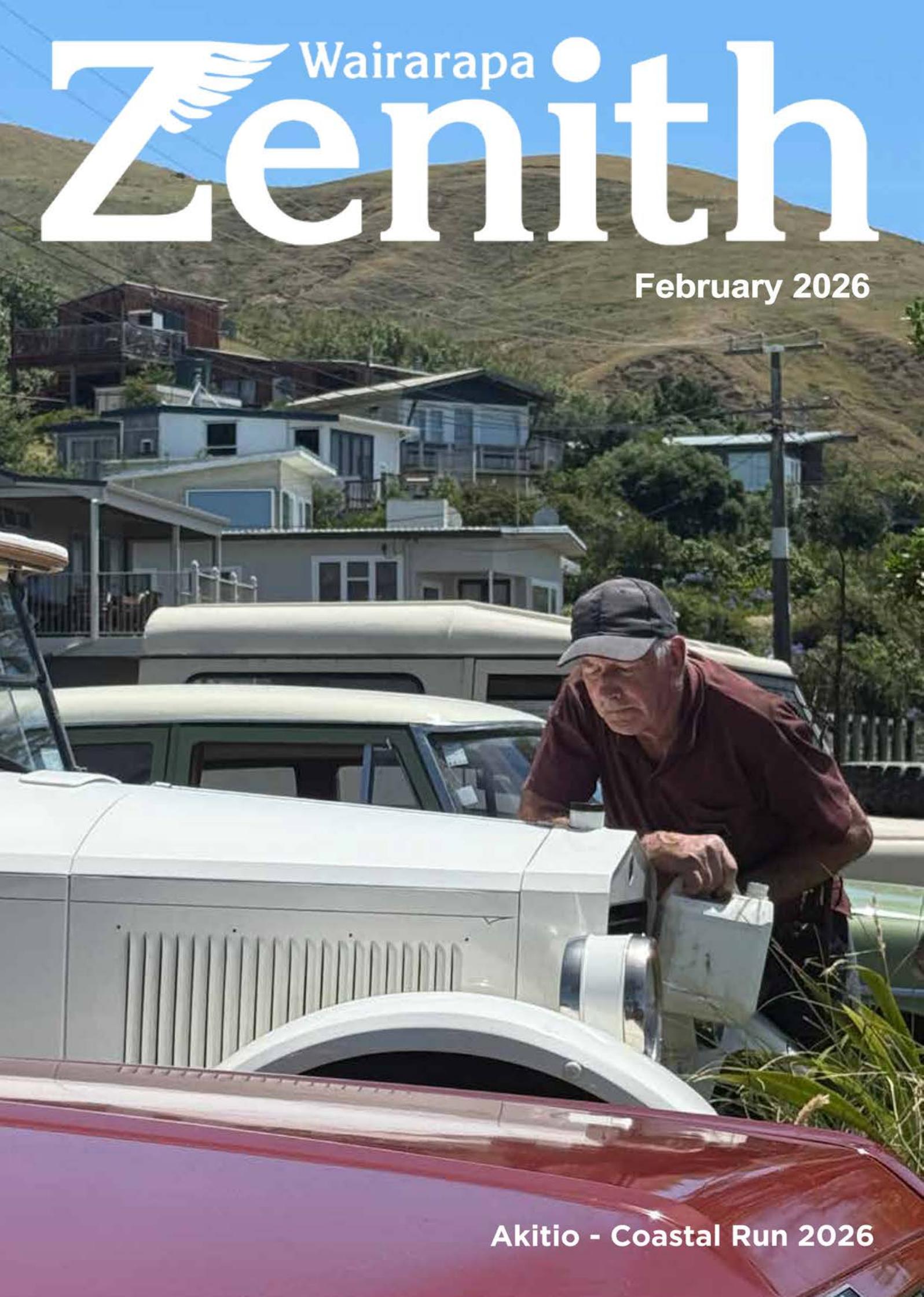


# Wairarapa Zenith

February 2026



Akitio - Coastal Run 2026

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### 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

### FRONT COVER

I couldn't think of a cheeky caption for this photo of Francis taken during our lunch stop in Akitio

### BACK COVER

A well deserved reward for battling very strong side winds that nearly blew my glasses off -

Orange of course !

