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Editor's Snippet



Every month we post out 300 Venture Mags to all our members. Every month I see the usual faces at the clubroom and on rallies. Why is this? What can the club do to encourage those absent members to come along to outings?

Last club night was a start in the right direction. All present were seated around tables and given labelled sheets (Double 50, Vintage Venture etc etc). Discussions were encouraged on each topic and points were noted on the sheets. The sheets were then moved to another table to get another tables opinion etc etc. Once completed all points were read out and discussed. Many good points were raised and from these I think you will see changes within the club in the future. Very positive.

The problem I see is that the discussions were great but were amongst those that usually attend club functions month in and month out so we are only hearing from one sector. We still haven't heard from those that don't attend club events Aren't these the very people the club should be talking to if we want to encourage them to participate? In business you cannot sell what your clients don't want. The same goes

Overleaf

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Greg Terrill tightening his nuts with Graham Pate observing

for the club. We need to know what those members want and why they are staying away and then set out to rectify the problem (if there is one). In other words, find out what your customer wants and then deliver it.

So how do we find out what those members want so we can deliver their wishes? Simple, maybe we ask them? We send out a questionnaire via the Venture to all members. Have specific questions that will give us the feedback that we need to find the reason for absent members.

Many will say that sending out another survey only repeats the national survey that we are all filling out as I write (have you filled yours out and sent it away—most important that we all take the time to do so). In response, I would have to agree, maybe it is repeating itself but what can be lost by a survey that is targeted only at our own immediate members and their wishes??

In conclusion. Please take the time to fill out the national survey and get it in the mail. To date only 10% of members across the country have done so. We can't criticise when or if the national committee moves the club in a direction that we are not happy with if we haven't let them know our wishes.

Enjoy the Era

**Hugh
Editor**

Joke

After an intense high speed chase, an officer finally gets the lawbreaker to pull over. "You know," says the cop, "I was originally pulling you over to tell you your taillight is out. Why the hell did you take off like that?"

"Last week my wife ran off with a cop," the man said, "and I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

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Chairman Report

We are now moving into the final quarter of the year. It won't be long before Christmas decorations are pulled out of storage and the little fat man in a red suit with a white beard will be peering down chimneys all over the country. I am sure that the final quarter is going to be a ripper. Sometimes the best laid plans can let us down, the planned October Club Run to Paeroa has had to be moved to November. However all is not lost as we have a real treat in store for members in October. On Sunday the 20th October we will have a nice scenic run to Waiuku. Then we will visit one of the Auckland member's collections. From what I have heard this is no ordinary collection. There is Veteran and Vintage cars, Memorabilia, and Steam Traction Engines. Many of you will know the owner of this collection, Roy Sharman; he is a regular visitor to our branch's Veteran and Double Fifty Rallies'. Roy has a very busy schedule but we are fortunate that on the 20th of October he is free to host us. The weekend before is the Canterbury Swap-meet and the weekend after is Labour Weekend which is the Auckland Branch Hunua 100 Rally. Roy has all the history of his vehicles and loves to share his passion. So I hope we can have a good turnout.



Lets now move ahead to March 2014, The National Veteran Rally, Reece and Sue Burnett with their team are putting together a fantastic event. However for all their planning to come together they are going to need your assistance. You have all seen the programme outlined in the August Venture Magazine. Assistance will be required on every rally day. So have another look at the programme and then work out what days you can assist. The really big day is on Saturday the 22nd March, this is the competitive day and the Gymkhana, so manpower is really important. This National Veteran Rally is going to be a great showcase for our branch, the cars will be amazing. So let's all get behind Reece and Sue and give them our support.

At the last club night we had a great discussion and some really good feed-back. This will be discussed in detail at the next Committee meeting and our findings will be circulated to members. As we heard at the club night we all need to make new members feel more welcome. Let's all get to know our new members, talk to them, show them around, explain our

programme and encourage them to join in.

Welcome to all new members, please make the effort to join in, believe me you will enjoy the experience

Keep smiling and keep left.

