

# BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH JUNE/JULY 2017



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***From the Editor:** Welcome to our newest member Annette King. Annette is Ian Sutherland's sister and lives in Te Puke. Annette has a 1975 P76 Leyland (Sunbeam) which she inherited from her father, who owned the car from new.*

*After a lull in events, August is offering a good range of events for you to join in with – everything from a Track Day to lunching with friends.*

## NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Rotorua Swapmeet at the Paradise Valley Raceway, Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August (Waikato run)** – **Waikato mid-week catch up and committee meeting at Okoroire.** Come along for a mid-week catch up over dinner at the Okoroire Hotel. This is a great chance to get your Sunbeam out for a run. Either head off afterwards or stay on for the committee meeting at 7pm. All welcome.
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – **Track Day** at Taupo Motorsport Park Broadlands Rd. Hosted by the Alfa Romeo Club. 8am sign in. Cost \$120 per driver. Cars must have a current WOF or competition certification. Safety gear: race suit or cotton overalls; helmet and closed footwear. Entry limited to 60 cars. If you are interested please contact Ross Carroll ([robro@kinect.co.nz](mailto:robro@kinect.co.nz), ph 07 5524585).
- **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August** - Lunch Run to Waihi Beach RSA to meet up with Auckland Branch (\$13.50 per head). Let me know if you would like to join in on this event.

## **UPCOMING WAIKATO EVENTS (Ross Carroll 07 5524585; [robro@kinect.co.nz](mailto:robro@kinect.co.nz))**

- **13-15 October - Star Weekend – Wairoa.** This year's run is based in Wairoa and will explore the northern Hawkes Bay area, including Lake Waikaremoana and Mahia Peninsula. Think you know these places? Well what about Te Reinga Falls, or Putere lakes, or Hackfalls Arboretum. We have many runs to cater for all tastes, some unsealed, some sealed (mostly). You can choose the route you prefer. Just be back for dinner in Wairoa. Accommodation is reserved at Vista Lodge Motel, Wairoa, 0800 284 782. Please make your own booking and mention the Sunbeam Car Club. There is also a camping ground not far from the motel for those who prefer. It is the Riverside Motor Camp, 06 838 6301. Let Ian Gerrard know ([i.gerrard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:i.gerrard@xtra.co.nz)) once you have booked and we will email you advanced information.

## **UPCOMING AUCKLAND EVENTS (Kevin Brown 09 422 2128; [brownkandg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brownkandg@xtra.co.nz))**

- **10 September** - Phil Ornstien Run
- **3 December** - Branch AGM 2017.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**6-8 Oct Brits at the Beach** – Whangamata (next year Brits at the Beach will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of February in the hope that the weather will be better).

## **NATIONAL EVENTS**

**Executive Meeting dates and venues:** Mike Todd's place, Taupo on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August; and at the hall at Duddings Lake on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

**23-25 Feb 2018 – National AGM 2018** - the venue has been changed to the Waipuna hotel and Conference centre, Mt. Wellington 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> February. Peter Henry is chief organiser. They are currently negotiating the room rate. There will be a week of events happening beforehand, car runs and bus tours to points of interest will be organised. Car use in the city will be minimised and routes to the venue will be advised so you can avoid the traffic.

## **PAST EVENT**

### **Midwinter lunch at Mamaku Blue on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July**



Despite the rain, there were still a good number of Sunbeams and Sunbeamers at the midwinter lunch in the Mamakus. Reg Blomfield bought his Rapier, Tweety; the Thorburns bought their Rapier; the Gills bought their replica Tiger; Graham Jenner bought his Alpine and the Carrolls bought their Talbot Saloon along.

The rest of us bought our moderns, although Andrew did mention that my Toyota was now “theoretically” able to join the VCC.

Mamaku Blue staff put on a lovely croissant and blueberry pancake laden lunch for the 26 Sunbeamers. The leisurely lunch allowed plenty of time for catching up on the current status of the Sunbeam who were unable to attend the lunch due to water leaks, lack of WOF or other dysfunctional parts.



Mamaku Blue also hosts a museum of local historical artefacts and photos from the Mamaku area. For those who haven't seen the sawmilling history of the Mamaku area, this museum is worth a visit.

Andrew and Reg were amused at the display of early cellphones and were even more amused when I pulled my old nokia out and compared it with the one on the shelf! You may be interested to know that these “old types” of Nokia are very popular in

developing countries where photovoltaic panels are the only source of electricity. Modern touch screen phones require too much charging to be useable in these countries so the demand for the older phone type is increasing in these areas.

## **10 great winners of the Segrave Trophy**

<https://www.redbull.com/nz-en/10-great-winners-of-the-segrave-trophy>

Awarded for outstanding skill, courage and initiative on land, water and in air, The Segrave Trophy is named in honour of British land-speed pioneer Sir Henry Segrave and was first handed out in 1930.

### **Sir Malcolm Campbell**

Born: 11 March 1885 Won Trophy: 1933 Achievement:

Breaking the land-speed record

The journalist son of a diamond seller, Campbell and his Blue Bird car became a land-speed legend in the 1920s and '30s.

His first record came in a **Sunbeam** at Pendine Sands, south Wales, in 1924, with a speed of 141.16mph (227.9kph). He broke a further eight records in the following 11 years, nearly doubling his original best by 1933, and topped 300mph (483 kph) in his final run in 1935.



