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2019 TAURANGA JAZZ FESTIVAL

A photograph of three people standing in front of a building with large glass windows. On the left is a woman wearing a wide-brimmed light-colored hat, sunglasses, a dark green top, and a dark jacket. In the center is a man wearing a straw hat with a black and white striped band, a white shirt, a black bow tie, and a black and white striped blazer. On the right is a man wearing a white hat, a white shirt, and a dark vest. They are all smiling and appear to be at an outdoor event.

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Monthly events—

Club night (except January) 2nd Monday **Start time 7.30pm**

Mid week run. Wednesday following the club night

End of the month run. Held on the last Sunday of the month.

Committee Meeting. Last Monday of the month

Noggin 'n' Natter 4th Tuesday at 6pm

Location Sequence of Noggin 'n' Natters

1. Tauranga- Tauranga Citz Club, Cameron Road. Organiser Jim Smylie

2. Te Puke— This is at the moment under review Contact is Paul McIndoe 5733328

3. Tauranga- Tauranga Citz Club, Cameron Road. Organiser Jim Smylie

4. Katikati- Forta Leza Café, SH 2, Katikati. Contact Owen Smith, phone 07 570 2000

If your birthday falls in this month please remember it is your turn to provide a plate for supper.

Our thanks go to last months birthday people for the food provided.

PLEASE remember to wear your name badges to all events. They can be ordered from David Joblin phone 544 1690

LIBRARY HOURS— The library will be open on club nights from 7pm. Also on most Monday mornings until midday Yvonne & Paul work in the library and members are welcome to call in to search for or return books. If making a special trip please phone home beforehand to ensure they will be there, phone at home on (07 574 8482 or 027 6098510)

HELP US HIRE OUT THE CLUBROOMS!

CONTACT KAAREN SMYLIE 07 5764180 OR 021 664341

Hall Cleaning Roster Volunteers

We all use the hall and love to see it sparkling clean.

If you have forgotten to add your name just email the Klaxon or contact Kaaren or Jack and they will do it for you.

May: Janice and Stephen Belcher

NO OTHER NAMES ARE ON THE LIST

Please enter you name on the notice board list if you are able to help.

All that is required is a once a month clean taking about 2 hours.



BOP VCC Local Events

- Mon 13th May** Club night. Speakers Jennifer Bethell & Mike Quinn
- Wed 15th May** Mid week run. Organiser Jim Smylie. No details available for this run. To be advised later date.
- Sun 26th May** End of the month run. Organiser Roger and Rosemary Clarke.
- Mon 27th May** Committee meeting. 7pm
- Tue 28th May** Noggin and Natter to be at the Forta Leza, Katikati.
- Fri 31st May** Movie Night. Beneath Hill 60

***Notice to all members. It is our AGM next meeting night
Nominations are required for all positions***

BOPVCC Movie Night - Friday 31st May

Beneath Hill 60

Starring Brendan Cowell, Jaqueline McKenzie, Aden Young and Gerald Lepkowski

The story which is true takes place underneath the German lines in Belgium where Australian miners fought to defend a labyrinth of tunnels packed with high explosive.

This movie is similar to the story told at the Waihi Tunnellers Exhibition of Waihi Miners serving in the Arras area of France

Hall opens 6pm - Movie starts 7.30pm. Bring along a meal and your favourite tippie then sit down to watch a real classic movie

Other club events of interest

- 4th May** Ashburton Swap Meet
- 4-5th May** Pukekohe Swap Meet
- 6-13th May** Ashburton Vintage and Veteran Rally
- 1-3rd June** Canterbury Irishman Rally
- 1-3rd June** Waikato Double 50 Rally
- 28th July** Central Otago Blossom Rally
- 18-20 Oct.** South Canterbury National Veteran Rally

Chairperson Chat



It is that time of year when one month out from our AGM we must consider who we want to manage our Club for the next year. Most of the existing committee have indicated they seek re-election, which is great as they have done an excellent job for the Club this last year and it does give the committee continuity. This does not mean that we do not seek more interest in new committee members and would welcome anyone interested in standing for committee.

However, I will be standing down this year as Chairperson believing after 5 years the club should have a change at the top but, of course will remain on the committee as immediate past chairperson. Kaaren has also indicated she wishes to stand down as Club Captain but will again remain on the committee and assist where she can.

