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1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

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Canterbury Branch Activities and Events

April

Tues 1st	Grounds Maintenance
Thurs 3rd	Noggin and Natter
Sun 6th	P Group Rally
Wed 9th	9-90s / Motorcycle Noggin
Tues 15th	Grounds Maintenance
Wed 16th	Commercial Noggin and Natter
Fri– Sun 18-20th	National Easter Rally
Sun 20th	OCBC
Wed 23th	North Canterbury Noggin
Fri 25th	Malvern Anzac Day Run

May

Thurs 1st	Noggin and Natter
Sun 4th	Autumn Run
Tues 6th	Grounds Maintenance
Wed 7th	9-90s / Motorcycle Noggin
Sun 11th	Rural Run
Sun 18th Ross Butler	Memorial Grasskhana /OCBC
Tues 20th	Grounds Maintenance
Wed 21th	Commercial Noggin and Natter
Wed 28th	North Canterbury Noggin
Sat/Sun 31/1st June	Irishman's

For the latest status of our events check our website. Online readers click here.



Canterbury Branch Monthly Programme

Noggin Night

1st Thursday of the month

Old cars, bikes and coffee

3rd Sunday of the month

9-90s

1st Wednesday after noggin

Grounds Maintenance Morning

1st Tuesday and third Tuesday of the month

Motorcycle Noggin

2nd Wednesday of the month

Parts Department

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Sunday 9-12pm

Commercial Noggin

3rd Wednesday of the month

North Canterbury Noggin

4th Wednesday of the month

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Another month has slipped by, with the days getting shorter but fortunately still some good weather for getting outside to enjoy the sun.

The national executive meeting was once again a successful weekend, making good of the facilities our branch has to offer. Many thanks to Rod for looking after the arrangements for getting everyone where they needed to be and making sure they were fed and watered, and thanks also to those members who helped out over the weekend, your efforts were much appreciated by those attending.

There were interesting presentations from NZTA and FOMC during the meeting. Firstly some very useful information on the process for getting a vehicle back on the road, and the various means available to identify and certify when the previous history is unknown, probably the most important point being to engage with NZTA at the start of the process to simplify things later on. Secondly was an update on progress towards less frequent WOF checks for older vehicles, hopefully you've all received an invitation to contribute to the consultation via a survey and enthusiastically agreed that it's a great idea, given the small amount of use some of the older vehicles get and the cost and time for those with a number of vehicles.

Otherwise it's been a bit quieter (for me at least) for car related club activities, other than the usual monthly catch ups, so a chance to get to some of the other things around the house that have been waiting for some attention ready for a busy April calendar. There's plenty coming up, so get your entries in, and if all else fails and you can't find your way to an entry form you can always give the organiser a call and let them know you'll be coming along.

See you on the road.

Neil Shaskey

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well hi all back again after a lovely 2 plus weeks in Mapua and Gentle Annie's West-coast.



Hit the ground running with the National Exc Meeting being held in Christchurch for the 3rd year running. The delegates have agreed that they would like this March half yearly meeting to continue and to be held in Christchurch which is quite an honour for us.

We have a great team and facilities to achieve this and my thanks must go out to all concerned. Top of the list must be Karen from National office for her organising skills on Transport, Accommodation which is so well put together it makes our job a walk in the park.

Well to our team this year, with me not being in the best of health I need not have worried, There was Henry completely set up in advance with our booking for two Mini buses and Andrea's Assistant bar person for Sat drinks before a delicious evening buffet put on by Nicki Catering. then bingo, Brodie turns up with another van borrowed from a friend and three superb parking places right out side door 2 at the airport another friendly acquaintance called upon. He also looked after all technical matters sound, video power point presentations. Then we must not forget our regular Kitchen helpers of Gay Goodman and Marlene Muller, and again Brodie volunteered his parents as two extra hands in the Kitchen.

Neil and Katryna represented our branch superbly with Katryna really standing up to the pressure when Neil had to attend another event on Saturday afternoon. I am sure they will report back accordingly.

I'm booked for P group rally are you, and of course Irishman. Yahoo Entries available on line.

Rod

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Well there are lots of things coming up this month. We have the P Group, Scooter and Small Motorcycle, South Island Easter and Malvern ANZAC day runs.

Selywn Cox, who is part of the organising committee, will be coming to the next noggin to give us some information about the Easter Rally.

Thank you to Ted and Jill Hockley for their dedication to our library over the past few years. They are out once or twice a week plus every Noggin to make sure it runs smoothly and is available to everyone. As a club, your service is valued.

At our last committee meeting we came in early to get a run down of what was required to bring our library up to the 21st century. We have started to look into a trolley to help put away books, and a newer computer with a program to log and track our treasures, a new desk and chair.

Leigh Craythorne and Judy Bennetts put up their hands to have a bit of a sort out with their being quite a few double ups. Graeme Shasky is sorting out the rally plaques that need to go up on the wall. These things started at the beginning of March, which of course is much appreciated.

