

Wairarapa Zenith



Rally For A Cause

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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

We hope you enjoy this third edition of the revitalized Zenith.

Please remember to send in your contributions so I can continue to create this thrilling journey through the fascinating world of Wairarapa Vintage Car Club.

Pictured left is my Mini. She's getting ready for her second TARGA Rally!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alec O'Hara'.

Editor, Zenith

Send in your contributions

Send through articles, photos, reminiscences, mechanical tips, notices and funnies to editorwaivcc@gmail.com so we can include in future newsletters.



Front Cover

The vehicle line up for the start of the annual Daffodil Rally. Read more on page 14

we need
you, you & you



Send in your contributions

We value the contributions of our members and believe that sharing their experiences and knowledge with others in the community is essential.

If you have an interesting story to share, an old photograph that you would like to see published, or a useful mechanical tip that you think others would benefit from, please do not hesitate to send them our way.

We are always looking for new content to include in our newsletters and would be delighted to receive your submissions.

Our email address is editorwaivcc@gmail.com and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Don't forget to also include any funnies that you come across - laughter is always welcome!

Chairs Report

The Chair's notes to the realm bear no tidings this cycle, but fret not, dear seeker, for the next will abound with news of the Spring Rally's majesty. Await with bated breath, as the Chair shall soon weave a tale of wonder and merriment.

Graham Hodder
Chair





Club Captains Report

As the Chair's tale winds down, so does the Club Captain's chronicles hold little news.

Hugh, the keeper of the club's secrets, confesses to being engrossed in another venture, one that has not met his expectations.

Though tales of the club's exploits are few, Hugh reminds us of a Swap Meet at Fielding this Saturday.

Hugh Hunter
Club Captain





The car's (not quite yet) the star.

A restoration story by Peter Greener.

AC7051 is a 1951 Riley RMB 2 ½ litre which I first saw in a barn in Ohoka, Canterbury on 28 October 2017. Ray Larsen, of Jaguar fame, had bought it in Invercargill on 9 March 1972.

The big-ends had been knocked out and were replaced by Diamond T shells, but the car never ran. When Ray moved to Ohoka in 1974 the car followed. At first sight I thought it was too big a job, but in April 2018 I bought it. We were about to move house, so it didn't arrive until 21 September 2018.

The first job was to have the tears in the vinyl roof (done by the transport contractor) repaired.

This was then followed by choosing leather and vinyl to renew the interior, and making new door cards.

Every door had some rotten timber, one no timber at all, and one window winder frame was rotten.

Starting at the back the petrol tank was removed and relined; rear (mechanical) brakes unseized, with new hydraulic pipes for the front along with all new slave cylinders and a rebuilt master. Cleaned out crankshaft, rebuilt cylinder head, repaired radiator and rebuilt water pump followed, then a stainless exhaust system fitted. All new wiring with five looms. New clutch linkage fitted, clutch eventually unseized. Carburettors and fuel pump rebuilt with new lines. 91 individual missing items were sourced.

The car drove for the first time in 51 years on 7 June 2023!



Ram Rodders Show and Shine Day: A Great Turnout Despite the Cold Weather

On Sunday, September 3rd, the Tauherenikau Race Course hosted the Ram Rodders Show and Shine Day.

Despite the chilly, overcast weather, roughly 300 vehicles made their way to the event from all around the Wairarapa and Wellington area, providing spectators with a diverse range of cars to admire.

The show featured classic American cars, hot rods, and vintage vehicles from the Wairarapa and Wellington VCC clubs. Our branch was well-represented, with Jim Laird arriving in the Packard, followed by Simon O'Hara in the 1927 Dodge, Hugh Hunter in the 1929 Plymouth, and Aaron Webster cruising in the Model A.

Geoff Percy brought out the Cresta, Simon Byrne showed off his new Lotus Exceed.

Francis Pointon arrived in the Ford Coupe, and Willie James had the MG Magnette on display. Kevin Troy was also present, showcasing the little Morry tip truck, and Bob Jones brought the P76. Neil Ryder, the Wellington club captain, brought his Vauxhall, and a wee Austin 7 roadster made its way to the event after traversing the Remutuka's.

