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## Chairman's Report

How are you holding up in the heat? Some people are finding it all quite stressful, but others really enjoy it. I put myself in the latter group; I enjoy the sun and don't mind the heat.

I have just finished my Census delivery and collection contract. It was very hot walking around the streets delivering and collecting forms but believe me I would rather do it in the sun than the rain. I can't imagine trying to keep all those papers dry. I hope that you all did your duty and filled them out, preferably on line.

As I write this the drought has broken, it is raining, but I fear it is too little too late for the farming community. This drought is going to wipe millions of dollars from the country's economy. Whether you like it or not the mainstay of N.Z economy is agriculture and the weather plays a very important part in maintaining a good level of agricultural business. This is why plans and programmes need to have a degree of flexibility in them. As you have heard we have moved our PV Rally forward a week so that we don't clash with the "Brits at the Beach" weekend. There are quite a few Vintage Car Club members who attend this fun weekend. At least two 'People's Choice' winners have been club members, so this year there won't be a conflict of interests. We do set our programme two years in advance and sometimes changes have to be made. So please bear with us.

The last Vintage Rally was very enjoyable for Marcia and I, it was the first outing in our latest toy, a 1928 Chevrolet Tourer, we enjoyed the day with the top down. We did win the slow section, Auckland members cleaned up in the fast section, so we have agreed to organise next years rally. We will take on board all the comments that have been made regarding rallies, length, activities, cost, etc. So if you want to make a suggestion let us know.

We currently have staying with us, my cousin and her friend from the UK. I caught up with her on our trip last year. We had 47 years of family history to catch up on last year. So this year she has come over with a friend for a short stay of 3 weeks. The first week has passed and we have done all the family things. We are doing some sightseeing next week and hopefully we will be bringing her along on the Maungatautari Mountain club run on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. So by the time you read this some of you will have met her.

In last months magazine I mentioned Club Officers positions that are or will be vacant. I am pleased to report that the Club Captain's position has generated some genuine interest. However the position of Branch Secretary and Magazine Editor will be vacant as of the AGM in June. These are both very important roles in the

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Branch; if you feel that you could help out please contact myself, or Bob and Jillian Hayton. We do need members to step up to the mark and put something back into the club.

Bob and I attended the March National Executive meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March in Wellington. Please read Bob's report of the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting a workshop discussion was held on the "5 year plan", or "Developing a way forward" as it is now called. The outcome of this workshop will be a questionnaire that will be in "Beaded Wheels". This whole process is going to take time but it is important for the future of the Vintage Car Club.

I would like to welcome all new members and transferees, I hope you enjoy your time in the Waikato and we will see you out on a club run in the future. I hope you enjoy your Easter where ever you may be, Easter Rally at Masterton, Tauranga Jazz Festival, or watching the Vintage Racing at Hampton Downs.

Keep smiling and keep left.

Graham Pate.

## Club Captain

By the time you all read this we will have visited the Maungatautiri Bird Sanctuary and no doubt enjoyed the native birdlife, and hopefully, the greened-up forest after the very welcome rain this weekend.

On Easter Sunday, Peter Fulton-Bevers will be leading the group of those who wish to go to Hampton Downs for a vintage car racing event. This is the Roycroft Trophy meeting which has taken off at this venue and has really caught the enthusiast's imagination. It appears to be going from strength to strength. Details are in Bob Hayton's email of 16 March to all members. If you are staying in the Waikato, this is a must to attend!

Our Motorcycle Section's main annual event is the Mooloo Meander taking place 6 April. So start polishing up your bikes and for those members keen to marshal - here's a chance for all the car owners to help out the motorcyclists and enjoy a gander at the bikes - please contact Peter Spiller to register your assistance.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April is the date for the inaugural Twilight Run, a light-hearted run organised by Howard and Dianne Porteous, finishing with a convivial (optional) meal at the Cambridge Raceway.

The Commercial Section is holding their event at the clubrooms on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April. This is being hosted by Lorraine and Bryan Cossey, Terry & Bev Pidduck

So here you have it, a wonderful spread of events that your club provides, so take your pick and we shall see you there. Please encourage new members to join us and why not invite friends to join us too.

