

# Wairarapa Zenith



## A SPRING RALLY OVER THE HILL

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## Editor's Note

Welcome Readers,

It brings us great pleasure to present the fourth edition of the revitalized Zenith. We hope that you enjoy reading this edition.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encourage you to continue sending in your contributions. With your help, we can continue to explore the fascinating world of Wairarapa Vintage Car Club.

We're thrilled to share a picture of my Mini on the left. She's just completed her second TARGA Rally!

*Alec D'Hara*  
Editor, Zenith



## Front Cover

Willie James and Mike and Jane D'Alton gear up for a zoom around the track. Read more on page 8



# share your story

## Send in your contributions

On behalf of the Zenith, Wairarapa Vintage Car Club magazine, we deeply cherish the invaluable contributions made by our members. We believe that sharing their experiences and knowledge within our community is the lifeblood of our publication.

If you possess a captivating narrative, an old photograph that deserves a spot in our pages, or a handy mechanical tip to benefit fellow enthusiasts, we encourage you to share them with us.

We constantly seek fresh and engaging content to feature in our newsletters, and we would be thrilled to receive your submissions.

Please send your contributions to our dedicated email address: [editorwaivcc@gmail.com](mailto:editorwaivcc@gmail.com). We eagerly await your input.

And, of course, remember to sprinkle in a touch of humor if you stumble upon any "funnies" - laughter is always a welcome addition!

# Chairs Report

Myself and many other club members attended Loris Whitcombe's funeral on Tuesday. It was a colourful and humbling celebration which reflected the energetic and colourful personality Loris was. Her empathy for her pupils, work colleagues and the many others she touched in her life was testament to the warm and caring person she was. Her casket was painted orange to reflect her infectious and positive character. Loris joined the club in 2009. Whether participating on a rally with Ray or helping behind the scenes, she always had a smile which produced lots of laughter and enjoyment. We will miss the twinkling eyes and warm conversation. Our hearts and thoughts are with Ray and family at this challenging time. Rest in peace Loris.

Thank you to Dave Patten and Hugh Hunter for providing their vehicles for the Cobblestone Feta. The weather had a major impact and so the day was postponed to the following Saturday. Again, thanks also go to Dave and Hugh, along with Barbara Priest and Wai Wheels members for providing cars for the Kahutara School Jubilee. The highlight was the look on the faces of the youngsters we took for a short ride.

A big thankyou to Alec and Simon O'Hara for their input putting the New Members run together at short notice. This was rescheduled to the morning of the 14th and was well supported by club members.



The highlight would have been arriving at the polling booth in your Vintage Car. Again, thanks to all who participated.

The Targa New Zealand Rally is on the weekend of the 27th and 28th of October. It has a local flavour to it this year with Leg Five, which includes a time trial. The rally route will be run over South Wairarapa roads, finishing in Masterton. We have a number of local club members participating. We wish you well and look forward to being enlightened about the excitement and hard luck stories in the next Zenith.

On Saturday the 4th of November, club members have been invited to join in with the Wellington Branch on their rally in the Wairarapa. The rally starts from the Fell Museum on Lyon Street, Featherston. Briefing is at 10.15 am with cars away at 10.30 am. The rally will end at a farm in the South Wairarapa which has been in the same family for five generations. There is no entry form or fee to join the rally only a request to let the organisers know if you are participating. More information is under the events section.

A sudden change of work commitments meant Brendan Odell could not attend this month's club night with his DKW. A big thankyou to Dave Patten for moving his club night presentation forward. The evening was well attended, featuring a very special Lanchester LD10. After viewing the car, we were treated to a very informative power point presentation about Lanchester's origin and its partnership with Daimler. A relaxing and enjoyable evening had by all. Monday the 6th of November Club night will feature Brendan and his DKW.

A reminder to mark your calendar with up-and-coming events.

Wai Wheels swap meet and display is being held at Card Reserve, Featherston on the 12th of November. The entry fee is \$10 per car.

The club's spare parts team will have a site, come along and support them.

Wings Over Wairarapa ( 24th, 25th & 26th of Nov.) has again invited us to display cars from Friday to Sunday. If you can provide vehicles for any of these days, please send me a text or email and I will get in touch with you. The cars need to be on site before 8.00 am on Friday and by 7.00 am on the Saturday and Sunday.

