

The Crank Case

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

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Hi Everyone

A very busy month for everyone in the Nelson Branch albeit with members scattered across the country, attending all manner of rallies and events from Vintage only in Marlborough, National Veteran in Dunedin, the Scope, at Ruapuna, National Model T Rally Ohakune, Manawatu Veteran Rally, Art Deco Napier, and our own Coast to Coast Inaugural Rally travelling across the South Island.



Its great to see so many out enjoying some motoring adventures.

But now you are all back home, refocus on the Branch Swapmeet fundraiser, and its not to late to get your entry in for the SI National Easter Rally and our branch 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Don't forget if you are not entering or do not have a VIC, maybe you can volunteer your time to help marshal or run part of the event on the day. Contact Malcolm to help on the Swapmeet and Gordon for the SI Easter Rally

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Kind Regards *Ray*

Front Cover: Nelsons two Vintage Stalwarts waving the Flag at the Vintage only Rally in Marlborough—Gordon Dacombe Essex and Ron & Jan Johnson in their Model A.

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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

		February 2024	
Fri 23	6.00pm	Proposed Music with Darcy the DJ page 19 POSTPONED	Darcy 021 029 65632
Wed 28	2.00pm	SI Easter Rally Committee	John Barker
		March 2024	
Sat 2		Rai Valley A & P Show	Mike Bryan
Mon 4	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Tue 5	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Wed 6	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Wed 6	9.00am	Working Bee for Swap meet	Malcolm Baker
Thu 7	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thur 7	9.00am	Working Bee for Swap meet	Malcolm Baker
Fi 8	9.00am	Working Bee for Swap meet	Malcolm Baker
Sat 9	6.00am	Annual Swap meet	Malcolm Baker
Sat/Sun 16/17		National Executive meeting Christchurch	Mike Bryan/Jo Hoffman
Wed 20	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 23		Scenicland Rally	
Fri 29- Mon 1st		National SI Easter Rally & 60th Anniversary Celebration	Mike Bryan & Gordon Dacombe
		April 2024	
Tue 2- Fri 5		Post Easter Rally Tour to Golden Bay	Jim and Kyra Wareing
Sat 6	2.00pm	John King Memorial	Mike Bryan
Sun 7		Sandy Bay Hill Climb	Gordon Dacombe
Mon 8	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Tues 9	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Wed 17	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 27		Proposed run to Quail Crossing Gardens, Upper Moutere	
		May 2024	
Wed 1	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 2	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing

Mon 6	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Tues 7	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Thu 9	7.30pm	Club Night	Rob/Maureen/John
Sat/Sun 11/12	10.00a m	Ladies Run meet at Clubrooms	Debbie/Ray Robertson
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		June 2024	
Tues 4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 10	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thur 13		Proposed Craig Boot Visit	Rob/Maureen/John
Sat/Sun 15/16		Club Run	Rob/Maureen/John
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sun 23	1.00pm	AGM & Restoration of the year and Pride of ownership	Roy West
		July 2024	
Wed 3	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thur 4	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 8	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thur 11		Club night	Rob/Maureen/John
Sat 13		Club Run— Proposed mid winter Xmas Dinner—River Haven	Rob/Maureen/John
Wed 17	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		August 2024	
Thur 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 5	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thur 8		Club night	Rob/Maureen/John
Sat/Sun 10/11		Club Run	
Wed 21	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
TBA		Daffodil Rally for Cancer	
		March 2026	
Sun 15 to Fri 20		2026 Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Nelson	Ray Robertson Festival Director

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hi everyone,

Well, we're certainly well back into it, as many events are keeping us fully involved, both locally and around our great country! Although we've had some great turn outs at the Biscuit Munchers and other activities, there have been several gaps as folk have been off around the country taking part in the Veteran Rally, the Dunedin to Brighton Rally, the Vintage only Rally, the National Model T rally and the forthcoming Rover Club rally!



So much involvement has mean't our Club's attendance at some of the usual activities we try to attend, has been a bit light this year, and your Vice Chairman is keen that we try and do better by including more of these local outings in our Calendar of Events next year. Such events as the Moutere Hop, the Classic Car Show, the various A and P Shows and flying our flag at the Positive Ageing Expo are all 'win/win' activities we should be helping with! Of course, our participation in any of these important days is reliant on someone to step forward and coordinate our involvement. Remember 'Someone Else' is not always the best person to do the job for you!

