

Vintage Viewpoint Marlborough



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To all the Marlborough Branch members, their friends and families,
we hope the Christmas season fills your home with laughter and joy and
you all stay safe and well until we re-open in 2025.

There will be a newsletter in January so watch out for it! And Have a Happy New Year!

Viewpoint is the official publication of the Marlborough Branch of the Vintage Car Club Inc

EVENTS : NOVEMBER

Sunday 15th December Motorcycles leave the park at 11am for a ride to The Rai Valley Tavern

Thursday 26th Dec - Boxing Day
D & K Register, 33 Briggs Road, which is about 200 metres before Onamalutu Domain. BYO lunch and chair etc. All welcome





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CLOSE-OFF for the VINTAGE VIEWPOINT is 7.30pm Friday following the Wed meeting 1st Wed each month.

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Chairman's Report



Hi Team and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Also safe travels and Happy New Year to any who are moving around the country to celebrate the Christmas season with family or friends.

Our branch passes our condolences to Elisabeth Smit and family on the passing of Fred. Fred and Elisabeth, Wellington club members under the guise of "Classic Strider" they visited and spoke of their travels to our branch a couple of years ago on a break from their fantastic tour of many European, Eastern European, South American and many more countries in their 1956 Mercedes Benz and camper trailer. Some of us followed their travels, a tremendous feat in an older car and how they covered so much area saw and did so much, and how they had the stamina and fearlessness, to achieve their dream I'll never know, but they succeeded in their mission until Fred recently fell ill, and they flew home to NZ. Sadly he passed away in Wellington hospital but hopefully they both fulfilled the dream. How many of us could take on a challenge such as they did. Well Done.

Several of us A people have just now returned from a very enjoyable Model A club Christmas BBQ lunch and tremendous spread held at Nelsons Pidgeon Valley Park, the equivalent to our Brayshaw Park, great company great food.

A good turnout for our final VCC Christmas Noggin & Natter held at our club rooms which was catered for us by our own branch famous "Catering Ladies" Team. Once again a huge thankyou to Dale and her team who have looked after our branch members morning teas and various other functions throughout the year.

Thanks also for the volunteer helpers in all the other areas of the branch, our - gardeners, lawns, buildings, spares, museum, newsletter, committee and not forgetting all those who do all the miscellaneous jobs that need doing each week. The branch does not run by itself and much time and cost is volunteered by these people. Your input is very much appreciated and of course we wouldn't have such a great club without you and your assistance.

I understand there is another Christmas Thank - you function for helpers of various departments but I don't know when this is to be.

Russell Greer, not a member we have seen a lot of in recent times as he is always work busy or away racing, however Russell very generously stepped up to carry out some upgrading electrical work in the new sheds for us. Thankyou Russell for your efforts and generosity.

There are plans a foot for a couple of new exhibits in the museum and also some freshening / brightening up of the museum. Myself I feel (and this is not a criticism but time for refreshing) the entrance to the museum is stale and hasn't changed since built and opened in 1984. I would like to see the row of bikes removed, bikes

cleaned up and spread out and displayed through the museum between the other cars. The area where the bikes are and the area over the pit display a vintage or classic car each side so the first view public see on entering our doors are vintage vehicles. Perhaps display one or two of the interesting pedal bikes on the floor and a good freshening of paint to lighten the place up. Can I ask you all to think about this, grab a sheet of paper and sketch out how YOU see this could be altered to best advantage, of course we must keep vehicles on an angle to enable easy removal from the building if necessary. Let's see what suggestions you can come up with and pass your thoughts on to our committee members. Hopefully we can action something here in the new year but a start before Heritage day.

Community events which have recently used our grounds are the Police / Civil Defence run Clued up Kids and the Marl District Council family's Christmas party, good to see continued use and participation of our facilities by the community. Coming up fast after the new year is Heritage day which is also our Veteran Rally weekend. Hoping to see more entries for this as so far entry numbers are slow.

Work continues on changes to the club constitution, and the latest reports are no changes to the WOF system for old cars for now.

Well that's enough for this year. Remember what a great Club we have here in our Blenheim and again Thankyou for all members support.

Have a great Christmas, **Cheers Rob.**



Club Captain's Report

Gosh, where has last month gone?

We had a great turnout for our Christmas Noggin and Natter, so I am guessing everyone is getting into the festive mode.

Our 2025 Calendar. This is selling fast at \$15, so be in quick if you haven't already got one, or want another one for the loo.

Boxing Day 26 December. Don and Kaye Register, Onamalutu, have kindly offered their property again for us to have a lunch time get together. Bring along your picnic and seats.