The Tui Brewery Vintage Car Day is on the 26th of November. As a club outing this event would be the preferred one to attend on the Sunday.

The silly season is just around the corner, where has the time gone?  
Happy motoring

  
Chair

# Kahutara School Jubilee





## Spring Rally

written by Simon Byrne

In the days leading up to this VCC rally we were studying the weather forecast. Severe flooding in Queenstown and Gore was in the news. The poor weather was traveling up the South Island and was due to hit the North Island Sunday. We finally made the decision to “go anyway” but take the more waterproof of our two VCC cars. When we left Masterton, it was only raining lightly, but heavier falls were expected later in the day. Not good.

With the fuel warning light flashing whenever we went around a corner the first job was to get some petrol. After selecting “fill” at the self-serve payment terminal the pump stopped before the tank was full. Odd.

Eventually I worked out that \$150 is the maximum you can buy in one go at Waitomo, and this nowadays equates to less than 49 litres of 95, and we needed more than \$150 worth of fuel to fill up.

w have heard of some cars with very large tanks having to fill up in two goes, but never expected that to happen to me. A 60 litre tank is not that unusual, is it?

We were a bit late getting to the meeting point in Greytown but phoned ahead to let Graham Hodder (the rally organiser) know and so we were still able to meet up with the others before heading off to Eastbourne. There were 3 VCC cars, a couple of moderns, and 11 people in total, which I guess is not a great turnout, but I guess the weather would have put most people off going.

Once over the Remutaka Hill (only the one stop/go, due to a slip) we used some quiet back roads to get to Pinehaven, and then onwards to a good parking spot overlooking the sea, in the center of Eastbourne.

The planned picnic was postponed, as it was raining, and we all ended up in a local café for a pleasant hour or so.



After leaving the café a few then braved the elements and had a quick picnic between showers before we headed off to Brewtown in Upper Hutt. For those that haven't visited it, Brewtown is a group craft beer breweries/bars, restaurants, and activities for young and old alike occupying what was once a large Dunlop Tyre factory.

Mike and Jane D'Alton made a bee line for the Daytona go-cart track, a couple of others who were also keen joined them in booking a 10 min session around the track. During the drivers' briefing it was made 100% clear it was a no contact sport, and to let drivers pass who wanted to overtake.

Obviously, these rules were forgotten before the drivers had left the briefing room. For the record Ian Stewart was easily the fastest (but closest to getting a yellow card) and Willie James either had a faulty engine or believes it's the taking part that counts, not the winning.

Most of us then decided to try out the nearest bar (lots of choice in Brewtown) before heading off home. It rained heavily over the Remutaka Hill and we got back around 5 pm.

This was a full day, with no dull moments, lots of laughs, and we only used \$50 worth of fuel, even at today's prices.

Thanks go to Graham Hodder for organising a great fun filled day.





## OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT

Club night from October saw “The Car is the Star” with Dane Pattens Lanchester LD10. Article written by Dave Patten.

### Lanchester LD10

The car on display was a 1947 Barker Bodied Sports Saloon.

The Lanchester Ten, also known as the LD10, produced after the Second World War was presented as a compact companion model to the Daimler range, being “craftsman built” and among the smallest ever volume produced cars from the firm. It was initially produced with a steel six-light body by Briggs Motor Bodies of Dagenham though this body suffered from erratic deliveries by Briggs and rust problems due to the grade of steel allocated by the government for their manufacture. From September 1947 the same chassis was instead fitted with coach-built Barker aluminium alloy sports saloon bodywork.

The four cylinder claimed a power output of 40 BHP (29.8 kW) at 4,200 rpm. This was coupled through a fluid flywheel to an epicyclic preselector 4-speed gearbox.

The car was exceptionally smooth and operation with reasonable performance for its time.

### Specifications:

- Engine 10hp four-cylinder 1287cc developing 40bhp at 4200rpm.
- Compression ratio 7.1 to 1
- Chassis - composite steel timber framed aluminium bodied (roof, doors, bonnet and boot)
- The total number of LD10's manufactured from all coachbuilders was 3030 units. Included in this total was 579 Barker Bodied Sport Saloons.
- This car is fitted with a Daimler torque converter coupled to a four speed preselect gearbox.





