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From the Club Captains desk

NOT THE CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

You thought you had heard the last from me but here I am back again writing the Club Captains Report. Denis Burr, our newly elected Club Captain, is away heading north to Alaska in his Dodge towing his 5th wheeler. Des and I were hoping to catch up with them when we are in Alaska at the end of June but we couldn't co-ordinate it. Hopefully when they return he and Pat will give us an account of their experiences.



The AGM was held on 14 May and it was disappointing to see that many members did not attend, and of those present we did not have many seeking election to office. For the new committee see page 1.

We also had the Chairman's Run on 18 May and Andy Watson plotted a run to the Swapmeet being held in Hamilton. Des and I are glad we took the Toyota as the run on main highways would have been too much driving for the Morris 8, plus it gave Des a chance to navigate for me for a change.

Our annual prize-giving will be held on Saturday 7 June at the clubrooms. I hope you can all attend what should be a good evening.

There will be a club run set by our new assistant Club Captain Maurie Crowe on Sunday 15 June, see details on page 6.

There will be no club run in July as we have the annual Central North Island Swapmeet on Sunday 13 July. Please attend club night to put your name on the board to help out, or contact Roger Nelson ph: 350 3136 or email diana.nelson@xtra.co.nz. It's good to see members pulling together to make this a successful event, and as has been said before, it is our only fund raiser and many hands make light work.

The Sulphur City Rally is being held on Saturday 30 August 2014. Entry forms will be included with the July magazine.

See you at the Prize-giving dinner

Safe Motoring

Cheers Angie

(This must be a Claytons Report then. Ed)

From the Chair



First off I would like to welcome some new members: Philip Brierley with a 1970 Triumph GT6 Mk2, Robyn Skelton and Paul Wallaston, and also Kevin and Mary-Anne Scott with a 1938 Ford V8 Deluxe. I hope that you make the effort to join in the fun. I know it is difficult to integrate into a new club, Mary and I are still considered newbies after 16 years but don't worry! Just give 'em hell like we do!

Our AGM was reasonably well attended even though it was a cold night. Thank you to those members who made the effort. A few years ago I can remember the committee positions were hotly contested with lobbying of members prior to the meeting, and secret ballots at election time. It held almost as much interest as a General Election, but now, if you show the slightest interest, POW! Before you know it, you are elected by default! Anyhow, I'm not denigrating the brave souls that put their hand up for the various positions, as at the end of the day they are probably the best we have at the moment. I'm not including myself in this discussion, as the position of Chairman is probably the easiest to hold, (hoping that this will attract a future candidate!). That is providing that you have a good committee to rely on and I can tell you that we have some hard working committed members on the new committee. As Chairman for the last two years I have been lucky so far for having this luxury, and long may it continue. I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their dedication and commitment.

Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Nelson for taking over the Swap Meet committee Chairmanship.

The Chairman's run was attended by 15 cars and you may be surprised with the results. As the run was designed to get everyone to the Swap Meet at the Hamilton Classic Car Museum in the shortest possible time, we were limited to travelling on State Highways so I made the Executive Decision that modern cars would be eligible for prizes. If anyone has a problem with that decision, please put your hand up for Chairman next year, otherwise keep your comments to yourself. Bob's Rolls Royce and most P60's cars can keep up with the traffic but could you in an Austin Seven? I was pleased to see the pre-war owners had the sense to bring their moderns along.

The swap meet organised by the Hamilton Vintage and Classics Car Club was well run with plenty to see and with the added attraction of the Juke Box Café and the half price entry of the museum. Those girls in the café worked their butts off!

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Bob Mowbray, if he had half a chance would have written out a cheque for the Bergerac Triumph!

Our next event is the Prize Giving dinner, well subsidised by the club funds. So if you are coming along, please make sure that you've put your name down for duties on the Swap Meet roster unless you are going to be overseas, at work or ill. New members can chum up with older members to make up numbers at the various gates.

See you at the prize giving.

Cheers, Andy

Editor still Editor

The AGM has come and gone with only two new committee members, those being Club Captain Denis Burr and Assistant Club Captain Maurie Crowe. The rest of the committee were on board last year, so you could only assume that the club is in good hands and everyone is happy with the way the club is running.



We have missed one or two runs lately, as we have been busy (that's retirement for you) but we did go on the Chairman's Run to the Hamilton Classic Car museum and Swapmeet. It was a good day with plenty of questions to find answers to on the way, whilst driving at the speed limit.

I must say again, if there is some topic for our magazine you would like to be covered please let me know. Are you all happy to read what is in your mag or is it a waste of time?

If you are happy to either read our magazine from our web site, (www.rotorua-vintagecarclub.org.nz) or receive an e-mail version and not a hard copy by post, then advise me by e-mail, letter or phone.