Thus, we are looking for a new chairperson and club captain. If you think you are that person/s or know of anyone you believe would make a good chairperson or club captain please let Kaaren or myself know. These are great positions to hold in the club, and you can be sure of Kaaren and mine continued 100% support. I do trust there will be a lot of interest in these elections.

On another note, a good number of our members took part last Sunday in a run organised by the Lotus Club. They tricked us a bit by saying the run would be within 60 kilometres radius of Tauranga. Thinking it would be a rather short run around town Kaaren and I took our Model T. Well, the run was certainly not around Tauranga; it took in Tirau, Putaruru, the Matamata district and back to Tirau for lunch, with many interesting roads in between, some of which we had travelled before and some not.

It tested the Model T somewhat with the big hill (for it) and the rain. But make it, it did, and was not the last vehicle to arrive at lunch at Tirau after some 95 miles.

This was a great run, organised by a sister car club in the Bay of Plenty. It was great to see so many other lovely vehicles we have never seen before, to meet like-minded car lovers and go to places we have not been to before. I do hope we have many more combined runs in the future. I am sure we will.

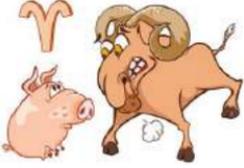
That is about all from me this month, but do not forget to put your thinking caps regarding the committee for next year?

Happy and safe motoring.

Jim Smylie

'May the beginning of Autumn' by Kaaren Smylie

In the world of motoring, April, for many BOP VCC members was particularly lively. You could say life was moving in the fast lane the past four weeks, and for that very reason, I wanted to allude to just a few of the fantastic happenings that went on during the month of April. In astrology speak, the month of Aries, being the first fire sign in the zodiac, sparked and fired up our members on all cylinders.



Around April 11, several of our members (including Jim and I travelled South to Te Anau to participate in the Model A Nationals, an extremely well run event with 152 entrants and over 300 people.

I have said it once and I will say it again...wow... doesn't the South Island have incredible roads and never to disappoint scenery.

If you are a Facebook fan and on our Club page you will have been enjoying committee member Brian Pratts terrific photos he has been posting of late, not only of VCC members and their autos, but the amazing countryside we have in New Zealand, many thanks Brian.



For those of us rallying in the lower South, we got the chance for a week to really take pleasure in some fantastic motoring, on roads we wouldn't normally get the opportunity to drive on.

I must confess the odd road en route was a little daunting, but so much fun and socialisation went on with fellow members, the odd dose of nail biting was well worth it.

Easter was a very eventful time in the North and South Islands. And Ashburton was the place to be in the South Island for the South Island Easter Rally (SIER). Once again the SIER is another well patronised event, and this year there were 176 entrants (including the Smylies,) and approximately 400 odd people who attended! A rather innovative idea on the part of the Rally committee was they introduced a new section to the prizes awarded, a *'Pride of Ownership'* award. This award was very well received by those who entered, and there was a lot of chatter going on amongst members that other branches could follow suit and introduce this award to the various events they hold...food for thought.

Amongst many other motoring events that branches hold at Easter, here on home turf in Tauranga, the annual Easter Jazz Festival was pumping! For a number of years, our Club was always part of the Easter parades organised most successfully by our Veteran Queen Irene Hill. However, many years have passed without having parades, due to numerous circumstances beyond our control. This year the festival organisers decided to have a parade and our Club was invited to participate. Committee member Doug Brown took the 'bull by the horns' with great gusto and enthusiasm, and managed to round-up 38 of our members to participate and drive their autos in this Easter Saturday parade!



A good PR exercise for our Club, we got superb front page exposure online from 'Sunlive,' featuring members Steve Lawson, Linda Manning, and Murray Toms all driving their pride and joys. A fantastic effort from Doug who is now super charged up to organise the Parade for 2020. A special thanks goes to you Doug, and you the members who participated, without your support our very own taste of a Napier 'Art Deco' would not have been possible.

The last weekend of the month of April we had another couple of events of interest. In Taranaki was the annual 'Maunga Moana Rally,' and the reports back I have received from the members who attended has been very positive, with all enjoying a couple of jolly good days of motoring around the infamous Mount Taranaki.