Graham Pate.



Secretary

I haven't much to report this month. I hope that you are receiving the email bulletins that I send out. If you have trouble reading these, please let me know.

I have entry forms for -

28th-29th September 2013 North Shore's Spring Tour to Mt Maunganui

25th-28th October 2013 Gisborne's Fourth National Commercial Rally

1st - 3rd November 2013 Far North Tour

28th September 2013 Wanganui Auction. For further information

www.boydsautobarnauction.com or Google Boyds Auto Barn Auction

17th November 2013 Southward Car Museum Auto-Jumble

Can I put in a plea to all members who attend any of our Club Events? Please, please wear your name badge. You may have been around for a long time and think that you are well known, but your name will not be known by anyone new (or anyone like me with a terrible memory!), and it does really help with starting a conversation. **[I have even read in one Branch magazine that they fine their members who don't wear their name badges. We surely don't need to go that far.]**

Jan Dearlove

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

John Bull and his wife Carol

Auckland
1928 Austin 7 soft top

We hope that you will enjoy the club and it's many activities.

If you have any queries either big or small please do not hesitate contact any member of the committee and they will be more than willing to

Sulphur City Rally



The Sulphur City rally was attended by 14 cars from our club with the following members getting places in most categories

Gymkhana;

Weightman. Brian **3rd place**

Post War Vintage;

Brierly. Tony & Judy **1st place**

Post Vintage;

Paton. Ian & Jenny **2nd place**

Patterson. Colin & Loraine **3rd place**

Post 60;

Braddock; Robert & Glenis **3rd place**

Congratulation must go to all the above. Well done!!

The furthest car travelled was from Keri Keri.

The overall winner was a Rotorua couple Carol & Neville Hart

Brits at the Beach 4th - 6th October



Interested in attending? Then give Stan Richardson a ring on 07 846 3339 to arrange a time and place to meet.

Stan has also said that he can arrange accommodation so I presume first in first served.. If you own a British car then this is becoming the event of the year SO DON'T MISS IT.

Joke

A couple of young tourists are pulled over by a highway patrolman. The officer walks up, asks for the driver's license and registration, and when he doesn't get it quickly enough, whacks the driver in the head. "That's for not having your driver's license ready," he snaps. "I ain't got all day." After he issues the driver a ticket, the patrolman walks around to the other side of the car and whacks the passenger in the head.

"Owww!!" hollers the passenger. "What'd you do that for?"

"That's to make your dream come true," replied the cop. "I know that when you'd gotten a half-mile down the road, you were gonna say to your friend here, 'Wish he'd tried that with me!'"

Club Captain

Hi Folks

Well August was a busy time for the club.

First the Ladies Rally and a Great Big Thank You goes to Cazna for the magnificent job she made of organising this event.

The Rotorua Sulphur City Rally was well attended by some 14 Waikato Entrants with good results – see page 7

As I write this the Hill climb has been and gone with some 18 competitors facing the starter.

The extra length of the event was met with great approval from the competitors and once word spreads I'm sure we'll see an increase in entrants next year. The highlight for me was seeing the next generation of VCC members competing and having a ball.

By the time you read this we will have had the Small Bore Shooting organised by Graeme Luxford and you should have your entry in for the PV Rally

On to October and 4th – 6th you have Brits at the Beach weekend.

The 12th will see a number of our members heading to Taumaranui for the King Country Journey through Time.

Last Club night we had a discussion about our various calendar events.

As usual this bought up more questions than answers. Some people say we have too many rallies and I would agree with this to a certain point. But some were added like the Vintage Venture. In an attempt to get these vehicles back out on the road where attendance of these cars at club runs had dropped off to a point where we are only getting 2 or 3 along to these events. Some people will say that the afternoon touring on Rallies is boring and needs more added to it. But in the next breath say all they want to do is drive their cars. So the touring section should be the highlight of the day, should it?

Some rallies finish at afternoon tea and feel we have to be careful that we don't overload the scorers for the Rally if we want same day results. I have seen times at Double 50 where the scorers haven't had their dinner until 8-30 9.00pm. As they try to sort out up to 28 different placings in the various classes.

