

The Crank Case

June 2022



**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
of The Vintage Car Club of NZ (Inc)**

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Hi Everyone

Almost another club year end upon us with the AGM this month.

It is an important time for us to all reflect on the branch's business and wellbeing. It is also an opportunity for you to put your hand up and take a more active part in the branch's affairs.



At the AGM this year not only will we have the Restoration of the Year but for the first time we are introducing the Pride of Ownership Event (refer Page 18 for details)

The last month or so has seen a number of well supported events—it is particularly pleasing when we go to much effort to arrange these things and we get 20 to thirty vehicles taking part—thankyou

I wish to acknowledge the passing of a good friend and an awesome gentleman—Colin Gregson who achieved 50 years membership of the Nelson Branch this year. Many will attest to his contribution not only to the VCC but also to the Austin Register and classic motorcycling fraternity

Kind regards
Ray

Cover: The business end of Russell Greers
Stanton Corvette at the Sandy bay Hill Climb.
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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

2nd June	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Ian MacLennan
2nd June	9 -4pm	VCC Ladies Craft Group	Kyra Wareing
9th June	6.30pm	Ten Pin Bowling pg 42	Brent Colvin
11th June	9.45am	Coffee & Harbour Cruise followed by Soup at Clubrooms 4 & 23	Jo Hoffman
15 June	10.00am	Morning Teas at Clubroom	Check Roster
19 June		Rosco Trials Reefton	Gordon Dacombe
25 June	10.00am	Working Bee at Clubrooms Page 27	Malcolm Baker
26 June		AGM– and restoration of the Year page 18-20	Ian MacLennan
5 July	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Ian MacLennan
6 July	10.00am	Morning Teas at Clubroom	Check Roster
7 July	9 -4pm	VCC Ladies Craft Group	Kyra Wareing
10 July		Combined Snow Run—Rai Valley page page 17	Catherine Millar 021289166
20 July	10.00am	Morning Teas at Clubroom	Check Roster
23 July	6.30pm	Mid Winter Xmas page 25	Rob Thompson
24 July		Balcairn Trials	Gordon Dacombe
31st July		Henry Ford Birthday Celebration page 34	Malcolm Baker
2 Aug	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Ian MacLennan
3 Aug	10.00am	Morning Teas at Clubroom	Check Roster
4 Aug	9 -4pm	VCC Ladies Craft Group	Kyra Wareing
11 Aug		Daffodill Rally organizing and briefing Night	Rob Thompson
13th Aug		Coffee Cruise	Jo Hoffman
17th Aug	10.00am	Morning Teas at Clubroom	Check Roster
24 Aug		Daffodill Rally for Cancer	
28-30 October		VCC Targa South Island—Nelson Page 8 & 45	Rod Corbett 027 433 8772
2023		National AGM to be Hosted in Nelson	
2024		National Easter Rally to be held In Nelson	

Chairmans Report **Year ended 31 March 2022**

I am pleased to present this 2022 Annual Report for the Nelson Branch of VCC NZ.



I extend a warm welcome to all our members and guests who attend our 2022 AGM, especially to our new members who have joined up during the year.

Despite the disruption of Covid 19 the club has enjoyed a pretty good year from an events viewpoint.

Highlights included the club night visit to see John Kelly's Auster, a visit to the "Woolshed", the Positive Ageing Expo, Pelorus Run, Mid-Winter Christmas function, Murray Trounson's visit and delivery of sixty year service awards which I had the pleasure to present to Dale Conlon, Graeme Johnson, John King and Lindsay Wogan, Christmas Picnic Run, the Chicken Run, and the Daffodil Rally.

Thanks to Jo Hoffman we had a number of memorable Coffee Cruises.

A number of our members made it to the Vero International Festival of Motoring in February 2022.

Despite not being able to hold our annual major fundraiser (the Swap Meet) we still managed to achieve a cash positive result for the year before depreciation. This is thanks to members subscriptions, our sponsors and Vero commission arising from members placing their vehicle through the club insurance arrangement.

Our twice monthly Wednesday morning teas continue to attract around 30 members and are a great time to compare notes on things motoring.

To those members who have suffered bereavements I extend the club's condolences on behalf of all members.

I would like to thank your hard-working committee for their efforts in continuing to make this Branch the success it is.

Club Captain Rob and assistant Jenny have produced a great calendar of events for the year past and the months ahead.

Malcolm continues to ensure we have a roster to keep the Speedway Grounds spick-and-span.

Editor Ray continues to produce one of the best Branch newsletters in the country.

Thanks also to Ian for doing the dual Treasurer and Secretary roles.

Mike for his meandering memories, and Brent for keeping a close eye on clubhouse maintenance.

