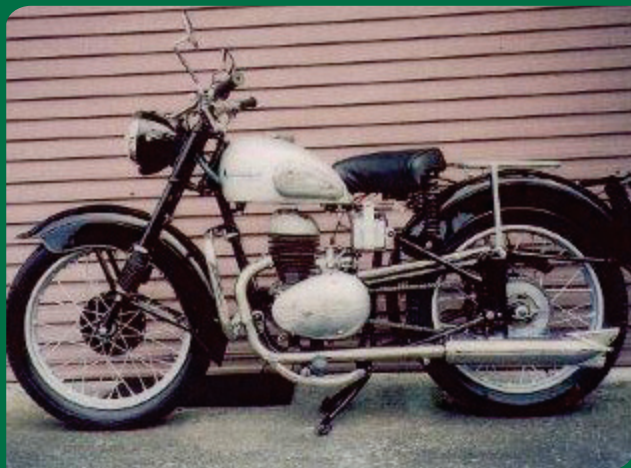


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From the Chair



It is with regret that we've had to say good-bye to two more of our chums: Ian Hossack and Gordon Cate. They were both active and respected members of our club and will be well missed. We extend our sincere condolences to their respective families.

At the November Club night, Michael Thorne drove his 1986 Panther Kallista in for show and tell. Although Michael's car is not yet eligible for VCC status, the Kallista was produced from 1982 through to 1990 until the SsangYong Motor Company released a badge engineered version in 1992 called the SsangYong Kallista. Only 78 of the SsangYong models were ever built. The Kallista used Ford mechanicals, unlike the earlier Panther Lima which was Vauxhall based. The styling is along Morgan and Allard lines. Michael's car is in stunning condition and painted red with black leather. His is fitted with a 2.9 L Cologne V6 and can do 0 to 60mph in less than 8 seconds.

Michael is passionate about his car and the marque, having contacted other owners around the country, not that there are many examples in New Zealand.

The monthly run, the 'BBQ run' organised by Albie and Marina, was a fun run out to some of our scenic spots around the abundant lakes we are privileged to have on our back door step. We had visitors staying the weekend, Mary's Mum from Auckland, sister (Barb) and brother in law (Mal) from Brisbane, so we used the Jaguar for the girls with Lois as navigator and Mal navigated for me in the MG. They all enjoyed the afternoon and evening with the RVVCC. Congratulations to the winners Kevin Scott and Terry Fitzpatrick. Thanks to the catering corps for another excellent meal and to Ken Rowson for manning the BBQ. A report is on page 10.

On the weekend of 15th November I motored down to Waikanae in the XJ6 for the Southward's Museum annual Swap Meet and car show. As it was a fine day there were a lot more punters and a lot more for sale and cars to view than last year. However I wasn't tempted to tender for one of the un-restored veteran cars that Southward's have for sale. It would be a brave man that trailered one of those home! One of the features that we might consider for our Swap Meet is that they charged us \$5 a head and let us park in the enclosure if we had a car to display. All the moderns had to park over the road in a paddock.

Have you contacted Angie or Lois for the Christmas function?

Cheers, Andy

From the Club Captains desk

This is the last report for the year. The BBQ run will have been done and dusted by the time you read this, from what I know it is going to be enjoyable, thanks to Albert and Marina.

Ken and Lynn have a good run planned for December. Pat and I will be away for this so please wander along and enjoy another drive in your pride and joy.

Don't forget the car show in January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have helped, and enjoyed our runs and offered ideas for further outings.

Pat and I appreciate the effort Rocky and Rebecca put in to offer the variety that is the Midweekers. Thanks to you both.

We both wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and an enjoyable Christmas break.

Cheers, Denis

RVVCC Events 2014-2015

DATE	WHAT	DETAILS
14 December 2014		Set by Ken and Lynn
18 January 2015	Car Show	Lakefront
15 February 2015	Club Captain's Run	A Collection with a life style and rural enterprise
15 March 2015	Chairman's run	Set by Andy and Mary
12 April 2015	Night Run	Set by Andy and Mary
17 May 2015		Shed view and a wander through rural area

Subject to change, check your latest copy of Side Curtains or our website, www.rotoruaVintageCarClub.org.nz for the most up-to-date details.