Our End of Month Run was one of divergence could I say, when our Club was invited to join the local Lotus Club in their monthly run. We had a great number of our members turn up at Barkes Corner for a 'Brunch Run,' however for some of us what was meant to be a brunch and after several hours of motoring on great roads in the Waikato turned into a late lunch, with the odd member or two of ours ending their destination on the other side of the Bay, and not in Tirau as planned.

Undeniably it was a whole lot of fun, and all taken in good faith, even for those very early in piece who never quite made the brunch and ended up at the Kaimai Cafe for an early morning coffee. To qualify I have to confess some of the questions on the instruction sheets handed out got our old grey matter going, but needless to say, the organisers John and Angela Mallard who are also BOP VCC members did a fantastic job. Thank you both for the invitation to join in with you, we all thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, and look forward to another of your runs in the near future.

Participating in events with other Clubs is a great way to network folks. In my opinion, the future of the VCC, is all about being part of a collegiate environment with fellow Classic & Vintage motorists, who have a common interest joining collectively to enjoy their passion of good quality motoring.



Moving onto May when we get our Autumn weather. As I said in this week's BUZZ, the beginning of the calendar month generally for our Club is always a little quieter until we have Club night.

Monday 13 May – Club Night and our guest speakers for the night are new members Mike Quinn and Jen Bethell, Mike and Jen will be sharing with us a motoring adventure they did recently in Australia.

Wednesday 15 May – Mid Week Run – details of this run will be revealed on Club night, and in your weekly **BUZZ**.

Sunday 26th May – End of Month Run – our convenors for this run are reasonably new members Roger and Rosemary Clarke. The Clarke's are taking us on a goat adventure for you to experience first hand one of the largest goat farms in the Waikato. Mark this date folks in your calendars as this is going to be a real fun day out.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how wonderful it is that new members are putting their hand up volunteering to organise runs, a very welcome response to my request, thanks guys. We appreciate members like you with your enthusiasm, you are the very people going forward, that will keep the Club moving along at the steady pace it has been now for a number of years.

If anyone could help out with either a mid-week run or an end-of-the-month run please do let me know, your committee welcomes any assistance you can give us. Remember the club does have a folder that has been circulating for a number of years of some fabulous runs, and many of those runs could easily be recycled again.



Friday 31 May – Movie Night – Paul has been showing some really first-class classics this movie season, and last month's movie was no exception. For May's movie, Paul has another beauty lined up for us – the synopsis says it is a journey through hell, and the title of the movie is "*Beneath Hill 60.*"

A never before told Australian story that takes place during 1916 and 1917 in Belgium.

A couple of reminders for you; at next month's club night (**10 June**) will be our **AGM**. Remember nothing happens on its own free will, and a club like ours survive because we have willing members who volunteer their time to contribute in one way or another to the running of the club.

So please consider standing for a position on the committee, as this is your opportunity to offer fresh ideas to the 'wheels in motion.' I can speak from experience, and tell you that having been your Club Captain now for a number of years, for me, the role has been most rewarding and given me immense pleasure. Along with the many motoring adventures Jim and I have experienced, to the wonderful friendships we have made on the way with like-minded people, I have thoroughly enjoyed the journey.

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In closing keep thinking 2021 folks, because before you know it the '**Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring**' will be upon us. Several of our club members have told me they have already booked their accommodation in New Plymouth for the week of 17– 22 January, good keen VCC people they are, wonderful to hear!

In the words of festival director Tony Haycock he says..."***Come along in your car, truck or motorcycle and join the fun – you won't have seen anything like this event before!***"

So folks, safe motoring out there for another month.

Your Club Captain,

Kaaren



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Hi Everyone,

Coming on to the end of summer we seem to have had a concentration of events.

Easter in particular saw several members attending other Club runs which left our events organisers concerned about attendance at our own.

Yet with all that the Easter Jazz Festival went off with a bang. What a great show the cars put on when they were all sitting in the sunshine. Chrome glistened and sparkled and the cars all looked in pristine condition. Well done, not to just the organizer Doug Brown but to all our members who responded to the call. Thirty eight cars attended which I thought pretty good considering many members were out of town.