Editor

GAS HOT WATER UNIT

After consultation with a gas specialist,
it is no longer necessary to turn off
the gas hot water heating unit.
It will operate much better if the
pilot light is left on continually.

Chairman's Report AGM 2014

First of all I'd like us to remember those members that we have lost this past year: Jackie Mowbray, John Martin, Zelda Menzies, Gerald Beamish-White and Dave Cate.

Now, I'd like to thank the Committee comprising; Secretary Lois Thompson, Treasurer Mary Watson, Club Captain Angie Brunton, Assistant Club Captain Roger Nelson, Magazine Editor John Peters, committee members Mel Cooper and Steve De Jeu. Also I'd like to thank our Patron Bob Mowbray, who in spite of losing Jackie has decided to carry on his duties as Patron.

I would particularly like to thank Mel Cooper for organising the guest speakers and display cars for our Club nights. They are well worth attending as some of our visitors have commented to us. So if you can drag yourself away from the goggle box come along. There's usually only cooking programmes on anyway!

I'd like to also thank the Swap Meet committee comprising; Phil and Gai Menzies, Neville Harper, Dave Philips, Steve De Jeu and Terry Wadsworth who have worked behind the scenes to bring about another successful Swap Meet. Hopefully we will have another successful one this year.

Other people I'd like to thank are Adelai Skelton for the cards and flowers, having had a particularly busy year, also Rocky Fiske for organising the Mid Weekers, and our Tea Ladies; Pat Burr, Pat Mackay and Marilyn Sarich. Ronald Mayes for the Beaded Wheels contributions, thanks to Reg Munro for taking over as Librarian from Dorothy after her accident, to Maurie and Shirley Crowe for taking over the custodian of the Clubhouse after the resignation of Margaret Veninga and of course thanks to all the members who participated or helped out during the year, for without you there would be no point having a club.

I won't dwell on all of the events that were held during the year but I think that you will agree that there has been something for everyone. For me the greatest milestone for the year is having achieved a web site. Those without computers won't appreciate it but it is the way of the future if we want to attract younger members. We are so lucky in this country that we can still drive old cars on the road with no restriction and I salute the mid weekers for their monthly outings.

Looking to the future, in spite of illness and passing of members we still have a strong core of enthusiasts and that's what it's all about. We are here to enjoy our interest, camaraderie, our socialising and long may we be able to.

Thank you everyone.

Cheers

Andy



DIARY DATES

Next club night: 11 June, 7.30pm

Next committee meeting: 16 June, 5.30pm

Club Night

Wednesday 11 June

The car on display is Roger Couchman's Austin A35 and the Guest Speaker a mystery.

Club Run

Sunday 15 June

Meet at the clubrooms at 1pm, first car away at 1.15pm. After the completion of the run, meet back at the club rooms for afternoon tea and a prize for the winner.

Please bring your own eats. Tea and coffee provided.

Mid Weekers

Wednesday 18 June

Meet at Bob and Pat Mackay's at 43 Oturoa Road, Ngongotaha at 10am for morning tea. We will then travel to "Waharoa Cheese Factory Café" for lunch. After lunch we will be visiting Neil Houghton in Ngarua, who has a huge collection of vintage tractors (over 70) and stationary engines, as well as vintage farm equipment etc. Weather permitting, those wishing will be able to drive some of the old tractors. The distance from Mackay's is approximately 90kms, making the return trip 180 kms.

Contact Rocky and Rebecca for any enquiries Phone 333 1883 or 021 446 486.

Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

Saturday 7 June

Our annual prize-giving dinner will be held at the clubrooms at 6-00pm for a 6-30pm dinner. Cost \$20.00 per person. This is a BYO.

Tickets are available from, Andy Watson at The Top Place or Lois Thompson at Rotorua Childcare.

Dodge Bros Centennial Rally

5 - 25 November

Whangarei to Invercargill. Contact: James A O'Neill on 06-344 4566, or email: paverz@vodafone.co.nz.

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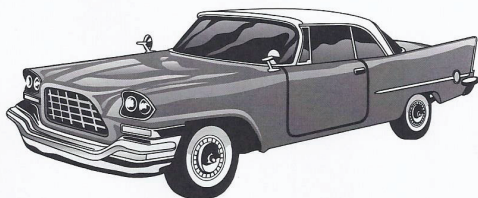
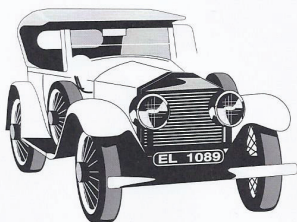


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ON SUNDAY JULY 13th 2014**



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our ONLY fundraiser!!**

**Remember the more members who volunteer,
the smaller the shifts for everyone,
and therefore less costs for the club.**

**Come along to the club night and register,
or contact: Roger Nelson on 350 3136**

Midweekers - Lunch Run

Wednesday 21 May

Winter is here alright, as I noticed when walking into the clubrooms on our Wednesday the 18th run. So I gave myself a quick lesson on how to fire up the gas heater, it was quite simple, just stand back and flick the switch.

