

Monthly Newsletter of the Wairarapa Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand
April 2022



Greetings from the Chair

Well, at last we are in Covid19 Orange level and long may it last! My sympathies go to all who have suffered covid or who may in the future – we have been fortunate so far in our house – as I know what a miserable, disrupting time it causes. At least now we can return to some semblance of normality in our daily lives and enjoy gathering and doing things together as we used to do.

At our last committee meeting, several of our furthest-distanced members requested that we start our club nights earlier in the winter time. When you have to drive over half an hour to get home after a meeting, it makes for a very long evening in the dark and cold of winter. So we have decided to trial a move to the earlier start time of 7pm for the winter months. This will be from the June meeting, but do let us know if that is not going to work for you.

We are also planning our Long Service award presentations and this year we have two special ones that Dianne Quarrie (our National President) is coming to present. They (National Office) have also refined the process of applying for awards as the numbers of

recipients increase each year. Now, if you think you are eligible for a 25 year long-service award, you are asked to fill in a form which includes a declaration regarding your membership. This is to streamline the process and saves a lot of somebody's time in digging out the records. Just ask our Branch Secretary, Mike D'Alton for help.

We are looking forward to a lovely week-end, so I will wish you all a Happy Easter, however you celebrate it.

Happy motoring,

Tina

RECENT EVENTS

March Midweek Social Run

There were two surprises at the end of Val Ball's March midweek run.

One was the venue itself, SUP Brewery, a small boutique operation at the northern end of the Masterton railway station. Twenty-three branch members (a full house) turned out for a shared lunch and a taste of the local brews. For the record, Val really appreciated a glass of McVal, a beer with a touch of whisky aboard, Kevin got his tastebuds around a blonde Belgian, very drinkable. The beers are brewed onsite, using locally-grown hops.

The other surprise was the quality and variety of food we got for our \$15 a head (a special price Val negotiated for the VCC). Platters of sticky ribs were followed by trays of chicken wings, a pasta and veg dish, onion rings, battered and stuffed with cream cheese and spices, curly chips and cheese and garlic bread.

The run itself was pretty basic, starting from the clubrooms and wandering around local roads before ending at the restaurant. Despite a scary weather forecast conditions remained dry.

- Kevin Ball



Through the years – a trio of English classic Daimlers about to set off on the midweek run



Diners at the SUP Brewery



Captain's Run

Hugh Hunter came up with an interesting route for the Club Captain's Run. In addition to the running instructions, entrants were asked what was significant about the date. The answer, of course, was that it was the anniversary of the sinking of the ferry Wahine in Wellington Harbour.

A visit to one of Wahine's lifeboats, now a wreck after being crushed by a falling tree, was part of the run. The route took cars on a big loop around south Wairarapa and back to the clubrooms.

Top honours were shared three ways, The Goodins in their Mitsubishi Pajero, the Kennedys in their Rolls and Les Cockeram in his Triumph Spitfire

- Kevin Ball

Crews check out a wrecked Wahine lifeboat. It survived a shipwreck, being swept out of Wellington Harbour and up the coast to Ocean Beach where it washed ashore. It was recovered and brought safely to Tauherenikau, where it was crushed by a falling tree.



Fun in the sun in a pair of British sports cars.

John and Rae Kennedy, wind in the hair, in the Rolls.



Upcoming Club Rallies and Events

Club Outings & Rallies.

Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th May

Motorcycle Reliability Trial

It will be based at the Wairarapa VCC clubrooms at the Clareville Showgrounds, Chester Road, Carterton.

The Trial will include an overnight stop. Some accommodation is available at a country hotel at \$30 per person. Additional accommodation is available in cabins at an adjacent camp ground at \$20 per night.

Full details and online entry form on our website [HERE](#)

Sunday 12th June

Winter Wander

Details to come

Sunday 26th June

Midwinter Lunch

Details to come

Sunday 10th July

Gravel Challenge

Organised by Willie James

Details to come

Sunday 21st August

Daffodil Rally for Cancer

Details to come

Club Nights

Monday 2nd May

7.30pm at the Clubrooms

The speaker will be Kevin Clark.

In 1964 Kevin and a companion rode a 1958 Matchless G80 500cc motorcycle with a cargo sidecar attached to it from London to Baghdad and back. He will speak about the trials and tribulations they experienced on this journey. He has written a book called Baghdad or Bust and will no doubt have copies available for purchase on the night.

Monday 13th June

Club AGM

Details to come

Monday 4th July

7pm at the Clubrooms

Events Calendar for 2022

Your committee has prepared a calendar of all club events planned for the coming year. As things sometimes change, the most up to date version can be downloaded from the club website [here](#)

Printed copies will be available at Club nights

Welcome to New Members

Recent new members:

Lindsay Durrant.