Ghost Club Captain

## **Secretary**

Subscriptions for the new club financial year should have been renewed by now. The discount date has now passed, so the full invoice amount must be paid from now on.

The date of our 2013 PV Rally was brought forward by one week at the recent committee meeting, to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, in order to avoid a clash with the 'Brits At The Beach' event to be held at Whangamata in early October.

Beaded Wheels are introducing a new Death Notice column in which members who have passed away can be recorded. Obituaries will only be accepted for deceased members who have or had been nationally known personalities. Both death notice details and obituaries will only be accepted by Beaded Wheels through branch secretaries, so if you know of someone who should be remembered, please let me know the details at the earliest opportunity.

When ordering any engraving, badges, etc from Emblems NZ Ltd. please remember to advise Emblems the event to which they apply, so that it can be recorded on the invoice.

The basic format for the 2014 National Veteran Rally which the Branch is organising has now been approved. The date is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the rally itself, with an optional three day tour to follow. The rally will be based around Te Awamutu and will visit Morrinsville on the Saturday. Rally Director is Reece Burnett, to whom you should direct your offers of assistance, by email to: [reece.sue@orcon.net.nz](mailto:reece.sue@orcon.net.nz) or by phone to: (07) 856 5287.

Due to an overstocked situation, branch number plate surrounds are now on special offer – two for \$5, with a free windscreens transfer thrown in. See Shirley Foot or Graham Pate to take advantage of this great offer.

Committee likes to recognise the completion of all vehicle restoration projects during the previous calendar year at the annual prize-giving evening in May, so if you have something completed but hidden away, please let a committee member know of it.

I have entry forms for the Taranaki Branch Maunga Moana Rally (26/27<sup>th</sup> April). Call me if you would like a copy sent to you.

Bob Hayton

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## Vintage Venture Rally - March 2013

I have found over the years that any run organised by Tony Brierley has a bit of zany fun and quirkiness attached to it and this year's Vintage Venture was no exception. I mean, have you ever been on a rally where the straight-line navigation is in written form rather than a series of lines? I tell you, it took a minute or two to get around the first instruction "leave two on your left" meaning turn right instead of turning left into the second street on the left. Certainly a fair few entrants didn't get the right idea and went astray. Anyway, I am getting ahead of myself.



For the first time ever, Grace and passengers arrived at the start with time to spare (we are always late), thanks to Grace being prepped during the week. Now that I know that the rally starts with a lovely morning tea with home baking, I have resolved to be early for future rallies. However, the excitement must have been too much for Grace, as she "failed to proceed" when it was her turn to head off, but a push from a group of bemused bystanders soon sorted out the lack of zoom from the battery.

Just as I like it, there was no mucking around in town, as we were soon out in the country and heading for Scotsmans Valley. You could be excused for thinking the rally was taking place in Australia; gone was the lush green pasture usually associated with the Waikato, and in its place were parched dusty paddocks.

An abundance of silent checks and questions on both sides of the road kept the driver and navigator busy, but we never did see what was rotating around a pole (a pole dancer?) or who dropped the bomb (USSR!). Silent checks and questions were often together, so while congratulating ourselves on getting the answer to the question we missed the silent check, or vice versa. The answer to one question was up a pole, with the silent check at ground level. Another had an immaculately restored Austin cunningly parked on the left side of the road so that our gaze was averted away from the answer to the question, which was on the right side of the road.

From Scotsmans Valley we skirted around Kiwitahi, then into Morrinsville and Tony's version of straight-line navigation, as previously described. After seemingly



exploring every street in Morrinsville, we were finally freed from the stressful demands of straight-line, and headed east out of Morrinsville and then north onto Horrells Road (how many aircraft are flying?). We eventually emerged on the Tahuna Road at Maungateparu. From there it was onto Quine Road, an old favourite of mine with its twists and turns, all the time climbing until climaxing with a fantastic view over the Hauraki Plains.

Tainui Road then took us back to Whitikahu School, and bacon rolls and home baked goodies provided by the locals for lunch.

