



From the Branch Chairman

Many thanks to those who attended the A.G.M. with forty-three attending. The proposed subscription increase was debated and passed unanimously. The increase to your subscription will become effective from October 2023. There was some discussion about how to encourage more younger members into the club. A number of thoughts were voiced and noted. An example would be the breakfast that Wai Wheels is having at Greytown on the 9th of July. This event clashes with our Gravel Challenge so we have moved it back a week to the 16th of July.

Below is a flyer with details of the breakfast and display at the Greytown Working Men's Club on the 9th of July. This is an opportunity to engage with cars owners who could be possible future members. Please make the effort to either go for breakfast or just come along and be part of the display.

Congratulations to Kevin and Val Ball who were this year's winners of the Torque Hudson Trophy.

The Mid-Winter Luncheon after the A.G.M was again well attended with plenty of chatter and laughter. Between the mains and sweets, we presented Val and Kevin Ball with a plaque and some gift cards as a thank you for their committee and hard work on the club committee and as scribe and social convenor. We also thanked Chris Giles for his input as editor of the Zenith Magazine and the time involved with organising the Rex Porter rallies. Again, thanks from the club for your personal commitment and time.

Yesterday I attended a very enjoyable Winter Wander run, which took us to a model railway and the Eketahuna Museum. Thanks, from the club and participants go to Simon O'Hara for organizing the run. Well done.

I am still in the process of arranging a guest speaker for our July club night on the 3rd . A couple of options didn't come to fruition due to previous commitments, work in progress. July will be a busy month with the Greytown breakfast on the 9th and the following week the Gravel Challenge on the 16th.

In August we have the Machinery Club annual quiz night on the 7th and the annual Daffodil fund raiser on the 20th .Please make a note of these dates in your calendar.

- Graham Hodder

Thanks from Val and Kevin

*To the Committee & members, Wairarapa Branch of the VCC.
As I remarked at the AGM, I'm a writer, not a speaker, but there were some things I should have said at the meeting. .*

Val and I were taken aback by the events that day. Winning the Torquey Hudson Trophy was something we had dreamed of for years. Thank you for that. The beautiful plaque that accompanied the trophy is already prominently displayed on the wall in our dining room. We must also thank the committee for the other honours that came our way – a complimentary meal (very nice it was too) and a gift voucher each. We thoroughly enjoy club membership (even getting towed home from a night run by Will Holmes and falling down the stairs a couple of times) and are happy to see the club remains in good shape with an energetic and progressive committee. Thank you again.

Thinking on about attracting new (young) members, we also have a very active motorcycle group within the club. Could we not have a subgroup for, say, Japanese cars. My Toyota Starlet is 40 years old and thus qualifies as a club car. There are quite a number of beautifully-restored small Jappers about. What say our members carry a handful of pamphlets we could put under wiper blades, inviting owners to combine under the VCC flag? In addition to gaining a "home", the VCC clubrooms, they could operate semi-independently, perhaps being involved in such events as the regular and stretched gymkhanas. As they grow older they might progress to "proper" vintage cars. Just a thought. Thank you again. Kevin and Val

Recent Events

Motorcycle Reliability Run

Mount your Machines

I was fortunate to be asked to act as Tail End Charlie on the recent foray over the Tararua to Himutanghi Beach. Eight riders took part, two of whom were from the Wellington Branch. This was the club's Reliability Run, and such was the reputation of British bikes of the immediate post war era that back up seemed essential.

The field set off in loose formation in watery sunshine from the clubrooms, Peter Simpson was left on the line with a fuel problem, but he epitomised the affinity between rider and machine by producing a plug spanner from his pocket, and the Matchless was soon chugging away happily.

Avoiding the roadworks on SH2, a traffic free run designed by Kevin Sullivan saw us enjoying Wairarapa country roads before taking the Saddle Road to the Backyard Bakery Cafe in Ashurst where we regrouped for luncheon.

The afternoon saw a pleasant meandering route around the Manawatu's coastal plain to the Flax Museum in Foxton, where our guide Tony provided an insight into how the industrial revolution affected the area. After this, our overnight stop at Himutangi Beach Top 10 was just a few minutes away.

We were made very welcome at The local Cozy Club, just a short stroll from our camp, and this proved to be an excellent watering hole.

Next morning dawned cold and dry, and the fleet of old British machinery, a couple of BMW Boxers and a rogue Suzuki trail bike was ready for the off in good time. Bikes were kicked into life, Dave Henwood's Triumph single's staccato bark contrasting with the soft subtle wheeze of Ian Munro's AJS. A little hiccup here as Willie's Lightning refused to respond to a good kicking. The shaft driven electric start BMW's chugged arrogantly, keen to be away, but it was left to Willie's son Andrew to save the moment by providing the youthful agility needed and the BSA burst into life.

Down the road to Sam's Diner, where yesterday's steak pies were augmented with a tasty breakfast fry up. The Norman Hill BMW mysteriously became detached from the group here but Kevin's excellent directions saw him safely home to Clareville. Half an hour on the busy but unavoidable Manawatu highways took us towards the Pahiatua Track, and reminded us how lucky we are to have so many fine, uncluttered, well surfaced roads available in this part of the world.