## Club Night 2nd February

Motor Cycles are the Star

## Club Night 2nd March

Car is the Star

- Ram Rodders Vehicles invited



It may seem that I have been doing a lot of sitting around and not doing much at all. Truth be-knownn it's not far from the truth, though in my defence in this case it is the lunch rest before a very windy drive back to Greytown from Akitio.

Enjoy more story's and tales within.

Kindest Regards

Dennis Burns

Editor

Welcome to the New Year.

I trust you all have had a relaxing time and have recharged over the holidays. We are looking forward to another busy events calendar.

The December twilight run attracted a very good turnout. Kevin Sullivan put a well-planned course together encompassing Carterton.

The run included land marks and various questions requiring answers.

The excitement as members left was infectious. On returning everyone was treated to a chocolate bar which added to the chatter. The winners were :- 1st Rob and Sonya Jones  
Second equal were :- Dave and Les along with David and Mrs Hunter.

A Special General Meeting was convened following the prize giving.

The notice of motion on the agenda was to adopt a new constitution to meet the new Incorporated Society's Act. A copy of the new constitution had been circulated prior to all club members. After discussion the Club Chairperson asked the meeting to vote on the acceptance of the new constitution. Asking for those who agreed to say yes and those against to say no. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Coastal run to Akitio was well attended despite the windy conditions. While sitting enjoying a picnic lunch Simon Byrne produced a picture taken at Akitio nine years earlier to the month. The same Norfolk Pines with members cars parked underneath them. It was their first rally as club members. We will ear mark the calendar with another visit in the 2035. Many thanks to Jim and Lyn Laid for being tail end Charlie.

We will be celebrating a special occasion on Monday the 2nd of February. Mike Blundell will be presented with his 50-year membership badge. It is also a night for all the bikers in the club to bring their bikes along and show them off. Come along and enjoy Mikes moment as well as getting an opportunity to see club members bikes on display.

February 6th Waitangi Day bar-b-q is again being held at Dakins Road. It will be the same format as last year. You choose your rally route to travel from your home. Traveling a total distance of 30 k's to arrive at the bar-b-q between 12.00 and 12.30 pm.

Take a photo on your phone when leaving home to verify the time you left and various photos on your travels. The best story told will receive a prize. Come along and have some fun.

We are having a Working Bee on February the 21st at the Club Rooms. Dave Eade is the club's custodian and he will put a list of jobs that need attention together. We will also have a tidy up down stairs. We will send out a reminder in February.

Club members have been invited to a garage raid at Francis Pointon's on Sunday the 22nd of February.

We hope to visit another garage also.

More information to come.

That's all from me.

Graham

## Secretaries notes

Mike D'Alton

A note from The Secretary.

A couple of minor points of procedure.

1. If you change your contact details, when you email me the new details please copy in the VCC HQ.

This saves me having to do it. [Office@vcc.org.nz](mailto:Office@vcc.org.nz).

2. All VIC applications and lighting endorsements should go through The Branch VIC Officer who is inspecting the vehicle. The VIC officer needs to complete the paperwork and can then send it to HQ.

The Branch Secretary has no input into this process.

Your VIC officers are;

Hugh Hunter [j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz) - 027 665 9911

Francis Pointon. [Pointonmotors@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Pointonmotors@xtra.co.nz) - 06 378 6710

Kevin Sullivan [kevsully52@gmail.com](mailto:kevsully52@gmail.com). - 022 377 8443

23 November 2025.

A well-attended rally to complete the year.

Organisers France Pointon and Ryan Dewes repeat the same format of last year's rally, which started at Pointon Motors in Masterton and travelled down to Martinborough. We stopped in at Dave Hitchens place on the way to view his man cave and work shop. A large collection of hammers and many other odd articles were on display. After some humorous discussion we then moved on down to the Martinborough Square for a coffee. This gave the public a chance to talk to drivers and view their vehicles. From there we then motored to Palliser Estate for a midday luncheon which had been co-ordinated by Rae and John Kennedy.

