

BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017



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From the Editor:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Charles Lloyd in September. Charles came to our Motorkhanas with his two kids in his Rapier Fastback and was a regular article writer for Sunbeamania, as well as being the editor of the Auckland Branch Newsletter, in more recent years.



For those who enjoy a fun day out with family, the Motorkhana is a great event to bring friends and family to. The Motorkhana will be on Saturday the 25th of November this year.

NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Thursday 9th November (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 25th November** – Motorkana at Deb & Ian Sutherland's - 1428 State Highway 1, Tirau (1.3km south of Tirau). This is a fun day where you can just watch or just co-drive or have a go at driving yourself. Register by 10am on the day to be able to start competing at 10.30am. BBQ meal including salads, bread, tea & coffee will be provided.

UPCOMING WAIKATO EVENTS (Ross Carroll 07 5524585; robro@kinect.co.nz)

- **January** – Waikato Branch AGM – date and venue to be advised

UPCOMING AUCKLAND EVENTS (Kevin Brown 09 422 2128; brownkandg@xtra.co.nz)

- **3 December** - Branch AGM 2017 at Brown's farm near Warkworth.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Executive Meeting dates and venues: The hall at Duddings Lake on the 11th of November.

23-25 Feb 2018 – National AGM 2018 - Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland. Phone 0800-924-786. Accommodation: Twin \$230 per room per night - quote reference SUNB0218 to secure one of the pre-booked rooms at the above special rate. Also other motel, within 12mins walk away, is the Sylvia Park motel. Address: 153 Mount Wellington Hwy, Mount Wellington, Auckland 1060. Phone: 09-527 7404. Prices around \$170 per room per night.

The event will follow the traditional format: Friday night socialising, Saturday morning Concours preparation, AGM in the afternoon (followed by the National Executive meeting) and formal dinner and prize giving Saturday night. Sunday morning we commence the 'Summer Event'.

In addition, for those arriving in Auckland earlier in the week we will have excursions organised for the Thursday and Friday including a guided tour of the North Head naval installation, dinner at Skytower and other Auckland attractions. If you intend (or even if just considering) joining the pre-tour please advise

by ticking the box on the registration form that was provided in the September Sunbeamania so that we can include you in communications noting that some options will require pre-booking.

OTHER EVENTS:

Te Kuiti Swap Meet - **5 November** @ 6:30 am - 2:00 pm. Waitete Rugby Football Grounds, Waitete Road, Te Kuiti. Hosted by the Te Kuiti Rod & Custom Club

Cambridge Swap Meet - **19 November** @ 7:00 am - 2:00 pm. Karapiro Domain (Mighty River Domain), Maungatautari Road, Cambridge. Hosted jointly by the Waikato Vintage Car Club & the Waikato Vintage Tractor & Machinery Club, this vintage swap meet is situated on the banks of Lake Karapiro.

Hauraki Crank Up Day - **26 November** @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Kaihere Domain, Kaihere Road, Ngatea. This annual vintage machinery fun day is hosted by the Hauraki Vintage Machinery Club Situated at the Kaihere Domain on Kaihere Road near the corner with State Highway 27. Kaihere.

Wairarapa Vintage Harvest Rally - **3 February, 2018** @ 9:00 am - 4 February, 2018 @ 5:00 pm
Clareville A&P Showgrounds, Carterton. Hosted by the Wairarapa Machinery Club, this event is held every 4 years.

2017/18 PREMIER MOTORSPORT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES CALENDAR

More information and tickets to following events available at <http://speedworksevents.co.nz/>

1-3 December 2017. Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park TAUPO

26-28 January 2018. Hampton Downs Motorsport Park TE KAUWHATA, WAIKATO

2-4 February 2018. Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park TAUPO

9-11 February 2018. NZ Grand Prix Circuit. Chris Amon. MANFEILD, FEILDING

9-11 March 2018. Hampton Downs Motorsport Park TE KAUWHATA, WAIKATO

30 Mar - 1 Apr 2018. Pukekohe Park Raceway.

16-18 Feb 2018 - Brits at the Beach – Whangamata. They have confirmed their Big Brits Show Band for 2018. It will be New Zealand's top Cliff Richard & The Shadows Tribute Show, featuring Shane Hales (of "St Paul" fame - NZ's top selling single from 1969!). This will be the hottest ticket in town, so get yours early! The show will be held at the Whangamata RSA -Saturday 17th February starting at 8pm. Tickets \$29 - Buy them online at www.britsatthebeach.co.nz. NO DOOR SALES!!



