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BOXING DAY PICNIC - MARLBOROUGH

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Chairman's Report



Hi Team and Happy New Year to you all.

We are all well into it now with Christmas just a memory and life busy and back to normal. I trust you all had an enjoyable and peaceful rest time over the Christmas New Year break.

An enjoyable evening Fish 'n; Chip tea at Shelley beach last night and a very good turn out of members and their cars. This was the last event attended by a visitor and friend to our branch since last September. John Chamberlain a friend of mine from the UK has been at our Wednesday morning meetings and attended the odd run with me. He also gave a talk on his life story at our December meeting. John returns home to the UK via USA on Sunday and he expressed his thanks to Bruce, John, Don and any other members who conversed made him feel welcome during his time here. This is John's fifth two yearly visit to our shores ,he loves Blenheim and our club and follows us by our newsletters he would like to emigrate to Blenheim. All going well we will see him again in two years time, or earlier if NZ immigration decides favourably, all the best to you John.

Can I encourage you please to come out with your old vehicles next Wednesday evening to the Vines Village Monthly Market.(4.30-7-30) we have been invited to attend this event and I am told there will be several food caravans, coffee, craft and market stalls, plus the usual village shops will be open plus entertainment. As this is to promote the Vines Village, please Do Not bring your own picnic, but support the participants of the market. Hopefully it will be a warm clear evening to enjoy. We have been allocated a parking area in the gardens behind the lake for vintage and classic cars, moderns park in the carpark. Please meet at the clubrooms by 4 pm so we can all travel out and arrive together.

The end of an era this week with the untimely death of Bev Lucas, wife of the late Ted and really that brings to an end the association of the Lucas Ford family business, its association with our branch and its Marlborough history of some 68 years. As a club we were very privileged to have been involved with the Lucas's, as they were members and donated us the model T Ford and when the business was sold in the late nineties we were also donated many special tools and equipment relating to the 30-80s era of motoring. We have also housed and had the use of the Model A Ford or parked beside the T still owned by the family in our museum. These cars were for a long time maintained by the late Trevor May, who was a lifelong employee of Lucas Bros Ford dealers.

If anyone knows where the microphone for our sound system is please let me know, it had grown legs and the unit cannot be used without it.

Heritage day is just around the corner Feb 6th and this year is combined with National Veteran Car Rally. Earl, Ray, Chris and others in the Veteran team have been busy organising good rally routes, the lunch stop, etc for these local and visiting people. Please can we ask for a good show of your sparkling vehicles as always to our Heritage day event and also donations of food goodies for the kitchen on the day. This is always very much appreciated by Dale and her willing team. Again we hope for a very nice weekend.

Weekly meetings resume this Wednesday 15th, (just reminding you Don R) so see you all then, while I should be assembling a Hubley car or fixing the Vespa instead I'm off to Kaiteriteri for a few days.

Cheers Rob

Club Captain's Report



Hi everyone.

Hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends.

A big thanks to Don and Kaye Register for hosting Boxing Day. Unfortunately we were up North but I understand there was a good turnout with a pleasant place to picnic.

The Club has been invited to display at Vines Village monthly market this month on Wednesday 15th. If you are interested in bringing your club car along please meet at our Clubrooms 3.45pm so we can all travel together. The market runs from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

We have Heritage Day (6th Feb) and hosting the National Veteran Rally 6th,7th and 8th Feb so we will be looking for volunteers around these dates.

As I am a bit late sending my report I thought I would slip in a report on our first outing for 2025. The fish and chips/takeaways at Shelley Beach was very well attended. Thirty-three enjoyed a pleasant late afternoon beside the sea having a chat and their meal of choice. Thanks Helen for the delicious carrot cake.

If you have any ideas for visits or venues I would love to hear from you.

Cheers, Cath Millar

Secretary's Scribblings



Welcome to you all to the New Year, and we are already half way through the first month!

I spent a wonderful couple of weeks over the Christmas period with family at Oxford, in Canterbury, where the farm was very dry when I went down, but there was an abundance of rain over the period which is very beneficial for grass growth, which helps lambs grow and hay paddocks to be shut up and also helps crops planted for winter feed to get a great start.

I have, over the past 7 months had my Model A Engine at the reconditioner, being rebuilt. After waiting 6 months for parts to be available out of America the engine was completed and is now in the car. Then we had a problem with overheating and boiling, even though the Radiator was new 4 years ago. Talking to Tony Flood, he said the radiator was a light weight version of the original, and not heavy enough to cool a new engine, so back to the drawing board. He is looking for a heavy-duty core and none in New Zealand, so looking in Australia, fingers are crossed. Today, Rob Galloway lent me an older radiator which we put in the car, and it is running great and not overheating so let's hope the problem is solved in the meantime. Thanks very much to Model A guru Kevin Millar for the time you have helped me with fitting the new engine.

