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## **April Bulletin closing date**

**25 March 2018**

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## Chairman's Report

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I and 11 other members went down to Wellington for their Biennial Motorcycle Rally. This time it was held in Featherston and had 58 entries. Unfortunately I had broken my right arm the week before which meant no bike riding, but I did get a ride in a sidecar of one of the Wellington members.

February started off with the Branch Annual Veteran Rally. I went out to the start at John Stokes' property at Mauku. The weather before the start was okay but once the 27 starters were underway the rain set in.

Also John's Veteran meetings are going well, so do come and join them if you're into Veteran vehicles or would like to know more about them.

The Mid Week Tourers are still going strong so if you need to get away from the madness of Auckland mid week, join Norm and his crew.

The Commercial and Charabanc sections, although small still have interesting meetings and are always on the look out for members to come and join them.

The Motorcycle Meeting had another good turn out of members. Guest speaker was Auckland Mayor Phil Goff telling his interesting story. Phil rides a new Triumph motorcycle and an electric bicycle around to meetings.

The Bert Cuthbertson run had 10 motorcycles and 5 cars go down to Hampton Downs to look over the Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre.

Club night and new members saw a good turnout of members, including two new members, to watch a DVD on Auckland trams.

On the Club Tulip run, Lynda and I were navigator's in Cedric Pegrum's 1957 Mercedes 220. The weather was warm and sunny for the 11 starters. We had a great day out with Cedric, that finished at a property in Riverhead to view an impressive car collection.

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

*Martin Spicer*



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## Club Captain's Report

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I hope you have all been out and about enjoying your vehicles over the past month in some brilliant summer weather. Already two months have flown past in 2018.

During February members have been able to enjoy several events. The Veteran Rally was ably plotted and arranged by John Stokes and was run on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. 27 vehicles lined up at John Stokes' property in Mauku in what was to be a very inclement day. But true to form, our hardy veteran drivers, wrapped up in waterproof clothing (as most vehicles are topless) set off in a circuitous route finding its way back to John's for the finish. The starters were treated to a morning tea of home made scones provided by Pat Dewhurst and myself. February 10<sup>th</sup> was also the Motorcycle Section Meeting, a week earlier than usual. A good turn out of members, approximately 60 came out to listen to Auckland Mayor, Phil Goff. A very pleasant and interesting talk was given and lots of questions posed to Mr Goff from members were willingly answered. The Mid week Tourers group visited the Shorebirds Centre at Miranda and enjoyed a very interesting afternoon. 18 vehicles participated.

That same week a number of members went on their annual wander down to the Art Deco Rally in Napier. A wonderful event to be able to take part in and a wonderful way to spend a few days in the centre of Art Deco in New Zealand and everything that embraces.

The Motorcycle Section had their Bert Cuthbertson Rally out to the Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre at Hampton Downs. It opened on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 which was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bruce's birth, although it didn't open to the public until December. There is a very interesting collection of Bruce McLaren memorabilia, gorgeous old racing cars to drool over and lots more. They open on race weekends but private visits can be arranged. We had 10 motorcycles and 5 cars in attendance.

Club Night was rather timely, as John Campbell showed a DVD that had been taken from old film about the tram system in and around Auckland that started in 1909 and was finished by 1956. At the Saturday Motorcycle Meeting Phil Goff chatted quite openly about the Light Rail (tramcar) system that was being planned for Auckland. For those interested who know Te Irirangi Drive, Botany, the centre medium strip, which is laid to grass and palm trees, is the site proposed for the light rail down that road.

Finally the month of February saw the Tulip Run, plotted by John Campbell. A rally with few words but lots of diagrams. Martin and I were fortunate to be offered a ride in one of Cedric Pegrum's vehicles, this time his lovely 1957 Mercedes. What a treat - thank you Cedric. There were 11 starters which was a shame but of course, people are still off on their summer holidays. The run commenced from Blockhouse Bay and travelled through country roads to finish at Pat's nephew's property in Riverhead. Definitely a petrol-head. The most

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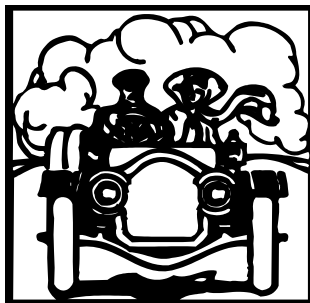
## Club Captain's Report Contd..

amazing thing was to see 3 1957 Vauxhall Velox's all belonging to members of the Golding families lined up side by side and all beautifully restored.

