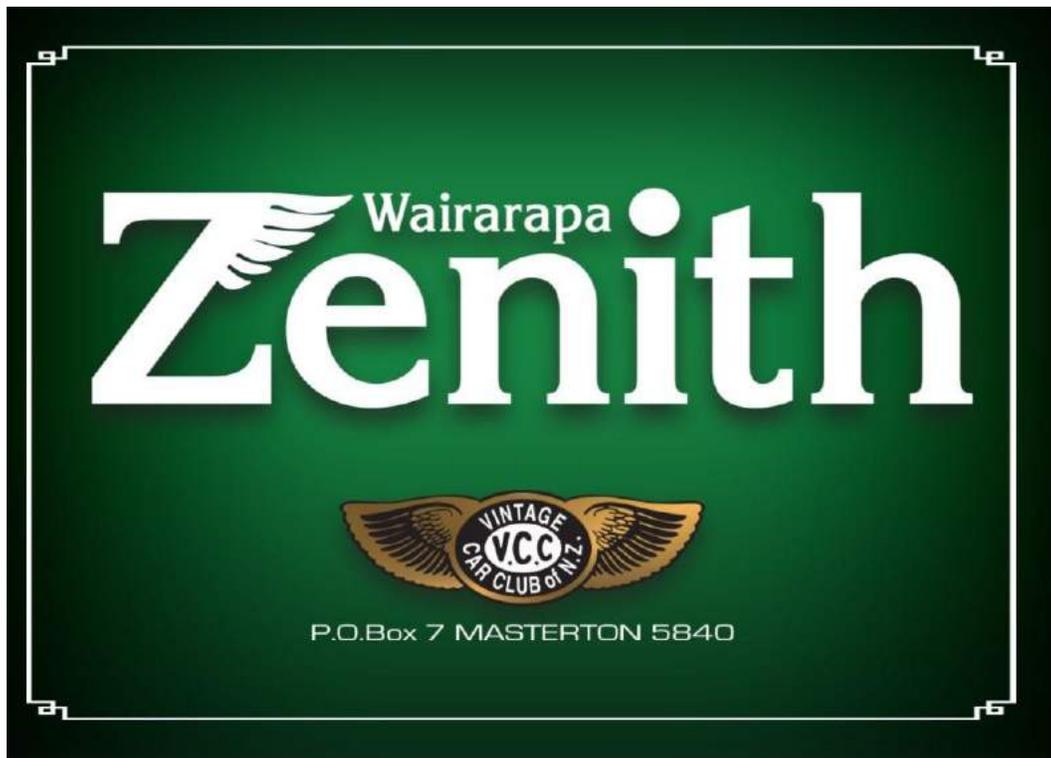


Monthly Newsletter of the Wairarapa Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand
August 2022



From the Branch Chairman

It is sadness I have to again advise the passing of another of our members, Ray Lester. The passing of a loved one is always difficult, and our thoughts and love are with you all. Ray's friendship and memories will forever be in our hearts.

Events coming up that I am sure you are aware of:

- Next weekend's Daffodil Rally for Cancer, please make sure you have told as many people about as possible.
- We will be hosting our annual visit by the Wairarapa Machinery Club on Club night the 5th of September. This is a quiz night to determine who will hold the Thornycroft trophy for the next twelve months. This year the Machinery Club is providing the questions. Come along and have an enjoyable evening that will challenge your general knowledge and you may even learn a little about tractors.
- In October we have a new club night initiative with the presentation of a "celebrity" car in the downstairs workshop. *More on this from Mike D'Alton below, "The Car's The Star"*

As Mike explains, we will start with Malcolm and Gina and their MG Midget, If you have read your Beaded Wheels you will be aware of their success in this year's Targa Rally. These are a dynamic and energetic couple, and I am sure you will all have some questions for them. There is one small problem, they cannot make the Monday night so we

have decided to move the club night to **Thursday the 6th of October** for this one occasion.

I attended the National Executive Meeting and the Annual General Meeting in Auckland on your behalf over the past weekend. Some key points from the meetings:

- There have been 166 new member applications received through the new online application form. A real positive outcome for the club, the challenge is now with us as at branch level is to make sure we welcome them and retain them long term
- A discussion paper on the Long Service Awards the Club presents was circulated to branches shortly before the meeting. Several branches were not able to comment on the information it contained due to not having time to consult with their membership. This paper has now been held over for discussion at the next executive meeting in March. Your committee will discuss the best option to allow you to engage in discussion and give me a clear mandate to take to the March meeting.
- As you are aware the Club has been working very hard with various authorities to get us twelve months warrant of fitness for our vehicles (thirty years and older) This needs to be worked through and achieved without any legislative changes or it will take a lifetime to achieve. Work is in progress, but it will take time so we will all need to be patient
- The Club's Strategic Plan was discussed and will be updated. The key initiative again is how to gain and keep new membership. I am sure we are ahead of the game with our Membership Liaison Officer position. I am keen to hear from anyone who feels they could take on this role and make it their own.

