

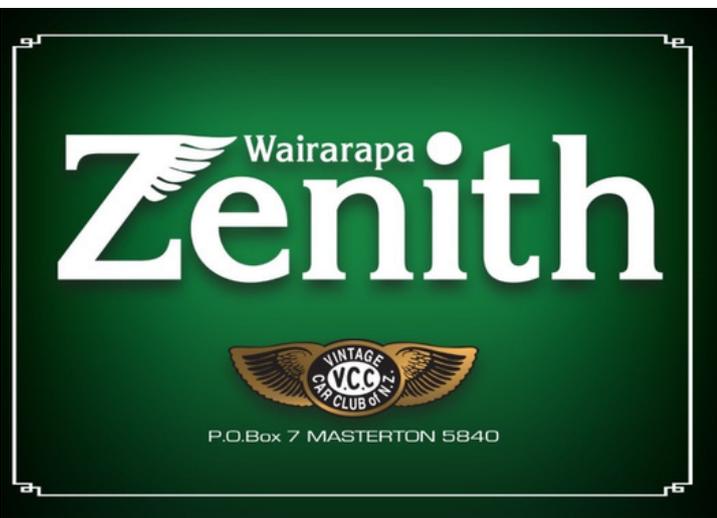
# Wairarapa Zenith



## Stretched Gymkhana

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## Editor's Note

This month's Zenith is out bang on time as we're jetting off to Melbourne for a quick holiday over the ditch.

Get cozy in your favourite spot with a cup of your choice, and dive into this month's Zenith.

Enjoy the read!

*Alec*  
*D. Hara*  
Editor, Zenith



## Front Cover

Congratulations to the winners of the annual Stretched Gymkhana. Read more on page 9.

# Message from the Chair

The weather gods have been kind to us over April. Warm pleasant Autumn days to get firewood and catchup on any other pre winter chores. The April Club night was well attended and enjoyed by all. A big thankyou to Mike and Jane D'Alton for their presentation about their 1934 Bentley Derby.

Mike's uncle rescued the car and had a Derby body fitted to it and rallied it at various events in the UK and in Europe. The three and half litre engine and chassis were manufactured by Rolls-Royce which had purchased Bentley in 1931. Mike purchased the car at auction and they have proudly toured with it here in New Zealand and in the UK. A car that most club members would like to have as part of their collection.

You will have received a brief summary of the March 2024 Executive meeting held in Christchurch from George Kear, the National President of the Club. A couple of additions I have from the meeting are.

- If you are applying for a V.I.C. for your car please allow plenty of time for them to process the application. There is an online option to renew them now also.
- This year's Annual AGM was held in Tauranga over the weekend of the 9th, 10th and 11th of March 2024. The Club Branch Manual is being revamped and will be called the Club Procedures Manual. The new format will allow you to choose from an index of the relevant section you are looking for. No more scrolling through page after page to find what you want.

Further in the Zenith is a summary of the Club Survey results correlated by our secretary Mike D'Alton. Thank you to the 22 of you who completed the survey regarding the future of the Rex Porter Rally. Please put the date in your diaries, SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER, and hope for a sunny spring day!

The weather looks promising for Sundays Club Captains run on the 21st of April. Come along and have an enjoyable day out before the cooler climate takes hold.

Club Night's over the winter months will have a mixture of speakers and other activities. There will be a speaker for May's Club Night, as soon as the person is locked in, we will send you a reminder.

Don't forget about the Winter Reliability Trial on the 18th & 19th of May. Kevin has sent out a programme and entry form. We would like this to be a positive event with both motorcycles and cars attending. Get your entry in early and mark it on your calendar.

The branch's Annual A.G.M is being held again at the Greytown Working Men's Club, Main Street, Greytown on the 9th of June at 11.00 a.m. You are also invited to attend the annual Mid-Winter Luncheon which will follow the meeting. The cost of the three-course meal will be \$35 per head. The club will be subsidising the cost per head by \$7.00. You will receive a formal meeting notice with reports and the financial statement next month.