Thank you Pat Campbell and Fay Kitson for providing us with a lovely afternoon tea and to Pat's nephew for opening up his property to us.  
Congratulations to all the winners of February's runs and rallies.

I look forward to seeing you out and about.

*Lynda Spicer*



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## Library Notes

We 'lost' a New Zealand Truck book recently because it was filed in the Commercial Section, so we had a gather-up of all the NZ Truck and Bus books we hold and put them all together beside the Australian & New Zealand Section. We were surprised that they take up 450mm on a shelf. They include two books of the Richardson Museum collection in Invercargill and about 15 of the Sean Millar Bus Fleet books.

We are frequently asked to estimate the date of car photographs and we find the most reliable tool we have is the table of Registration plates that were issued annually from 1925 to 1941 and then every five years to 1965. Each was a different colour of numbers set on a different background and to help with black & white photos there is a hyphen or comma or full stop etc. separating the numbers. The Library has a chart on the wall and our Team can help you to understand it because colour photos only came in during the last issue of pressed steel plates. In 1965 the 'permanent' aluminium plates were issued but they ran out of two letter, four numbers in 1980's and the present series were introduced but that is another story.

To make another story, we need photos of our clubrooms before and during the addition of the kitchen and Library when the late John Williams achieved the impossible. We also need photos of the building of the Barn and the rockery that was there before we did it, even the loan of your photos would help so we can make copies for our file. Its called 39 Fairfax Av. And finally, has anybody got a photo of the opening of the Clubrooms when Miss Amy More and Dick Messenger cut the ribbon. (We) have lost the framed copy that used to hang on the wall and we need another one.

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



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# Motorcycle Notes

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We had rain all day for the February meeting, but that didn't put off Bob Atley 250 Hyosung and Chris Goode on his 900 Ducati coming on their bikes. We had 58 members in attendance.

## **Reports:**

Martin and Don Green told us about the Wellington Biennial Rally—see Don's report elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Jack reported on a very wet Classic racing register weekend meeting at Pukekohe.

Waihi member Peter (Jawa) Cooper paid us a rare visit. Peter told us about all his motorcycle and scooter projects. Peter also spoke about the New Zealand Land Speed Record Association that caters for cars and motorcycles. They use the very long Goudies Road, Reporoa which the council closes off for speed record attempts.

Don Green told us about the March Barn night, where we will have a team of experts there to show us how to use the equipment that's in there. Look for add in the Bulletin.

## **Coming Up:**

March 17<sup>th</sup> Motorcycle Meeting Guest speaker - John Mackinlay will bring along 2 Royal Enfield's - Himalayan and a Continental 535 GT and a Triumph Thruxton 1200.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Club Night in the Barn, machinery training.

April 6/7<sup>th</sup> Mooloo Meander Rally—Cambridge.

## **Guest Speaker:**

Our speaker for February was Auckland Mayor Phil Goff. Before our meeting I gave Phil a tour of the Clubrooms and Barn, he was suitably impressed with what he saw. Phil spoke to many of our members. He then told us his story. His father was born in England but came here with his family when he was 9 months old. The family lived through the hard times of the great depression. Phil was born and raised in Auckland. His family was very poor and his father wanted Phil to enter the workforce immediately after finishing high school. Phil however, wished to attend University, a decision that caused him to leave home when only sixteen years old. By working as a freezing worker and a cleaner, Phil was able to fund himself through University, gaining an MA (with first class honours) in Political Studies at the University of Auckland. In 1973, he was Senior Scholar in Political Studies and also won the Butterworth Prize for Law. While completing his MA, he lectured in Political Studies. Phil had joined the Labour party in 1969, the same year he left home and held a number of administrative positions within the party. In the 1981 elections, Phil stood for Parliament in the Mt Roskill electorate and was elected. He entered Parliament at the age of 24 and spent 37 years in Parliament. His early motorcycles went from 50 cc, 175cc and then his favourite a Norton Commando fastback. His first car was a Ford Anglia 100 E. Phil loves New Zealand and Auckland. He became the Mayor of Auckland in November 2016 and decided he didn't want a chauffeur so drives himself in an electric car. He also rides around Auckland on a electric bicycle. Phil is a stalwart for cycle lanes and light rail. He still likes riding motorcycles and rides a new Triumph Bonneville, sometimes to meetings. Phil answered questions from the members

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## Motorcycle Notes Contd...

on housing, traffic density and fuel tax. Phil's one hour talk seemed to fly by and was well received. We were his fourth meeting of five for the day. Martin thanked Phil for coming to talk to us.