We had our first Committee Meeting of the New Year last Wednesday, so some of the highlights.

A notice from our National Office about a number of members who have not renewed their subscription. If you have not received your new membership card, you will not be a member. Please renew ASAP as your sub helps your Branch keep going. If you are not going to renew, please let me know.

Around the grounds, the new grass has been sprayed for weeds and will be sprayed again in a few weeks' time to keep these weeds at bay.

The pile of timber at Harris Glade is top complete the curbing around the area. Volunteers will be needed for this job, so if you would like to help, please let the committee know. Many hands make light work! It would be great to have this complete by Heritage Day, 6th February.

As I have said in previous reports, the VCC National Veteran Rally is being held over the days around Heritage Day. We have entries from 30 members, with vehicles from 1900 to 1918 entered, so will be great to see these oldest vehicles as part of New Zealand's motoring history in Blenheim over this time. Entries from as far away as Auckland and Dunedin have been received. It will be great to see two of our own members displaying newly restored Oldsmobile cars these guys have been working on for several years. Well done Rae and John in getting these back on the road!

There will be a display on Heritage Day, along with field events and a fashion parade, and the following day will be Rally day with the route set for a good run for these old cars and bikes.

Here is looking forward to a great year of Heritage Motoring.

Chris Bird



Update from Your Kitchen Custodian

Hope everyone had a nice relaxing Christmas with family and friends. Happy New year and best wishes for 2025 to you all. I would like to THANK everyone that helped in the kitchen for the catering we did before Christmas. It was much appreciated.

Well, here we are again, half way thru the first month of the year this means that we have heritage day coming up on the 6th February, in about 3 weeks time. Again we would appreciate donations of baking. I will be at the club rooms on Wednesday the 5th from 1.30 onwards if anyone wants to bring in their baking then.

January natter & noggin is on Friday 31st and it will be a BBQ at the club rooms at \$10pp.

From the ladies in the kitchen.

Blokes in the Shed...

The 'Blokes in the Shed' are still active with parts being delivered during the Xmas break, of interest being a box of gasket sets for various British motorbikes.

I have been busy and have now completed the sorting of the Brake and Master Cylinder seals and kits, there is now an inventory of what is known and what is being held.

Neville continues to update information on other items sitting on the shelves with plans underway to tackle the jumble of parts in the compound.

Mac McKercher

The *Grape Vine*



We are fortunate to have within our branch some vehicles which are rare owing to low production numbers or unusual design. I recently had the privilege of being able to visit a member's property where what is perhaps the rarest of our branch vehicles is under restoration. A 1921 Brook 520/521 open tourer.

Do not rush to our branch library to look it up. You will not find any reference to it, believe me. I spent many hours looking and found nothing.

It had its origins with the Spacke Co. in Indianapolis who claimed in their advertising they built 200 Brooks during 1921 and 1922. Our Brook restorer believes if you took one '0' off the 200 figure it would be closer to the actual production figure. The local Brook was exported new to South Africa where it was motored by a farmer. Eventually it had a mishap and was banished to a corner of the farm barn. We all know what happens to most vehicles stored in farm barns. Half the parts end up getting used on farm machinery.



Eventually what was left of the car was put in a box and went to England where our member purchased it. He became just the third owner. Bringing it to N.Z. he began what has so far been a forty-year restoration. There was nothing to indicate what the parts were actually parts of.

Fortunately, the South African family of the original owner had old farm records which detailed the purchase and other references to their Brook car dating from 1921.



The first thing to take my eye was a fluted steel section on the front of the car. In my ignorance I commented it was a strange design for a radiator grill. I was politely told the motor was not water cooled so there was no radiator. The flutes allowed air to blow through on to the motor. There was no traditional bonnet either. The fluted section is hinged and swung open like a door to give access to the 45 V twin motor. The 9 HP motor shaft drives to what looks like a differential at the rear of the car. It's not a diff. Final drive through the look alike diff is too one rear wheel only. It may have worked well on the dry South African farm but on a muddy N.Z. farm track the one narrow beaded edged tyre may have struggled to provide forward momentum.

Like a Ford Model T forward, backward, slow and faster motion is provided via pedals on the floor. The car is a small two-seater and only weighs 700lb. A video taken by a family member shows the car in its present unfinished state being driven down the street at quite a respectable speed. It also shows the ride was similar to riding in a small rubber boat in choppy water.

