



HIGHLIGHTS

Ellerslie Concours and AGM Special Part 1

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1 st to 5 th March 2016 National AGM Masterton Sunday 5 th March Brit Euro Show Pakuranga Sunday 26 th March Branch Picnic at Wenderholm Regional Park Sunday 2 nd April Nog 'n'Natter Dollan's Lynfield Saturday 8 th April Spares Parts Day at Ian and Debbie's Tirau	March-April 2017
<i>Celebrating 45 Years of Sunbeaming Fun</i>	

Hello everyone,

It has been a while since my last issue, but that does not mean there has not been much happening.

In fact for me, I hardly had a rest after Christmas as I marshalled at 6 race meetings in 7 weeks, 3 at Taupo, 2 at Hampton Downs and 1 at Pukekohe, then on 10th, 11th and 12th March I was at Hampton Downs for the final round of the NZ Touring Car Championship. Additionally

Also the British New Zealand Business Association, of which I am the Honorary Treasurer, had 3 functions in 3 weeks in January and February. Each one required me to spend time chasing late payments and processing credit card payments from the majority of the attendees to each one.

Among those I squeezed in a weekend to attend the NZ Classic Car Show and Concours d'Élegance at Ellerslie Race Course.

Then at the beginning of March, I attended the Club's National AGM in Masterton, and Part 1 of my report is further on in this issue. I ran out of room for the final part, which I will include in the May issue.

Though none of the above really excuses the fact that this issue is late for March, I made an editorial decision to combine March's issue with April's.

“We won the Cup, we won the Cup, Eee aye addio we won the Cup” at the NZ Classic Car Show Ellerslie on 12th February

Just in case you missed Suzanne's email after the show, we were successful in winning both the Best Club Display and the People's Choice Award at this year's Ellerslie show, which is a credit to John Barley's extremely broad mind as I was among others in thinking he had lost his marbles completely when he came up with his plan for a day of racing on two Scalextric slot car tracks, lent for the day by the chaps at Toy Mod in Auckland who are NZ's main importers of Scalextric electric car racing sets.



The slot car theme was carried forward to the full size cars which members had contributed for the display, as each one was fitted with a slot racing style guide under the front suspension as shown above. The cars were from left to right:

Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Rally Car (Don Willan), Ginette G15 Imp (Chris Hay), and Ken Howell's Rapier Convertible, with out of shot Dennis & Pat Brassey's Alpine. We also has a rolling shell of a Talbot Sunbeam Lotus looking for all the world like a UK Spedeworth Hot Rod!

The two tracks enabled us to run 2 concurrent competitions for the prize of a new Scalextric set. We had a figure of eight circuit on which we mostly ran two 1/32nd scale Mini Coopers, one yellow and the other orange.

The other was a twisty flat circuit which proved challenging for novice drivers, and the cars were called GT Lightning and bore a remarkable resemblance to the modern full-sized Ginetta G55 GT4 and G44 Junior Cup cars which race with the British Touring Car Championship.

This circuit had an electronic lap counter and timer, while the Minis had a mechanical lap counter.

These two factors dictated the format for the racing, and we agreed that the prize would go to the person (man, woman, boy or girl), who had set the fastest lap of the day overall on the GT track.

Competitors had 2 races in pairs on each track, one on each lane and were awarded 2points for winning and 1 for taking part in each race on each track.

Also a fastest lap time from each race and each competitor was indicated by the timer on the GT track.

Using my trusty lap top I recorded results, times, names and phone numbers while racing continued until about 3-00pm.

Everything got more exciting as the times were written onto the chalk board, and it became apparent that a few people had set lap times so quick that if you'd blinked you'd missed them!

The first people to race established that a time around 2.0 seconds was the target for others to aim for. About lunchtime 4 people called Xavier, Victor, Bojan and Henry all recorded 1.9 seconds, but then a girl called Debbie with brilliant red hair set 1.8 seconds winning 2 races on the GT track and she also raced in two Mini races, earning herself a total of 6 points overall. This was the largest haul of points scored by anyone.

Also a young chap in his early teens named Sasha arrived early with his Dad, then hung around and helped us with the set-up of the tracks and raced a few times. He set a best lap of 1.7 seconds, which disappointed Debbie's mother a bit, though she was "not convinced her family really needed a Scalextric set!"

Sasha hung around our stand for ages convinced that no one would or could go faster than his time.