Keep those 2, 3 and 4 wheels turning safely.

*Martin Spicer and Jack Clark*

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Martin Spicer & Phil Goff



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## Entertainment Notes

Our thanks to John Campbell for putting on the DVD about Auckland trams at our February club night. I was away on holiday so missed the viewing, but understand it caused some good discussion.

**March** Club night (22<sup>nd</sup>), will be a Barn Machinery Training Night. I am sure many of you will have noted the new machinery we have recently acquired and to ensure health and safety of everyone involved, demonstrations and requirements on the use of these machines is essential. The machines involved are the Guillotine, the Folding Break, the Wheeling Machine and a 50 ton Press. There will also be a general run down on workshop safety etc.

Once you've attended this training and it has been noted in the register that you have been to the Safety Training Course, then you will be able to use these tools in the Barn. There will be future training courses during the year to ensure we allow everyone the opportunity to attend.

*Russel McAlpine*



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## Commercial Notes

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There was a bit of a hiccup with the date of February's meeting. The Bulletin listed it as the 21<sup>st</sup>, which was the third Wednesday and I hadn't picked it up. The Citroen Car Club have the clubrooms on the third Wednesday, our meeting is only ever on the fourth Wednesday, which on the odd occasion follows the fourth Thursday as it did in February. Confused? Well don't be, remember it's the fourth Wednesday.

Recently I was privy to a talk by a representative from the BF Goodrich Tyre & Rubber Company, wholly owned these days by Michelin. Granted he would have been pushing his product very hard, but some startling facts did emerge. For instance, most insurance companies would decline cover in the event of tyre failure resulting in an accident and the tyre was found to be over eight years old. All tyres have a coded date of manufacture on them apparently. How many of us are running around on tyres two and three times older than that, on our old vehicles? Kept in storage away from UV light does go a long way toward preserving tyres we were told.



Many will remember the firm of J.J. Craig Ltd. This photo, recently gifted to our Library shows their premises on Railway Wharf, taken around 1925-26. From 1885, Joseph James Craig built up a huge empire and for the next 45 years, nearly every piece of cargo that arrived in Auckland was carted by a Craig draught horse or vehicle. The demand for our timber in Australia saw Craig's build up a huge fleet of sailing ships to carry timber across the ditch and bring coal from New South Wales. Quarrying, mining and the establishment of the country's largest brick works made J.J. Craig's one of the colony's largest enterprises. By 1969, Winstone's had bought up all of Craig's assets.

Keep M Rolling

*John Campbell*

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## Secretary Notes

There are still plenty of events for you to get out to, both VCC and other related groups. I have entry forms for the Maunga Moana in April. This is always a great weekend hosted by Taranaki Branch and Wayne and Carrie Roberts are running a "Backroads Tour" to get down there. See advert below.

Remember I'm still on the lookout for those little stories of Hunua's past, humorous, hard luck or anything in between, please drop me a line. Please read the letter from National President Diane Quarrie regarding the 2021 International Rally in the recent Beaded Wheels.

From the Committee table, we are looking into Wi-Fi and upgrading of the printer in the library. Also you will have seen the upcoming safety training for the Barn equipment, its common sense stuff but in order to use the barn gear, you need to attend a training session.

*Tracey Winterbottom*



### **BACKROADS TOUR TO NEW PLYMOUTH 2018 Maunga Moana Rally**

If you are interested in joining us for a BACKROADS TOUR we will be leaving from **BP BOMBAY at 9:00 a.m. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April and returning via the Forgotten World Highway on Sunday 22nd April**

We will be travelling on primarily backroads wherever possible.

It's a great way to travel to a great event keeping out of the way of modern traffic, meaning a far more relaxing trip for all, this year's trip is mainly on sealed roads and adds very little distance to the overall trip.