This month for me has also been very busy as well. It has been 20 years since the brakes were done up on the old Humber so I have been reconditioning parts ready to fit in when I start. It's amazing how many of the businesses now just turn you down as they can't be bothered with old stuff. If it is not on the computer then you find it an uphill battle trying to get parts. But by venturing around, there are still 1 or 2 people who do care and are helpful. When you do find them it is like sudden relief. Like you have won a battle and it gives you confidence to move on. Thankfully I am almost there now.

Also as we get nearer to our AGM we need to start thinking of our office bearers. A few are due to retire this year for various reasons and we need some fresh thinking. A bit of thought needs to be generated and people approached now rather than at the last minute. I am sure there are members out there who wouldn't mind taking on a task but if they are approached at the last minute will probably decline. But with a little nurturing will accept a position and later maybe even thank you. It is rewarding to be involved in the running of your club. Several positions will become vacant and I am sure Jim will let us know the position at our meeting. While we are thinking about vacant positions, we need to make sure that our club is getting good exposure the best way possible. A typical example is the Jazz Festival. Display banners and notice boards need to be put up to promote our club. New membership forms available and even a brochure and business card need to be created to give away. My feeling is an officer needs to be appointed to attend to these matters and should work in with event organisers. Their task being, to make sure the Club is promoted the best way possible. The committee have discussed it but that seems to be as far as the matter went.

Also at our AGM, discussion will arise on our name change. This bears careful thinking about as it will be seeing the Club into the future. It is important, even though many might not think so. We have made a step forward by going modern with digital magazines. That is now an everyday item readily accepted. Now we go the next step.

This month's Klaxon has a lot of photo's sent in from members attending other Rallies and that is fantastic. So much does happen outside our patch that we don't hear about, but this month with so many members away and responding to my appeals, we have a feast of photo's. A good photo is worth a thousand words and takes so little effort to send these days. Even a bad one is better than nothing and quite often with a little work done on a bad photo it is surprising how good it can look. Thank you to all those who have sent them in. WELL DONE!

A REMINDER TO YOU ALL!!!!. IF YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING INTERESTING THEN PLEASE TELL US ABOUT IT. "THANK YOU". DON'T LEAVE IT TO ANOTHER PERSON. IT IS YOUR MAGAZINE AND IT IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE INFORMATION IT RECEIVES.

All articles must be in writing and received PREFERABLY early in the month, the close off date being Wednesday after the committee meeting.

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Regrettably the change has been made necessary due to increase of printing and mailing costs and the extended delivery times we now face.

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Been away lately to a place of interest

We would love to see some input from you in the Klaxon.

Even photos say a lot on their own.

It is your magazine and your contribution will help to make it interesting

Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Clubrooms, Cliff Road, Tauranga

On Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

Present	Treasurers report
Apologies	Club Captains report
Minutes of previous meeting	Election of officers
Matters arising	Notices of motion
Chairmans report	General business

Nominations are called for all positions and must include the name of mover and seconder.

Nominations must be in the secretary's hands in writing on or before 27th May.
(Emails are acceptable)

Send nominations or notices of motion to:

The Secretary, John Payne, Email: jomj65@kinect.co.nz

or Post to: The Secretary, PO Box 660, Tauranga, 3144

Remit

To be discussed and voted on at our AGM to be held 10th June 2019 at our Club Rooms 45 Cliff Road, Tauranga

Proposed:

To change our registered name from "The Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club Incorporated" to "Bay of Plenty Classic and Vintage Car Club Incorporated"

Proposed: James Smylie

Seconded: Douglas Brown

Comment:

The committee are unanimous that our Club vote on the above remit to provide a name which will allow our Club to be more representative to prospective members who drive historic motor vehicle more modern than a veteran or vintage vehicle.

2019 Easter Jazz Festival by Paul Beck

I think that this months buzz around our members will be the different events attended but the local event that stands out has to surely be our 2019 Easter Jazz Festival.

