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**Motorcycle Section September Run
to Wairau Valley Tavern**

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EVENTS : OCTOBER

Sunday 20th October Motorcycles leave the park at 11am for a ride to the Linkwater pub.

Friday 25th October: Natter & Noggin. POT LUCK Desert night main will be provided

Sun 3 November - Garden/ History Run, BYO Picnic lunch – meet Clubrooms 10am



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Chairman's Report



Hi

I hope good

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today
spring
Let's
week-
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20 of
only a
away.

planned so if you haven't
form in to Chris B quick.

Sadly another of our members has passed on recently. Johnny Johnson was a very friendly regular member with us for a long time driving his red Morris Minor truck and was a busy helper in many of the maintenance tasks around the sheds and grounds, also in the farm machinery club and maintenance man at the Historic Springlands Power Station, Johnny you will be missed.

The "Player of the day or Man of the month Award " has to go to Arthur Anderson who kindly gave up his time on a recent Friday afternoon, opening his electrical shed and repaired a Model A generator to keep a Takaka member travelling from Takaka to Kaikoura on the road. What's more he then overhauled the man's original generator the following week and posted it back to Takaka. Well done "Arfa" and many thanks for your effort.

Thank you also to Laurence Brehaut, who stepped up and reinstalled all the petitions in the three toilets after the new vinyl had been laid. Not an easy task as the vinyl layer removed it all and Lawrence had to work out how it all re fitted, again. Also in here a belated thank you to Barry Newman who sorted out the roof issues in the electrical shed, to you both Lawrence and Barry your work is much appreciated.

In our newsletter each month we have several business's who have for many years supported us with their advertising. One of these "Guthrie Bowrons" was the company who quoted and we chose to strip out and replace the Lino in our kitchen and toilets, it was good for our club to be able to support them in return. Thank you Guthrie Bowron for a job well done.

Thank you also to all those business's that have continued to support us over the years in our newsletter and members please support these advertisers in return when you need a tradie job or a service done.

The committee recently received a comment re the branch finances, which are in very good heart

Team,

you have all had a month.

write this in be-
grandkids soccer
nament games at
park and the weath-
here yesterday and
has been brilliant,
must have arrived.
hope we get a
end like this for the
nual rally on the 18-
October, yes it's
couple of weeks

A very good run is
already get your entry

considering the tight times we have been living in since 2021 lockdown. This can be attributed to wise non wasteful and good management by your current committee and those committees that have gone before us. We have a very good club.

We should be extremely grateful for the generous base of volunteers who put their effort in so we don't in many cases have to pay for labour charges and again for the generosity of various business the branch has been associated with who often have supplied materials to us at cost or no charge. This is a huge bonus to our branch and saves us funds. Ask me if you want to know who these guys are.

Funds generated are of course from a portion of the subs members pay, kitchen catering events, club rallies, general fundraising ,sales of spare parts and we have benefited at times from some members donating vehicles which have been later sold, on top of this there is some returns from term deposits from any savings. In my 48 year in the VCC, with 40 of those in this branch this is how we have operated and all works well. Actually its normal business practice.

On the other side of the coin branch funds are used for many purposes an example of this is in the last month new vinyl in the kitchen and bathrooms, spraying out and redrilling the grass on Patchetts Green a major increasing insurance account, mower repairs, these on top of the general monthly accounts the branch have to manage. several thousand roars worth. So to recap money comes in - money paid out , we are just fortunate to have a bit left to reinvest wisely. The Marlborough branch is managed well and in very good heart, your current committee make no excuses for that. Long May it continue.

Over many years our members have visited many interesting places of interest in our province. It is always a hard job for our club captains to seek out fresh places to visit. In the recent survey (of which only about 30 members responded) several people asked for runs to places of interest, so if you know of a suitable place, private or public, you visited recently or 50 years ago, or perhaps the club visited a long time ago, please speak up, let the club captains know, they will do the ground work but they always need fresh ideas from you please.

The presentation of the Daffodil Day Cancer fundraising funds and raffle funds from the Woodworkers chair donation will be handed over to Cancer society this coming Wednesday morning. Our fundraising was considerably down this year, but that was addressed in last months newsletter, however still a generous donation to be presented and thanks again to all involved.

Referring to last months magazine photo of Earl and the Labrador dog.

How many of you attended Anthony's Basis clearing sale?

The photo in last months magazine of Earl and the Lab dog seated outside the building by the BBQ.