Please contact if you would like to join us

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## Mid Week Tourers

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We are indebted to young Jo, grand daughter of Jan & Neil Bieleski, for last month's run. On her own she plotted the route, arranged with the Miranda Shorebird Centre to host us and wrote the instructions. Well done Jo! Eighteen starters, including two motor cycles and three vintage, completed the route of about 50 miles. Max Jameson was seen with the hood erected on the Delage, he was at pains to tell us to take a good look, because we might never see it up again! Something about trying to stretch the fabric! Ex Auckland, Gay Goodman (one-time Auckland Branch Secretary) was visiting from Christchurch and renewed friendship with several of those present. Some of our regulars were absent having attended Art Deco. Steve Driver had even apologised but turned up in any case, only twelve hours or so after getting home. Nice to meet Emily, grand daughter of Steve & Leticia. Come again Emily and good luck with your driving lessons. I hope you are learning in a manual gearbox.

We enjoyed a very informative and humorous talk by the manager of the Shorebird Centre. I mean, how many know that the Godwits migrate every year between here and Alaska, but only stop for a rest on their way north because it's up hill that way and therefore harder? Or that the Wrybill's curved beak may be due to being cramped whilst in the small egg?

### Coming Events:

**Wednesday 14 March: NB—a week earlier than usual to fit in with our host's schedule.** Starts from the Warehouse car-park, Westgate. 10:00am for a 10:30am departure. Jack and Gary are organising this run and are taking us to a collection of Buick cars. BYO everything.

**Wednesday 18 April:** Starts from the Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway 10:00 a.m. to a 10:30 a.m. departure. John Cheale is organising this one, details to be confirmed, but John is still expecting to take us to an antique firearms collection.

**Wednesday 16 May:** Watch this space. There will be a run, but not sure yet where it will start. Could be Drury, as in June Don Johnson is taking us north to a venue which is tide dependant. More details later.

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# Coming Events

## March

14	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
17	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
18	Sun	Vintage Venture (Waikato Branch)	
22	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	7:30pm
24	Sat	National March Executive Meeting (Christchurch)	
25	Sun	Club Run—starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Drury	11:00am
28	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night	
		Clubrooms	8:00pm

## April

30 March– 2 April		National North Island Easter Rally (Waikato Branch)	
3	Tues	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
7	Sat	Mooloo Meander—Motorcycle (Waikato Branch)	
12	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing	7:30pm
15	Sun	Northern Raid (North Shore Branch)	
14	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
18	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts Drury Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am
19	Thurs	Backroads Tour to New Plymouth—departs BP, Bombay	9:00am
21	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
22	Sun	Swapmeet (Northland Branch)	
21-22		Maunga Moana Rally (Taranaki Branch)	
25	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night	
		Clubrooms	8:00pm
26	Thurs	Club Night & New Members and	
		Screening of The Construction of the Civic	8:00pm
29	Sun	Club Run	

## May

1	Tues	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
10	Thurs	Bulletin via Branch website or email	
12	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
12	Sat	Motorcycle Rally (Northland Branch)	
16	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts to be confirmed	10:00am
19	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
20	Sun	Rear Wheel Brake Run—Leaves Mauku (South Auckland)	12:30pm
23	Wed	Commercial Meeting & Charabanc Maintenance Night	
		Clubrooms	8:00pm
24	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	8:00pm
27	Sun	Club Run (Experts Rally) - Starts Coyle Park, Pt Chevalier	1:00pm

**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.**

## Coming Events

# Club Night

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

**Machinery Training**



# Club Run

## Sunday 25 March

**Join us on a Country Ramble, finishing at the new  
Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre at  
Hampton Downs**

**Starts: Jolly Farmer Carpark, Drury**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**





## Bulletin Changes

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## CHANGES IN 2018 TO HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN

**Your April Bulletin will be emailed, printed and posted**

- ♦ **The Bulletin will be printed and posted bi-monthly and emailed on the alternate months. It will continue to be available on the website every month.**  
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August  
October  
December

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May  
July  
September  
November

**Note:** - Did you know on the VCCNZ website ([www.vcc.org.nz](http://www.vcc.org.nz)) that all Branch newsletters are published so you can check out what's happening around the country too!