Directions : Cross Wairau River on highway No 6, left into North Bank Road, via Right to take Onamalutu Road, Their house is at 33 Briggs Road which is about 200 metres before you get to Onamalutu Domain. Lookout for a VCC sign .

First outing for 2025. Friday 10th January

Club Captain's Report Continued...

Take A Ways or Fish n Chips at Shelly Bay, Picton – meet there 5.30pm with your food of choice. Might pay to put in a picnic chair too.

Thank you for supporting the outings I have organised this year. If your health has let you down I hope you have a much better year 2025. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Cheers, Cath.

Secretary's Scribblings



Well, here we are, only a couple of weeks till Christmas and the New Year of 2025. Hasn't this past year gone fast, and we are sitting here wondering where it went.

We had our last Committee meeting of 2024 last week so here is some of the highlights.

Our Branch Finances are in good health. There are various pots of money coming to the Branch, one of is the annual \$35 fee paid as part of your subscription to the national body. I had an email yesterday from the National Office with a list of those members in arrears, who still have not paid their subs. We have 28 people on the list, so if you are one of those please pay up. You would have received a reminder notice as of late November. If you do not want to continue as a member, please let me know so your name can be removed from the list, and maybe include a reason why you are resigning.

The Brayshaw Heritage Park Administrators are in the process of organising the Heritage Day events on 6th February 2025, which will be here before we know it. They will require at least 4 volunteers on the day for gate duty and collection money from the public.

On that day, along with the National Veteran Rally here there will be a public display of Veteran vehicles, these being older than 1919, and we already have cars back as far as 1900 entered. Those mem-

bers locally with Veteran cars and bikes, please get your entries in, they close on 6th January, and it would be embarrassing if you missed out. There will be NO LATE ENTRIES.

The curbing around Harris Glade can now be finished off with the timber you will see in the bundle there. We need help with this so if you can offer to help, please let me know. The more people to help will make the job a lot easier than just one or two doing it.

The new grass on Patchetts Green is up and away with weeds coming through, so Jim will be spraying that to get rid of those.

It is somewhat disappointing that the years of work being done by the VCC and the Federation of Motoring Clubs on yearly WOF's has come to nought and has been turned down by NZTA. There is the possibility of Veterans being OK'd for this, but in many other countries, older vehicles do not need to go through this process at all. As someone said, maybe it is just a money-making enterprise.

Your Clubrooms will be closing on the 18th of December for the Christmas break, and the first Smoko in 2025 will be the 15th of January

That is all I have for this year. I wish you all a great Christmas and look forward to a prosperous 2025. Have a great Summer of Heritage Motoring.

Update from Your Kitchen Custodian



It's hard to believe another year has passed us by they seem to be going faster and faster or I'm getting slower and can't cram as much in 12 months as I used to.

It has been another busy year in the kitchen starting with Heritage day in February, our Wednesday morning teas which are still popular, and then various other functions and of course the midwinter and end of year christmas dinners.

The club natter & noggin which was our Christmas dinner on the 29th November was very well attended by 50 of the club members, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped in the kitchen over the last year and also everyone that did the vacuuming of the Redmond room it has been very much appreciated.

Best wishes to everyone and a merry Christmas to you all.

From the ladies in the kitchen.



Blokes in the Shed...

It really can be fun working in the spares. A funny story from Jerry had us laughing, when he related his ownership of a Morris 1100. "Worst bloody car I ever owned. I left in a pub car park with keys in in. It was there for a few days and nobody stole it. What does that tell you".

The blokes in the garage have the maintenance equipment coming along nicely. With the valve cutting machine and tyre changing machine proceeding well.

Our recently acquired Ford zephyr spares are selling well with a couple of good sales recently.

You might like give it a thought to being a part of a small team to roughly assemble our collection a of 1924 Swift tourer into a more presentable restoration project. Contact the shed blokes if you are interested.

Well it's the Christmas season arriving this month. So seasons greetings to all. See you in 2025. Stay safe.

Cheers
The Major

Motorcycle ride to Pelorus Tavern



The *Christmas Noggin' & Natter*





Photos : Graham Wiblin

Motorcycle Report

We had a good turn out for the run to the Trout with twenty-four people. Pam and Paula did the pillion thing on the two Triumphs and Trev brought Dave and Tiger in the back up.

