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Editor's Snippet



No doubt by now everyone has received their voting papers for the remit on allowing under 21 year olds to become members of the VCC of NZ at a reduced subscription. As you can see from the Annual General Meeting minutes (page 9) it was passed 98% for and 2% against.

It's certainly a good start to encourage our younger generation to join us oldies, but I don't think you will see a mass migration to the club until we implement other changes that encourage their participation into the club and its activities.

We all know it's not all about the money, the younger generation are staying away for other reasons? So what are those reasons? No doubt they are varied and many, but from my point of view if there is one that probably needs to be changed it would be the "attitude" of some members in accepting later model cars (that are eligible under the VCC umbrella).

I'll explain by digressing back in time to our own experience. Within our family we have a lovely daughter-in-law (we will call her "T") that has a lover for cars. A few years ago she was the proud owner of a very mint late 70's Honda Civic. Bronya (my better half) had mentioned to "T" that the club did a Ladies Rally and that she should think of doing it in the Honda, as it was eligible. She was excited about participating so filled out the application form, paid her subs, and the club had a new member.

The Ladies Rally day duly arrived with our "T" having washed and polished her car and of course decorated it in the appropriate theme of the day.

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She arrived at the club rooms with a grin from ear to ear. So what did she get welcomed with? She hadn't been in the car park for more than 10 minutes when an elderly member came up to her and instead of welcoming her into the fold with, "are you a new member? Welcome aboard". Instead, looked at the car and asked, "don't tell me that's eligible?" Our daughter in-law proudly answered, "yes". The response from our fellow member was "crikey, (or similar descriptive word) what's the club coming to?" and walked away.

Our "T" struggled a little to enjoy the day after that experience and as you have all probably guessed, she never renewed her membership. One young member lost. As you see, from our experience, it's not all about the cost of the subs. It may help, but it will certainly not be the magic elixir that some think it will be, but it's a good start.

To begin with lets all accept that the younger members (when they get around to buying an eligible car), may have a fondness for a car that they became familiar with in their early years.. It may be a Hillman Imp, Ford Anglia, Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla etc? Accept the younger members with open arms and ignore what they drive. If you don't like what you see in the club car park, keep it to yourself.

I spoke to one long time member recently and he said that when he first joined the club his car was relatively modern. He went on to say that he too received a little bit of "flak" from some of the members of the day, which made it a little "difficult" at "settling in". He still owns that car and it's far from a modern now. That's what happens, it's called evolution.

Today's young members in their "modern" will, hopefully, be tomorrows member in the "old".

Safe Motoring.

Editor



My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started.....

The information in this newsletter and on the club's web site, is supplied as a service to club members. Articles and other copy of interest are always welcome and encouraged. The opinions expressed in this newsletter and on the club's website are those of the author alone. Neither the club nor any of its officers accepts responsibility for the accuracy of any statements or opinions.

Chairman Report

I CAN NOW OFFICIALLY REPORT THAT SPRING IS HERE, Daffodils are coming out; Blossom is appearing on the trees. What a lovely time of the year, new growth and hopefully new ideas.



The National AGM has come and gone, Jan Dearlove and I represented your branch and we made sure our voice was heard on a number of issues. Jan, as your delegate, will have a report for you elsewhere in the magazine. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the latest Life Member of the Vintage Car Club, a past National President for seven years, past Speed Steward, and still involved with the technical committee. Many of you will know Frank Renwick and I am sure that you will all join with me in congratulating Frank on his Life Membership.

It was also a privilege to meet and hear Andrew Anderson speak at the AGM. Andrew is the only living foundation member of the Vintage Car Club. Andrew and Mollie Anderson are both Life members, and the only other living life member is Roger White of Wellington, so with the addition of Frank Renwick our club now has four living life members. As a side note, Mollie Anderson wrote an excellent book "The Caltex book of Veteran and Vintage Cars in New Zealand, first published in 1970, well worth reading.