The week before the event I asked Doug Brown how the arrangements were going which the reply was "so far we have 12 cars but maybe a couple more will turn up on the day". While it seemed to me to be a poor turnout Doug seemed to be positive about it. Then along came Alastair Jones and after a little discussion we both decided we must attend. I also thought a bit of advertising might attract a few more as well. However we were both concerned about following a marching band. As it turned out, the parade was to be downhill so overheating engines shouldn't be a problem. Or so we thought!!!!. Little did we know at that stage that the band we were to follow also consisted of dancers which whirled and twirled their way down the street making progress not just SLOW, but we could have crawled faster. With a warm day and no breeze cars started to heat up. Many drivers simply switched off engines and coasted down but even the flat bit at the bottom still found the weak spots. A couple of cars got a puff of steam as they pulled up but most motor temperatures just went up a couple of clicks and held on ok. We wound up parking in Spring Street which had been closed off for us and were entertained all morning with a succession of live Jazz Bands playing on the footpath and dancers dancing on the street. The cars (38 at last count) were popular with the crowds and I must say, there was a good selection of cars to admire and all of them were beautifully presented. Obviously cleaned to perfection.

This has to be put down as a successful event and I think even Doug was probably a little overwhelmed as well but I am sure he is a Happy Chappy now it is over. Well done Doug and thanks for putting your hand up and putting it together. Also thanks to those that responded to the call. When it is all said and done, you can organize all you like but if the cars don't turn up, then it becomes a non event. Every bit helps.

So "WELL DONE everyone. It was a good day all round".

Looking ahead from here.

I do think though we could probably improve a little in recruiting new members. It is events like these that attracts them and we must be prepared to take advantage of that fact. While we were prepared for new members on the day and did not get any enquiries, we remain positive that somewhere someone will pop up and say they were inspired by our display.

It was also pleasing to see Sun Live newspaper gave us a good coverage as well. We could do with more of that to promote our fabulous Club.

Paul Beck

2019 Jazz Festival



Above:
The band
and
dancers
that led
the way



Left:
Vintage
cars as far
as the eye
can see
down Wil-
low Street



Left:
Murray
Toms in 1
of 3 cars
he had in
the parade
Well done
Murray!

2019 Jazz Festival



Above:

Zebra Zephyr Crossing



Left:

Assembling at
Clubrooms



Left:

Looking good in Spring
Street

2019 Jazz Festival



Above:
The parade
heads down
Willow Street



Left:
2 cars that
made a striking
picture
with the
mural behind



Left:
Someone
stole the
motor when I
wasn't
looking

April End of Month Run by Paul van den Hoven

The end of month run was an invitation by the Lotus Car Club to join them for a trip into the countryside – destination unknown.

Approximately 30 cars turned up. Seven were Lotus and the remainder a variety of other British makes and various American cars of all ages.

John and Angela gathered us all for a briefing. Four pages of written instructions plus one of general trivia questions were handed out as each car started.

We headed out in the direction of the Kaimais and meandered our way through the countryside visiting Okoroire, Tirau, Putaruru, Arapuni, Horahora, Hinuera then out past Hobbiton in the Matamata district before heading back to Tirau for the rally finish and lunch.

This run proved to be reasonably hard with a lot of clues to find with some of a tricky nature.

Extra credit must go to the Smylies who completed the rally in their Model T and that was after clocking up a lot of rally miles in the preceding weeks as well.

There was a prizegiving at the end. Lotus people got first prize and some minor prizes but not to be outdone we managed to get second prize in the Studebaker (the “Green One”) mainly due to the efforts of my support team. So the BOPVCC did not go away empty handed.

Many thanks to the Lotus Car Club for their organising and kind invitation.



Club Lotus Bay of Plenty / British Cars Navigation Run
by John and Angela Mallard

Sunday 9am was the start time for the combined Lotus / British cars / End of Month VCC run starting from the Western Bay Council Carpark.

We ended up with a total of 29 cars ranging from old Models A's & T's right through to the latest Lotus Evora's.

As it was organised by us through Club Lotus we had a very good turnout with a total of 7 Lotus cars coming down for the weekend generally from Auckland region.

There were also a half dozen cars as part of the "British Interclub group" and the remainder under the Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club umbrella.

The weather wasn't the best: dry in Tauranga but as the Kaimai summit got closer the rain set in and it was generally damp, drizzly or raining for the remainder of the drive around the Waikato.

Everyone got away at 1 minute intervals but due to a bit of ambiguity with the first few instructions, a number of the cars lost the thread early on in the piece and never got further than the Kaimai Café. The remainder managed to sort it and were very soon all over the Kaimai summit and following the trail of clues and instructions along the course. We got to the half way point at the Hinuera Hall in time for the first car to come through but due to the large number of cars and the spread, we had to head to the end destination before the last car made its appearance.