We are always looking for new members to join us on the Club's committee. If you are keen fill in a nomination form which is attached to the Zenith, along with a list of the Office Holders Duties.

Please return these to the Secretary by Friday the 3rd of June.

Alec O'Hara has indicated he will not be continuing as Editor of the Zenith after the branch's A.G.M. He has done a sterling job of the magazine, bring his very own special touch to it. We are looking for someone to take over his position. If you are keen, please make contact with either myself or directly with Alec.

That's it from me for now. Take care and be safe.

Graham  
Hodder  
Chair

## Office Holder's Duties

**Chairperson** • Chair monthly or special meetings. • Work with Committee on matters arising from the meetings. • Welcome members, new members and guests on club nights. • Announce events and branch news.

**Club Captain** • Check route instructions prior to any rally/event being run. • Provide assistance to rally/event organisers if and when required. • Keep the committee informed of progress with organisation of rallies/events.

**Treasurer** • Keep the financial records of the branch. • Keep the committee informed of the financial position of the branch. • Produce a cash report for each meeting for the committee members. • Prepare annual accounts. • Liase with the accountant/auditor.

**Secretary** • Take the minutes of meetings. • Send the meeting minutes out to committee members. • Handle all inwards and outwards correspondence. • Communicate with the National Office. • Be able to use Microsoft Word and email. • Keep an up to date list of all members and their email addresses.

**Editor \*** • Receive, collate and publish articles, photos and club news and events. • Keep to deadlines. • Distribute magazine copies to members either by post or email.. • Able to use Microsoft Word, Publisher, email and internet.

**Librarian/Trophy Steward \*** • Catalogue new donated books and keep library tidy. • Catalogue and organise trophies for presentation and have them engraved

**Beaded Wheels Reporter \*** • Write and publish the quarterly branch report for the Beaded Wheels magazine.

**Social Convenor \*** • Organise meals for rallies and events. • Keep kitchen and sideboard cupboards clean and tidy. • Replenish tea, coffee and sugar for using at club nights and rallies/events.

**Spare Parts \*** • Open Spares department for access by members on the morning following each club night or when requested by interested parties. • Handle any income from purchases and pass on to Treasurer.

**Custodian \*** • Put out and put away ropes on club nights and rallies/events. • Perform or supervise all the repairs and maintenance of the club rooms. • Organise the cleaning of windows and carpets as and when needed. • Ensure cleaning materials are available and in good working order for use by members to clean and tidy the rooms after club nights/rallies/events.

**Vehicle Inspector \*** • Inspect all aspects of newly restored vehicles to ensure they are suitable to represent the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc) and meet Vehicle Inspection Certificate (VIC) standards.

**Branch Representative \*** • Attend March and August executive meetings and report back to the branch.

\* Appointed position

**Wairarapa Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand**  
**Committee Nomination Form 2024**

Name of Nominee .....

VCC Membership #: .....

Position: (see Office Holders Duties – back of this form)

.....

Proposer: (please print) .....

VCC Membership #: .....

Proposer Signature:.....

Secunder: (please print).....

VCC Membership #:.....

Secunder Signature: .....

I agree to this nomination: Nominee Signature: .....

If you wish to add a few words of introduction/ why you are prepared to stand for Committee,  
please do so here:

**Please return to the Secretary via email :**

[secretarywvcc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretarywvcc@yahoo.com)

**by Friday 3rd June 2024**

# Being an event organiser for the club

Written by Simon O'Hara

It can be quite satisfying knowing you have organised an event that should appeal to members, only to have your bubble burst by lack of attendance. A lot of time both travelling and organising can go into some events and can require more than one person.

Checking routes, crossing the 'T's and dotting the 'I's, to make sure no one gets lost during the outing.

A survey went out asking you, our members, to give feed back as to the type of events you want.

I know in these times of high fuel prices and high cost of living, money can be tough to stretch, but the calendar of events should give plenty of notice so you can put aside or save for the runs that interest you.