Lindsay has recently purchased a 1964 Morris Oxford

A big welcome to you, we look forward to you joining us in the various activities of the club. If you have not received a name badge please contact Mike D'Alton (mickyjdalton@yahoo.co.uk) to arrange this. The cost of the badge is \$20 each.

Other Events

 INVITES YOU TO

'The Ultimate Road Race'
Targa
NEW ZEALAND

"TOP OF THE SOUTH 2022"



PHOTO: PROSHOTZ PHOTOGRAPHY

JOIN US FOR THE DRIVE OF A LIFETIME!

Not a race, but a test of precise driving and time keeping. No special car mods (roll cage etc), required.

Inaugural event - Nelson and Tasman Districts
First time ever to the Upper South Island
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October, 2022
(Scrutineering, Documentation and Briefing Friday 28th October)

Refer: www.targa.nz for details Contact: Rod Corbett rod.corbett88@gmail.com 027 433 8772

DESIGN: NZ CLASSIC DRIVER

National Motorcycle Rally

3 February - 6 February 2023

Hosted by the Southland Branch

Details: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/nationalmotorcyclerrally>

Other Notices and Information

From National Office

Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association Press Release - Clean Car Standard

Please find attached a further press release from the LVVTA with further clarification of what the 'excluded vehicle groups' are within the context of the new 'Clean Car Standard' and what impact the new legislation may have on importing a vehicle or a new registration of a vehicle.

The 'excluded vehicle' groups (will be exempt from paying any charge).

While we would rather have seen a 30-year timeframe adopted rather than the 40-year timeframe that's been settled on, it's a good outcome for most of our members, and there is always the possibility of shifting it at a later date.

Kind regards

*Diane Quarrie
National President*

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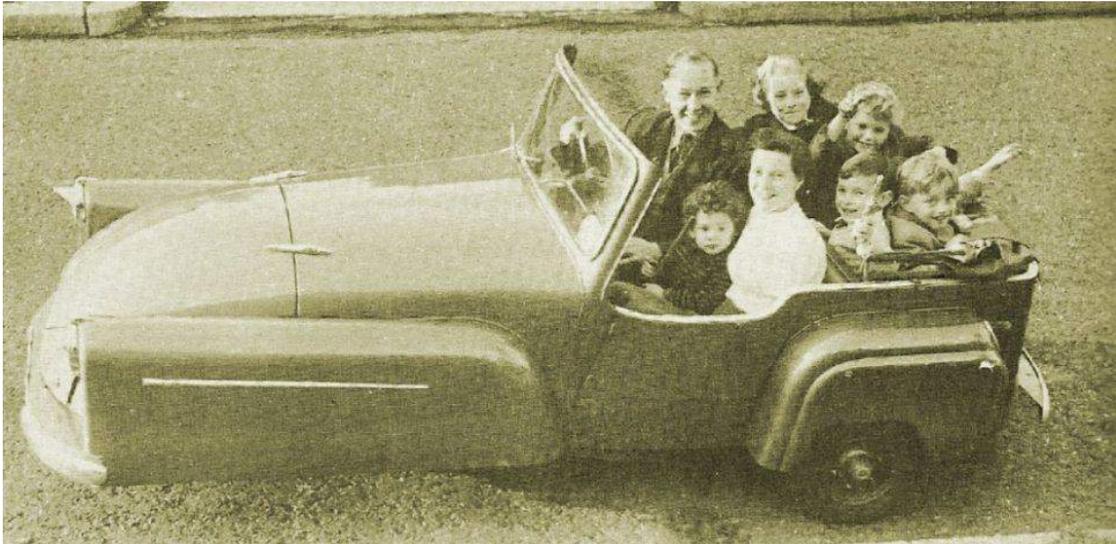
Microcars of the 50's - motoring on the edge!

Why were the 1950s the golden age of the micro car in Europe? The price of petrol was probably a key factor: in France in 1957, a gallon of fuel cost more than a skilled mechanic earned in an hour. Yet that same mechanic aspired to be a car owner, and so there was a market for cheap to buy, cheap to run vehicles. From the end of WW2 to the early 60s, dozens of manufacturers attempted to meet this market – some were marvellous and clever, others were plain awful. In 1959 with the appearance of the original Mini, the days of the micro car were numbered. A few survived into the 70's but by the mid 60s most had gone

One of the more successful was the Vespa 400. It was made in France, powered by a 400cc two stroke motor from Piaggio, makers of the Vespa scooter.

