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**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
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Hi Everyone

Looking forward to a few pics and articles from the number of our members who are down at the George Begg in Invercargill and Wheels at Wanaka



A smaller number of Nelson cars attended the West Coast 40th Anniversary Rally but a great event with a turn out of 70 entries.

Our swap meet once again was successful despite the ever increasing costs of compliance etc—thanks to every body who contributed

Check page 45 out—a little bit of rambling but we have a lot of members who quite frankly don't engage with the rest of the membership. Why is this? Are they too shy, do we need to be more pro-active with new members? .

We do have a great branch with good camaraderie—lets make it our mission expand this camaraderie to every member

Regards Ray

Front Cover: Aerial drone shot of the 2023 Swapmeet courtesy of Branch member Mike Wilson

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Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

Please note these events may be subject to change and some-times it is not always possible to advise in advance

5 Apr	10am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
6 Apr	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
8 April	7.00am	Bus Trip to Omaka Air Show pge 40	Gordon Dacombe
13 Apr	7.00pm	Club Quiz Night page 22	Jenny Conlon
15 Apr	10am	Club Run to the Fat Tui Marahau for lunch pg 23	Jenny Conlon
18 Apr	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
19 Apr	10am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
2 May	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
3 May	10 am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
4 May	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
7 May		Riwaka/Sandy Bay Hill Climb	Gordon Dacombe
11 May	7.00pm	Club Night Videos of Nat Rallies pg 41	Jenny Conlon
13 May	10 am	Ladies Run Page 41	Jenny Conlon
17 May	10 am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
1 Jun	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
6 Jun	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
7 Jun	10 am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
10 Jun		Proposed Club Run to River Haven	Rob Thompson
18 Jun	2.00pm	Nelson AGM & Restoration of the year	Roy West
21 Jun	10 am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
4 Jul	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
5 Jul	10 am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
6 Jul	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
13 Jul	7.00pm	Club Night	
16 Jul		Snow Run to Perlorus	
11-13 Aug		Nelson VCC Hosting Na- tional VCC AGM	Mike Bryan
2024		National Easter Rally as part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations	Mike Bryan

Chatter from the Chair,

The forth month of the year.... and now only two months to go until our BRANCH AGM on SUNDAY 18 th JUNE along with our Pride of Ownership display and Restoration of the Year.



Time to start finishing, polishing and generally titivating your lovelies!

Mark the day on your calendars now please...be great to have you along to show your support for our hard working Committee, share in the presentation of several 25 yr, 35 yr and 50 yr membership awards and have a chin wag over a cuppa with your fellow members.

We are always waiting to welcome new ladies and gents onto our Committee so please have a think about whether you would like to join us and how you could be involved to help the wheels of our great Club keep turning!

[Reminds me... the bloke who invented the first wheel was a bit of a clown but the guy/girl who put the other three with it was an absolute genius!]

Please don't wait to be shoulder tapped give me, or a Committee member, a call today! Thnx.

A lot of effort goes in behind the scenes at the Club and I must signal out the Grumpy in the tractor shed... Malcolm, for the time and dedication he contributes to our Club lease! Our land lease is to keep the grass around the entire speedway circuit and car parks cut, a job that can take several hours about every two weeks in the racing [and growing] season! Besides this there's tractor, mower and ride on repairs, servicing and cleaning, most of which Malcolm does himself in his time!

Sure I know there's a roster of several others who regularly operate things, and this help is really appreciated, but it's Malcolm organizing this roster, ringing people, buying petrol and oil....and simply keeping the wheels turning that we really must appreciate! If we had to pay someone to do this, the earnings from our Swap meet would almost be in the RED! Thank you, Malcolm.

At the last BM, Malcolm called for volunteers to help top two neighbouring paddocks to be used for parking for the weekends double feature.... several folk went out

to join him...Leigh, Ray, Gary...sorry others if I've missed you.. and when Ian and I came back at 3pm for a National Rally proposal meeting.... Gary and Malcolm were just finishing and washing the tractor and ride on!
Over 4 hours continuous effort on our behalf..... **THANK YOU** guys, your efforts might go unnoticed but it is appreciated!