Cheers for now

Graham Hodder

From the Club Captain

I hope you all are surviving the wet weather.

This month the club has been active, there was an interesting presentation from Willie James although I feel he has a lot more to tell us, thanks Willie for an interesting evening. We had another successful outing for our garage raid, a visit to Dudsons in Carterton - a very interesting collection. Going back to the club rooms for a cuppa and a yarn, with the parts area open worked very well and I would like to see more of this.

It is good to see the flow of new members. I think they need to come to club nights for other members to get to know them, and I would like to see the club have an open day where as many that can bring their cars to show off to other members.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you that can make the Daffodil run next Sunday.

- Hugh Hunter

The Car's The Star

The days are lengthening, and pretty soon the clocks will spring forward and this wet, chilly spell will be forgotten.

What has the branch committee up their sleeves for this coming summer? Well, plenty of you members out there have some pretty interesting cars with pretty interesting stories attached to them.

What we would like is for you to bring the cars along on club night and tell us about them. Be it a vintage Cadillac or a Mighty More Modern Midget,

There will be time to admire the car in the club garage, and the owners will be on hand to answer questions. This will be followed by refreshments and a question and answer session.

Our first vehicle will be Malcolm Fleming and Gina Jones' MG Midget, rego MGFOX. You may well have seen it around on branch events.

There will be more info in September's Zenith, but please note that in October, for this month only, **club night will be on Thursday 6th** .

Have a vehicle that may be of interest? Please get in touch with one of the committee. We need more cars to make this idea a success.

- Mike D'Alton

RECENT EVENTS

July Garage Raid

There was a good turnout of members for the Dudson Collection garage raid, and the development of the collection drew a lot of admiration.

The original collection of mostly Hudsons and Terraplanes has grown to include Morris Minor commercials to an Aston Martin and others in between. Remarkably all engineering, panelbeating and paint work is done in-house and the result is magnificent and thoroughly professional.

There is also a series of wall displays, including article written by Kevin Ball and dating back to the late Kerry Dudson's dream. Kerry would be a proud man to see what his son and daughter have achieved

- Kevin Ball



How to fit modern running gear into a 1930s coupe



1925 Chrysler boat tail roadster



August Club Nigh

More than 30 members came out on a cold night to hear Willie James's informative and humorous talk about his motorcycle trek through the Himalayas. Willie's presentation was lavishly illustrated with slides and video recorded from his Go Pro helmet camera. The 12 day guided trek on Indian made Royal Enfield bikes, traversed some of the highest

passes in the world at about 18,000 feet, and followed part of the ancient Silk Route.



Hazards of Indian roads - bikes give way to trucks - always - and overtaking on the inside.

Upcoming Club Rallies and Events

Club Outings & Rallies.

Sunday 21st August

Daffodil Day Run

Time to get busy and plan to attend the Run for Cancer on the 21st. Leaving from Martinbough at around 9.30ish.

Registration necessary Cost is \$10.00 per Car.

Travel to Featherston, stay parked for about 20 minutes and then onto Greytown. Park up for about 30 minutes in the South Wairarapa Club park.

Onto Carterton and turn down Pembroke Street and travel down to CarterCourt. Drive into the village . There we will meet up with the Cancer Car and travel around the village. The residents that can, will most likely to come out to see the cars.

Travel the back roads to come out from Kent street and travel to Masterton.

Left turn into Ngaumutawa road and then left into West Bush Road, right turn into Chamberlain Road, through to Edith Street and left into the gate to Masonic Village.

Travel slowly around the village as directed by the marshals. We will have some people with buckets here.

Both these visits are by choice.

Leave the village through the Massey Place gate and return to Ngaumutawa Road, right on to Akura road, along Lincoln Road, left turn at Mac Donald's, up to Chapel Street and through to park at Farriers Car Park.

All money raised will be for the Cancer Society .

Sunday 18th September

Spring Rally

Details to come

Thursday 22nd September

Midweek Run

Meet at the club rooms at 10.30. Bring lunch and own chairs.

More about this run next month.

A call for more of our ladies to come to CLUB NIGHT IN September.

Val Ball Social Convenor. phone 0279577426 or 37712356.

Sunday 9th October

New Members Rally

Details to come

Recent new members who would like to learn about planning and running a rally, contact

Mike D'Alton

Saturday 26th November

Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial

Details to come

Sunday 27th November

Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day

Details to come

Sunday 4th December

Janice Groves Rally

Details to come

Club Nights

Monday 5th September

Quiz Challenge

With the Wairarapa Vintage Machinery Club
7pm at the Clareville Clubrooms

Thursday 6th October *(note date change)*

7.30pm at the Clareville Clubrooms

"The Car's the Star"

The first of our clubnights featuring an interesting vehicle owned by a club member. Malcolm Fleming and Gina Jones' MG Midget, rego MGFOX. You may well have seen it around on branch events, and was recent winner of the Targa VCC time trial

Monday 7th November

Details to come

Cars Required for Gangster Movie

A movie producer is looking for cars for a scene set in 1933 gangster-era New York. Specifically, as the movie is set in 1933, anything American from the 20s to the early 30s is suitable. These could be cars plus a truck or van or two that you would see at that time on New York City streets.

