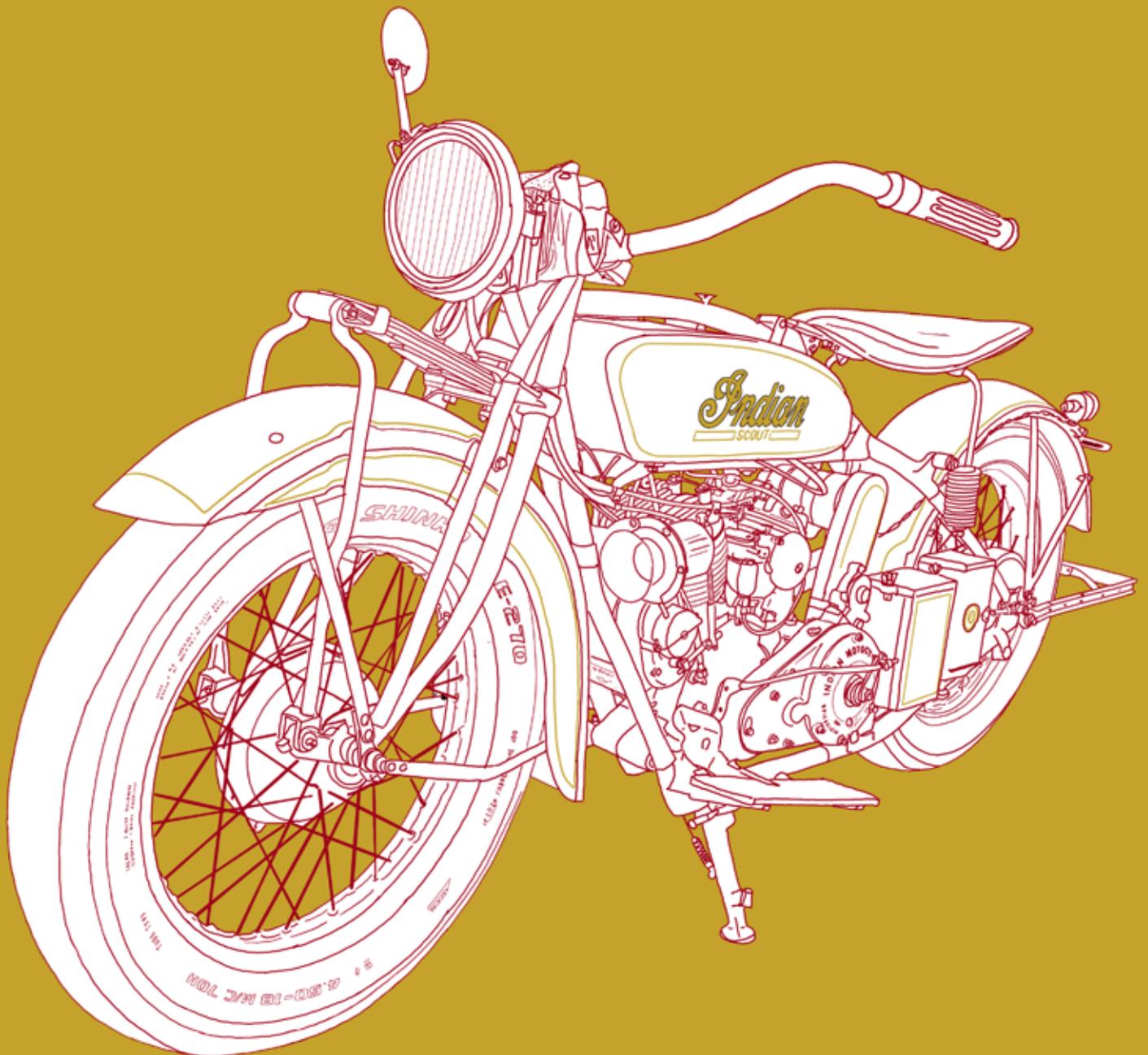


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Wairarapa

Zenith

Merry Christmas



Indian Scout
Wai Wheels 2024

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Club Night 2nd December



The Car is the Star
Darryl Longstaffe's 1935 Riley Kestrel.