Weighing 375 kg, it had a top speed of about 80 km/hr, and accelerated to 60km/hr in a rather leisurely 23 seconds. The publicity of the time promoted the fact it had space for two adults plus their luggage, or two small children – but not both at the same time it would seem. 28,000 were made between 1957 and 1961, selling at about \$14,000 in today's money.





This cheerful group seem particularly pleased to be heading off for an outing in their Bond Minicar.

The Bond Minicar was a three wheeled micro car made by Sharps Commercials Ltd in Preston, Lancashire, UK, between 1949 and 1966. This appears to be the Mark D, Deluxe Family Safety (!) model made between 1956 – 1958.

By 1956, all Bond Minicars were powered by a single cylinder Villiers two stroke engine of 197cc, producing around 8.5 bhp. This gave a cruising speed of about 45mph (72 k/hr) and top speed of 51 mph (81 k/hr) – which sounds rather modest, but probably felt quite terrifying to the occupants. Even so, they proved popular, with nearly 25,000 units sold.

- **Chris Giles**

Offers to Members

Bluebridge and Interislander Specials

Both Bluebridge and Interislander are offering special prices for VCC members. Details can be found on our website: [Click Here](#)

Classic Tyres

Hamilton based Tyreline can provide access to a full range of Michelin tyres
More information and catalogue on our website [Click Here](#)



Market Place - Buy, Sell or Swap

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FOR SALE

A rare Austin 7 Special, built in the style of an early Bruce McLaren car, is offered for sale.

It began life as a 1937 Austin Ruby but has been given an aluminium two-seater body. The car was built by noted local rally driver Kevin George, who has assembled a "100% reliable" motor. The car has a competition logbook, having competed at the Admiral Road hillclimb. That motor "makes it fly" says George. The car comes with two racks of spare parts, including enough parts to build another motor. An A-frame is included for ease of transport. The car can be seen at 115 Ngamutawa Road, Masterton.

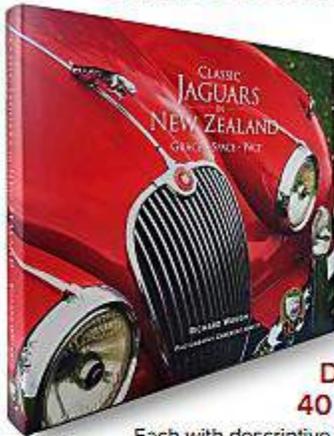
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From the Jaguar Drivers Club, a new book "*Classic Jaguars in New Zealand*"

The book is a not-for-profit project and is published by a charitable trust. All involved are volunteers.

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Foreword by Ian Callum CBE
Design Director for Jaguar
Cars 1999-2019

CLASSIC JAGUARS IN NEW ZEALAND

By Richard Waugh

Photography Cameron Leggett

ISBN: 978-0-473-58250-0 Publishing date: late November 2021

Format: 245 x 290mm, 316 pages, 485 photographs,

64,000-word text, casebound with dust jacket.

Special features include extensive Jaguar history, racing Jaguars in New Zealand, directory of Jaguar car clubs, toy/model Jaguars, Jaguar bibliography, and the fine work of many NZ classic Jaguar specialists.



Jaguar cars are iconic – renowned for their style, performance, excellent value and sporting reputation. Global impact came after World War II with the XK120 & Mark VII and the famed Le Mans wins. From Jaguar's factory in Coventry, England, the farthest export market was New Zealand.

Published for the 100th anniversary of Jaguar's origins in 2022, this new book tells the marque's fascinating story with many informative New Zealand features.

A wide range of classic saloons and sports cars are profiled from the early 1930s to the late 1990s, many of which became household names such as the Mark 2, E-Type and XJ6. The owners share experiences of their cherished Jaguars. Each car is superbly photographed to show their elegance in appealing detail and clearly demonstrate why classic Jaguars are acclaimed in New Zealand and around the world.



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Recent Arrivals at the Parts Shed

Full running gear for Morris 1000 and most body panels, (we already have a wide range of Morrie parts). Check out our stock of sealed beam headlights.

Please contact Frank, Jeff or Barry for any parts enquiries (contacts details below)

The Spare Parts Shed is open on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9.30am to 12 noon, and the first Tuesday in the month from 9am to 12 noon, You can also contact Frank for a private appointment.

PLEASE NOTE To access other club newsletters go to www.vcc.org.nz. Scroll to 'news from our branches'. Hard copies of newsletters are no longer mailed out.

Wairarapa Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand

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Website: www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc

Club Night: First Monday of the month (except January) and June (second Monday) at 7.30pm.

Spare Parts: Open each Tuesday morning following club night and the 3rd Sunday in the month 9.30am -12 noon. Committee meet: Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

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