But the inevitable happened and a chap called Tyler was quicker, setting a blistering 1.4 seconds, which left both John Barley and me breathless, and poor Sasha in a state of disbelief.

We stopped racing at 3-00pm, when we heard the PA in the Concour's Circle call for a



representative from the Sunbeam Club before announcing the concours winners.

To our great delight we were announced as winners of the Best Club Display and The People's Choice awards, while in addition in a prize draw Suzanne won a massive pack of Meguiars Car Care Products which will be made available to members as prizes in our forthcoming events.



Here is Kevin Brown in his first duty as Branch Captain receiving the award in front of a concours competing E-Type Jag. Thanks to Ann and Mike Dimoline and Suzanne Barley for photos of the event, some of which appear here.

Above left our winning team pose with the Trophies just here, while above right John Barley is presenting Tyler with the Scalextric set he won at Ellerslie.

Suzanne reported that Tyler was almost speechless and that his Dad was really chuffed.

I guess this also solves any questions about Tyler's future birthday and Christmas presents for several years!

That wraps up Ellerslie for another year and we must wait for the organisers to come up with a theme for 2018, before have to don our thinking caps ready to start it all over again!

Events planned for 2017

Just to repeat my previous notice about the Branch's Calendar which includes the following events on the dates shown:

- Hillman-Humber tour and visit to First Scene, Kingsland **25 March**;
- Wenderholm Picnic **26 March**;
- Nogs 'n' Natters **2 April, 6 August and 1 October**;
- Far North Tour **5-8 May** (as previous advised and below;)
- Mid Winter Roast and Film Show @ Ryders Junction (\$25 per head) **4 June**;
- Bent Rod Run **2 July**;
- Lunch Run to Waihi Beach RSA **20 August** (\$13.50 per head);
- Phil Ornstien Run **10 September**;
- Branch AGM 2017 **3 December**.

The dates for this year's Tirau spare parts days, have been confirmed with Ian Sutherland, as follows:

- Saturday 8 April

- Saturday 24 June
- Saturday 26 August
- Saturday 28 October

Details will be advised as each one comes up.

Dates for the year's 3 National Executive meetings following the one at the National AGM have still to be confirmed.

BRIAN BAYLISS' SUNBEAM IMP IN THE WARS BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2016

I am not sure how many of you will have heard that Brian Bayliss' cute Imp Sport was tail-ended while Brian was in traffic in Takapuna back in December 2016.

I have copied a report that Brian wrote for the UK Imp Club magazine which is called Impressions.

A Happy New Year. Not
Brian Baylis, Auckland, New Zealand

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Alas I cannot say the same of mine. December proved a very mixed month...

On the 2nd with an unexpected request for a photoshoot of the Imp Sport for a magazine article on classic cars and their owners. The shots were taken at Lake Pupuke, Takapuna in almost the same spot as those I took in 1988 following the initial restoration.

Unfortunately, less than a week later, on the 8th December, the car was rear-ended, precisely 49 and a half years after it was registered in my name. To say I am gutted is an understatement. The damage although looking fairly minor is more than the insurance will pay out on so I expect the car will be written off. The damage to me was severe whiplash that put me in hospital overnight and in much pain around the shoulders and neck. It is slowly coming right, but very slowly. Being holiday season, I will not have any response from the insurers for a week or two. Once that happens I may be able to negotiate repairs with a panel shop but I do not expect much change out of NZ\$20,000-30,000. The external repaint seven years ago was over NZ\$5,000 and with the exception of the roof every panel will need attention.

At this stage the damage to the engine and transmission is an unknown quantity but I am hoping all is well there; I would not like to destroy the 'matching numbers' value by using a new replacement block.

In the meantime I will use the Rapier as it is easier to get in and out of than any



Brian and his Imp Sport at Lake Pupuke in the warm New Zealand December
 Photo supplied by Brian Bayliss

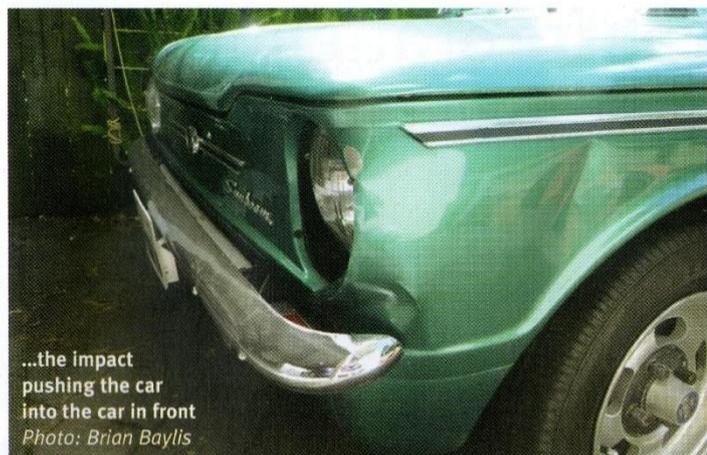


Sadly, on 8th December Brian's Imp was rear-ended...
 Photo: Brian Bayliss

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modern car due to the rake of the windscreen.

