

Vintage Viewpoint Marlborough



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Photo from the 2024 Marlborough/Nelson Biennial Rally



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EVENTS : NOVEMBER

Sunday 17th Nov : Motorcyclists leave the park at 11 am for a ride to the Trout Hotel.

Friday 29th Nov : Christmas Natter and Noggin is on the Names please ...



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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,,

I bet you all have been saying "Where has this year gone?"

In February I remember my 12 year old grandson saying "I'm in middle school this year Chief" well yesterday he asked me to "come to school prizegiving," so yeah, Where has this year gone?

Many enjoyed our last two very well organised club runs the first being the bi annual rally which took us to the Cape Campbell lighthouse travelling through the pine nut plantations. A very enjoyable day with great talks by the pine plantation manager and Sally Peter farm owner on the history of the area. We had limited time when we finally arrived at the lighthouse due to many who took the wrong track and got lost but we all saw a lot in an area most people never get to see.

The second run last weekend was to Herb and Pip Thomson's farm at Ward beach. Again a very enjoyable run lovely garden setting and most informative historical talk on this property which has been in the Thomson family for 103 years. Pip also served us her delicious home made Christmas cake to top off our lunch.

Thank you to our hosts for these visits and to the organisers, a good turnout of cars and members to both events.

Several members attended the Canterbury swapmeet and a few others planned to get to the South Canterbury Mt Cook Rally. Unfortunately weather conditions prevented this and the trip was called off, a wise decision.

The parts dept has housed for many years several items of machinery tools from the Lucas Ford workshop. One of these tools is a precision honing machine which was just gathering dust. This machine along with all its many components has been loaned by the committee to the "custodianship" of Roy Gardner, whose engineering skills will be put to use on this machine once he works it out. Roy has said anyone who needs machining or honing work he is happy to assist them. This machine remains branch property but under Roy's care for the foreseeable future.

This weekend again Marlborough has held its annual Garden Marlborough events and the A&P show. Did you know that in the early 1900s the business's of Picton and possibly some in Blenheim closed for the day to enable all who wished to board the train travel to Blenheim and visit the A&P show? Times have changed somewhat with the much of the province farmlands now in viticulture and with much diminished cropping, sheep and cattle in our countryside the show this year only a one day event, our club put on a display of vehicles last year but with our recent activities were too busy this time to attend.

With those events over and today the 9th of Nov I'll leave you all with the happy thought that it's only forty-six days to Christmas.

Cheers Rob.

Club Captain's Report



It has been a busy month.

Our Secretary Chris organised a great run for the Biennial Rally.

It took us through a maze of pine nut trees (some members seeing a lot more than others) before arriving at the Cape Campbell lighthouse. Informative talks were given by Lee Paterson on the Pinoli pine nuts and by Sally Peter on the Lighthouse and their surrounding farmland. The day ended with a delicious evening meal at our Clubrooms.

Sunday 3rd November we visited Herb and Pip Thomson's property at Ward.

Pip gave us an enlightening talk on the property that has been in their family for over 100 years. The garden was a delightful spot for our picnic lunch despite a cool southerly hanging around.

Our 2025 calendar is at the printer.

To all Members with health issues we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you back at the Club when you feel better.

Cheers, Cath.

Secretary's Scribblings



Well, what a month just past.

We had a great Biennial Rally with very complementary comments after it, so these sorts of comments make it worthwhile to organise these events.

The following weekend, four vintage cars and crews from Marlborough had booked in to do the South Canterbury Mt Cook rally. We were going to be driving down on Friday but looking at the weather we had a meeting and decided that being safe at home was going to be the thing to do so we pulled out. There was heavy rain, and snow on the Saturday with 40 cm at Twizel where we were due to stay for 2 nights and 60 cm at Mt Cook which the rally did get top on the Sunday. Oh well, there is always next year!!

Now we are busy organising the VCC National Veteran Rally here in February 2025.

From our Committee meeting on Wednesday:

Catherine and Linda have organised branch calendars to be printed again so these will be on sale very soon. If you want one, get in quick as they are of limited supply.

Don reported that there has been vandalism in the newly refurbished toilets in the Park with is very disappointing to hear.

More sleepers are being obtained to complete the edging around Harris Glade, so watch out for calls for volunteers to help install these.

There is still steel shelving available from after the fire, so if anyone wants some please let us know.

There was a suggestion some time ago that the Veteran Swift car which is at the parts complex could be reassembled and then put up for sale. This could be done over the Pit area in the museum, as a project going forward. We need someone to lead this. Please volunteer your time. It would be great if this was done before the Veteran rally in February.

There had been a comment from a concerned person about the ongoing issues around the Historical Society Museum. Once again to reiterate, this has nothing to do with the Vintage Car Club and does not affect our operation.

It was decided that 2 or 3 people on the committee need to look at our assets, and what upgrades are needed. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

That is all for this month.

Have a great month of Heritage Motoring.

Chris Bird



Update from Your Kitchen Custodian

Hi

Another month has passed us by and as we are now being reminded that it is only 46 days until the jolly man comes down the chimney.