Editor Grumpy Again

This is a MUST read!



Here we are at the last Side Curtains for 2014. It feels like it was only last month that I said something similar for 2013.

I have noticed on a lot of our runs when someone is asked to do a write up for the magazine, there is complete silence!!! I am sure you all like to get the Side Curtains, (or maybe not?) It should not be left to the organiser to do a report as it could be biased, and besides they have spent a lot of time setting the run for your enjoyment. Now that we have the *EVENT HELPER* at the start of the runs, the participants that are written on that list will appear in the Side Curtains.

Please will you all think about this over the Christmas break and start the New Year with changed attitudes.

Mechanical things, and to some degree electrical things, are by far the best things man can associate with, as they usually go and keep going most of the time without complaints, but if they stop there is usually a very good reason and can be repaired and made to go again. Most times stoppages are a result of a lack of maintenance or just bad luck, but usually a repair gets things going again. Not a bit like humans at all, yet made by humans!!

Jenny and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, with lots of safe motoring.

Editor

Our Website

Our website is www.rotoruaVintageCarClub.org.nz.

This is updated monthly with our newsletter and upcoming events.

If you are happy to either read our magazine "Side Curtains" from our website, or receive an e-mail version and not a hard copy by post, then advise the Editor by e-mail, letter or phone.

Q. What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?

A. Thanks, I'll never part with it!



THE CONDENSER

Newsletter #1

Dunedin, October 2014



FESTIVAL UPDATES

Registration Opens:

Monday 2nd February 2015

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WELCOME to the first official Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring newsletter.

The 10th international rally hosted by the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc) will be held in January 2016, in what we consider the best place in the South Island, DUNEDIN.

Our wee corner of the world, known as the Edinburgh of the South, has a few hidden secrets that we are more than happy to share with those coming to take part in the Festival;

- ♦ Dunedin Railway Station - the most photographed building in New Zealand
- ♦ Baldwin Street—the steepest street in the world (promise we aren't making you drive up it)
- ♦ New Zealand's only castle—Larnach Castle on the Otago Peninsula
- ♦ Home of Speight's Brewery and Cadbury World

Home base is at the Edgar Centre in South Dunedin, 116 Portsmouth Drive.

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Editor: Lorelei Hart





DIARY DATES

Next club night: 10 December, 7.30pm

Next committee meeting: 15 December, 5.30pm

Club Run - Katikati Bird Gardens

Sunday 14 December

9.30am start from Ngongotaha Fire Station. The run is to the Katikati Bird Gardens, distance 81 kms (50 miles). This is a lovely park with shade trees, conifers, shrubs, roses and other plantings scattered throughout the lawn areas, pathways, wetlands and lakes. Many of the birds are free to roam the grounds. Entry Fee: \$6 per person (reduced price for the club) There is a cafe on site for those who would like lunch, coffee etc. They have a good variety of food, everything from Devonshire scones to full lunch-time meals.

Numbers required please: - phone Ken 3482 123 or 0279 5555 00

Lakefront Car Show

Sunday 18 January 9am - 4pm

The venue is the Rotorua Village Green at the Lake Front, off Whakaue Street. We have invited other car clubs to join us. It is intended to be an informal affair to allow groups to get together. Bring a picnic lunch, or there are plenty of eateries within walking distance. The Craft Market will also be on that day so there will be plenty of public exposure to show off our cars and maybe attract future members for our club. Any money raised from the public will be donated to St Johns Ambulance.

We look forward to seeing you there and if you require any further information please contact Andy Watson.



Mid Weekers

Whakatane Berry Farm

Wednesday 17 December

Meet at the Clubrooms at 10.00am for morning tea. We will then travel to 'JULIAN'S BERRY FARM AND CAFÉ' at Whakatane. They would like us to be there by 11.30am for a slightly earlier lunch as the Café gets very busy from 12.00pm onwards.

