

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



Greetings from the Chair

What extraordinary weather we have been having – particularly now that we are in for a few days of atrocious rain. One day it's unbearably hot and sunny and the next it's unbearably hot and muggy! Let's hope that by the time we want to take the cars out, it will have settled down to just warm and dry.

We have had a good start to the year with the Coastal Run and the Club run and meal on last Monday. I understand that a good time was had by all. Of course, Covid has reared its ugly head again and while we can do the ordinary things of life, large gatherings are still difficult to organise. This means that the Wheels on Wairarapa has been postponed, an event at which we were to have a presence. The committee are working hard to comply with the restrictions and at the same time deliver an interesting programme of activities for the club.

Chris, our Zenith Editor, is running a survey about the logo change (see below) to be decided at the March Executive meeting. Please give it your consideration and reply so that I can give a vote that truly reflects the wishes of the membership. Please note that Dianne Quarrie has repeatedly referred to the 're-branding' of the VCC, but has so far only presented the logo change for discussion.

So we are looking forward to the Stretched Gymkhana, the Rex Porter Rally, a Twilight Fun Run and a Midweek meander all in the next month. Phew! Pray for good weather.

See you there,
- Tina Goodin

Club Captain's Comments

Here we are, the first Zenith for 2022. The year has started with a rush, already two runs completed and five more events to come in the next few weeks. There should be something for everyone, from the Rex Porter and Simon O'Hara's popular stretched gymkhana for those with a more competitive spirit, to the more relaxed midweek social run being put together by Val Ball.

In a club with more than 140 members there are many things people want to do. Your committee is aware of this and we want to provide a good range of events on the club calendar. The measure of success will be an increase in the number of members participating. And we are still open for ideas, so if you have a great idea for a club event, talk to one of the committee members about it. The events calendar is not set in concrete.

From the Club Secretary

Your secretary here with an admin request. The VCC doesn't seem to have a system in place either at HQ or Branch level to update members' address and phone details. If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please send the revised details to secretarywvcc@yahoo.com. This applies also if you have terminated your land line, or added a mobile number. Please update me in future when these details change
This would make my job a lot easier!

- Mike D'Alton

Logo Change Survey

The VCC Executive Committee will meet on March 12th to decide if the Club will adopt the new logo, as shown below.

The Executive Committee is comprised of delegates from each VCC branch who will vote on the proposal. Our Chair, Tina Goodin is the Wairarapa Branch delegate and she will vote according to the wishes of branch members. To achieve this, the committee has decided to hold an email survey of branch members via this months Zenith newsletter.

Please send an email to editorwaivcc@gmail.com with "Logo" in the subject line and state if you are for or against the logo change. Votes will be counted and will determine how Tina will vote. No response will be recorded as an abstention. If you intend to vote please do so before the next Branch committee meeting on March 8th.

Current Logo



Proposed Logo



RECENT EVENTS

Coastal Run

Around 20 cars, including four from Nelson, turned out for the annual Coastal Run, organised by Chris Giles.

Unfortunately, the weather gods wore a frown that day, with a good sandblasting from gale-force winds battering the cars at the destination, Ocean Beach, in South Wairarapa. The brave souls who picnicked beside their cars got sand in their sammies.

All in all though, the run was well run and enjoyed by the participants.

- Kevin Ball



Coastal Run entrants gather at the clubrooms on a glorious summer morning - little did they know what awaited on the wild south coast



This group of Nelson vintage car enthusiasts called in to Masterton to take part in the Coastal Run on their way to New Plymouth



Barry and Linda Wells' lovely 1938 Chev Sport Coupe caught the eye on the Coastal Run. The fact that it is right-hand drive and has a rumble seat makes it a very rare beast. The car was imported from South Africa, where it had been owned by a Port Elizabeth doctor, in 2007. It was restored 20 years ago. The company built just 16 RHD models in 1938. 12 of these went to the UK and 4 to South Africa.

Other toys in the Wells shed include their '38 Chev saloon, which will be passed on to their son, keeping it in the branch, a Ferguson tractor, Bedford camper, a '73 Triumph Stag and a collection of motorcycles including their BSA sidecar rig.

Waitangi Day Club Run

After a quiet morning reading the paper over a cup of tea, Joy and I motored to Masterton to join in the afternoon's light-hearted around town trail. After two days of rain, it was very pleasing to find fine weather in Masterton. We gathered at the Perry Street carpark and after some banter we were given our instructions. These were tulip diagrams which also contained questions. Jane had done a superb job of the diagram's or was it Mike from attending art classes. All the same a magic effort from DALton household.

We didn't realise as we were perusing diagrams and questions that they would contain wit and test our Kiwi way of interpreting what you were being asked. The first tulip diagram talked of a Tin Hut, and one assumed it was the old pub at Tauherenikau, a silly mistake. We set off passing the "tin hut " and having completed the first two questions, missed the third and sorted the fourth. Noted where the toy's live and were all giggles and smiles.

Observation skills were critical when looking for clues, which at times did let us down, hence we added some of our own sites to see into the afternoon. Peter Jackson's fence could do with a clean and paint we decided. Back on track after a little back tracking and we were generally heading in the right direction, not doing to well with the questions.

Fortunately, Mike had foreseen that some of us would need a little help with our compass and had sent a brief summary the day before which enabled us to regain our composure, find the Garden Barn, get us back into a positive state which then took us past the Airfield and onto Wainuioru School, completing the run at the Pioneer Museum at Mt Bruce.

With hindsight we may have done a little better swapping roles!

The museum is very impressive, and I would recommend a visit to any of the club members who have not been there yet. The memories that were brought back from seeing household and workplace items that were common to us as kids and our parents was heart-warming.

