



Wairarapa Zenith

June 2025

Colour



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Club Night June

No Club night See you at the AGM



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

Editors Notes Dennis Burns

The cover is a selection of some the many vehicles I have photographed since becoming editor of the newsletter.

Each will have a story about it's colour whether it be original or as in my case a conscious decision to go with something a little different.

I called the green on Olive (my 1954 series 1) Farmers Green as it was the colour the farmer had painted it before I bought it. The orange chassis and highlights is because I like orange and it was the colour of my Vespa scooter.

How did you choose yours?

I was lucky to be there for coffee and a scone when Peter Greener talked about how he selected the colour for his Riley 2 ½. He explains more later in the newsletter

Dennis Burns
Editor.

Club Night 7th July

F&C and a Movie



Fish and chips plus desert followed by a movie

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

Please advise Kevin Sullivan 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.

It is a magic morning as I write this report.

Winter officially starts in a couple of days, hopefully the settled weather continues for a while with sunny days. Mays club night was very informative, show casing New Zealand's historic bush railway systems. These were railway lines used to take the logging gangs into the bush and then ferry the logs back to sawmills. Innovation was the true name of the game. As the New Zealand Railways discarded running gear which was no long needed, the operators of these private operations put them to good use in an exceptional way. Grant Morrell has based his model railway around one of these historic railways. His presentation was captivating and very enjoyable. He spoke about the history behind his railway system and explained how he went about building it. He has two 3D printers which are incredible for reproducing miniature figures, animals, vehicles, trees and of course trains. He explained how they worked and their differences. He also brought along examples of buildings he had made, a couple of 3D printed items and a couple of trains. Everyone really enjoyed the conversation, and Grant had many questions to answer.

Grant has invited us to visit his setup in Carterton, so keep an eye on the calendar of events. We will certainly be sorting a date and letting you all know.

The next club activity was the Motorcycle Reliability and Motor Car run to Whanganui organised by Kevin Sullivan. Many thanks to those who took part and a big thank you to Kevin for his time and effort booking accommodation and setting the route. I am sure he has a more informative report further on in the Zenith.

The Club's Annual General Meeting takes place on Sunday the 8th of June at the Greytown Working Men's Club at 11.00 am followed by a meal. Hopefully you have had this date locked in and will attend the meeting.

If you wish to have a meal afterwards you will need to have confirmed your numbers attending with Kevin Sullivan and also have paid for the meals by the **2nd of June**. Wairarapa VCC - 03-0687-0323649-001 - your Surname as a reference.

Unfortunately There can be no additions to the catering numbers on the day.

Committee nomination forms are available from Mike D'Alton the Club Secretary if you wish to join the clubs committee. We need new blood, you can join as an observer for twelve months, this will allow you to gain confidence in taking on club roles.

I am putting my name forward again for the Chairperson position and the other previous office holders are doing the same.

The Winter Wander is on Sunday the 22nd of June. Please note this is a change from Saturday the 21st. The run was to include a trip to Papawai Marae. As yet I have not been able to arrange anything. Instead, the run will start in Masterton and travel out through the Kaiwhata Valley to Riversdale via Homewood. The Homewood Café is closed until the Spring, but I am hopeful we maybe able to stop there for a picnic lunch. I will send out more info next week. The club night on the 7th of July will be a Fish "n" Chip meal with a movie to follow.

Kevin

Sullivan is getting pricing and we will let you know when you need to confirm numbers and payment.

The Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring event is taking place over the week of the 15th to the 21st of March 2025. Entries have opened and close on the 31st of August. Francis Pointon and myself are entering and have started to make travel arrangements. Are there any others who are going, if so, we would like to have a meeting and exchange ideas and see what options are available to travel as a group. One of the challengers is travelling over the Remutaka's in the early hours of the morning to catch ferry sailings. Please contact Graham on 027 226 3738 or Francis on 06 378 6710

The National Daffodil Day to raise funds for the Cancer Society

You will have received an email with exciting news that Ford New Zealand is a major sponsor for this event on Sunday the 24th of August. Please make sure you block this day out and join with us raising funds for a very good cause. We have all either been personally affected or know of someone who has suffered from Cancer. Fagan Ford are our local dealer and will be providing support and opportunities to make sure we have a very successful day.

We need your support, along with friends and other colleagues to gain the biggest impact, remembering all funds raised stay in the Wairarapa. As we move towards August, we will have more information available as to how we can all interact with the public to drive an awareness of the day and get their support.

To quickly finish, will have a small surprise when you arrive at Greytown Working Men's Club for the AGM. They are two teardrop flags advertising the club.

This was an idea put forward by Dave Plant after seeing the Wairarapa Machinery Clubs banners at Mauriceville.

Dave has sponsored \$500 towards the teardrops and the club has covered the balance. On behalf of the club I say thank you to Dave for his generosity and vision for the future of the club.

I am sure you will enjoy this visual display as you enter.

That's all from me.

Take Care.

