



HIGHLIGHTS

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Sunday 27 th November – Waikato v Auckland Inter-branch Gymkhana at Ian & Debbie Sutherland's 1428 SH1 Tirau	November 2016
Sunday 4 th December – Branch AGM and Christmas Lunch at Kevin & Gaylene Brown's Home; 24 Rosemount Road, Warkworth	

Celebrating 44 Years of Sunbeaming Fun

Hello everyone,

In this month's issue, as promised last month I bring you a precis of the article about Rosemary Smith and the Irish Circuit Deja Vu Rally in July's issue of Octane.

Also there's information about forthcoming events, particularly about the Branch AGM which as previously advised is on Sunday 4th December at Kevin and Gaylene Brown's home at 24 Rosemount Road, Warkworth.

Auckland and Northern Branch Annual General Meeting 4th December

The Official Papers for the AGM are included in the last section of this issue, so to make space for these, I am sorry, there is no quiz in this month's issue.

Also at the last Branch Committee meeting on 2nd October, a number of Committee members announced they did not wish to continue in their positions from 2017, which means that the following posts are up for either election or appointment. Branch Captain, Branch Secretary and Branch Treasurer, and also a number of "without portfolio" Committee positions are due to be elected or appointed as people can be appointed to some Committee posts without an election.

Therefore, on behalf of the Committee I ask you to consider if you would like to become more closely involved with the running of the Branch and submit yourself for election at the AGM. A number of those standing down from their positions have held them for a number of years and they feel it is time for new blood and fresh outlooks on the Committee.

To stand for one of the officer positions you have to be proposed and seconded for the position by a Club member using the form on the back page, and an election will take place at the AGM. If you want to volunteer to work on the Committee or want to make a formal apology for absence please contact Suzanne in advance by phone or email.

Please arrive at Kevin and Gaylene's no later than 11-15 a.m. on Sunday 4th December. The AGM will begin at 11-30 and is expected to finish by between 12-15 and 12-30, when all attendees will retire for the Branch Christmas Lunch.

As usual the Branch is funding Kevin and Gaylene to provide the lunch and there is no charge for members and their families to partake of the usual huge repast. Please **bring your own drinks** and be sure to limit your consumption of alcohol to a safe level.

Sunday 27th November Motorkana at Ian & Debbie Ian Sutherland's

Just a reminder about the up-coming Motorkhana at Ian and Debbie's

It is always an enjoyable day where you can either drive your car, or co-drive with someone around tricky courses set up by the devious Andrew Blaymires.

If you want to attend, please aim to be at Ian and Debbie's, 1428 State Hlgway 1, Tirau in time to register at 10-00 am on the day, so that competition can start at 10.30am. A BBQ meal including salads, bread, tea & coffee will be provided.

Photo Essay about the Second Hand Spares Working Bee on Saturday 8th October

A stalwart band of 6 Auckland members, (Dennis Brassey, Keith Martin, John Barley, Captain Pie Man Peter Henry, Peter Gill and John Bartrom) made the journey to Ian and Debbie Sutherland's



home outside Tirau and joined a contingent of 4 Waikato members, John Pinfeld and Ross Carroll among them, for a successful day's wrecking.

Dennis kindly sent me some photos he had taken, which are shown below:

Above: John Pinfeld and Captain Pie Man contemplate the tasks of the day ahead, while Keith achieves his long standing ambition of driving Ian's Tractor and roams around searching for something to lift with the tractor's prongs. Then on the right above, a target is sighted and Keith moves stealthily towards the remains of a Fastback Rapier, and then.....



the Prongs enter the carcass through the window spaces and finally it is lifted for transport to a place out of the weather, and the remaining parts could be removed and put safely in Ian's storage containers.

Dennis told me that the white Rapier (above right) was fairly complete and was waiting to be dismantled, but due to the time remaining only the easily reached and removable parts were taken off the car and stored in the container, while the rest will have to wait for another day.

Left, Captain Pie Man wrestles with a couple of chains which are wrapped around a rear axle assembly, so it can be carried to the appropriate section in the store.

In conclusion Dennis reported that it was a successful day with 2 Fastback Rapiers and a Singer Gazelle dismantled and all the parts were catalogued and put into Ian's storage container for safe keeping out of the elements.

Also Dennis confirmed that the gold Fastback in the photos above is one of those that Ian has restored to road worthiness and it is ready to sell.