It was great to see 20 cars and 21 people turn up for morning tea and it's always good to see new faces such as Graham and Dorothy Buchanan, thanks for coming along in your Austin A30.

We drove around Lake Rotoiti, quite a pleasant drive and the gravel wasn't too bad. It's always good to be on a road where you never see a single car coming in the opposite direction for the whole trip. We called into Otahau Bay village, what a lovely little spot with some very well built houses set amongst the trees.

Then it was lunch at the Rotoma Café operated by former Vintage car club member Gordon Caulfield's Son, also known as Gordon and Wife Victoria.

What an awesome team effort, especially as they had only been there a month and it was the chefs day off, so Victoria was the master chef and everybody thoroughly enjoyed their meals, so a very big thank you to them.

Thanks for coming along everybody, it was a very short run but that obviously suits some of the older cars.

Coupe

Those that participated were:

Graham and Dorothy Buchanan

Bob and Pat Mackay

Evan and Wyn Dorrington

Reg and Annette Munro

Maurie and Shirley Crowe

Albert Littin and Marina Jenkins

Bill and Adelai Skelton

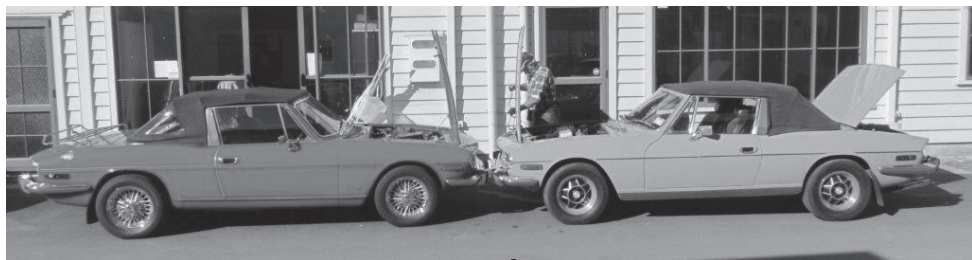
Mel and Colleen Cooper

Neville and Carol Harper

Val Martin

Rocky and Rebecca Fiske

The million dollar question is, “Who is giving power and who is taking power?”



Responsibility for car roadworthiness falls on the driver

Drivers need to take greater responsibility for the roadworthiness of their vehicles now more than ever, Motor Trade Association (MTA) says.

If anything seems out of the ordinary with your car it pays to get it checked by a professional.

A number of road crashes in recent months have involved vehicles deemed not roadworthy, or lacking current Warrants of Fitness (WoF). In some cases, these crashed vehicles have not been checked for basic safety equipment in years.

From July, about 1.2 million cars previously subject to a six-monthly WoF inspection now have an annual inspection schedule. With this, the onus falls squarely on owners and drivers to regularly check their vehicles - some already 14 years old - are safe to be on the road.

“NZ Transport Agency’s TWIRL* campaign is a solid start, but, really, this is about personal responsibility, on the part of the vehicle owners. Checking your vehicle needs to become a regular part of your routine; driving safely is about more than just making the right choices behind the wheel,” MTA spokesperson Hamish Stuart says.

While some of the vehicles involved in recent crashes have not had a current WoF, many owners and drivers still make the mistake of assuming that a current WoF automatically means their vehicle is safe and roadworthy.

“It’s important to remember that a WoF is an inspection at a point in time, and, from July the rules governing a cars WoF will change. This means for cars first registered on the roads after January 1 2000, a WoF is once per year. Some of these vehicles are already 14 years old, and have clocked up several hundreds of thousands of kilometres’ travel; they’re not new cars. Risks will increase if owners aren’t vigilant.”

“It’s not only older, higher mileage vehicles that pose a risk. Irrespective of the age of a vehicle, the modern automobile needs regular maintenance and checking. Even on relatively new models, parts wear out; brakes and tyres need particular attention,” Stuart says.

Developing a routine to ensure your vehicle is safe is straightforward, and there are plenty of places to guide you; NZTA’s TWIRL check is a good place to start. If you are unsure about what to do, or have any concerns about any safety aspects of your vehicle, take it to an expert.