With the large membership the Wairarapa branch has it is a bit disheartening that we only get a handful of attendees at rallies and turn outs to club nights is pretty poor as well. If you require a lift or want someone to drive your pride and joy because of ill health, reach out to family or fellow VCC members. Mixing and mingling at club nights is what helps to keep the club alive. Nothing better than a chat over a cuppa to brighten an evening.

On a positive note, on behalf of Alec, Jodie, Sandie and myself, I would like to thank the participants in the Stretched Gymkhana. What a great day. Lots of banter, friendly rivalries and self challengers. It is hard to catch up with everybody when you are organising and running an event, but the feedback has been great and makes organising it well worth while.

Thanks again.





# Stretched Gymkhana 2024

Written by Simon O'Hara

What a great day. Lots of laughter, friendly banter and the weather was brilliant. It is hard to catch up with everybody when you are organising and running an event, but the feedback has been great and makes organising it well worth while.

A few of the comments from participants;

“Thanks for putting on a fantastic event all of you. Despite being one of the most consistently inconsistent vehicles on the day, we had a great time.”

Phill.

“Thank you for all your organisation all 4 of you at the gymkhana. We had a great day with lots of lovely people to talk to and cars to admire and thank you for the lunch.”

Jenny & Ian Balfour.

“We both greatly enjoyed yesterday – never having participated in one before we really had no idea (which may have been evident). Thanks for yours and your family’s organisation and patience. It was one of the most enjoyable car events we have been to.”

Stephanie and Shaun.

2024 Stretched Gymkana Results

No.	Name	Driver	Vehicle	Qualifying laps			Target	Knock Out Round			Top 8			Top 4			Top 2		
				#1	#2	#3		Time	Diff	Rank	Time	Diff	Rank	Time	Diff	Rank	Time	Diff	Rank
1	Alec O'Hara		1979 Mini LE	2:11	2:01	2:00	2:00	2:02	+02	3	1:57	-03	4=	1:59	-01	1=	1:55:00	-0.05	2
2	Phil Halligan		1930 Model A roadster	3:27	3:44	3:05	3:05	2:48	-17										
3	Ian Balfour		1961 Humber 80	4:23	3:56	3:58	3:56	3:24	-32										
4	scratched																		
5	Verdon Heath		1982 Citroen CV2	3:34	3:35	3:33	3:33	3:29	-04	6	3:33	0	1	3:34	+01	1=	3:31:00	-0.02	1
6	Simon O'Hara		1928 Dodge Fast Four	2:46	2:39	2:30	2:30	2:31	+01	2	2:24	-06							
7	Bob Cumming		1987 Almac TG	2:44	2:33	2:29	2:29	2:17	-12										
8	Graham Hodder		1930 Model A Ford	4:08	4:05	3:46	3:46	3:48	+02	3	3:41	-05							
9	Jeff Percy		1946 Willys Jeep	3:42	3:38	3:25	3:25	3:14	+11										
10	scratched																		
11	Hugh Hunter		Morris 8 Roadster	2:58	3:04	3:02	2:58	2:43	-15										
12	Kevin Sullivan		1969 ESA B44 BS Bike	2:33	2:33	2:32	2:32	2:32	0	1	2:30	-02	3	2:35	+03	2=			
13	Shaun Leahy		1968 MG C	5:15	3:38	3:28	3:28	3:19	-09										
14	Chris Giles		Datsun Utility	3:34	3:32	3:19	3:19	3:30	+11										
15	Mike D'Alton		1934 Bentley	4:03	3:51	3:42	3:42	3:39	-03	5	3:45	+03	4=	3:39	-03	2=			
16	Sharon McKenzie		1930 Austin Clifton 12/4	4:29	4:28	3:03	3:03	2:45	-18										
17	Mike Whitelock		1936 Morris 8 sport	4:00	3:55	3:40	3:40	3:35	-05	7	3:39	-01	2	3:29	-11	5			
18	Stephanie McGreevy		1968 MG C	4:48	4:13	4:01	4:01	3:53	-08	8	3:40	-21							

Runner Up

Winner





# Stretched Gymkhana 2024

Written by Verdon Heath

What a magic event this was. The sun shone, the course was great, the vehicles all different, and the people lovely and friendly.