A very successful outing enjoyed by all, with wonderful food and company.

We had eight Veterans which included an Indian Power Plus bike with a sidecar. There was an invitation extended to Vintage owners to take part with four joining in.

Below is a list of the vehicles and passenger details.



1905 Rolls-Royce Light 20	AX147	John & Rae Kennedy
1909 Wolseley Siddeley	WS1909	Murray Parker
1913 Daimler TE	LM1913	Dave Patten
1913 Sunbeam 16/20	GBK892	Ryan Dewes & Harry Jackson-Vile
1914 Saxon Model B	SAXON	Graham Hodder & Ken McKenzie
1915 Ford Model T	1915FD	Francis Pointon
1916 Chevrolet 490	16CHEV	Len Haycock & Lora Morris
1919 Indian Power Plus & sidecar		Darryl Longstaffe
1922 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost	HC3459	John & Rae Kennedy
1926 Ford Model T	ER1259	Sam Millar
1927 Chrysler 70	PL5992	Stewart Barton
1931 Ford Model A	31FORD	Tim & Sue Johnston



Dave Hitchens Man Cave Visit



More photos from Martinborough Square



The Christmas Lunch and run to Eketahuna Hotel was a lot of fun and a well organised and attended event.

Mike D'Alton set an easy and very picturesque route through Alfredton with a few questions, which suited most people. Some of us didn't come in our Vintage / Classic cars for various reasons.

Richard Harvey's Morris 8 and Rover 110 were both out of action and Kay had her leg in plaster. Our Jag had an expired WoF, the MGC clutch had failed and the BMW was blocked in the garage as a result.

Despite car issues, there was a very good turn out of cars from Morris & Land Rover to two Packards and even two MG Magnettes. The Eketahuna Pub laid on an excellent lunch which was graciously served to us at the table.

Prize giving covered the field of ability and we even received one for our hard luck story.

Thank you Graham, Kevin & Mike for a very enjoyable day and a great way to end the year.



## Cruise Martinborough - Greytown Main Street

Editors Snaps



Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest
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February 2026		
Sunday 1st	Wheels with Attitude at Dannevirke	Dannevirke Aerodrome
Sunday 1st	American Vehicle Day	Barton Rd, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt
Monday 2nd	Club Night.	Mike Blundell's 50 Year Awards Night combined with Motorbikes are the Star
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Waitangi Day Bar-B- Q Dakins Rd.	Monte Carlo self-style 30 k run to lunch venue
Sunday 8th	British Car Day Trentham	Barton Rd, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spare Parts Working Bee	Club Rooms
Sun 22nd	Garage Raid	Pointon Motors

March 2026		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ram Rodders Swap Meet, Vehicle Sale, Market Day and Car Display	Tauherenikau Race Course. Gates Open at 8.00 am
Monday 2nd	Club Night	Car is the Star – Ram Rodders Vehicles invited
Saturday 7th	Stretched Gymkhana	A&P Show Grounds Masterton - \$25 entry fee
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. 8th	March Executive Meeting	Christchurch - Confirmed
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Vero International Festival	Nelson
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Combined Guest Speaker with Wairarapa Machinery Club – John Deane	7.00pm at the Clareville Club Rooms John is a volunteer at the Vintage Aviator and spends six months in the U.K. each year.

April 2026		
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mon. 6th	Easter	
Sunday 12th	Club Captains Run	Possibly the Waohine Gorge as a lunch stop
Tuesday 14th	Committee Meeting	
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day Weekend	

May 2026		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night	Guest Speaker to be confirmed
Tuesday 12th	Committee Meeting	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10th	Motorcycle Reliability Run, Cars are invited to join in.	Possibly a return to Mangaweka
Sun 24th	Bus Trip to the Classic Museum at Trentham with an evening meal	To be confirmed.