Earlier the dog had been curled up asleep on the ground, but around lunchtime I went outside from the auction to buy a coffee and sausage. Here I found Earl in one chair and the Labrador now seated human like in the chair beside him, on first view it looked like they were deep in conversation.

You were asked to caption the photo.

My caption is -

"Look mate, Rose has gone off and left me behind, I'll buy you a sausage if I can come home with you"



Club Captain's Report



Another month has quickly gone by.

I guess some have been busy in their gardens. I am boasting a fantastic strike of parsnips this year, first one in many years.

September started off with a lunch at the Runway Café. This was well attended and enjoyed by twenty-four members. The café was most appreciative of our booking as trade is down with construction of the Airport roundabout.

Later in the month fifteen members went Ten Pin bowling. Another fun afternoon. The new bowler (Kevin) took top honours, followed by Don and Earl. Ladies honours went to Paula, Margie and Janice.

Our Noggin and Natters (last Friday of the month) are very popular, especially the Pot Luck ones. No cost and a lovely selection of delicious food to choose from. With daylight saving there is more time to natter, so come along and join us.

I have arranged a garden/history trip to the Ward area for the 3rd November. Pack a picnic lunch and meet at the Clubrooms 10am.

We are the hosts of the Biennial Rally this month, 18,19, and 20th. An interesting run has been organised. I am sure Chris would take a late entry if you forgot!

As I write this it is raining, so that will be good for the recently sown grass on Patchetts Green. Safe travels if you are going to the Canterbury Swap Meet.

Labour Weekend

If you are wondering where to go, here is a suggestion for Saturday 26th October - Head to Linkwater School Fair (10am - 1pm) free, via Picton, then onto Havelock craft fair 10am - 4pm or lunch. Or maybe lunch at Queen Charlotte Tavern, Linkwater. Your choice.

Cheers, Cath.

Blokes in the Shed...

It is with respect and sadness that the Blokes in the shed remember Johny Johnson. A very capable, friendly worker in the parts shed over many years. John you shall be fondly remembered. Our thoughts are with Janet and family.

Progress continues in various areas, with electrical wiring installed in the workshop area.

Mac McKercher has been doing a job recovering our stock of brake slave and master rubber seals back into order after our fire.

Our leader of the shelves, sorting everything into an organized state has taken a month off for an overseas trip. A well deserved break Neville.

The number two shed has had some wall space cleared and a new gasket display is being created. Looking good thus far.

A selection of items are been taken to the Canterbury Swap Meet, Fingers crossed for good sales.

The Major

Secretary's Scribblings



I have been away for 3 weeks helping my son on his farm near Oxford. It is great to help out family, and be with the grandchildren when they need help, or just to chat. Even though we had snow down to the level with Oxford, and at the top of the farm about 700 meters high there was 40 cm, it did not last long luckily, and lambing and calving were in full swing.

From our Committee meeting.

Our accounts are in great order, but we need funds coming in from member subs, the parts sheds and catering, as we have just spent close to \$7,000 on new flooring in the kitchen and toilet areas, and the insurance premium of \$6700 has also been paid.

You would have all received your subscription notice from the National Office. Please pay this as the branch portion does keep us ticking along for the next year.

We have had some resignations mainly due to ill health but have a few new members trickling in each month.

On the car run front we have our Biennial Rally coming up on the weekend of 17/18 October. I find it interesting going to an event where you do not know where we are going, but it is fairly common knowledge that we are going out to the Cape Campbell lighthouse. This has taken some organisation, as we pass through two private properties to get there, you cannot just rock up and drive out there. \$20 from the entry fee per vehicle is being donated to the recently completed Flaxbourne Heritage Centre which has been rebuilt since being wrecked in the Kaikoura earthquake in 2016. Entries close on 7th October but still time to get yours in if you hurry. This is open to ALL CLUB ELIGIBLE VEHICLES.

Around the grounds, you will have noticed the area at the far end of Patchetts Green where the containers were has been sprayed off, and direct drilled with new grass. Please keep off the area until the grass has well struck. Thanks to Jim Mclean for the spraying and organising the seed and drilling.

There is some steel shelving which were in the shed

when it burnt down which is available for members if you want it. Some will be going into the trailer shed to store gardening equipment on. Please speak to a committee member if you would like this. It does need painting.

I sent out a survey of members a couple of months ago so the committee could get an idea where you would like your local Branch of the VCC to be heading. Very disappointed in the numbers returned so far. If you are a member who does not participate much how about filling this out as you might have some idea of what you would like to be involved with.