I am happy to be handing over the reins with the club in really good heart and look forward to serving on the committee as immediate past chairman.

Trevor Carston

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MIKE's MEANDERINGS

Well everyone,
I hope you are all healthy, wealthy and wise.....
well even one of the three is OK at our age!
We are now into June, and we all know what that
means, don't we??



It's the month when we all duck for cover, give our 'old girls' a quik spin around the block before locking them away until the Spring and stocking up on our own supplies before reclining in our most comfortable chair, putting our feet up and enjoying a hot toddy in the comfort of our warm homes! The adventurous among us might venture out to the garage and crank up the oil fired heater but most will be happy to recline and reflect on the seasons that have just been!

I tried this the other day myself... thinking back over the last year and how, until recently COVID had put the damper on so many activities, particularly those that our Club has been closely connected with in the past! I thought back to our 2021 National Day, raising much needed funds for the Nelson Cancer Society and raising the profile of our Vintage Car Club. I thought of all the work a small Committee and a few other willing workers put in to making it happen..... and it couldn't, postponed until December.... not a great time to run such a huge event....BUT we tried.... sadly minimal support came from the public.... and although some funds were raised there was sadness and disappointment all around!

Then after a small doze and another cup of coffee, I realized I was a bit too warm and comfortable and needed to turn my heat pump down a bit and pop a shot of Brandy in my coffee! Then I remembered how many of us had enjoyed a fantastic experience at our [Inter] National Rally in New Plymouth... if you weren't there you really did miss a fantastic experience put together by a great team of volunteers from the Naki Branch! **Team work was the key and my thoughts slipped to our team effort putting together our main fund raiser of the year.... our annual SWAPMEET....** and then I realized it hadn't been able to happen.... the darned C word again..... and I thought without this added boost to our Branches finances this year.... maybe Ian will be recommending at our forthcoming AGM that our Branch levy is increased.... it must be time, I can't remember any increase in the 8 it, that will ensure we can pay a retainer to those who cut the grass years or so I've been back..... yep, lets just double

and maintain the Club rooms!

But hang about.... **isn't there an AGM again this month.....** it doesn't seem a year since I headed away to the Hamner hotpools for the weekend and 'forgot' all about another AGM, let alone putting my name forward for a position, or nominating my mate as I told him I was going to back in 2018!

I better check the date.... the Crank Case was in my computer.... buga, the dogs deleted it! Shit, I think I printed off the page of events....page 5 it was..... yep here it is, page 4... page 6..... where did I put page 5, I know I printed it..... arrr I was reading it in the loo last week..... darn the 'house maids' tidied up the loo and its been flushed! Suppose I could ring old..... na he won't know, maybe a committee member..... that's in the front of the Crank Case.... darn, I didn't print that page... oh buga it, Winters here and it will be too cold to come out for an AGM in June anyway.... I'll send in a complaint and get them to change it to Christmas Eve, I'll be out and active by then! Ahh that French coffee tastes great.... maybe I'll trawl Trade Me for a Renault over the winter, I need a new project to keep me busy now I'm retired! WHAT.... a position on the Committee.... a hand at the SWAP MEET,..... ahhh.... joining the TEAM to put together our CANCER DAY fundraiser.... perish the thought.... although perhaps I should help with something.... old Auntie Ann died of Cancer.... ummm I'll think about it..... **maybe I'll put my name down for 202... [watch this space!]**

Around now, I drifted off into a fitful sleep and dreamed all our Swap meet sites for 2023 had been sold out, the catering caravans were booked, the Club display shaping up to be the best ever..... but where were all the volunteers making up our TEAM....? I wondered into our Cancer fund raiser on AUG 21st this year..... and I realized that is only 2 months away... and I thought cancel it.... then my dream told me



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that **the CANCER SOCIETY was relying on our support....** then I dreamed of another fun idea.... see my note below! Then the phone rang..... once, twice, three times and I was wide awake..... hoping it was several members volunteering their services in so many ways, knowing **how busy our next 12 months is going to be!**

I was not disappointed.... the phone calls were ALL Club related.... Trevor was checking, was I going to stand again for the Committee, Ray wanted to chat about my Meanderings and the photos I had sent him from our recent West Coast Wander, Jo was sounding me out about her famous Coffee Cruises and our always active Club Capt Rob was sounding me out on our plans for next summers program! **It felt great to be part of the TEAM and to know my input was of value**

.....but it did interrupt my day dreaming..... maybe I will pick up the phone and volunteer for something else at one of these forthcoming events.... maybe I will stay on the Committee a bit longer and join the TEAM for the Swapmeet..... yep, that rest [and the Brandy] has done me good..... I'll get out there at the AGM, volunteer..... and have fun with everyone else who is new to the Committee and has the same idea, to **be PART of the TEAM!**

See you all there on **SUNDAY 26th at 1pm, for the 2pm AGM! Be great to have you aboard.... as our Founding and Life Member, Andrew Anderson, says, Nationally we are the TEAM of 9000 and together we can achieve so much!**

There have been some very positive and well supported outings recently and it always makes the organizers happy and keento 'do it all again' when they see everyone having a great time and



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participants extend their thanks and wishes for a similar trip one day in the future!