June 2026		
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

July 2026		
Monday 6th	Club Night	Fish & Chip
Fri. 10th	Matariki	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 19th	Gravel Challenge	

Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest
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<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
Sunday 23rd	Daffodil Run	

<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	Gentlemen's Drive	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	Bygone era of wings and wheels.	Organiser is Wellington Festival
Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest

<b>November 2026</b>		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wellington Branch Annual Rally	TBC
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	New Members Rally	TBC
Monday 2nd	Club Night	
Tuesday 10th	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 15th	Wai Wheels Annual Car Show	Card Reserve - Featherston
Saturday 21st	Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial	TBC
Sunday 22nd	Veteran Run	TBC
Sunday 29th	Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day	

<b>December 2026</b>		
Monday 1st	Club Night	Twilight Run



On a blustery Sunday morning 19 cars with 38 drivers and passengers aboard set out for Akitio via Mauriceville, Alfredton and Pongaroa. From Pongaroa the outward route continued up Route 52 to Waione and then along River Road to Akitio. The wind picked up along Route 52 and a few trees had lost branches that provided mostly minor obstacles on the road. All in all the drive was relatively uneventful although our esteemed leader inadvertently took the more direct route to Alfredton which meant he leapfrogged a few cars much to the annoyance of the Tail End Charlie who expected to see him at Pongaroa.



Akitio proved to be an oasis from the wind. It was blustery at the point but along the bay the wind was a gentle breeze and by about 1 o'clock had died completely which meant an enjoyable sun soaked picnic for all.

The journey home proved to be a bit more eventful. The homeward route took the Coast road directly to Pongaroa and then Route 52 right through to the Bideford road and then on to Masterton.

A number of cars stopped at the Pongaroa Pub for refreshments. It turned out that the pub had no power so the selection was limited. The last group to leave the pub decided to return via Pahiataua hoping to avoid the worst of the wind.

Others who took Route 52 encountered strong wind gusts and a lot of branches on the road Jeff Percy had one of the offending branches pierce one of his tyres. After changing the wheel he set out again only to come upon a branch covered in pinecones in the middle of the road. He was unable to avoid it and as it passed under his car it took out his muffler. Not a good day out for Jeff.



Mike D'Alton was among the last to leave and on his way down Coast Road he lost his Bentley hat. When he stopped to retrieve it an Eketahuna local in a Vauxhall Cresta who had also been picnicking at Akitio stopped to assist and convinced Mike to follow him down the Waihoki Valley, an alternative route that joins Route 52 about half way between Pongaroa and Alfredton. The Waihoki Valley Road is not one for the faint hearted as Mike would discover. It turned out that the friendly local didn't really know the way and it took a couple of visits to remote farm houses to find their way to Route 52. Once on Route 52 they encountered debris on the road that needed to be shifted and fallen trees including one that had crushed a ute and finally found the road completely blocked by a fallen tree requiring them to turn back and detour through Mauriceville.

The time spent at Akitio was very pleasant but we can take a few salutary lessons from drives there and back, notably to pay close attention to the weather forecasts and be prepared to postpone or cancel events if forecast conditions appear unfavorable.

Entry List

Kevin and Sabrina Sullivan	Landrover Series 1
Paul Furkert	Landrover Series 1
Dennis Burns	Landrover Series 1
Graham Hodder	Landrover Series 3
Lyn and Bob Cumming	Range Rover
Jim and Lyn Laird	Landcruiser and trailer
Hugh and Jill Hunter	Mitsubishi Pajero
Lyndsay Durrant and Fiona Bendall	Peugeot 404
Darryl Longstaffe and Dave Stewart	Plymouth Cranbrook
Francis Pointon and Simon O'Hara	Essex
Jeff Percy and Steve	Vauxhall Cresta
Rob and Sonja Jones, Judy Collard	Leyland P76
John and Sheila Clark	Daimler
Richard and Sue Hay, Mike Blundell	Jaguar XJ6
Mike D'Alton and Bruce Lambert	Bentley
David Clark	Jaguar X300
Gary and Lesley Graham	Rover P5B
Simon and Andrea Byrne	Lotus Excel
David and Joe Eade	Triumph 2500



