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**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
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Hi Everyone

As members of the Nelson Branch, we have a unique opportunity by volunteering for the car parking at the Speedway which allows us to engage directly with the community. It transforms an event into a shared experience, as we work alongside fellow members, and attendees. This collective effort fosters camaraderie and enhances our visibility within the community. By being present at such events, we showcase the values and commitment of the Nelson Branch of the VCC leading to increased recognition and potential new members.



One of the most notable benefits of our involvement in car parking is the fundraising it enables. The fees collected from parking contribute significant revenue towards the running of the branch.

Working at the Speedway events helps to solidify our connection with our landlord. This partnership is vital for the sustainability of our branch. By actively participating in events that support their operations, we are able to enhance our rapport, leading to potential future collaborations and support. A strong relationship with our landlord can open doors for more resources, better event coordination, and even shared promotional efforts that benefit both parties.

Put your name down to help out on the 10/11 January and 15/16 March 2025.

Kind Regards Ray

Front Cover : The 1972 Mercedes Benz 350SL Convertible of new Nelson Member Rob Domanski

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Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

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

Mon 13	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 18	10.00am	Golden Bay A & P Show	Mike Bryan
Sat 25	12 noon	Nelson North Hop	Kevin Bannan
		February 2025	
Tues 4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 5- Sat 8		2025 National Veteran Rally Marlborough	Chris Bird
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea - Mystery Lunch	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 10	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thur 13	6.30pm	Club Night - BBQ - Evening with Malcolm Bakers on his OZ Trip	Maureen & Dianne
Fri 14		Moutere Hop page 24 & 25	
Sat 15		Moutere Hop	
Sat 15		Murchison A & P Show	Mike Bryan
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Wed 19	11.00am	Swap Meet working Bee - locating pins in Paddock	Malcolm Baker
Sat 22	10-3pm	Top of the South Motor Show - page 31	Pete Glue
		March 2025	
Tue 4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Fri 7		Swap meet set up	Malcolm Baker
Sat 8		Swap Meet	Malcolm Baker
Mon 10	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thu 13		Club Night (TBA)	Maureen & Dianne
Sat 15		Speedway - Carparking - TBC	4
Sun 16		Speedway - Carparking - TBC	

		March -continued	
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		West Coast Scenicland Rally	
		April 2025	
Tue 1	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 2	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 3	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thu 10		Club Night	Maureen & Dianne
Sat 12		Club Run	
Mon 14	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Wed 16	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Wed 30- Sun 4th-		Photographic Society - Pickup in Old cars	Rob
		May 2025	
Thur 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tues 6	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 7	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 8		Club Night (TBA)	
Sat 10		Club Run (TBA)	
Mon 12	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Wed 21	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		June 2025	
Tue 3	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 4	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 5	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 9	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thu 12		Club Night (TBA)	
Sat 14		Club Run	
Wed 18	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sun 15 - Fri 20		2026 Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Nelson	Ray Robertson Festival Director 5

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CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR...

Welcome back to another busy year in 2025. I hope that everyone has had a lovely, relaxing, holiday and were able to spend the FESTIVE SEASON with their family and friends. We started the New Year on January 1st with our Vice Chairman, Joanne's, New Years Day picnic at Wai - iti Domain, another great new idea that, I'm sure we will see more of from Jo this year!



Apart from our attendance at the traditional A and P Show in Golden Bay in January and the new Hira Hop the week after, the forthcoming Murchison Show on the 15th February as well as the popular Moutere Hop also on the 15th weekend, have given us plenty of reasons for polishing and presenting our wheels!

Next month on the 8th March is the **NELSON VCC SWAP MEET...** your chance to give your best to your Club in our annual Branch fund raiser, that help keep our Branch subs down. Already the promotional signs have popped up throughout our region from Murchison to Takaka, and your Committee, under the supervision of Malcolm and Lloyd, has had several meetings and are full steam ahead to make our 2025 Swap meet one of the best!

How can you help? Parking, gate control, site allocations, site setting up on the Friday, breaking everything down after the show on the Sat, displaying your car in the Club display, taking a site for yourself and your friends, donating saleable goods to the Clubs stall, helping sell on the Clubs stall.... the list goes on! It will be another great Swap Meet so in anticipation, thnx for your support!