The national executive meeting on the weekend of the 8th of March, held at Cutler Park, produced productive discussion on changes of the way the New Zealand Car Vintage Club Inc is structured with regards to its management.

The second part of discussions were around the changes to our constitution to comply with new government regulations. This

part has pretty much been completed. Neil will put out a report in due course.

We had two presentations. One from the NZTA on registering vehicles that have not been previously registered and the second from the New Zealand Federation of Motoring and how we are travelling with getting a longer time between warrants. I hope everyone had the chance to enter their submission from the link that was sent out from the National Office?

Remember we now have Eftpos in the bar in the hall, but it is still very important to bring the odd bit of change for the meat raffle.

Happy Easter to you all. Hope the Easter Bunny looks after you!

Katryna



Annual Rally Report 2025

Woke to a lovely morning, with the promise of a great day ahead and it didn't disappoint.

We left the club and headed northwards, out towards Rangiora, where we skirted the town to carry on through Ashley Forest and on to Amberley. From there we headed onto shingle headed towards MacDonald Downs and Pyramid Valley, arriving at Hawarden for our lunch stop at the domain.

Some locals offered us a whole pile of cooking apples and these were shared around with delight.

Some beautiful scenery and rolling hills. Great to see most of the cars all made it to lunch, sadly Jan and Royce had mechanical issues and had to head home. We really missed them!

After lunch we head back into the Pyramid Valley to a private farm where there is an amazing history of Moa bones in the natural wetland area on the farm.

They have had excavation digs on the property and have set up a government governance on the area so it will not be dug up in the future. There is also a history of Maori artefacts and paintings.

From there we all headed home.

Sunday morning was just a short run towards the Templeton/Rolleston area and back to the club for fun field tests followed by entertainment, lunch and prize giving.

A great day on Saturday. The run was very scenic. Congratulations to the organising team for a great weekend.

Rhonda and Gary Genet

From The Editors Desk



Hi All

Sorry hub is late this month, as I send this hub out I am sick at home with covid, Everything was ready to go out but been in bed resting as per orders from Club Captain putting her mother hat on and telling me I need rest and I do to much.

Just a reminder if those who want to get stuff in to The Hub to have it in by the due date. This month I have had 10 more emails/Texts after the closing date with items people want to put in which means I have to re-edit the whole hub to fit this.

Enjoy this issue!

Brodie

We have a new Hub email, if you haven't yet done so please save thehub@vcccanterbury.org.nz into your contacts. This address will allow you to contact me for Hub related Inquiries.

VETERAN REPORT



The signature event for veteran and early vintage car and motorcycle owners for March was the 2nd Annual Brooklands to Brighton Run for 100 year-old or older vehicles, held on Sunday 2nd March. Numbers were up slightly on last year with 45 entries, including 8 motorcycles, two of which were sidecar combinations. I travelled across town to Brighton first thing in the morning to get our destination car park at the New Brighton Club set up, and couldn't believe how warm it already was at 8.30am. The car park was empty when I arrived, but already there were people making their way to the beach for the day, and down the road at the North Brighton Surf Club the car park was already full and Marine Parade was busy with surfers and beachgoers looking for somewhere to park. Henry Little and John Enright arrived soon after to park the cars and bikes taking part in the run when they arrived from the run about 10.30am onwards.

Meanwhile, those taking part in the run began assembling at the Brooklands Reserve, a playground and park in the red zone area which the Council still maintains despite there now only being a handful of homes in the area. Those with trailers were able to park them securely just down the road in a yard belonging to John Burke, so by 10am everyone had arrived and was ready to go. A quick briefing and off to Brighton we headed.

The first part of the run is along Styx Mill Road, passing through Spencerville and then following the Styx River for a few kilometres before turning left into the Prestons subdivision. Although the run just to the New Brighton Club is 20km

and largely through the urban areas of Prestons, Parklands and New Brighton, there is only one traffic light along the way. All the other intersections are either quiet roundabouts or left turns where it's unlikely to have to stop, so most people could time their approach to the traffic lights and do the whole run without having to stop before arriving at the finish. Some chose to finish on arrival at the Club, while most carried on to



do the whole length of Marine Parade and Rocking Horse Road to South New Brighton and then return to the club, adding another 10km to the run. There were people out waving along the route which made it even more enjoyable.

The weather for the run (and the rest of the day) was absolutely perfect. The car park at the Club soon filled up with all the cars and bikes, which were on display until 1.30pm, with many members of the public turning up to see them all there. Some headed to the beach for a look, while others were more than happy just looking around the car park and chatting to other participants or heading into the Club for some lunch. The cars and bikes looked stunning in the bright sunshine with their large assortment of colours and polished brass and nickel fittings.

At 1.30pm two prizes were awarded. The first one was for People's Choice, which went to Brian Newberry with his im-

pressive 1913 Nazzaro. The second award was for the “Oldest Car/Youngest Driver” combination, which was awarded to Adam Tip-pet who drove a 1925 Fiat 501 Tourer on the run. All up an excellent outing for our heritage vehicles which was enjoyed by everyone who took part.



