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OF THE  
ROTORUA  
VINTAGE  
AND VETERAN  
CAR CLUB

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ROTORUA

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*Top:* 1978 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow II  
*Owners:* David Tomlinson & Fleur Maunsell

*Lower:* 1964 Ford Thunderbird  
*Owners:* William & Gillian Piper

*Back Cover:* RVVCC Clubrooms  
*Owners:* Club Members

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|--------------------|------------------------|
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| Chairperson        | David Tomlinson        |
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| Treasurer          | Terry Fitzpatrick      |
| Club Captain       | VACANT - CAN YOU HELP? |
| Asst Club Captain: | VACANT - CAN YOU HELP? |

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|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
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| Terry Wadsworth      |  |
| Steve de Jeu         |  |
| Darryl Stretch       |  |
| Roger Nelson         |  |
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| Mid Weekers          | Bob Mackay                               |
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| Librarian            | Dorothy Clouston                         |
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| Cards and Flowers    | Adelai Skelton                           |
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| Hon Auditor          | Murray Farquhar                          |

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# From the Chair



Hi all, my name is David Tomlinson, and I am currently your Branch Chairman. Most of you will not know me, I am new to Rotorua, and indeed the Branch. This will probably surprise most of you, it does me, and will probably raise many concerns too. I will outline the circumstances that brought this about, but first crave your indulgence to read a little bit about me, then a bit about my history in governance, and then leave your judgment until the end of this text.

I am 50 years old, and I bought a house in Ngongotaha just over a year ago, and moved here in August 2014 from Hamilton with my partner Fleur, and our son who is now 18 months old. I also have two older children aged 9 and 8, and they took part in last month's Night Run with me. I am a car nut from birth, and in my twenties and thirties owned 6 Alfa Romeos at various times, including a 2 litre 105 series "trifecta" of a GTV, Spider and Berlina. I had the Spider for over 10 years, and also during that time had a couple of 1961 Morris Minor 1000s, which curiously although almost identical, their electricity circulated in opposite directions. Since that time family and work saw me sell off my toys, but in recent years I have acquired and still have a 1994 Bentley, a 1978 Rolls Royce and a 1977 Mercedes-Benz ragtop. I try and get at least one of them out on the road every week. While like all car enthusiasts I have my likes and dislikes of marques and models, I have no prejudices towards others that have differing likes and interests. I have done two stints as a member of the Alfa Romeo club in years past, and my partner and I have been members of the Rolls/Bentley club for 3 years now, and have attended some of their rally events, and others such as Brits At The Beach which is not aligned specifically to any organisation. I am a "driver", not a "polisher", and I love my cars and driving them.


Regarding committee level activity, I have belonged to various car and sports organisations since I was a child, and from 1993 served on a sports club committee for 8 years, then on a national sports body for 2 years as a committee member, followed by 10 years as its chairman. During those 10 years that sport went from 2000 members after 8 consecutive years of decline, to 3500 members after 10 consecutive years of growth. Three years since I moved on, it now has 4000 members. After that stint I spent two years as chairman of a sports body that sent athletes to the Commonwealth Games in Delhi and the London Olympics. I have vast experience on being on committees, chairing committees, and working with others successfully in those environments. The success with the sports body I chaired for 10 years came about

through determining what the members wanted, what could be achieved within a reasonable budget and timescale, and recruiting more members than were lost through attrition. More members means more resources, and that usually solves many more problems that it creates.

Back to how I ended up writing this column. Some of you will be aware that all branch office holders stood down this year, which was signalled before the AGM. No nomination forms were received for any positions, and no nominations were received from the floor for any at the AGM. This meant at the conclusion of the AGM there were no office holders in the “named” committee positions. Several people offered or were shoulder tapped to serve as general committee members, and I was one of at least two newer members who when asked if I would serve, offered to do so. The meeting instructed this group to go away and appoint people to the necessary roles to operate properly at its meeting a few days later.