The North Island now has a new Club Captain, congratulations to Paul Collins for winning the election. It is always good to have new blood coming onto the management committee. There is one very important task that I would ask all members to carry out this month. Inside the latest copy of "Beaded Wheels" you will have received a copy of the National Survey. For this survey to be effective it is imperative that as many as possible are filled out and returned. For joint members all you need to do is photo copy the form or download it from the National Website. If you can't do either of these, contact me and I will post you one. There has been an awful lot of time and effort gone into producing this survey document, so please use it. This is your opportunity to express your feelings and ideas on how you want your club to be managed. If you are quite content with the way the club is operating you still need to fill it out. If you don't fill the survey out you cannot complain if changes are instigated that you are unhappy with.

To all our new members, a very warm Waikato welcome and I hope to catch up with you all at club nights and club events.

Enjoy the spring time motoring and keep safe.

Graham Pate.

Cambridge Smallbore Rifle Club Evening Shoot

18th September

The club is organising a shooting evening at the Cambridge Small-bore Rifle Club.

If you want to have a great evening then we will look forward to seeing you **NO LATER** than 6.50pm at the small bore clubrooms situated at;

**Pope Tce
Cambridge**



The entrance is a little difficult to find but it's next to number 17 Pope Tce which is situated by Gill Lumb park.

All participant will get 2x10 shot cards with the second card being the "counting card". Each card has 3 sighting shots and 10 counting shots.

So what will it cost you for the evening for all the gear and ammo etc?



Only \$16pp
See you on the night
Mark the calendar now!!
Any question phone Graeme
07 827 5671

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Warwick & Betty Holmes
Thames**

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 to contact any member of the committee and they will be more than willing to assist you in any way possible

The Story of the Morrie's Mystery Odour

A certain Morrie 8 owned the by the renowned Vice Chairman Mr Jeremy Brook arrived in the clubs car park with Barbara at the wheel in preparation for the ladies Rally. They all leapt from the car complaining of smoke and a bad smell emitting from under the bonnet.



Lets wind back the clock a couple of weeks. The said Morrie was being followed out of Raglan by Graham Luxford who couldn't help but notice a strong smell coming from the Morrie as it motored back to Hamilton. At one stage Graeme said that Jeremy pulled over and stopped but he looked unperturbed so Graeme said he didn't bother to stop.

At a later meeting (as one does) Graeme asked Jeremy if there was anything wrong when he pulled over coming back from Raglan. Jeremy replied, "no, no nothing wrong."

That brings us to the present. The Morrie arrived in the car park in preparation for the Ladies Rally with all the ladies concerned about the smoke and the smell bellowing out from under the bonnet.

Graeme & Paul Clark being the gentlemen that they are, came to the rescue of the ladies in distress and lifted the bonnet.

Much to their surprise what did they find under the bonnet?

HAVE A GUESS
See the answer on page **19**

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Saturday 28th September 2013

Auction Starts—10am sharp

Viewing

Friday 27th 9.00am - 5pm

Saturday 28th from 7.00am until 10am

Boyd's Auto Barn

5 Pickwick Rd

Wanganui

Secretary

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have little to say, except we had an exhilarating time in Thailand, and an interesting time in Christchurch for the Executive Meeting and AGM. A friend of Graham's took us both on a drive through the devastated areas of Christchurch, which I had not seen, and I am appalled at the destruction and suffering that still goes on for these many people.

Please make an effort to consider and complete the survey form sent with the last copy of Beaded Wheels. It is really important for the future direction of the Club. If you are family members, please photocopy and each member fill in a separate form. If you prefer, you can give them to me and I will send them off together.

Entry forms – 18-21 April 2014 South Island Easter Rally in Greymouth
20-21 September 2013 Taranaki Rubber Duckie Motor Cycle Rally in
New Plymouth

If you would like a copy of either of these, I would happily email or post to you.

Jan Dearlove
Secretary

National Executive and Annual General Meeting 16/17 August 2013, Christchurch

Executive Meeting

Planned that Beaded Wheels advertisements will in future be placed on the Club's website.

There have been a few disciplinary matters, and discussions have taken place as to the level of handling. The Club's solicitor is being consulted.