Back in November several of our members, led by Rob spent most of the evening parking cars for the FIREWORKS night and the Club earned about \$800 for their efforts! Well done Rob and the team! We were asked to do it all again for the recent double day event.... sadly we couldn't find enough volunteers and missed out on around \$1500 but coming after everyone's huge effort the week before.... your Committee understands! Be ready, we could be offered this job again next season and volunteers will be called for!

WOOOOWWWW! What is also appreciated are the efforts of so many who came to the meetings, the working bee days, helped in anyway on the Day, then packed up and cleaned out everything at our annual fundraiser our SWAP MEET.... What a great day, with an initial figure in excess of \$6000 being raised for the Branch!

As our Founding member, Andrew Anderson would say, the team of 9000! [almost Nationally we had 8991 members in Feb.] I can say.... well done our team of 300! [Our Br has 306 members active with 521 vehicles, registered]. My counting shows that we are the 9 th largest Branch of the 36 in NZ.] I want to single out Maureen and Leigh who I'm told gave the speedway toilets the once over, twice.... a job I had told Alistair I would do afterwards... thnx team!

As a Branch we are certainly pushing above our weight in the next couple of years. We host the National VCC AGM at the BEACHSIDE conference centre, adjoining the Tahunanui Holiday Park on the weekend of 9 th -11 th August. Many delegates will be flying in and it would be great if a number of members can offer to collect and return them to the airport in their vintage and classic vehicles over that weekend!

Only another year away is EASTER weekend 2024 and this weekend we will be celebrating our Branches 60 th birthday by

hosting the South Island Easter Rally here in Nelson/Richmond. Again we will need a great team to pull all this together... the AGM in June would be the time to assemble this group. We have already booked the Waimea Club for our Saturday night dinner.

In early MAY, our National Chairman and others from the Management team, will be visiting us to consider our options and ideas should we be granted the next VERO INTERNATIONAL RALLY at a date not yet set in the next 4 to 5 years. They will be visiting proposed venues, looking at accommodation options, running over our proposed rally routes to several different destinations...and meeting our planning team. I have selected some members of our present Committee to be on this sub committee and a few more will be brought in depending on their skills and our needs.

Recently I attended our National Executive meeting in CHRISTCHURCH on your behalf. Attendance at this is imperative so we are kept informed of plans and developments and so Branches give feedback to the Management team. This year, for the first time, the conference was over a weekend allowing time for workshops and buzz groups, 3 guest speakers, convivial snacks, meals, a social evening with old movies as well as the business meetings. It was a great format, I appreciated the opportunity to attend, and I have put together a report elsewhere in the CRANK CASE.

All members should soon receive an email or letter requesting that you update your information on addresses, contact numbers and vehicles owned. National office records have become very outdated, particularly with phone numbers and up to date email addresses. Please do not bin this request when it comes.... if you want your correct contact information recorded, please return these forms.... even if your information hasn't changed! Thank you.

Your Committee has approved spending up to \$10 000 to build a new sunshade area over the courtyard before the next summer season. Max has designed and costed this and is sourcing various raw materials as cheaply as he can. Thnx Max, your efforts will be appreciated, particularly by the BM's!

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We have not had a Branch Patron since our last one, Ivo left us and I have been asked several times if we intend to appoint another one. We don't have to have a Patron but they are usually someone who has contributed much to the Club in the past and are likely to still be valuable in negotiating and promoting the Branch in the future. Three suitable members have now been mentioned to me, and I believe these will be brought to the Committee before the AGM. If you have someone you'd like to suggest, please let a Committee member know. The Patron is a Committee appointment.

Finally, there are a few events coming up in our Calendar, which I'm sure you will want to support!

Rob as our busy Club Capt is away at the moment so Jenny has taken over the role. Please support her. She has a QUIZ NIGHT at 7pm on April 13 th followed by a run to the reopened FAT TUI at MARAHAU on Sat 15 th . Unfortunately several of us will still be away after the Wheels into Wanaka at Easter, but

I'm sure others will enjoy Jennys outings before the winter blues arrive!