Christmas, Event and Lunch 14 December

Not long now to our Annual Christmas Event.

This will consist of a trip to Eketahuna on tar sealed roads with some easy tasks en route,

Followed by lunch at the Eketahuna Hotel, with a topical quiz thrown in for good luck.

What fun we will have!

Please let me know my email if you're coming, and be sure to deposit funds (\$35 per head) into the club account.

Cut off date is 8th December, so do it now before you forget! Jane and I look forward to seeing you there !

Mike D'Alton
secretarywvcc@yahoo.com

Club Night 3rd February

The Car is the Star
To be confirmed in the New Year



Above.
Wairarapa A&P Show - Graham with his 34 Dodge

Cover.
Wai Wheels 2024 - Sketch Dennis Burns

Back home!

As I weaved my way through the Netherlands, France and the UK I was on the lookout for interesting Motor Vehicles, Boats, Trains and Airplanes, though It wasn't until I got to the UK that I started hunting them down.

As I said in my first editorial, I have always enjoyed visiting Motor and Transport Museums, and this trip was no exception, the highlight being my first visit to Brooklands, The Original home of British Motor Racing and Aviation".

I am pleased to be back in the beautiful Wairarapa and with summer attempting to breakout, I have taken the opportunity to take Olive to Wai Wheels and Mangatainoka Tui Brewery and am looking forward to more adventures.

It is good to see that the Club has been active in my absence, with reports in the following pages. In addition to a couple of layout changes, there's a new section to introduce club members and their vehicles.

Thanks to all who have taken the time to send me the things I need to produce this edition. And If by chance you take your classic car out for a run. Please take a photo and send it to me with enough words for me to write a caption

Following are a few snaps to show a few highlights from my travels.

I will finish off by wishing one and all, the most enjoyable festive break and I hope to see you at the Christmas function in a couple of weeks

Kindest regards
Dennis Burns
Editor.



Clockwise from above; BBC Fools and Horses - London Transport Museum shed at Brooklands - racing Norton 'LPD1' with side car - 1993 Ford Escort RS MkV Cosworth WRC - Austin J40 Pedal Car from 1966



My visit to the British Motor Museum

I find it so easy to lose account of time when in Motor and Transport Museums and this was not an exception, lots of Landrovers of course, however it was this 1952 Austin A30 Convertible that caught my eye.



The A30 was introduced at the 1951 Motor Show, carrying the famous 'Seven' name and it was the first new post war Austin small car.

This is only known, factory produced Convertible A30 model it was also known as the sport model.



Largely hand built, though the front wings panels are standard.

A pity that this never went into production, as I thought it a real gem.



We welcome Dennis Burns, the Zenith editor back from a round the world trip in eighty days.

(Editors note, it was only 53 days, made shorter as I didn't need to go by sailboat or hot air balloon)

His energy levels are fully charged and ready to provide us with another informative and entertaining review of last month's club activities and what we have lined up for December and the New Year.

(Editors note, I presume that means the jobs still mine)

Thank you to those who brought their cars along to be part of the Wairarapa A & P Show over the Saturday and Sunday. It was short notice, but it did provide the club with an opportunity to fly the flag and chat with the public.



The Rover club night was another wonderful success with a very good attendance.

Many thanks to Bob Cumming for bringing Beryl along and providing some light hearted stories, along with a very informative history presentation. Thanks also go to Garry Graham, John Adam and the others that brought Rovers along to enhance the display.



The Wai Wheels event in Featherston was unfortunately dealt to by the weather gods and was postponed to the following Sunday. The sun did come out and it was another very successful event.



The Annual Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial was held on Saturday the 16th of November.

Again, a magic turnout of riders and various bikes. The weather did add a little extra challenge, but despite it the day was enjoyed by all with laughter and stories at the lunch stop over a warm cuppa tea and something to eat.