Bruce and I had a very interesting trip home from Akitio. Some 3km down the road I lost my Bentley hat. I must get a clip for it. Whilst stopping to collect it Peter and his wife in the yellow Cresta from Eketahuna cruised up. He was going via the Mairanga Valley Road, and sold us on the route. 'Jeff Percy and some of the others are going that way, it's quite twisty but it's a good metalled road. I should have known better than to trust a man in a yellow Cresta from Eketahuna. We turned off the Coast Road onto an okay sort of track, but after a while it deteriorated somewhat. After 6km following the dust cloud behind the Cresta we came to a fork, and it was plain that Peter didn't have a clue where he was going. I managed to get into pole position and, after stopping at two isolated farmsteads for directions, we finally regained route 52 after 25km of dirt track, some ten km south of Pongaroaroa and some minutes behind the convoy..

By then the wind was blowing a real houghley, and trees were beginning to fall. The Cresta veered off with a cheery wave up the Pa Valley.



Shortly after Alfredton, we stopped behind three lady bikers to clear an area of fallen trees, but soon encountered more trees and a stop. Whilst clearing here, there was mighty crack and a big tree fell on the cab of a UTE belonging to another of the helpers.



You should have seen the look on his wife's face as she exited the cab. Finally an impassable oak tree astride the road meant a detour via Dreyer's rock and an arrival home at 1800, tired and dusty and in need of some refreshment.



The Editors trip home was no less exciting

Apart from getting a wee bit lost and weaving my way round fallen trees, I also ran out of Petrol. Luckily I always carry a minimum of 20 litres spare. The series 2 engine is a tad thirsty



From the Archive, 8th January 2017 pics at Akitio  
(so not quite 10 years...)



## Monte Carlo Friday, Vintage Vogue Saturday, Burma Rally Sunday

This was our first Whanganui Vintage Weekend, which delivered a particularly memorable combination: a Monte Carlo Rally on Friday (VCC Wellington), Vintage Vogue (and car display) on Saturday, and the Burma Rally (VCC Whanganui) on Sunday – all tackled in our 1957 MGA. The result was three days of motoring, mishap, glamour, navigation, nostalgia, and the kind of stories that classic cars specialise in.



### 1. Monte Carlo Rally – Friday

A promising start, a roadside pause, and a hard-won finish

Friday's Monte Carlo Rally began with optimism. We set out armed with our Greytown Riviera Unit sign, a respectable supply of bribes, and our faithful mascot Francis Fox, carried over from the Midget 'MG Fox'. Stage One went well, and we were collecting locations steadily.

Among the points to find was Eketahuna's 1912 oil well – just one destination on a long list, but unquestionably the hardest. Hidden in long grass, missing from most maps, and worth a substantial 200 points, it was a genuine challenge.

The real turning point came shortly after, just out of Pahiatua. Avoiding the highway entirely, we diverted through quiet (and bumpy) back roads, only for the MGA's distributor to jump out with electrical connections severed. No cell-

phone reception, no traffic, and a very stationary MGA. Not a moment for laughter – but one we have become seasoned experts at handling.

Help arrived promptly in the form of local farmer, Hannah and her daughter who stopped to assist. Gina was driven into Pahiatua where Champion Garage (AA agents) recovered the MGA and had us repaired and mobile with efficient professionalism.

By then, the clock had done its damage, we arrived at the midday checkpoint over three hours late, which with demerit points applied at a point a minute, any hope we had of being competitive for the day evaporated. We reached only the first and final stops in Stage Two and finished firmly at the bottom of the list.

Yet, remarkably, we still ended the day with 700 positive points – a modest but satisfying victory under the circumstances. More importantly, the day reinforced the true character of Monte Carlo-style events: success is optional; stories are inevitable.

### 2. Vintage Weekend & Vintage Vogue – Saturday

From rally dust to runway lights in 24 hours

Saturday required an abrupt shift from motorsport to polish. The MGA joined the Vintage Vehicle Display, looking admirably presentable after a rapid post-rally clean.