## Introducing the money maestro, Kevin Sullivan, our Club Treasurer!

I have been a member of the Wairarapa VCC for four years. I joined soon after moving to the Wairarapa upon our return to New Zealand after 14 years in Australia. I had a career as a mechanical engineer and I recall one of the lecturers in the first year of engineering saying that there were two reasons why people took up mechanical engineering. Either they were interested in cars or they were interested in motorbikes. My principal interest has been in motorbikes but I am also interested in cars.

I have two post 60s motorbikes. A 1967 BSA Spitfire and a 1969 BSA B44 Victor Special. The Spitfire is USA market bike that I rebuilt from a loosely assembled non runner. It has a number of non standard parts on it, for example when the original fibreglass fuel tank spilt for at least the third time and dumped its contents onto my garage floor it was replaced with a steel item from a Lightning. Fortunately the replacement tank matched the colour of the original.

I bought the B44 from my brother in Melbourne and picked it up on the Monday prior to the first Covid lockdown so it provided me with a nice lockdown project.

I also have a 1957 MG Magnette ZB that I am rebuilding. A somewhat more daunting task than rebuilding a motorbike. I'm looking forward to completing it so I can join the cars on rainy days.

I take the view that if you belong to an organisation like a car club participation is important. The more you put into it the more you get out of it, hence my decision to stand for the committee. This principle has certainly proven correct for me. In the short time I have been involved in the club I have met many more fine people and seen more of the Wairarapa countryside than if I had not participated as I have.

I'm looking forward to many more years of motoring around the Wairarapa in the company of my fellow club members.

# Calendar of events

NOVEMBER	
05	<b>Joint Rally with the Wellington Branch</b>
06	<b>Club Night</b> <b>Monday September 2nd   7pm</b> At the clubrooms Car is the Star, featuring Brendan Odell and his DKW's
26	<b>Vintage Car Day</b> Tui Brewery
24-26	<b>Wings Over Wairarapa</b> Talk to Graeme Hodder about displaying your car at Wings Over Wairarapa.

FUTURE EVENTS	
7pm	<b>Club Nights</b> First Monday of the month
	<b>Christmas Parades</b> Tis the season to be jolly

# National calendar of events

## WHEELS & DEALS SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW

CARD RESERVE, FEATHERSTON  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

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# ANNUAL NOVEMBER RALLY & DINNER

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4th

The event is starting from **Lyon Street in Featherston**, outside the Fell Locomotive Museum. **Briefing 10.15am**; cars setting **off from 10.30am**. The rally will end in the South Wairarapa at a farm which has been in the same family ownership for many generations. In addition there is a very early observatory on site and some old cars too. Please note that, as it is a working farm, there is a **NO DOGS policy** in operation.

The run will be **competitive** for those who wish to be involved, or just for fun. **Also** on offer is the **Entrants Choice Award** and the **Award for Best Dressed** to suit your vehicle.

Please bring a picnic lunch with drinks. In the event of unpleasant weather, the woolshed is available to us.

There will be no entry form as such, but entrants do need to send the following details to [mccarthys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mccarthys@xtra.co.nz) or phone the details to Angelica on 04 5898248:

- 1) Name of Driver;
- 2) Name of Navigator (age if eligible for Young Navigator);
- 3) Competitive or Non-competitive
- 4) Vehicle Make and Model,
- 5) Year of Manufacture,
- 6) Class (eg Post Vintage, Post 80, etc),
- 7) Registration plate
- 8) Number of tickets required for the Annual Dinner.

## ANNUAL DINNER

This will be held at the clubrooms with **Nibbles and Natter** at **6pm**. **Dinner 7pm** followed by the **Prizegiving**. **Dinner Tickets \$45 pp**. Please note that final ticket numbers are needed by 29 October.

# HIGHLAND FLING FEILDING

26<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2024

## Veteran / Vintage Vehicles Only

*Organiser – Derek Haycock, Manawatu Branch – 0274 419153*

*Email, Entries and Enquiries – [highlandflingfeilding@gmail.com](mailto:highlandflingfeilding@gmail.com)*

Entries limited to 100 Vehicles and Close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 or when the entry limit has been met.



