

# Wairarapa Zenith

December 2025



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Vintage  
Car Club  
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The last newsletter for 2025 and it's been great to able to share another enjoyable year of events and meetings with fellow enthusiasts.

Now that the finer and warmer weather appears to be with us, I am able to ditch the winter woollies when driving Olive.

I enjoy putting together the monthly newsletter, have a great Christmas and New Year and I look forward to receiving plenty of articles and photos for the 2026 Newsletters



Kindest Regards

Dennis Burns

Editor

## Club Night 1st December

Twilight Run + Special General meeting

## Club Night 2nd February

Motor Cycles are the Star



## 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

## **Chairperson Report for November 2025**

The festive season is around the corner. Christmas Parades and the appearance of Christmas decorations is a sign of the silly season getting into gear. If you are attending the Christmas run to Eketahuna on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, it is an opportunity to show off your imagination and craftsmanship by decorating your vehicle with a Christmas theme.

A reminder, numbers are limited to 50, so if you have not paid and let Mike D'Alton know you are coming, do so

A.S.A.P. before the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

The month started with a well-supported New Members run. Thank you to Bob Cumming and David Eade for putting the outing together. I enjoyed motoring through the spring countryside and catching up with members over lunch at the Gladston Inn.

November Club night was again well attended with a variety of vehicles on display.



The theme was "bragging rights" Thank you to those who presented their vehicles along with the impromptu stories about each one. I think it is a great way for members to interact and enjoy each other's company in a less formal way.



Congratulations to the winners from the Annual Wai Wheels Car Show in Featherston. It is very pleasing to see so many club members supporting this local fund raiser.

Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> was the running of the Club's 42<sup>nd</sup> Gold Medal Trial. This year it was a trip to Riversdale.

A big thank you to Kevin Sullivan and his team for putting together a very well run and successful days outing.

Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> was a day out with Veterans and a couple of Vintage cars. This year's run was very similar to last years organised by Francis Pointon and Ryan Dewes. Many thanks again to Francis and Ryan for this year's outing along with John Kennedy for arranging the parking and hospitality at Palliser Estate.

The Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day at Tui Breweries is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Please make this a successful club event by coming along. It's a magic venue to enjoy each other's company with food and a quiet drink.

Club night is on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Kevin Sullivan has organised a short twilight run around Carterton and the surrounding countryside. This will be followed by a **Special General Meeting** to either confirm or decline an updated Club Constitution. With a change of the Act, we need to sign off on a new Constitution before the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.

Don't forget the Club's **Christmas Function on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December** as mentioned above.

The Annual Mauriceville Country Fair is being held at Clarke Domain on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. The club will not have a pre-arranged run out to the Domain, instead please travel out at your own leisure and enjoy the day.

The New Year will kick off with the Coastal Run on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

At the moment it is tentatively a trip to Akitio. Kevin Sullivan and I will be taking a run out to check and make sure all is well with the roads and lunch venue.

We will circulate more information after the committee meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

We will have another Bar-B-Q on Waitangi Day, Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February at Dakins Road, next to the river. It will be the same format as last years, with you choosing your own rally route to get there for a 12.30 pm lunch. Bring some food to cook on the Bar-B-Q.

Take care and we will chat at the Special General Meeting.

Graham

Twenty seven participants assembled on a sunny Saturday morning for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial. A variety of makes and capacities were entered in the classes from Post Vintage through to Post 80s. We also had entries from a number of local riders in the Classic class for non VCC members.



The route took riders to the east of Carterton and on a circuitous route to the lunch stop at Riversdale Beach.

The riders encountered the usual hazards of stock on the roads, one way bridges, variable road conditions and local traffic. In addition the significant roadworks on the Masterton Castlepoint Road made life interesting for the riders. The hot weather had also conspired to challenge motorists with stretches of melted tar that were evident the day before leaving the road in poor condition.

In spite of these challenges all riders bar one made it safely to the lunch stop. One unfortunate entrant turned back when his machine began to misfire. An errant condenser wire was the cause. Another rider made the most of the occasion and made an excursion to Castlepoint having missed the turnoff to Riversdale. He made it to Riversdale in time for a quick bite.

After lunch at the Riversdale Beach Store the bikes set off on the return journey to the clubrooms. The lack of petrol available at Riversdale dictated that we took the most direct route. Some riders took on fuel from the emergency supply carried in the tail end charlie vehicle but one rider misjudged the capacity of his tank and ran out on the way home.