The day got off to rough start with one bike running for home at Renwick with a rapidly deflating rear tyre. The new look Trout was reached with out further incident and with parking at a bit of a premium we took over the picnic area and some of the footpath. While some made a beeline for lunch others took advantage of the local fair in progress to make some purchases. When it came time to go one bike decided that this was a perfect opportunity to start giving gear box trouble, unfortunately that particular part of the gear box was attached to the kick it and go pedal resulting in kick and definitely no go, so on to the trailer, with that sorted the next stop was just out of Renwick with another bike down and out, this time with probable electrical problems. By my reckoning this is the first time in over a year that the trailer has had to be used, which is either a testament to the restoration and maintenance skills of our members or good luck. Several members took the opportunity to attend The Positive Earth rally recently, my commiserations go to several of them, an unfortunate case of sickness befell them over the weekend and for some the following week, the riding home with the associated vibrations would not have been conducive to retaining control of there lower regions. As a continental rider of the 1960's wrote when unuse to local cuisine along with spark plugs and chain links in your tool box a suitable sized cork could indeed cut back on the laundry bills!

The Wednesday night run was low on numbers possibly due to the previously stated health issues with only five riders. Roy must have been feeling nostalgic with son Vincent visiting and shoe horned him into the side car, probably thirty plus years since he last sat there, Vince was probably grateful that Roy didn't have a quick ring round and try and fit Doug and Scott in there as well, as it used to be a common sight to see the side car lid lifted and 3 boys scramble out. Laurie joined us for his first ride on his recently restored BSA, unfortunately it suffered fuel starvation issues and had a quick trip on the trailer before the issue was sorted and he finished the ride on his own steam. Thanks to Paul and Bill for the backup.

In the shed Steve has Mindy's Triumph back on the road after a engine freshen up, Ben has the Honda XL frame painted, Paul's sidecar frame is well on the way, Zig decided to investigate why the Knuckles seat post was bottoming out and last I saw had reduced the bike to a bare frame on the bench and Kelvin's Trident is getting a new wiring harness and engine birthday so plenty going on.

Glenn



Motorcycle Calendar

Sunday 15th December

Leave the park at 11am for a ride to The Rai Valley



The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc.)
The Historic Vehicle Authority of New Zealand

29th VCC National Motorcycle Rally

25 - 27 January 2025





Vintage Car Club Of NZ Marlborough Branch

History of the 1922 Ace Motorcycle in The Branch Clubrooms

On the 23rd of March 1923 Marlborough resident Roy Boyce paid 123 pounds to Hillman Brothers Cycle Shop for a 1922 Ace Motorcycle. Over 100 years later Roy's Ace is still in Marlborough having been gifted to the Marlborough Vintage Car Club in 2013.

From the day of its purchase to its gifting to the Marl VCC the Ace was continuously in the ownership of the Boyce family. It was the desire of the family to see the Ace remain in Marlborough where the Ace and the Boyce family had such a long local history. Roy Boyce used his Ace extensively through out his life for transportation around Marlborough and the top of the South Island. In 1925 along with three friends a trip on their motorcycles was made to visit the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition in Dunedin. The three friends were all riding English motorcycles and may have had trouble keeping up with Roy and the Ace. A photo taken outside the Adelphi Hotel in Kaikoura on the return home show the three companions had changed their English motorcycles to American made Indians. The Ace was used continuously until it became out dated and was put aside.

In the early 1970's Roy's nephew John Boyce took over ownership with the intention of restoring the Ace and entering it in the VCC of NZ National Motorcycle Rally in Blenheim in 1977. Time and early road conditions had not been kind to the paint and running gear. Perhaps surprisingly a strip down of the motor revealed very little wear. The restoration was completed in time for the rally. John continued to use the Ace on local runs and trips to Nelson and attended the National VCC Motorcycle Rally in Auckland in 1979. The Ace won the Marlborough branch trophy for the best motorcycle in 1979.

The current milage reading on the Ace speedometer is 37610. It is probable only a few hundred of those miles were recorded by John. If the recorded mileage is accurate, it would explain the lack of engine wear found when John stripped the motor. John eventually sold his farm in the Awatere Valley and moved into Blenheim. The Ace was stored in his conservatory emerging only occasionally. Following the death of his wife, John moved to a remote area of the Marlborough Sounds, not wishing to keep the Ace in a salty air environment he asked if the VCC would keep it on display in the museum clubrooms. On rare occasions John would turn up with a can of petrol, start the Ace and run it for a minutes.

The final step was the gifting in 2013. It has remained and will continue to remain on display in the Marlborough VCC Museum.

Regrettably it is no longer motored as the high value of the rare Ace makes insurance for on road use prohibited except for display purposes.



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5TH TO 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday 5th February 2025

From 5pm

Registration Packs – Collect from Marlborough VCC Clubrooms at
Brayshaw Heritage Park, Arthur Baker Place. (Off New Renwick Road)

Natter & Noggin including a Light Meal, BYO Drinks.