Next year any vehicle from 1926 or older will be eligible, so hopefully numbers will continue to grow. Next year’s date will be Sunday 1st March 2026.

The next event for the month was our VCC display at the Avonhead Rotary Club’s Twin Rivers Vehicle Extravaganza at the A& P Showgrounds on Sunday 16th March, where around 30 cars put on a great display for the club amongst around 800 other vehicles. This year there were new prizes for the best Pre-WW1 vehicle which was won by Mike Whall with his freshly repainted 1914 Rover, and the best Pre-WW2 vehicle which was won by Henry Little with his immaculate 1939 Chevrolet. Well done to both of you! Henry’s Chev was towing a beautiful wooden and steel trailer (fitted with mudguards

and paintwork to match the car) which Henry had just finished, and it looked stunning. Rod Thrower set up a table and some club banners and was busy talking to people and giving away membership information to people wanting to know more about our club and what we do, so all up a very good day out.

Coming Events

As I write, it's only one week away from the **Rear Wheel Brake Rally** on Sunday 30th March. This will be “**The Old School Run**”, starting in Sheffield Domain and visiting some old schools in the Malvern area with a couple of other interesting locations thrown in. A full report will be in next month's Hub.

And for this month, a special reminder about the annual **Malvern Anzac Day Run** which is on again on Friday 25th April. Details for that are on Page 16. Focusing more on our Pre WW2 vehicles, this is another great event for our Veteran, Vintage and Post-Vintage sections, although later cars are **more than welcome** to attend as well.

It's a great way to mark Anzac Day – an easy and very scenic run around the alpine foothills visiting the Malvern district Anzac memorials on the way. Starting in Darfield, a short or long route are available, and it finishes in Glentunnel where the community hall is available for lunch if the weather isn't ideal.

Colin Hey, Veteran Convenor.

Phone 021 883 807

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Contact Rod Thrower 03 338 2320

MALVERN ANZAC DAY RUN

Anzac Day – Friday 25th April 2025



Sponsored by Auto Restorations Ltd
and Birchfield Energy & Resources

Event Information

This is the seventh year that this event has been run. Once again we are very fortunate to have a sponsors for the event, being Auto Restorations Ltd and Birchfield Energy & Resources, Darfield.

The run will be preceded by a public display of the vehicles in the Darfield Recreation ground carpark from 10:30am to 11:30am, so please assemble from 10am when your day's rally pack will be available. Please park where instructed. Tea and coffee provided.

The route travels on secondary roads (no shingle, easy motoring) through the Malvern District and passes the War Memorials of Darfield, Sheffield, Hororata, Glenroy and Glentunnel. Please feel free to stop and pay your respects with a poppy at each Memorial. The total distance is approximately 50 miles (80ks) return to Darfield - with a much shorter route for slower if required. The event will be held wet or fine, but in the event of a storm event please check the branch Facebook page.

The featured vehicles, as before, are those built prior to and during the World War 1 and 2 years. All club eligible vehicles are welcome with those produced after 1945 more than welcome to participate in support of the event.

The Glentunnel Hall will be open at the end of the run where you can enjoy your picnic lunch (please bring this with you). **Entries will close on the 13th April.** Regretfully no late entries can be accepted.

Come and join us on what is a very special day, remembering those that made the Ultimate Sacrifice and doing it in cars and on motorcycles that they would recognise.

Event Organiser:

Colin Hey – Phone 021 883 807 or email heywelseley699@gmail.com

Please enter online on the events page. The Entry fee is \$20 to cover the rally plate and a donation to the Darfield RSA.



The March OCBC also served as the meeting point for some of the cars heading off to the Twin Rivers Vehicle Extravaganza at the A&P Showgrounds to make up a VCC display at the event. Consequently about 15 of us grabbed a quick coffee and then headed off at 9.30 to go and join that event, passing a number of cars heading in the opposite direction to Cutler Park to join those who were staying on at OCBC. I'm not sure what sort of numbers arrived all together for the morning, but I gather it was another good turnout.

The April OCBC will be on Sunday 20th April, and will off course join with those taking part in the National South Island Easter Rally at Cutler Park for the morning, so it should be a large turnout and also include many visitors from outside our branch with cars and motorcycles we haven't seen before. Mark the date in your diary now, and don't miss it!
Colin Hey

Name Badges

\$12.00 each

Available by ordering at the bar or by contacting the Secretary.



Swap Meet Report



It's time to kick off planning for our 2025 Swap Meet – hard to believe 6 months has already gone by since the last one! As always, planning begins with the nomination of the election of the Swap Meet committee for this year's event, and below you will find the nomination form for committee members. All positions are open for nomination – Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least 8 other committee members for looking after camping, rosters, sites, workforce, headquarters, one-make displays, gates, vendors, and traffic management.