Nationally, we will have the IRISHMANS during the winter at QUEENS BIRTHDAY Weekend, and as we burst into SPRING, the NATIONAL COMMERCIAL RALLY in Whanganui at LABOUR Weekend.

We have also just received advise of the 2024 NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY, which will be hosted by the OTAGO BRANCH and will incorporate the VETERAN DUNEDIN to BRIGHTON RALLY from 25 th - 29 th JANUARY 2024. The Prince Henry Tour will follow.

The Rally Director is Nicola Wilkinson 021 180 3225 or online at natvet2024@gmail.com!

A couple of lighter thoughts to finish.....

GOOGLE MAPS is really just SPAM.... backwards!

Got my IQ test results recently.... came back NEGATIVE!

I've been struggling to work out why my DOORBELL doesn't work! Still can't put my finger on it!

The best way to teach kids about TAXES is to eat 30% of their ice cream!

My Doctor told me that jogging would add years to my life.... he's right... I feel 10 years older already!

The word ABBREVIATION sure is long for what it means!

A members DRUG TEST came back NEGATIVE... he's complaining to his dealer/supplier!

ENUF! Make the most of the remaining daylight hours before winter...enjoy a jaunt with Jenny during April!

Cheers and thnx for the great efforts TEAM of 300!

Mike Bryan

Membership

It is with sadness we record the passing of **Russel Eagan**

Russel was very well know in the Nelson Community—not only through his Panel Beating business but also through his extensive involvement in Rotary, The Automobile Association, Motorsport and his memberships of both the VCC and Classic Motoring Society

We offer our scincere condolences to Russel's wife Anne and family.

Many members will be aware of the “ Anne Egan Tropy” competed for during the Annual Ladies Run



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Swapmeet 2023





Below—Kit Brydon (R)discusses the finer points of what John Dobbie has crafted from several piles of junk and a bucket of bolts—the amazing Buick Straight Eight Whats It



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Club Captains Report

24-25 Feb Moutere Hop

There was a good representation from our club at this event. Our first hop, plenty to look at along with a drive in movie, live music, rock and roll dances, good cruise with keen viewing public along the way and a fantastic venue.



1 March Morning tea with the national Riley rally-driving test.

Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen and also to those who helped run, set up and clean up the course. As you could see we have a few seasaw with the intention to have it more user and marshal friendly for modifications to do on the future events. While this was going on there was a team pulling apart and constructing new robust shelves and tidying the tractor shed.

Many thanks to Max, Malcolm, Mike and others.

11 March Swap Meet

Thank you everyone for all the help that was given to run this event. I for one was very pleased to climb into the cot on Saturday night. If you have constructive ideas of how this event could be better for 2024 please write them down and pass onto a committee member or put them into the suggestion box in the clubrooms. We know we have a few things to work on.

Extra Bits

Lost at Swap Meet a silver camera if found please phone Ron 54 77 469

Coming up with OUR Club we have the Biennial Rally. Nelsons turn to run this event.

National AGM 2023

Daffodil Rally 2023

Swap meet 2024

National Easter Rally. 2024

All these events need committees ASAP so please help.

Over the next month many of our members are traveling to various events around the country so safe travels everyone.

All the best Rob

Vintage Car Club, Nelson Branch

Riwaka/Sandy Bay Hill climb

Sunday 7th May 2023

ENTRY FORM

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Entries close: Monday 2nd May 2022.

Event Contacts:

Organiser: Gordon Dacombe Scrutineers: Don Ammon , Gordon Dacombe
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Copies of the Supplementary Regulations for the Riwaka/ Sandy Bay Hill Climb and the Owner/ Entrant Vehicle Safety Statement Are available from the Secretary or Gordon Dacombe.