The committee is soon to do an audit of our facilities to work out what funds need to be spent on upgrades, or making things better for you, our members. Please let us know if you think of anything around our grounds and buildings which need work.

That's it for this month. The weather is warming up, and some of us are getting out and about in our old cars. If you have an idea of where you would like to go for a run, or just somewhere to have a cuppa and a chat, please let us know.

Have a great month of Heritage Motoring. I know that I will.

Chris Bird

New Members

We welcome Colin and Andrea Evason, Witherlea, 1964 MGB Roadster.

Hope to see you out and about on runs with us.

Update from Your Kitchen Custodian



Its hard to believe another year has nearly passed us by and we are getting close to the silly season.

The Wednesday smoko's are back with a good attendance and the new lino is looking good.

We had two functions in September. Natter and noggin was also a very successful night with thirty-five people and plenty of variety in the food department.

October natter & noggin will be a desert night, Stay well and enjoy the warmer weather

From the ladies in the kitchen.

2024 Marlborough Trial



AVON HYDE 1943 - 2024

Very sad to learn of Avon's passing . He was such an inspiration to all of us, and indeed the benchmark to be attained, in Mud Trialling over years of competition. Often the words 'how the hang did he do that!' were mentioned when witnessing his driving skills on courses that the rest of us were struggling on. We were so privileged that he could make it up to the Marlborough Trial just a couple of weeks ago. He had a ball, and loved having another drive in Doris 2, along with Allan and Maria.

One of my lasting memories of Avon, was him driving with a durie in his mouth, getting to the end of the course, then putting his hand in the air in triumph! (complete with ciggy!)



Peter Thwaites







Thank you to all those who contributed their time to make this event the best of the season!

Special thanks to the Argo six wheeler vehicle - Dave travels from Nelson every year to assist pull vehicles out of rivers, mud, fences and ditches!



Motorcycle Report

Uncertain weather may have put a few off but nine bikes plus another six in cars threw the dice on the weather and headed up Wairau Valley where fortunately it was summer. Viv and Barry rode their vintage AJS's Viv's a 350cc and Barry on the 500cc with both bikes performing well on the ride. Barry purchased the bulk of Viv's bike from a local member acquired an OHV engine that local guru Graham worked his magic on and turned out a very sporty bike.

An uneventful ride up the valley had everyone there for lunch, Giles and Wendy joined us after participating in the Royal Enfield rally on the coast which turned into an amphibious rally with the coast living up to its weather reputation. While most were riding the modern Enfield's Giles and Wendy had the two oldest bikes and from the amount of interest the most technically interesting as well.

The next event for four members was the Hororata swap meet where varying degrees of restraint was shown, Paul had a fixed list of needs, didn't deviate from the plan and kept his hands firmly planted in his pockets. Mindy scored a tool box for the BSA, a dinky tail light and a big arse Brooklyn can muffler that wouldn't look out of place on a Brough Superior. I promised Steve I wouldn't tell tales on him so he wasn't seen early in the morning gleefully running back to the camper clutching an armful of Honda step thru parts while wearing his matchless jacket. I showed none of the above common sense and without any adult supervision proceeded to empty my wallet and fill the van with little I actually needed, things that may or may not be useful in the future, and a kickstart that came as a bulk deal with 1 banana box and 2 paint pails of assorted metal and knacked bolts that now grace the club scrap bin.

Our monthly Wednesday night runs were due to start

this month but with impending rain forecast I cancelled early and of course it didn't rain, hopefully by next month the weather will be more settled.

Glenn



Motorcycle Calendar

Sunday 20th October

Leave the park at 11am for a ride to the Linkwater pub.





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

29th VCC National Motorcycle Rally

25 - 27 January 2025



Hosted by North Otago Branch

Rally is based in Oamaru

25 - 28th Oct 2024

Entries close 27th Sep 2024

Entry forms and details available in the Redwood room



MARLBOROUGH BRANCH BIENNIAL RALLY

18 - 20 Oct 2024



PROGRAMME

Friday 18th October

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

Saturday 19th October

9:00am

Rally Briefing at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms, Brayshaw Heritage Park
Lunch will be your own responsibility.

10am

Rally starts

Approximately 86 miles, 140 kms, Some gravel sections
Take care and enjoy

From 5:00pm

Dinner (BYO Drinks) at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms



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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