Later that morning we were shoulder-tapped to enter the Vintage Vogue Fashion Parade, and we found ourselves in the 1960s–1970s Mod/Disco/Retro category. Bold prints, strong silhouettes, platform shoes, and a touch of disco sparkle set the tone.

What began as a light-hearted diversion ended with a genuine surprise: we won our class.

To go from last in the Monte Carlo Rally to Vintage Vogue winners in the space of 24 hours created a contrast that only a weekend like this can deliver.

The day closed with live music that included local band, BB & the Bullets, whose late-afternoon blues set more than justified Mark Rogers' description on RNZ's Nashville Babylon as "the band being New Zealand's premier blues outfit".





3. VCC Burma Rally – Sunday

Navigation, regularity, observation – and a newspaper

Sunday returned us to classic motoring with the VCC Burma Rally, an event known for mixing navigation, timing, and the occasional piece of organised mischief.

The morning trial navigated superb back roads around the region – many instantly recognisable from previous Targas, and the MGA enjoyed them immensely. Malcolm did too, which may partially explain why we missed most of the checks, despite their cunning placement. Enjoyment and observation do not always co-exist easily.

Marlon brought the most memorable challenge: a newspaper-throwing test requiring competitors to lob a rolled newspaper into a target from their car. We removed the MGA's side curtains to enable a wider throwing arc, though to no avail.

Lunch in a very cold Marlon restored circulation, and the afternoon run home provided one of the best drives of the weekend – flowing roads, good visibility, and the satisfaction of a properly exercised MGA.

The Burma Rally is difficult to win precisely because it demands everything: navigation, timing, observation, mechanical sympathy, and the ability to embrace the occasional absurdity. Our first outing rendered it on our favourites list, and we will certainly return.



Three days.  
Three completely different events.  
One MGA – and one extremely well-travelled mascot.

From hidden oil wells to runway lights, from long-grass checks to newspaper targets, the weekend captured everything that MG and VCC motoring represents: challenge, camaraderie, humour, and stories that grow better with each retelling.