If we keep adding pressure we will soon find that we run out of willing helpers even in this computer age. So what can we do? Perhaps we should turn some of our Rallies into Tours with just a small competitive part to determine a winner and leave Double 50 as our major competitive rally. This seems to work well in Northland where the Northern Tour regularly attracts over a 100 entrants each year.

Then there was a call to sectionalise the club and this I agree with as we already

have three virtual sections those being Veteran, Motorcycles, and Commercial and this will happen, either officially or by default as time goes by.

I would also like to see a competitive section established as some of our most competitive members are noticeably conspicuous by their absence from club events and seem to prefer to go to other branches rallies or go racing at Hampton Downs or Taupo.

Perhaps something like this would lure them back to the branch?

And there endeth this reading from the Gospel according to St Anthony. Amen

Tony



Not much has happen since our last ride in August accept perhaps those people who are going to the Rubber Duckie on the 21st of this month who will have been getting their bikes ready. I have given the BSA a cheque over and packed some extra wet weather gear as it usually RAINS !!!.

There is talk that some of the Auckland Boys are going to trailer their bikes to Taumarunui and then ride the back roads to New Plymouth. Kelvin Mitchell and I are undecided if we will join them but we will possibly go as back up, will let you know next month what happened, but either way it should be fun.

The entries are rolling in for the South Waikato Country Run on the 19th October but there is still plenty of time to enter, please ring me if you did not get an Entry Form.

I have had a number of people advising that they wish to come along to our Touring Week End in February, but we need to advise the Top 10 People by the end of October the approximate number that will be staying, as it is their busy season and we do not want to miss out on accommodation. So please email me at paspiller@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible if you would like to come, refer to the mail out I sent regards the type of accommodation you would like.



In the mean time Safe Riding
Peter Spiller

OCTOBER	Wed	9	Club Night NZTA Cambridge Bypass
	Fri/Sun	4-6	Brits at the Beach Whangamata
	Sat	19	Motorcycle Run—Tokoroa Run
	Sun	20	Club Event—
NOVEMBER	Sat	2	Veteran Rally
	Wed	13	Club Night
	Sun	17	Swap Meet
	Sat	30	Club Event—Speed Event
DECEMBER	Sun	8	Gymkhana
	Wed	11	Club Night/ Social Event

**Club Night
9th October**



**DO YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND CAMBRIDGE?
IF SO, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CLUB NIGHT**

Nichola Boyes and associates from the NZTA will give us a talk on the Cambridge Bypass.

If you reside in or around Cambridge this will affect you.

Want to know how the bypass could take 30 minutes off a trip to Auckland once completed? Where will you enter and exit the motorway?

If you have any questions about the bypass this will be the time to get them answered.

OCTOBER	Sat	12	King Country—Journey Through Time
	Fri-Mon	18-21	Hawks Bay Safari
	Sat/Sun	26/27	Auckland Hunua 100 Rally
	Fri-Mon	25/28	Gisborne Fourth National Commercial Rally
NOVEMBER	Sat/Sun	2/3	Northland Far North Tour
	Sun	7	Horowhenua Tararua Trundle
	Sun	17	Hawkes Bay—Homestead Run
	Sun	24	North Shore Car Show and Swap Meet
DECEMBER			TBA
			TBA
			TBA

Club Run — Waiuku Ray Sharman's Collection 20th October

Meet at Rest Area on your left as you ENTER Huntly at 9am.

BYO lunch—more details in Chairman's Report

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**Further Details Contact Graham Pate on
07 888 0009**

And We Think Twice About Taking Our Old Car Down a Gravel Road

Submitted by; Ken Haine

I thought members may be interested in an early 20's Hudson that my late neighbour and friend Ray Garmonsway's father owned.

This car was used from 1933 towing and working through the war years until the late 40's, when a Chev took its place.

When Ray was very young, pre-school and later he travelled in this car loaded with gear, chaff float and two horses.