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PAST EVENTS

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October – STAR weekend at and around Wairoa

This event was organised by the Gerrard's, with support from the Pinfolds, and was designed to allow flexibility interspersed with catch-up spots for people to share their adventures.

The main group of cars headed to Wairoa via Napier, whereas Andrew and I headed for Waikaremoana, with a short stop in Minginui. The Waikaremoana road still showed signs of the floods from last year but the roading crews had done an excellent job on getting the road back into a useable state.



The stop in Minginui was to check out a place of memory for Andrew as his family was involved in the stop logging protests in the 1970s. Native timber from Whirinaki Forest was processed at the Minginui sawmill. The practice became very controversial in the 1970s and milling ended in 1985. The town is now full of dilapidated buildings but does show signs of life with a new playground and a state-of-the-art nursery for propagating native trees and plants. Ngāti Whare has invested \$1 million and plans to plant thousands of native trees in parts of the forest, once existing plantation pine trees are harvested.



While the rest of the team enjoyed a Friday evening meal Wairoa, Andrew and I completed the last side road diversion to see the hydroelectric scheme below Lake Waikaremoana. The 138MW hydro scheme comprises three power stations – Kaitawa (36MW; c1948), Tuai (60MW; c1929) and Piripaua (42MW; c1943). Water is taken from Lake Waikaremoana via tunnels to Kaitawa Power Station, before being discharged into Lake Kaitawa. Water is then passed through Tuai Power Station and discharged into Lake Whakamarino. From there, water is carried by tunnel to Piripaua Power Station and is discharged into the Waikaretaheke River. One of the Wairoa locals, that we met the next day, said that he had worked on the scheme and remembers watching the Sports Club and the Accommodation Huts being flooded when the water was released into the header lake formed at Tuai.



At the end of our 7-hour road trip we arrived at the Riverside Motor camp to flop down in a very tidy and comfortable cabin. Graham Jenner's tent and Alpine were visible across the other side of the campground.

Wairoa presented us with a clear blue-sky Saturday for our next odyssey. After a quick morning briefing, the Lamberton's and Carroll's headed for Waikaremoana; we headed for some bush walking at Mahia Beach with Graham Jenner; and the rest headed for Te Reinga Falls on the Tiniroto Road. Our reason for visiting Mahia Beach was based on Graham's forecast for the weather to turn the following day. We made the best of the beautiful weather, starting with a picnic at the beach, followed by a 2 hour bush walk. The beach, the bush



and the views were magnificent - enhanced by the lack of needing to rush anywhere.

We finished the walk with a short stint of mechanical work on Graham's car to re-attach a water pipe. This solved the mystery of the trail of water that we had been following along the gravel road on the way to the reserve. With Graham's car fixed, Andrew and I



headed further along Kinikini road, which GoogleMaps shows going all the way around the top of the peninsula to meet up with the Mahia East Road, but we ended up stopping at a "No Entry" sign (potentially put up by the locals as a discouragement). Deterred from travelling further, we decided to enjoy the spot by pulling out the thermos flask and settling down for a cuppa while enjoying the view of the Hawke's Bay.



The final leg of our journey involved a side-trip up a "that looks interesting" loop road (Hereheretau Rd) that took us into the hills to a run along the Makaretu Stream and then on to Mangapoike Road before heading back towards Wairoa. The road was so interesting, with its winding progress and adjacent scenery, that we decided to run it in the opposite direction on the following day. The key places to stop were a bridge built in the style of the "bridge to nowhere" and a beautiful waterfall running into a local swimming hole.



On Sunday, we all (other than the Otway's who had headed for home with a band-aided Tiger) gathered at the Wairoa Museum for a special tour of the museum. If you ever have the chance, this is a museum well worth visiting as the exhibits are modern, interactive and provide an excellent background to the region. This was the one spot where we manage to get a shot of most of the cars, so you can see that it wasn't just a "trip of the Fastback Rapier".



While Andrew and I traversed our "loop road" in reverse, the rest of the team headed for lunch at the Mourere Springs café, with options for bush walks and a soak in the hot springs. We arrived at the point where a hail storm had just crossed and we saw

Graham swiping handfuls of water from his tonneau cover, which the Gerrard's had kindly put on before the hail arrived. The Gerrard's deserve a big "THANKS" for taking good care of us for the weekend.

Andrew and I travelled back home via another "loop road" and a short stop at Matawai in the Waioeka Gorge. On the last leg of our journey, we picked up a familiar looking hitchhiker in the form of Graham Jenner. It seems that we had stopped in Matawai not far from where his Alpine was resting after a "water shortage" event caused by the pipe coming off again.