Others of us have been off participating in our Branches inaugural **COAST 2 COAST TOUR [C2C]** spending 4 days off road touring from the East Coast, near Blenheim, via Hanmer, Murchison and finally to the final night's dinner near Greymouth, on the West Coast.... A very social trip with lots of fun and experiences shared with a number of keen folks from our sister Branches! If you missed out on the experience this year, clean up the wheels as Gordon and Jo tell us it will all be done again next year!

Coming up on the 23rd March is the West Coast Branches **SCENICLAND Rally**, this year starting as normal in Greymouth but after the Rally, having the final dinner in Hokitika... something different and not too late for more to join us... entries close to westcoastvcc@gmail.com or post it to WestcoastVCC at Shantytown, 316 Rutherglen Rd, Greymouth.

Entries close on 9th March so be in quik!

This is the weekend after your next **Executive Meeting in Christchurch** and both Joanne and I will be down there representing you as well as our 2026 Rally Director, Ray, who will be presenting members with progress on this huge event for Nelson! Several items will be discussed including the update of the Club's Constitution, and changes this might mean for the Clubs representative structure and how this might impact on the individual Branches representations as well as a follow up on our recent letter re changes in competitive tyre legislation as instigated by tyre manufacturers.

Our Branch AGM, Restoration of the Year and Pride of Ownership is now less than 4 months away.... will you have your wheels ready and rolling and ready for display? There's the challenge! As always, we usually have a few **Committee moving on** for various reasons and this year is no exception, as both our very dedicated Secretary Roy and our holder of the money bags, Ian will both be standing down this year. These are big shoes to fill, but don't be put off... both will be available to help you into the role.... if you can help or know of someone else able to.... please let a committee member know or speak with Roy, directly!

One or two new Committee members are always welcome to bring refreshed ideas and spread the workload and with **JENNY CONLON's recent resignation as Club Captain**, we need to **strengthen the CLUB CAPTAIN'S TEAM** with a new face, or two! We have been fortunate that Rob stepped back in to help the team through to the end of the year, but it is time to let Rob retire gracefully, and stop dragging him back to 'fill gaps', although I'm sure he loves being busy!

Coming up very shortly on the **9th of March is our annual fund raiser, our SWAP MEET and BAZAAR!**

Malcolm and his team have been working very hard to make this a great day and your help is needed... **working bees will be held on the 7th and 8th** and help will be needed in many areas ranging from traffic directions, parking, admissions collections, to directing and allocating site space on the day. If you can help... physically with marquee erections, site markings etc, please let Malcolm know or if you can help Jo collect the money at the gate and other administration, please let her know. Thnx.

Ron is coordinating our Club site, where we will be disposing of several surplus items as well as others donated and surplus magazines and library books etc. If you can help Ron on the day, or have items to donate, or even things you would like us to sell on behalf of [for a small commission] then please let Ron Johnson know how you can help. [Ron 03 547 7469]

The Club hoped to be sporting it's **new Hi Vis vests, donated by Mitre 10** [please support them] and suitable displaying that they belong to the VCC Nelson on the back... but these will likely not be ready. Mitre 10 have generously loaned us a set for the day. After 'loosing' many of our previous ones at last year's Daffodil Rally... **Di-anne Lewis has kindly offered to be our new 'wardrobe mistress' signing our new ones in and out....** sorry but, if you sign one out and it's not returned...!!

Mike Wilson attended our February Comm meeting and showed us about 8 possible **logo designs** which could be used to add greater effect and understanding to our image. Mike has done a great job on your behalf and your committee really liked a couple of the designs and have left Mike with a brief to try and incorporate these two together.... watch this space! Any new logo is not intended to replace our present logo, which has history, but to be used alongside it to give a more attractive and meaningful image to the younger set and to better portray what our ideals are! Thanx Mike for your great efforts. Mike has also designed the logo for the VERO 2026 Rally which you are seeing soon on the International web site!