The committee is a very social group, focussed solely on making the Swap Meet happen successfully in order to raise some funds that will enable us to do various projects and improvements for our branch throughout the coming year. It meets monthly, generally on the second Thursday night of the month, starting in April with an informal meeting before the committee is elected and endorsed by the May meeting of the main committee. The good thing about being part of the organising team is that once Swap Meet is over and the debrief meeting has been held, the committee effectively goes into recess for the next six months.

Obviously many of the existing members will be standing for nomination again, but there will be new members required so if you are interested in helping then please don't hesitate to contact me, Katryna Shaw or Neil Shaskey if you have want any further information.

Colin Hey

Swap Meet Committee Nomination Form 2025

All positions are open for nomination as follows:

Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
Camping coordinator	Rosters	Sites coordinator
Workforce coordinator	HQ Management	One-Make and club displays
Gate management	Vendors	Traffic Management

I,agree to be nominated for the
position of on the 2025 Swap Meet
Committee.

Signed Membership No

Proposer Membership No

Secondor Membership No

Please print this form off and hand or email it to Katryna Shaw, katonwheels66@gmail.com
To arrive no later than **Friday 25th April 2025**.

All enquiries contact Colin Hey, phone 03 359 8737 or 021 883 807

Grounds Log



PARK GOING FORWARD GROUNDS

Members might have noticed we have left the picnic tables around the grounds. Tables are now being used a lot more.

The grounds are looking really good with all the rain we have been having. Volunteers have been busy trimming and under cutting around trees, mainly on the road way coming into the park. These areas will be mulched in the coming weeks before Easter Rally

“ Playground Area “

We have been re building the old barbeque area, ie. New table, refurbished the gable roof and repositioned it over the table. Thanks to Dave and Barry for their input to complete this project. Good luck Dave next week for your hip replacement, wish you a speedy recovery to get you back on the team.

“ Annual Burn - Park Slash”

We need to get this done early this year, hopefully we will get the right conditions in April before the clean emission rules kick in on the 1st may.

“Transpower”

Transpower have been at the park last week, trimming hedges and a general tidy up along the transmission lines. I am talking with them at the moment about ongoing issues with a few trees in their easement line, to make easier access for ground mainte-

nance for both parties. We have removed all the old 44 gallon drums that we used for swap meet, they have gone to scrap metal as we don't require them for swap meet now.

“ New Volunteers”

We have had 2 new volunteers join the team, Terry and Mick, welcome to the team. We are always looking for volunteers, especially in the coming weeks with Easter national Rally looming, to get those few extra jobs done.

Call Pete Blacklock 021 181 3491 if you can spare a few hours



25, 35, 50, 60 and 70 - YEAR BADGES
(To be presented at the Branch Awards' Dinner
SAT 20 SEPTEMBER 2025)
(Please note amended date.)

If you are eligible for a 25 or 35-year badge, please contact me (Leigh Craythorne) for confirmation of your joining date.

Applications (for **continuous** membership) are made on a form available from me. Please contact me, preferably by email craythornes@actrix.co.nz and I will email it to you, or alternatively give me a telephone call (342 9110) and I will post it to you.

- I will be contacting those members who are eligible for a 50/60/70-year award shortly.

Applicants for a 60 or 70-year award must have been presented with a 50-year commemorative award for a **60-year award** and a 60-year commemorative award for a **70-year award**.

Please attend to this and contact me asap, as the badges have to be approved by the branch committee before being processed by the Management Committee (at least 3 months before the presentation) via National Office and forwarded to us - delay may mean a wait until next year's Awards' Dinner for presentation.

Members do not have to have been in the same branch for 25, 35, 50, 60, 70 years – it is recognition for continuous membership of the Club.

Leigh Craythorne

Please note - contact me please - do not contact National Office.

9-90s

Due to terrible weather only 15 hardy car loads of dedicated 9-90s members turned up at Rolleston for the March run. But. We were rewarded with an excellent venue to have our lunch and the raffle ably organised by Alan and Barbara in comfort followed by an interesting talk by Lorraine Oakley about the Ashburton Plains Museum complex. We were privileged to have most of the complex opened for us on a damp week day when it would normally be closed and at a reduced entry fee!

With access to the Engine shed, Printing, Woodworking, Early days, Woodworking museum, Railway Station and Fire service exhibits all open we had plenty to explore.

All the exhibits were beautifully presented.

As we gathered in the fire station Alan Burgess explained the origins of many of the appliances which dated from the early 1900s to 2005. The fire service exhibit has been recently expanded and is really well presented with great lighting and gleaming equipment, a real pleasure to view.

The day was well worth braving the weather and well organised by John Winchester, Les and Brian.

Thank you all.

Next months run organised by Alan & Barbara is on 9th of April leaving at 9.55 am from. The Peg. Belfast Hotel.

Happy Motoring. Ken.



P Group



Hello everyone,

It's time for the P Group rally again! The P Group encompasses a wide range of vehicles, from 1934 to 1995, and is by far the largest group in the club. It also includes motorbikes, so it would be great to see some riders join us.

While this is a P Group rally, all cars are welcome. If you need to come in your modern car, please do. The point of a rally is to socialize with like-minded car owners – the more, the merrier!