400 survey forms have already been returned, a very pleasing result so far with still much time to go. An extra copy should be photocopied or download from the website for each family member. Completed forms could be given to the Branch Secretary to post en mass

The Draft Strategy Plan will be put together for the March Executive meeting, then sent to Branches for comments, then on to the AGM 2014 for ratification.

2015 Executive meeting Waitemata Date to be confirmed.

2015 South Island Easter Rally no bid submitted yet

2015 North Island Easter Rally

2015 National Veteran Rally North Otago – granted

2016 AGM Rotorua has been bid for and accepted

No National Rallies in 2016 due to International Rally, Dunedin

More VIC workshops to be considered for March Executive Meeting, need for guidelines for examiners.

New membership can be now paid by Credit Card with 3% charge added

Annual General Meeting

This was a unique occasion with 3 of the Club's Honorary Life Members present, Molly and Andrew Anderson, and Roger White. A new person was added.

Frank Renwick was honoured with Honorary Life Membership for his contribution over many years to the Club.

The Notice of Motion regarding the inclusion of Junior Membership was passed 98% for, 2% against

Paul Collins, North Shore Branch was elected North Island Club Captain

Marilyn McKinley, VCC Archivist, would welcome ideas for developing a policy document for the archives, what is acceptable for inclusion, ownership, etc.

Rod Brayshaw gave an extensive presentation regarding the various classes of 'Rebodied Vehicles', emphasising essential to retain identification of the vehicle. He is to send a copy of this presentation to the Branches to show members.

Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring is to be held at the;

Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive Dunedin 15-24 January 2016 (south of town)

Accommodation is already being booked. Medium runs mostly seal, Long runs – primary (through farmers' paddocks!). The Logo is designed. The website will be online within a month, a Facebook page is in preparation.

Much discussion regarding a possible name change for the Club. This is included in the Survey and all are asked their opinion.

Reminders -

18-19 January 2014 Wanganui Burma Rally

25-26 January 2014 60th Dunedin to Brighton Veteran Rally

19-23 March 2014 National Veteran Rally, Te Awamutu

11-13 April 2014 Nelson Rally to link with Easter Rally in Greymouth

18-21 April 2014 South Island Easter Rally West Coast

6-16 April 2014 North Island Club Captain's Tour. Start Cambridge, East Coast, Waipukurau

18-21 April 2014 North Island Easter Rally Central Hawkes Bay, Waipukurau

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror.. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

And then the fight started.....

I Bet You Didn't Know This ?

The Goldberg Brothers - The Inventors of the Automobile Air Conditioner.

Here's a little factoid for automotive buffs or just to dazzle your friends.

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner.. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed. Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti - Semitic, and here was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown. And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- **Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max** -- on the controls.

I can hear your groans from here. Control yourself!!! I was sucked in, too! Just tell others.

Courtesy of Ian Patton

**Aren't you pleased
they introduced a
surcharge on your fuel
to improve the roads?**

**Caption;
"Somewhere between Hamilton and
Auckland about the Rangiriri area"**



1901 First Conviction- for Motoring Offence In NZ



Nicholas Oates' Benz 'Velo comfortable' at Southward Museum.

Nicholas Oates appeared in the Christchurch Magistrates Court charged with driving 'a motor car within the city at a speed greater than four miles an hour' (6.5 km/hr) on Lincoln Road, Christchurch. Oates' excessive speed frightened the horses of Mr George Gould whose carriage was near the hospital; as witnesses testified, the groom 'had the greatest difficulty in controlling them'.

Additional witnesses testified that 'the car passed at a speed of at least ten miles per hour' (16 km/hr) and only the quick reactions of the groom averted a serious accident. Oates gave evidence that his car was fitted with two gears: the maximum speed in the highest gear was 14 miles an hour (22 km/hr) but the low gear, which he claimed to have been using, could muster only six miles an hour.

Oates claimed that the maximum speed 'he had attained between the corner of Tuam Street and Lincoln Road and Antigua Street was not more than seven miles an hour' (11 km/hr), although he conceded that he was travelling about 13 miles (21 km/hr) an hour along Lincoln Road itself. He was fined 20s and costs.