Many thanks must go to the O'Hara family for creating a great course around the Masterton showgrounds, timekeeping, sausage sizzle at lunch and all their organization. Well done to Simon, Sandie, Alex & Jodie and all the other helpers.

Vehicles were varied from 12/4 Austin, Morris 8s, Bentley, Humber 80, Citroen, BSA motorcycle, Willys Jeep, Datsun Ute, Mini, MGB, Almac and the list goes on. Much enjoyment was had by the passengers as well as the drivers going by the laughter heard coming from the vehicles.

The times recorded varied from 2 minutes to 4 minutes for the same course, drivers just had to be consistent in each round. Some got eliminated after each round, but with times only being a few seconds different each time around the tolerance was small. The ladies and motorcyclist proved skills were widespread, well done to all the entrants.

Great to see everyone chipping in to collect all the cones at the end of the event, thanks everyone. Looking forward to next year's event.







# Classic Alpine Tour 2024

Written by Gina Jones

After a lean summer of car events, with us needing to withdraw from several events due to car issues (MG Classic, MG Nationals, VCC Wairarapa Stretched Gymkhana), cancellation of others (VCC Rex Porter) and what seemed interminable time spent running cars in, we were itching to participate in an actual event.



The Classic Alpine Tour (CAT) is one of the four that motivated us to purchase the MGA back in 2018 - the other three were the VCC Targa, MG Pre-56 and VCC Rallye Monte Carlo. We have entered the MGA in them all and this was our second CAT (it would have been our third if my mountain bike accident hadn't occurred enroute in 2020).



To date the CAT has taken place in the Otago and Southland regions in late March every second year since 2018 - the one planned for the North Island in 2023 was cancelled due to Cyclone Gabrielle damage. Late March/early April sees the beginning of Autumn and the magnificent colours Central Otago is renowned for - and generally settled weather - so the perfect time for touring.



The CAT is aimed at attracting cars that fall into the general description of being of European origin (including British [YES!]) covering the period post WW2 up until 1979 and being of limited production [I suspect they stretch it for MGs] and unique design features. The event is a non-competitive tour [Mal's interest continues to surprise me - but no so much when you see the cars and meet the people]. Another feature is they have a photographer and a mechanic accompanying the tour - with the 2022 tour the A was losing oil and blowing smoke so Brendon (the mechanic) was much needed.





Our tour down to CAT was pretty unremarkable [actually pretty boring] SH1 driving to Rangitata where we turned inland. The lowlights are that the curse of the camper-vans has started again.



The journey down was punctuated with a few highlights - a night in Cheviot at the Ribbonwood Country House, which has amazing uninterrupted views across the countryside, supported by in-house dining of a lamb rack and copious quantities of home-grown vegetables (and fruit for dessert).



We popped into Christchurch to catchup with Sandra Frame whom we first met at the Timaru MG Nationals (Sandra and Tony are great inspiration for us for framing (no pun intended) some of our wish-list adventures). After a night at Lake Ohau Lodge [I sometimes think Mal is a bit perverse booking this as this is the location of my last meal prior to my accident], we arrived in Arrowtown with the car feeling as if it were losing power and struggling with hills. Not a good sign....at least it was going!



The event started with a welcome cocktail party at the stunning Thurlby Domain, located at Dalefield between Queenstown and Arrowtown. Its grounds and setting are striking; its buildings were constructed for the remarkable founder of the Hallensteins Clothing Company, Bendix Hallenstein; and it has even prompted poetic verse by one of New Zealand's significant literary figures Charles Brasch, and is the birthplace of artist Mina Arndt. Imagine what it looks like with an incredible collection of 50 classic cars added to the mix! There were five MGs on the tour - the Gliddon's in their MGA coupe, the Wilcox's (the MGAs previous owner for 20 years) in their C, the Fitzpatrick's in their C Sebring and the Begg's in their TF.