While the morning was timed, the afternoon section was a cruise, albeit a fast one, as the day got hotter and hotter making life in an open car increasingly uncomfortable. No silent checks were to be seen as we backtracked to Morrinsville and then to Tahuroa Road over the hills back to Cambridge. But Tony was not finished with us yet. Just as you were lulled into believing there were no silent checks, one lonely all on its own silent check just before the finish escaped the attention of most entrants.

Twenty-four cars were entered and all finished bar one. We will have to get you into a reliable Ford, Howard. The last word was from Tony: "You are welcome to make a complaint but anyone who does so will automatically be declared the winner" (and plot next year's rally).

Tony and Judy and helpers, thanks heaps for an enjoyable rally and a fun-filled day. Thanks also to those who provided and served the lovely morning and afternoon teas.



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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

David Hall - Humber and Darracq

Claire White - a joint member with Gordon

We hope that you will enjoy the club and its many activities

# **Double Fifty Rally 2013**

**Saturday 1 June  
and Sunday 2 June**

**Sunday's Rally starts at Jukebox  
Diner, 11 Railside Place, Hamilton**

**Rally is 100 miles, small section of metal and SH1.  
Greater Waikato roads ideal for good motoring,  
suitable for all makes and models,  
so come along for a good day out.**

**Entry forms have been posted to past entrants and  
away clubs. Entry form is available on the club's  
website [www.wvcc.co.nz](http://www.wvcc.co.nz) or by mail on request to the  
Rally Plotter or Rally Secretary.**

**Joe & Lorraine Bruntlett (Plotter) 07 849 7517  
Shirley Foot (Secretary) 07 823 5641**

## From the Archives

VETERAN & VINTAGE CAR CLUB (WAIKATO) Inc.  
P.O. Box 921, Hamilton.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on April 29th 63.

The President, Mr. R.I.Pesce, welcomed the members and friends present and asked them to stand for a minute in memory of M.W.M. Mr. Gerth Hughes, the Club Captain, who passed away recently. Gerth, a Founder Member of the Club and Club Captain for the last five years, was a tower of strength. His cheery personality and great knowledge of vintage motoring was sadly missed.

The Club now has 122 financial members and this includes 12 new members during the year. Several Rallies have been organised, notably the Te Awamutu Rally in November, the Hamilton to Pukekohe Rally in January and the static show held in Hamilton in connection with the film "The Fast Lady".

Members have attended at several School fêtes with their cars during the year and have been the means of raising funds for these school projects.

The Treasurer presented the Annual Balance Sheet which showed the Club's financial affairs to be in a healthy state.

Mr. Pesce thanked the retiring Secretary, Mrs. J. Roberts for her great services to the Club during the past two years and she was presented with flowers and a gift by Mrs. J. Brown on behalf of the members.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Mr. R.I.Pesce.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L.H.P. Deth.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. T.P.K. Rashleigh.

Asst. Sec.: Mr. M. Quayle.

Club Captain: Mr. E.H.Brown.

### General Committee:

Messrs. J. Berndsen, A. Hampton, W. Jelacs, R. Hicks,  
J.D. McCraw.

P.V.T. Committee: Messrs. T. Beer, J. Bayly, B.B.Catchpole.

Dating Committee: Messrs. T.Rashleigh, L.Roberts, E.H.Brown.

Social Convenor: Mrs. C. Quayle.

## A visit to Wellington

Up on Wednesday morning just before the birds woke up, breakfast, and we are off. At 1.30 pm we meet the Wellington VCC midweek group who do a run of interest once a month. This time it was the Austin museum in Feilding. We had not been there since 1992. While it was a good refresher course, I don't think much had changed. Stu Dyke was our host and he was able to tell us about all the cars. Once out of the museum we had been invited to Stu's house for afternoon tea. A large house that Stu built himself based on a French country home that he had previously seen. Here we were able to see the Veteran Austin truck that he has restored. The truck is peculiar in that it has 2 driveshafts coming out of the gearbox and each one goes to a back wheel. He also had his Austin 20 raceabout in which he and his wife did their world trip, 2 Austin 12s, an Austin A105 and a restored Austin 20 6 cylinder chassis which will eventually meet up with the body that we saw in the museum.



