



From the Branch Chairman

Summer is quickly disappearing; the Autumn colours are an indicator the cooler months are not far away. May's club night will feature a very smart and exciting Daimler from a magic collection in Martinborough. Please make an effort to attend as this will be the last of this format until the Spring. We will also have an enthusiastic and energised speaker to cap the evening off.

Members attending last month's club night were treated to the story of Jim Lairds 1938 Packard with an opportunity to sit in the driver's seat and dream. This was followed by another high-octane person, Tinks Pottinger. An entertaining and informative presentation of her equestrian achievements which included a bronze Olympic Medal. The highlight would have been the relationship that she and her family have with various Royal Family members. Another fantastic evening enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Jim for putting the evening together.

Hugh's Hunters Club Captain run was another enjoyable and well supported outing. A small amount of gravel road which included a genuine Kiwi Ford with water to boot. I noticed all of the Fords passed through it with flying colours. Cobblestones was a wonderful venue for lunch. A visit to the hospital brought back some not so nice memories. Practically the dentist drills and chairs. Many thanks Hugh for the enjoyable day.

At the last committee meeting there was discussion about combining the AGM with the Mid-Winter Lunch. The committee is looking at various options. We will come back to you with notification of the venue and date. It will be held at 11.00 am on either the 11 th or 25 th of June.

Congratulation goes to Kevin Ball for having two of his articles printed in the latest Beaded Wheels. Well-deserved reward for his enthusiastic and professional editorial on behalf of the club.

I wish to thank Martin and Asrina Hutchinson for their gift of a painting by Hendrik Waldner to the club. The older members will well remember Hendrick. The picture is of a group of club members and their cars. Next time you are in the clubrooms have a look, you may be one of Hendrick's subjects.

May's activity is the Motorcycle Reliability Run. Kevin Sullivan is in charge and has chosen a visit to Himatangi Beach overnight. All of those with a motorcycle, get prepared and get your entry in. It is going to be another unforgettable outing.

The next outing is the Winter Wander. Simon O'Hara is putting his energies into this event. I am sure we will be treated to a most enjoyable winter drive with a warm theme to it. A hot toddy at the end maybe in order. Mark the calendar and join in.

Safe motoring and we will see you at the May Club night

Cheers

Graham

Recent Events

Club Captain's Run

Hugh Hunter's Club Captain's Run in April was memorable for a number of reasons.

It was the day that Hugh discovered he has a bald patch developing on top of his head (he was horrified when he saw the photo of him in the stocks!)

Because it started from the pub in Featherston it attracted the likes of local Rienk Asscher in his Vauxhall, and unseasonable warm weather made a packet lunch on the steps of the Cobblestones offices (and toilets) a pleasant and sociable affair.

The run was short and incident-free, including the ford which captured one member on a previous occasion. There was a short length of gravel. that provided no challenge for the cars, which played follow the leader to Cobblestones, where friendly staff let us in the "back door" for free.

- Kevin Ball





April Club Night

What's better than having a huge pre-war Packard in the shed? Having two of them. Jim Laird must have a big shed to accommodate a pretty impressive collection of vintage American "toys".

He brought along his 1938 Packard Super 8 Rumble Seat Coupe to the May "Car is the Star" meet downstairs at the clubrooms. With a 134in wheelbase the Packard just fitted into the available space. Fitting his other Packard, a 148in-wheelbase 1940 seven-seat limousine, into the same space, might have caused some problems.

The Coupe is a beautiful car, from its proud and upright grille to what in later years would become a "jellymould" shape, designed to move effortlessly through the air, it exudes strength and grace. I particularly appreciated the sculptured spaces for spare wheels on the front guards. That and the "Packard Crème" paint job make the car a standout in any company.

The 320 cubic inch straight eight engine develops 130 hp and 260lb-feet of torque, which is plenty for in-town driving. But the low gears limit cruising speeds to around 45-50 miles per hour and aren't great for gas mileage, according to Wikipedia. For a recent trip to Te Aroha and back Jim chose to trailer it: to drive it that distance, at less than 10 mpg, would have cost \$930 in petrol. (A tank of gas would take you just 200 miles). Some American owners added overdrive to improve economy.

Packard Motor Car Company had the distinction of being the only independent luxury car company in the United States to survive the 1930s recession. Stutz Motor Company closed down in 1935, Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg in 1937, and Pierce-Arrow in 1938. In 1958, the last cars to bear the Packard name rolled off its merger-partner Studebaker's Indiana assembly line.

- Kevin Ball

It was a bit of wobbly start when the club technology failed to work for Tinks Pottinger at the start of her presentation to members. "Oh well" she said "I'll just have to talk to you without my presentation". And talk she did, providing over the next hour an insight into the world of elite equestrian sports. From her early days on a Hawkes Bay farm, through 10

national eventing titles in New Zealand, to competing at Burghley and Badminton and a medal at the Seoul Olympics, it was an fascinating story well told. Besides the sporting events she also spoke of the personalities involved, including Mark Todd and some members of the royal family. It was clear from the many questions that followed that the audience had enjoyed it all.