To complete the days outing Mike had arranged a meal and a short quiz at the Dish Café in Lansdowne. We did not stay on for this but from what I have heard we missed a very enjoyable meal and lots of fun and laughter.

A big thank you to Mike and Jane for the effort of putting together the afternoon and for particularly taking us all out of our sometimes quite Kiwi comfort zone and challenging us to think outside the square.

- Graham and Joy Hodder

Congratulations Kevin

Congratulations to our own club photographer and scribe, Kevin Ball for winning first prize in the 2022 Times Age photography competition. His winning picture, below, was taken during a Club coastal run a couple of years ago. Kevin says this is only the second photography competition he has entered, the last was 50 years ago!



Upcoming Club Rallies and Events

Sunday 20th February

Remembrance Run

Meet at the Clareville Clubrooms at 10am for a 10.30 departure

Bring your picnic lunch, folding chairs etc.

Vaccine passes will be required

Wednesday 23rd February

A short run from the Club car park to the Gladstone pub

Leave club rooms at eleven o'clock.

The route will be given on the day.

There will be a short quiz when we get to lunch and there will be a prize for the winners.

Gold Card discounts, \$15.00 for lunch with a good choice of menus.

Those in the south could just meet us at the Gladdy for a 12 o'clock lunch.

If there are people who would like to come but need transport this can be arranged.

Numbers would help but not essential

Contact Val Ball

027 957 7426.

SAVE THE DAY

Saturday 5th March 2022

Wairarapa Vintage Car Club Stretched Gymkhana

Masterton A&P Grounds, Solway.

Driver Briefing: 8:45 am

First timed lap: 9:00am

Limited to 32 entries

Full details and entry form on our website and attached to this newsletter

Saturday 12th March

Rex Porter Rally

The return of our premier event

This will be a full day's competitive running for cars and bikes in North Wairarapa's picturesque countryside.

The competitive route will be about 140 miles (225 km) in two stages. About 20 miles (32 km) will be on gravel roads.

The non competitive touring route will be all sealed roads, again two stages of a similar distance

The break between stages will be the lunch stop – BYO picnic or purchase refreshments from the nearby cafe/pub

Competition and prizes in all classes, starting at the Clareville Clubrooms and finishing in the Masterton area.

There will be dinner afterwards at the Carterton Golf Club, and a car meet and brunch will be available on the Sunday morning.

Note that covid restrictions will limit numbers to 100 people, which may mean closing off entries if that number is approached

More details and entry form on our website or contact rally organiser
chris.giles64@gmail.com

Club Nights

Monday March 7th

Twilight Run

Starting from the Clubrooms

Be there at 7pm for a 7.15 departure

A run of about 1 hour will return to the clubrooms for tea/coffee.

As usual please bring something to contribute to the refreshments.

Monday April 4th

Details to come

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

Printed copies will be available at Club nights

Other Notices and Events

16th - 20th February

Hawkes Bay VCC Art Deco Rally

Featured marque will be early Ford V8 1932 - 45

Contact 027 217 7790 artdecorally@gmail.com

24th- 26th February

The Sunbeam Car Club is returning to Wairarapa their AGM.

Their base will again be the Solway Hotel on SH2 in Masterton, using the hotel as a base and going off to do events on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the AGM.

Saturday 19th March

Horowhenua VCC Swap Meet

Levin Showgrounds Events Centre, 14 Tiro Tiro Road, Levin

Enquiries Ivan Horn: 021 108 7142 henrya@xtra.co.nz



THE CITROEN TRACTION AVANT REGISTER IS NOW ONLINE

The NZ Citroen car club's website is now being used to help record (potentially all) of the Super modern 12s and Light 15 vehicles that remain in New Zealand today.

Whether they are restored, driveable, under restoration, donor cars only suitable for spares or just a pile of parts, there's a place for them on the register.

All models and body styles are included in the register and members and non members alike are urged to record the details of their car/s

by clicking here [The Citroën Car Club of New Zealand Inc \(cccnz.club\)](http://www.cccnz.club) and

clicking "traction Register Launched" on the right hand side of the home page,

then just follow the prompts. **"There is no need to log in"** on the website and all

owners have a choice as to whether they will allow their details to be shared with

other owners, or want their personal details to remain private and their vehicle

details used for statistical information only.

The advantages of registering are numerous but being able to tap into the pool of

knowledge of people with a similar model to yours, or being able to find or supply

a part that keeps another car running are two good reasons for a start.

If you know of someone with a traction who isn't a member, you're most

welcome to email me their details and I'll contact them personally.

So far there are sixty something tractions recorded on the register. I think there could be as many as 400 more.

If you need help or wish to contact me regarding the register, my email address is;

mistert.nz@xtra.co.nz

Graham Tulett

Traction Avant register administrator

VCC member Canterbury Branch

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:

Classic Tyres

Hamilton based Tyreline can provide access to a full range of Michelin tyres

More information and catalogue on our website



Market Place - Buy, Sell or Swap

If you want to advertise something here, send an email to: editorwaivcc@gmail.com

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.



For Rent - Secure Storage Shed Space

- Indoor or outdoor storage.
- Long or short term rental available.
- Discounts for long term and VCC members.
- Access flexible and by arrangement.
- Car, boat, caravan, campervan, farm machinery, etc. No household goods.

Have a look at Trade Me Listing #3332441379 for indicative prices.
Phone Paul on 021-252-0409 with any queries.

The Spare Parts Department is open on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9.30am to 12 noon, and the first Tuesday in the month from 9am to 12 noon, or you can contact Frank Lipinski (06 379 7167) for a private appointment.

NB: *From January 2022, the Parts Department will open on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This is to allow Parts team members to participate in Sunday rallies*

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

Clubrooms: A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

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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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