This year, we will attend a school fair as the final destination of the rally.

Please consider entering the Concours. Many people are too humble about their cars, and there are a large number of very well-presented cars in the club. Please come along and show us your hard work!

I look forward to seeing you on April 6th. The rally will start at 9:00 am at Cutler Park. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Date 6th April 2025

Time 9.00am

Location Cutler Park

John Enright

0274396572

jenright51@yahoo.co.nz

NATIONAL SOUTH ISLAND EASTER RALLY 2025

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PARK



The 2025 National South Island Easter Rally is being held in Christchurch.

We are also celebrating Pat Cutler and the 50 year anniversary of the naming of the park in his honour.

Programme includes: Friday registration, Saturday morning and afternoon rally followed by a free sausage sizzle at the clubrooms.

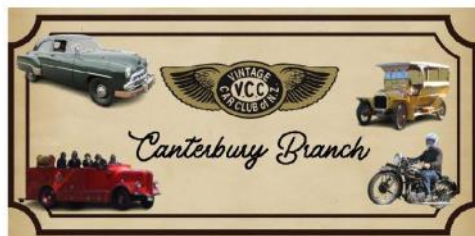
A Sunday morning rally then field tests, followed by a Sunday evening meal and Prize giving at the Hornby Club.

18, 19, 20 April 2025

Entry forms and more detailed information now available on the Canterbury VCC website. **Entries close 27 March**

Enquiries: essexontheroadagain@gmail.com

Included is a reunion for the participants of the 1985 100 year VCC tour.



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COMMERCIAL REPORT



Greetings all,

I don't have much to report this month.

I hope many of you enjoyed the warmer weather we have experienced recently. It's been catch up time for me at home getting the garden tidy and keeping lawns etc done. And some other jobs that have needed doing around home. These got put on the "to do" list while I was busy in Jan and Feb.

March have been another busy time. I took a quick trip to Karamea to start sorting my Dad's shed and to sort out his tools and machinery etc. I've brought some home, and a few boxes of car bits. The next trip in May I will bring home the rest of the parts and the car so Adam and I can get to work in finishing the restoration. It's a 1934 Riley 9 Monaco which he owned for 32 years so it really is time to get it finished. Let's hope we can get it moving!



The March Commercial noggin was a casual catchup in Peter Munro's new shed. And what a shed it is! Peter has quite the collection of Mini's in all guises. We're talking Cooper, pickup, traveller, clubman, Elf, Dejoux GT. Impressive stuff and Peter can tell what year the car might be based on a "mini" feature. I was also able to present John Gregan with his trophy as winner of the Field

tests in the Annual Commercial Rally but unfortunately our other two winners weren't there. I have certificates so will present them when I see you next. Thanks to Peter and Lyndall for hosting us.



The April Commercial Noggin is to be at Tony and Leigh Craythorne's home on Wednesday 16th April – usual time. 34a Harrowdale Drive

Coming events are:

PV Rally - 06 April 2025 – many of our commercials fit into this group – bring them along!

SI Easter Rally – 18-21 April

See you out on the road,

Michael



Welcome

New Members

Mr Lynton Eveleigh

Mr Richard Garlick

Mr Alan Vliet Vlieland

Mr Joe Barratt

Mr Mark Taffard

Ms Joanna Emily Bensemman

Mr Rob Gerring



AUTUMN RUN

4th May

No entry form needed, just turn up on the day in whichever car suits your mood (and the weather), with \$10 entry fee to cover expenses.

There will be two route options, either all sealed roads or more adventurous with gravel roads.

Details of start place and time in the next Hub.

Vintage Report



Napier Art Deco '13 -16 February 2025'

Leaving Christchurch on Sunday the 9th February, Anne & I in our 1930 Ford Model A Delivery and John and Sandra Olliver in their 1928 Ford A Phaeton, we headed for our overnight stay in Picton.

Boarded the 2:45pm sailing on Monday 10th for Wellington arriving 5:30pm and headed up Transmission Galley for an overnight in Levin then onto Palmerston North, arriving in Napier 13th February. While in Napier we enjoyed the annual Art Deco week in wonderful weather before leaving for Masterton on Friday 21 February. We meet up with Michael Hedgeman (1925 Lagonda 12/4) who had also enjoyed the Art Deco activities. While there it was encouraging to see 8-year-old children through to 80-year-old adults all dressed in 1930's period costumes. The sound shell provided entertainment each night. The parade of around 200 cars was a great spectacle.

We stayed in Napier in Bay View and West Shore for 10 days, enjoying wonderful weather with some excellent eateries.

We moved on to Masterton in the Wairarapa visiting Carterton, Greytown and Martinborough before the start on the next event

17th National Model A Ford Rally '23 -28 February 2025'

We had about 135 active cars on the Rally and 268 people attended the Rally, about 11 planning on being passengers from the beginning, that number swelling to 16 due to breakdowns. We were lucky with the weather having a spectacular clear sunny day on Saturday 22nd for those people who arrived early to see the Vintage Aircraft flying display and those four who flew in the Harvard or Tiger Moth were treated to clear views of Lake Wairarapa, Stonehenge Aotearoa, Mt Bruce and the Tararua Ranges.