This shows what can be achieved in only a day by a relatively small group of people, so now we must wait to see what Ian has in store for us all to get stuck into next year.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE FAR NORTH TOUR OVER THE WEEKEND OF FRIDAY 5th MAY to MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

Dennis Brassey has been a busy bee of late and has followed up his excellent work in organising our recent Far North Tours and he has released this basic information well in advance of the 2017 Tour.

The dates are fixed for Friday 5th to Monday 8th May, so you can start planning now.

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 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.

Circuit Déjà vu

As I previewed last month, the July issue of Octane had a feature about Rosemary Smith and the Circuit Déjà vu, a retrospective event held in Ireland to celebrate the iconic Circuit of Ireland Rally.



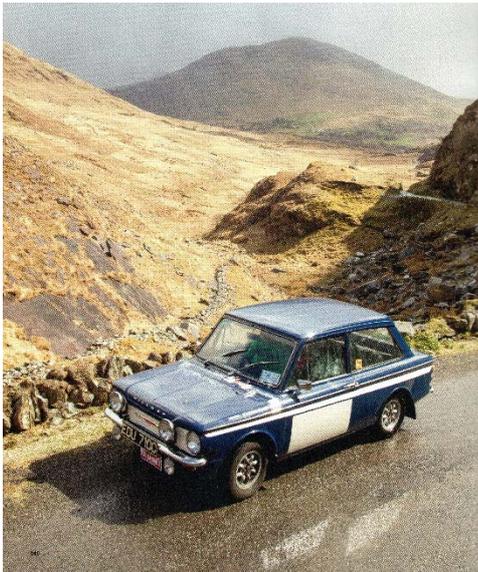
Mark Dixon the author of the article describes taking part in the Circuit with Rosemary driving her original works rally Sunbeam Imp (reg # EDU 710 C) which, he explains, Rosemary bought after it was discovered in a barn in a Hampshire farm by Imp specialist Clarke Dawson.

The picture on the left went across two pages in the magazine, which meant I have had to cut off Rosemary's legs!

Mark Dixon says he had co-driven for Rosemary in the 1994 Classic Marathon in Europe with Rosemary driving an ex-works specification Tiger, though the article says that back in the day, she drove a Tiger in the 1964 Geneva Rally, Rosemary was generally not allowed by the Routes Rally Managers to drive the Tigers, because "the men must have the big cars!" As one might expect she and Mark also exchanged

banter and some rude remarks about other road users.

He describes going over the famous Tim Healy Pass with Rosemary driving the Imp, with its 998cc engine “revving its little heart out”



Ed's note I've seen this pass described as “Ireland's Stelvio” which might give an idea of how great a rally road it is; narrow, twisty and steep, and is where, in the picture on the left, the Imp is pulled up for a photo.

Mark describes it as truly a jewel in the crown of the special stages for which Killarney and West Cork were famous in the days of the full Circuit of Ireland Rally. A while after the Tim Healy Pass he and Rosemary pulled up at a local pub for a coffee, and he describes how everyone in the bar knew the identity of the blonde in a green hoodie, and how the pub's landlady rustled up some sandwiches for these unexpected guests. Once back on their way to Killarney, Mark revealed how he had tried to ask Rosemary about her career and her best results and that Rosemary has an appalling memory of events and her results, though she gave him a couple of anecdotes about her role in Ireland as an active

campaigner for safer driving among younger drivers.

The pair in the Imp were passed on the road by a classic Porsche 911, which while they were not sure it was in the Déjà Vu, they tried to catch up with the Imp revving up to 7,700 rpm!

Mark adds a famous Rosemary quote after asking her if she had had any male co-drivers in addition to her more usual females, “A few,” she said, “but when I put them into ditches they'd scream their heads off!”

Mark ends his article by saying that he had never felt less than safe while in Rosemary's hands, and that he'd happily get back into car with her at any time and go for a blast, a sentiment he thought would be shared by the many adoring rally fans they had met along the way.



I have stolen the picture on the left of Rosemary and Mark together in the Imp from Octane, and the feature about Rosemary in Octane ends with a brief review of her career in rallying. She started co-driving in rallies and auto-tests for a neighbour, Delphine Biggar in a Triumph Herald, before they progressed to a Mini 850, which revealed Rosemary to be a better driver than she was a navigator.

Her initiation to the “Big Time” was in finishing the 1962 Monte Carlo Rally with a privately entered Sunbeam Rapier. This prompted a call from Norman Garrard for her to drive for the Rootes team.