Thanks to all of those who help marshal and perform the necessary tasks to make the event run smoothly. An extra big thank you to Kevin Sullivan for setting the route and coordinating the event. His leadership skills ensured it was a safe and interesting outing.

The following day was the Veteran Rally from Masterton to Martinborough and back. Another well organised outing with everyone enjoying the hospitality and atmosphere. It was a special moment for the public who happened to be in the square when we arrived and parked for a short display. Thanks go to the Veteran Team for putting the day together - Francis Pointon, Ryan Dew and John Kennedy.

The December club night is the night of the "Riley Motor Car". It all began as the Bonnick Cycle Company of Coventry, England in 1890 during the pedal cycle craze that swept Britain at the end of the 19th Century.

Darryl Longstaffe's 1935 Riley will be star that will be on display. Come along and fine out some interesting facts about another early English car manufacturer.

This year's Christmas outing is in Eketahuna with a run starting from the Farriers Car park at 10.45 am.

If you are reading this and have not RSVP-ed to Kevin Sullivan, then do so ASAP - \$35 per head.

The New Year starts with the Coastal run on Sunday the 5th of January 2025.

Mark the date and we will be sending a reminder and more information in December.

Events 2024

Sunday 1st December

Mauriceville Country Fair Rally

This will be a relatively short run of around 40 miles to allow plenty of time at the fair, but there may be some tricky questions to answer en-route.

At the fair there will be plenty of food for purchase. Apparently there's a particularly tasty dish at the Mauriceville School stand, in the form of the Bacon and Egg Pie.

Meet at The Farriers car park, Masterton for a 10 o'clock start.

Tuesday 3rd December

Parts Department open

Sunday 14th December

Annual Christmas Lunch

This will consist of a trip to Eketahuna on tar sealed roads with some easy tasks en route,

Followed by lunch at the Eketahuna Hotel, with a topical quiz thrown in for good luck.

Saturday 21st December

Parts Department open

Events 2025

Sunday 5th January

Coastal Run

Running from Masterton to Castle Point via Alfredton, Tinui and Mataikona
Details to follow.

Tuesday 7th January

Parts Department open

Saturday 18th January

Parts Department open

Sunday 9th February

British and European Car Day

Trentham

<https://www.britishandeuropeancarday.co.nz>

Events 2025 (Cont')

In March - Date To be Confirmed

Garage Raid

Details to follow in the New Year

Easter Weekend 18th to 20th April

Wheels at Wanaka 25

This is the last Wheels to be held, so it will be a special Event.

The Editor will be traveling down in Olive and also partaking in Larndover only Safari's in the week prior.

<https://www.wheelsatwanaka.co.nz/>

Save the Date

15th - 21st March 2026

VERO International Festival of Historic Motoring

Being held in the Nelson Tasman region by the VCC, details can be found on the Festival website

<https://www.historicmotoring.org.nz/>

Monthly

1st Monday of the Month (staring February

Club Night

Starting 3rd February 2026
Details to follow in the New Year

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Committee Meeting

Starting 11th February 2026

3rd Saturday of the Month

Parts Department open

Each Tuesday morning following club-night.

The 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:30am - 12noon

Day one ...and this Wairarapa VCC member was off like a Robbers' dog.

1st stop Kimbolton, north of Fielding, to meet up with 2 other Manawatu VCC club members. Together the 3 of us aboard a Rover 90 (Rhonda) headed to Malcolm Jensens' property further on up at Apiti.

Other club members from Manawatu, Whanganui, Central Hawkes Bay and a fellow Wairarapian Ryan Dewes also present.

Malcolm, along with his father Vern, mother Susan, daughter & daughter-in-law proceeded to demonstrate the finer points of Wooden-Fellow Rim Bending. It turned out Vern with 40+ years experience and over 10,000 wheels delivered in New Zealand & Worldwide, kept us all very well informed. A hands on day with many a question asked and answered. An event this VCC newbie knew little about and will value the experience.