1904 Wolseley in the museum



A Morris 1000 woody nicely restored. The owner said that the trailer was a complete buildup.. not a cut down..

We got underway again and finished up in the Hutt Valley. Thursday was the inevitable shopping day and on Friday we were up early to participate in the House and Garden's house tour. This was a fundraiser for cancer and the format was that there were 10 homes to see plus Government House and The French Embassy. So it was a full-on day. There seemed to be about 40 or so people in our group and we started at house number 3, so there probably was about 400 or so people doing the tour. We got to see 9 which I

understand was good going. This tour gives you really good ideas to gobble up lots of money.

Saturday was a recovery day after the sore feet from the day before, but on Sunday morning we were up and away again to the Southwards Museum public open day. Another fundraiser, this time for the Coastguard. There were about 4000 people and many cars on display. The Wellington VCC were out in force and I saw on one of their tables they had the VCC membership forms.

We were able to go through the workshop and see the cars that they have in the pipeline for restoration. The main car they seem to be restoring is a Cord and it certainly is going to be something when finished. On the Cord, the chassis joins under the driver's seat in about the centre of the front doors, so all you do is undo

the bolts and wheel the front section out complete with motor and box.

They started a Trabant and almost choked us with the 2 stroke smoke. I remember seeing a photo of a mountainous pile of these cars when the Iron Curtain fell and now I know why. It was then the turn of the air cooled, rear mount 3.4 litre Tatra V8, a very smooth sounding motor but such an ugly car, but again from behind the Iron Curtain.

There was just one other car and as it happened the chap starting the cars was standing next to me so I asked if he was going to start the Mercedes German staff car, all of 7.7 litres and supercharged. He said that he was going to try but he thought that it would run out of fuel because he only put in 40 litres in the morning. Of course I could not help pointing out that he had only backed it out of the workshop to which he replied "exactly". It fired up and what a great sound. Although it was late 1930s it had such features as the ability of the driver to operate a pedal on the floor while driving to grease the whole car. Back to the Hutt Valley that evening and off home early on Monday.

The trip to the museum open day is a run that this club could consider doing, say to Bulls on Saturday, to the museum on Sunday and back to Bulls for the evening and off back home on Monday. Just think about it

We had to be at the museum by 9am to display the cars and most were gone by 3.30pm. From what I saw the cafe service was good. Their cooked breakfast looked to be a cracker, but I had already had my toast  
Would we do it again? You bet.

**Graeme Luxford**

#### OUT-OF-TOWN RALLIES

A smaller than usual number of Waikato vehicles entered this year's Taupo Rally (around 6 or 7 cars).

This did not stop Waikato from bringing home some of the prizes with Carol and Paul Fussey taking first PVV and PWV classes (these were put together as there were not sufficient numbers of PVVs). Anne and Gerald Enright took 2nd P60 class.

#### Correction from last month:

**EBOP Rally - 3rd Commercial was Brian and Val Russell**



Austin veteran truck

**Events Ahead****Home**

<b>MAR</b>	Sun	31	Run to Roycroft Trophy - Hampton Downs
<b>APRIL</b>	Sat	6	Mooloo Meander Motorcycle Rally
	Wed	10	Club Night - Nigel Fookes - Forensic Photography
	Sat	13	Annual Night (Twilight) Run & Dinner
	Fri/Sun	19/21	Commercial Weekend
<b>MAY</b>	Wed	8	Club Night - Dean Clark - model engines
	Sat	11	Prizegiving Social Evening
	Sun	19	Club Event - Rally Training Run Organisers - Paul & Carol Fussey
<b>JUNE</b>	Sat/Sun	1/2	Double Fifty Rally
	Wed	12	Branch AGM

**CLUB NIGHT - Wed 10 April**

Nigel Fookes will return and tell us about his work as a Police Forensic Photographer

**CLUB EVENT - SUNDAY 31 March - Roycroft Trophy Run**

Meet up at the Firepot Cafe Carpark in Gordonton at 9.30am for the run up to Hampton Downs. You will need to bring a hat, sunblock and a portable chair. Food is available at the site or BYO. Entry tickets are available at the gate for \$20 for two if you have a Vintage car, \$20pp in a modern or get them online before you go for \$15pp (<http://www.hdticketing.co.nz/index.php/cPath/21>)

For further information contact Peter Fulton-Bevers on 07 827 0823 or Email [peterfb@orcon.net.nz](mailto:peterfb@orcon.net.nz).