His Father built the first horse float and continued to build more for others. Some had wooden draw bars (note the wheels in the picture) His Father must have been a skilful driver as they were a heavy car and of course don't forget they only had rear wheel brakes.

They farmed the Cambridge and Rotorangi area. They travelled great distances to what was called in those days a Trotting Equalization Meetings to such far away places as Auckland, Hawera, Thames, Tauranga and others. Sometimes they would get to the meeting 3 or 4 days early and sleep in the car.

Ray remembered when they were travelling over Mt Messenger when a traffic cop (make of car unknown) pulled in front of them. Ray's Father had to steer around the cops car and park in front. Ray's dad got out of the car and gave the cop a loud rollicking for being such a dangerous driver. He said, "can't you see I have a load?" He remembered when they were at Oakura Beach and got the car stuck. His Father was fairly hard on it and when they got out of the mud the diff had packed it in. A breakdown wagon was came from New Plymouth and towed them back to a garage. His Mother and Sister rode in the tow wagon and Ray and his dad on the back of it but they got sprayed with hot water. Remember that the car was put on the tow truck facing backwards with the back up in the air and the front wheels on the road. They

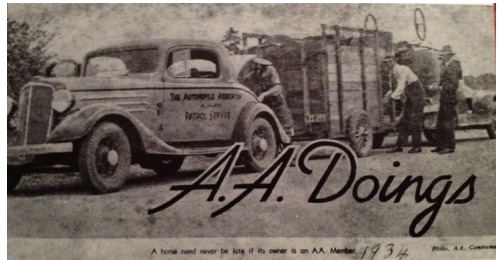


Photo of car at Ohaupo 1934. Note the new AA car. This photo was printed in the Waikato Times

decided to travel in the car so removed the front seat. Ray sat on the floor with his father next to him and was told to help with the steering if necessary. They had to stop and fill the radiator of the tow truck as it also boiled. Guess what? This vehicle was also a converted Hudson.

The diff was fixed but when used it was noisy. They were told it would wear in but it didn't so the bill was never paid. Ray's dad was summoned to court in New Plymouth. He took a mechanic with him as another garage had taken it for a drive. It was found in his favour and he got all costs back.

Veteran Rally 2013

Saturday 2nd November 2013

Midday

Campbell Park. Morrinsville

Entry in by the 23rd October

This years run will be a mildly competitive tour over a distance of approximately 40 miles covering both rolling and flat terrain. You will be able to enjoy the beautiful early Summer Waikato countryside uninterrupted, as there will be NO silent checks, or questions to be answered. The rally will conclude with an afternoon tea served in the Morrinsville Rotary Club rooms, followed by prize-giving.



To add to the charm of the event entrants are encouraged to dress in the era appropriate to their vehicle.

Stop Press!!

Small Bore Rifle Shooting Evening

A great evening with about 15 club members competing out of the 18 that Attended.

Shooting position was prone that caused more of a problem for some in the getting down and the getting up than hitting the bulls eye.

Two rounds of 13 shots was achieved by all shooting. The 13 shots had to be completed in a 12 minute period. Cards once scored, were handed out to much surprise and laughter by the receivers.

The final shoot was scored with, "and the winner with the highest score is Jan Dearlove" Gordon White came a close second.

A great evening Graeme and one that should be repeated. Big Thanks.

Kairangi Hill Climb

Submitted by; Ian Patton

Last weekend was a big one for New Zealand. We had the All Blacks beat the Boks. Team NZ lost one and won one and we had the Waikato Vintage & Veteran Car Club Kairangi Hill Climb. Eighteen cars faced the starter on a lengthened course in a very scenic elevated location just South of Cambridge.

I arrived for a 8am start and all the hard work was done. There was a huge amount of club members to set up and Marshal. The ladies in the kitchen were in full swing.

The worry was my race suit had shrunk over the years in storage and that next piece of chocolate cake could divorce the two sides of the zip.

The weather was suspect and showers did prevail for the three morning runs.