The SOUTH ISLAND EASTER RALLY and the Branches 60th Anniversary are just around the corner. **Rally entries close on the 1st of March...** so you're not too late... and certainly not too late to offer your assistance wherever you can. I have said I'll run the People's Choice at the Richmond A and P on Sunday 31st. **This will involve collecting the gold coin donations from visitors at the gate and handing out the People's Choice voting forms.... if you can help spend a few minutes on the gate... please let me know [Mike, 027 223 4893]. Thnx.**

The Committee are planning a function for the Branches 60th birthday.... a little after the Rally weekend.... watch this space!

Ray has the printing of our 'last 10 years' booklet under way. These are very colourful with plenty of photos over the decade. They

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Don't forget we have a number of donated metal shelves [as photographed in page 41 AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$50 EACH... all proceeds to the Branch funds.. Again, please order on the clip board in the Clubrooms, order one from Ron on our stall at the Swap Meet or ring me, Mike on 027 223 4893 to place your order.... no order too large!!

Your committee have been busy calling the 17 **Branch members who remain unfinancial** and will be dropped from the records after the Exec meeting on 16th March. Most people had forgotten... but 5 of the numbers I have rung are all disconnected numbers.... so, PLEASE... if you have an updated phone number or changed email address... let Linda in our National office know! Thank you!

All good things are close to an end.... and I don't mean this Chatter column.... I mean our CRANK CASE, in it's present form.... Ray and your Committee have been looking at the financial costs of producing your great newsletter as we do currently.... decisions have been made.... be ready.... watch this space!

Finally, couple of **SWAP MEETS** to note in your diary now.

SOUTH CANTERBURY, April 6th.
ASHBURTON, May 4th.

And the **70th IRISHMAN's RALLY**, traditionally based around/near Fairlie... registrations are not open yet, but I believe the accommodation in the South Canterbury area is filling fast.... **book yours now!**

A PRE-RALLY TOUR from Nelson south is being planned by those attending.... watch this space or have a chat with Gordon or Jo to see what's being planned!

+ A women has the last word in any argument...Anything the man says after that is the beginning of a new argument!

+ A women worries about the future, until she gets a husband.... A man never worries about the future, until he gets a wife!

+ A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't..... A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change.... but she does!

To avoid any 'fallout' I might have just caused... I suggest you grab a cloth and hop out to the shed and find something to polish!

Get them cleaned, tinkered and out and rolling.... C U out there and a big thanx to everybody for your great support!

MIKE B.



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Membership

John King

We offer the family of **John King** our deepest sympathies on his passing. John along with his brothers Dennis and Ron played an instrumental part in the establishment of the Nelson Branch.

At the request of Johns family, a memorial service will be held at the VCC Clubrooms at 2.00pm Saturday 6th April. There will be a opportunity for those who wish to say a few words or recall memories of John and his exploits in the Vintage fraternity.

Afternoon tea and other refreshments will be served after the service

New Members

We also welcome the following new members to the branch:

John and Carolyn Bolland of Motueka who have a 1963 Vauxhall Victor FB Sedan

Grant Morris of Atawhai. Grant has a 1954 light 15 Citroen , a 1972 Citroen DS21 and a 1973 Kawasaki Z1 Motorcycle.

Lloyd Reid of Motueka who has a 1960 Daimler SP250 2 door coupe and a 1949 Morris J 10cwt Van Commercial

Welcome to the club.



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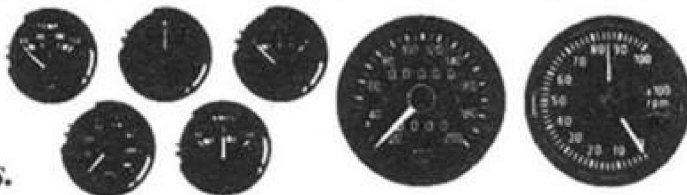
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NELSON SWAP MEET BAZAAR

9 MARCH 2024

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www.nelsonvcc.org.nz/book-a-site
email nelson@vcc.org.nz

Food and drink available on site

Site and cars for sale: \$20
(both above include 1 entry)

Entry non-site holders \$5

Gates open; 7am stall holders
8am public.