This year we have had a busy time in the kitchen, with our Wednesday morning teas which are still very popular, a good time for the men folk to come and have a chat, the annual Heritage day, Daffodil day, Bi-annual rally as well as mid winter Xmas dinners and other functions. We still have a few more before the end of the year.

Our last Natter & Noggin for this year will be our Christmas function. This is Friday 29th November. We will want names please.

From the ladies in the kitchen.

Blokes in the Shed...

Our gaskets received a hard time in the fire last year and with a recent sort out they have been reduced considerably (*in number not in original size from melting*).

However Neville and his helper Mac have a new spot that has been created for all the head and tappet cover gaskets and it is looking good.

Wall space has also been created in the number two shed for all the various manifold gaskets that suffered reduced numbers as well.

Donations are continuing to steadily arrive and a recent crate of interesting and useful parts have been received from a generous donor in Picton. Thank you.

A Shout out and big thanks to Russell Greer for his wiring of our garage.

Cheers

The Major

The *Grape Vine*



The reason behind re-introducing the grapevine page in the vintage viewpoint was to provide some motoring and restoration content in the newsletter. I cannot keep the grapevine continuing on a monthly basis if I do not have information on what is happening in members sheds and on the road.

If anyone is doing a restoration, obtained a VCC eligible vehicle or anything else of VCC interest let me know so it can be included in the grapevine. Who knows someone may read about your restoration and remember they have some parts or knowledge to help with your project. Let me know or better still write it up yourself and get to too me, thanks Trev 578 4142.

A VIC application passed through my hands recently for a 1980 Suzuki G.S. 800 recently purchased by a local member. So what? You may ask. Well, the Suzuki is forty-four years old and only done 11,399 miles, one previous owner, original condition with aftermarket extras. How lucky can you get?

Thumbs up to the three blokes and two ladies who rode motorcycles in our recent branch biannual rally over predominately gravel roads. The crew of their back up vehicle noticed they were sometimes airborne and sometimes travelling sideways, however they did not fall off and were five of only eight out of forty-odd entrants who did not get lost amongst the pine nut forest.

Had only one mechanical problem which was fixed in five minutes. Physical ailments suffered by the riders were overcome by half an hour of hot water soaking and half a tube of deep heat applied to arms, legs and backs. Cleaning and re-tightening of motorcycle nuts and bolts continues.

Thumbs up also to Colin and Zig who ignored all warning of heavy rain in the South Island and set off on their machines to participate in the prestigious annual Dunvegan motorcycle rally. Two thirds of the way to Dunedin they were soaking wet and could go no further as all road's south were closed. They were joined by a number of other riders from top of the south branches and a small number from Dunedin who got out of the flooded city by back roads around Taieri Heads. Obviously Dunvegan was a non-starter. What do you do? You get wetter by organising a substitute rally around what areas of the lower south which was not flooded, then you ride home in the rain. One of the motorcycles is still in pieces after being stripped to remove water and mud from place water and mud should not be, reminds me of the old film classic, *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machine*.

Next month we may have a report on the Mt Cook rally which was also affected by forecasts of adverse weather. Several of our local members were entered in their cars of a well-known make and model. Perhaps we will not get a report. Unlike the bikers they looked at the weather and stayed home. (Sorry A team I could not resist it).

Trev



Motorcycle Report

It's been fairly busy for some of the motorcyclists this month, first off Zig and Colin were due to attend the Dunvegan rally in Dunedin, the fact that Dunedin was due to disappear under 6 feet of water that weekend wasn't a deterrent knowing full well they were going to get soaked, an extra pair of grubs and socks were packed and bikes pointed south overnighting in CHCH.

The Friday weather was fairly average, with roads into Dunedin shutting, the rally was shifted to slightly less soggy pastures and the Dunvegan that wasn't was completed, following this was the Christchurch swap meet.

Steve threw the Honda step thru on the trailer to see if he could find some parts, unfortunately the weight of the little Honda caused the trailer wheel to deflate and the music being played up front drowned out the disintegration tyre along with the sound of the rim grinding itself away, fortunately the Honda redeemed itself by being the centre of attraction over the course of the weekend with several leads for parts being turned up.

Five bikes took part in the local rally, Viv on the 350 AJS, Barry the vintage AJS, Steve on the '36 Matchless and Mindy on the compy Matchless and me on the 350 Ariel, roughly 100 miles was covered through the Taylor (gravel) blind loop (more gravel) and out to Cape Campbell (every type of gravel conceivable) somehow while avoiding pot holes, rocks and fish tailing through the gravel Steve still managed to follow all the arrows and got us all out to the cape where we had lunch and waited for everyone else who missed the arrows and were lost somewhere in the hills.

The return out was survived with only one stop when Steve's battery called it quits, while everyone else was preparing to load the bike onto the trailer we forgot Steve is Mr Gadget man and out of the Tool bag he produced a spare battery, if you are ever going to break down make sure Steve is behind you.