Driving the Imp she had several fine results, the most notable being an Outright win on handicap in the 1965 Tulip Rally (below).



Rosemary also drove a Porsche 911 on the Alpine and Geneva Rallies in 1968 and a Lancia Fulvia on the 1971 Monte Carlo Rally.

In addition she raced in the Sebring 12hours and the Daytona 24 hours becoming the first woman to do so, and also famously drove in the 1968 London Sydney marathon in a works Ford Lotus Cortina and the London to Mexico World Cup Rally in 1970, driving a British Motor Corporation works prepared Austin Maxi, of all things, to 10th overall.

To wrap up, Rosemary Smith's career with Rootes included 21 finishes from 24 starts in Internationals, nine class wins and 12 Coupe des Dames.

When she married in 1980, Rosemary gave up professional driving, but she has been tempted back into competition by the rise in Classic and Historic Rallying.



To demonstrate Rosemary's versatility as a driver, Octane included this picture of her driving a Ford Escort in the 1973 International Galway Rally.

Their summary of her career concludes with one of Rosemary's more ghoulish anecdotes, "the twitching glove incident."

During one of her early rallies, climbing a mountain road, she and

her navigator spotted a briefcase and a glove lying on the tarmac.

"I'd swear the glove was moving," she recalled and they found out later that a Lancia had left the road, rolled over and amputated the driver's hand at the wrist!

The last comment in the article is that "Girls or not, this was rallying at the sharp end."

I hope you have enjoyed this brief summary of the Rosemary Smith article in Octane, and if you would like a scanned copy just send me an email.



To finish this issue I have added this charming picture of Rosemary and her Imp EDU 710C at the end of the 1965 Coupes des Alps.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Branch AGM at Kevin and Gaylene's, and until then,

Yours in Sunbeaming

CHARLES

BEFORE THE BACK PAGE; ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

Question	Question	Answer
1	Model name of Austin's post-WW2 A90 convertible, originally intended for the US market, where only 350 were sold; and produced between 1949 and 1952.	ATLANTIC
2	Model name of GM's international competitor for the Ford Escort, sold in several generations from 1979 on as a Vauxhall, Opel, or Holden around the world	ASTRA
3	UK manufacturer of American V8-engined sports and saloons post WW2, with wins in the Monte Carlo Rally and many UK speed events.	ALLARD
4	Colloquial name for a supercharger, attached to the cars which used them such as Bentley.	BLOWER
5	Model name of the sister car for the Vauxhall Cresta.	VELOX
6	Model name of TVR's 1.6 litre Cortina engined Coupe produced between 1967 and 1973.	VIXEN
7	Model name for Alfa Romeo's mini supercar with 2.6 litre V6 engine, produced between 1970 and '77.	MONTREAL
8	American manufacturer, whose name was mainly linked with Wills; in 1915 it was the 2 nd biggest maker in the USA.	OVERLAND
9	Former Argentine GP driver, known for his Italian built sports and super cars, built to beat Ferrari, Maserati and Lamborghini.	DE TOMASO
10	Model name for 3 generations of cars from Triumph in the 1930s and 1970s, named after a range of mountains.	DOLOMITE
11	A term often used in the leaded fuel days to describe pre-ignition or "pinking."	KNOCK
12	Opel's name for 2 generations of sports coupes built from GM's parts bins, built to compete with the Ford Capri in the 1970s, which was also successful in International rallying.	MANTA
13	541, CV8 and Interceptor were model numbers and names for several generations of car from this UK Firm from 1934 to the mid-1970s.	JENSEN
14	Affectionate name used in New Zealand for Honda's early N360 and N600 minicars between 1969 and 1973.	SCAMP
15	Onomatopoeic name for a motorised rickshaw which originated in Thailand and other Asian countries.	TUK TUK
16	Aston Martin coupe introduced in 1967 with its famous 4-lite 6 cylinder engine and subsequently with Aston's own 5.3 litre V8	DBS
17	Famous UK motorcycle maker from the 1930s on, producing iconic types including the 7R and Porcupine racing bikes.	AJS
18	Another famous UK motorcycle maker, which was originally a gun maker, based in the English Midlands.	BSA (i.e Birmingham Small Arms)