The next morning the tour started from Thurlby Domain with welcome musicians and a (free) coffee cart - only we almost didn't get that far with the car running out of puff going up a hill to leave Arrowtown where we had been staying. An emergency phone call to Brendon the mechanic! While waiting on the side of the road, the Wilcox's joined us to get a sense of what our issues were - one being petrol leaking from the top nut of the SU carburettors (a quick fix). The other auto electrical, which Brendon repaired though noted the fix may be short-term.



We reached the start in time for the briefing and a hot chocolate [thank goodness for the contingency time I annoy Mal on insisting on]



Arrowtown to Cromwell (where we refuelled) and toured to the very small historic gold mine town of Cambrians to hear a wonderful talk by artist Sir Grahame Sydney (this is where he lives and where his subject matter of his paintings focuses, largely on the sparse elements of human impact on Otago's empty landscapes and the loneliness of individuals in this remote setting). This was followed by the tour highlight, travelling in behind two Porche 356s and an early 911 as part of a quartet of small sportscars travelling at pace through an incredible landscape.

The day ended in Dunedin at the EBB - a favourite hotel where we managed to get a car park under cover by virtue of being a small car - and then off to dinner at 'Etrusco at the Savoy'.

Just as well we had a hearty breakfast the next morning as the car wouldn't start, Brendon was with us within minutes and got us running again. We got to Otago Boys High to hear Dougal Stevenson regale us with tales of the 1980's 'The Motorshow' that involved Chris Amon as the test driver.





After a stuttery start the car conked out after going up an awesome MG steep windy road. [I would have to say I have never had so many really nice cars stop to offer assistance - almost worth breaking down for - I felt sorry for them in the end and gave them the thumbs up to show we were OK after we knew Brendon was on the way].



We arrived at Owaka for lunch and a fundraising car display (well tried to limp in) with the throttle jammed on and sounding like real noddies revving the hell out of the car.



A fabulous drive, except for a few more breakdowns through the Catlins to finish the day in Invercargill - we skipped all the attractions that day (petrified forest, fossilised rocks and Nugget Point Lighthouse) - and took a shortcut to get to Repco Invercargill to try and get some more points and a condenser. [Note to self - don't forgo packing the Walbran MGA care pack - not a good idea]. They didn't have any but ascertained that Repco Gore did - which was where the event concluded the next day.



After watching the last hour or so of the Australian Grand Prix (Ferrari 1-2), dinner was at our accommodation in Invercargill and the 'participants choice car' was at the table and hidden under wraps. This was revealed, appropriately, as a Ferrari Dino that had been enjoyed by the owner for well over 30 years. Bryce Gliddon gave an amusing interview wearing his Enzo Ferrari disguise.



We left Invercargill on the Monday early in case we needed assistance - Brendon had told us to try and drive through the A's power surges. It was a truly awful trip - heart in your mouth at all times - fortunately there was little to no traffic on the back roads that the tour took us. We arrived in Gore and purchased the requisite parts for Brendon to install which required a bit of work to do!



While Mal was tending to the car, I went to the Gore Art Gallery (nicknamed Goreggenheim due to the circular entry) which is in the stunning former Carnegie Library building, the Gallery is a successful adaptive re-use of a significant historic Southland landmark. The original handsome brick library building was funded with a grant of £2,000 from famous Scottish philanthropist Andrew Carnegie and designed by prominent Invercargill architect ER Wilson. I was so entranced with the building I left with a new woodcut print (not yet on display) of the building which I had to nurse on my knees the rest of the journey home.



This was followed by a guided tour (and tasting) at the Hokonui Moonshine Museum - Mal arrived back just as the tour was ending to purchase me a greenstone necklace and bottle of moonshine.



The organisers had succeeded in putting together a varied programme keeping the event fresh for us returning participants (they have flagged that this is their last south of Waitaki River). Each touring day showcased the beautiful scenery of the region which varied from distance travelled and locality, taking in special features and spectacular sights and activities.

The cavalcade attracted much attention wherever we travelled. We felt privileged to have been able to participate (the event is by invitation) - and to have actually completed the whole thing with the car running better at the end of the tour than it had to start which was a bonus. We ended the day in Wānaka.