Wes Drayton has been doing a superb job in re vitalizing our Branch website and it's here that everyone can make their online Swap Meet bookings. Our Calendar of Events as well as the current, and back dated copies of the CRANK CASE are all posted there.... pop on line and have a look... a brilliant way of keeping the flag flying for the NELSON BRANCH, thanks again Wes! Check it out at www.vcc.org.nz

Unfortunately, Ray, Joanne and myself will miss this years 8 Swap Meet as your **National Executive** Meeting is being held

on the same weekend in Christchurch. For Branch Office Bearers this is a 'must attend' as we can keep in touch with other Branches and updates to National Policy and Structure in the light of Government rules re Constitutions etc. Other matters should be an update on the 12 month WOF proposal, which has now been rejected by the policy makers... however, it won't be taken lightly... watch this space!

The West Coast Branches **SCENICLAND RALLY** is always popular with Nelson members and is scheduled this year from **21st - 23rd MARCH**. Pop this date in your diaries now as there's usually a few cars that can travel down together. At this stage I'm not sure on the exact details but it's normally based on **GREYMOUTH** and last year ended in Hokitika... watch this space!

Rex Smith has proposed a **TACONTOUR**, after the Scenicland, spending a few more days touring North up the Coast. The broad outline is to explore the Charleston area before hitting Westport. Last time we visited Denniston, Ivo was with us [and told us about the painting jobs he once did up there!] so that was a few years ago! There is also lots to see round Granity, with a couple of Museums and even more interesting landscapes near Karamea!

The Hotel and camping ground at Little Wanganui, has a range of accommodation and the current owners are from Murchison so Rex guarantees us a good deal! There is also an interesting military museum and 4 wheel drive display, walking distance from the pub! Others might prefer accommodation at the hotel in Karamea or at the Last Resort... plenty of **OPTIONS AVAILABLE!**

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Looking further ahead, we have set the date and venue of the **2025 BIENNIAL RALLY** as the weekend of **12th - 14th SEPTEMBER**. It's Nelson's turn to host it again this year and 'country cousins' in **REEFTON** have offered to base it in their exciting area, where there's both lots of history and recent developments that will be really interesting for us! There's a good range of accommodation and for those wishing to 'bunk together'[under the same roof] there's the old hostel where group bookings can be made! We will be investigating this option further for you!

By reverting to September we are avoiding the Canterbury Swap Meet in October and our own **COAST 2 COAST Tour**, scheduled for early November. By basing the weekend in Reefton we are avoiding the Nelson/Tasman roads that will be used for the various Rally Routes at the March 2026 VERO RALLY and we will be providing different Rally roads, closer to our friends in Canterbury, Ashburton and South Canterbury, who have already expressed interest in attending! A win – win for all, I'm sure... plan to be there NOW!

It was disappointing that new **PARADE RULES**, prohibited our vehicles from taking part in both the Nelson and Richmond Christmas Parades. Having to provide a 'walker' beside each wheel of each vehicle in the parade, would have meant that if 10 vehicles were representing us we would need 40 walkers.... not sure if wheel chairs and zimmer frame participants would count! If watching adults can't supervise their charges without them being squashed by a wheel moving at 5kmph.....

Another crazy rule that will ruin Christmas and other activities for the younger generations!

All is not lost, however, we do have a vehicle in storage that could be used to fly the Club's flag on such occasions.... the ex Collingwood V8 Fire engine, that we are custodians of! How could we better utilize this old girl in the future? Malcolm and Lloyd are our trustees caring for the engine, have a chat with them if you have an idea to bring it out into the light of day again!

The POSITIVE AGEING Display will once again be staged by the TDC at the HEADINGLY CENTRE on **5th April**.



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This is usually an opportunity to display our vehicles and set up an information booth about us..... and has attracted a couple of new members in the past! More details in the March CC!

And to close.... one for our 'story teller' extreme!

Our own Geoff Clark felt a bit dry on Boxing Day after a huge Christmas lunch, the day before!

He asked Margaret to buy 4 cans of Alphabet Soup... and promptly drunk all 4 cans!

It wasn't long before he produced the biggest VOWEL movement ever!

Keep safe out there!
MIKE B.