The lengthened course made a huge difference. Starting at the bottom of a gully it was a short burst through the first two bends then up the hill—another blind left then into a difficult sweeper at the top which tightens, down the straight for all your worth changing into top at about the Marshal point.

You need to gather your car (brake) before the dip and hug the left side of the kink as soon as you came out the top , set yourself for 'Danny's Corner' (right hand past the pit). The next bit was all new and had to be learnt. I was down to second before the corner, accelerating hard as I exited and changing to third until the Telecom marker on the right before the dip into the hairpin. Off the gas and hard on the brakes picking up second. The tyres were chattering under brakes and this corner was evil and really did turn late and acutely.

It was a short run to the finish with two bends covered in mud from the Anglia's incident. I tried using third gear here on one of the runs but it felt quicker in second.

It was easier as the road dried in the afternoon but I continued to use third up the hill and second into the finish

I noticed the extra speed in the afternoon when I needed to pick up top gear earlier on the straight. I was touching 80MPH before breaking for the dip. There was a lot of hurry up and then waiting at these types of events Which makes time for a lot of banter amongst drivers.

It was nice to have the kids amongst us and see their confidence grow. They are obviously "great mates" and coped a bit of flak from Danny Ryan early on.

They showed him in the end didn't they, because to finish first, first you must finish!! Not quite true—Danny had the fastest time of the day with only two or three runs not that that's what the event is about.

It was not like the America's Cup - winners and losers though I did think at one point that I was driving a cat and Roy was driving a!

Thanks to Peter, Chris and all the marshals, ladies and timers, radio people and scorers

Thanks to the onlookers and the photographers and the competitors .
I thought the day was a real success

Ian

Hill Climb Results

Fastest Time of the Day	Danny Ryan C Type Jaguar
1st Place Historic Racing Vehicle	John Addy 1958 Speedex Silverstone
1st Place Post Vintage Vehicle	David Adams Sunbeam 20
1st Place Period Special	Roy Rowe 1939 Ford V8 60 Special
1st Place Vintage	Laurie Poolman 1931 MG C Montihery
1st Austin 7 Special	Rhys Nolan 1934 Austin 7
1st Post 60V	Rod Rattray Austin A40 1963
1st Post War Vintage	Ian Patton Jaguar XK 150
Best Presented Vehicle	John Hancock 1933 MG K1
Most Consistent	Greg Terrill 1936 Morris Special
Most Improved Performance	Olivia McNair MG Midget 1960



Special Thanks

**Just a few of
the many
helpers on
the day**



Gail at the helm in the kitchen

I think a special thanks must go to all the helpers from the Rally Organisers Peter Fulton-Beavers and Chris Brown and to the many Marshall's dotted around the course. Trust me when I say it takes many, many weeks going into months to organise the event and for their effort I will say on behalf of all the participants, many, many thanks for your effort and time.

Now we all know a hill climb cars run on fuel, but just as importantly the drivers run on food. I would like to take this opportunity to say a really big **THANKS** to Gail Bryant and her assistants for the effort put into feeding all the Drivers and Marshall's. Gail has tirelessly done this for a many years with much of the baking produced and donated by Gail.

Thanks Gail and your helpers for all your effort—very, very much appreciated.

Hugh
Editor

Motu Tour

31st Aug—1st Sept

Jackie Larsen

MOTU TOUR (Incorporating the Sulphur City Rally)
Weekend 31 August – 1 September 2013

Challenging, chilly and sometimes stomach-churning best describes our adventure into the Bay of Plenty/East Coast hinterland.

The weekend began with some of our club-members participating in the Rotorua Vintage Car Club's "Sulphur City Rally" on the Saturday with several achieving well deserved placings (see page 7.



After that rally, those participants then had to drive over to Ohope to meet up with the rest of us who had gathered at the Ohope Chartered Club for dinner on the Saturday night.

