



Sunbeam Car Club of New Zealand Inc. Manawatu Branch

Branch Newsletter – March 2016

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Start of the Kairanga - Ohau run

Hi everybody, summer is on the horizon, although you wouldn't know it yet. Not very good Sunbeam weather but hopefully it will have settled down somewhat before November 6th which is when we host the Rosemary Smith Trial. This is a national event of some significance to this club and the winner receives a particularly nice trophy donated by ex Rootes rally driver Rosemary Smith so we would like a good turnout of local members, it will be starting from Feilding at 10am on Sunday November 6th for a run of about 2 hours duration so mark this in your diaries now, Dave McDougall is working on a route around the Manawatu, this will be a good run for your Sunbeam after a winter spent in the garage so get those covers off and get your car in shape now for this great event. Details of start place etc will follow.

July saw a good collection of Sunbeams gather at Kairanga School for a simple run to The Brown Butter Café in Ohau for lunch via the back roads, organised by Sandra and Neil Crawley we were joined by 2 cars from the Hillman/Humber car club, a '50s Humber Hawk and a Hillman Husky sporting a very nicely fitted Side valve V8, the Crawford's debuted their latest acquisition, a MkIII Humber Sceptre and the McDougalls arrived in their red Alpine which is currently for sale on Trademe, a good buy for someone.

Our next meeting is at Caroline's Boatshed in Wanganui – **please let Peter Powell know if you plan to attend** – email pcp.lmn@vodafone.co.nz or phone 06 3448110

Please do this **asap** as the restaurant requires an indication of numbers.

New Member: We would like to welcome a new member into the Manawatu Branch – Peter Kelly from Havelock North with a 1964 Sunbeam Alpine V8.

NEXT BRANCH EVENT

▶ **Chat & Ale** – Caroline’s Boatshed, 181 Somme Pde., Wanganui – Wednesday September 14th 6.30 pm. This is a very nice venue.

Chat and Ale dates & venues for 2016 are: -

14th September – Caroline’s Boatshed, 181 Somme Parade, Wanganui

December – To be advised

The Rosemary Smith Trial – November 6th starting at 10 am from Feilding (further details to be advised)

Duration of approx 2 hours will be finishing at a lunch venue.

You will need – a navigator (fill the car if you wish), pen, and clipboard

Your car will need – current WoF and Registration (we will be checking)

OTHER BRANCHES EVENTS COMING UP:

Mainland Branch TOPSI tour – 14th – 17th October 2016

Contact Julie Reid at brucereid@clear.net.nz or phone 03 312 8555

Takes in the Tasman and Marlborough region, Mainland always know how to arrange a fun event, if you are able DO THIS, you won’t regret it.

The National AGM – 3 – 5 March 2017 Masterton (Hub event 1 – 3 March)

This will be the 45th National AGM and Wellington is running a ‘Hub’ type pre-AGM event. This is optional, so attend both this and the AGM or just the AGM weekend.

You will have received a registration form in Junes Sunbeamania, if you have lost it contact Fred Alvarez at fredalvarez@gmail.com or phone 04 9776567 for a replacement.

OTHER STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

The Sunbeam Register: - This project has been steadily increasing in numbers over the last few years and now totals around 218 cars from all over NZ all neatly indexed in ring binders by master Registrar, Waikato member John Pinfold.

The idea is to (eventually) build a database of all known Sunbeams in NZ so that the histories of our favourite vehicles are retained for their future owners. As we all know the sometimes quite colourful stories of our cars are not passed on as they change hands and it was considered high time that we started recording these histories for posterity.

This is a confidential register and is only available to view by contributors and club officers – definitely not for public distribution and there are **no** plans to load it on the Internet – a rumour that has done the rounds.

Our branch co-ordinator is Peter Powell, so to get all the details on this project please contact him on 06 3448110 or pcp.lmn@xtra.co.nz

Need parts for your Sunbeam? – For new parts Contact Bryan, Mari & Geoffrey Atkins at spares@sunbeamcarclubofnewzealand.org.nz

For a variety of good second hand items contact Ian Sutherland at sunbeamusedspares@outlook.com or phone 07 8831710

The current inventory runs to about 60 pages so there are lots of bits available.

Happy Sunbeaming
Dave Moorhead