

Wairarapa Zenith

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Out looking for Classic cars

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Editors Notes Dennis Burns

A misty Mid winter morning walk and afterwards I had nothing better to do than start looking at classic cars on line. Followed by a play in photoshop, I am not mechanically aligned so I have to do something to while away the hours.

I was also waiting on some articles for this issue, which unfortunately did not materialise. (Very much like photo-shopped Model A on the cover).

I am looking forward to the Fish & Chips and Movie on Monday, and maybe I will get some tips on finding my next classic, preferably one with windows

Dennis Burns
Editor.

Hi Dennis (editor)

Hi Dennis.

That was an interesting article about Peter Greener's colour selection for his Riley RMB. It set me thinking about how owners pick their colour scheme.

I have always answered 'Bentley Racing Green' when asked the colour of my 1934 open sports. It would probably look pretty good in a shade of red, or maybe black, but after knowing the car for nigh on fifty years I cannot imagine it in any other colour but green.

I have just had a light spray job just to tidy things up. When I asked Steve what colour match he had used, he told me it was a Mazda green with just a touch of yellow added. I think he meant that the Mazda colour was Bentley green with a little less yellow!

Happy motoring,
Mike D'Alton .

Club Night 7th July

Reminder



F&C and a Movie

Fish and chips plus dessert followed by a movie

The cost is \$10 per head payable in cash on the night.

**Please advise Kevin Sullivan by 4th July
at kevsully52@gmail.com if you will be attending.**

We need numbers by Friday 4th July for catering purposes.

If you don't register by Friday 4th you won't get fed.



Pointon Motors open for WOF's and repairs

Francis is open for WOF's and limited vintage repairs at reduced working hours. Contact Francis at (06) 378 6710

Club Night 4th August

Quiz Night with Vintage Machinery Club

Events 2025

July	
Sunday 13th	Gravel Challenge
August	
7th to 10th	National VCC AGM
Sunday 24th	Daffodil Run
September	
Saturday 6th	The 3rd CHB VCC Vintage only Rally
Sunday 14th	Spring Rally
October	
Sunday 19th	New Members Rally
November	
Saturday 22nd	Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial
Sunday 30th	Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day
TBC	Veteran Run
December	
TBC	Club Christmas Function

Advance Notice

Save the Date

15th - 21st March 2026

VERO International Festival of Historic Motoring

Being held in the Nelson Tasman region by the VCC, details can be found on the Festival website

<https://www.historicmotoring.org.nz/>

Monthly

1st Monday of the Month - 7:00pm

Club Night

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Committee Meeting

3rd Saturday of the Month

Parts Department open

First Tuesday morning of the Month.

and

The 3rd Saturday of the month,

from 9:30am - 12noon

AGM 2025



Thirty nine branch members attended the AGM on Sunday 8th June at the Working-mens' Club in Greytown and there were 10 apologies. The North Island Club Captain Glyn Clements and his wife Cathy were welcome guests.

The Chairman Graham Hodder was unable to attend due to ill health and so Kevin Sullivan chaired the meeting.

Three branch members had passed away in the previous twelve months, Pat Brown, James Farley and Barry Wells. The Branch extended its sympathies to the families and friends of the departed.

At the 2024 AGM the committee was asked to investigate the financial impacts if we were to terminate our lease of the clubrooms. The committee presented a report that considered two scenarios;

1. That we cease our spare parts activity and dispose of our existing stock of spare parts. We would hire a suitable room or premises for one or two evenings a month for club nights and committee meetings. We would also hire a small space for the storage of club rally equipment and other assets.
2. That we lease a space for the spare parts activity and the storage of other club assets. We would hire a suitable room or premises for one or two evenings a month for club nights and committee meetings.

Scenario 1 would result in additional costs of approximately \$1,200 per annum and Scenario 2 would cost approximately \$8,500 per year. We will stick with the status quo.

