggering. VCC members who attended these events were surveyed and the majority had not attended recent VCC Interna

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tional Events. Some of commonality in the three events looked into were cheap entry fee (under \$200), a shorter duration (3–5 days), being held in the same place every year, strong sponsorship and a high public profile. The more I have reflected on the presentation the more questions I have, but there are definitely things to take from these events that could be applied to a National VCC event. A small sub-committee led by David Yorke and Roger White will continue to work on this and will have a proposal to put to the club next year on a possible format for a National Event.

Can we get more exposure through television? There are currently two NZ shows on which feature the NZ classic car movement, this is a difficult area and expensive to actually get air time.

Branch constitutions need to be kept up to date. (Ours was last updated in 2014 and the Committee will review whether it needs further update)

For those who are interested, just give me a call if you wish to have copies of the reports presented and the minutes of the meeting. Or if you just want to chat and give me your thoughts on anything you feel needs voicing.

*Tracey Winterbottom*



### Ladies Rally

**Sunday 24 September**



The September club run is the Annual Ladies Rally, which is open for all to attend but plotted and organised by the ladies. This rally will be travelling over South Auckland country roads.

Starts at 1:00 p.m. from Ray Small Park, Papakura (next to the Papakura RSA) finishing at a nursery where you can enjoy a coffee and maybe shout that special lady of yours something.

Hope to see you, so mark your calendar now!

Don't forget to put your clocks forward for Daylight Saving.

*Val Ball*



# Te Kauri Lodge Overnight Stay

## Te Kauri Lodge Overnight Stay 28 & 29 October 2017

The Auckland VVCC have booked Te Kauri lodge for the weekend of October 28th/29th. This is an event for all Club members whether on two, three or four wheels, ancient or modern. We will leave from the BP service centre on the Southern motorway at 10:30am. Saturday 28 October, but if you want to leave on the Friday for a longer stay feel free to do so. It is a social weekend with emphasis on catching up with friends and making new ones. Te Kauri Lodge is on the Kawhia Rd, two hours drive from Auckland. The lodge sleeps about 100, has a commercial kitchen, big dining room, a lounge, a games room, a museum and ablution blocks. You need to bring your own bedding/pillow & towel. We have a back up that can carry stuff for the bike riders. We will self-cater our own food which will be BBQ, hamburgers etc. and BYO. The cost of the weekend will be about \$30 a head. Te Kauri Lodge is used for conservation teaching. It is situated on 1100 hectares of DoC reserve with tracks, trails, streams, caves and native bush. The lodge is a brilliant point from which to explore Kawhia Harbour or dig yourself a mineral hot wallow (like Hot Water Beach) when the tide is out and watch the big rollers coming in from the Tasman. There are all-weather bush walks for those who want them. You own the land and paid for the tracks. As the end of October is into daylight saving and ahead of the pre-Christmas social flurry, we can open up on Friday and make a real holiday of it. Nearer the time, we will ask for numbers so we can sort out the catering. Please let me know if you would like to come with us. (09)233 6382 or via email: [spicerclan2017@gmail.com](mailto:spicerclan2017@gmail.com)

*Martin Spicer*



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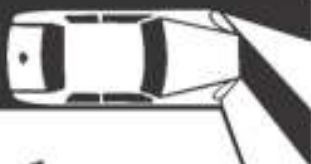
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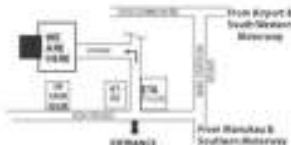


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