Following lunch you will be able to pick your own assortment of berries.

Destination TBA

Wednesday 18 February

Meet at the Clubrooms at 10.00am for morning tea, please bring a picnic lunch and we will have a mystery destination sorted by then.

Rocky and Rebecca 333 1883 or 021 446 486

UPCOMING EVENTS - OTHER

New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday 31 December

The Morris 8 Tourer Club of NZ invites members of the Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club to a New Year's Eve party to be held at the RVVCC club rooms, Neil Hunt Park, on Wednesday 31 December 2014 at 6.30pm.

Please bring a plate for a pot luck dinner. The theme is "Island Night" so wear your loudest Hawaiian shirt or a Lei. After dinner we will have a quiz and maybe play Housie until midnight.

Any queries contact Angie email: dabrunty@hotmail.com or phone 3477880 or text 027-4754 054.

THAMES HERITAGE FESTIVAL

14 MARCH 2015

Calling all Veteran and Vintage car owners CAR PARADE AND DISPLAY

Let's make this the biggest display of Veteran and Vintage cars to be seen – in Thames. Parade through the main street of Thames to Victoria Park where we will park the cars for a public display. Meet at Rhodes Park at 9.30am.

There will be plenty to see and do in Thames while your cars are on display:

- Grahamstown Market • School of Mines • Bella Street Pumphouse
- The Treasury – for anyone interested in genealogy • Small gauge railway
- Boat trips down the Waihou • Stationary engine display
- Historic Kopu Bridge walks

Further details will be notified closer to time of event.

For further information:

Mary Thomson, mary.davidthomson@xtra.co.nz or phone: 07-868 5699

www.thamesheritage.co.nz



Weekend before
The National North Island Easter Rally
27 - 30 March 2015

Hosted by the Wellsford/Warkworth Branch and centred on Warkworth

Timed to avoid Easter and school holiday traffic and accommodation issues

Two days of spectacular rural and coastal motoring
 including a choice of Sunday tours and visits



For further information and entry forms contact the Rally Secretary
 Leon Salt (09) 423 8122
 Email: ni.rally2015@gmail.com

The Event Helper

The event helper is going to be used on all club runs, and it is up to you or your navigator to make sure that your name, navigators name and your vehicle make and year are registered. If your name is not on this Event Helper, then no points will be given to you, and you will not appear in the participants in the Side Curtains.

EVENT HELPER	
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BBQ Run

Sunday 23 November



What a cracker day for a car run, sunshine, light breeze, with follow the instructions out to Lake Okareka. "Take note of your whereabouts as questions will be asked" said the club captain. We found ourselves at the DOC camp, with lots to see and read. We noted the instructions to



campers, tourists and others. On to the next instruction, return the way we came. Old Fords don't die, they just let you down when you least expect it, so we got a tow back to town (Thanks Terry and Christine) and we appreciate Holden power now.

The run of course continued out past the buried village to the end of the road and back to Stoney Point checking out any points of interest on the way, the answers to the questions could be here?

Finally back to the clubrooms for a scrumptious BBQ tea.

Thanks to Albie and Marina for setting the run and to the kitchen team for an awesome meal, it was appreciated.

Albie gave us a run- through of the answers to the questions and announced the winners Kevin and Terry who now have the privilege of setting next year's run, well done boys.