Swap Meet Planning

Wednesday 6th after Biscuit Munchers

Some volunteers to help locate our set out pins in the car-parking area

Thursday 7th 9.00am

Helpers to set out sites, mark out lines, and run strings and place numbers

Note Today the Ladies Craft Group will be occupying the clubrooms so bring your own morning tea & lunch

Friday 8th 9.00am

Finish set out, mark out public car parking on Southern side of Clubrooms, set up marques, signage, gates etc

Saturday 9th 6.00am — 7.00am

Set up entrance gear / tables for cash takers

Club Room Improvements—Stage 1



The Ewings team From Quail Valley Eggs cutting in and framing up a new steel side door for the 40 foot container

Almost finished



Graham Ellery, Malcolm Baker and Paul Lewis fix ing the clearlite into place

Half Done



All Done

**In use at
biscuit
munchers**



Urgent Notice:

**Close off for entries is
drawing very close**

**2024 National VCC South Island
Easter Rally**

29th March – 1st April – Nelson

This is just a friendly reminder to members to get their entry forms in for this rally.

This event also celebrates the **60th Anniversary of the Nelson Branch.**

Also please note that the Golden Bay Tour is proving popular, and with the exciting Program planned will be worth entering while in the Nelson area.

Please contact: Rally Secretary **John Barker**
email: drivingbaby7s@gmail.com or cell. 027 911 0763

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AROUND**

**THE
JUKE
WITH**

**BOX
DARCY**

23 FEB

**2024 AT
THE**



CLUBROOMS

STARTS 6.00PM

BBQ

Tea at 7.30pm

Club

supplies meats

BYO

Drinks, side salads and puddings etc

Tea and

coffee made at clubrooms

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Don't forget your dancing shoes

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Saturday 23rd March 2024

RALLY ENTRY FORM

ENTRANT

NAME.

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ENTRANT ADDRESS.

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Contact Phone. Email.

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VCC Branch. Membership

No.

Vehicle Make. Year.

..... Model.

Vehicle Rego.

RALLY ENTRY FEES Entries close Saturday 9th March
2024

Rally Entry Fee \$35.00

Saturday Dinner and Prizegiving \$45.00 per person

Number attending Dinner

Payment Details;

Internet Bank Account No: 12-3168-0039746-03 Please
use your name as a reference.

Date Paid Amount Paid

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Please scan/email your entry form to west-

coastvcc@gmail.com or

post to :

West Coast VCC,

Shantytown,

316 Rutherglen Road, Greymouth

RALLY INFORMATION AND PROGRAMME

Eligibility

At least one person in each vehicle **MUST** be a financial member of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, and may be called upon to produce their current membership card, or, if an overseas resident, entered by a member of a recognised overseas organisation, or be an invited guest of the Branch for the duration of the rally.

Programme - Saturday 23rd March 2024

8:30am Cars begin meeting at Civic Centre Car Park Puketahi Street
(Behind Grey District Council Building)

9:30am Rally Briefing and Rally Pack pick-up

10:00am 1st car departs - 10:00am (the full route is approx 144km)

10:20am Those joining at Kumara Junction meet to receive Rally Pack

12:00pm ish Stop for Lunch **PLEASE BRING YOUR LUNCH AND A DRINK**. There will be places

open in Greymouth prior to departure should you wish to purchase a sandwich or bread roll.

2:30pm ish Rally ends in Hokitika and cars assemble for viewing at
Westland Heritage Park

9 Brian Waugh Lane (Beside Airport)

5:30pm Meet at Hokitika Club, 42 Hamilton Street, Hokitika

6:30pm Meal and prize giving

Please Note: This year's Rally starts in Greymouth and ends In Hokitika.

Those staying in Hokitika may wish to join in at Kumara Junction instead of travelling to Greymouth. The Dinner and prize giving is being held in Hokitika. Dinner bookings must be with the Rally secretary by Saturday 9th March due to catering requirements. A copy of the menu is attached to this application. If you have any further dietary requirements please note on your application or contact the Rally Secretary

The following are links to accommodation in Hokitika and Greymouth.
<https://hokitika.org/150years> <https://www.westcoasttravel.co.nz/about-us/>

**FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION FORM
PLEASE CONTACT THE RALLY SECRETARY JUDY HAY
on either westcoastvcc@gmail.com or 02108645364**

Manawatu Branch Veteran Rally **Sunday 18 February 2024-02-22**

After attending the National Model T Rally in Ohakune, David and I decided to enter the Manawatu Rally in Palmerston North as it was on our way home.