A little taste...2025 heading back to Feilding to watch & learn how the spokes are turned, shaped, why numbered, placed & pressed into the rim



The bending of the Hickory Batten too shape



Rim-clamping. Thus fixing its shape to dry

DAY 2. ... an early start for myself & North Island VCC Club Captain Glyn Clements, as we ventured south in his 1961 Morris 1000 (Myrtle), with me as the Newbie Navigator Glyn as driver; joining 27 other cars for the Horowhenua Tararua 2024 Trundle.

A 90 mile (approx) all encompassing rally. Starting with a Pull Balancing obstacle, Check-points, Time Check, Strait line Navigation (2 on Right. Must turn Left...How could I possibly forget...I did !), some Tulip Navigating, Short Gravel sections for those willing & the usual assortment of questions to be answered.



Blurry photo or setting the mood for the days weather?

Having completed a couple of rallies, I would like to congratulate Greg Oliver, his wife Jane & joint Club-Captain Julie Riepen on providing an amazing day of motoring entertainment followed by the friendly after-match function (prize giving).

Glyn and I managing 2nd in our class & 2nd overall.

Hi, Here I am with our P76. Sonya and I went to Wai Wheels Featherston show last Sunday and I showed off the 44 gallon drum in the P76, as you do. It attracted a lot of attention including from the man on the left,



Russell Jones who told me he did the pre delivery check on this car when it was sold new in Masterton by H J Jones Motors.



Dan Harte bought the car new then George Watt, a local policeman bought it off him and owned it for 16 years until we bought it in 2001.

We have since named the car George as we are constantly asked " isn't that Watts old car or similar". I had always thought it was the late Bob Jones who did the PD on the car but obviously I was wrong on that point.

Coincidences - my fathers proper name was H J Jones and I know Francis has a sign for HJ Jones Motors in his collection. So many Joneses!



Editors notes

Following their appearance at Wai Wheels, I caught up with Rob & Sonya at the Mangatainoka Vintage Car day, where they explained that (and I hope I get this right) the P76 was reputed to be able to fit a bale of hay and a 44 gallon drum in the boot. No hay was available and but I presume it refers to the old style hay bales not the new large round ones.



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

Editors notes

Francis bought the 1918 Essex Roadster up to Mangatainoka. It was good to catch up with him and see the actual car featured in his advertisement.



The run was a chance for some of the many veteran cars to be brought out of hibernation, some for their first run for a long time.

Although most of the veterans were from the local region, a further two were from Manawatu, plus one from Hawkes Bay. The start point from Masterton was the Pointon museum just off Te Ore Ore road east of town. Although instructions were supplied, the first car to set off, not from the region, found one instruction ambiguous and took a 20 km detour, before being rescued by a modern vehicle.



1909 Renault & 1914 Saxon B1

Next time, a local will go first and the instructions will also be improved!

Some cars met those from Masterton at Greg Lang's, at the junction with the Gladstone Road, before continuing down Longbush Road and eventually reaching the square in Martinborough.

The cars then proceeded to Moy Hall vineyard restaurant on Martins Road – all except Dave Patten's 1913 Daimler T20, a local car out for the first run of the season and complaining because of stale fuel – another reason to use these older cars more often.

Moy Hall produced a superb lunch, with drinks to suit everyone and the afternoon saw cars disperse either back to Masterton or the local cars going directly back home.

Altogether, there were 11 veteran cars taking part – and no model T's amongst them!

The success of the inaugural run should mean an ever-bigger event next year – and even a model T or two as well.