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Classic Fighters at Omaka with
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***Club Run to the Fat Tui
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Saturday 15th April

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numbers—ring her on 027 332 2748***

***Visit 2 small relocatable houses and jet
boat manufacturing on way to lunch***



West Coast 40th Anniversary Rally



Above –Geoff & Margaret Clark arrive in their 1954 Hudson Jet Liner

Below –June & Dave Campbell in their faithful “Essie”



















Found

Found at the Swap meet a Dominator garage Door opener.

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Riley National Rally Nelson 2023

Richmond 2023 – The Riley People rally

New Zealand was in the North Island a State of Emergency – Cyclone Gabrielle. This cyclone destroyed parts of the North Island. The Picton ferries (went out in sympathy) and decided to breakdown one after the other. Some members had to fly down and or leave their riley behind.

We were welcomed by Karen Calder at the Nelson Vintage Car Clubrooms. Karen, George and Paul & Dianne made up the organising team for the rally. Around the tables we went with everyone introducing themselves, where they were from and details of their cars. Rod read out a very funny “Pam Ayres” poem. Lester told us about his epic road journey from Waipu to Wellington (14 hours). We then enjoyed a BBQ and the usual chit chat.





The Worsley Car Club came to visit us as well. The coffee/café was lovely. We then drove out to Wakefield for a picnic lunch and a visit to



Higgins Heritage Park. A lot of us jumped on the jigger for a ride around the park. The driver of the jigger advising us girls that there was a bit of mistletoe hanging on one of the trees we were about to go under!!! On the way home we visited the Rutherford monument. The road run on

Tuesday took us through beautiful countryside roads to Motueka foreshore for a picnic lunch.



There was a lovely old bridge – the Peninsula Bridge – for a photo shop of some of the cars – many shot straight past – oh well.



Back at the VCC club for our gymkhana, then our AGM.
Peter Harris entertained us on Wednesday night with his music memorabilia.





Our final night was at the Waimea club for dinner and prize giving. The first half hour was spent out in the carpark because the fire alarm went off and the fire brigade arrived – I don't think

Another poem from Rod. Lots of talking prize giving. Some sticking plasters for Alan Riley (who got a broken wind-screen). they found any fire.

An old record and 25-year badge for Peter Harris.





A small helicopter for Alastair and Angelica (just in case they could not fly home) and a book called “Detour” for Lester (for his epic journey).

What a wonderful week we had – thank you to Karen & George Calder and

Paul & Dianne Lewis. Next year John and I will put together a rally in Ohakune (around March 2024) and then Lester has suggested that he would like to host a rally in the far north in 2025. We will look forward to both of those to catch up with the Riley people once again. Thank you to everyone for volunteering to stand on the committee again and a warm welcome to John White (Auckland Area).



Thanks to John Jackson President of the Riley Club for use of his report and to the various pic contributors

***Bus trip to the Omasa Classic Fighters
Air Show***

***Meet at the Clubrooms
7.00am 8th April 2023***

***Only 40 seats available at \$20.00 each
Leave the Club rooms sharp at 7.30am
Bring a picnic—plenty of room for deck
chairs***

***If you intend going on the bus you must ring
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Ladies Run

13th May 2023

Meet at the clubrooms at 10.00am

***Organiser is Maureen Joblin winner of
last years event***

***Everyone welcome and prize for the
lady driver with top points***



Video Evening of past Nationals

11th May 2023

7.00pm at the Clubrooms

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John Appelman's 1929 Whippet Overland spotted at the Swapmeet