The TEAM that put together your WEST COAST wander were especially happy to have 21 like minded folk along....[see a report elsewhere] enjoying themselves, and I'm sure others will come forward to organize these kinds of tours in the future! [watch this space..!]

Then we had another of **Jo and Vern's famous Coffee Cruises**, this time incorporating a rally with the morning tea at the Flat Rock Cafe at Kohatu. A quick count [my maths is not great] counted me 24 or 25 vehicles and about 46 people..... I know Jo appreciates your support and I'm sure everyone had a great time! I know there have been other activities, which, I didn't get to and I'm sure they were well supported and 'Someone Else' [he's a great supporter old Someone Else...] has put pen to paper..... **please read the report on PAGE.....!**

I know **our AWARDS MAN, Pat**, over in Mot has been putting together the list of those members who are ready for their Annually presented **SERVICE AWARDS** [25 year, 35 year etc...] Such Awards have now become self regulating..... so now if you feel YOU are nearly ready for an Award, and have continuous VCC membership, you can apply, through the Branch for this and Pat will action things. An ageing memory can be a problem and you may have a mate or another Club member, here, or in another Branch, who can verify your claims. The process has become a bit of a 'can of worms' at National office, where some early records have been found to be missing or incomplete and with limited staff the time needed to check and

verify an application just might not be available. Sadly, too, with Diane White's, passing last year, we lost a lady who was right on top of the long service awards. **If you feel you are ready for an Award, and it's not made this year, please prepare your details and present it well in time for next year.**

I mentioned [somewhere] above that I'd thought of an idea... to help our CANCER APPEAL and do ourself some good [Hic] at the same time! Annually groups combine and partake in **DRY JULY** as a sponsored fundraiser for the Cancer Society in NZ. I thought..... our members could challenge themselves to do the same..... asking our friends and family members for sponsorship and then self regulating ourselves to not have an alcoholic drink for the month of July! **All funds our Branch raises could then be added to our Branch donation after our National Day, Cancer Day on 21st Aug!** What do you think..... I'll raise it again at the AGM....could you support Cancer by going DRY in JULY?

Also in August is our NATIONAL AGM, this year hosted by the Auckland Branch. The exact date and venue has not been announced yet, but our Branch Chairman usually tries to attend and it is always great if he [or she] is supported by another member as Observer. Having been an Observer at 3 past National AGMs I can attest to the value, both in networking with members from other Branches, and staying in the loop for what is being discussed Nationally, that this attendance provides. If you are interested in attending this year, please let Chairman, Trevor, know.

Remember also that your Branch, NELSON, will be HOSTING THE NATIONAL AGM in AUGUST 2023! [Another TEAM EFFORT will be required!]



Just a reminder about a couple of dates to mark in your Calendar now!

**VCC NATIONAL Day AND CANCER SOCIETY fund raising Day.
21st AUG 2022.**

**CANTERBURY SWAP MEET, McLeans Island, Cutler Park 7 - 9th
Oct 2022.**

Contact; swapmeetsites@gmail.com

GOLDEN BAY A and P Show. Will be Sat 14th January. Make it a weekend. Join us at the River Inn for 3 nights and enjoy a GO-BAY TOUR on the Sunday!

MURCHISON A and P SHOW. Confirmed as Sat 18th February, 2023. Make up a group and wander down for a relaxed country show, day. FREE ADMISSION for drivers.

**NELSON SWAP MEET, Speedway Grounds, Sat 25th Feb 2023.
Book your site, prepare your display vehicle and join the TEAM of 330 ish, now!**

Well, what an epistle no doubt some of the TEAM will have consigned it all to the recycling bin by now, but for those who continued reading my MEANDERINGS right to the end....WELL DONE, and I hope you enjoyed reading it all, as much as I love 'stirring the pot!'

This may well be my last MEANDERINGS, after a couple of years, and before that 5 years with the Secretaries Scratchings. I have been 'tapped' to return to the Committee TEAM, and I may, as I look forward to a few new faces around the table and on our many and varied activities!

Perhaps others will take up the call to provide **REPORTS, ARTICLES and ANECDOTES, even photos.... to our hard working Editor.... I believe Ray is putting his hand up again.... and for that, I know, we are all eternally grateful!**

Other Committee changes are in the wind.... and we will need new enthusiastic TEAM members!