Some of the participants had to open their "cheat sheets" to enable them to find their way and all but a few made it to the rendezvous point, the Enchanted Café in Tirau. Drinks and food was duly ordered and eaten while Angela and I went through and scored the run sheets and Trivia Quiz. There were quite a few teams that scored very well with the run but as we had established a target time, a lot lost points due to the fact they were well outside that.

The list of prize receivers are as follows and as I pointed out numerous times on the day, there was absolutely no bias towards Lotus; it's just the way the results ended up!

Target time – 3.0 hours. Possible run score 53, Quiz 20

Run Winner: David & Helen White in their Lotus Elise 3hr 2 min - 52 points

Runner up: Green Team in the Studebaker 3hr 18min - 49 points

Perfect Score of 53: Richard & Donna in the Lotus Evora 3hr 36 min - 53 points

Least number of clues noted: Adrian & Sue in their Lotus Exige 3hr 6 min 13 points

Quiz winner: Nigel & Sara (Lotus Evora) 15 points out of 20

Best effort to get there on the day: Ray Davies (& rent-a-navigator) in his XJS Jaguar

Great day had by all (well, most)

REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

Memories from long ago and far away...

Fender skirts

I know some of you will not understand this message, but I bet you know someone who might. I came across this phrase yesterday.



FENDER SKIRTS

A term I haven't heard in a long time, and thinking about 'fender skirts' started me thinking about other words that quietly disappeared from our language -- with hardly a notice ... like' curb feelers. '



Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some older person (over 50) to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember 'Continental kits'?

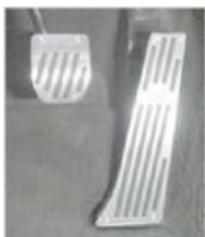
They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.



When did we quit calling it the '**emergency brake**'? At some point 'parking brake' became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with 'emergency brake.'

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the 'foot feed.' Many today do not even know what a **clutch** is or that

the **dimmer switch** used to be on the floor. For that matter, the **starter** was down there too.



Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the '**running board**' up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth -- but never anymore: '**store-bought.**' Of

course, just about everything is 'store-bought' these days.

But once it was bragging material to have a "store-bought" dress or a "store-bought" bag of candy.



'Coast to coast' is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term, 'worldwide,' for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, **'wall-to-wall'** was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! (Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors.) Go figure.



When was the last time you heard the quaint phrase, **'in a family way'**? It's hard to imagine that the word 'pregnant' was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company, so we had all that talk about stork visits and 'being in a family way' . . . or simply, 'expecting.'

Apparently **'brassiere'** is a word no longer in use. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just 'bra' now.



'Unmentionables' probably wouldn't be understood at all. I always loved going to the **'picture show,'** but considered 'movie' an affectation.



Most of these words go back to the 1950s, but here's a pure 1960s word I came across the other day: **'rat fink.'** 'Oh, what a nasty put-down!



Here's a word I miss . . . **'percolator.'** That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? 'Coffee maker.' How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro . . . words like:

'Dyna Flow' and **'Electrolux'** and **'Frigidaire.'** Then they introduced the 1963 Admiral TV . . . with **'Spectra Vision!'**



Food for thought:
Was there a telethon that wiped out **lumbago?** (Nobody complains about that anymore.)

Maybe that's what **Castor Oil** cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with Castor Oil anymore.



Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me the most is **'supper.'** Now, everybody says, 'dinner.' (Save a great word.) Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

(Contributed by Earle Taaran)

Touring in Series 1 Land Rover Wairarapa - March 2019

by Jennifer and Michael Bethell

Each year at the end of summer an eclectic mix of people gather together, usually somewhere in the North Island, who have one thing in common – they own a road worthy Series 1 Land Rover. Series 1 Land Rovers were built between 1948 and 1958 and, were imported into New Zealand in vast quantities, mostly into the South Island, where they were often used as farm implements - it is said there isn't a farm in New Zealand that a Series 1 has not been on.