**TWIRL is NZTA’s check for Tyres, Windscreen, Wipers and Mirrors, Indicators, Rust and Lights.*

- NZ Herald

Unspoken

One of the first things you notice about the Sada bicycle is that the 26 inch wheels are empty of spokes or a hub. Instead small wheels run inside the rim to turn the wheel. The point of the bike though is that it quickly and easily folds up to about the size of an umbrella, ready to be carried onto a train or bus. Those empty wheels just look all wrong.

(I had to print this as I like how someone can still find ways of inventing the wheel, or how to use it) (Ed)



How do you know when it is time to
“hang up the car keys”?

I say when your dog has this look on his face!

A picture is worth a thousand words!



1936 Stainless Steel Ford

In 1935, officials at Allegheny Ludlum Steel Division and the Ford Motor Company collaborated on an experiment that would become a legacy and a tribute to one of the most dynamic metals ever developed.

Allegheny Ludlum, a pioneer producer of stainless steel, proposed the idea of creating a stainless steel car to Ford. The idea took shape in the form of a 1936 Deluxe Sedan. That car became the centerpiece of a campaign to expose the public to the new metal and its many uses.

This is the 1936 Ford Tudor Sedan built for and owned by Allegheny Ludlum Steel. This is one of only four in existence and is the only one currently in running and in road worthy condition. The jaw-dropping beauty offered here is one of that tiny production run, recently restored by Lon Kruger, one of the world's best restorers.

The car utilizes the standard 221/85 HP flathead mated to a 3-speed manual and working Columbia overdrive, and has been driven just 18 miles since its restoration.

The only privately owned example, it won two trophies at the Early V8 Club Auburn 2009 event, 1st Place at the 2009 Hershey AACA event and was nominated for the 2009 AACA Car of the Year. The car is in exceptional condition, with the interior and even the frame looking great.

All four cars each had over 200,000 miles on them before they removed them from service. These cars were built for Allegheny as promotional and marketing projects. The top salesmen each year were given the honor of being able to drive them for one year. The V-8 engine (max 85 hp) ran like a sewing machine and was surprisingly smooth and quiet.

FYI, the car was insured for the trip to Louisville via covered trailer for 1.5 million dollars. We were also told that the dies were ruined by stamping the stainless car parts, making these the last of these cars ever produced.



Project underway

I heard on the grapevine that an all ladies project is underway!! All the best Lois and Dorothy.

ED



For Sale

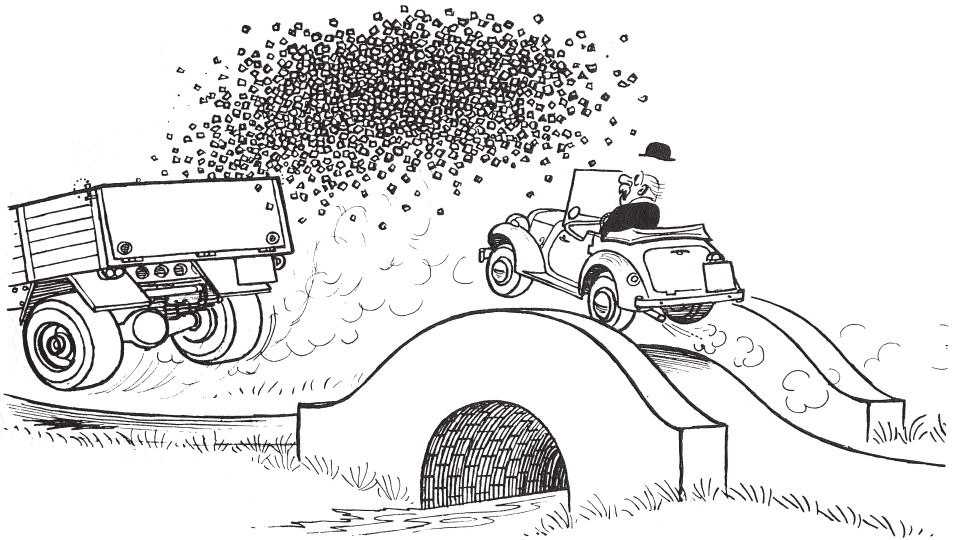
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Phone Graham on 348 3104.



Coming Events

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	11	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	6
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	18	Midweekers	10.00am	Ngongotaha	6
July	9	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	13	Swap Meet	Early	Paradise Valley	7
Aug	30	Club Night	7.30pm	Clubrooms	
	30	Sulphur City Rally	8.30am	Clubrooms	

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Do you enjoy our newsletter? Is there something else you would like to see included?

Letters, reports, articles of interest, photos, ideas and feedback are all welcome and should be sent to the editor, John Peters, before the 25th of each month.

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

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Or drop it in our home mail box yourself. You can phone me on 07-348 6825.

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