We have been fortunate to have had TWO ladies, **Jo and Jenny on our Committee this year** and both may not be standing this year, due to their own personal circumstances. We thank them

most sincerely for their input on your behalf! XXX! Personally, I hope they can continue, or will rejoin us when they are in a position to, in the future. **Meantime, it would be great to have another couple of 'girls' join the team and keep the TEAM honest!**

Well, Roll them into the shed, recline, relax, have another French Coffee and leave it all to that old stalwart....'Someone Else!' Seriously though, be great to see you along on June 25th, firstly with the **RESTORATION of the YEAR.....** and did I hear about a new award...

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP, I believe..... no doubt Trevor will have a bit more about this elsewhere in the CRANK CASE. This is at 1pm, followed by the **AGM at 2pm..... plenty of seats, see you there with a few nibbles to share!**

***Cheers and Thanks,
MIKE BRYAN.
Per Committee.***

The Snow Run

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Quiz Night Winning Team



To all Members

We are now into May, just a little under 2 months to our 2022 **Annual General Meeting** which will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 26th June 2021.

A formal notice of Meeting , Agenda and Minutes of the 2020 AGM will be included in the June edition of Crankcase.

The current committee have decided to provide Nomination forms (see opposite page) for the election of Officers and Swap meet Committee members in the May and June editions of Crankcase to ensure the entire branch membership are aware of the positions to be filled and to give plenty of time for canvassing of prospective candidates for these positions.

We sincerely hope everyone will give due consideration to offering their services in one of these positions

Bring a Plate for Afternoon tea which will be at the conclusion of AGM.

Running in conjunction with the AGM will be the

“Restoration of the Year” and the “Pride of Ownership Events” These will commence at 1.00pm with the AGM following at 2.00pm.
Both events are judged by popular vote from the member.

Ring Jenny on 027 332 2748 if you are entering your car in the restoration of the year

The **Pride of Ownership** is open to any body who may for instance have purchased a new VCC auto, or who loves to drive a particular vehicle, or keeps it tidy and clean , or for any other reason takes pride in that vehicle, but must turn up in that vehicle at the Clubrooms at the AGM.

There is a new Trophy up for Grabs in this category, the warding of which is by popular vote

Nelson Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand
Branch nomination form 2022

We

Proposer Name	Proposer Signature
Seconder Name	Seconder Signature

Nominate

Nominee Name	Nominee Signature agreeing to stand
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For the position of (Tick ✓ as appropriate in adjacent column)

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Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Annual General Meeting of the Nelson Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand
To be held at the Branch Club Rooms, Lower Queen Street, Richmond, Tasman District,
2.00 PM Sunday 26 June 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairmans welcome
2. Attendance register
3. Apologies
 - a. Resolution to receive the apologies
4. Minutes of the 2021 AGM
 - a. Resolution to adopt the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting
 - b. Matters Arising if Any
5. Correspondence (if any)
 - a. Resolution to receive the correspondence (if any)
6. Chairman's report
 - a. Resolution to receive the Chairman's Report
7. Treasurers Report and Annual Accounts
 - a. Resolution to receive the Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts
8. Annual Branch Levy
 - a. Resolution to receive the committee recommendation that the Branch Levy remain the same
9. Club Captains Report
 - a. Resolution to receive the Club Captains Report
10. Vintage Craft Group
 - a. Resolution to receive the Vintage Craft Group Report
11. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Club Captain
 - f. Assistant Club Captain
 - g. Editor
 - h. Committee
12. Branch Appointments
 - a. Membership and Badges
 - b. Crank Case Distribution
 - c. Morning Tea Duties
 - d. Vehicle ID
 - e. Librarian
 - f. Mowing and Grounds
 - g. Swap Meet Committee
13. Annual Reimbursements to Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain
14. a. Resolution to approve the annual reimbursement to the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain
14. General Business
15. Chairman's Award and Thanks
16. Meeting Closure

Club Captains Report



2-5 May West Coast Wander

Many thanks to Mike, Rex and Lynette for your organising of this event, no doubt we will have some photos and a report in this edition of the CC. Needless to say we all had a great time and a lot of fun.

4 Wed morning tea

I trust this went OK, thanks to those who were on kitchen duty.

8 Sunday Sandy Bay Hill Climb

Many thanks to Gordon, Jarod, Richard T and Don A for being the VCC organising side of this event. I think we had 41 cars hammering up the hill, about half from each club - being our NZ VCC and the Nelson Car Club. Again I trust we will have photos and a write up in this CC.