We had 5 days before the rally started to take in some beautiful scenery and history around Palmerston North. We visited the Rugby Museum and sighted many historical items but the jersey from the 1905 Originals stood out as the best. We drove by large wind turbines as part of the turbine farm on the hills above Palmerston North, as we headed for Norsewood settled by mainly Norwegians from 1872 and also caught up with family.



Sunday arrived and we unloaded “Fronty” our 1915 Model T Speedster onto the Manawatu VCC grounds. They have a large oval ground sitting beneath a villa style house as their clubrooms, along with a large parts shed too.

Instructions handed out and we were on our way cruising through the countryside to our first stop at the The Woolshed Café in Sanson. Out the back of the café is an historical walk through a 1860s colonial cottage, a square villa from the 1880s, a 1900s bay villa, a 1920 California bungalow, a 1930s art deco house, a 1940s state house and a 1960s weatherboard cottage. All have been restored inside and out as appropriate to their era.

Our lunch stop was at a privately owned speedway with a western style theme including a fully stocked saloon and sheds for storing everything from barrels, horse tack, farm machinery and a well equipped Men’s Shed. We were lucky to be given the opportunity to drive on the speedway track although unable to get up to any great speed as the clay surface was badly rutted around the bends.



After lunch our rally notes took us into Feilding to an awesome ice-cream shop called I Scream Icecream with many wonderful flavours such as maple syrup and walnut – my choice.



We ended up back at the clubrooms for a bbq but first had to complete a timed short course around cones on the grass. David pulled down on the throttle and dragged Fronty around the cones sliding and hanging the back end out to finish in 37 seconds – not too bad we thought.

Prize time and we were lucky enough to win a couple of chocolate bars for being the entrants who travelled the

furthest distance to attend the rally and although we were the fastest around the timed course, we were disqualified as we nudged a cone – David still maintains the cone moved.



Overall we had a great day, great hospitality from the club and met new friends which made it well worth while stopping to enter the rally.

Yvonne & David Bell

Random Snaps of the National Model T Rally held in Ohakune Feb 2024—Rob Thompson





And a couple at the Art Deco



The INAUGURAL C2C [Coast to Coast] February 2024

Too late... you missed this year's inaugural C2C Tour.... but Jo and Gordon have plans to do it all again next year.... A great way to again catchup with old friends... make new ones and drive our old Vintages over three days between Blenheim and Greymouth, on all the off road, gravel roads available!

The instructions to all 17 participants were clear enough. be at Brayshaw Park, Blenheim, by 7.45am or you'd be left behind... but where was our 'tail end Charlie?'... getting more wheels after he'd broken down before the start...! and who was the 'tanker driver' driving through the night to join us... after not even making the Whangamoas on his first attempt! ~

Instructions were handed out, participants from several Mainland Branches... even Southland, were lined up behind the REXY SX, and we were off over Taylor's Pass and ready for the Molesworth!

With Brent and Sue acting as our temporary TEC and a couple of Es-



sex, two V8s, a Chrysler and a lovely MG kit car.... not to mention an A or 3 or 6... we hit the Awatere Valley and turned left! Buga the Molesworth was closed so out to the SH1 we went, and down to Seddon before heading towards the coast, through Yelland's winery, and around to the Grassmere Salt works

for a regrouping!

Non drivers were being kept busy spotting articles like helicopters, cement mixers, playgrounds...and shouting Bingo when a line was completed whilst drivers were busy hanging on in the wind and looking forward to the coffee break at the Kekerunga Cafe! It was not to be with 30-minute delays for coffee everyone [well the keen ones] dived into the surf, filled their water bottles with salt water, from the Pacific, to be emptied in the Tasman!