Kevin Sullivan and Willie James served as guest judges and had their work cut out for them as they evaluated around ten classes of vehicles.

Despite the cold weather, the event was well-organized, with food tents, a live band playing on the back of a flat deck truck, a bar, and a dance floor set up for the rock and rollers in attendance.

Overall, it was a fantastic day that is sure to continue to grow in popularity.







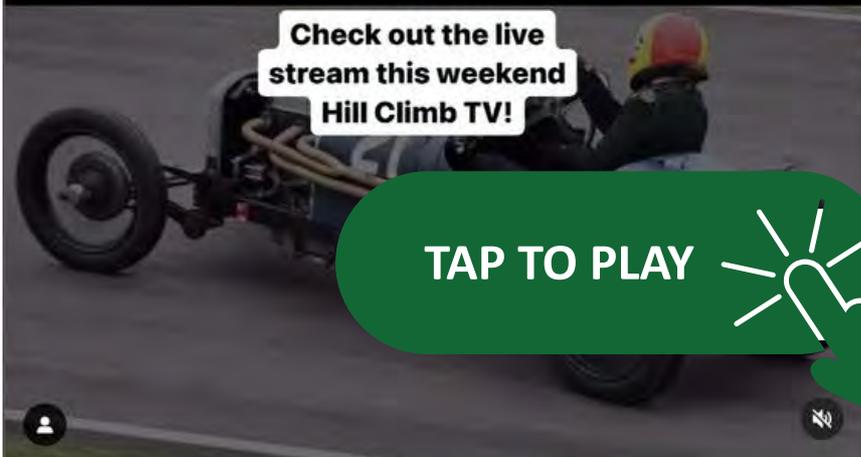


Spotted! What's going on overseas?

In my adventures going down the internet rabbit hole, I came across the UK Vintage Sports Car Club.

Click the image below to watch a neat video of the start of a hill climb, or [peruse their website](#) for some neat events, pictures and more. I think many of you will appreciate their content as much as I did.

Alec





The 2023 Annual Daffodil Rally for Cancer. Organised by Jim Laird

A Day Full of Laughter, Classic Cars and Fundraising.

Val Ball had long been the coordinator of this event, but her retirement from the Committee left a vacancy to be filled. Jim Laird stepped up to the plate and offered to take over, working alongside the Wairarapa Cancer Society. After some discussion, the Committee decided to change the format from the previous year. Instead of stopping in each town, the new route wound through the countryside, offering two rural runs of varying lengths, culminating in a Show and Shine at Farriers car park. Masterton Mayor, Hon. Gary Caffell, judged the overall winner and runner-up from the seventy-seven cars who registered in the morning at the Martinborough Fire Station. Thank you to these 77 drivers who were a mixture of VCC and non-VCC members. Despite the unpredictable weather, the event was a success, with participants enjoying each other's company as they journeyed along the country roads.

The convoy stopped at The Lansdowne Village in Masterton, where residents were thrilled to see the classic cars drive through the complex. The procession then moved on to Farriers, where attendants helped park the cars and visitors wandered around to view all of the vehicles. The atmosphere was lively with the sausage sizzle, coffee and tea, and raffle tickets for sale. The Masterton Mayor announced Kevin Topham and his 1930 Model A Coup as the overall winner, with Stewart Barton and his 1927 Chrysler 70 Roadster as runner-up, both receiving a small trophy and car maintenance essentials.

The day's event raised a total of \$1,973.89, a true testament to the success of Jim and his team, with the help of the Wairarapa Cancer Society. The Masterton Trust House and Masterton District Council were also thanked for the use of its facilities.