The monthly run was to Linkwater Viv rode her vintage AJS making it the oldest bike on the run and Phil debut his new modern Triumph which received a few envious looks, Adrian has continued with the refitting of the Moto Guzzi's extras and with his new bionic knee in place is seeing how the Guzzi performs with the extra weight of fairings and engine covers.

The first of our monthly Wednesday night runs was held with six riders taking a punt on the weather holding out and doing a quick dash up the Taylor and around town before going back to the park for a catch up. Steve debuted a special project he has been working on quietly in the background and is now allowed to sit on the Japanese rider's side of the table and Ben informed me that it was the first time he had seen me riding the '27 Triumph since he has been in town, which shows I need to pull finger in that department!

Glenn

Motorcycle Calendar

Sunday 17th November

Leave the park at 11 am for a ride to the Trout Hotel.



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

29th VCC National Motorcycle Rally

25 - 27 January 2025





Motorcycle Section on the Marlborough/Nelson Biennial Rally



Lost and Found – 2024 Marlborough/Nelson Biennial Rally

A beautiful day in sunny Marlborough as all gathered together at the Marlborough VCC home base in Brayshaw Park. The route that took us out to Taylor Pass Road, mainly gravel and three fords, made for an interesting start to the day. Add in some questions to answer and both the driver and navigator were kept busy. A left onto Awatere Road and right on to State Highway 1 and through Seddon. At the first left we turned into Blind River Loop Road and more questions. Coming out near the Salt works and then left into Marfells Beach Road. So far so good.

At the Cape Campbell turn off the photographer was laying in wait and we all successfully navigate the turn (and the photographer), before turning right into Lighthouse Road and the Pinoli Pine Nut Plantation. Lee Patterson gave us a very interesting talk on the operations there. He then led the convoy through the trees leaving big blue arrows along the way for people to follow.

It was at this point that a one of the cars missed seeing the arrows and took a turn because in his word “he hadn’t been down that road before”. That would have been fine except twenty-nine of the thirty-four cars on the Rally followed him. That also would have been fine except the orchard road they turned down was not designed for turning or for 2 lanes off traffic. Once the were all found only 3 cars needed help with a tow rope to get them out.

Moral of the story – follow the signs not the leader!

We were all able to continue on to Cape Campbell for lunch and a talk from Sally Peter on the history of the lighthouse and the Station. Sally was uniquely qualified as her family own the Station and she is a Trust member for the Flaxbourne Heritage Centre which is due to open next April.

We were lucky that the weather was perfect and on our trip back after lunch the view’s were stunning across the salt works and the hills.

Linda Laing words and photos









1. Dessert Selection Ready to Go!

2. Waiting....



3. Waiting....



4. GO! ... And they are off!



5. Enjoying



6. Almost All Gone!

A few photos of the desert night for the news letter.

The last one is what was left over!

Thanks,
Graham Wiblin



Above: Presentation of money to Cancer Society and
below: the presentation of the Chair made by woodworkers guild to the winner.



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Branch Events Calendar

Updated 19 September 2024

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National Commercial Rally – hosted by North Otago Branch 25-28 October 2024

National Motorcycle Rally 25-27 January 2025

National Veteran Rally – hosted by Marlborough Branch 5-7 February 2025

Vero International Festival of Motoring 15-21 March 2026

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2025

2025	NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY	MANAWATU	25-31 January
2025	NATIONAL VETERAN RALLY	MARLBOROUGH	5-7 February
2025	MARCH EXECUTIVE MEETING	CHRISTCHURCH	March
2025	NATIONAL EASTER RALLY - SOUTH ISLAND		18-21 April
2025	NATIONAL EASTER RALLY - NORTH ISLAND		18-21 April
2025	AGM & EXECUTIVE MEETING (South Island)		August
2025	NATIONAL COMMERCIAL RALLY		
2025	NATIONAL VINTAGE ONLY RALLY		
2025	NATIONAL SPEED EVENT		
2025	SOUTH ISLAND CLUB CAPTAINS TOUR	MARK WILKINSON	
2025	VCC NATIONAL DAY		August



VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND, INC

VETERAN RALLY

5TH TO 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

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VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND, INC

VETERAN RALLY

Marlborough.

5TH TO 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

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

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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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ENTRY FORM – HIGHLAND FLING 2025

Driver's Name			
Navigator's Name			
Number of additional crew			
Street Address			
Suburb			
City		Postcode	
Phone (Landline)		Phone (Mobile)	
Email Address			
Vehicle Make Veteran / Vintage only		Vehicle Registration Number	
VCC Branch		Membership Number	

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Size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	
Qty											
								Description	Quantity	Total \$	
								Entry Fee per vehicle	1	\$60.00	
								Sunday Evening prize giving meal @\$55.00 BYO Drinks/Glasses			
								Gluten Free / Dairy Free / Vegetarian / other dietary requirements			
								Merchandise: Men's Polo Shirt @ \$40.00 per item			
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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
Christchurch)

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Hupmobile
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