As you read on the tickets when you attend motor racing they usually say something like (motor racing is a dangerous sport enter at your own risk) I can add to that and say so is marshalling as I took a little tumble when trying to find a convenient place to answer a loud call of nature. The result was holding up the event while I was carted off to hospital with the help of Nelson Car Club members and St Johns ambulance. A night in hospital and 25 stitches to my forehead. I look like I had a meeting with Joseph Parker and came second. (I'm all good!). Many many thanks to all who helped me in my situation.

12 Thurs Club night Quiz

Many thanks to Ray (Razer) and Debbie for a very well organised event it was a great evening and well supported considering we are heading into winter. Thanks also to Brent C for organising and collecting the prizes. Great to see many chatting away well after the quiz was finished having a great catch up.

14 Saturday Coffee Cruise to Kohatu

Many thanks to Jo and Vern for today's coffee cruise. A run with a little difference as we drove directly to the venue and the run was the trip back home. A great turnout with a variety of cars.

18 Wed morning tea

Sorry missed this one I had a few appointments on, however thankyou Trevor for filling a gap in the kitchen. I'm told about 25 members present.

Extra bits

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For Sale

1951 Vauxhall LIP—Green, very tidy original car, with good original upholstery, needs a new motor but a complete extra motor will go with the car

The car has no Rego or WOF

Has ben stored in dry shed for many years

Offered to Darcy Bovey on 021 0296 5332

Coffee Cruz 11th June

HARBOUR CRUISE AND VISIT TO THE LIGHTHOUSE
FOLLOWED BY SOUP AND ROLLS AT THE CLUB ROOMS



Pick up a coffee from Styx's café and board "the ferry" for a harbour cruise and see the working harbour, the yacht marina basin, classic boulder bank Bach's, bird life and visit inside the lighthouse.

After the cruise return to clubrooms for Soup and Rolls.

\$30.00 includes tour and lunch.
Morning coffee is own cost.

DETAILS

Meet at the Ferry at 9.45am.

Parking has been arranged to park in carpark at Topliss Engineering.

We will have two groups one visiting the Lighthouse while other group is on harbour tour.

Food and drinks are permitted on board the ferry so please bring your own or visit Styx for your morning caffeine fix.

Ensure you dress warm and wear strong footwear. Access to the lighthouse is rocky. You won't be getting your feet wet.

Then we are back to the club rooms for some delicious soup made by John Appleman.

If weather is unsuitable, we will postpone to future date.

For more information and to book your spot please text or phone Joanne 021 59 8873. Numbers are limited so please book early.



A Club Asset: The Nelson VCC Library

Cunningly concealed in the mysterious depths of the clubhouse lies a chamber of secrets. Unlike Harry Potter, those who enter will not have to face magical monsters before attaining their prize: one of many hundreds of excellent and frequently rare books that occupy the shelves filling that little room to the left of the clubhouse entrance.

Thanks to many donors, and the work of various members over time, we have floor to ceiling volumes covering the most obscure part numbers of ancient vehicles, the operation and maintenance of marques from A to Z, specialist motorcycle and racing sections, and a massive general interest section with topics too numerous to mention. Each section is placarded: most manuals on the centre shelving; smaller fragile manuals, motor cycles and racing on the left hand wall shelf; the Underwood Collection on the upper wall shelves you see ahead as you walk in; and general interest on the lower shelves of the same wall. Those lower shelves are worth a long look: anything from vintage auto electrical to the antics of the Top Gear Trio.

My predecessor in the role of librarian was Ian Dymond, to whom we owe a great deal. Honourable mentions also to Max Clarke who added shelves as required, and

Russell Egan for nabbing us the Underwood collection of parts catalogues.

Other members before my time have contributed also, and I frequently arrive to find that "someone" has left us yet more interesting volumes to be shelved. The library also contains a video collection, an archive of Beaded Wheels going back to 1958, and a similar stack of Crank Cases; plus boxes and shelves full of stuff that I am yet to work through.

The library is open when club activities are taking place, so please check it out. If you want a book and I'm not there, write details on the white board. Returns go on the trolley to the right of the door. Happy reading!

Regards
Roy West
Club Librarian

Mid Winter Xmas Dinner

5.00pm Saturday 23rd July



At the Clubrooms

Our in house Chef Extrodinair

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Dinner will be served at 6.30pm



*The price is \$30.00 pp which must be
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Use your name and ref-Xmas*

Membership

We warmly welcome the following new members to the and look forward to meeting you soon.

Wes Dayton of Nelson who is currently under gong the restoration of a 1947 MG TC Roadster

Murray & Louisa Buchanan of Motueka who have a 1925 Model TT Ford truck under restoration

Phil Doole of Stoke who has recently transferred from the Wellington Branch.

Bereavment

It is with much sadness we remember Colin Gregson who passed away on 26th May following a battle with Cancer and other health issues

Colin would have celebrated 50 years of membership with the Nelson Branch this year.