Cliff and Shona

PLACE-GETTERS:

FIRST: Kevin Scott and Terry Fitzpatrick - 14 Questions right

SECOND: Ronald and Gloria Mayes - 10 Questions right

THIRD: Roger and Keitha Couchman - 9 Questions right

Those who took part were:

Denis and Pat Burr	1930 Dodge
Terry Fitzpatrick and Kevin Scott	1936 Ford V8
Bill and Adelai Skelton	1929 Austin 7
Des Brunton and Dorothy Clouston	1937 Morris 8
Ken and Lynn Rowson	1978 Statesman De Ville
Roger and Keitha Couchman	1957 Austin A35
Doug and Doreen Green	1929 Graham Paige
Andy Watson and Mal McBride	1972 MGBGT
Ross and Cushla Hollings	2007 Mini Cooper S
Mary Watson and Lois Thompson with	
Nancy Hastings and Barb McBride	1977 Jaguar XJ6
Maurie and Shirley Crowe	1963 Holden EJ
John Peters and Jenny Gill	1973 Triumph Stag
Rocky and Rebecca Fiske	1968 Triumph Vitesse
Ronald and Gloria Mayes	1970 Triumph 2000
Bob and Pat MacKay	1968 Triumph Vitesse
Roger and Diana Nelson	1975 Triumph Stag
Michael Thorne	1988 Panther Kallista
Cliff and Shona Wickham	1965 Ford Cortina
Terry Wadsworth and Chrissy Cooper	1073 Holden Belmont Ute

Mid-Weekers Jaunt to the Ag Heritage Centre Mystery Creek

Wednesday 19 November



It was a windy showery day but not that bad to deter the 32 of us who turned up at the club rooms for a cuppa before heading off to Mystery Creek. Great to see new faces, and old friends to have a catch up with.

We arrived at noon, as planned, and were welcomed by Allan Riley into the "Bledisloe" complex where we could take a seat and enjoy our picnic lunch out of the wind. Then we were ushered into another part of this vast building where Allan had set up an area to give us a presentation.

His talk was about commemorating 150 years since the Maori Land Wars in the Waikato region. This is a subject that Allan is passionate about, and his presentation was most interesting with all the visual effects. He made history come alive, and was a most engaging, athletic young man.

From here we looked round the “Bledisloe” at the static displays – Colonial New Zealand – from bedrooms to lounges to laundry areas. There were displays about the regions soil composition, aeroplanes used for topdressing, animal health, forestry, hay making and shearing. Every aspect of life in the history of Agriculture was represented. We then made our way outside where we saw items of machinery ranging from tractors, bull dozers, horse drawn wagons, sickle bar mowers, haymaking machinery and ploughs.

Next it was the Dairy Museum which housed an impressive and very informative range of displays showing the history of the industry. We then ventured back outside to visit the village. First up was the Kihikihi Jail, then the 1924 church from Ngatea, followed by the Waikato Hospital building.

This was originally a farm house, but was converted to a hospital in 1886. We then visited a schoolhouse, which was ex Monovale 1912, where we read a list of rules for women teachers of the day. Those poor women, they certainly were expected to live very austere lives! I certainly couldn't have kept to those stringent rules.

Next up was the Garage, here we found an early 60's model Honda motorbike, which Les C. thought he might like to do up, and a BSA Bantam. We also saw a 1957 Morris Minor, and a 1937 Chevrolet Truck, which was operated as a coal truck before WW2, then converted to a tow truck by “Snow” Kenny. There was a photograph on the wall of the “Minginui Engineering Co”, a 4 Square delivery bike and an old Francis Barnett Motorbike.

Next door we found the Blacksmith complete with forge and bellows. The walls were adorned with tools and a large collection of horse shoes. I was particularly taken with the set from a Clydesdale horse, they were very large. It was in this shed that we found a few sets of stilts, Maurie showed us all how to get up on them and walk, as did Les C. Thelma decided getting up on them was enough, she wasn't about to risk a broken hip if she fell on the uneven cobbles!

We strolled back to our cars past the DC3, said a farewell and thanks to Allan for a most enjoyable day, and headed home.

Rebecca

“Either you like Morgans for what they are...,
or you suffer.”

L.J.K. Setright

Stags on the Run



The two Stags from Rotorua have been on the run again! In mid October, with fingers crossed that the weather would play its part, we packed our bags, filled our cars to overflowing with as much gear as would fit in, then set off for the far north. None of us had been much further than Auckland for more than a decade, so it was great to revisit places of interest and to see improvements that had been made over the years, especially the sealing of most of the roads.