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catch up**

with Wayne at Wednesday morning tea¹³

Acting Club Captain's Report



Happy New Year to you All

It is hard to believe that we are now into January, December seems a distant blur with some good events squeezed in before the big man in Red made his appearance.

Dec 4th Morning tea and mystery lunch.

Great to see yet another large turnout. Welcome to the visitors and new members. Thanks again to John and Carolyn for organising another mystery lunch and run, that one kept us guessing. 28 Degrees was very hot, the restaurant had put us on 2 large tables one out the back and one in the front both under shade separated by the building, they were looking after our aging skin. Great service and great chatting on the front table. I'm sure the same was happening out the back.

December 8th

Christmas lunch went ahead with 48 attending. The food & the variety of it was outstanding. You can't beat a shared meal when everyone provides something different & delicious.

December 18th Morning Tea

A lovely day to get our cars out. Thank You to all who attended and Many Thanks to Wayne, Lesley & John for preparing & supplying the Christmas food enjoyed by all.

Morning teas, mystery lunches & mystery cars have been held with good turnouts to all. If you have a mystery car please let us know & we will make a space for you.

Speedway parking has begun with a good number who helped December 28th.

If you can help please let Paul Lewis know. The January parking will be done & dusted by the time you read this but **March 14th & 15th**. Help is needed. The more the merrier makes the job a whole lot easier plus tea is provided at the club rooms.

January 1st saw a reasonable crowd meet out at Wai-iti Domain for a picnic tea & games organised by Jo Hoffman. Lovely to see David & Sheree Ching in their red ASX Vauxhall join us. I think Darcy might have won the field games.

January 18th is the Golden Bay A & P show. Some members are planning to go, even stay a night or two in the bay. If you are taking your old car, drivers get in to the show free.

February is looking busy with our mystery lunch/morning tea on Wednesday 5th

Club night Feb 13th BBQ & an evening with Malcolm Baker & his recent Aussie trip. The club will provide the meat s please bring a salad & your own drinks.

The Moutere Hop 14th to 16th February

Murchison show is February 15th

Swap meet is coming up, Malcolm & his team plan to mark out the field & 100 other jobs before the big day. Please put your name down to come help or let Malcolm know.

8th March is our Swap meet Please come & help

March 22nd the Top of The South Motor show is being held at the Richmond A & P showgrounds.

Please check your club calendar for club activities & other wee snippets of information. There are clipboards at the clubrooms for names to help at some of the events coming up. Don't be shy.

Many Thanks to everyone who has helped to make the club function & be active throughout 2024, may it continue 2025

We have many members in our club who I am sure know some hidden gems we could go visit so please don't hesitate to put your idea forward.

Just a reminder from the December 2024 Crankcase

We are going to need VCC cars April 30th to May 4th to transport members of the Photographic Society of NZ Convention. These people will need to be taken to the Rutherford Hotel from the Nelson Airport & also over these dates, to the Classic Car Museum.

This group has been asked & has agreed to photograph the 2026 Vero International rally, so it's a Thank You to them for donating their time for our clubs most major event. We have a clipboard in the clubrooms to add your name to assist.

All the best Dianne, Rob & Maureen

Our Branch Website

Hop on line and checkout what **Wes Dayton** has been up to on your behalf

Wes has been recreating the content and layout to bring you an up to date website with Info on Events, Crankcase Magazine, joining procedure, The Swapmeet, Contacts and recent Video.

Just type "VCC Nelson" and a link will take you to the website

Membership

We warmly welcome the following new members to the branch

Transferring in from Wellington Branch is **Rob Domanski** who lives in Motueka and drives a 1972 Mercedes Benz 350SL Good on you Rob for coming along to the club and making yourself known

Oliver Ransom of Nelson South has an interest in Post 1980 vehicles and keeping old vehicles on the road. He owns a restored 1992 Ford Econovan.

Morgan Dacombe of Enner Glynn. Morgan has attended a number of VCC events initially with his grandad, Gordon and brother Jarod. Its great to see you take the plunge and become an official member. Morgan drives a 1990 Mazda MX5 Roadster and also owns a 1956 Nash Metropolitan which he has restored.