Following the rain on Sunday night we had clear skies and a hot day for the drone photo-shoot and subsequent Public Open-day on

Monday included Concourse Judging and Grass Gymkhana organised by men from the Wairarapa VCC. There were two particularly interesting Model As at the Open Day, Model A Boat-tail Speedster and its camping trailer with a similar timber finish. The other was an AA truck 'pop-top' caravan conversion 'Meaney', coming all the way from Kaitaia.

Starting on Tuesday we were divided into 4 groups for each of the following 4 days:

Wharekauhau / Ocean Beach route
(100 miles)

Cape Palliser route (69 miles)

Pukaha Bird Sanctuary route (58
miles)

Castlepoint Lighthouse route (133
miles)

The 'Competitive run' to Pukaha and the Pointon Museum proved very challenging for some people. There were a possible 21 birds names beginning with K,

including the Kahawai that everyone thought was a fish except for one person who knew it was also the silver tern. Some of the clues in the Pointon Museum were deliberately hard to find.

The Wednesday evening Quiz

The Concours Judging was undertaken by Murray Ashby as Chief Judge and his band of Associate Judges. Overall winner of the Car of the Rally went to a Balclutha for the restoration of their 1928 Fordor Leatherback, a very rare car, there being only one other of this model in NZ. They car also won the Authentic Restoration Class.

Other classes that were judged were Original Class, Touring Class and the Modified Class.

At the Gala Dinner on Friday night the Best Dressed female award and the Best Dressed man. The Gala Dinner After the Awards Dinner we retired reasonably early as the Saturday saw many of the rally participants returning home after a very enjoyable rally.

During the week there were 3 guest speakers, Mark Pacey who spoke about Shipwrecks and Lighthouses of the Wairarapa Coast



on Monday evening, Garry Jackson of the Federation of Motoring Clubs who spoke (among other things) about WOFs for cars older than 40 years may be changed from 6 to 12 monthly., and Brett Pollock and Paul Kelly of Western Australia who spoke about crossing the Great Victoria Desert with a group of Model A Fords and the upcoming 29th National Model A Ford Rally to be held in Albany, WA Sunday 18th October-Saturday 24th October, 2026. We returned home on 3rd March covering approximately 1500 trouble free miles, with only 2 wet days.

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Irishman Creek Rally 2025 - 31st May to 2nd June

This year's rally will start at Cutler Park on Saturday, 31st May.

Be early for an 8am start.

Rally Packs should be collected from Canterbury Branch Clubrooms (Cutler Park) on Friday, 30th May from 4pm. We encourage early collection to enable a smooth departure on Saturday morning.

As per last year, lunches will be the responsibility of each entrant for the Saturday and Sunday.

Prize Giving and Supper will be in the Fairlie Heritage Museum on Sunday, open at 6.00pm for a 7.30pm presentation.

While back up vehicles are provided all vehicles must be self sufficient and carry tow ropes and chains for mud or snow – and be adequately prepared to cover some distance on back country roads with river crossings. As we will be crossing private farms strictly **NO DOGS** are allowed. Fire extinguishers will be compulsory in all vehicles – including Back Ups.

The Irishman Rally is open to Vintage Car Club Members only and for Vintage and Veteran aged vehicles. The winner and runner up will be drawn as per tradition from the entrants participating. Rally Nos and Extinguishers will be checked as you enter private property.

All entrants are eligible without exception. The winner and runner up will be joined by a small team to assist with the task of organising the following year's event. This is what makes the rally special and provides the variety we see each year as a new person gets to put their mark on this event.

While this is a challenge there is a team behind you.

Dave Cooper and Wayne Irving.

The entry form is in the April Hub or online [HERE](#)



IRISHMAN CREEK RALLY 2025 ENTRY FORM

May31st – June 2nd, 2025

Entrants Surname.....

First Name

No. of Crew..... Entrants must be financial VCC Members

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Entries close 9th May 2025

MOTORCYCLE REPORT



Autumn – “Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom friend of the maturing sun.....” I write this as the autumn equinox has just passed. Winter is on its way...

Past Events.

1st March 2025 - February's Fish & Chip Run. - A run to Kowai Bush to take in Jet Boat World's museum of the development of the jet boat in NZ. About a dozen made the ride then to lunch at Springfield after. Very informative and well worth the trip to get there!

8th March 2025 – Moped Run and Clip-on Run Combined. Apparently there were 5 on this event, 3 mopeds and 2 clip-on machines. See elsewhere for the write-up and photo of the prize winners.

12th March 2025 – Noggin Night. A very good turnout for this, including a number who arrived early at the meeting place to have a meal. The day was drenching rain, so nothing else better to do... The Garage raid was well worth seeing; it included a 1936 Auburn Supercharged, one of only 2 or 3 left in captivity...