Next stop Bernie's Diner and Classic car Museum in Kaikoura for lunch, followed by a visit to his amazing private collection of mainly Classic vehicles, nearby! Wowwww...



but time to hit the road, this time turning inland south of Kaikoura, on the road taking us through Mt Lyford with a stop to peer over the fence at the Roden test track.... not available to view this year... but we will be back!

A gravel back road, with lots of dust, took us across from Wairau town to the Lewis Pass highway before Hanmer.

Departure on our second day was from outside the pools, and another set of instructions, with very interesting descriptions and historical snippets, was handed out before we ascended Jacks Pass en route to the Rainbow. The lead was immediately grabbed by several Model As, and they were gone... in Irishman's style I was told after!



With our tail end Charlie now in place, several minor hiccups were quickly attended to as by now some vehicles were starting to rattle... slightly! After a quick visit to Lake Tennyson to check the temperature and direction of the wind, we pressed on for warmer shelter! Well must did, but there was egg on the face of our Buick driver when all

power was lost! A quick multi tester check from the Essex drivers... and the problem was ID as a faulty ignition switch which an alligator clip and wire soon rectified... thanx Geoff and Rex.

Somewhere in here there was rumour of a puncture, or two [ask Malcolm as I don't remember where those occurred] but I do know the Clarke SX, emerged from the Rainbow with a tyre seriously requiring



replacement! Lunch was had at a DOC hut, with the shelter of trees. Then it was off, up a few more passes, through many tiny forwards [no rain for weeks] through the Station entry gate [all the \$60 were pre-paid], and eventually, after enjoying awesome scenery, we emerged at the controlled exit gate. Great road, in good condition.... paid for by



the many users... besides us, several motor bikes and 4X4 vehicles!



We emerged from the Rainbow, on the Blenheim side of St Arnaud, but those with tongues hanging out for an ice cream [or a beer] were seriously disappointed as we turned onto, yet another dusty road passed Top House, and then followed down through the Golden Downs to a well-deserved coffee at Kohatu. After gassing up at Tapawera, we head up the Sherry River Road through the forestry, then Dry Weather Rd, before emerging at Glenhope and proceeding



to Kawatiri Junction. Somewhere in this wilderness a Model A.... they never break down.... returned to Tapawera on the TEC's tow rope.... sorry you will need to ask Vern for the details of this OOPS!

And what was this...? a Hudson Jet was joining us.... Geoff having found the Essex tyre replacement wasn't so straight forward as he hoped... so he and Margaret swapped cars and rejoined us at Kawatiri. Then off again into the Gowan Valley, with a quick look at Lake Rotoroa. The Braeburn was easily climbed by some.... and not so easily climbed by others.... with Rex's SX hiccupping, burping and farting all the way

to the top.... causing considerable stress for Kit following behind!

What part of turn right into the Mangles Valley after descending the Braeburn, do you not understand, as one A flew past the turn heading for Mt Ella... I didn't know Rex and I could shout so loud but soon they were turned and following the rest of the flock [some had travelled down the main highway] as we headed into Murchison to freshen up.

Dinner was an order from the menu affair, with Jo ringing ahead once again to book us in, something that certainly made our meals easier for both us and for the providers! A few drinks and fair bit of storytelling... led to most of us heading off for an

early night in which almost everyone apparently had the sleep of the dead! [But not Rex, apparently, he was in the shed at 5am, rectifying the SX's fuel problems.... luckily, he lives in Murchison!]





A low fog greeted us as we assembled at the REC Centre for our final days briefing... then again, the SX led the charge up the Matakita Valley to Horseshoe Terrace where the local hall toilet was quickly cleaned and made ready for our invasion. Most folk availed themselves of time to peer off the bridge or check out the local library and pianos in the now disused hall. Malcolm could even point out where he had once slept on the floor.... the mind boggles!!

Soon we were into the steady 7km climb to the top of the 580 metre Maruia Saddle, passing over 6 fords, all easy and with little water, before regrouping for photos and heckling at the top! The decent to Flog Flat and out onto the Lewis Pass Highway was easy and we were amazed not to strike any other vehicles travelling over the Saddle in the opposite direction!