Back at the clubrooms, Dave Henwood was declared winner as he made all the correct turns on the oldest bike in the trial.

I reflected on the fact that I had spent the whole weekend as a redundant tail end Charlie. Willie James' Hilux, comprehensively equipped to deal with sick motorcycles, was used just to carry the riders' toothbrushes and evening wear, and to fetch the nightcaps.

One small disappointment was the size of the field. Planning an event of this nature takes much time, effort and expense as the route must be planned meticulously and then ridden or driven at least once. Spread over a small field, breaking even is difficult. There was talk during the weekend of accepting four wheeled vehicles as well, either at the same time or on the following weekend. Some members with older vehicles might balk at the idea of travelling 400km in two days, but if seventy year old boys on seventy year old bikes can cope, it should be possible. Let us know your thoughts.

Sincere thanks to Kevin Sullivan for setting everything up, and to Willie James for providing the back-up vehicle

- Mike Dalton



Serious looks at the Flax Museum in Foxton



Chox away from the Foxton Windmill



Kevin fuels up outside the Hutch.



Willie imparts Lightning technical advice to Norm Hill and Barry Wells

AGM & Midwinter Lunch

The Branch AGM was held at the Greytown Working Mens' Club, followed by the annual midwinter lunch at the same venue. This format proved very successful with 43 members at the AGM, and

The minutes of the AGM can be found on our website

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A good turnout for the AGM followed by the Midwinter Lunch at the Greytown Working Mens' Club



Torque Hudson winners, Kevin and Val Ball with Club Captain, Hugh Hunter.



Barry Wells, winner of the Motorcycle Reliability Trial, receives the trophy from Kevin Sullivan.



Chairman Graham Hodder with presentations to Val & Kevin Ball and Chris Giles.

Upcoming Club Rallies and Events

Club Outings & Rallies.

Sunday 16th July

Gravel Challenge

Meet for a cuppa at the clubrooms, with cars away at 10.30

Bring your lunch.

Sunday 20th August

Daffodil Run

10am departure from Martinborough

Club Nights

Monday July 3rd

7pm at the clubrooms

Details of the speaker to come

Monday August 7th

7pm at the Clubrooms

Quiz night with the Vintage Machinery Club

Other Events

Back by popular demand

Wai Wheels

invites you to bring your car and family to

BREAKFAST

at Baloo's

Sunday
July 9th
10am



Buffet
\$25pp

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It's breakfast time!
We would like you to come and join us again
Baloo's at Working Mens Club
Greytown

Numbers and payment for buffet will be need to be
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TARGA TIME TRIAL

27th/28th October

The Targa Time Trial was introduced as an additional Targa product in 2018, initially limited to members of the Vintage Car Club of NZ, it is now open to all.

Primarily aim at NZ Road Registered cars over 30+ years to drive the same iconic roads as all the other Targa participants.

This is not a speed event, but an exercise in precise driving and time-keeping to maintain a set average speed through all the closed road stages.

Targa New Zealand Two Day Regional Time Trial 2023 is a two (2) day Tarmac Time Trial event, and is the last two Legs of the Targa New Zealand 2023 rally (being Legs 4 and 5)

Targa New Zealand Two Day Regional Time Trial 2023 starts in Palmerston North and travels through the Manawatu, Tararua, Masterton and Carterton districts and finishes in Masterton.

There are 10 stages in total. This is broken down to 5 stages each for Legs 4 and 5. Service stops are as follows: Leg 4 – Apiti, Hunterville, Marton and Palmerston North Leg 5 –

Pahiatua, Eketahuna and Masterton 3.2 Length: Comprises of approx. 254.80km of closed roads and 300.42km of touring. 3.3 Leg Four – Friday 27th October:

First Car starts from Palmerston North at 8:30am and finishes at 3:50pm in Palmerston North.

3.4 Leg Five – Saturday 28th October: First Car starts from Palmerston North at 8:30am and finishes at 3:20pm in Masterton.

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The Way Things Were

Some curiosities from the archives



A little Frisky

This is a publicity photo of the Friskysport, just prior to its debut at the Earls Court Motor Show in October 1957. There appear to be three people in the car, and it seems a little cosy, however the gentleman nearest the camera looks quite pleased - perhaps they are heading for Monkey Island.....

The Friskysport was built by Henry Meadows Ltd in Wolverhampton, UK, with the body designed by Giovanni Michelotti - whose designs included various Ferraris, Maseratis and Alfa Romeos, and the Triumph TR4, Spitfire, Stag and 2000. So the Friskysport was in class company!

It was powered by a rear mounted Villiers 324cc two stroke engine, with a 4 speed manual gearbox and a top speed around 65 mph (105 k/h), Unlike many micro cars of the time, the Friskysport actually had 4 wheels, although the rear track was some 16 inches (40 cm) narrower than the front. By all accounts it was a reasonably competent vehicle, but the high price of 495 pounds was a factor in the low sales achieved. In 1957 the same amount would also buy a new Austin A35, or a good second hand MG or Morgan.

Unfortunately the advent of the Mini in 1959 killed the micro car market and production ceased in 1961. According to the Frisky Register only about 12 are known to exist today.



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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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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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