Above: Mike D'Alton and Chris Giles chat with guest speaker Tinks Pottinger

Left: Stephanie McGreevy tries out the rumble seat as Jim talks about the Packard.

Below: Made to stroke ..the 1938 Packard Super 8 Coupe



Upcoming Club Rallies and Events

Club Outings & Rallies.

Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th May
Motorcycle Reliability Run

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

The trial route will take us to the Manawatu with an overnight stop at Himatangi Beach. Cabins have been booked at the Himatangi Beach Holiday Park at a cost of \$55 per person. To secure this accommodation the cost is payable with the entry fee.

NB:to secure the overnight accommodation entries must be received by 5th May.

Saturday 13th May

9.30 am Riders briefing

10.00am First entrant away

Sunday 14 th May

10.00am Departure - return journey

More details on our website [Here](#)

Online Entry Form

[Click Here](#)

Sunday 18th June

Winter Wander

Details to come

Sunday 9th July

Gravel Challenge

Details to come

Sunday 20th August

Daffodil Run

10am departure from Martinborough

\$20 fee to go to Cancer Society

Club Nights

Monday 1st May

7.30pm at the clubrooms

The Car is the Star - Dave Patten's 1948 Daimler Special Sport. Only about 500 of these were made between 1948 and 1952.

Speaker to be advised

June AGM

Dates and venue to be confirmed

Club Events Calendar for 2023

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

Other Events

2023 Highland Fling! 21 - 23 April 2023

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY Friday 21st April - Registration
Saturday 22nd - Fling Rally
Sunday 23rd (day) - Fling Rally continues and Field Tests
Sunday 23rd (evening) - Prize Giving Dinner

ACCOMODATION

Before departing Taihape last year, most of the entrants made their accommodation bookings for 2023, a very wise move. However, for anyone who is considering joining us this year in April it would pay you to make your bookings now, as Taihape is not what you would exactly call a 'sprawling metropolis' with numerous options. Please note: bookings for the Gretna Hotel are being managed by us, and bids for rooms will be taken as soon as we work out what is available.

Entry forms will be out in February

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Any enquiries. Phone Steve Donovan on 027 217 7730 or contact HBVCC at www.hbvcc.org.nz

Early Ford V8 Club Run - an invitation to Wairarapa VCC Members

The Run is on Sunday the 4th of June.

Meeting at Everest Cafe in Featherston at 930 am for morning tea and a chit chat

We will then have a leisurely drive through the country out to Lake Ferry for lunch

If members would like to come could they please email yes to my email

a.webster27@yahoo.com over the next few weeks so I can let the cafe and pub know the numbers as I will book.

Members are also welcome to come for just the run if they don't want to have the lunch or morning tea .

Kind Regards

Aaron Webster



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Email: natcomrally2023@gmail.com

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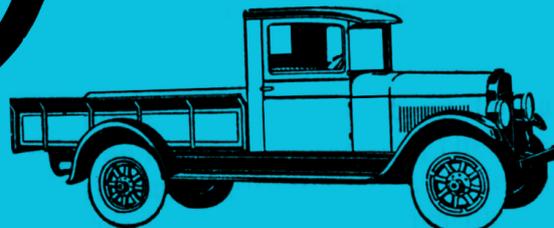
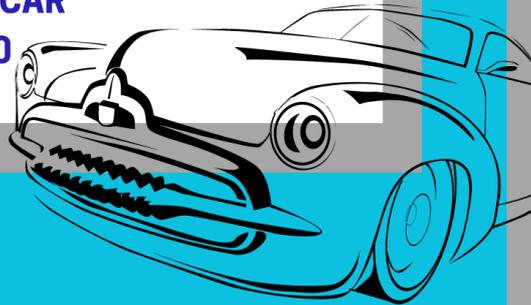
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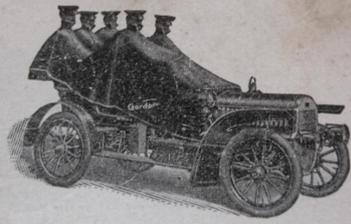
Some curiosities from the archives

Optional Extras – a hot brick, the seven head cape apron, & the motor robe

In the early days of motoring heaters were not offered even as an option. Devices called heater boxes were available, essentially a metal box into which a previously heated brick was placed. This no doubt was simply a continuation of what had been the practice with horse drawn coaches.

Most motor vehicles were open or enclosed with rudimentary cloth hoods, so motorists relied on appropriate clothing to stay warm and dry. A thriving market in motoring garb developed, including the magnificent Gordon's Cape Apron of 1911 with seven head openings, although the illustration appears to show the five head version. One wonders how it was for the driver with no apparent view of his controls or instruments.

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The Federation publishes a newsletter twice a year, which can be found on their website:

www.fomc.nz/newsletters/

The most recent in September has an article about the maintaining supplies of compatible fuel for classic vehicles, and information from the AGM

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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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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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