## 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.**

# 40th Anniversary

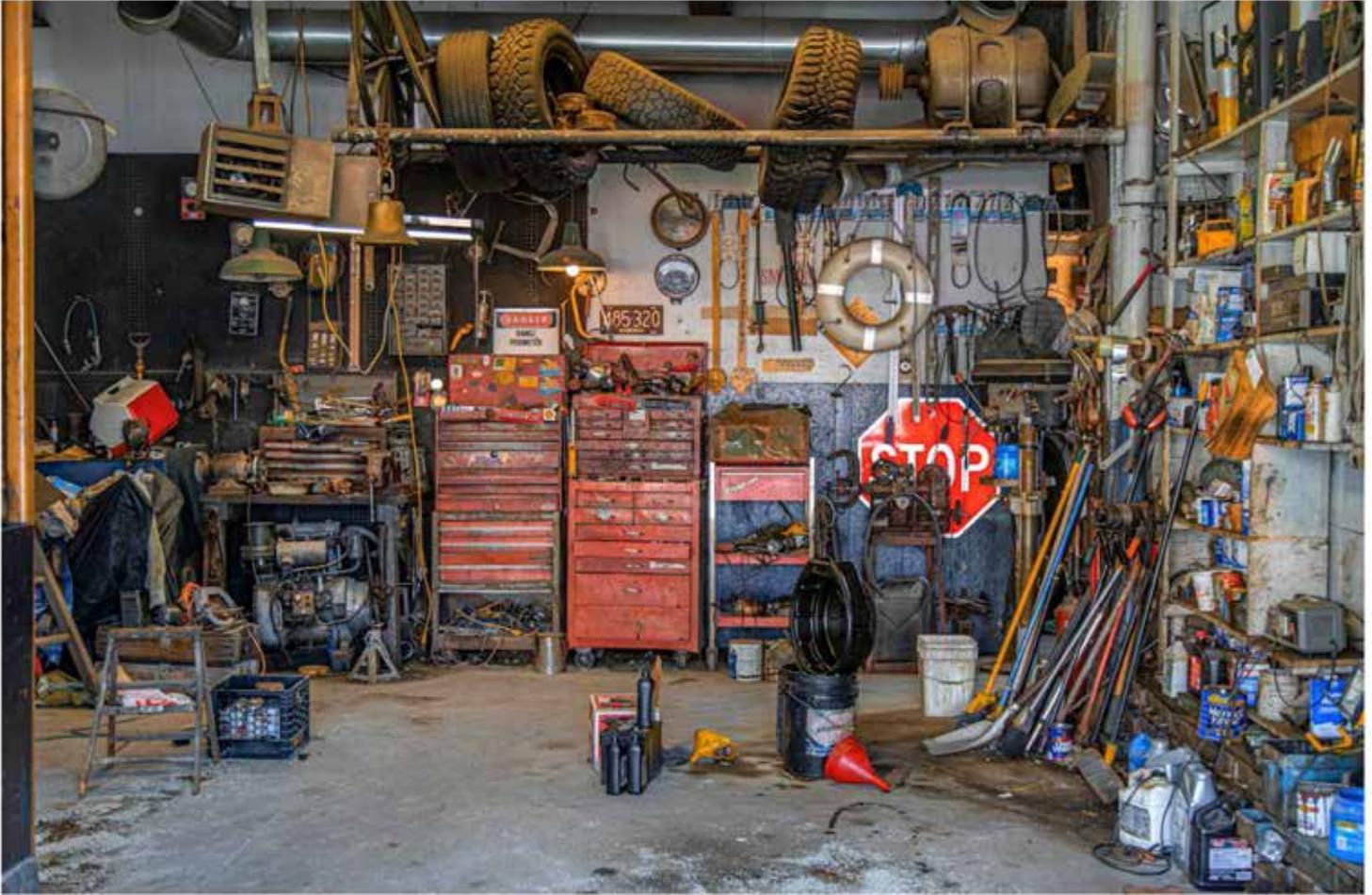
BRITISH & EUROPEAN CAR DAY

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Trentham Memorial Park



## February 22<sup>nd</sup> Garage Raid



Francis Pointon has invited club members to visit his garage at 10.00 o'clock on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. **The above picture is not of Francis's garage!!!!**

Come and visit, to see what a well managed garage looks like.

# Wairarapa VCC's

## 8<sup>th</sup> annual “*Stretched Gymkhana*”

### Saturday 7th March 2026

Building on the success of previous years, on Saturday March 7th 2026 the Wairarapa Branch is holding their *Stretched Gymkhana*. We invite members from all the lower North Island VCC branches to enter this event.

- Do you like the excitement of gymkhana style driving on grass?
- Would you enjoy the challenge of trying to navigate at a constant speed, through a winding course, against the clock?
- Can you meet the challenge of driving a course consistently, so, as to maintain, as far as possible, the same time each lap?

If you answer **YES** to all of these, then the **Stretched Gymkhana** is an event for you.

Event outline:

- Driver's briefing will be at 8.45am, with the event expected to finish mid/late afternoon (BYO Lunch/Drinks or BBQ sausages and bread will be available). Suggest bring a chair or sun umbrella if hot.
- The course will be around a ½ mile in length
  - The course will be on grass, a bit like a classic gymkhana's *cones course*, there will be lots of sharp turns, to ensure that excessive speeds (i.e. greater than the speed limit) cannot be obtained.
- All drivers will have 3 timed runs over the course, after which the average time for each driver will be calculated (this becomes their individual target time).
- From then on drivers have to try and match their target time, with 1/2 the field dropping out each time, until a winner is found
  - For example, if there were 16 drivers, once each driver's target time has been determined (from the practice runs), all 16 drivers have another run. Then the 8 drivers whose time was closest to their target time would move into the next round. And so on until the winner is found.
- This event is not a “Speed Event”. It falls under section 20 of the Branch Manual, as a driving test. For more information please contact the organiser, Simon O'Hara ((06) 3708844 or [simonsandieohara@gmail.com](mailto:simonsandieohara@gmail.com)).
- The event is limited to 24 combinations (driver + vehicle), so please register early to ensure you don't miss out
- All vehicles must be VCC eligible, ie: 30 years or older (Roadworthy with a current WOF)
- The event is reliant on ground conditions being suitable. The organiser may cancel the event at late notice if necessary, as dictated by the weather.
- All vehicles are required to carry a fire extinguisher, due to time of year and dry grass conditions.
- All drivers will be required to sign an indemnity waiver statement on the day. A copy can be e-mailed if required prior to the day of the gymkhana, upon request.
- If your vehicle is fitted with seat belt/s, they must be worn.