On Sunday morning we made our way over to Opotiki to assemble for this "follow the leader" event. With only 12 cars game to "take up the challenge" it was easy to keep an eye out for those in front and those behind as we headed into this remote part of the country. Ian had also arranged for locals Bob and Fiona Laming to be tail end Charlie with their 4 wheel drive.

We began on the Waioeka Gorge road (State Highway 2). Our first stop was at the historic Tauranga Bridge which was built in 1922 to provide access to farms in the Tauranga Valley. Today it is the only surviving harp suspension bridge left in New Zealand and is registered as a Category 1 Historic Place by the Historic Places Trust and is of national significance for its engineering design and appearance.



From there we had a leisurely drive through the gorge, marvelling at the massive metal mesh fences built to retain the many evident rock falls from the towering cliffs which abut each side of the road.

Mist turned to drizzle and then rain as we made the climb out of the gorge and over Trafford's Hill (725 metres). We crossed the bridge at the head waters of the Motu River

before arriving for a coffee stop at Matawai.

Hoods were hastily put up and bodies huddled under the shop verandahs. Sleet and snow must not have been far away.

At this point we left the main road and headed for Motu village and the Motu Falls which are situated in the Motu River valley. Most of us walked across the swing bridge taking heed of the 5 persons at a time weight limit. A picnic lunch was had under the shelter of the eaves at the Motu school. Roger amused us by up-ending the school wheelbarrow to use as a comfortable armchair and windbreak while the rest of us made do with the school bench seats. (Roger and Koa Ward drive an MG Midget and are acquaintances of the Pattons).

From Motu we began the amazing Old Motu Coach Road which extends 64km from Motu to the sea. Little did we know that part of the journey would take the whole of the afternoon, though grass growing in the middle of the road should have alerted us to this!

Up and down and round and round we went, on and on through forests, farmland and even fords, negotiating a road with formidable drops on each side. There was a real sense of going back in time as we travelled over a road that was once a major New Zealand highway.

At one stage the Pattons encountered a wide-eyed mountain biker who came hurtling towards them on the wrong side of the road. Fortunately when the cyclist realised that there were 11 more cars to follow he decided that it would be wise to stay on his side of the road from then on!

The old cars were certainly put through their paces with only a few hitches. Claire, Gordon and Burma driving the Arrol Johnson had a problem with the clutch which was eagerly attended to by the blokes under Marcia's supervision! The Cosseys had to have two attempts to get up one particularly short steep hill and the Porteous's Camaro had a problem with the drive selector switch which was quickly fixed. Team Larsen/Brook in the Vauxhall borrowed from Brent Parsons (thanks again Brent!) had to make an ingenious temporary fix to the broken gear stick in order to have something to grasp in order to change gear (quite essential really!). A loose joint in the fuel line of the Pattons car was allowing petrol out and air in - nothing that a screwdriver wouldn't fix.



Weary drivers began to get sore arms and shoulders from the lack of power steering so the afternoon tea stop was most welcome. Gordon Dearlove just happened to find his bagpipes in the

back of the Austin. No club tour in the wop-wops would be complete without the spine-tingling sound of the pipes wafting across the highland valleys. Thanks so much Gordon.

Before we set off for the return journey to Ohope, Stan thanked Ian and Jenny for organising another great weekend adventure. There was much hilarity when Stan happened to stand in front of an impressively large heap of animal dung and then had to vehemently deny that he was responsible for it!

The day wound up with beers and good old Kiwi fish and chips at the Pattons unit at the Ohope Top 10 Holiday Park.

Jackie Larsen





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CLUB BADGES FOR SALE

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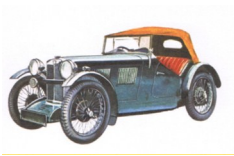
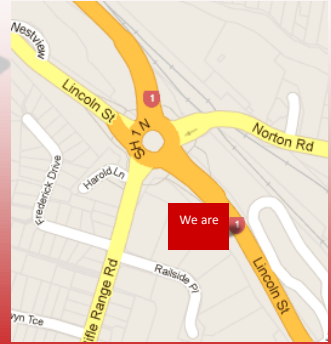


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