We left early the next day to traverse the Haast Pass - we hadn't driven it south-north since our first summer of love (in the F with the roof down at twilight in 2000/2001). We had a fabulous drive with nothing in front of us from Lake Hāwea to Haast - it is a truly spectacular piece of road - and magic if you have no traffic (the previous time we did it was going to the 2019 Pre 56 rally and it was campervan hell). An added bonus was the Whitebait fritters at Haast with copious amounts of whitebait. [Note that camper vans tend to hit the road after 10am].



We needed to use our emergency fuel just out of Ross as it was looking marginal to make it to Hokitika (we have a 45 litre tank - and used 42 litres) - the gauge was showing between E and less than E.....



After a night in Hokitika, we had our first rain day (which was pretty well on the cards being the West Coast) - and wouldn't you know it that presented issues with the passenger windscreen wiper flying off just south of Mawheraiti .... I got out and walked back while Mal drove about 500m and walked from that direction. I found the two parts and we resumed our journey.



Morning tea was at Reefton where we caught up with a contingent of Jags going to their Easter rally in Christchurch [and Mal got a store owner to open as I saw a fabulous outfit in the window of a closed second-hand shop].



We decided to stop in at the garage which was doing the car servicing for the 2022 Nelson Targa (we needed their services when a bolt fell off MGFOX's gearbox housing) to see if they could repair the wiper. As soon as we pulled-up we were greeted by the owner, Adrian Curtis, as if we were a long lost friend he had been on the tour with Robin Brews' Porche 356A Spstr and had taken photos of us when we had been following earlier in the tour (and we had wanted to catch up to arrange copies).

We had two nights in Nelson (bliss) - night one a movie (the highly recommended Wicked Little Letters - very funny) and a pizza - night two at the most fabulous cocktail bar Kismet Cocktail and Whiskey bar (the best in the country that we have been to) followed by dinner at Babagatto.

The return trip home was thankfully uneventful..... arriving home to attend the National Tweed Ride in Greytown the following day. The trials and tribulations of our adventure are all part of touring 3000km in 10 days in a nearly 70 year old car - it was a fabulous adventure.



MAY	
6 May	Club Night
18 & 19 May	Motorcycle Reliability Run Organised by Kevin Sullivan

JUNE	
9 Jun	Club AGM Working Men's Club Greytown
11 Jun	New Committee Meeting
16 Jun	Winter Wander Organised by Tina

July	
1 July	Club Night
14 July	Gravel Challenge

FUTURE EVENTS	
5 Aug	Club Night
18 Aug	Rally for Cancer Organised by Jim Laird.
2 Sept	Club Night
15 Sept	Groves Memorial Rally
7 Oct	Club Night
13 Oct	Rex Porter Rally
25-28 Oct	7th National Commercial Rally   Oamaru, hosted by Otago Branch
4 Nov	Club Night
16 Nov	Gold Medal Motorcycle Rally
24 Nov	Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day
1 Dec	Mauriceville Fair
2 Dec	Club Night
15 Dec	Club Christmas Function

**The Wairarapa Branch of the NZ VCC invites you to enter our  
Winter Reliability Trial  
18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Programme:**

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 Rangitikei region with an overnight stop at Mangaweka. Cabins have been booked at the Awastone camp ground at a cost of \$41 per person. To secure this accommodation the cost is payable with the entry fee.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

9.30 am Entrants briefing

10.00am First entrant away

The Saturday course is approximately 200kms.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Departure - return journey

The Sunday course is approximately 180kms.

**Trial Rules:**

1. This event is open to financial members of the VCC of NZ plus kindred clubs.
2. Trophies are awarded to VCC members only.
3. All vehicles are expected to be in roadworthy condition.
4. Entrants must abide by the traffic regulations and VCC membership rules.
5. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any entrant whose conduct is considered likely to bring discredit to the event or to the club. The organisers decision regarding any matters in respect of running the event will be final.

**Entry Fees:**

The entry fee is \$20 per entry.