A beautiful day at Moy Hall in Martinborough



Lined up from left to right,

- 1913 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Alpine Eagle
- 1913 Sunbeam 16/20 Doctors Coupe
- 1914 Saxon model B1
- 1909 Renault AX
- 1909 Wolseley-Siddeley
- 1912 Clement-Bayard
- 1905 Rolls-Royce Light 20 Isle of Man Tourer
- 1916 Chevrolet 4/90
- 1914 Overland
- 1908 Holsman 10 h.p. Runabout

- John & Rae Kennedy
- Ryan Dewes
- Graham Hodder
- Pete Johns
- Murray Parker
- Judy & John Callesen
- John & Rae Kennedy
- Len Haycock
- Francis Pointon
- Stewart & Stephanie Barton

The 41st Gold Medal trial was held on the 16th of November. Twenty five riders braved the threatening weather and set out on a course that took them North to the Mangatarere Valley Road then through Carrington, Dalefield and Matarawa and back to SH2.



Entrants assemble at the start

The route then skirted around the western side of Greytown and on through Papawai and Morrisons Bush towards Kahutara. After a loop through Pukio the riders then headed for the East West Access Road and on to Western Lake Road which took them to Featherston.

The weather had deteriorated en route so the lunch stop at the Featherston Community Centre was a welcome opportunity to dry out and warm up with a hot cup of tea and something to eat. Unfortunately we had one retirement in the morning leg when Tony Hunt's Honda MT250 holed a piston.

The afternoon run home took an indirect route to the east of SH2 back to the clubrooms for the prize-giving. Once again we had a varied field ranging from Mark Orange's 50cc Victoria moped and Andrew Ross' LE Velocette at one extreme to Paul Marshall's 1000cc BMW and Peter Jessop's 1200cc Yamaha V Max at the other.

It was pleasing to see a good turnout again this year with entrant from Wellington, Horowhenua, Manawatu and Whanganui in addition to local entrants. We also continue to attract entrants who are not members of the VCC with 8 entrants in the Classic class this year. It is noteworthy however that local non member entrants outnumbered entries from the Wairarapa Branch. We hope to see this reversed next year and encourage members with motorcycles to enter our premier motorcycle event.

Thanks go to Graham Hodder, Chris Giles, David Eade, Mike D'Alton and Gary Graham for their help in organising a successful and enjoyable event.

David Gwynn and Ian Munro prepare to start



Congratulations to the following winners;

The Glenn Bull Trophy for the Overall Winner - Dave Henwood 1952 BSA B33

Post Vintage - Norman Hill	1938 Velocette MSS
Post War - Dave Henwood	1952 BSA B33
Post 60s - David Gwynn	1971 BSA B50SS
Post 80s - Joe Morris	1986 Honda GB500
Classic - Barry Jessop	1975 Suzuki T500

Gold Medals	Dave Henwood Simon Byrne
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Silver Medals	David Gwynn Ian Munro Joe Morris
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Bronze Medals	Norman Hill Bill James Graham Reidy
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Dave Henwood receives the winners' trophies from the rally organiser Kevin Sullivan



Vintage Automobilia Auction

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Once you register your interest we will be in contact to give you event information and catalogue details. Floor bidding and online bidding will be available on the day. The photos show examples of items that will be for sale at the auction. Once the catalogue is finalised in December, there will be no sales of catalogue items before the auction.



Auction Date: 14th February 2025 | Location: Napier City

Viewing from midday - auction starting at 2pm (Other viewing times will be confirmed)

Email any enquiries: vintageautomobiliaauction2025@gmail.com



Proud Owners with Delilah (Car) and Benny (Dog)

Ian & Judi Harding, both retired and are Carterton residents. Ian from a farming, (East-Coast) and timber industry while Judi (Mainlander) was a Registered Nurse & public Health Nurse.



Newbie VCC members, with Judi currently writing the report for the Beaded Wheels on behalf of Wairarapa and also the North Island Club Captains Tour and most recently the Combined Camp-Out Rangiwahia Apiti.

Our car, (Delilah ...Hebrew for ` delicate `) is a 1963 2.5 V8 Daimler Sedan. A Barn-Find after 15 years, before restoration by previous owner and carrying the original number-plate numbers through to this day. The vehicle has been VCC certified with all major body, chassis, motor, gearbox (Auto), Dif and drive components all factory fitted. This car was first sold by an Auckland dealership 20/06/1963 with 000695 miles on the clock. After re-registration and four owners later, there is now 191.663 showing.



