

Wairarapa Zenith

March 2026



British & European Car Day 2026

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Club Night 6th April

to be confirmed

It's late

February is not only a short month, I along with others in the club have been short on time.

So a bit short of news items.

With the weather turning for the better, I am looking forward to my first Stretched Gymkhana, this weekend.

Kindest Regards

Dennis Burns

Editor



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



**ART DECO
2026.**

This year's Art Deco weekend in Napier and Hawkes Bay was blessed with ideal weather for the pageant. Which this year featured Rolls Royce and Bentley motor cars.



John and Rae Kennedy led the motor parade through town in AX147, their 1905 car, fettled for the occasion by Ryan Dewes and Sam Ryder.

Also present in the parade were Mike and Jane D'Alton in B55AE, their 1934 Bentley, and Dave and Gay Stewart in the 1938 Riley 12/4.

Art Deco is full of beautiful cars and interesting costumes!



Club night - February



Garage Raid - Francis's



A few words about my bike and a couple of additional photos of my late father Barry with it in 1984, along with the photo from 1973 that I brought along to the club night.

My father, Barry, acquired the bike some time around 1971



as far as I can tell. Exactly where it came from, I have no documentation, but from what I've been told the bike may have come from Central Otago.

A fellow member of the Otago VCC, Des Ruddle, who was an engine driver for NZ Railways and a keen motorcyclist, spotted an old bike (or bikes) leaning against a fence in Lauder as he was travelling on his route between Dunedin and Cromwell. Apparently they just sat there and never moved. At some stage he approached the owner of the house who said it belonged to a doctor but was broken and wasn't being used. Des purchased the bike(s) - 1917 New Hudson 3.5hp 500cc machines, and I'm assuming loaded them into the guards van on the train back to Dunedin. Des went on to restore his 1917 New Hudson, so for a while there were two of the same model in Dunedin.



From what I know, early (veteran) New Hudson bikes are quite uncommon in NZ. Looking through the 7th National Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle rally (Dunedin, 1981) entry list there were four New Hudsons, my father's and Des Ruddle's 1917 500cc models, a 1912 250cc (P.T. Hilsom, Invercargill), and a 1911 500cc model owned by N.J. Hayes (Invercargill). I haven't seen any others.

My father restored the New Hudson possibly around 1972 and the first photo I have of the bike in his ownership is February 1973 at the 3rd National Veteran and Vintage Motor Cycle Rally in Christchurch. Dad is standing beside the bike with my mother, Estelle, and I'm propped up on the seat (around 11 months old at the time). It did attend a couple of national rallies and a few Dunedin-Brighton Runs in the 80's, the last time it was registered and ridden was in the 1988 Dunedin-Brighton Run. I recall as a young boy following Dad on the bike, wind puffing out his jacket as he motored along - Mum driving our '73 metallic brown Valiant Ranger station wagon with my sister and I in the back seat. I rode the bike around the block once when I was old enough after one of the rallies, before it was put away not to be used again for a very long time. Dad had other vintage car projects that kept him busy and the bike wasn't a priority.



For the last three decades the bike has been stored away awaiting the next chapter in its story. The plan this year is to get it running again, vin'd and back on the road.



Offers and Expressions of Interest

The time has come to move on Keith and Kathleens car collection. Dad passed away 10 years ago, and Mum is moving off the farm. The cars need to be used, and this is currently not happening. More photos of the cars are available on request. Please send any enquiries or offers to Martin Perry via email at m.perry@mirak.co.nz. The family will ultimately make the decision on where each part of this family heritage will go, Mum of course has the deciding vote.

1911 Overland Model 51 Roadster



Original car was a tourer and thought to be an Otago Daily Times car from Central Otago, parts were collected by the late Bill Piddington. Rebodyed as a Roadster when restored in 1999 due to Keith already owning a tourer. The motor was originally built by Rob Ross of Ashburton, then later reconditioned with aluminium pistons and new handmade white metal bearings by Peter Shaskey of Christchurch. The large capacity 4 cylinder motors well for its age and it has attended many National South Island Easter Rallies, South Island Club Captain's Tours and Dunedin to Brighton Rallies as well as North Otago Branch events. Registered, warranted and running motor vehicle.

Offers over \$15000 will be considered.

1926 Ford Modet 'T' 'New Beauty'



This Model T is the first car bought by Keith, one of the first cars in the NOVCC, and took part in the opening Windsor Rally in 1961. This car has never had a full restoration but has seen various parts interchanged during its life.

Offers around \$10 000 will be considered.