## Events Ahead

**Away**

<b>MARCH</b>	Sat/Sun	30/31	BoP Branch Brass, Nickel & Jazz Festival - Tauranga
	Sat/Sun	30/31	Roycroft Trophy - Hampton Downs
	Fri-Mon	29-1 April	North Island 'Easter Rally' - Masterton
<b>APRIL</b>	Sun	7	Classic M/C Swapmeet - Forlongs Carpark, Frankton
	Sun	21	North Shore 'Northern Raid' Rally
	Sat/Sun	27/28	Taranaki 'Maunga Moana' Rally
<b>MAY</b>	Sat/Sun	18/19	Northland Motorcycle Rally - CANCELLED
<b>JUNE</b>	Sun	30	Auckland/North Shore Combined Rally

## Vintage Venture Rally - Prizewinners

1st Slow Vintage - Graham & Marcia Pate

2nd Slow Vintage - Paul & Carol Fussey

3rd Slow Vintage - Bob & Jillian Hayton

1st Fast Vintage - Glenn & Marion Morris (Auckland)

2nd Fast Vintage - Stephen & Tracey Winterbottom (Auckland)

3rd Fast Vintage - Russell & Jocelyn McAlpine (Auckland)

1st Waikato - Graham & Marcia Pate

1st Overall - Glenn & Marion Morris (Auckland)

### Thanks to the following sponsors of the Vintage Venture Rally

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- **Lacy's Hair Design - Grey St, Hamilton**

## National Executive Meeting - 09 March, Wellington

- Previous Minutes Minutes from the meeting in Hamilton were accepted.
- Matters Arising Were limited to Canterbury Branch thanking members from around the country for their generosity, resulting in members from the earthquake affected area enjoying reduced subscription invoices for the year ahead.
- Correspondence A request for clarification of Beaded Wheels' free advertising policy for branch and member advertising brought the explanation that the only free advertisements currently available are for Branch Swapmeets with two adverts of an eighth page, National Events for three issues at a quarter page and members' For Sale advertisements with colour photo if desired. It was agreed that a family non-member could place a free advert in the case of disposing of property belonging to a qualifying deceased family member.
- Secretary-Treasurer At 11 months into the year, finance is running well within budget, with an unexpected \$20,000 received from the Vero profit share scheme and an increase in membership of 200 since the membership report in August.
- 50 Year Badges 14 badges have been presented in the past few months..
- 100 Year Vehicle Badges 59 of these badges have been supplied to date.
- North Island Club Captain The recent National Motorcycle Rally run by Northland Branch had been a very well run event, with a successful 'after rally tour' to Cape Reinga. Auckland's 40<sup>th</sup> Veteran Rally attracted a remarkable 36 entrants after plenty of phone calls - a big increase from just eight entrants the previous year. 116 entries received for the 2013 NI Easter Rally at Masterton were reported and Bob Ballantyne advised that he would not be standing for the NI Club Captain's position at the next AGM.
- South Island Club Captain Indicated that 185 entries have been received for the SI Easter Rally with the outlook for the event looking rosy. The National Veteran Rally had attracted 58 entrants from around the country, with one being driven from Nelson to a successful event in Invercargill, Southland Branch doing the organising. Alon Mayhew, as SI Club Captain, has joined some local runs and also larger events as far north as Christchurch.
- Dunedin Rally in 2016 This is to be officially known as the 'Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring 2016'. Gary Beaumont has been appointed as Management Liaison. Rally Director Nicola Wilkinson reported that it was their intention to keep the rally entry fee to the same level as Wanganui. The venue has been booked and an accommodation package is currently being worked on. They are receiving positive support from local and national government authorities in setting up their organisation.
- Registrar Total number of VIC's issued at 8810 is an increase of 304 in the last six months. The Vehicle Technical Committee has reviewed the VIC application form and suggested some changes which should be introduced shortly. A draft revision to the Code for Period Specials has been prepared, with a new group (Class 3.1 Group I) for newly constructed vehicles to the exact specification of original factory production and complying to the VCC code for Period Specials Group C. These to be known as ARV or Authentic Reproduction Vehicles.