Thursday 6th February

Heritage Day at Brayshaw Park.

Please have your cars and bikes at Brayshaw Park by 9am to go on Public Display on Patchetts Green.

This is the main open day of the year for the Park users to show off to the public of Marlborough what they do.

Please wear Period Costume on the day. There will be a fashion parade during the day. Prize for Best Dressed Couple.

There will also be a games type of event/ field tests for participants during the day.

Meals today are at your own expense including evening meal. The Marlborough Branch will have food on sale during the day.

Friday 7th February,

Rally Day.

9:00am

Rally Briefing at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms. Please park on Patchetts Green.

Lunch will be your own responsibility. The lunch will be at a lovely garden setting.

10am

Rally starts.

Take care and enjoy.

From 5:30pm

Dinner (BYO Drinks) at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms

Saturday 8th February

Possibly a look through the Omaka Aviation Museum, TBC

A visit to Marlborough Lines Generation Museum.

Sunday 9th, Monday 10th

Prince Henry tour.

This will be a hub tour of 2 days based in Blenheim.

Please indicate on entry form if you wish to participate.

For further information, Contact Chris Bird,

0272471089

marlborough@vcc.org.nz



2025 VCC NZ National Veteran Rally

Entry Form

Entries Close 6th January 2025

Email to: **marlborough@vcc.org.nz** (Preferred)

Post to : **PO Box 422, Blenheim, 7201**

Entrants Name			
Entrants Address			
Town/City		PostCode	
Telephone		Cell phone	
Email			
Navigator's Name			
Other Passengers			
VCC Branch		Membership No.	
Vehicle-Make		Year	
Model		Registration No	
VIC number			
FEES			
Rally Entry Fee	Per Vehicle	Includes Plaque	\$70
Wednesday N&N	Per PersonX \$20	\$
Friday Dinner	Per Person X\$40	\$
		TOTAL	\$

Please let us know of any dietary requirements

Participation in Prince Henry Tour, No cost, all at your own expense. Yes No

Payment	Internet	Account 03 0599 0246604 01 Vintage Car Club--Marlborough Include Vehicle Registration Number and Name as Reference

HIGHLAND FLING FEILDING

Welcome to the 2025 Highland Fling

25th – 27th April 2025

Organiser – Derek Haycock, Manawatu Branch – 0274 419 153
Address - 375 Albert Street, Hokowhitu, Palmerston North 4410
Email, Entries and Enquiries – highlandflingfeilding@gmail.com



Hello Flingers,

Friday 25th April 2025, collect rally packs from The Stockyard Restaurant and Café 50 Manchester Street, Feilding from 4pm.

The Fun Starts on Saturday 26th April early morning at the Tui Brewery Mangatainoka between Woodville and Pahiatua, this is approximately ONE HOURS drive from Feilding. Drivers briefing will be at 7:45am first car away soon after.

Make no mistake folks this is going to be a BIG day; the rally route alone will be 160ish miles. Make sure you are carrying extra fuel!!

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.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Driver's Name			
Navigator's Name			
Number of additional crew			
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Suburb			
City		Postcode	
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Email Address			
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VCC Branch		Membership Number	

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Qty											
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								Entry Fee per vehicle	1	\$60.00	
								Sunday Evening prize giving meal @\$55.00 BYO Drinks/Glasses			
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SOUTH ISLAND
Club
Captain's
TOUR

Friday 11 April – Friday 18 April 2025

Closing date for entries
15 March 2025

TOUR ITINERARY

Friday 11th: Arrive Dunedin

Saturday 12th: Dunedin to Gore

Sunday 13th: Gore to Te Anau,
or Gore to Te Anau via the George Begg
Festival at Teretonga Park (as an option)

Monday 14th: Te Anau –
Tourist attractions and run to Milford
for those that wish

Tuesday 15th: Te Anau to Alexandra

Wednesday 16th: Alexandra to Twizel

Thursday 17th:
Twizel to Methven

Friday 18th: Methven to Christchurch
(This is registration day for the
South Island Easter Rally based in
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What's on this month

Sunday 15th December Motorcycles leave the park at 11am for a ride to The Rai Valley Tavern

Thursday 26th Dec - Boxing Day D & K Register, 33 Briggs Road, which is about 200 metres before Onama-lutu Domain. BYO lunch and chair etc. All welcome

On down the road....

Fri 10 January 2025 - Shelly Bay, Picton 5.30pm. Fish n Chips or Take a Ways. Meet there. Plus picnic chair.