14th - 16th March – Jim Toohey Run. A very successful run from all accounts, with 19 bikes, 20 riders, and the back-up. See elsewhere for the write-up on this iconic event.

19th March 2025 – Old Codger's Run. Delayed 24 hours due to drenching rain, this run attracted about 25 – 30 riders to do the “Round the Gorges Run” via Loburn, Ashley Gorge, Oxford, Waimakariri Gorge, then to Darfield pub for lunch. Good to see support from the TOMCC as well, perhaps they may come again; most welcome if they do.

22nd March 2025 – Fish & Chip Run. Instead of going on this run I am sitting here typing up these notes. If I hear how it went before the end of the day I'll include the report...

Future Events

9th April – Noggin Night. Got a couple of ideas in the pipeline, One involves a visit to the backroom workshops at the Air Force Museum, the other is a film show featuring motorcycle racing on

the old Cust circuit. Closer to the time I will put out an email advising what is going on.

16th April – Old Codger’s Run. This is a work-in-progress so watch for the advising email by the weekend prior.

26th April - Fish & Chip Run. Ditto, look out for the “Event Reminder” email...

14th May – Motorcycle Noggin. Just sorting out the final details of a car collection to visit, more details next month.

21st May – Old Codger’s Run. In past years the **Old Codger’s Run** has been paused during the winter months, to resume again for August. This may be the case this year, more information on this next month.

24th May – Fish & Chip Run. As next weekend is Kings Birthday long weekend (and features the running of the branch’s Irishman Rally) the F&C run will be this day. Nothing decided yet, so keep a lookout for the email.

The June Noggin will, of course, be the AGM of the motorcycle section. For both July and August we’ve got a great programme sorted out, so watch out for these in future editions of The Hub.

Cheers,
CML.

NEW TROPHY



We have a new trophy!

Henry and Michelle Little have donated a cup to the branch for Restoration of the year. This cup is to be called.



“Henry and Michelle Little cup Restoration of the year overall winner”

We are so grateful to have some great members to donate trophies

VELOSOLEX OWNERS GROUP (The VOG's) March 2025 Run



Sun sun sun hot hot hot that was the order of the day on Tuesday 11th March when the “Hot Team” of Solex riders blazed the trails along the cycleway following the Northern Arterial motorway all the way out to Kaiapoi. What a fantastic trail this is I know it cost millions of dollars to set up but by crikey what an asset it is to us cyclists and “Solexists”. And believe it or not there were plenty of riders on the track on that day both ebikes and manual bikes. With both Guys & Gal’s out enjoying the exercise and fresh air. I can tell you we got plenty of looks from these riders thinking “can I believe what I’m actually seeing??”

The usual team of 16 hit the trail from the carpark in Cranford St where “Gun City” are situated for a ride organised by one of our members Mark Sullivan with backup ably handled by VOG 1’s wife Jan - fortunately her services weren’t required this day as access to the trail is fairly limited with not many points that are actually near the track until you get into the outskirts of Kaiapoi. Plenty of re-grouping along the way assured all the riders they were heading the right way and also that nobody had slipped by the wayside or had broken down. It surprised Mark just how quickly we made it to our lunch destination “The Platform Café and Bar” situated on the banks of the Kaiapoi River, an idyllic spot for a magnificent meal and some refreshments complete with plenty of “nattering”. It has been a month since we last congregated so there was plenty of catching up to do and even one rider had a different bike that he was fettling for a friend all the way from Queenstown!! (no he didn’t ride from there). Always good to see another Solex on the run and something to talk about. Not that we need an excuse.

Great having Jan as backup – she is also good on the camera so she was able to record this magic ride for posterity and enable us to look back on when we’re “old and dodderly” and unable to mount our steeds. Thanks Jan.

The return journey was a repeat of the out ward journey in reverse with all ending back at our vehicles unscathed and ready for the next time. So keen are the team that nobody wanted to head home but to continue on with the “nattering”. This is very gratifying for VOG 1.

Until next time.

Royce

VOG 1



JIM TOOHEY MEMORIAL RALLY 2025

From the backup's perspective

March 14th to 16th saw a team of 25 members including 1 pillion plus backup vehicle (with driver and navigator) head off on the 51st Jim Toohey Memorial Run on a brilliantly fine Autumn morning to adventures unknown on the fantastic West Coast of the South Island. Punakaiki being the destination for the 1st night.

The Jim Toohey Memorial run is held on a weekend in March each year in memory of the late Jim Toohey a very keen Canterbury Branch motorcyclist who loved to travel great distances on his vintage motorbikes and in 1974 he planned a run from Christchurch to Rotherham in North Canterbury. This was to be a “ride to remember” taking in some of the best of North Canterbury coastal scenery before lunch at Cheviot then through the Leader Valley to Waiau and eventually in the setting sun to Rotherham and the local community hall as sleeping bag alley for the night.

Sadly Jim never saw his rally in operation as he lost his life in a tragic accident on the Friday night of the rally.