- Speed Steward Tony Haycock reinforced that the existing tyre regulations must be followed up more vigorously in future in order to try and ensure that no accident results from non-compliance with these rules. There is disquiet in the racing movement over the way in which MNZ has been operating and some major changes are possible. In the meantime the status quo remains in the arrangement between VCC and MNZ, with joint events taking place.
- Beaded Wheels Kevin Clarkson advised that there is to be a new death notice column and obituaries policy. Space for obituaries will only be available for deceased members who are particularly well known around the country, whilst notice of any member passing away can be recorded in the death notice column. All such notices and obituaries must be advised by branch secretaries only, including the full name and date of passing. There was discussion on the 'letter to the editor' policy, and a desire for 'balance' was advised. Discussion also took place on the overdue re-development of the national website, with Waikato Branch being asked to forward their ideas and proposals to Kevin for study.
- FOMC Submissions went in on the recent Vehicle Licensing Reform process, but were unsuccessful in gaining recognition for older vehicles in the 12 month WoF review at that stage. However, the door is still ajar on this and further lobbying co-operation between VCC and FOMC may yet see the relaxation applied to our qualifying vehicles. Andrew McClintock is to stand down in May from his role as Submissions Secretary and a sub-committee of three will do this work in the future. FOMC is investigating public liability as well as the impact of health & safety rules on clubs and their responsibilities, so that advice can be offered to offset some current misunderstandings.
- Insurance Our brokers, Marsh Ltd, have a new contact person to replace Jeff McLay; this is Paulette Winter. Branches were advised that there should be no sponsorship or any advertising in branch newsletters for company products which compete with Vero Ltd.
- Archives The Club's Archive Policy is currently under review and contact with Te Papa has provided guidance in helping to formulate a plan for the future of our archives. Some suggestions from members have also helped to pinpoint potential developments.
- Notice of Motion Discussion on anomalies relating to current junior membership and why an additional class is necessary. Junior membership would not be restricted; full participation and voting rights would apply. Branches urged to make submissions.
- General Business Next AGM will be held at the Riccarton Function Centre which is at the Racecourse. Clarification of suitable vehicles for participation in events, as outlined in Section 20 of the Branch Manual. Branches can allow non qualifying vehicles to take part in their local events if they wish. This year, the President's Award was made to Colin Johnson of the Taranaki Branch for his efforts in organising the Mini-Vin Rally for forty continuous years, as well as putting together a Branch '50 Year' booklet for Taranaki.
- Future Directions Workshop Participants split into ten groups to undertake a multi-section questionnaire on various aspects of club operation in order to get a picture of what needs to be done and our future direction. The results will be assessed to help prepare a questionnaire for members to complete.

Bob Hayton - Branch Delegate

# Prize-giving Dinner



**Saturday 11 May  
VCC Clubrooms**



**Come along in your  
favourite feathers, furs and bow ties  
for an evening to celebrate the  
year's winners and to pay tribute to  
our long-serving members.**

**Clubrooms will be open at 6.30pm  
for a subsidised dinner around 7pm. There will be  
a wine-tasting presentation during the evening.**

**Cost \$20 per person - must be pre-booked and  
paid with Jenny Patton by Monday 06 May.  
Ph: 855-6899**



An Aussie company is organising a tour to UK for the Goodwood Revival Meeting on 6-18<sup>th</sup> September this year. If interested in joining them, check out their website at [www.classicdrivingtours.com](http://www.classicdrivingtours.com) or contact by email at [driver@classicdrivingtours.com](mailto:driver@classicdrivingtours.com) for more information.