These vehicles do not have to be left-hand drive, although that would be a bonus. The producers have already acquired two lead vehicles that are being converted to LHD for the movie. Additional vehicles will be mostly parked up as street dressing with some potentially being driven through the back of scenes.

The producers will be paying for rental of the vehicles and, if the owners look suitable, they may be invited to be a background extra in the show.

Shooting (with cameras, NOT machine guns) is scheduled for early October in central Wellington. The producers hope owners will bring their cars to the location and hang around out while we shoot them (the scenes, NOT the cars!).

Please contact either myself via email tourist.times@xtra.co.nz and include a photo or two of the vehicle. Or, email the car wrangler for the movie, Jimi Smith, at jimithesmith@gmail.com or call him on (021) 1212246.

We look forward to hearing from you.

- **John, VCC Wellington**

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 member.

Colin and Joanne Shore, they have a 1957 Series 1 Land Rover

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

Manawatu Branch - Vintage Rally

Sunday 11th September 2022

Leaves from Kelvin Grove Rd Clubrooms

Lunch stop: bring a picnic lunch, folding chair and \$7.00 per person entry fee to a country garden Afternoon run will conclude at the Clubrooms for Afternoon Tea and Prize Giving.

Details and Entry Form on our website

Manawatu Branch Diamond Jubilee;

60th Anniversary celebrations

22nd to 24th October 2022

Details and Entry Form on our website

Manawatu Branch Motorcycle Rally

Saturday 18th October

The day's run will cover approx 130 miles (less mileage optional for veteran/vintage machines

There will also be an optional Sunday run.

Entry form and details on our website



NORTH ISLAND CLUB CAPTAIN'S TOUR

CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND COUNTRY

Style

19 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

DAY 1	TAURANGA
DAY 2	CAMBRIDGE
DAY 3	RAGLAN
DAY 4	TAUMARUNUI
DAY 5	NEW PLYMOUTH
DAY 6	HOME



FOR ENTRY FORMS CONTACT

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INVITES YOU TO

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Targa

NEW ZEALAND

"TOP OF THE SOUTH 2022"



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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



Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club



proudly present the

10th Anniversary Annual Rotorua Lakefront Car Show

10am - 2pm, Sunday, 30th October 2022



ALL CARS, BIKES & COMMERCIALS WELCOME!

Join us for the 10th Anniversary of this fabulous event. Numbers have increased every year with almost 500 vehicles on display in 2020 and again in 2021.

The venue is the Rotorua Village Green at the lake front, off Whakaeue Street. This is an informal car show open to any individuals or clubs to display their vehicles. Drivers and visitors will be encouraged to make a gold coin donation during the event for St Johns Ambulance.

Car clubs are welcome to display their vehicles in a group. During the day drivers and their companions can enjoy their own picnic lunch under the trees, or take advantage of local eateries, including Rotorua's "Eat Street" which is at the southern end of the show area.

Come and see Rotorua's newly developed waterfront boardwalk, as well as many other attractions. This event has been very popular with locals and holiday makers alike. Vehicles range from early vintage to almost new.

For more information email info@rvcc.org.nz or check our Facebook page for updates. See you there!



ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO ST JOHNS AMBULANCE ROTORUA www.rvcc.org.nz

November 11th - 13th

Far North Tour

This year's annual Far North Tour is a special one as it is the 50th anniversary of the branch with an extra day allowing us to go to Cape Reinga .There will be a special 50 Year celebratory dinner on the Saturday evening.

Entry form and details on our website

19th November 2022

CHB VCC Annual Veteran Rally

The Central Hawke's Bay Branch of the Vintage Car Club Annual Veteran Rally this year will be based in Dannevirke which is about 70 km south of Waipukurau and about 50 km from Palmerston North.

Entrants will gather for a BBQ at 117b Miller St from about 5:30pm on the Friday evening which is where trailers may be left.

Entry Form and details on our website

National Motorcycle Rally

3 February - 6 February 2023

Hosted by the Southland Branch

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



National Veteran Rally 2023

WHEN? 23 - 25 February

WHERE? Rural Tuakau, Franklin

bordering north Waikato, 56 km south of Auckland

ENQUIRIES: Barry Birchall barrybirchall@xtra.co.nz

Nicola North (Rally Sec.) nicolahnorth@gmail.com

Tel. (09) 8188755; 0277225225 (Nicola's mobile)

Open to all veteran vehicles manufactured before 31 Dec.1918

VIC required.

Hosted by Auckland Branch



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The Wairarapa Branch 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,
Come down to the clubrooms, join Frank, Barry and Jeff for yarn and a cuppa. You might

also find the bit you have been looking for.

You can also contact Frank for an appointment outside these hours: 06 379 7167

Wairarapa Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand

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Postal Address: PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

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 Saturday in the month 9.30am -12 noon. Committee meet: Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

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