Welcome,

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Registration and Merchandise collection from 4pm, Stockyard Bar & Restaurant, 50 Manchester Street, Feilding we will be in the back room. Please feel free to join us for happy hour and dinner.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Compulsory Drivers Briefing, 8.00am at the Coach House Museum carpark, 127 South Street Feilding. Please provide own lunch at the Apiti Hall

Saturday Evening, we have the back room booked at the Stockyard Bar & Restaurant for anyone who would like to join for drinks and meal.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Compulsory Drivers Briefing, 8.00am at the Coach House Museum carpark, 127 South Street Feilding. Please provide own lunch, tea and coffee supplied at Manawatu VCC Branch Club Rooms.

Sunday Dinner and Prize Giving, from 4.30pm at the Feilding Civic Centre, 84 Aorangi Street, Feilding. Please bring your own drinks and drinking glasses. Tea and Coffee provided.

## Essential Requirements –

- Tow Rope
- Enough fuel for 160 miles due to no fuel on route
- Chains
- Sense of Humor

Please advise if you require parking for tow vehicles or trailers.

Thanks to our sponsors!

- Classics Museum, 11 Railside Place, Hamilton - Classic Auto Repaints, 44 King Street, Opunake



# ENTRY FORM – HIGHLAND FLING 2024

Driver's Name			
Navigator's Name			
Number of additional crew			
Street Address			
Suburb			
City		Postcode	
Phone (Landline)		Phone (Mobile)	
Email Address			
Vehicle – Veteran / Vintage only		Vehicle Registration Number	
VCC Branch		Membership Number	

## Merchandise Order Form

MEN'S POLO SHIRT - \$35.00						Colour: Royal Blue					
Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL			
Qty											
LADIES POLO SHIRT - \$35.00						Colour: Royal Blue					
Size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	
Qty											
Description								Quantity		Total \$	
Entry Fee per vehicle								1		\$60.00	
Sunday Evening prize giving meal @\$55.00 BYO Drinks/Glasses											
Gluten Free / Dairy Free / Vegetarian / other dietary requirements											
Merchandise: Men's Polo Shirt @ \$35.00 per item											
Merchandise: Ladies Polo Shirt @ \$35.00 per item											
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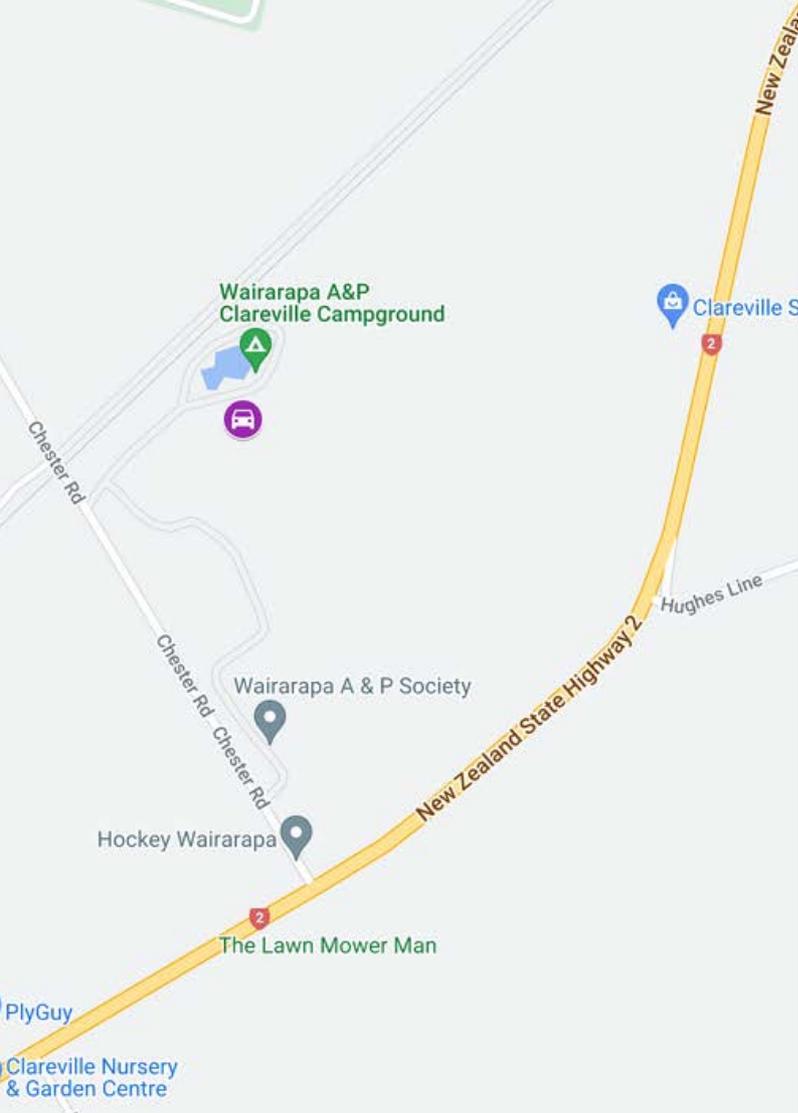
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# Clubroom details

## Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

## Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

## Website:

[www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc)

## Club Night:

First Monday of the month (except January) and June (second Monday) at 7pm.

**CLUB NIGHTS 7PM START**

## Committee meet:

Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm



# Parts Department

Join Frank, Barry and Jeff for yarn and a cuppa when the Parts Department is open. In this treasure trove, you might also happen to find any bits and pieces you've been looking for.

Located at the clubrooms, the Parts Department is open:

- Each Tuesday morning following club night
- The 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:30am - 12noon.

You can also contact Frank for an appointment outside standard opening hours by phoning (06) 379 7167

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



## ATLAS AUTO SERVICES

Open Saturdays for WOF inspections on old cars, by appointment. Located in Featherston.

Contact Aaron Webster (Wairarapa Branch member)

Phone: 021 0853 0341

Email: [aaron@atlasclassic.co.nz](mailto:aaron@atlasclassic.co.nz)



## Pointon Motors open for WOF's and repairs

Francis is open for WOF's and limited vintage repairs at reduced working hours. Contact Francis at (06) 378 6710

# Market Place - For Sale

If you want to advertise something here, send an email to:  
[editorwaivcc@gmail.com](mailto:editorwaivcc@gmail.com)

## **Our First 50 Years**

Jubilee History of the Wairarapa Branch. Special price for new members \$45. Buy at Club Night.

## **Retro Camper and 1955 Morris Minor For Sale**

Colin and Marie are selling a 1955 Morris Minor and a 1978 Anglo Cub.  
Contact Colin on  
027 309 9716 or (06) 377 3098

Morris Minor:

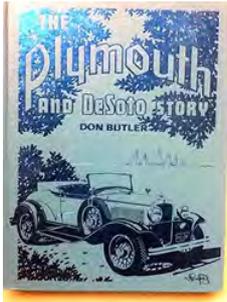
"Marie bought it for me, but I do not have the mechanical ability to restore it. It has been in a shed all its life to my knowledge. Good upholstery and is in good condition. Motor goes, but has an electrical problem which I'm told is easily sorted. Or maybe it only needs new fuses. When we got it, I flushed the radiator and changed the oil"

# Market Place - Wanted

If you want to advertise something here, send an email to:  
[editorwaivcc@gmail.com](mailto:editorwaivcc@gmail.com)

## Wanted

Sidechair suitable for a 1960 Triumph 650.  
Contact Peter Tibbs at 027 335 6843



## Wanted

Hugh Hunter is wanting to purchase a copy of “The Plymouth and Desoto Story”, by Don Butler.

If you have a copy for sale contact Hugh on (06) 306 9847  
[j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz)

## Wanted: Registration of interest

The club have been offered an Austin 10 to purchase in a partially disassembled condition.

The committee is seeking interest from members who would be willing to give up some time and expertise to reassemble the car and get it back on the road. The finished car would then be sold off to boost the coffers of the club.

If you are keen contact Hugh Hunter (06) 306 9847, or email: [j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz)

The vehicle is for sale if you wish to purchase yourself for a project @ \$900



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