Some stopped for fuel at Springs, used the facilities, and once again connected up Lloyd's alligators to get him moving again! Up, up and over the Rahu Saddle then a lovely tree lined decent into the town of

the first light... Reefton. Here we relaxed over our lunch in the park, whilst some checked out the towns antique shops and chatted with the thousands of NZMCA members arriving in the town for their National Rally in two days' time!

Here we were joined by the West Coast Branches Club Capt., Bruce and his partner Zoe, residents of Reefton, who were to lead us on our next leg out to Greymouth. Geoff C. also entertained those who would listen, with stories of his birth and young days in the town.... Zoe was especially interested, she told me after! Soon we were off toward Ikamatua, with a small deviation on the way, and most topped up their thirsty tanks at the cheapest pump on the Coast... we were told!

A slight delay as we waited for a breakdown to be restarted.... rumour has it, it was again a Buick whose Alligator clips were replaced with Crocodile ones.... or some other rumour! Eventually everyone was reassembled, and we turned off onto the Nelson Creek Road, for another regrouping at their lovely domain before heading further inland onto the gravel, hooking across to the southern shores of Lake Brunner, then rejoining the gravel through the very picturesque bushland through Mitchells and eventually out onto the main Arthur's Pass Rd at Kumara.

Some had availed themselves of an escorted tour through a regenerating forestry block but soon arrived in Greymouth in time to check in to their accommodation, freshen up, then return to the Paroa Pub by Shanty town turn off, for our final dinner, prizes, tall stories and farewells!

In summary a 10 out of 10 trips.... thanks to Jo and Gordon for facilitating all this for us... a lot of travel, long days, tiring driving, amazing scenery and great VCC member company! To cover that distance from the East Coast to the West, using so many off road and lesser travelled tracks was an amazing trip.... an amazing experience.... put my name down to do it all again in 2025... and we hope to see lots more of you all along too!

MIKE BRYAN.

Nelson Branch 60th Anniversary Booklet

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Acting Club Captains Report

January 2024

Happy New Year to all, I cannot comment on any of the following club events as we have been out of town partaking in the National Model T Rally and Art Deco Rally.



Both were very good, we had many miles on gravel back country roads on the T event, with Dave and Yvonne, based in Ohakune, 37 cars including 4 Model A, s. On our last day we encountered a herd of cows, which gave us a lovely coating of manure under the guards. Also a large Blue Gum branch had fallen across the road, which our group moved, by strops and a 4 wheel drive (fun). Then a lone, large, I feel unhappy, Bull and a Cocky. I would say the Bull would have been much happier once he got off the road and into a paddock with his girl friends.

Art Deco was smaller than the last time we partook approximately 100 cars less. But in total about 300 cars. Which I feel is a reflection of the devastation, which happened a year ago to the region, but it was still a great event with the rally driving to a beautiful homestead on a large station.

We picnicked under large shady trees. Somehow we were asked to park our old T opposite the homestead along with a Sunbeam, Rolls and eight and a half litre Bentley that I hear cost \$500 to fill the tank.

All other cars were below the tennis courts. During the afternoon a sky rocket and two cannons were fired which was interesting. The larger cannon was off a ship that had wrecked many years ago. Workers from the Station had been sent to get it with horse and carts and told not to come back until they had it, which took 3 weeks. Music and acts at the Sound Shell were excellent as was the feature cars, which had pride of place being MGs celebrating 100 years since the first Morris Garage. The air show was excellent featuring Harvard's flying in formation, the Air force trainers doing the same, a Mustang, Vampire, and Tiger Moth's.

17 Wednesday Morning Tea

Sorry I missed this one, but I hear it was well-attended, a birthday boy

or two, savoury's and scones, new members, club messages, swap meet sign working bee and jokes from Geoff. Sounded like another good one. Thanks everyone.

19 Trip to Cobb Valley
20 Saturday Golden Bay A and P Show

February
5 Monday National Vintage Rally Marlborough
7 Wednesday Morning Tea
10 Saturday Top of the South Motor Show
16 Moutere Hop
17 Murchison A and P Show

Extra bits

I trust we have write-ups for the Crank Case on the above events.
Swap Meet and Easter Rally. Please help and register for both Events.

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