Oates (and his business partner Alexander Lowry) owned Zealandia Cycle Works - the largest bicycle factory in New Zealand or Australia in the late 1890s. He was the first person to import a car, 'a small-type, fitted with solid tyres, and driven by the Benz system', into the South Island in October 1898. At the time of his conviction for speeding there were only seven motor vehicles in Canterbury.

Club Captain

Hi Folks

Well, Judy and I have just got back from a months tour of Africa. An amazing country that ranges from huge wealth to extreme poverty that most Kiwi's couldn't imagine.

Paul Fussy asked how come they let me leave and I replied that I was able to escape because they "didn't need another monkey".

Right, into business!!

15th September; is our Hill Climb. This year the hill climb is almost double the length it has been in the past and looks like being a real cracker. If you haven't offered your services already get in touch with the organisers as more help is always welcomed.

21st September; I have a request from Mike Southward for 3 1920's cars for Hautapu School. They are holding a Great Gatsby evening to raise funds for the school. The cars would be needed from 7.30pm for about an hour. If you can help give me a ring. This would also help me as Mike has broken world water speed records with his boat lady Bug and I am trying to get him as a speaker for our club, so if you can help oil the wheel so to speak, I would be grateful.

28th September; Is our PV Rally and we are still one Marshal short, so if you can help give either me or Stu Clotworthy on 846 4070 a ring. oops!! Almost forgot. On the 11th September Club Night we have speakers from NZTA on the Cambridge Bypass, should be an interesting talk.

October 9th; Club Night. We haven't got a speaker as yet?

October 4-6th is Brits at the Beach; If you are interested going then give Stan Richardson is organising this and I believe has some accommodation available.

19th October; Motorcycle run. Peter Spiller has all the info on this.

20th October ; Club run up to Thames Area to meet with other enthusiasts. At the moment this is a work in progress and will let you know as details come to hand.

OUT OF LEFT FIELD—NOVEMBER CLUB RUN?

I've had ideas of a time trial for fast P.W.V, P60, P80 cars that would start

about 4 or 5am and finish for breakfast at the Club Rooms. Bacon and Eggs, hash browns etc.

Do you think this would be a goer or not? Give me a call and let me know, but make it soon as these things take a tad of organising. Haven't got a suitable vehicle? Bring your modern

Well that's enough ramblings from me and remember, the puddle of oil in the car park was left by the car before you so don't worry be happy.

Tony



Our run on the 11th was well attended, some starting from the club rooms and the others meeting us at the Museum, George Ardley and his wife even traveled over from Te Aroha, thanks to all for coming.

Most had lunch at the Café and then spent an hour looking around the Museum which was very well laid out and had a good mixture of cars and a few bikes.

Sorry to see Bert Munro's bike was not there but the film, the Fastest Indian was running. The museum and café is well worth a visit for those that have not been.

Next stop was Marshalls Transmission where Nelson showed us how Auto and Manual Transmission were overhauled and tested. He then spoke at length about the need to have the oil changed and sump removed for cleaning on a regular bases, this he said, would greatly help lengthen the life of the Transmission. We were then shown his collection of Rally cars and Ariel Square Four motor bikes.

I have mailed out to all the people who came on last years South Waikato Country Run an Entry Form for this years run on the 19th of October. Along with this I have also included a summery of what is proposed for February 14-15-16 regards our long Touring Weekend. I would ask that you reply to me as soon as possible regards the accommodation. Also, if you did not received this mail out and wish to come to either please let me know.

In the meantime Stay Riding
Peter Spiller

SEPTEMBER	Wed	11	Club Night NZTA Cambridge Bypass
	Sun	15	Kairangi Hillclimb
	Sat	28	Post Vintage Rally
OCTOBER	Wed	9	Club Night
	Fri/Sun	4-6	Brits at the Beach Whangamata
	Sat	19	Motorcycle Run—South Waikato
	Sun	20	Club Event
NOVEMBER	Sat	2	Veteran Rally
	Sun	17	Swap Meet
	Sat/Sun	30 or 1	Club Event (final date etc TBA)

**Club Night
11th September**



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

Richard Young and Nichola Boyes 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.