This fee plus the accommodation cost of \$41 per person is payable by internet transfer or by bank transfer to;

Account: 03-0687-0323649-01

Code: Rel Trial

Ref: Registration number

**Entry Forms:**

The online entry form can be completed on the Wairarapa VCC website

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc>

Alternatively you can fill out the attached form and email it to kevsully52@gmail.com

**Please note that to secure the overnight accommodation is limited so to secure your bed please submit your entry ASAP.**



The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand  
Wairarapa Branch

## Winter Reliability Trial

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

### ENTRY FORM

**Name of entrant:**

**Passenger/Navigator:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**VCC Membership No:**

**Expiry Date:**

**Vehicle Make, Model :**

**Year:**

**CC:**

**Registration No:**

**VIC No.**

**Entry Fees \$20.00**

**Accommodation \$41 per person**

Entry fee and accommodation cost payable to;

Account: 03-0687-0323649-01

Code: Rel Trial

Ref: Registration number

Email this form to [keysully52@gmail.com](mailto:keysully52@gmail.com)

Entry form is also on Branch web site. [www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc)

Please forward Entry Form to a friend and KEEP a copy for your self.

## Revised Rex Porter Rally

Sunday 13 October 2024

Thank you to the 22 of you who completed the survey regarding the future of the Rex Porter Rally. The results are shown below. We now have a clear view of how we should plan the rally to appeal to the greatest number of members.

There are two distinctly different groups. Firstly, those who appreciate the challenge of straight line navigation, tulip navigation and regularity sections. Secondly, those who would prefer to have a less demanding run in the countryside with some less onerous tasks to complete.

Most of you indicated a preference for a Sunday run of 100-150km, with some unsealed roads. There was a certain number, however, who did not wish to risk the car's paintwork on gravel. The response to a continuation of the evening presentation was lukewarm.

The challenge you have laid out for the rally committee is to provide all these things together on one rally. In all probability this will mean slightly different routes, taking into account the different skill and experience levels of competitors.

The challenge for the membership is to turn out in sufficient numbers to make the rally a resounding success. An absolute minimum of 20 cars are needed to be financially viable in the long term. To see 30 of you enjoying yourselves would be a resounding success.

Please put the date in your diaries, SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER, and hope for a sunny spring day!

Graham

1. Do you want rallies to have a competitive component :-	Yes 9	No3		
2. If the answer to 1 is yes, please consider the following aspects;				
Element	Yes, I like this	It's OK	I put up with it	It stops me from entering
Straight line navigation section	10	4	3	1
Tulip diagram section	9	5	2	1
Regularity timed section	7	11		
Silent checks	11	7	1	
General questions on the route	12	5	1	
3. Would you only attend if it was all tar sealed :-	Yes7	No15		
4. Would you attend if it had a small amount of gravel ?	Yes 20.	No2		
5. What would you consider to be the ideal rally length?	100km 12	150km.14	200km1	
6. With regard to the Rex Porter Rally, the present format is for a presentation dinner in the evening. Would Having a prize giving at the end of the rally instead make it more likely that you would enter? End of rally8/no preference9/Evening presentation.5				
7. If the answer to no 7 is End of Rally, is it due to the extra expense :-	Yes2	No8	Time constraint.	
8. Which day would you prefer for club outings in future :-	Saturday 3	Sunday 12	No Preference6	



*Wairarapa*

**Ram Rodders**  
*Inc.* est.1977

11 March 2024

The President  
Wairarapa Vintage Car Club

Ram Rodders Wairarapa would like to extend an invitation to your club members to join us for a day of fun at the Masterton Motor Plex to be part of our Club's Drags Day.

This is being held on Sunday 28th April from 10.00 am with gates opening from 9.00am..

B.Y.O Picnic however there will also be a Hot Food and Coffee Van available to purchase from.

If we could possibly have an indication of numbers attending that would be great for our vendors.

We look forward to seeing you there for a great day.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us at [ramrodders@yahoo.com](mailto:ramrodders@yahoo.com).