## Early Benz & a Pommy's perspective of Waikato



*In the February edition of Venture, Barrie Grant made mention of the oldest car in NZ - here it is pictured on the cover of the Veteran and Vintage Magazine from June 1964. Below is a snippet of an article from the same magazine written by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu as he travelled the length of the country.*

One of the worst errors into which the journeying Pommy can fall is that of regarding New Zealand as "just next door to Australia". The distance is more than a thousand miles, and though the Jet Age has brought Auckland

within a few hours' flying time of Sydney, the boats are just as slow, and consequently there is no substantial degree of liaison between Veteran and Vintage Clubs in the Commonwealth and the Dominion. Thus the lively movement in New Zealand tends to be more closely allied to its English counterpart.

**Hamilton** - Hamilton is the centre of the 'deviationist' Waikato Club and we were again royally entertained by Leslie Death, the organisation's energetic Secretary. More interesting cars were seen. Of John McGraw's two "one-lunger" Cadillacs, the 1906 car had been extricated in small pieces from a pond in Otago, while Graeme Nolan showed us a brace of Wolseleys - a beautifully turned-out 10 hp dating from 1903, and a 1913 "16-20" laundaulette which is being restored as and when its owner can spare the time from the family panel-beating business. Ernie Brown, the Club Captain, showed me his 1923 "13-9" Standard (which has featured extensively in recent Caltex-Boron advertisements) and his wife Joan's 1929 Austin Seven, with which she does the local Rural Delivery round (curiously enough, in New Zealand, the home of state control, mail deliveries are farmed out to private individuals).

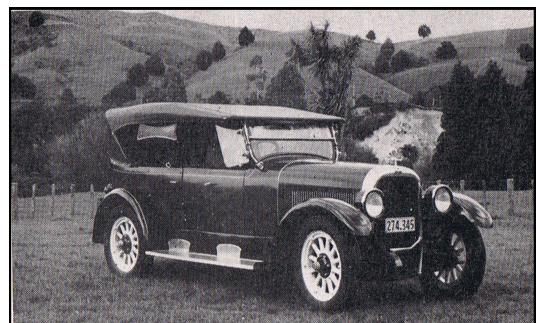
In Huntly, I inspected the ex-Lord Howe \*c-2300 Alfa Romeo (GN6076) of Davy Hall, which is stripped down for a complete rebuild, while at Rangiriri I met Murray Close and his fine 1930 "Phantom II" Rolls-Royce. The body on this came off a 1937 Humber "Pullman", and looks very well. Murray also showed me a 1930 Colonial model Morris "Isis" saloon, the original Sankey wheels sitting ill with a radio obviously salvaged from a Plymouth or similar such machine. This now belongs to a Maori farmer, and will probably be driven, literally, into the ground unless some club member intervenes! Much more encouraging was Bruce Catchpole's immaculate 1928 "BB" Stutz Eight phaeton, the product of thousands of hours of unstinting work. Bruce was busy on a 1930 Packard Eight, and will follow this up with a very rare bird, a twin o.h.c. DV-32 Stutz of 1932. A supercharged Auburn eight convertible spotted outside a garage in Huntly turned out to be a disappointment, for the vandals had been at this one, and the "works" are now Rootes, not Lycoming.

No visit to the Waikato would be complete without a call on Ron Roycroft, retired racing driver, whose exploits with Bugatti, Alfa Romeo and Ferrari are justly renowned. He has amassed a goodly collection of machinery, which he is slowly restoring. This includes three Bugattis - a "Brescia", a rare 2-litre Type 38 touring chassis, and a Type 35. Other cars were to be seen, among them a Humber "8-18", a 1930 Packard roadster, an immense 1929 Cadillac Vee-8 with hearse body, a very early SS.I coupe with cycle-type wings, a 1930 MK II 18-80hp M.G. saloon and a 1916 Buick Six which he subsequently drove in the Taumarunui Rally.