The Chairman's report was read. In addition to the passing on of the three branch members he noted the loss of Andrew Anderson, a founding member of the club. Club Captain Hugh Hunter joined the chairman in thanking those members who have contributed to the running of the club and participated in events over the last year.

The Treasurer's report showed that the branch is in a sound financial position.

The following persons were elected as officers of the branch;

Chairperson	Graham Hodder
Secretary	Mike D'Alton
Treasurer	Kevin Sullivan
Committee	Hugh Hunter
	Simon O'Hara
	Dave Patten
	Pat Dutton
	Frank Lipinski
	Francis Pointon
	David Eade
	Bob Cumming

Dennis Burns was reappointed as editor of the Zenith.

A motion was passed confirming that the Branch should reapply for re-registration as an incorporated society under the new Incorporated Societies Act.

Branch member AJ Hunter gave a presentation detailing the options available to us for upgrading the branch website. This was followed by a discussion about the needs of current and prospective branch members. AJ will prepare a proposal for consideration by the committee.



Glyn Clements presented Frances Elwin with her 50 year badge. Frances has been a cornerstone of the club fulfilling many roles over the past 50 years.

Glyn also presented 25 year badges to Pat Dutton and Dave Patten.



Sunday 25th May



A selection of cars attending from Shaun

2025 Winter Wander

A heavy mist shrouded large parts of the Wairarapa as participants in the 2025 Winter Wander gathered in the Farriers carpark ready for the start. A good turnout of 20 vehicles ranging from Mike Whitelock's newly acquired 1936 Austin 10 to Ian Stewart's Isuzu truck with all sorts in between were lined up.



This year's run was a fund raiser for the destination the Pukaha National Wildlife Centre. A suggested donation of \$15 per vehicle would be matched by the club. The convoy set off in the mist along Te Ore Ore Road and the Bideford road to Route 52 and on to Alfredton. As we approached Alfredton the skies cleared and we enjoyed bright sunshine for the remainder of the journey.



We continued past Alfredton on Route 52 and then took Pa Valley Road to connect with Mangaone Valley Road and on towards Pahiatua. Before we reached Pahiatua we turned right and took back roads to Mangatainoka. From Mangatainoka we took SH2 to Pukaha for lunch. We all arrived safely with no breakdowns and no obviously strained relationships.

The influx of diners placed a bit of strain on the café but we all got fed in the end. Apparently the trick is to advise them in advance if we are visiting in large numbers and they will be better prepared.

The Pukaha staff gratefully accepted our donation of \$710. All in all it was a good day out with a good variety of vehicles and a nice drive through picturesque countryside. Thanks to Graham Hodder for organising the event and a big thanks to the extremely generous club members who participated.



Kevin Sullivan
Pictures by AJ & David Eade

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 Daffodil Rally for Cancer – Sunday, 24 August 2025

Join us from **Kaitia to Bluff** as the **Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (VCC)** unites for another awesome nationwide rally in support of the **NZ Cancer Society**. The yellow daffodil will be proudly displayed across the country, symbolising hope, unity, and our shared commitment to raising vital funds for cancer research and support.

One Day. One Cause. One Club.

Members this is **our** day to shine. A chance to showcase the VCC, connect our branches, and raise essential funds for cancer support. Together, we can make an impact that will last.



2025 Goals:

1. Ensure **nationwide branch participation**, as we did in 2024
2. Raise **\$100,000** for the NZ Cancer Society



Let's go for gold, VCC whānau!

CENTRAL HAWKES BAY 3rd VINTAGE ONLY RALLY

Saturday 6th September 2025

The idea to organise and host this Vintage Rally began with a Trophy donated to Hawkes Bay VCC Branch about 15 years ago. The trophy was presented to the winner of the Hawkes Bay Vintage only rally. However the Rally lapsed after a couple of years and the trophy remained on display in their trophy cabinet. It has now been returned to Bruce Poole at the CHB VCC and will be presented each year to the winner of the CHB Vintage Rally.