The good turnout and the fine weather meant an enjoyable day. It is nice to see that this event continues to be well supported by riders from across the region.

The winners on the day were;

Gold Medals – Ashley Blair, Mike D’Alton and Simon Byrne.

Bronze Medals – Ian Munro, Willie James, Steve Barker and Paul Switzer

Post Vintage – Paul Switzer 1937 Royal Enfield Model 9

Post War – Simon Byrne 1956 BSA Golden Flash

Post 60s – Trevor Barnes 1976 Honda CB200T

Post 80s – Tony Hunt 1985 Honda CX

Classic – Rob Coulston 1986 Honda GB500TT

Overall Winner – Simon Byrne



Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest
<b>December 2025</b>		
Monday 1st	Club Night	Twilight Run
Monday 1st	Special General Meeting	Club Rooms following the Twilight Run
Saturday 6th	Manawatu & Central Hawkes Bay Veteran Rally	Meet at Tui Brewery Briefing at 10.30am
Sunday 7th	Mauriceville Country Fair	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Saturday 13th	Club Xmas Function-Eketahuna Hotel	\$38 per head - Max number of 50 people Confirm numbers by Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
<b>January 2026</b>		
Sunday 11th	Coastal Run	Akitio – to be confirmed
Sunday 11th		Wheels with Attitude Dannevirke
Monday 19th	Wellington Anniversary Day	Wellington VCC Monty Carlo Run
22/25 Jan		Cruise Martinborough
24/ 26 Jan	Wellington VCC Biennial Motorcycle rally	
<b>February 2026</b>		
Monday 2nd	Club Night	Motorbikes are the Star
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Waitangi Day Bar-B- Q	Dakins Road
Sunday 8th		British Car Day Trentham
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
19/21 Feb	Art Deco Rally - Napier	
<b>March 2026</b>		
Monday 2nd	Club Night	Car is the Star – Ram Rodders Vehicel's invited
Saturday 7th	Stretched Gymkhana	A&P Show Grounds Masterton
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. 8th	March Executive Meeting	Christchurch - Confirmed
9Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Vero International Festival	Nelson
<b>April 2026</b>		
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mon. 6th	Easter	
Tuesday 14th	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 12th	Club Captains Run	Confirmed
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day Weekend	
<b>May 2026</b>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night	
Tuesday 12th	Committee Meeting	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10th	Motorcycle Reliability Run, Cars are invited to join in.	Confirmed
<b>June 2026</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	King's Birthday	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club AGM	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Committee Meeting	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Winter Wander	TBC
<b>July 2026</b>		
Monday 6th	Club Night	Fish & Chip
Fri. 10th	Matariki	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 19th	Gravel Challenge	
<b>August 2026</b>		
Monday 3rd	Club Night	Quiz Night with Vintage Machinery Club
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Fri. 14 – Sat. 15th	National A.G.M & Executive Meeting	Manawatu Branch

Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest
<b>September 2026</b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night	
Tuesday 8th	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 14th	Spring Rally	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
TBC	<a href="#">Gentlemen's Drive</a>	Fundraiser for men's health
<b>October 2026</b>		
Saturday 3rd	Rex Porter Rally	
Monday 5th	Club Night	Car is the Star
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct. – Su. 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	Wairarapa A & P Show Clareville	TBC
TBC	<a href="#">Bygone era of wings and wheels.</a>	Organiser is Wellington Festival
<b>November 2026</b>		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Wellington Branch Annual Rally</a>	TBC
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	New Members Rally	TBC
Monday 2nd	Club Night	
Tuesday 10th	Committee Meeting	
<a href="#">Sunday 15th</a>	<a href="#">Wai Wheels Annual Car Show</a>	Card Reserve - Featherston
Saturday 21st	Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial	TBC
Sunday 22nd	Veteran Run	TBC
Sunday 29th	Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day	

The New Members Rally was held on the first Sunday in November.

Thirteen cars ranging from a 1925 Chrysler and a 1990 Ford courier and everything in between registered for the event of 160km with 10km of gravel thrown in to test the participants.

With questions for the navigators and a total time of 3 hours 10 minutes to complete the rally, competitiveness was assured.

The finish was at the local pub where the presentation took place.

Final scores were extremely close with just one question separating first and second.

Winners on the day were Jim and Barbara Barr driving a 1968 Wolesley 1300 with the 1925 Chrysler of Francis Pointon coming in second.