Events Ahead**Away**

SEPTEMBER	Sun	8	Auckland PVV/PWV/P60V/P80V
	Sat/Sun	28/29	North Shore Spring Tour
	Sat	21	Taranaki Rubber Duckie M/C Tour
OCTOBER	Fri-Mon	18-21	Hawkes 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	17	Horowhenua Tararua Trundle
	Sun	24	North Shore Car Show and Swap Meet

And then the fight started.....(Joke)

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started.....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "Oh my!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started.....

Ladies Rally

Famous Five Ladies Rally

Hurrah for the hol's



The Famous Five, four children and Timmy the dog travelled back to ~~Kirin~~ Cambridge to have another spiffing adventure. We had been invited to take part in the VCC Ladies Rally. Dick and Julian had hotwired Uncle Quentin's Daimler especially for the occasion. 34 of our super friends joined us on a splendid sunny day at the Vintage Car Clubrooms and we headed off following the secret directions given to us. Some of the people had bought stolen new motor vehicles especially in order to take place in the rally and others had brought along chums that had never been on one of these adventures before – how marvellous!

All of the adventurers looked simply splendid with an array of schoolgirls, a crew of butterfly hunting school children, some mysterious gypsy women, circus people including one with a whip and of special mention is the illustrious author herself, Enid Blyton – creator of our adventures.

Along our journey we encountered some strange, sinister and rather queer characters at various points that collected rally sheets and gave us new and exciting instructions.

Leaving the village of Cambridge we followed a quaint rural road with a few devious over-riding instructions that led us to the hamlet of Pirongia. There were some marvellous places to explore with the visitor centre, art gallery and antique shop and then – hurrah – it was time for lunch!

At this point only one motor car had succumbed to a mechanical failure, but a band of lovely mobile mechanics had it sorted quick sharp in order that the intrepid crew were soon perked up and humming along again to complete their journey.

We travelled on to lunch stop, the rustic barns and tea rooms at the Pirongia Clydesdales where we admired the beautifully restored carriages, the majestic Clydesdale horses and the glamorous pair of Fresian horses. After comparing notes and devouring a scrumptious lunch we boarded the wagon behind the Clydesdales for a exhilarating ride around Pirongia – the Gypsies looked particularly at home on the wagon and many of the other adventurers expressed an interest in swapping combustion engines for real horsepower following this



journey.

From there we were directed off by the unofficial “Mayor of Waipa” resplendent in his Mayoral garb for more tricky questions and more devious twists and turns to explore via stops along the way at Threadbear Cottage (gorgeous crafts) and Alpha Lavender (oh that lovely scent). Some of the adventurers also found unscheduled shopping possibilities en route with roadside temptations...

We found on reaching our destination at the clubrooms in Cambridge that Aunt Fanny had been very busy preparing a scrumptious afternoon tea for us with lamingtons, home baking and of course, lashings of homemade ginger beer.

Along the way on our adventure we had also been given 2 quizzes to complete by end of journey – the Famous Five quiz and Uncle Quentin’s devious car quiz. While we waited for the results of the day the quizzes were judged with much hilarity and exclamation. It was evident the adventurers had a great knowledge of their automobile makes and models – clever girls!



What a splendid day all due to the jolly good sports that marshalled, served up our cuppa’s and food, waited at check-points and were patient and smiling all day- what lovely chaps they were.

Well done all – you were simply splendid and we hope to see you along for Ladies Rally 2014 – it will be brilliant!

Those adventurers that did most awfully well were;

1st and 1st Waikato Bev Taylor, Lynne Griffiths & chums in 1950 Lolite Morris Minor
2nd Jillian Hayton & Trish McKie in 1929 Dodge
3rd Rosie Hutcheson & Shirley Foot 1957 Austin

Congratulations to our magnificent place getters and to all those that helped make this a lovely day – thank you.

Cazna



COUPLE OF THE MANY HELPERS

Ethanol A Clear and Present Danger to Heritage Motoring

A Morris Eight owner thought he would take advantage of the lower cost of topping up his tank with the cheaper 91 grade petrol provided by Gull around the Auckland Region.