Day 1: With walkie-talkies set up for easy communication between the two vehicles, we motored off, up through

the Waikato to Auckland, taking the North West Motorway to go via Helensville to Wellsford via Kaipara Flats for the night. A great run for the Stags.

Day 2: Our destination was Dargaville, so after a quick look at Port Albert and a visit to the beautiful Piroa Falls along a dusty winding side road, we motored on to the Matakoho Kauri Museum. After a bite of lunch at the local cafe, a good two hours or more were spent viewing the displays demonstrating the lives and times of gum diggers of old and their large collection of memorabilia – most impressive. Oh, how easy life is in this day and age with all the machinery and modern equipment invented over the past hundred plus years.

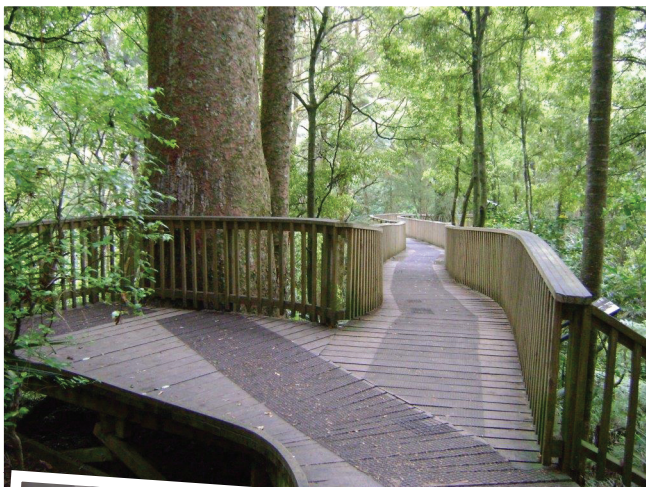
Day 3: A much longer drive with Paihia in our sights. The Stags were feeling thirsty by then, so before we set off we found a service station to satisfy their thirst - 95 priced at \$2.299 per ltr here. GATS owner in his wisdom loaded 91 fuel into his tank by mistake, something he came to regret when the car was tuned for 95, so he had a bit of a sluggish day or two - it certainly makes a difference, doesn't it John!! However, one learns by experience. We motored on through the beautiful Waipoua Forest where we stopped at the lookout and to see the Giant Kauri 'Tane Mahuta'. Our next stop was at Opononi- looking lovely in the sparkling sunshine, then through Kaikohe and Kawakawa where their uniquely designed toilets were a must, before

arriving on the other side of the island at lovely Paihia for the night.

Day 4: Up and ready to go to Kaitaia, but a wander around Paihia was a must before we left, followed by a drive by the Treaty Grounds at Waitangi, then on to the pretty Haruru Falls and a visit to the old Mission House at Waimate North, before continuing our journey north. Much to John and Jenny's surprise, we motored on through Kaitaia to Awanui where we stopped for a latish lunch at 'Kauri Kingdom'. Here one has the privilege of climbing up the stairs carved out of the inside of a mighty kauri trunk to the first

floor – a must do in the area. We returned to Kaitaia to secure our accommodation before taking a drive around the area.

Ahipara, at the southern end of Ninety Mile Beach, was an interesting place. We stopped at the Tui Street Gallery where craftsmen make a wide variety of things from native woods, and one young American guy even makes guitars – a true piece of art. We carried on up the hill to the end of the tar seal to see the view of their beautiful beach, then, as we turned around, much to our amazement here was a car backing up the hill from some distance down the road. The driver stopped beside us and spent time admiring the Stags and chatting. He had lived in the area all of his



life and introduced himself as Honk. So impressed was he to see two Stags, we were invited to his home somewhere further along the coast and would be welcome there any time! On returning to the township, we stopped to see another carver of kauri who made all sorts of items too – some interesting pieces.