# STRETCHED GYMKHANA

7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Location: Masterton A & P Showgrounds, off York Street, Solway, Masterton.

Driver Briefing: 8:45 am

First timed lap: 9:00am

Limited to 24 entries. (Minimum entries to be viable is 14)

Post entries to: Simon O’Hara - Rally Organiser

36 Ranfurly Street,  
Solway  
Masterton

Email entries to: [simonsandieohara@gmail.com](mailto:simonsandieohara@gmail.com)

Organiser: Simon O’Hara (06) 3708844, or mobile: 0211412332

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**Stretched Gymkhana Entry Form**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Name of Driver 1: **Dennis Burns**

Name of Driver 2: .....

Contact details (Phone number): **021 428547**

Email address: **dennis@burns.net.nz**

Make, model and year of vehicle: **1954 Landrover Series 1**

Entry Fee: \$25 (per combination (driver + vehicle))	\$ 25
Late entry fee: additional \$5 (for entries after 27 <sup>th</sup> February)	\$ .....

TOTAL \$ 25

Payable to: **Wairarapa VCC**

pay by internet banking to A/C **03-0687-0323649-01**

Please put your **name** and “**STGYM**” in the reference.

Or advise if wishing to pay cash on the day.

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## Camping Options

The [A & P Showgrounds](#), have camping / camper van sites available on the Friday and Saturday nights. Please let the organiser know early if you would like to book a site. Or book direct with Masterton A & P.

# Aviation Talk - Wairarapa Machinery Club

19 March 2026

The aviation talk is a combined gathering with the Wairarapa Machinery Club on the 19th of March at the club rooms at Clareville.

Some members will be away at the Vero Rally. Kevin and Mike will be on deck with John Arnold.



## PRELIMINARY NOTICE

### CENTRAL HAWKES BAY VCC - Afternoon/Twilight Rally Saturday 11th April 2026

Organisers:

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Waipukurau 4200.  
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027 6374 001 Pat.  
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A preliminary notice about the CHBVCC Twilight Rally to be held on SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 for you to mark on your calendar.  
Assemble 2.15pm – Russell Park; 60 miles; Short lengths of good gravel road.

This has usually been held on the Saturday that Daylight Saving changes but this year it is Easter Weekend so the Rally is a week later.

Full details will be forwarded in the near future but we promise an interesting run around the Central Hawkes Bay countryside.

**Horowhenua Branch  
Annual  
Swap Meet  
& Collectables Day**

**Saturday 21st March 2026**

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**Levin Showground  
Events Centre**

Gates Open  
7am

entry via  
**Tiro tiro Road**

**Stalls \$10  
Public \$5  
Kids Free.**

- ★ Thousands of old car parts.
- ★ Food & drink on site all day
- ★ Easy on site car parking
- ★ Parts shed opens at 10am

Self Contained overnight camping \$10  
Enquiries jaydubbleyou43@gmail.com

CASH ONLY

## 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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steamtractionsoc@gmail.com  
for more details



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<b>Club Captain</b>	Position vacant		

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David Eade	021 227 7338	
Bob Cumming		

<b>Social Convener</b>	Position vacant		
<b>Custodian</b>	Position vacant		
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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://waivcc.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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