The photos serve as a reminder to all that the Imp is a strongly built car for its size and era but the downside is whiplash to the occupants if attacked from behind as it does not have the head restraints most modern cars have.



H-H Club Tour and Visit to First Scene Saturday March 25th and Club Picnic at Wenderholm Regional Park Sunday March 26th

As previously advised the Humber Hillman bods have invited us to join them on the short tour and visit to First Scene in Kingsland on the Saturday before our picnic at Wenderholm. To join the trip meet outside **334B Rosebank Road Avondale** on 25 March 2017 at 10.00am to start the tour at 10.30am, and Lunch will be at Goode Bros at Lynmall after the tour. Numbers are needed for booking lunch, so phone Colin or Dianne Marflitt 278-4918 or 021-900824 if you'd like to go.

First Scene are NZ's Largest Party & Costume Hire Company and it is worth a visit if you want to find a costume for a party or to help you live out your wildest dreams. My wings and bow and arrow for Ellerslie in 2016 were hired from there.

Also just to confirm that the picnic at Wenderholm takes place on Sunday 26th March. If you would like to attend, please aim to arrive at Wenderholm around 11-00am and look out for other Sunbeamers. Suzanne tells me that some new ablution blocks have been installed there.

Working Bee at Ian & Debbie Sutherland's on Saturday 8th April

This year's first working bee at the Sutherland's Sunbeam Second Hand Spares emporium near Tirau is on 8th April. The address is 1428 SH1 (south of Tirau)

If you are interested in attending please contact Pie Man Peter Henry on either 027 629-8594 or 09 239-2302.

Peter Henry is not going down this time but he has offered to have some members' cars at his and Carol's home at 114A Crown Road, Paerata, so you can organise car sharing. Please be there at 7-30am ready to leave at 8-00am.

Finally if you have any tools which could be useful in dismantling cars, please take them with you.

FAR NORTH TOUR FRIDAY 5th MAY to MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

Dennis Brassey asked me to remind you all about the Far North Tour and I am repeating the information which Dennis issued before Christmas 2016.

Crucially Dennis advised the meet time and place as follows:

"Meet up for the start of the trip on Friday 5th March at BP Service Centre, Northern M/way Silverdale at 9.30a.m. for a 10.00a.m. start."

The base motel will be the Kerikeri Court Motel, 93 Kerikeri Rd, Kerikeri where a booking is being held for Sunbeam Car Club members and there is a special rate for the three nights Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May of \$120.00 per couple, per room, per night.

Participants should make their own bookings directly to the owner/managers, Kerry and Garry Dickson, either by phone on either 0800 5374 5374 or 09 407 8867, or by email info@kerikericourtmetel.co.nz

***NOTE: PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE SUNBEAM CAR CLUB
WHEN BOOKING YOUR ROOM AT THE MOTEL***

After booking your room at the Motel, please contact Dennis and/or Pat Brassey at 09 534 6751 or email denandpat@xtra.co.nz to confirm you will be on the Tour so any further information regarding this trip can be sent directly to you.

BRIT EURO SHOW SUNDAY 5th MARCH

Don Willan posted this report on the H-H Club Facebook page.

Sunday 5th March saw a great field of 20 Humbers, Hillmans, Commers and Sunbeams of all types and sizes displayed at the Brit Euro Classic Car Show at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Pakuranga. We were among 670 other cars which makes it probably the biggest car show of the year in Auckland.

The day was perfect not too hot or cold and not too cloudy or sunny and while some talked under the shade of the gazebo, many owners spent the day fielding a myriad of questions about their cars from the big crowd that attended. Most people that stopped had a fond memory and a story about a similar car they had owned. For these people the sight of a familiar car meant a lot more to them than some of the exotic cars on display. A great thanks to the organizers and the Sunbeam Club who provided the Gazebo.