Thank  You

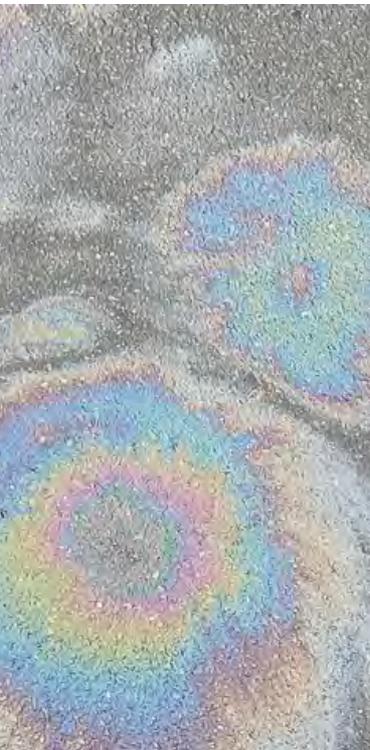


\$1,973.89

Total funds raised from the day.

















September Club Night

A Casual Night with Car Enthusiasts. September's club meeting was a laid-back affair at the Club Rooms, filled with coffee, conversation and classic car videos.

We watched a clip on the 50th Anniversary showcasing an array of different cars, followed by the Highland Fling and Royal Field Dodge videos. Jay Leno's Garage interview of a twin-engine diesel hotrod was also a highlight.

We welcomed a new member, Dave, to the group who we hear owns a Triumph. We look forward to seeing him at future events.

Overall, it was a lovely evening filled with enjoyable movie clips and a healthy dose of nostalgia.

Calendar of events

SEPTEMBER	
30	<p>Swap Meet Saturday September 30th From 8am Manfield Stadium, Fielding. \$10pp entry.</p>
30	<p>Cobblestone Country Fete Saturday September 30th 11am-3pm</p>

OCTOBER	
02	<p>Club Night Monday September 2nd 7pm At the clubrooms Car is the Star, featuring Brendan Odell and his DKW's</p>
08	<p>New Members Rally Sunday 8 October Organised by John Adam</p>
21	<p>Kahutara 125 Year Jubilee Celebrations 21-23 October They're wanting us to display vehicles.</p>
27	<p>TARGA</p>

FUTURE EVENTS	
7pm	<p>Club Nights First Monday of the month</p>
5 NOV	<p>Joint Rally with the Wellington Branch</p>
6 NOV	<p>Club Night Monday November 6th 7pm Car is the Star, featuring Dave Patton with his drophead Daimler.</p>
26 NOV	<p>Vintage Car Day Tui Brewery</p>
24- 26 NOV	<p>Wings Over Wairarapa Talk to Graeme Hodder about displaying your car at Wings Over Wairarapa.</p>
	<p>Christmas Parades Tis the season to be jolly</p>

Breakfast @ Baloo's

Sunday
15 Oct

presented by . . .

Wai Wheels

Quick Fire
Brain Buster
Quiz on the
menu,
With Prizes

all vehicles
welcome



Buffet
\$25pp

Pre-order
by 12th Oct

Park up 9am
Breakfast at
9:30am

Baloo's at Working Mens Club Greytown

After Breakfast:
Join us for a short rural
cruise to Martinborough
for a coffee/beverage

Numbers for buffet will be need
to be in by October 12th
Contact us via Facebook or call:
Vinni 0274479990 or Graham
0210737177
email: vbr@xtra.co.nz

National calendar of events

WHEELS & DEALS SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW

CARD RESERVE, FEATHERSTON
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

FUNDRAISER FOR
FEATHERSTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PRESENTED BY



- FEATHERSTON -

.CLASSICS. .MUSCLE. .VINTAGE. .HOTRODS.

.TRUCKS. .MOTORBIKES. .E.V.'S

.TRADE STALLS.

ENTRY \$10 PER CAR

VENDOR \$20
PER STALL



CONTACT DETAILS: VINNI - 0274479990 DAN - 021654725 GRAHAM - 0210737177
FACEBOOK WAI WHEELS FEATHERSTON



Hosted by
WANGANUI BRANCH

6th National Commercial Rally 2023

**Friday 20th to 23rd October
Labour Weekend**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

Rally Secretary - Linda O'Keeffe 0274 733 767

Treasurer - Neil Farrer 027 457 9634

Email: natcomrally2023@gmail.com

BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION EARLY!!