Historically the Series 1 Land Rover Club in New Zealand has been quite small, and this annual event, even smaller. The last gathering we went on there were 13 vehicles present. This year an unprecedented 27 vehicles attended.

These gathered vehicles and their owners spend a weekend, traipsing around a mix of farm land, gravel roads and generally interesting places. In an ideal world at least one will break down, and when it does it acts like sugar to hummingbirds as men eagerly gather around the lifted bonnet and one at a time impart their diagnoses. Unfortunately for them, this weekend didn't offer many such opportunities, however, what follows is a brief, if not rambling, description of that weekend

Saturday morning started with a briefing from Paul, this year's organiser, and Wairarapa local. Paul is fairly famous in the area, he was featured on Police Ten 7. Paul had been driving his Series 1, newly restored, on a farm here in the Wairarapa and it was a wee bit windy. He was on a ridge when suddenly his vehicle was blown off the ridge, the canvas back acting a bit like a sail. He hadn't told anyone where he was going. He had broken his leg along with other minor injuries but heroically gathered parts of his now battered Series 1 to create a splint, until help arrived. Eventually he was found by a woman on her horse, who was able to call for help. Interestingly the police attempted to get to him, failed, and eventually

asked the farmer's wife to drive them there on her quad bike. In the end he had to be helicoptered out. Paul's Series 1 has now been re-restored.

Clouds were hugging the distant hills but the light above was lovely, promising a fine day. We had enough rain overnight to dampen down the dusty



roads, which is appreciated - especially the 80" and 86" canvas tops that had chosen to go without theirs. We began with a paper road through which there were many gates to be opened. The usual off-roading sequence was used – first in line behind leader, stops, pulls over and opens the gate for the leader then remains with the gate until all vehicles behind have passed, pulling in behind, but in front of Tail End Charlie, and so on with each gate. I always like to carry lollies with me to hand out to the passenger that's had to open and close the gate – today's treat, Mackintoshes. Back onto tarmac and past Parkvale Mushrooms, (growing mushrooms since 1966) then back on to gravel and our first farm, The Gibbs farm. We stop for a view over a paddock full of kale down a valley to the River Ruamahanga -



we really do live in a beautiful country!

Carrying on and the first issue of the day, a muddy hill and someone with road tyres. Quickly followed by the second issue of the day, since Paul had arranged this event entirely by himself (ie no input from his wife) he had not

considered the ladies in the group would like a few pit stops. So, a stop at a woolshed saw a queue of ladies.....

Then to the Pitney Farm which came through the wife's family and the present generation has changed the land use in a number of ways. The farm is a mix of sheep and dairy cows (Friesian and Jersey cross). The cows are milked only once a day and have been bred to overcome udder breakdown. The farm has an income from carbon credits in regenerating native bush as they were lucky enough to get on board with the scheme in the early days. They also produce honey, last year 13kg of honey per hive. On we go uphill through bush until we came to a ridge –



yes *that* ridge – the one that Paul was blown off. Fortunately for us it was not a windy day, we took a brief stop here to enjoy the views over each of the valleys right and left of us. At the top of a hill we had a late lunch, thankfully the weather was holding although we could see distant rain.

The rest of the time on the farm was spent driving through a mix of paddocks and bush – the Pitney's have a stunning farm and I can see why Paul likes driving over it in his 70 year old vehicle.

Before returning to base we explored the Waiohine Gorge. You can't visit this gorge without visiting the spectacular suspension bridge. This is one of New Zealand's



tallest and longest at 124 metres long over a gorge 40 metres deep. It is supported by 7 metre high towers and has 26mm diameter wire rope. And it surely was spectacular. We were lucky enough to have

it all to ourselves for a few minutes before it soon became populated by our group – limited to 12 at a time. Some were happy just to watch from the side lines.

Sunday The weather was cloudy and murky and expected to drizzle, a high of 19 today. We headed first to the Maunsell farm. A longish complicated drive sees the LRers split, folks not obeying convoy rules - always wait at intersections so the people behind see where you turned - and consequently a lost tail end. The farm owner, Bill Maunsell gave us a briefing about his farm. It drizzled as we listened to him and once done no-one wanted to go behind lead as they would have to open the first gate. We went second.