Using my editorial privilege I have half-inched these photos from Don's posts!



Nog 'n' Natter Doolan Brothers, Lynfield Sunday 2nd April

This is just a reminder that the first Nog 'n' Natter for the year takes place at Doolan Brothers behind Wendy's at the Lynfield Shopping Mall on Sunday 2nd April from 12 noon, which is when the bar opens for alcoholic beverages.

The Branch Committee will be meeting from 11-30am. You are welcome to attend if you have anything you want to raise with or contribute to the Committee, but please advise Suzanne in advance so she can add your contribution to the Agenda.

45th NATIONAL AGM 1ST to 5TH MARCH PART 1

During the first week of March, I attended the 45th National AGM with a select band of Auckland members, which comprised Captain Kevin & Gaylene Brown, Ray & Gill Sanders, Mike & Ann Dimoline, Peter & Gaynor Gill, Matt & Bev Sharpe and John Bartrom. Here I am bringing you a photo essay of the things we did and places we visited during the week.

My drive to Masterton Tuesday 28th February

I filled my car's fuel tank to the brim at a new Mobil station on Porchester Road, Takanini before hitting SH1. Knowing this would be a long journey I spent the drive south planning which way to go, as I have used the road to Taupo a lot recently.

At Taupiri I resolved to follow SH1 and use the Desert Road, which I had not driven along for over 20 years, whereas most times I have gone to Feilding for race meetings at Manfeild, I have taken the Western Route via Otorohanga, Te Kuiti and National Park there deviating via Ohakune and joining SH1 at Waiourou.

Maintaining a healthy average speed I was using the Audi's fantastic sprinting ability and almost flew south, though I found the Desert Road both challenging and exhilarating which confirmed my memories of times and cars long gone when I had last driven along that road.

My journey continued until I got lost in Palmy, where a garage man pointed me in the right direction through the City Centre, and following signs for Woodville, where I saw the first sign for Masterton.

From Woodville I headed across the seemingly endless plains with their big skies of the Manawatu and the Wairarapa Regions, feeling as if I were back in the US Mid West where I went on holiday with a couple of friends back in 1979 (I was the only one of three of us with a driving licence with which I had hired us a car).

To cut a long story shorter I arrived safe and sound in Masterton, found and checked into my motel and drove round to the Copthorne Millenium Hotel, where I joined Ian and Sue Gerrard and others for dinner.

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

The Pre-AGM Activities started on this morning, and everyone gathered outside the Hotel to be briefed by Brian Galway about the places we would visit.

As the briefing concluded at about 9-15, my friend Mark Holman arrived having driven up from Wellington with his and his wife's VW Polo, rather than the Alfa Sud I was expecting, because the Polo has air-conditioning and the Sud does not.

CwmGlen Cheese Factory and the Middleton Model Railway

Mark and I joined a long train of Sunbeams which were all headed off on a 37km drive north west for this destination near Eketahuna.

Everyone parked along the road side, which prompted both Mark and me to take a huge number of photos of the participants' cars, some of which are below.



The Cheese Factory is quite charming as the owners have only 2 cows, which are milked every day, and the milk is made into cheese using traditional methods. Most people tried a small piece of cheese and bought some to consume later on. I thought it was charming that the names of the two cows were written on each bag of cheese.

Mike Dimoline sent me this picture of Gill and Ray Sanders, Gaylene Brown and Ross Carroll either sampling or ordering some cheese.

As we entered the factory's main building most of us, boys especially, were amazed to see the Model Railway laid out before us.

We were transported to an imaginary town, set in the English East Midlands called Middleton.

The railway is to OO Gauge and features a number of lines running between two different main line stations called Exchange and Central, and a large terminus called Belgrave Road. In addition there is a line which runs to a seaport and seaside resort known as Eastwhich.





There was almost too much to take in, and I snapped away happily, but I have chosen this photo again from Mike. Another feature was a series of wall cabinets which display a number of toy and model trains of different ages and Gauges. To get to these we had to pull ourselves under the main layout on either a little board or a small chair with wheels. Kevin showed me a Hornby clockwork engine similar to one he has had since his childhood, just like I still have my clockwork trains. Gaylene intervened to stop us planning a way to fill their barn!



Among my photos were these two, which show a canal running to the port and a gorilla (King Kong) on top of the main building in Middleton, which is a piece of fun introduced by the layout's owner and builder. He told us that it took over 7 years to construct the layout. There was also an impressive cathedral shown in this photo on the left, constructed from a German kit of a German cathedral.