Since we have owned the car much of the Woodwork has been refurnished due to sun-bleach & Blistering there has also been a lot of human hand -grease on door panels and rests. Some extensive work has been done on both hand & pedal brakes as well as Gear-Box gasket and seals. There is still much I would like to do and this we hope to achieve in time.

Over the last 12 months the car has traveled to the Manawatu, Whanganui, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, competed in three Rallies "Post Era,, 60th Ruahine Ramble, & the Combined Campout! Base Camp Rangiwahia, Apiti forest.

It was our intention to visit VERO 2026 but the cost has ruled us out, though a South Island adventure is fully on the cards.

You'll note that most of our travels are outside of the Wairarapa.... Why ? 2 main reasons, 1, long-time personal friends that can be credited with our involvement with VCC and secondly, Judi & I are what you'd call Long-distance travellers as these have become our Holidays or just a break away plus we need to save because Delilah The Daimler drinks petrol like it's going out a fashion.

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Club Night:

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

Committee meet:

Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

Parts Department:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Join Frank, Graham 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

Out & About

Wairarapa A&P Show



Bob and Lynette's Rolls Royce with Darryl's 1939 Riley Kestral

You will see more of Darryl's Riley as it is Decembers Club night 'Star Car'

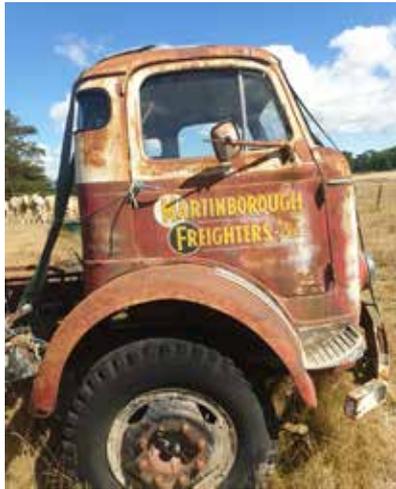
Neville's 1939 MG



Graham in his 1934 Dodge leading the way.



Mike Dalton and Jim Barr take home the silverware as Rex Porter winners in Mikes Bentley



Johns Commer Truck (is looking for a new home.)

Needing a bit of TLC



Stephanie and Shaun missing the NZ Classic car scene, had to settle for this Model T Statue in Fort William, Scotland



The editor, also touring, spotted this lovely mini, waiting for a client. The driver checking I wasn't a parking warden taking his photo to issue a fine for illegal parking !



The Rover owners coordinated themselves, met in Masterton and then did a convoy, arriving at Mangatainoka in style. A SDI 2600, P5B, 75 Connoisseur and a Rover Auto in the line up

out & About



Even barbie has her own Classic car, spotted at the Design Museum in London.

It might be a few years before this qualifies for Classic Car status.



More snaps from Wai Wheels



Mike and Michelle at Wai Wheels, they worked into the wee hours to get the families, Morris 8, ready for the days event.



Good turn out at Tui Brewery, Mangatainoka, - Report to follow in our next issue of Zenith

I had to have at least one photo of Olive.

Parting words



Out in the field at Wai Wheels with our parts team, The club trailer was packed full of goodies for sale and yes I even succumbed to the temptation and bought the blue light opposite. No idea what its for, all I know is thats it had nothing to do with law enforcement.

I even tried my hand a convincing someone to buy an automotive gem, but the lads said I should stick to editorializing.



They are a tight nit group, I even understand Dave has Jeff's old Nash.



Think you know the answer to what the blue light was used for?

Let me know by email to editorwaivcc@gmail.com

There is a coffee and a scone (at a local Wairarapa cafe) in it for the best correct answer.

As the parts team will be judging the replies, they unfortunately can't enter.

Answer (hopefully) next issue

Dennis

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