The committee met, and thankfully the current Secretary agreed to stay on for one more year, so that some continuity was possible. Half of the committee were very experienced members, the other half much less so. After a round table discussion it was decided that the committee would do its best to serve the membership and operate the club, and that there were resources and personnel in place to keep the Swap Meet and the Sulphur City Rally on track for this year. Members of the committee each discussed their availability day by day, week by week, and there was no one present who wished to take on any of the key roles. An option was to call a Special General Meeting to fix things up (or close shop), but the reality is we had a General Meeting the week before, and many people spoke at that meeting, and no one wished to pursue a management or committee role. There was little point in revisiting a meeting. So I as an experienced board member of other groups, said I would put my name forward for Chairman as long as others present filled the other roles, and that the committee worked together and with other experienced club members to move forward positively. We did our best, and now have a Secretary and Treasurer, with only the Club Captain’s role still vacant which needs urgent attention. This will be raised at the next branch Wednesday night meeting. We will also need a Branch newsletter editor/collator, and a few other roles filled, hopefully from outside of the committee.

The branch is your branch, not the committee’s. The committee is there to operate the branch as per its rules, and to help provide services and benefits for the branch members. Please let this happen by working with the committee to achieving this, but most importantly letting the committee know what you want, or what you think is wrong!

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Through these events, there was such an air of perhaps disbelief or a general stunned feeling at the AGM after no officers were elected, that no incoming people had the opportunity to thank those volunteers who were retiring. I hope that was an oversight due to the atmosphere that existed at the time, and I am sure I can speak on behalf of the new committee (and I hope branch members) to thank the previous committee members for their service. One would hope they will still offer advice and guidance where necessary to the new team.

Lastly, if you are still reading this (thank you!), you will not have to impeach me at the next branch meeting if you do not want me in this role, just let me know, and I will gracefully resign for someone else to step into the role, if that is the will of the branch membership. I joined this branch to enhance my passion for cars, not be a bureaucrat!

*David Tomlinson*

# Editor Exiting

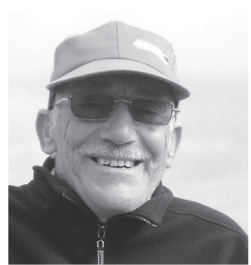
This will be your last Side Curtains unless someone is prepared to participate in their clubs magazine and not leave it up to just a handful of people to do year in and year out.

Jenny and I have enjoyed the last four years getting the magazine to the members, but it is time to take a break. Without the mag, members will have to attend monthly meetings to find out when, where and what time any runs will be on. Now is the time to show you care, as this will be our last magazine.

We also need a Club Captain, so again someone will have to put themselves forward for the role, otherwise there will be no monthly runs and is that what you, the members, want??

I know we are all getting on in years, but the two jobs listed are not too onerous. Five months of the year, runs are organised by winners of the previous year ie. BBQ run, Night run etc., so that leaves five months of runs which can be delegated if wanted. The only run that must be organised by the Club Captain is the "Club Captains Run".

*Editor*







## **SWAP MEET**

**That time is fast approaching.**

**Please think about volunteering your services on the day to staff Ticket Boxes, Parking and the Car Show.**

**There will be two shifts**

**i.e. 6:30am - 9:30am and 9:30am - 1:00pm.**

**Remember the more volunteers the better, if we have a surplus, we can use them to give people a spell on each shift, thus making the day not quite so onerous.**

**Also, the more volunteers the less outside people we have to hire.**

**So, please put your name on the board which will be available at the Club Rooms through May and June.**

**One never knows, there might be some reward after the event.**

**Roger**



## DIARY DATES

Next club night: 10 June, 7.30pm

Next committee meeting: 15 June, 7.30pm

## RVVCC Events 2015

| DATE           | WHAT               | DETAILS                 |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 13 June 2015   | Prize Giving       | Annual Dinner event     |
| 17 June 2015   | Mid Weekers        |                         |
| 12 July 2015   | Swap Meet          | Paradise Valley Raceway |
| 22 July 2015   | Mid Weekers        |                         |
| 29 August 2015 | Sulphur City Rally |                         |

*Subject to change, check your latest copy of Side Curtains or our website,  
[www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz](http://www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz) for the most up-to-date details.*

## CANTERBURY BRANCH SWAP MEET

There still some sites available for the Canterbury Branch Swap Meet at McLeans Island on 9, 10 & 11 October 2015. For more information please contact: Kevin Clarkson on 021 02706525 or email [kevinclarkson1@gmail.com](mailto:kevinclarkson1@gmail.com)



# Club Night

**Wednesday 10 June**

Car on display will be one of Dennis Kenny's MG's. There will be no guest speaker.