***Your Committee***

## 2018 Bert Cuthbertson Run

Lynda and I were at a wedding in the Coromandel township on Saturday which meant we left after a late breakfast and set off to the finish of the Bert Cuthbertson run which was at the Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre at Hampton Downs. The weather was fine and sunny.

Assembled at the start at the BP Service Centre on the Southern Motorway were 5 cars and 10 motorcycles. The makes were Norton, Matchless, Velocette, Triumph, BMW, Ariel, BSA, 1960's Daimler and 1930's Austin 7. Tony Vaughan phoned me at 9:45am to say that the BP and Auto Barn were having a power cut, which was a bit of a disappointment for our members and the large amount of modern bikers that were heading down to the Paeroa Street Races. The run went up the Great South Road to Bombay, then followed Razorback Road over the Motorway and down into Pokeno for an ice cream stop. Then onto a short bit of expressway to the Springhill turn off and then ending up at Hampton Downs. Plotter Paul Hunter, who is Bruce's nephew and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the members to the newly opened Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre. The centre is open to the public on race meeting days and to clubs by arrangement. The place has a lot of photos of Bruce from childhood up to building the race car factory in the UK and shots of him and his drivers at events in Europe and the USA. There are display cabinets of trophies and loads of memorabilia. There are also three racing cars on display, which are the Denny Hulme Formula 1 Yardley McLaren, Roger Williams M8E/F Can Am car and the Greenwood C3 Corvette plus the restored family 1940's Austin 7 ute which was used as the Remuera Caltex Garage Pickup. Upstairs they have a small TV room where they show a selection of old motorcycle and car racing films. So do go and see the centre, entry is a small donation. Thank you Paul for plotting the run and letting us into the centre. The winner of the run was Keith Ballagh riding his 1951 Velocette MAC.

*Martin Spicer*



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## 2018 Wellington Branch Biennial Rally

Two years ago, five Auckland Branch members attended the Wellington Branch Biennial Motorcycle Rally. This year, that number increased to eleven from the Auckland Branch, plus Cameron Francis who rode all the way from Whangarei and Kelvin Mitchell who trailed from Ngatea with Graeme Crawley.

This year's rally was run in the Wairarapa starting from Featherston and essentially doing a counter-clockwise circumnavigation of Lake Wairarapa.

Four Aucklanders set out to ride together from Papakura BP but one developed electrical issues from about Hampton Downs, eventually making it as far as Ngauruahia before deciding that heading home would be the sensible option. Two headed back to Don Green's while the other two continued. At short notice a second bike of Don's was loaned to overcome the problem and they were happily on their way again. The decision had previously been made that we would overnight somewhere around Ohakuni and fortuitously that was good planning. Next morning we took in the Rangiwahia Scenic Route – scenically spectacular as well as motorcycling heaven and well worth the detour if you're ever down that way. There was 58 entries at the start on Saturday morning.

As usual, the Wellington Branch put on a great spread for morning tea, lunch and prize giving dinner where Aucklanders to feature were Paul Greet, Paul Tomlin & Graeme Crawley.

Since Martin Spicer, our Chairman, had fractured his right arm the week prior, he was not able to ride but took part in a Wellingtonians Goldwing Honda combination as navigator.

Auckland Branch participants were: -

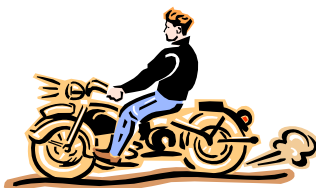
Paul Greet	1940 16H Norton
Paul Downey	1956 Velocette Venom
Don Green	1968 Norton Commando
David Warren	1955 Norton Dominator

(the above 4 rode all the way from Auckland)

Graeme Crawley	1955 Ariel
Martin Spicer	Honda Goldwing passenger
Ian Hubbard	1972 Triumph Bonneville
Peter Alderdice & Michael O'Kane	1928 Harley combination
Paul Tomlin & Leo Fowler	1925 Harley combination

For the record, Don's bike registered a round trip of 1042 miles

*Don Green*

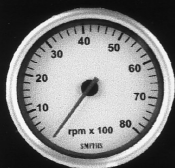


## 2018 Experts Rally

### **EXPERTS RALLY 2018** **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

- ♦ Starting at Coyle Park, at the end of Pt Chevalier Road
- ♦ 1:00 pm start
- ♦ A rally to test your brain a little but not too much (we hope)
- ♦ Finishing at a café for discussions, coffee and sugar fix