Off to Castlepoint. We hit the coast and travelled south on a gravel and tarseal road. It was so lovely to use the wooden one-way bridges, they reminded me of the bridges that used to be between Katikati and Tauranga, to accommodate the railway line. The sun was peeping through and we had good visibility – raincoats off!



After a late picnic lunch and a quick visit to Castlepoint light house we were delayed on our way to Castlepoint Station by John. John and his wife are in their 80s and are Land Rover Series 1 owners from Zimbabwe. They had contacted the club asking if they could come along as passengers. Obviously, the club welcomed

them. John asked about the specs of our vehicle and then produced a set of fuel pump points particular to our vehicle. Although, these are reasonably rare John had once bought a warehouse back in Zimbabwe and apparently it had been full of old vehicle parts. He sold some to the Series 1 club in the UK but had brought some to New Zealand so that he could hand out to the members of the Series 1 club here. How lovely.

Then we were welcomed to Castlepoint Station and told a few things about the farm. The present owners were 7th generation farmers from the State of New York and bought Castlepoint Station in 1998. They have 2007 hectares in 20,000 Romney sheep and 1000 Angus cattle. There are 10ks between boundary gates. They feed very little grass, mostly grow legume and because of the high content of salt on the land they don't need to use salt blocks for the animals. I was interested to



learn that fences by the sea last half as long due to corrosion and they don't use batons as the fences have a short life due to ground movement and erosion. A couple of interesting facts about this event: The group that attended collectively own 221 Land Rovers – that's an average of 9 per household!

Model A's on Tour in South Island photo's by Brian Pratt



Model A's assemble at South Arm: Lake Manapouri
Brian & Cindy Pratt & Leone Ward at Walters Peak
Brian & Cindy Pratt. Clifton Bridge: Tuatapauri. Joe & Jill
Scott. Walters Peak. Jill Scott, Kaaren & Jim Smylie, Margaret
Goldsmith & Brian & Cindy Pratt. Walters Peak



Goodbye Pork Pie Rally 2019 photo's Deidre Rennie

A fundraising event organized by the Mini Club.



Hanna Peters and Deidre Rennie set out for a fun filled time when they entered the Pork Pie Rally organized by the Mini Club. The rally ran from Kaitaia to Invercargill and was also to celebrate the Minis 60th birthday as well. What a way to celebrate. There was lots of fundraising involved and taking in sponsorship in return for a label on the car the Madams of Mayhem as their team was known, combined with 4 other teams from the Tauranga Mini Club, raised \$11,010 for KidsCan and came 5th on the fundraising leaderboard. In total the event raised over \$274,386.92 that will support the underprivileged children of New Zealand.

The Route took them through New Zealand following the Blondini Gang's journey in the well known 1981 movie "Goodbye Pork Pie" where the gang set out to travel to Invercargill and had to raise money to keep themselves going by stripping the car of parts and selling them creating mayhem along their travels.

Joe and Jill Scott on S.I. tour with the Goldsmiths—After model A Rally



At Richardsons Truck museum, Invercargill and Larnach Castle, Dunedin.

FUNNY BUSINESS

A welder sees an add for help at a metal shop. \$18-\$25 an hour.

He went in and asked about the job.

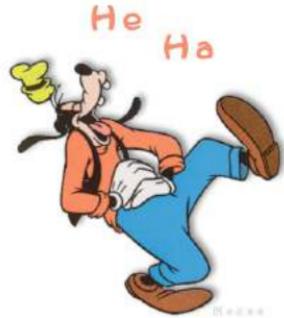
They gave him some metal to weld and told him to bring it back when he's done.

The Welder brought back 2 welds. The first was beautiful. Pristine beads and straight as an arrow.

The shop owner complimented him on such fine work.

The second weld was sloppy and unappealing so the shop owner asked what's up with the differences in the welds.

The welder says "The first one is \$25 an hour and the second one is \$18.



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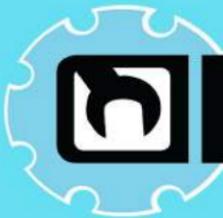
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The Viva is a factory sleeper it has all of the Magnum mechanicals, going by the chassis tag the first owner ordered it from the factory to look like butter wouldn't melt, it is missing RH rear door glass has a new radiator

They are both trailer cars for taking away, from storage in Cambridge, both have been dry stored for 15 years or more.

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