# Mid Weekers

**Wednesday 17 June - Mount Maunganui**

No morning tea planned. To help relieve the traffic congestion on State H'way 36 we will meet at 10.30 – 10.45am outside the Pyes Pa School. At 10.45 am we will proceed to Morris Mcfall's collection (including rare tractors and classic cars) via the Toll Road (\$2). On Hewletts Road keep in left lane (NOT BUS LANE) and take the left turn immediately before Hyundai/Farmers Village Autos. (Hocking Street) He is at the end of the street. Bring picnic lunch, (we can set up indoors). Hot water and a BBQ will be available. Following this visit we will call at the Art and Craft Shed situated on the Tauranga Wharf before returning home. (A high quality fresh off the boat fish shop is right next door).

*Bob*

## MIDWEEKERS PLEASE NOTE

**Following the June run the normal day for the mid-week runs will be the 4th Wednesday of the month.**

# June Club Run

**Sunday 14 June**

The next club run will be a drive out in the country on Sunday 14 June (the day after the dinner so it will be an afternoon run). Meet at the Club rooms at 1.00 pm, briefing at 1.10pm, the first car away at 1.15 pm. The run will end at the Clubrooms for a B.Y.O. afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

# *Annual Prize-giving Dinner*

**Saturday 13 June**

Our annual prize-giving dinner  
will be held at the clubrooms at  
6.00pm for a 6.30pm dinner.

Cost \$40 per person.  
This is a catered dinner and a BYO.

Tickets available from:

Lois Thompson at Rotorua Childcare  
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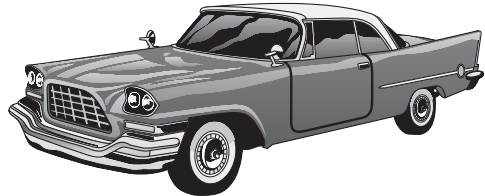
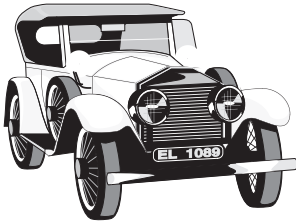


# Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc



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**STOCK CAR RACEWAY PARADISE VALLEY  
ON SUNDAY JULY 12th 2015**



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**Website:** [www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz](http://www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz)

Admission —  
*Seller's vehicle and driver*  
\$10.00 per site



ALL others —  
\$5.00 per person  
(Accompanied children FREE)



The Rotorua Vintage Car Club  
cordially invites you to take part in their  
**Annual Sulphur City Rally**  
to be held on  
**29 August 2015**  
at the VVCC Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park  
Briefing at 8.30am. First car away at 9.00am



# 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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| EVENT .....     |               |
| ORGANISER ..... |               |
| DATE .....      | WEATHER ..... |
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## Our Website

**Our website is [www.rotorua-vintage-car-club.org.nz](http://www.rotorua-vintage-car-club.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.

## NOTICE

**Could all last years' winners  
of trophies please return them  
to the Club Rooms.**

**Thanks, Club Captain**

A policeman stops a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."

The driver says, "... but I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Damn it, woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine."

The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving - anyway the licence is kept in the glove compartment."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, "WHY ON EARTH DON'T YOU shut up?"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

Still knitting, she replies "Only when he's drunk."

# Coming Events

|        | DAY | WHAT                           | MEET    | STARTING PLACE  | PAGE  |
|--------|-----|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| June   | 10  | Club Night                     | 7.30pm  | Clubrooms       | 7     |
|        | 13  | Annual Dinner and Prize Giving | 6.00pm  | Clubrooms       | 8     |
|        | 17  | Midweekers                     | 10.30am | Pyes Pa School  | 7     |
| July   | 8   | Club Night                     | 7.30pm  | Clubrooms       |       |
|        | 12  | Swap Meet                      | 6.30am  | Paradise Valley | 5 & 9 |
|        | 22  | Midweekers                     | TBA     | TBA             |       |
| August | 12  | Club Night                     | 7.30pm  | Clubrooms       |       |
|        | 26  | Midweekers                     | TBA     | TBA             |       |
|        | 29  | Sulphur City Rally             | 8.30am  | Clubrooms       | 10    |
| Sept   | 9   | Club Night                     | 7.30pm  | Clubrooms       |       |
|        | 23  | Midweekers                     | TBA     | TBA             |       |

## Newsletter Contributions

***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, before the 25th of each month.

### **Text should be provided in MS Word format.**

Photos should be scanned in colour at 300dpi or higher or taken on a digital camera at the highest possible setting to enable good reproduction. Save as a jpg file to email.

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