Fynn Swanson of Stoke. Fynn owns a 1992 Mazda 323 Astina Lift back and currently has under restoration a 1982 Isuz BE Piazza Coupe. - a classy machine in their day and a very collectiable vehicle now

Bereavement

It it with much sadness we report the recent passing of **Gary Basher**.
To Gary's wife Elizabeth and family please accept our deepest sympathies

ROUND THE BLOCK, Once or twice!

By Mike Bryan

Away back in the younger and sillier days, and before I'd figured that Vintage Cars might be cheaper to maintain than rally cars, I was the proud owner of a Mk 1 Cortina which was all sorted for Rallying... well so I thought!



Several day and weekend rallies were participated in as a member of the Otago University Car Club and later the OSC Club these being the Alpine 550 and the Automobile Associations Sunstrum Rally and most were in the Otago and Southland areas.

After over spending my credit at the Bank of Dad, I undertook one final Sunstrum which took us on the Friday night from Dunedin up through Middlemarch and onto Alexandra. At the top of Dry Bread Rd, near Matakanui, the oil light suddenly came on and a quick check showed an oil less donk!

The AA's Tail End Charlie, Jim O'kane, hooked us onto his tow rope [I could just see his HQs tail lights as the rope had broken previously] and we were wizzed into Alexandra at 60mph! [Hanging on with gritted teeth!] Fortunately, after a chat on the phone from Dad, Johnny Pledger, who owned Precision Motors came into the workshop at 2am, diagnosed a leaking gasket somewhere and we were back in action for the afternoons field tests at Earnsclough.

We were doing well when the exhaust came out of the front muffler and she sounded like a tractor! Bit of work that night before the pub and it was 'secured' with trusty No8, [fix anything, but not always permanently!] and sounded a decibel quieter! That day we toured down to Ettrick and over the range to Heriot. After gassing up in Tapanui we entered a closed section through the Rankleburn forests.

About the midpoint there was a fast downhill with a dry water course in the bottom. We flew over this to a resounding crashing sound which forced us to pull off mid stage. I could have burst into tears... there was my hard earned 8 gallons of gas pouring onto the road... the well tied front muffler had cried enough, hit the road, bounced a couple of times and taken the bum clean out of the petrol tank!

Nothing to do but tow her home... but wait there's more... just by the Clydevale store the right front wheel bearing decided to cease...that was it... a mate of Dads owned the nearby shop, so there it went and the team rode home in style in a PA Vauxhall! Next day after a lengthy meeting with the 'bank manager' Dad agreed to use his Companies wrecker... recover it, fix it and sell it whilst I headed to Queenstown, in my Trader camper for a Varsity Field camp the next week.... and Dad, true to his word, willingly did!

That was only one Rally... in another the exhaust snapped off at the manifold and subsequently the wiring caught fire and another time the diff ceased up on a wet road near Outram and we skidded into the grass.... but they are stories best forgotten! My amateur rally days were over!

Over the early years I followed the Heatway Rally and remember a couple of trips into the Akatores, South of Dunedin, in the middle of the night to watch sets of driving lights flashing past... but once I discovered a bloke that owed me \$200 had a 39 Chev, Master 85, he could do without, any thoughts of Rallying went on the backburner.... until Rod Corbet rekindled that interest when he tacked VCC Cars onto the Targa a couple of years back!

A group of us from the Nelson Br turned out to help with the scrutineering, marshalling and time keeping and somehow my name remained on the 'he'll give us a hand when we're stuck' list!

I was rung in October less than a week before the last Targa, could I leap on a plane in two days and help out... a time keeper had dropped out! No, then sorry No again! I had friends coming at Labour weekend and the notice was just too short...



No problems, can we put you on the list for time keeping the Silver Fern last week of November....maybe! And so on the Friday I drove to Ashburton to meet my fellow time keeper and we fitted the radio etc into his Holden SS Ute ready to go time keeping.... wrong.

Once we arrived at the start in CHCH, can you guys be ARROWS down, driving every section, ensuring no signs and arrows are left before the stage is cleared... could be fun but instead of timing 2 or 3 closed sections a day, we'd have to drive almost the lot... 50 plus stages, ranging from the shortest at about 8km upto the longest the Rock n Pillar ranges at 53 km!