1948 Ford Mercury



Unrestored original survivor car. No rust, original dry car which has been garaged throughout know ownership. Motor reconditioned approximately 20 years ago(?). Starts, runs and drives very nicely. Original upholstery and hood lining in good condition for age.

Offers over \$20 000 will be considered.

1911 De Dion Bouton Model CR Tourer



Older restoration completed in 1972. Complete vehicle history known. Thought to be the first car in Waimate, owned by Dr Pitts. Tourer style body rebuilt by Les Marshall. 1100cc motor has a modern (for the age) oiling system using a sump and oil pump. The motor was originally built using the factory steel pistons, a rebuild with aluminium pistons was completed some years later (date unknown). This is a well known vehicle that was motored all over New Zealand by Keith and Kathleen. Prime Minister of the day Bill Rowling even graced the passenger's seat at one stage. Registered, warranted and running motor vehicle.

Offer over \$20 000 will be considered.

1974 Ford XB Falcon 6 Cyl Auto



Single family car. Originally bought brand new from Knights Motors in Oamaru by Keith's Father (Victor Perry). Sold to Victor by Noel Perry, Keith's brother. Purchased from Victor's estate by Keith around 2000. This was the first XB Falcon sold in Oamaru. It is a NZ assembled vehicle with some Australian options including the bench seat, and speedo in KPH. This car is almost completely original; the only modification was the fitting of power steering by Victor when the manual steering became too heavy. The upholstery, carpet, paint, motor and running gear are all untouched and in very good condition due to being garaged all its life. The odometer currently ready 72 680ks, it is going up slightly with limited use. Power steering box was reconditioned for the last warrant of fitness. Registered and warranted motor vehicle.

Price is firm at \$40 000.

Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest
March 2026		
Sunday 1 st	Ram Rodders Swap Meet, Vehicle Sale, Market Day and Car Display	Tauherenikau Race Course. Gates Open at 8.00 am
Monday 2 nd	Club Night	Car is the Star – Ram Rodders Vehicles invited
Saturday 7 th	Stretched Gymkhana	A&P Show Grounds Masterton - \$25 entry fee
Sat. 7 th – Sun. 8 th	March Executive Meeting	Christchurch - Confirmed
Tuesday 10 th	Committee Meeting	
Sun. 15 th – Sat. 21 st	Vero International Festival	Nelson
19 th 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 spend months in the U.K. each year.
April 2026		
Fri. 3 rd – Mon. 6 th	Easter	
Sunday 12 th	Club Captains Run	Possibly the Waohine Gorge as a lunch stop
Tuesday 14 th	Committee Meeting	
Sat. 25 th – 27 th	Anzac Day Weekend	
May 2026		
Monday 4 th	Club Night	Guest Speaker to be confirmed
Tuesday 12 th	Committee Meeting	
Saturday 9 th & 10 th	Motorcycle Reliability Run, Cars are invited to join in.	Possibly a return to Mangaweka
Sun 24 th	Bus Trip to the Classic Museum at Trentham with an evening meal	To be confirmed.
June 2026		
Monday 1 st	King's Birthday	
Sunday 7 th	Club AGM	
Tuesday 9 th	New Committee Meeting	
Sunday 21 st	Winter Wander	TBC
July 2026		
Monday 6 th	Club Night	Fish & Chip
Fri. 10 th	Matariki	
Tuesday 14 th	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 19 th	Gravel Challenge	

Date	Event	Other dates / events of interest
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August 2026		
Monday 3rd	Club Night	Quiz Night with Vintage Machinery Club
Tuesday 11 th	Committee Meeting	
Fri. 14 – Sat. 15th	National A.G.M & Executive Meeting	Manawatu Branch
Sunday 23rd	Daffodil Run	

September 2026		
Monday 7 th	Club Night	
Tuesday 8th	Committee Meeting	
Sunday 14th	Spring Rally	
Tuesday 9 th	Committee Meeting	
TBC	Gentlemen's Drive	Fundraiser for men's health

October 2026		
Saturday 3rd	Rex Porter Rally	
Monday 5th	Club Night	Car is the Star
Tuesday 13 th	Committee Meeting	
Monday 26 th	Labour Day	
Sat 31 st Oct. – Su. 1 st 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

November 2026		
Saturday 7 th	Wellington Branch Annual Rally	TBC
Sunday 8 th	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	

December 2026		
Monday 1st	Club Night	Twilight Run

Wairarapa VCC's

8th 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?

THIS SATURDAY !

STRETCHED GYMKHANA

7th March 2026

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

Driver Briefing: 8:45 am

First timed lap: 9:00am

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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A preliminary notice about the CHBVCC Twilight Rally to be held on SATURDAY 11th 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

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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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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