Our sympathies are with Colins wife Peggy and family.

A gathering will be held to remember Colin June the 11th at 2pm t he Nelson North Country Club, State Highway Wakapuaka



LADIES CRAFT GROUP *Sew, Paint, Knit, Everything*

Calling all VCC ladies Wives, Partners, etc. to come and enjoy the company of other members at our Craft group.

Held on the first Thursday of every month at the clubrooms.

Next meeting **7th July 2022 9am to 4pm.** Just come for a chat and or share your hobbies with others.
Come for the day or an hour or two. 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.



We invite you to come and buy from our farm shop or you will find our locally produced eggs at most Nelson Supermarkets.

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Working Bee at the Clubrooms **Saturday 25th June 10.00am**

Bring Gardening Gear, wheelbarrows, secateurs, hoes etc

The plan is to tidy up the Garden on the bank

Others will be giving the building a clean with a waterblaster

Lets have the place looking great for the AGM

A WANDER WESTWARD.....

Great, well done, we must do it again, we must do more tours like this....great feedback and thank you everyone that participated in our West Coast Wander, the first week in May! 21 like minded folk came together for three days touring and exploring and what a dynamic group they were!

Combining the use of our classic cars and trucks with the use of Camper vans and a caravan made for a great way of touring where everyone could travel as they wanted and stay self contained if they wished.

The daily Happy Hour, with a few drinks, questions, tall tales and the presentation of the wooden spoon for unmentionable daily deeds first to Leigh and Maureen for their brake problems on the Chevy truck, before the tour even started then to Kyra for her enthusiasm [lack of] when crossing one of DOCs swing bridges! The final nights 'tale twisting' by Jim and Kyra had many tales to tell....including a 'young couple' who managed to leave their PJs at home and had to purchase some in Westport.... rumour has it they went back to the shop on the return journey to trade them in as only used two nights..... I didn't hear the outcome! The recipient of the last days ooops award was none other than our organizer extraordinaire, Rex, who had done a down trou in front of the friendly Wekas at Kohaihai.... one way of pulling a 'bird' I suppose!

The Tour went off with hardly a hitch, sadly Jan and Ron were forced to pull out after the first day due to a family bereavement in Christchurch and our Westport members, Lois and Trevor could only join us for the final dinner, due to illness, but it was great to have them along at the end! Some keen folk stayed on for a couple of days afterwards, Bill and Wendy towed the van up to Kohaihai, Rob and Karen were wandering in their Club eligible Nissan camper and Leigh and Maureen were spotted racing home down the Clark Valley on Friday afternoon.... but they didn't see me lurking!

We met in Murchison for morning tea at Lynette and Rex's on the Monday morning before being joined by a local enthusiast, Robin Hodgkinson and his original old 36 Buick for the run up to Mt Ella. Here a 3000 head dairy unit has been disassembled and replaced by a huge hop farm that is being developed in stages. Planting will start soon but currently the poles and wires are being put in and the processing plant built. About 70 staff will be needed, some living on site but other bused up from Murchison daily..... watch our little town grow! Test plantings over the last couple of years have shown the new site even more productive with better soils and conditions than the parent companies present farms in the Motueka area.



We had a look in on Geoff Roberts and had a look at the Hudsons he was restoring. One was the remains of a Service car, that had belonged to Gibbs Motor and is thought to be one that ran on the Nelson - Takaka hill route. Unfortunately, it is really too far gone for a restoration so the chassis and running gear he is working on will likely be dressed with a fire engine body, similar to one in the Southwards Museum. His son also has a VC Valiant stored until he returns and gets it out and running again. We all thank Geoff for hosting us and joining us for dinner at the Hampden that night.

Happy hour in Mike's interesting 'toy and model world', the Coachman's Club, lead us to a lovely roast dinner, which most of us enjoyed.... a Ford Club had ordered it but failed to show for the treat! Ummm, thnx Fords! Tuesday all assembled on time outside Beechwoods and soon we were off, stopping at the Lyell for an interesting walk up to the old cemetery and a trot down to the swing bridge that is the start of the Old Ghost trail. [we would meet it again up from Seddonville!]

A brief stop at the new loos at Inangahua, a regrouping for morning tea at the now closed Berlins cafe and finally after taking in Hawks Craig [did a jet boat really tie up to the road rail in the last flood and did a Maruia Springs cow really pass over the falls and enjoy a quiet float all the way down the Buller to waddle ashore at Westport..... both stories true I believe!]. Looking at the cliffs and the drop to the river on this beautiful clear day it was certainly hard to believe the power of water!