Here are a few photos I took at the WaiWheels event at the Card Reserve in Featherston yesterday (Sun 16th Nov).

A great location that seems to get bigger every year.

There was a good turnout with over 300 cars and 30 motorcycles this year accompanied by great weather.

Not so many pre-war vehicles as seems to be the case nowadays but a good turnout from the club.

Jim Laird won best Vintage Car with his '38 Packard coupe, and also runner up with his '28 Packard phaeton.

Brad Gooding won best bike with his '28 Indian 101 Scout as well as Best In Show with his beautiful 1959 Oldsmobile 98.

I rode my '19 Indian Powerplus for its first official run with the sidecar attached after having its wheel bearing remade by John Shields.





And along with it the Wairarapa Christmas Lunch Run.

## Saturday 13th December

Driving through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh.....to Eketahuna? Dream on, dress up the motor and join in the fun.

Meet at Masterton Lincoln Road Station at 0930 for 1000 departures on sealed roads to Eketahuna.

Light hearted quiz en route and on arrival at the Eketahuna Hotel for luncheon.

Tickets are selling out fast, buy your slot now by emailing [secretarywvcc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretarywvcc@yahoo.com)

And don't forget to PAY \$38 per head into the club account reference Xmas and your name.

**JUST 14 DAYS LEFT TO DRESS UP THE MOTOR AND WIN SLEIGH OF THE YEAR**



Last years Christmas Lunch

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of December Twilight Run



Start Venue : Clareville Club Rooms

Start Time : 7.10 p.m.

The run will be on streets and roads around Carterton Township with questions to answer.

It will take approximately 80 minutes to complete.

Tea and coffee with a biscuit to follow the Special General Meeting.

## Waitangi Day Bar – B – Q



Date : Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

Venue : Dakins Road

Arrival Time : 12.30 p.m.

Bring your own food to cook

Tea and coffee provided.

Design your own rally route, starting from your home to the venue.

Provide photos to prove your travels.

**The best story wins a prize.**

## January 2026 Coastal Run to Akitio



Date : Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Start Venue : Farriers Car Park

Briefing at 9.30 am

First Car away at 9.45 am

Distance from Masterton to Akitio via the Waihi Falls is approx.. 167 k's ( 3 hours )

Return trip to Masterton via Pahiatua is 148 k's ( 2hrs. 20 minutes )

These distances and times are approximate.

We will have more accurate times and distances after the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NZ Wellington Branch**

### **19th Biennial Motorcycle Rally**

**23 - 25 January 2026**



Des Verellen (1932-2025) at the 2010 Biennial Rally

**Great rides around Wellington  
Great company and great food**

**Entry forms: Rally Secretary Peter Simpson**

**Phone 027 474 8220**

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## 2026 Fling

Te Awamutu will be our base for the 2026 Fling. So put the weekend of February 28 and March 1st 2026 on your calendar!!

We are organising some great motoring on mainly rural sealed and gravel roads, lots of farmtracks, great views and some water features.

The Te Awamutu Workingmans Club will be used as our Friday night registration venue. Drinks and bar food will be available for purchase.

This venue has been booked for Sunday night dinner as well. ( upstairs)

For Saturday night the club is highly recommended but needs booking, However there are plenty other good venues available for dinner in town.

### Accommodation:

There are several motels available in TA however early bookings are highly recommended!!! There are also plenty motels available in Cambridge.

Both towns are same distance away from our morning starting point.

For those that would like to bring their motorhome, caravan, tent or just want to "camp" in their vintage car... the schoolgrounds are available for a nominal fee of \$12 per night. Toilets, cold shower or swimming pool are available.

Starting point is : Wharepapa School. The school is about 25 min easy drive from Te Awamutu and Cambridge.

# THE GREAT MANAWATU STEAM FAIR 2026

### WHEN

**March 21-22  
10am-4pm**



### WHERE

**The Steam Traction Society,  
Maewa Road, Feilding**



**FEATURING** • Have-a-go Steering an Engine •  
Trailer Rides • Steam Sports • Live Displays • Vintage  
Vehicles and Machinery • Food and Beverages •  
Raffles • Guided Tours

### At the Gate **(CASH ONLY)**

**\$10 Single  
\$30 Car (max 5 people)  
\$5 Steer an engine  
Under 5's FREE**

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## 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:

- First Tuesday morning of the Month.
- 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

## Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

## Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

## Website:

<https://waiavcc.nz/>

## 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

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