Being a touch pernickety about keeping the motor tuned to perfection, he uses the traditional combination of sparking plug colour, exhaust pipe colour and fuel consumption to assess correct mixture. So during one of his regular inspections he was somewhat horrified to find the spark plugs almost white, with a glaze akin to that of porcelain on the electrodes.



Prior to his next long run, he filled up with BP 91 and back home he rechecked the plugs of the Morris, to find their appearance normal again.

Already aware of the damage the ethanol can do to older cars he has avoided the blue Ethanol-blend 98 octane pumps at Gull service stations. But he did not realise ethanol—blended 91 octane petrol branded as “Gull Regular Plus” was being sold at 15 service stations in the Auckland and Waikato regions.

Our Morris owner should be grateful it was only his plugs that became glazed and not his eyes as he contemplated the cost of repairing the damage a taste of ethanol might have wreaked on his prized classic.

While most modern cars are manufactured to run on ethanol-blend fuel, it is not recommended for older vehicles, or any engine with a carburettor. Likely damage to the fuel lines and carburettors of older vehicles built before 1986 can include corrosion, leaks and blockages. Other potential effects can include fuel starvation, weak mixtures and engine damage.

Various elastomers, polymers and cork commonly used for sealing purposes in earlier cars can swell, shrink or leak as a result of exposure to ethanol. It also has acidic corrosive effects on zinc, brass, copper, lead/tin coated steel, and even aluminium in sufficient strength. But not only can ethanol-blended fuels do corrosive damage to various parts of older cars, they also affect the drivability. In hot weather older vehicles running on ethanol blends can prove hard to start or run roughly after a long run due to vapour lock or carburettor foaming, so the engines run too lean or too rich. Ethanol blends can also make cold starts more difficult.

Though the earlier Labour Government initiative to make biofuels compulsory it was repealed by the present administration, but the availability of ethanol blends is likely to

expand in NZ. Though the AA reports that Gull has recently withdrawn E10 91 due to supply constraints the 98 grade ethanol fuel is still being supplied throughout the North Island, and Mobil is also selling ethanol-blended 91 and 98 octane fuel at some sites in Wellington and Manawatu.

While any fuel with more than 1% ethanol is required to be clearly labelled at the pump, this information can be easily overlooked. So the owners of older vehicles should be carefully checking the labelling displayed on the pump before filling.

NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc (FOMC) has also received still unconfirmed reports that ethanol has been found in petrol in other parts of the country. So owners experiencing unexpected deterioration in the performance of their vehicles should investigate whether the quality of the fuel is a factor.

The AA's advice is for motorists to check ethanol compatibility in the owners manual or with their marque agent, and if unsure then avoid those fuel brands which sell biofuels.

Ethanol is a petrol substitute so cannot be blended with diesel. However, Gull also sells a B5 (5%) biodiesel blend at some sites, as does BP at one Christchurch station. The advice on the AA website says that B5 (which must be labelled) is suitable for use in most diesel engines, but again owners should check compatibility in the owner's handbook and if in doubt avoid the retailers that sell it.



One Melted Screwdriver!

Post Vintage Rally



28th September 2013

This is one of the clubs major events of the year covering Post Vintage (1932 -1945), Post War (1946-1960 and Post 1960 (1960-1981).

**Have you entered yet?
No Too Late!**

**Brits at the Beach
4th - 6th October**



As much as this event is not a club event it is becoming a “must do” for many owners of English cars.

If you are interested in joining other club members for a great weekend, then I suggest you give Stan Richardson a call on 07 846 3339 as Stan has raised his hand to be a kind of “Run Co-Ordinator” for Brits at the Beach.

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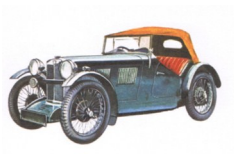
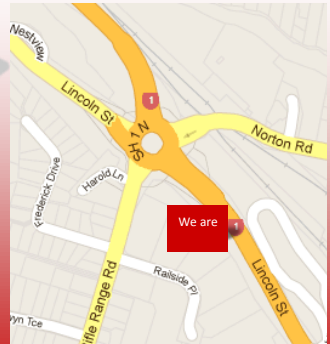


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