After allowing a couple of hours at Westport for everyone to explore and do as they wished we assembled for a short run to the Northern Buller Museum at Granity. Here the power of H2O was again noticeable as water had recently poured down from the Millerton Plateau, wiped out parts of the old incline and swept away structures and fill behind the museum housing the once coal boilers that powered the inclines coal wagons. Our very informative guide led up up part of the incline and gave a humorous breakdown of the life and times of the coal miners and identities of the area. A recent acquisition has been the old Inangahua railway station..... and no it didn't come by rail....think about it.... by what round about route did it take to get to Granity all in one piece?

Following an interesting hour and more we moved up the road 5 minutes to the Hector Country Music Museum and here Barry Skinner showed us his awesome collection with many covers being originally autographed by the famous singers. He also entertained us on his guitar and showed some in his studio how he can download banks of songs from most artists you want to name onto personal stix, some with several hundred tunes.

After settling into our accommodations in the Mokihinui, Gentle Annie and Seddonville areas we all assembled at the Pub N Grub bar in the local hotel for a great range of meals at realistic prices.

The Wednesday had everyone assembled and heading over the Karamea Bluffs and North to Little Wanganui Hotel where we enjoyed a lovely break for hot scones and coffee and a tour of the excellent facilities upgraded last



SANDY BAY HILLCLIMB

By Phil Benvin

After a Covid induced absence of a couple of years, Sandy Bay Hillclimb was back on this year, being held on May 8th on a beautiful autumn day.

The event this year attracted 35 entries, across a broad spectrum. There were 13 VCC entries including 4 Jaguars, Porsche 911, Ford V8 Coupe, Nash Metropolitan, Lotus 7 and Lotus Elan, Austin 7 Special, Datsun Bluebird, Vanguard Special, and the famous Stanton Corvette.

For the Jaguar enthusiast, there were four Jaguars competing this year. My XK140, my brother-in-law from Alexandra in his red Mk2 3.4, John McDonagh from Christchurch in his white Mk2 with 4.2 litre power, and Gordon Dacombe from Nelson in his lovely recently restored gunmetal grey E-Type OTS 3.8 litre.

Nelson Car Club entries included Honda Civics, Toyotas, Mazda, Nissans, BMW, MGB, Vauxhall Chevette, Fiat X1/9, Fords Falcon, Capri and Escort, including Ashton Wood's RS1800 ex works Masport Team Escort, and a screaming beast called a Crosskart with a motorcycle engine.

Another brother-in-law of mine, Evan Henderson, was up from Gore with his little white 1965 Datsun Bluebird which was the first Japanese car to race in New Zealand in the Pre-65 class.

The road was quite damp to begin with, and dried out a little as the day progressed, but there were still alternating wet and dry patches which made things exciting for the drivers. It is a very demanding hill to drive up in a hurry with no time to rest between the many corners. After coming around one corner, you are immediately faced with the next one, and sometimes find yourself in the wrong place to take a good line into the next corner. So there are a lot of frantic corrections to keep the car pointing generally in the right direction.

I think there are about 33 corners in the 3 km course, and I find it impossible to remember many of them.

There was sufficient time for all cars to have four timed runs, and all were completed with no mishaps.

The only incident occurred when one of our VCC volunteer flag marshalls had a nasty fall and cut his head open, resulting in the ambulance having to come and collect him. He received 29 stitches to the gash on his head.

The fastest time of the day was by Glenn Taylor in his Honda Civic at 1min30.3secs.

In our VCC group the fastest time was Wayne Graves from Christchurch in his Porsche 911 with a time of 1m46.48s.

My family team was headed by Evan Henderson in his little Datsun at 1m54.41s, then Wilfred Henderson in his Jaguar Mk2 3.4 at 1m57.12s, and then me in the XK140 at 1m59.01s.

The event ended with prize giving and a few drinks at the Riwaka Hotel.

But at home in the Benven residence the post mortem continued over more drinks, with lots of laughs and plenty of ribbing each other.

I would like to say a special thanks to all the volunteer helpers, because without them we could not hold this event.

VCC Results:

1. Wayne Graves, Christchurch, Porsche 911, time 1min46.48secs VCC Fastest Time Prize.
2. John Corbett, Mapua, Lotus 7, time 1m53.68s.
3. Stephen Aldersley, Canterbury, 1929 Austin 7 Special, time 1m53.97s.
4. Evan Henderson, Gore, Datsun Bluebird, time 1m54.41s. Greatest Distance Travelled Prize.
5. Russell Greer, Blenheim, Stanton Corvette, time 1m54.61s.
6. Wilfred Henderson, Alexandra, Jaguar Mk2, time 1m57.12s.
7. Phil Benven, Mapua, Jaguar XK140, time 1m59.01s.
8. Don Ammon, Wakefield, Vanguard Special, time 2m00.96s. Most Consistent Prize.
9. John McDonagh, Christchurch, Jaguar Mk2, time 2m01.07s.
10. Gordon Dacombe, Nelson, Jaguar E Type, time 2m01.43s.
11. Joe Gillman, West Coast, 1935 Ford V8 Coupe, time 2m04.11s.
12. Jarrod Dacombe, Nelson, Nash Metropolitan, time 2m04.34s.
13. Wylie Evans, Ruby Bay, Lotus Elan, time 2m05.25s.