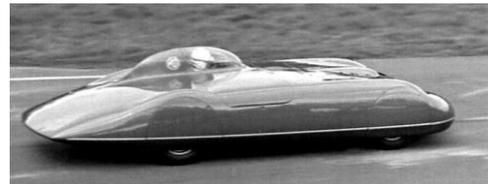
### **Lieutenant-Colonel AT Goldie Gardner OBE**

Born: 31 May 1890 Won trophy: 1938 Achievement:

Setting a road-speed record on a German autobahn

Despite being shot down in World War I and adding to his injuries in a racing crash, Gardner still managed to set a world speed record in 1938.

Driving on a stretch of German autobahn he took his MG up to 186.6mph (300.3kph) and went on to better that the following year, becoming the first to top 200mph (322kph) in a light car. He continued breaking records until a cerebral haemorrhage forced him to retire in 1952.



### **Sir Stirling Moss**

Born: 17 September 1929 Won trophy: 1957

Achievement: Winning three Grands Prix and breaking five speed records.

The greatest driver never to win the F1 world championship, Moss helped Britain break Grand Prix racing's German/Italian stranglehold in the 1950s. Racing for Vanwall, he won three Grands Prix

in 1957 while also setting five land speed records in an MG at Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, USA. He was F1 runner-up four times and raced 107 different types of car in many different series during his career, often winning in inferior machinery to his rivals.



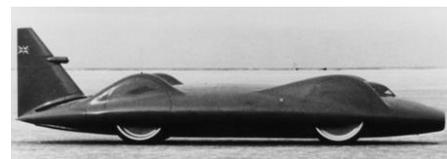
### **Donald Campbell CBE**

Born: 23 March 1921 Won trophy: 1964 Achievement:

Breaking the water and land-speed records in the same year

In the golden age of land and waterspeed record competition, Campbell, the son of Sir Malcolm, was a prolific record breaker.

He began chasing water-speed records in 1949, battling fellow Briton John Cobb and American Stanley Sayers for honours. Cobb was killed in 1952 but Campbell continued setting records on water while also trying on land. He secured 'the double' in 1946 but died in a crash on Lake Coniston in northern England in 1967.



### **Richard Noble OBE**

Born: 6 March 1946 Won trophy: 1983 Achievement:

Breaking the land-speed record

On 4 October 1983 Thrust 2 hit 650.88mph (1047.49kph) on the Black Rock Desert in Nevada, USA, and averaged 633.468mph (1019.468kph) over two record runs. Noble was at the wheel.



The Edinburgh-born entrepreneur is a natural adventurer who has dedicated much of his life to keeping the land-speed record in British hands. Since Thrust 2, he led the Thrust SSC team to break the sound barrier and is now targeting 1,000mph (1609kph) with Bloodhound.

### **Andy Green OBE**

Born: 30 July 1962 Won trophy: 1997 Achievement: Breaking the land-speed record. Fearless RAF fighter pilot Green upped the ante in the land-speed record stakes as the first man to break the sound barrier on land with Thrust SSC. He went into the unknown to complete one of the last great remaining speed challenges, 50 years and a day after the sound barrier was broken in the air. Over his two runs at Black Rock, Nevada, he claimed a record of 763.035mph or Mach 1.016.



### **Steve Curtis MBE**

Born: 9 June 1964 Won trophy: 2002 Achievement: Winning the World, European and Pole Position offshore powerboat titles in the same year



Following in the jet spray of his powerboat-racing father, Curtis became the youngest Class I champion in 1985 and went on to win the sport's three biggest titles in 2002 and 2003. He is a five-time world champion.

### **Paul Bonhomme**

Born: 22 September 1964 Won trophy: 2009 Achievement: Becoming Britain's first Red Bull Air Race champion British Airways captain Bonhomme gets his adrenaline fix by flying wild aerobatics and won the first of his three Red Bull Air Race titles in 2009. Son of an airline pilot and a flight attendant, he was always going to live a life in the air. He entered the Red Bull event when it began in 2003 and amassed 19 wins and a total of 46 podium finishes in 65 races before retiring at the end of 2015.



### **Adrian Newey OBE**

Born: 26 December 1958 Won trophy: 2010 Achievement: Winning F1 drivers' and constructors' titles with three teams

Arguably the most legendary F1 designer ever, Newey's cars have won 10 constructors' titles and 146 races (up to and including Spain 2016) – putting him well ahead the most victorious driver Michael Schumacher's 91.

He won five constructors' titles with Williams from 1992 to 1997 and one more at McLaren before joining Red Bull in 2006. There, he built the team into a leading force and took four consecutive titles between 2010-13. His most recent race win was with Max Verstappen in Spain this year.

### **John McGuinness**

Born: 16 April 1972 Won trophy: 2015 Achievement: Setting the fastest lap at the Isle of Man TT

The most recent Segrave Trophy winner, fearless road racer McGuinness has taken 23 victories at the Isle of Man TT. That stat says it all.

He entered his first endurance road race in 1990 and his first TT six years later. He had a corner on the track named after him in 2013 and set a new absolute track record of 213.562kph last year. This time out, in his 20th TT, he is hoping to eclipse Joey Dunlop's all-time record of 26 wins.



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