Yours in rodding

Peter Cummings  
President  
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# Clubroom details

## Clubrooms:

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## Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

## Website:

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

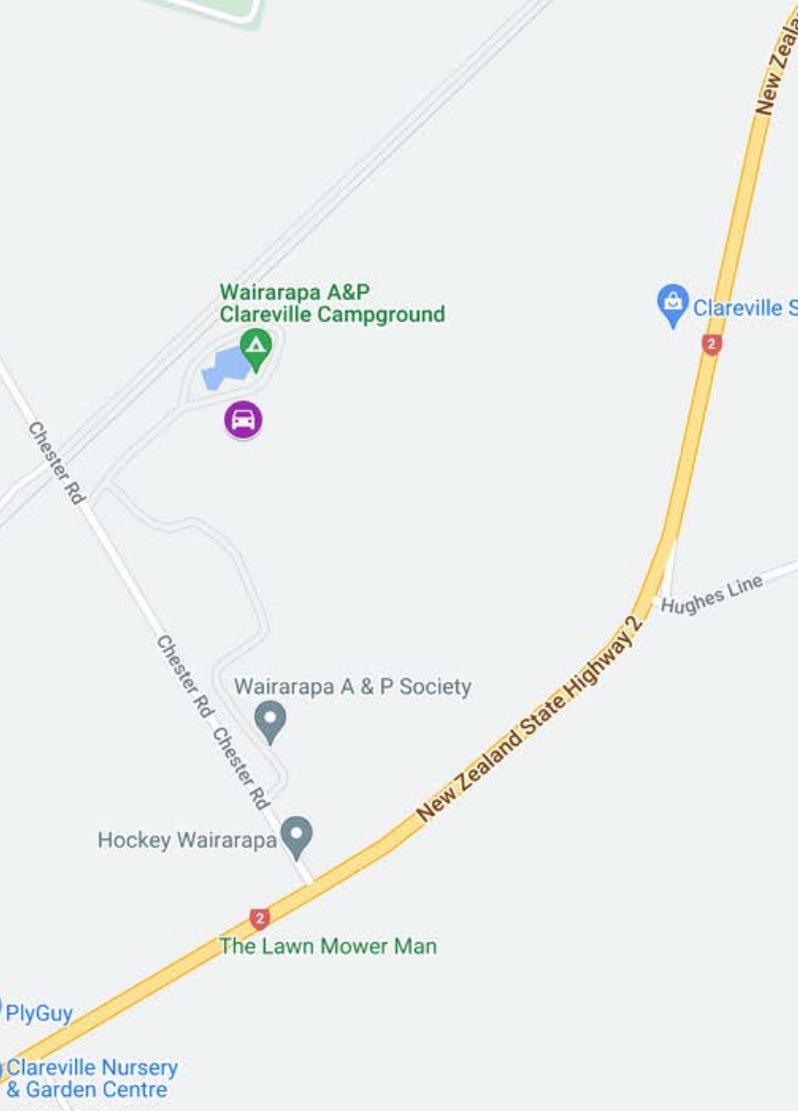
## Club Night:

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](#)

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## 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

# Marketplace

## For Sale

1928 Model A 4 door Sedan.

USA Assembled - Fisher Body - Original condition.

New Tyres and Battery. New WOF and Registered. In very good overall condition

Email Roger [rogerherm44@gmail.com](mailto:rogerherm44@gmail.com)

or call 027 441 4427



# Marketplace

## Wanted

Hi, my father, Neil Rook is a member (and parts person) of the Taranaki Branch of the Vintage Car Club and owns a 1929 Nash Std 6.

He needs one exhaust valve to complete repairs to the car. The local engine rebuilders have informed him that the valve that needs replacing is bent.

Measurements are:

Stem 8 mm

Head 37 mm

Length 135 mm (5 ¼ inch)

He would be most grateful for any assistance.

Neil can be contacted in New Plymouth – 06 758 6737 for text my mobile (Julie) 027 2768 395 or email me [planetclaire17@gmail.com](mailto:planetclaire17@gmail.com)

We are aware that he can advertise in Beaded Wheels however thought this email may speed things up a bit – hopefully.

Thank you.

Julie.

# Wairarapa Zenith



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