Well, by the third closed stage, a farm track from Culverden over to Cheviot ,it was fairly obvious that a Commodore Ute, loaded with at least 60 warratah like arrow stands, is not the most suitable vehicle for all gravel stages as opposed to the Targas tarmac ones! The stuffing of a brand new tyre, 3 days old, directed us to a rental ute a more robust, higher LDV [bit light and wandery in the wind!]

The second day took us up to Lake Coleridge and along Lake Lyndon before emerging onto the West Coast road and heading down through Otira for stages through Mitchells, Bell Hill and the Moana Forest [these stages were repeated the next day... except for the forest section which was deemed too rough for rally cars... one support vehicle broke an axle.... last years VCC C2C participants will remember this road well!]

We finished the day about 8pm, as we were now doing the De taping and clearing anything missed by the other crews and were glad to tumble into bed at a lovely Air B N B we had been allocated at Cobden.



Next day, Monday, we covered Mitchells and Bell Hill again [a couple of 'offs' in there saw a very munted Escort... unlikely to be rebuilt over night as some 'offs' were!] before climbing Arthurs again and completing four special stages around Geraldine Tuesday we climbed from Fairlie up into the McKenzie through Mona Vale and Mt Hessing, running parallel to the Burkes Pass Rd. The views across the basin to the Alps behind Irishmans Station was awesome in the early morning before the route turned to the Hakataramea Pass Rd then Elephant Hill behind Waimate. Participants had now covered 38 special stages in the 5 days and 'hump day' was over!

Overnight for this team was in Oamaru and being finished early we treated ourselves to a more relaxing evening, dining out at a pub I remembered from my teaching days at the Nearby Oamaru Intermediate. The next day would be lighter for the teams with the Danseys Pass section closed due to road works, so following sections north of the Waitaki, everyone toured to the final stage of the day between Dunback and Palmerston.

The weather continued clear with lots of dust and in places strong winds. Thursday was the penultimate day with stages around Lake Waiholo [our bed for the night], Balclutha, Milton, Hillend and finally back north to Kuri Bush and Whare Flat near my old stamping ground Dunedin.

The final day, Friday, saw us back 30km north of Dunners, inland from Waikouaiti ,with a stage starting at Bucklands Crossing.... a beautiful picnic spot we often went to from our Crib [batch] at Karitane when I was a kid! This stage is an exciting, winding, gravel road that took us rapidly up towards Macraes and the sudden breath taking Central Otago scenery as we then descended to Middlemarch.

The old Dunstan Road, over the Rock n Pillars should have been the penultimate stage but the following one over to Lake Onslow and out to Ettrick had been cancelled so with help from 2 other Arrows teams we fair flew over the 53km Dunstan clearing the gateway tapes. [That was my first trip over the Mountain Track, as it was once called, since I was part of the re enactment of the first Cobb n Company Coach trip over the route 110 years on in 1972. The old Coach we restored still lives in the Lawrence Museum... and I have a book we wrote at the time, and re edited in 2022 for our fiftieth reunion, but that's a story for another day!]

After descending to Paerau we circled to Ranfurly and toured back to Clyde and onto Cromwell where we booked into our accommodation, before heading to Pattons Paddock winery near Wanaka.

All the remaining cars were parked up and one or two, including Hayden Patton, did a couple of controlled slides without flattening any vines! A couple of wines followed!

Having been at the tail end of the field for the week, I'd really only seen about the last 10 cars starting, the rest were always into the stage.



I knew Bruce Farley was competing in a 120Y, but this was the first chance I had to see the car. The GT Viva was parked up safely but I see he was competing with it at Tetrington a week or two before.

The final dinner and presentations were at Alan Dippie's huge shed and tractor,

truck museum at 3 Parks, Wanaka in the evening, and being our designated driver to get us safely back to Cromwell I under drunk on the beers, over ate on the pizzas and had a good wander around the amazing vehicle collection!

Would I do it again.... you bet! For the first couple of days I wondered what I'd let myself in for, especially with the initial unsuitable vehicle, but once I got into it and met some other great people helping at the tail of the field it was fun! One chap I met had just clocked up 700 000 km on his Toyota Landcruiser and it had been to Moscow 7 times as he led cross continental tours off the beaten track!

Hope u enjoy the bedtime reading, and maybe it will help you sleep!
Happy reading,
MIKE B.



Moutere Hop

14-15 February 2025

EVENT DETAILS

Enjoy all the excitement of a community fundraising event amongst the hops!