The rally will be open to all VCC members and VCC Vintage eligible vehicles, (1919 to 1931) The trophy will be presented to 1st place getter and there will be 2nd and 3rd place prizes also.

The rally will start from Russell Park in Waipukurau with assembly from 10.45am , briefing at 11am and first car away soon after. This late start will allow out of town entrants plenty of time to get to start venue.

The first part of the run will take you to a lunch stop with shelter if the sun is not shining, and hopefully daffodils to pick if you wish. BYO lunch and folding chair. Daffodils will be there to pick for a small charge . The funds will be donated to The Plunket Society.

The competitive part of the rally will begin at 1.30pm and take you on a variety of scenic back country roads in CHB and finish at The Waipukurau Club in Waipukurau for BBQ meal and prize giving.

It is anticipated that BBQ and prize giving will finish by 6pm

Entry form and information will be published in July and August Bleat.



Entry Form

CHB VCC 3rd Vintage Only Rally

Saturday 6th September 2025

Entrants name: _____

Driver/Entrant: _____

Navigator/partner/passenger: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ Mobile

Email: _____

Vehicle: _____ Year: _____

Membership number: _____

Entry Fee: **\$10.00 per car**

BBQ Meal **\$25.00 per person**

Total \$ _____

CHB VCC Inc BNZ bank account number for internet payments: 02-0780-0035502-00

Particulars section: **Your name** Code section: **VCC membership number** Reference section: **Vintage Rally**

Please post your Entry Form to

Central Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club Inc
c/o Bruce Poole
18 Wilder St Waipukurau 4200 Central Hawkes Bay

Or email to Ken Lyons ken.lyons@xtra.co.nz

Enquiries : Bruce Poole 06 8589940 or 0272449090 email : brucepoole1930@gmail.com

Note : Please photo copy your completed entry before posting if you require a copy
Entries close Friday 29th August 2025 No late entries will be accepted

Trophy for Vintage section winner Other prizes 2nd and 3rd Vintage

Assemble at Russell Park Waipukurau at 10.45 am Briefing at 11am First car away approx. 11.10am

South Canterbury Branch celebrates 120 years
of the first car to Mt Cook.

**CALLING ALL VETERAN, VINTAGE,
AND POST VINTAGE VEHICLES**

Thursday = 5th February 2026 Overnight in **Timaru**.

Friday 6th February = Timaru to Lake Tekapo. Make your reservations now.

Saturday 7th February = Tekapo, = Mt Cook = **Twizel** We have the Hotel at Twizel booked. 88 Rooms. **These will be booked thru your entry form.** First In first served. Or feel free to book your own accommodation elsewhere.

Contact Nola Day nola.day@xtra.co.nz for enquiries or entry forms

Not on such a grand a scale as the 100 years, but a very important milestone in the motoring world. We have come a long way.



REGISTER

Registrations are now open. Some options are limited so register by clicking on the button below.

REGISTER NOW 

The Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring is an event organised by the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand every 4 years to celebrate veteran, vintage, and classic vehicles and the people who love them. This is an international rally that attracts participants from all over the world and New Zealand.

In 2026 this exciting event takes place in the Nelson Tasman region over the course of the week of 15th to 21st March. Registrations are now open and will be processed online using Humanitix ticketing. Some options are limited so register as soon as you can so you don't miss out.

The costs for entering are as follows:

Main Entrant: \$520

Navigator/Co-driver/Additional Passengers: \$115 each

Teams Relay Challenge: \$50

Prices are in New Zealand dollars and include fees and GST.