This could be put down to the quarter elliptic springs on each wheel.

Another claim in the Co. advertising was the Brook was \$50 cheaper than Henry's Model T., possibly that was true. Probably it was one of the reasons the Co. went broke after just two years.

There is still work to be done, some mudguards and other panels, seats, upholstery, painting and windscreen but an incredible job done to date.

It would be a good talking piece for a future noggin and natter. No pressure intended.



Motorcycle Report



Eighteen people and fifteen bikes capped off the year with a ride to the Rai for lunch. Giles and Wendy latched on at Havelock with their Triumphs and Baldy continued the Triumph theme with his very nice 350 that he restored, Kelvin flew the flag for AJS having the only one there this time.

A local young lady had been tipped off that we would be at the tavern and arrived on her Honda step thru, I would have got a photo of the bike but you wouldn't have seen it past Ben and Steve who were draped all over it giving pointers and advice. Last month I mentioned Ben had the XR frame painted, after putting in a big effort its now together and running and getting closer to being on the road.

With the national coming up there has been a bit of a flurry in garages to get ready, at last count there are nine of us going, with at least 4four riding all the way up to Palmerston North.

Several members attended the Nelson Classic Bike show on the 4th and 5th of this month with a group taking the opportunity of the good weather to ride over. The show contained a broad cross section of bikes and it was interesting to compare what is now acknowledged as a classic bike, with the bikes at the show now vastly different to what was present in the early years of the show.

Wednesdays midweek ride was held in less than favourable weather conditions and with only three bikes and the backup the prospect of a barbie at Rarangi was not enticing, a barbie in Bens shed five minutes down the road was a far better option! Thanks to Ben Tracy and Elizabeth for having us and cooking up our snarlers.

Glenn



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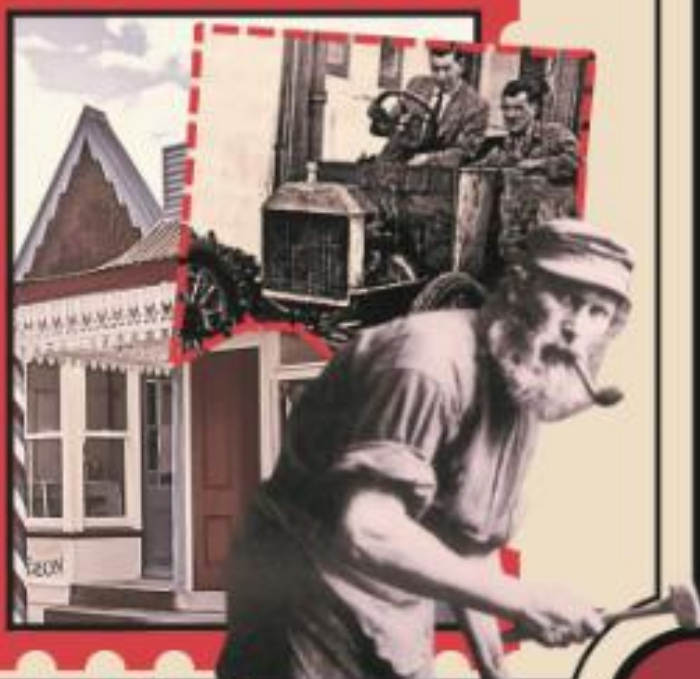
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We have two farms to go through and the Puketoi Range to cross twice, you will be traveling through some very rugged country with lunch at Akitio Station which is just up the road from Akitio Beach.

Sunday we will start from the Coach House Museum in Feilding, Drivers briefing will be at 7:45am first car away 8am. We will be heading north towards Rangiwahia, I am currently waiting for the ground to dry out to go and explore three big farms and a forestry block. Lunch will be either in Rangiwahia or Apiti, then we still have some unexplored back roads to use to get back to Feilding via our favourite ford (the only usable one in the area), to have you back in Feilding approximately 4pm.

Final dinner and prize giving will be back at the Feilding Civic Centre with the usual haggis ceremony to start along with a buffet dinner to follow with a revised menu from last year.

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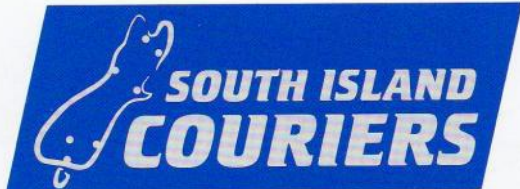
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