Filled with awesome cars from classics to hot rods, stalls and a pin up pageant in the beautiful Moutere Valley

Day **1** Friday

Day **2** Saturday

3:00pm - 6:30pm: Registration
 6:30pm: Cruise: Motueka, Mapua & Ruby Bay
 8:30pm: Return to Centre
 Film Starts
 Intermission
 9:30pm: Film Continues
 9:45pm: Film finishes
 10:30pm: Live Music
 Bar open till late

MC for the day: Murray Leaning.
 7:30AM: Gates open for Cars & Stall Holders
 8:00am: Breakfast available
 10:00am: Gates open to Public
 Stalls open
 10:30am - 4:00pm:
 Entertainment including:
 Shows, Live music, Competitions,
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 4:00pm: Prizegiving
 Music & bar till late

FRIDAY 14 - SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2025

Pre-entry price: \$75 per car for both days (including show caravan).

Both days for a reduced price!

Single Day Pricing:

Friday Cruise & Film: \$45 per car

Saturday Show & Shine: \$45 per car (including show caravan)

Hop Weekend Pricing:

Gate Sales Both Days: \$85 per car

Gate Sales Single Day: \$50 per car

Public Entry: \$10 Per Adult

Children under 15: Free

Onsite Camping:

Onsite camping/caravan available: \$20 per site, per night

Pre Registration closes February 7 2025

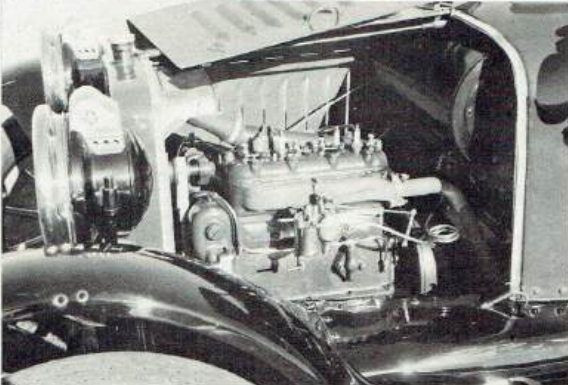
REGISTRATION IS ONLY COMPLETE UPON PAYMENT

Group Bookings - Enquire by Email to: info@mouterehop.com



1914 SAXON

John Hansen of Nelson New Zealand's fine restoration of this 1914 Saxon.



Saxons were produced by the Saxon Motor Co., Detroit and Ypsilanti, Michigan, from 1913 until 1923. The 1913 and 14 model appeared only as a two seater roadster. A 1.4 litre engine of 4 cylinders was used with a 2-speed rear axle gearbox. Electric lights were optional. John's vehicle was almost complete when he purchased it. He participated in the 1972 International Rally.

Statistics—Engine: 4 cyl side valve. **Bore:** 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in., 11.5 hp. **Electric system:** Magneto. **Clutch:** Multi plate. **Transmission:** Rear located 2 speed with differential. **Brakes:** On rear only. **Chassis:** Steel channel. **Body:** Metal. **Wheels:** Wooden spoke. **Tyre size:** 30 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. **Crankcase capacity:** 5 pts oil. **Cooling:** Thermo. **Fuel tank:** Four gals. **Fuel consumption:** 32 mpg best, 28 mpg average. **Top speed:** 50 mph. **Paint color:** Dark blue, fenders black, upholstery, leather cloth, color black, rubber mats. Upholstered by John Bissett, Vanguard Street, Nelson, N.Z. **Top material:** Floodite, colour black. **Fuel gauge:** is float in tank. Member of Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Nelson branch).



NELSON
N.Z.

I was reading a copy of a 1975 edition of Restored Cars (Australian publication) and spotted this article on John Hansen's 1914 Saxon. This car is now owned by Peter Campbell.

A couple of pics I took from the 2018 National Veteran Rally held in Nelson - note the 1972 13th International Rally Commemorative Badge affixed to the number plate (Ed.)