Tui Brewery Mangatainoka

At about 12-30pm we set off for lunch at the Tui Brewery in Mangatainoka, which was nearly 40 km from the Model Railway. Here Mark and I had a pizza each, and then he had to return to Wellington to deal with some issues with his property there.



It was intended that we would go on a tour of the brewery, but the earlier tours were running late and most people decided not to wait until there was a free slot.

As I had no transport following Mark's departure, Kevin and Gaylene kindly took me under their wings and allowed me to travel with them.

Mount Bruce Pioneer Museum

We were given the opportunity to visit either the Pioneer Museum or the Wildlife Centre near Mount Bruce or both. Gaylene had been told earlier that the latter had mostly birds which neither Kevin nor I were keen to see, so we turned left off SH2 onto a long single lane drive past a large family home up to a derelict farmyard with the Museum building.

There was no one on the property so with other Sunbeamers we tentatively searched the building, only to find very little of interest.

I took these photos just to show how awful it was, and give you some reasons not to detour to visit the Museum!

Kevin was disappointed that he did not have his trailer so he could uplift the petrol pumps for the forecourt at their home in Matakana! The truck had a badge which said "Invincible."



Its flat-bed was piled high with cardboard and wooden boxes, while many of the Museum's other contents were old domestic appliances and the mannequin had a horror film air about it, as if it were waiting to jump on an unsuspecting visitor!

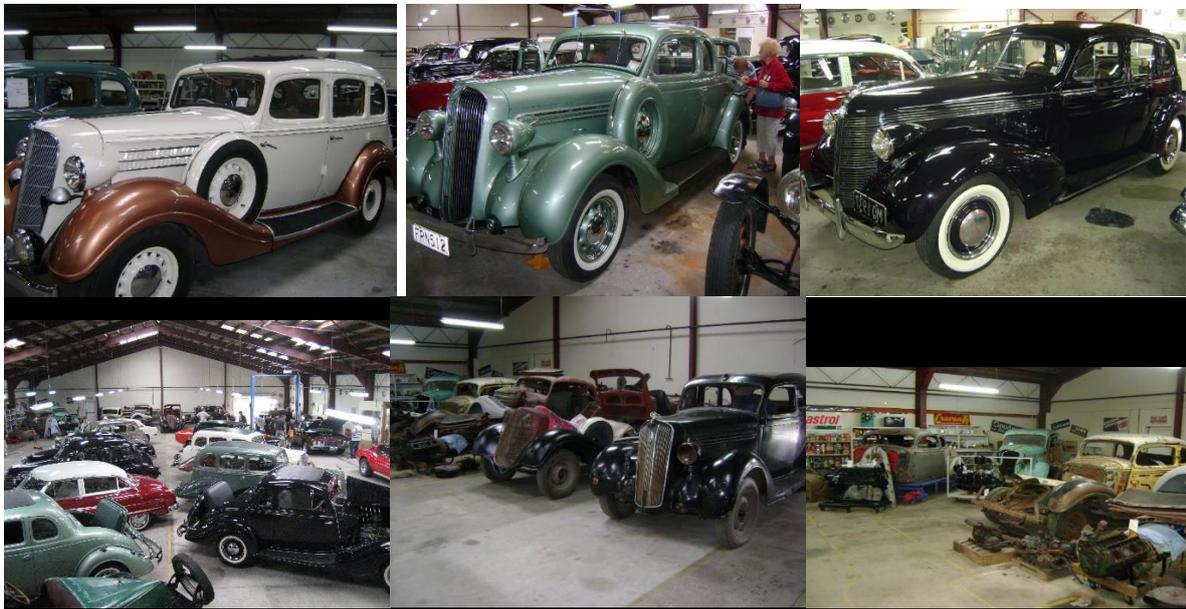


Once more people had arrived and confirmed there was little to see, Kevin, Gaylene and I headed back to our motels to freshen up and then returned to the Hotel for a drink and evening meal. It was lovely to be joined for dinner by my friend Diane, who drove up from Greytown for the evening (she has a summer residence there).

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

Dudson's Private Car Collection

We had 2 car collections to visit on Thursday, first was the Dudson Collection in Carterton. This has an interesting history as it started and grew out of a business started by Mr Kerry Dudson who ran a dealership and garage, specialising in Hudson cars. It is now run by Mr Dudson's son Kevan and daughter Tracey, who spends 6 months a year in the UK. The collection centres on a number of Hudson Terraplanes but also features other marques both US, Australian and British. There is also a restoration business which left me speechless as they restore and rebuild many cars, especially Hudsons, from the barest amount of remains, a process which involves remaking many body and chassis parts. The next photos are of cars in the collection.