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## 2018 Veteran Rally

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Our Annual Veteran Rally, one of only four events we have on the National Calendar, last month attracted twenty seven entrants. That's pretty good, considering there were none from any of our neighbours to the south. Worthy of mention though, was Doug Hamilton from Warkworth, who accompanied by Leon Salt, brought his 1904 Cadillac down and Peter Fagan who was the sole two wheeler entrant but still completed the course, even though in need of a scuba outfit. Peter hails from Adelaide where he has both cars and bikes and is here to stay. Welcome to the Land of the Long White Cloud, Peter. Entrants were pretty evenly divided this year on the two routes, short at about 30 miles and long at about 50 miles. It was also gratifying to see a number of members turn up at the start just to see these hardy souls and their equally hardy vehicles. Notable among these was nonagenarian Jim Francis, kindly being chauffeured by Monty Wray.

The weather was not kind, but both routes were relatively traffic-free, which compensated somewhat. The motoring on the AkaAka swamp and in the hills behind Otatau was enjoyed by all, as was the superb scenery (yes, visible in between the patches of drizzle, which worsened towards the end). Simple instructions over a straight forward route, thanks to John Stokes. Everyone was welcomed at John's new home with hot scones and pikelets, thanks to several of our ladies, none of whom are "Veterans". Oops, Rosalind Lowe was also helping and she and Denis motor an early curved dash Oldsmobile, as well as several later vehicles.

Around mid-day they all arrived back at the start point for a BBQ and salad lunch. This was put on by the girls of the Alfriston Hockey Club, represented by Tracey and Kate Winterbottom, but helped by Pat Dewhurst, Rosalind, Nicola Birchall, and Penny Firth. (If I have missed anyone, anywhere at any time, my apologies). Having the start and finish at the same spot, with ample parking for trailers etc, was appreciated by all. After lengthy perusal of the points charts, time checks and roadside spot checks, (well, there were prizes to be awarded), Doug Hamilton was adjudged to be the winner of the short route and Jim Boag the long route.

No real break downs or problems, other than Murray Atkinson and Gary Bax, who decided discretion was the better part of valour after a total loss of brakes on the Saxon. A happy and congenial group, long may the Veterans prosper!. Thank you John and your helpers.

*Norm Dewhurst*



## March Club Night

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## 22 March—7:30pm

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The route took us over a number of roads new to us, lunch was at Opotiki and enjoyable motoring all the way. Instructions!, well it's always good to have a change and to sample other Branch's versions. Everyone finished and if obscure questions and hidden silent checks are your thing, then OK! The latter two also seem to be the case more and more.

I didn't get all the place getters, but Colin & Pam Bell, plus Bob & Debbie Ballantyne were mentioned in despatches. There was a prize for the furthest distance travelled to the Rally and this went to a 70's Mercedes Benz. Not-with-standing, that Murray & Penny Firth who were closer, took two days to get there with their vintage Bedford 5 ton truck, not that it worried Murray.

All in all, an enjoyable weekend away, one that I can recommend to all. We'll be there again next year, all being well. Think about it yourself, out of town rallies generally make for a good weekend away.

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## 2018 Tulip Run

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Eleven vehicles started this year's Tulip Run, which travelled from Blockhouse Bay, through Glen Eden and Swanson to pass through Kumeu, finishing at Riverhead at a small collection of mainly American cars of the sixties and seventies. Our hosts, Ross & Sue Golding also race early Holden's on the Masters circuits round the country and these were on show too. The icing on the cake would have to have been the three pristine 1957 E model Vauxhalls on show, all owned by the Golding family, two of them from new and with consecutive number plates no less. The 25 mile run's winner was determined simply by the proximity of the entrants odometers to that of the plotter's, and was won jointly by Rodger & Val Ball in their Model A Ford and Mabel Golding in the cream E model Vauxhall, driven by her son Murray.

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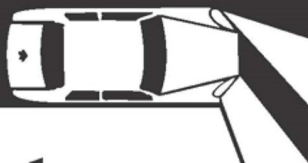
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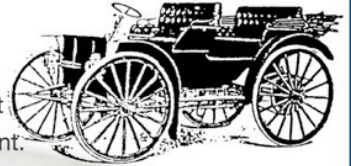
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