Items you'll need to complete registration:

- ✓ Your VCC membership number or overseas club membership details;
- ✓ Your vehicle details, including a short history or description for publishing in a car spotters guide (up to 60 words);
- ✓ A photograph of your vehicle to upload (less than 10mb and 3/4 of whole vehicle from the front);
- ✓ Your credit card or bank account details;
- ✓ The names and details of all those who will take part in the festival in your vehicle;
- ✓ [Festival regulations read and understood](#)

REGISTER NOW 

Registrations close on 31 August 2025. Offline registration is possible but not recommended. See section 11 of the festival [regulations page](#). Lunches, dinners, and Grand Finale tickets will be available to purchase after registrations close in late 2025 as some options will depend on numbers attending. We'll contact entrants with options.



<https://www.historicmotoring.org.nz/register/>



**MANAWATU BRANCH
POST ERA RALLY - SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2025**

RALLY IS OPEN TO ALL PV, PW, P60 & P80 VEHICLES

FORMAT

- 9.00 AM Meet at Clubrooms, Kelvin Grove, Palmerston North for a tea/coffee before the Rally
 9.30 AM Rally Briefing
 10.00 AM First car away
- Run length: Approx 160 miles
 - Fuel is available
 - Lunch venue is at "The Barracks Bar/Restaurant" in Whanganui (\$8 - \$20 Menu)
 - Rally Entry Fee includes a Plaque
 - Run will conclude at the Clubrooms for Prize Giving and Dinner
 - **Please bring your own Drinks for the Dinner** (water/tea/coffee will be available)

ENTRANT NAME _____

NAVIGATOR/PASSENGER:

NAME _____ **NAME** _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL/YEAR _____ **VEHICLE REGO. NO.** _____

RALLY ENTRY	@\$20 PER VEHICLE	= \$20
DINNER	@ \$15 PER HEAD - NO. OF PEOPLE _____	=
	TOTAL	=

We are able to cater for GF AND DF ONLY. Any other dietary requirements please self cater

DINNER - HOMEMADE PIE / CREAMY MASH / PEAS/CARROTS

Please Select your pie

Steak & Cheese	No. ____
Mince	No. ____
Chicken	No. ____

PAYMENT DETAILS: Please make payment via Internet Banking

Manawatu Branch VCC **03 0718 0027253 01** Ref: Name, Reg No. (POST ERA)

Please send completed Entry Form to Organisers: Glyn and Cath Clements - PO Box 232, Feilding - or email to cbz1@xtra.co.nz Glyn - Mobile - 021 0833 4081

If you haven't received an email confirmation of entry by the closing date, please contact the Organiser.

****ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025)****



Chairperson	Graham Hodder	027 226 3738	g_jhodder@xtra.co.nz
Secretary	Mike D'Alton	021 137 2395	secretarywvcc@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Kevin Sullivan	022 377 8443	kevsully52@gmail.com
Club Captain	Position vacant		

Committee

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Simon O'Hara	021 141 2332	simonsandieohara@gmail.com
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Dave Patten	027 247 7956	dave.patten28@gmail.com
Frank Lipinski	06 379 7167	
David Eade		
Bob Cumming		

Social Convener	Position vacant		
Custodian	Position vacant		
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Spares

Frank Lipinski	06 379 7167	
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Jeff Percy	06 377 4622	j.percy@xtra.co.nz
Dave Walker	06 379 5008	

Vehicle Inspectors

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Dave Patten	027 247 7956	dave.patten28@gmail.com
Hugh Hunter	06 306 9847	j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz
Kevin Sullivan	022 377 8443	kevsully52@gmail.com



Parts Department:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Join Frank, Graham and Jeff for yarn and a cuppa when the Parts Department is open.

In this treasure trove, you might also happen to find any bits and pieces you've been looking for.

Located at the clubrooms, the Parts Department is open:

- Each Tuesday morning following club-night.
- The 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:30am - 12noon.

You can also contact Frank for an appointment outside standard opening hours by phoning (06) 379 7167

Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

Website:

www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc

Club Night:

First Monday of the month (except January) and June (second Monday) at 7pm.

Committee meet:

Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

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August 2025



Our Club's new Banners