Graham

Cheers Graham

Events 2025

June

Sunday 8th June
Club AGM

Sunday 22nd June
Winter Wander

July Gravel Challenge

August National VCC AGM
 24th August Daffodil Run

September Spring Rally

October New Members Rally

November Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial &
 Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day

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

After a week of foul weather it was a relief to have a dry day on Saturday the 3rd of May as 5 motorcyclists, two car crews and a tail End Charlie set off on this year's Reliability Trial under overcast skies. The route took us north up SH2 to Woodville and across the Saddle Road to Ashurst for a comfort stop and an opportunity to regroup.

Simon Byrne and Neville Taylor enjoying the ride.



Marton for lunch. From there we went through Halcombe and Fielding to Ashurst then across the Pahiatua Track and on to the finish in Masterton.

The trophy for the event was awarded to Simon Byrne on his 1949 BSA B31.

Ian Munro on his AJS



A visitor from Wellington, Bill Wood had felt his AJS 500 nip up a bit as he climbed the Remutakas and it did so again on Mount Bruce so the AJ was loaded onto the trailer for the rest of the day. From Ashurst we went through Colyton and Cheltenham to Vinegar Hill then left down SH1 to Hunterville for lunch and fuel. The sunshine in the Manawatu/ Rangitikei was welcome after the gloomy skies this side of the Tararua. Ian Stewart's navigator Christine was born and bred in Hunterville and was recognised by a number of locals as we sought a suitable place to eat. There was not much choice for lunch in Hunterville on a Saturday.

From Hunterville we headed north west and then down the Turakina Valley and on to Fordell. This section of the route provided great motorcycling roads that were made all the better with the autumn colours on the trees highlighted by the afternoon sun. At Fordell we visited the Paloma Gardens where in addition to the spectacular gardens there is an interesting motorcycle collection. From there it was on to Whanganui to our accommodation at the Top 10 Holiday Camp.

The first task upon reaching our base for the night was to investigate the cause of Bill's AJS. A team of experts went to work and soon found the source of the problem, a missing plug from the top of the carburettor. An improvised plug was inserted and the needle lifted a couple of notches for good measure. After a few lusty kicks the bike fired up and ran smoothly. Bill was able to complete the weekend and return to Wellington with no more trouble. A pleasant meal at the nearest restaurant capped off the day.

Sunday's return route took us back to Fordell then across to SH3 and on to Turakina where we left SH3 and headed to

It was an enjoyable weekend with good roads and friendly company. Many thanks are due to Dave Henwood who volunteered for the Tail End Charlie role. He also organised the excellent dinner. It would have been nice to see a few more members along for the journey so hopefully next year we can convince a few more to come along.

Ian Stewart's beast crests a rise. (Kevin's Caption not the Editors)



Peter's story of his colour choice for his Riley 2 1/2.

At the beginning of 2018 I knew I would at some point be buying a Riley RM and, having bought the latest issue of Classic and Sports Cars (November 2017) I set about reading about Morgans. There in the middle of the magazine was an advert for a new Morgan



The first car I drove was my dad's 1951 Riley RMB which was painted Sun Bronze, with darker contrasting wings. As you can see below that scheme could be ordered from the factory.

However I decided I wanted mine to be all one colour, and in recent years a number of RM Club members have chosen Sun Bronze.

When I saw the Mog in the advert I loved the colour, so I rang the Malvern factory and spoke to the Marketing Manager. He told me he had no idea, as it was a customer's car which they borrowed and it was a special order colour. It turns out it was a Maserati colour - Quarzo Dolomite.



Off I trotted to Supercheap in Masterton and had them make me up a touch up pot. I had by then bought an old Dinky Toys 2 1/2 and set about testing the colour, brushing it on.

The paint I have used is Dulon one-pack from Reese at Wairarapa Autopaint, and the colour changes with the light.

I'm looking forward to when mine is finished as much as the German one in the photo at the bottom of the page!



On Monday evening 5th May Grant Morrell presented the club with an insight into his favourite hobby, NZ Bush Tramway.

This is now all history and disappeared from the NZ bush scene, Grant decided to bring it to life in miniature form for the public to see so he created 3 Mile Bush, a 1:48 scale version for Public display.

A photo of Grants thoroughly enjoyable Presentation



This 1200 x 4800 layout is transported to various shows in the lower Nth Is, it's next showing will be in Palmerston Nth end of June and in Oct down to Chch. Grant's presentation covered all the aspects of how he achieved this amazing layout with the use of 3D printing, laser cutting technology and using very thin sheet brass to construct the models of the bush locomotives. The slide presentation also covered photos of the past of the No8 wire aptitude to bush power with vehicles to run on rail.

The layout was recently at the Carterton train show and some club members got to see 1st hand the incredibly detailed display. Grant also had some table top displays items for members to view over and ask questions on.



One in particular was a Morris 8, a model that he did for Hugh and discussed the trials and errors of 3D resin printing to get the print perfect with all the necessary detail.

Model



The real McCoy



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ALL SHOW ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

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!



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)****



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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



Wairarapa **Zenith**

June 2025