THE BACK PAGE

BRANCH CALENDAR 2016		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat 8 October	Second Hand Spares Day	Ian and Debbie Sutherland's in Tirau
Sun 27 November	Inter Branch Gymkhana	Ian and Debbie Sutherland's in Tirau
Sun 4 December	Branch Annual General Meeting & Christmas Lunch	Kevin & Gaylene Brown, 24 Rosemount Road, Warkworth
BRANCH CALENDAR 2017		
Sun 12 February	NZ Classic Car Show & Concours	Ellerslie Race Course
Sun 5 March	Brit Euro Car Show	Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga
Weds 1 to Sun 5 March	National AGM & Hub Event	Copthorne Hotel, Masterton
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Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Auckland and Northern Branch of the Sunbeam Car Club of New Zealand will take place on:

Sunday 4th December 2016 at 11-30 a.m. at 24 Rosemount Road, Warkworth

AGENDA

Welcome	Branch Captain Peter Henry
Apologies for Absence	Branch Secretary Suzanne Barley
Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting	Branch Secretary Suzanne Barley
Finance Report	Branch Treasurer Don Willan

1. Election of Officers
The retiring Branch Captain will act as Returning Officer for any elections held
 - a. Elections will be held for the positions of:
 - i. Branch Captain,
 - ii. Branch Secretary and
 - iii. Branch Treasurer,
2. Appointment of new Committee members
3. General Business
4. Consideration of Remit from the National Executive concerning amendments to the membership and subscription years.
5. Discussion about the Branch's plans for events in early 2017
6. Any Other Business to be raised during the meeting.
7. Conclusion of meeting by new Club Captain.
8. Following the meeting those attending will retire for lunch courtesy of our hosts Kevin and Gaylene Brown.

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION AS BRANCH OFFICIAL

I nominate the following person.....

for election to the position of.....

Signed.....DATE.....

(Proposer)

I second the above nomination for the position above.....

(Secunder)

Signed.....DATE.....

I accept the above nomination for the position of.....

Signed.....DATE.....

(Nominee)

To the Proposer, Secunder and Nominee

Please submit this nomination to Suzanne Barley, Branch Secretary by Friday 2nd December,

Sunbeam Subscription Renewal Suggestions

As you are aware, membership renewals are becoming very long and protracted. This puts extra burden on our volunteer club officers responsible for collecting and processing subs. Magazines are being sent to non paid up members at considerable cost as postage charges increase. We need to encourage timely payment without losing members altogether.

The situation currently is:

Membership expires on 31 December and is linked to the financial year.

Subs are set at the following AGM in Feb/March.

Constitutionally subs are due within 2 months after the AGM. Clause 5(c)

A member is deemed to have resigned if not renewed within 5 months of the beginning of the financial year (1 Jan). Clause 5(d)

Both clauses 5 (c) and 5 (d) amount to the same date – the end of May.

If there is no proposed remit to increase subs some branches send out renewals in January. If members do not pay it tends to get forgotten, necessitating reminders, more work and possible expense for branches.

To this end I would like to propose a change in the 'membership' year to: 1 April to 31 March.

Reasons:

To expedite a more timely and focused membership renewal while retaining the two month 'grace' period.

This would have the added benefit of member voting at AGM, and branch AGM's held after Jan 1, being 'intra vires'.

Constitutional changes. (hoping to combine with other changes required as a result of the incorporated societies overhaul)

Clause 5 (c) existing: Subscriptions for Ordinary members are due within two months after the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed: 5 (c) Subscriptions for ordinary members shall expire on 31 March.

Clause 5 (d) can remain. 5(d) Any Ordinary member not renewing their subscription within five months of the beginning of the financial year shall be deemed to have resigned.

Clause 5 (e) existing: New members who pay their subscriptions within three months of the end of the financial year shall have their membership carried forward to the next financial year.

Proposed: New members who pay their subscriptions within 3 months of the end of the SUBSCRIPTION year shall have their membership carried forward to the next SUBSCRIPTION year.

20/07/16

Remit presented by the national executive.

Remit: To alter the subscription anniversary date to 31 March. Change the constitution as follows:

Clause 5 (c) existing: Subscriptions for Ordinary members are due within two months after the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed: 5 (c) Subscriptions for ordinary members shall expire on 31 March.

Clause 5 (e) existing: New members who pay their subscriptions within three months of the end of the financial year shall have their membership carried forward to the next financial year.

Proposed: 5 (e) New members who pay their subscriptions within three months of the end of the subscription year shall have their membership carried forward to the next subscription year.

Reasons:

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