Classic car run to

Brewtown

For the Starship Foundation

Gold
Coin Entry



21ST OCTOBER

MEET AT PALMY NORTH SQ 10^{AM} 12:00 - 5:00 PM

NO PLASTIC BUMPERS!

Live Music

REGISTER YOUR CAR @ BREWTON.CO.NZ/CARRUN


Starship
Foundation
Community Star

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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.

THIS YEAR IS LOCAL. Make the most of the closeness of Targa in our district.



HIGHLAND FLING FEILDING

26TH – 28TH April 2024

Veteran / Vintage Vehicles Only

Organiser – Derek Haycock, Manawatu Branch – 0274 419153

Email, Entries and Enquiries – highlandflingfeilding@gmail.com

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



Welcome,

Friday 26th 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 27th 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 28th 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											
Merchandise: Cap @ \$20 per item											
Pre-Rally Delivery of Merchandise – Freight Charge \$15.00											
								TOTAL			
Bank Account: 03 0718 0027253 002											
Please state for Reference – Surname and Car Registration Number											
Payment Method		Direct Credit						Paid Received Date			

2023/24 Committee and Office Holders

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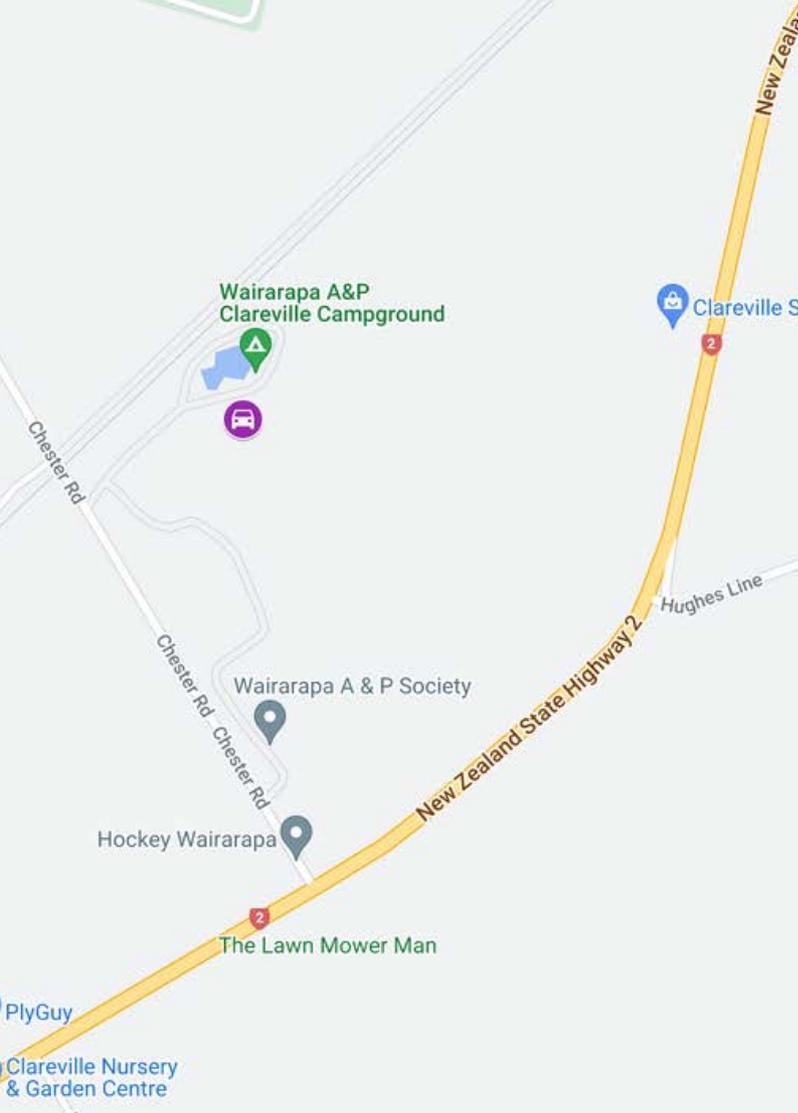
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Hugh Hunter (06) 306 9847 j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz -



Clubroom details

Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

Website:

www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc

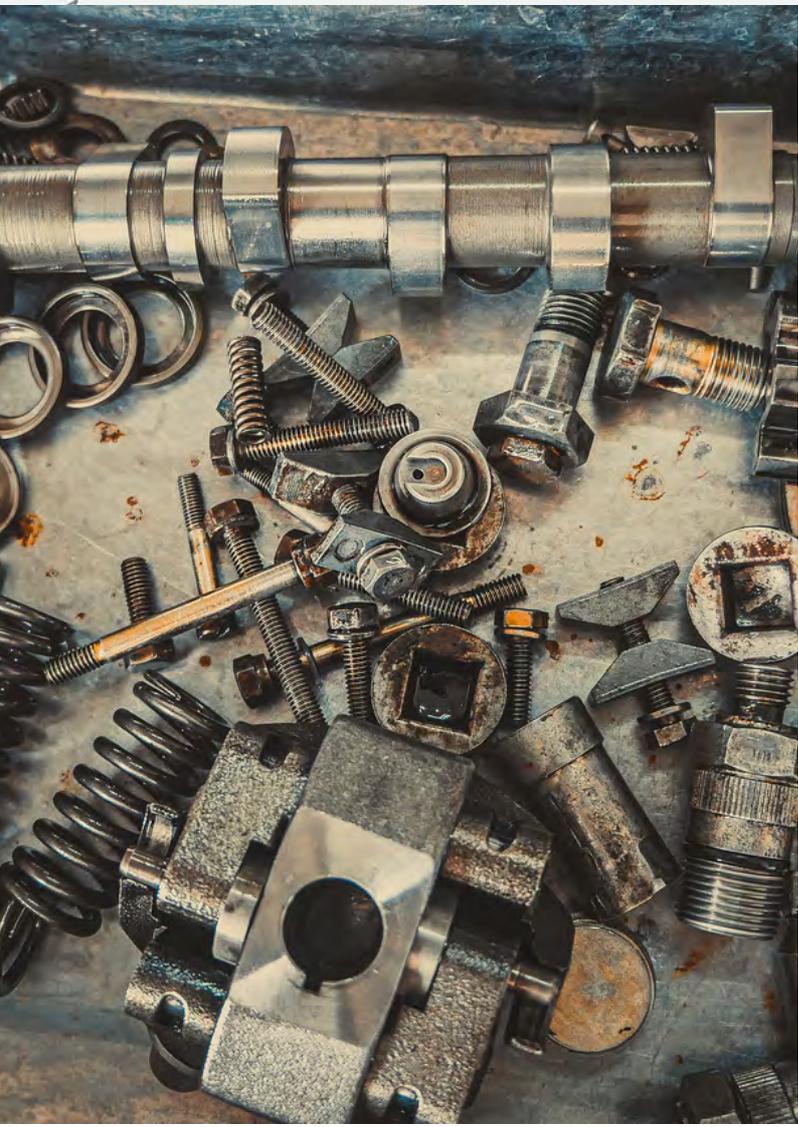
Club Night:

First Monday of the month (except January) and June (second Monday) at 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 Tyreline 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



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

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:

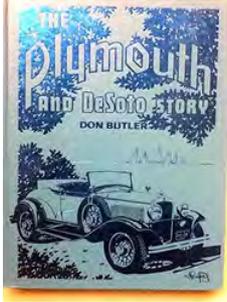
"Marie bought it for me, but I do not have the mechanical ability to restore it. It has been in a shed all its life to my knowledge. Good upholstery and is in good condition. Motor goes, but has an electrical problem which I'm told is easily sorted. Or maybe it only needs new fuses. When we got it, I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

Market Place - Wanted

If you want to advertise something here, send an email to:
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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

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

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



WAIRARAPA Branch



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