The Motorcycle Section Canterbury branch have carried on his legacy with the event always being well supported. So much so that Russell Lane (aka “Ziggy”) came down all the way from Blenheim to take part in this ride on his 1965 Harley Davidson. (what a lovely looking bike that is “well that’s the authors opinion”)

With a hiss and a roar the 23 riders and the pillion Jill Abel hanging on tightly to husband Roger took off in a shower of dust at exactly 9am from Cutler Park never to be seen again by the support vehicle until a well earned coffee and cheese scone break at Springfield Café – phew we made it in time. It was then down with the coffees and off for the hills. Porters Pass the first hurdle then the notorious Arthurs Pass – well it used to be but not any longer now that we have the Viaduct and the shelter over what once was known as “Candy’s Bend” but riders and drivers alike still need to tackle these sections with some caution due to the steep gradients.

All made this part unscathed and without any breakdowns so it was then a right hand turn at Jacksons and over the bridge through Inchbonnie and onto Moana for lunch at the Moana Pub, what a great setting with lovely views overlooking Lake Brunner on a sunny cloudless day. Refuelling at the local garage was the next mission and alas one of our riders Alan Bland had problems with his mighty Triumph – she wouldn't start but after several downhill pushes she fired up with an almighty BANG and away Alan went along with all the helpful pushers.

Jan and I in the backup vehicle eventually caught up with everyone again at our Friday night's accommodation the "Punakaiki Beach Motor Camp" where there was a jostling for beds but organiser Paul Ainsworth had this well sorted with all being well accommodated in suitable lodgings with the snorers being segregated in single units- this pleased all immensely.



The hotel at Punakaiki looked after us all very well on the Friday night with great food and some neat outdoor areas for dining and socialising on a fabulously warm night. Nothing to report of any misdemeanors (as usual what happens on tour stays on tour).

Saturday morning dawned with another sunny sky although there had been a small shower overnight to dampen the ground. We were under starters orders (Paul Ainsworth) to meet outside the hotel ready for a 9:30am take off heading to our 2nd nights destination of Blenheim – everyone made it to the start on time. A slight deviation in the route was needed for a re-fuelling stop in

Westport. It was then onto Berlins in the Upper Buller Gorge for a coffee or breakfast for some before tackling the long journey through to Blenheim with a lunch stop in Murchison along the way and another chance to stretch the legs and rest the posterior – the bikers loved this ride with plenty of uphill and down dales and lots of twisty bends. A short stop was made at the old Wairau Hotel to exercise the legs once again and to wet the whistler before the last push through to Blenheim a short distance of about 15k's. We all managed to find the over night stop at the Admirals Lodge motels – very nice and comfortable it was too.

Needless to say there was another night of fun and frivolity there in Blenheim.

Another early start was required on Sunday morning as we were to meet up with the Blenheim Boys (and gals) at Brayshaw Park by 9:30am. They had organised to join us for the ride to our brunch stop at “The Store Kekerengu” swelling our team to approx. 35 riders. They all seemed to enjoy the trip down there and so did we in the backup vehicle with no pickups required at this stage. A great spot is “The Store” with magic views out to the Pacific Ocean.

And so it was farewell to the Blenheim team as we headed off on the homeward journey via the Inland Kaikoura Road with fantastic riding for those on motorbikes, plenty of bends for all to enjoy going past the turnoff for Mt Lyford ski field and to eventually bring us out at Waiau, through Rotherham and then the “Red Post” Corner to turn left on the highway to Hanmer and the West Coast and then the final farewell at the Red Post Café in Culverden. Everyone was commenting about there being no work for us yet – I made the comment “We’re not home yet” and sure enough Jan and I had got not too far out of Culverden and there was Philip Jeeves on the side of the road frantically waving us down. Philip was most displeased as his always reliable BMW never lets him down but today was the day when that turned to custard. The BM'er was cutting in and out from two to one cylinder and not performing as it should. So on the trailer it went and we headed to Philip's where it was deposited in the “naughty boys” corner in his workshop. Haven't heard the outcome as yet but I'm sure Philip

will have it sorted.

A memorable weekend was had by all with the Jim Toohey Memorial Trophy ably won by Russell Lane – well done Russell we enjoyed having your company for the weekend.



I'm sure Jim Toohey would have approved of his Memorial Tour 2025. The bikes may have been a lot younger and the riders mostly a lot older but the camaraderie would be just the same.

Royce Baker



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Invites you to participate in the Gerald Lynch-Blosse Memorial Motorcycle Rally to be held on 12th April 2025. We look forward to seeing you at this event. Start from VCC Club Rooms Stoke Street, Oamaru

Time Table

9.30 am	Morning Tea
10.30 am	First Bikes away
12.00pm	Lunch
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea and Prize giving

Entries close on Saturday 5th April 2025 with the Rally Organiser

Eligibility

This event is open to all financial members of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand. All classes of Motorcycle eligible under current club rules will be accepted. Non members may take part in the run but will do so entirely at their own risk and will not be judged

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