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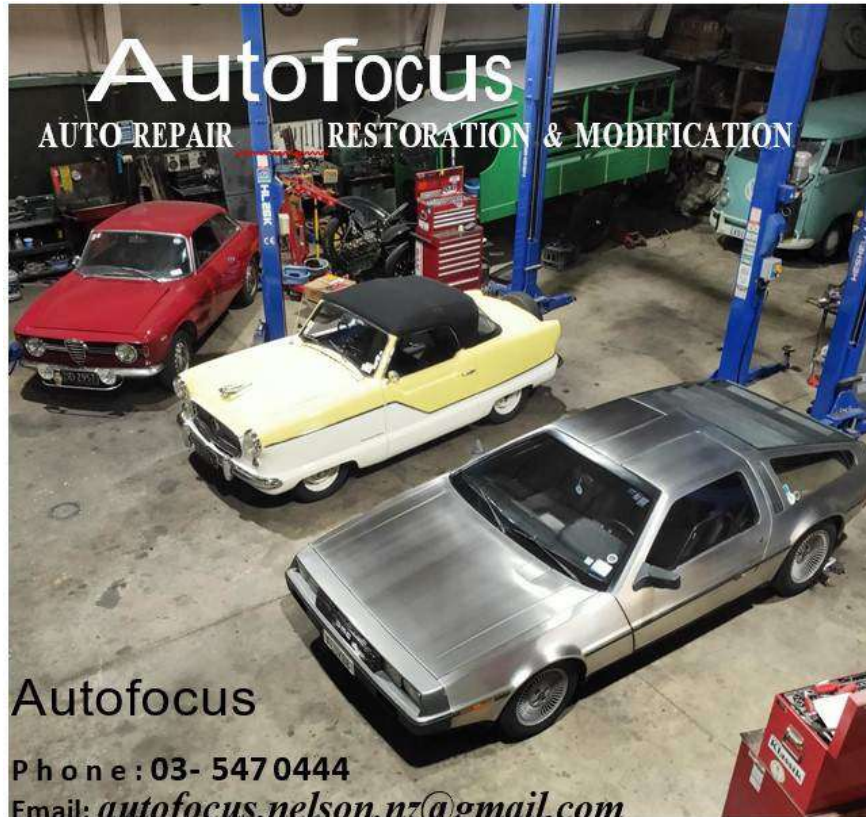


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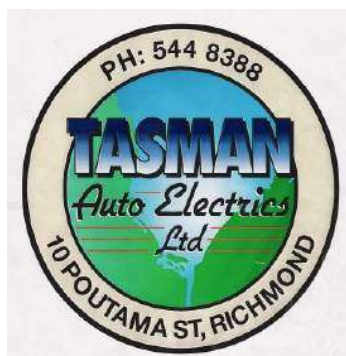
If we support this scheme there could be opportunity in the future for a rebate back to the club.

A photograph of a car workshop. In the foreground, a silver station wagon is parked. Behind it, a yellow and white convertible is being worked on. To the left, a red classic car is visible. In the background, a green van is on a lift. The workshop has blue hydraulic lifts and various tools.

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Below is a list of possibilities where you can contribute.

- Join a the main Branch management committee
- Or a Sub Committee such as, Rally for Cancer, Swapmeet, Biennial Rally committee, 2024 Easter National SI Rally
- Get your vehicle out of the shed more than a couple of times a year
- Need help to get your vehicle out on events give a committee member a call
- Perhaps not able to drive so well now but would still like to go on a run we have the people to accommodate you
- Those members who were active in the past have a wealth of experience and expertise—this need to be passed on to newbies You know what works well—we don't want to learning the same mistakes
- Put you name down if you can help with, Building maint, organising a run, or social event. Trophy Stewards . Ground/mowing Some Branches have—Event Co-ordinators, Inter Club Liaison . Hall Hire Officers, New members liaison. Reps/convenors for Veterans/vintage,/P60 / P80 ., groups. Welfare officer. Website manager, Facebook manager. Health and safety officer.
- How about helping the Crankcase editor with a topical article or a useful tip or advise . Pics of any event are welcome
- Ideas of how to invigorate the branch and event

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Tea and coffee on the house. If staying for the day bring your lunch.



Need to be pickup, this can be arranged.

For more info contact *Kyra 544 9998.*

Wanted

New home for **Singer** Car Bones. Appears to be carcass of a **Singer Bantam, Nine or Roadster** of late 30's or 40's Vintage.

A neglected Singer project part of a deceased estate.

Engine is OHC and eng number and bore diameter suggest typical 1074cc unit of the time. No body, but running gear, chassis and all drive train bits appear to be present, if in poor condition.

Chassis has been painted and tidied at some stage.

Contact - Pete Williamson on 027 245 9360

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