The Editor and Lady Margaret timed their visit to coincide with this event, which was run over a 90-mile road section from Hamilton to Taumarunui. Most of the course was metalled, but competitors had to contend with some stiffish hills (on which the Editorial Austin Seven, kindly loaned by Roy Hicks of Morrinsville, never missed a beat), and also with several miles of monumental road works which have apparently been in process for years, and may live to see quite a few more rallies. Before leaving, the Editor accepted, on behalf of the club, the gift of a 1926 Stewart "Buddy" truck donated as a "club wrecker". This American marque, virtually unknown in England, is quite frequently encountered in New Zealand, and one of Auckland's suburban 'bus lines still operates a handful of heavily modified 1935 models.

Support was good. Gavin Bain, the Veteran and Vintage Magazine's South Island correspondent, came up from Christchurch in his 1924 3-litre Bentley, while Seccombe brought a similar car down from Auckland. Leslie Death sportingly rode his 1925 Douglas motorcycle, entrusting his more comfortable flat-radiator Morris Cowley to his wife and daughter, while three Standards competed, Brown's 1923 two-seater and Miss More's famous 1928 "Nine" being joined by Strickett's 1926 model. Roycroft's Buick, the oldest car taking part, gave no trouble, but an SS II (not in the programme) was making queer noises, while the two Nolan entries (the 1903 Wolseley and a 1909 Model-T Ford, the oldest of its kind in New Zealand) turned up but did not compete.

At the finish, the eighty-odd competitors were the overnight guests of Dick and Phyllis Metcalfe at their property at Taumarunui. Our hosts not only fed us for five meals, but they also put us up - ladies in the house, men in the shearing sheds. The ensuing party, with Maori dancing, went on almost all night, and nobody got much sleep. This notwithstanding, driving tests were held in the morning, in Dick Metcalfe's paddock. Dick, incidentally, has just unearthed two interesting cars - the remains of a Tipo 53 Fiat and a Vintage Bignan-Sport. The Editor's trophy for the best restored car went to A.D. Orr of Taumarunui on a 1925 Chandler Six (pictured here).





**Waikato Commercial Weekend**  
**Fri-Sun 19-21 April 2013**



**Campout - Motelling - Billeting**

Friday 19th	Arrive and Setup for those camping at WVCC Clubrooms in McLean St Cambridge. Modern facilities inc. kitchen, shower & toilets available. Group transport available to Cossie Club for dinner, drinks etc at own cost.
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Numbers needed for dinner by Wednesday 10th April

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## **Motorcycles**

Our run on March the 10<sup>th</sup> was plotted by Steve and Cazna and what a great run it was. It never ceases to amaze me concerning the many different ways that people have of getting to Te Awamutu, but they have just added another one to the list . What a great sight it was for some of us when going along Lake Road to see the yachts racing on Lake Ngaroto.



One of our aims of going to their place was to see the Philips Gadabout that was purchased at the Blue Smoke and Pedals and is one of only a few in NZ that the Factory say was never made with rear suspension. So after much checking by all to see if it was a Kiwi mod no one could say for sure, so the mystery still remains, as to who did the mods?

Thanks Steve and Caza for a great afternoon and Bob for supplying the back up vehicle and ably driven by Barrie.

Next up is the Mooloo on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April and the entries are coming in at a steady pace, but please do not leave sending in yours until the last minute. Thanks to all those people who have offered to help, as many hands make light work. I will be in touch a few days before the 6th to let you know what I would like you to do.

Safe Riding and see you all at the Mooloo

Peter Spiller

## **Mooloo Meander 2013**

**Saturday 06 April**  
**Clubrooms, MacLean St, Cambridge**  
**First Bike away - 10am**

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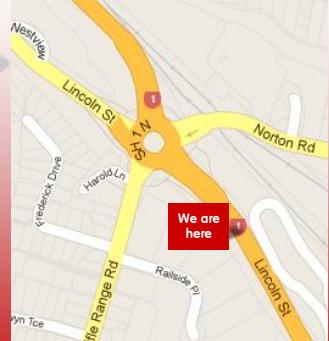
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