Day 5: Dawned the perfect day to go to the Cape – lovely blue skies and not a breath of wind. Before we left, the Stags had another thirst, so it was fill up time once more – this time both used 95 and how sweetly they ran! We had a peep at Pukenui harbour, a pretty little bay; then carried on up State Highway 1, admiring the views all the way up to Cape Reinga. Bus loads of people were there all with the same ambition – to walk to the lighthouse. A reasonably long well surfaced path takes you down to the lighthouse, quite a spiritual place with the meeting of the oceans visible with the currents running in different directions. The Stags enjoyed a smooth run back down and we turned left at Awanui to make our way to Whatuwhiwhi at Doubtless Bay for the night. Here we met up with other members of the Rotorua Vintage Car Club who were on their Spring Tour Run and socialized with them for the evening.

Day 6: We joined the Spring Tour group and made our way to Russell. Our first stop was at Matthews Vintage Collection near Taipa on State Highway 10, where they have cars and tractors and other items of memorabilia of pioneering times – a great collection. Then it was on to Mangonui for a fish and chip lunch at their famous fish café, and a walk through the quaint little town. On then via the Coastal route with million dollar views, to Kerikeri to visit the Stone Store which is nicely set up as an old store should be. We fueled up in town once more, this time at \$2.309 per ltr, before continuing on to Opuia to catch the car ferry across to Russell. That evening, we enjoyed a meal at the local RSA before taking a stroll through the town and around the country's oldest church, Christ Church built in 1836, with the musket and cannonball holes from the 1845 battle.

Day 7: After bidding farewell to our 'Spring Tour' friends, we drove up Flagstaff Hill, then wandered through the town in daylight to view Pompallier Mission House built way back in 1842, before we made our way along the scenic coast road to Oakura, noting a couple of camps we had stayed at years before are now subdivided and built on – a shame really as they were lovely sites for camping. It was then on to Whangarei, where we stayed for the next two nights.

Day 8: Our first damp day. Before the rain set in, we went to see the Whangarei Falls, which were definitely worth seeing, then drove around to the AH Reed Gardens and

onto the boardwalk high among the kauri trees. Back to the Basin for lunch then a visit to the Claphams Clock Museum which had an amazing display of all kinds of clocks, some extremely old. All four of us managed to find a clock to buy in the shop before going to the Kauri Creations Clock Shop, where John bought yet another clock! That night the heavens opened testing the waterproofing of our soft tops.

Day 9: A top up of fuel at \$2.159 per ltr as we left Whangarei, then brunch at Waipu before we made our way home via Orewa to Auckland and so on.

All in all, another great trip clocking over 1300 miles without any mechanical problems for the 2 Stags.

Roll on March – our next planned trip away.

The 2 Stags

Did you enjoy this article?

**Would you like to
see more like this?**

Do you have a story to tell?

If yes, then all you need to do is write down the stories from your own road trip adventures, tales from your youth, top secret car related knowledge and tips or simply a report on the last RVVCC event you attended.

**You don't need to be the next Shakespeare,
just someone with a bit of passion for the topic.**

**All submissions gratefully received,
however inclusion is at the Editor's discretion.**

***Contact John on 348 6825 or jwpete@xtra.co.nz
to find out how you can contribute to your club magazine.***

Reduction in the cost of Vehicle Licensing

[Information based on an email sent out by the Federation of Motoring Clubs on 14 November 2014] For circulation to all members of the Federation:

Advice from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA);

“On 1 July 2015, the ACC levy component of the motor vehicle licence (“rego”) fee is being reduced by an average of 45% (excluding motorcycles). To minimise the number of months your vehicle is licensed at the ‘current’ higher levy rate, you should consider the different licensing periods available, such as three or six months.”

Contrary to advice in a widely circulated email, relicensing fees will be reduced from 1 July 2015, not from 1 April 2015. For some petrol vehicles the drop is about \$132, or \$11 a month, with the cost of relicensing virtually halved.