Rob Domanski's 72 Mercedes Benz 350SL





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1pm start, club open from 12

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People's Choice \$20.00 entry fee per vehicle*

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Auction Date: 14th February 2025 | Location: Napier City

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Organisation: NZ Vintage Car Club
Discount Code: WH5465



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Valid 01 February 2025 to 15 December 2025

Peak rates apply 01 – 28 Feb & 17 Apr – 22 Apr 2025

Off Peak rates apply 01 Mar – 16 Apr & 23 Apr – 15 Dec 2025

One Way Fare	Off Peak	Peak	Comments
Adult - 18+	\$ 61.00	\$ 67.00	2 x luggage items, up to 23kg
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We will finish up with our prizegiving dinner at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort.

Further details will be available on www.mowog.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you all in 2025!



VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND, INC

VETERAN RALLY

5TH TO 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

MARLBOROUGH



58th GORE FESTIVAL RALLY PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd 2025
VENUE: Clubrooms, Waimea Street, Gore

TIME TABLE

9.00am	Morning Tea
9.45am	Briefing
10.00am	First Vehicle Away
12.00-1.00pm	Lunch BYO
Open 3.00pm	Club Rooms
5.00pm	Presentation of Prizes
5.30pm	Tea

ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to financial members of the VCC of NZ to enter club eligible vehicles at the discretion of the Committee. All vehicles must have current W.O.F. and VIC registration, those not meeting a minimum standard may be excluded from the event.

All roads are open for public use. Members must observe all traffic rules and regulations, and generally behave in a responsible manner. Failure to do so can lead to disqualification.

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Retain for your records:

Entry fee	Short Route
Adult Meal	Long Route
Child Meal	Speed Choice

Rally Organiser: Katy Parish, Ph 027 353 3597

FESTIVAL RALLY ENTRY FORM

Important - Please ensure you enter all details

Car Owner's Name

Address

Driver's Name

Mobile Number VCC Branch

NZVCC Membership No Car VIC No

Vehicle Make Model

Vehicle Registration Number Year

Email

Class: Veteran Vintage Post Vintage
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ROUTE CHOICE (No gravel on either route)

Please circle your route choice and average speed

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Short Route: 23mph 27mph 33mph 37mph

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For more info contact

Kyra 544 9998.

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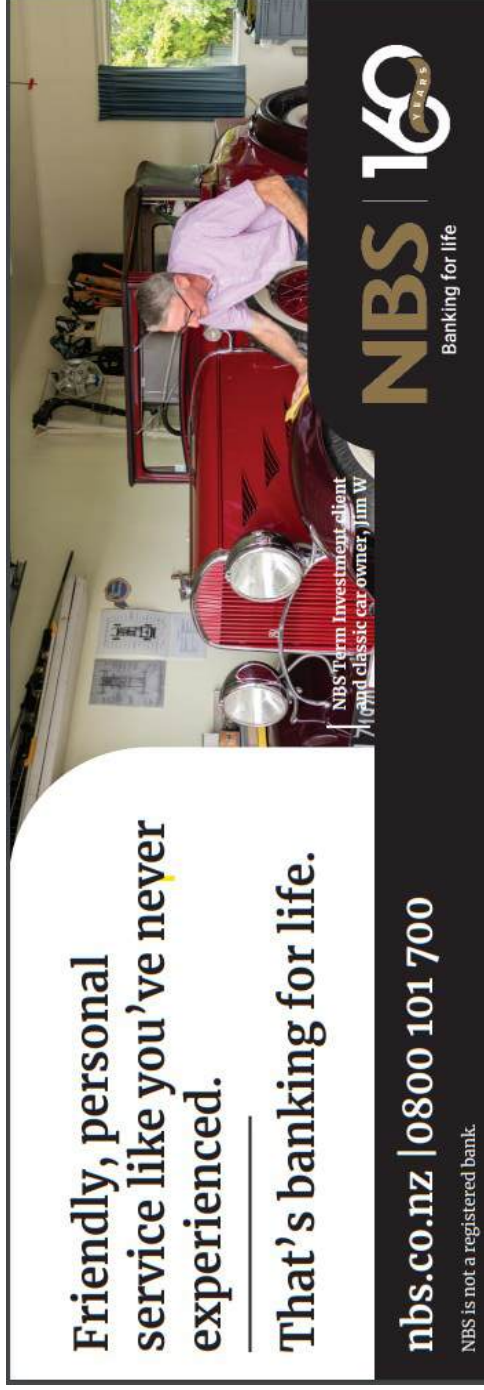


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