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Datsun Bluebird
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Joe Gillman and
His Ford V8 be-
hind

Lotus in good
Company



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"Push Play" 8th May 2022— By Mort

After a couple of years break the Sandy Bay hill climb was run again thanks to the Nelson Car Club, some of our club members accepted the invitation to have a go. On course conditions were excellent allowing competitors four attempts to improve on their initial inspection of the road and interaction with the timing gods. Although a little cold in the start muster area the sun was not always welcome during the dash to the finish line at the top of the incline. It was apparent who the old hands at this event were, a bit of slip, slop, slap and put on a hat helped with the sun strike as did the designer sunnies. Word on the street was, conditions of the consent for this event included no spectators, it was therefore fortunate that more marshals were required on the day to help ensure the welfare of those present. Call me distracted, but who could pass up the opportunity to avail themselves of a few mementoes, for the benefit of others of course, while performing their newly acquired duties.

Enhancing the experience a couple of friendly young fellas happened along to lend a hand, by the time the sandwiches were unwrapped they were buzzing about getting the old corolla and starlet out from under the junk in their shed and having a go next year. As the more seasoned of our foursome began sharing wars stories of campaigning a Mk2 jag around Ruapuna and telling the peddler where to go in the old days of rallying, one of the fledglings mentioned he had come down the hill a number of times a few years back under the cover of darkness on a drift trike. To hear his story was most enlightening and the revelation that he has since acknowledged the foolishness of the adventure suggests learning by doing is still alive and well in a few youngins, he recons crashing over the bank a couple of times got him to thinking.

The competitors were a mix of old and new just like the machinery they became one with during their brief indulgence to the top of the hill. Looking at the post on the Nelson Car Clubs face book page Glenn Taylor pushed the Honda civic to a best time of 1 . 30 .3 and

of the 35 infusions Walie Evans grinning from within the Lotus élan recorded 2 . 05 . 25 . Numbers have never been my strong point, but a 35 second spread across 35 petrol heads out for a Sunday drive is quite remarkable, then add the fun everyone had on the day and the result is an equation that should not go unrecognised by the governments “push play” campaign. Long may those who make the rules allow us all to enjoy life, get involved, leaned a hand in the running of the next event or put some air in the tyres, tune up the car and have a go. There is no doubt the company of others, taking in the sounds and fragrance of the country side, however diverse, provides Kiwis with unlimited good and well being



Glen Taylor
Honda Civic,
Best Time 1.30.3

Walie Evans
Lotus Elan
Best time 2.05.25





(L) Stephen Aldersley,
Austin Seven
1. 53. 97



(L) Jared Dacombe,
Nash Metropolitan,
2. 04. 06



(L) Joe Gilman,
Ford V8
2. 04. 11



The VCC Team wait at the bottom
for their turn to tackle the hill



Gordon Dacombe,
E type Jaguar,
2. 01. 43



Don Amon,
Vanguard,
2. 00. 96





**Coffee Cruise
to Kohatu**

**(Pics Karen
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Event hosted by Ford Club Marlborough

Date: 31 July 2022

Where: Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, Aerodrome Road, Blenheim

Cost: \$2.00 per person *with pre-school children free*
 \$10.00 for show cars with passengers
(Vehicles parked up by 9.30am please)

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• Food available • Rock'n Roll demonstration 12pm – 1pm • Café on site • Raffles

Open to public 10.00am – 2.00pm

Proceeds going to Omaka Heritage Aviation Centre and Hospice Marlborough

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2022 Targa Trial refer page 8

Rod Corbett is seeking interested Nelson Branch members who if not entering in the Targa Trial could assist with scrutineering

Phone Rod on 027 433 8772

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WEST COAST BRANCH VINTAGE CAR CLUB NZ

ENTRY FORM: ROSCO SPORTING TRIAL
Sunday 19 June 2022 at Reefton

Name of vehicle owner.....

Name of first driver.....

Name of second driver.....

Contact Address.....

Email address.....

Phone number.....

Vehicle Make & Model.....

Year of Manufacture.....

Class: Short wheelbase or Long wheelbase

Is your vehicle road registered?

How many entrants will be using this vehicle?
(Maximum of two per car)

Entry fee per driver . @ \$15.00 per driver \$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

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