If a vehicle becomes due for relicensing between now and 30 June 2015, you can take fuller advantage of the decrease in cost by renewing the licence for a shorter, interim period rather than paying the full ‘current fee’ that equates to a renewal of the licence for a further 12 month period; relicense only for the number of months, from when the current licence expires, up to and including June next year. Make sure this interim period of licence renewal expires no sooner than sometime in July, (i.e. not prior to 1 July), because if you need to relicense again on any date earlier than that you will still need to pay the current higher fee rate for the full period of licence renewal you select at that time, not the new lower fee that will apply from 1 July.

Other information of interest:

While the standard vehicle relicensing form invites you to select from a choice of 12 months, 6 months or 3 months for the licence period, you can in fact apply to relicense your vehicle for any period you choose, from one day to one year.

If it is your desire to use a club-eligible vehicle that is over 40 years old for a one-off special occasion, it is possible to relicense it for only two or three days at a cost of just a few dollars, by using an “Application to change licence expiry date” form, (MR27).

A vehicle over 40 years old is not subject to the “continuous licensing” regime, meaning that it can have its registration placed on hold without the requirement to pay a licence fee for the intervening period since its licence last expired. [Note: There are time constraints on live registration.]

However, if a vehicle is less than 40 years old and is therefore subject to “continuous licensing”, an application to place its registration on hold must be lodged BEFORE the current licence expires or else the licence fee is payable up to the time the “hold” is applied for and an automatic three month licensing fee is charged as a minimum. [NZTA Fact Sheet 49 explains this process.]

With the reduction in vehicle levies from 1 July 2015, the ACC is introducing risk-rating for the passenger vehicle fleet aged less than 40 years. That means that levy reductions will depend on a vehicle’s safety rating as determined by New Zealand and Australian crash data. For the “safest cars”, the ACC levy reduction will be around 66%, from the current standard \$198.65 down to \$66.71. The majority of club-eligible vehicles aged under 40 years will be classified in Band One of the risk-ratings and will be charged a levy of \$156.71, an annual reduction of little more than \$40.

Risk-rating does not apply to ‘vintage cars’ (i.e. club-eligible vehicles over 40 years old, which is the age definition used in current legislation for a vintage car); these vehicles will enjoy a fixed cut in the annual ACC levy from \$69.53 to \$37.42 from 1 July 2015.

DO YOU KNOW THESE?

Some car and automotive components are named and brand named using the initials of the company or the company owner.

HCS - Harry C Stutz

BSA - Birmingham Small Arms

MG - Morris Garages

BMW - Bayerische Motoren-Werke

CAV - Charles Anthony Vandervell

REO - Ransom E Olds

JAP - J A Prestwich (John Alfred Prestwich)

RCH - R C Hupp (Robert C Hupp)

SU - Skinnners Union (George & Thomas Skinner)

AC - Alex Champion (Autocars & Accessories)

FIAT - Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino

ERF - E R Foden

For Sale

1939 Austin Big 7 fully restored 25 years ago. Body and interior in reasonably good condition but chrome, tyres and engine require work. Is unregistered and has been off the road approx. 18 years. \$1,000. Phone 07-3481668 or email callaghan@clear.net.nz.

1987 Cadillac Brougham 57,000Miles . A tidy old Caddy needs a loving home, Phone 07-349 2003 or 07-348 0680 A/H



Coming Events

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Dec	6	Christmas Social	5.30pm	Clubrooms	
	10	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	6
	14	Club Run	9.30am	Ngongotaha Fire Station	6
	17	Midweekers	10.00am	Clubrooms	7
	31	New Year's Eve party (Morris Club)	6.30pm	Clubrooms	7
J	18	Car Show	9-00am	Lakefront	6
F	15	Club Captains Run	TBA	TBA	
	18	Midweekers	10.00am	Clubrooms	7
M	15	Chairman's Run	TBA	TBA	
A	12	Night Run	TBA	TBA	
M	17	Club Run	TBA	TBA	

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These can be **emailed to jwpete@xtra.co.nz**

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