The top row are all fully restored and operational Hudson Saloons with a Coupe in the middle. The panoramic shot is from Mike Dimoline, while among the piles of parts on the bottom right are the remains of a 1950s Chrysler Stock Car, which one day will be restored as a historic stock car, of which there is a growing movement in New Zealand.



I liked this 1926 Chrysler Race Car which brought back memories of seeing similar cars racing on old films. The men who drove cars like these in races in the 1920s were brave indeed.



I have to finish now to keep this issue within my 12 page limit and leave you with this picture of a very tidy white Rapier Fastback, taken outside Dudson's because after all the AGM celebrated its initial launch in 1967.

I will finish my report about the AGM next time and again, my apologies for being late with the March components of this issue.

Still we can't all be perfect all the time.

Until the next time
Yours in Sunbeaming

CHARLES

**BEFORE THE BACK PAGE
ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S QUIZ**

Space constraints preclude me including a quiz in this issue but here are the results for the last one.

Question	Answer	
1	Ford UK's slightly up market sister car for the Cortina, built between 1963 and 1970, many models notable for their 2-litre V4 engine.	CORSAIR
2	Portugese-born British sports car engineer known for his design of the AC Ace and for building sports racing cars in his own name.	JOHN TOJEIRO
3	Australian racing car designer and builder, who worked with Jack Brabham (the T in Jack's chassis numbers) and whose initials appeared as the name of several types of Racing car in Formulae 2,3, and Atlantic around the world.	RON TAURANAC
4	Cute low-production British Sports Car built between 1954 and 1966 intended for both road and race use, initially with BMC A series, Climax and Ford engines.	TURNER
5	Model name of Bond's Triumph based sports coupes built from 1963 to 1970.	EQUIPE
6	Italian Company which built the Lambretta scooter and Italian versions of BMC cars like to 1100/1300 series and the Mini.	INNOCENTI & AUTOBIANCHI
7	German WW2 builder of bomber aircraft which, in the 1950s produced a 3-wheeled bubble car and sold the design to Trojan in the UK for manufacture there.	HEINKEL
8	Early French pioneer manufacturer in the 1900s, whose name is used as a form of suspension design.	DE DION
9	Interesting Coupe styled UK kit car built in the 1960s, with a Mini engine, gearbox and subframe in the rear	UNIPOWER
10	Electric vehicles are still in their development phase but what was the name of the first car to hold the speed record car piloted by Emile Jenatzy in 1898.	LE JAMIAS CONTENTE (the never content)
11	Foremost British motor Journalist, who was active for over 80 years from 1930 to 2011.	WILLIAM BODDY
12	V6-engined baby supercar built by Maserati from 1972 to 1983.	MERAK
13	Italian car designer from the 1970s onwards who was announced in 1999 as the Car Designer of the 20 th Century.	GIORGETTO GIUGIARO
14	Affectionate name for a micro car built by German maker Glas during the 1950s.	GOGGOMOBILE
15	Holden's sporty coupes built in a number of generations 1968 to '77 and 2001-'06.	MONARO



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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sun 26 March	Branch Picnic	Wenderholm Regional Park
Sun 2 April	Nog 'n' Natter	Doolan Brothers Lynfield
Sat 8 April	Spare Parts Day	Ian and Debbie Sutherland's Tirau
Fri 5 to Mon 8 May	Far North Tour	Kerikeri Bay of Islands
Sun 4 June	Winter Roast & Film Show	Ryders Junction Avondale
Sat 24 June	Spare Parts Day	Ian and Debbie Sutherland's Tirau
Sun 2 July	Bent Rod Run	To be advised
Sun 6 August	Nog 'n' Natter	Doolan Brothers Lynfield
Sun 20 August	Waihi Beach Lunch run	Waihi Beach RSA
Sat 26 August	Spare Parts Day	Ian and Debbie Sutherland's Tirau
Sun 10 September	Phil Ornstein Run	To be advised
Sun 1 October	Nog 'n' Natter	Doolan Brothers Lynfield
Sat 28 October	Spare Parts Day	Ian and Debbie Sutherland's Tirau
Sun 3 December	Branch AGM & Christmas Lunch	To be advised

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