

BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH JANUARY 2018



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***From the Editor:** First up, welcome to the New Year. Secondly, please note that our monthly mid-week dinner catch-ups have changed to a Saturday afternoon cuppa catch-up. This was a suggestion from our Branch AGM which we are trying out.*

On a sober note, Dave Crow, from the Mainland Branch, passed away earlier this week. Ross Carroll is sending condolences to Judy and the family on behalf of our Branch.

NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **3pm SATURDAY 10th January** (Waikato run) – Waikato coffee catch up and committee meeting at Okoroire. Come along for catch up over a cuppa 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 4pm. All welcome.
- **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.

- **Elms Car Show on Sunday 25th Feb. British Car show at the Historic Elms grounds in Tauranga.** In particular we need three Sunbeams to be on display this day. If you would like to display please contact Ian Gerrard. Sue and Ian will be there with the Tiger. Cars should be on site by 9.30, but this is quite flexible. The event runs from 10.00 to 3.00pm. Members do not have to be present all day. In fact it is an easy walk to downtown Tauranga where several cafes will be open. However there will be onsite catering. Apart from the car display the Elms is of course a delightful spot to visit and admire the gardens.

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

- **Events to come**

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

- **February 11th Sunday** Ellerslie Concourse d'Elegance , Ellerslie Show Grounds
- **February 16th -18th** Brits at the Beach, Whangamata
- **February 23nd- 25th** National AGM hosted by Auckland and Northern Branch , Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, Mount Wellington
- **March 4th Sunday** Auckland Brit & Euro Car Show, Lloyd Elsemore Park, Pakuranga
- **March 18th Sunday 9.30 am to 4.00pm**, Karaka Vintage day, Karaka Sports Park, Blackbridge Rd
- **March 25th Sunday TBC**, Wenderholm picnic, Wenderholm
- **April 29th Sunday TBC**, Smales Farm car displays, Smales Farm Takapuna
- **May Northland Tour** Northland somewhere! (TBA)
- **June 3rd Sunday TBC**, Ryders Junction roast & movie, Ryders Junction

OTHER EVENTS:

2017/18 PREMIER MOTORSPORT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES CALENDAR

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

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!!**

PAST EVENTS

Waikato Branch AGM – Firth Tower, Matamata. Saturday 20th January.

This was another sunny AGM day at the Firth Tower, with a great line-up of club cars. It was great to see the two Blomfield cars (the Talbot now owned by the Carrolls) lined up side by side. The display of Series Rapiers (one John Bartrom's from Auckland) is credit to our club.



The AGM went well with a good discussion about the type events we run. The committee was tasked with re-assessing the current list of events. Those present agreed that an immediate change in our catchup and committee meeting time was worth trying, hence our meeting on the Saturday the 10th of Feb at 3pm.

On the financial side, the Branch is still doing well with a net value of assets of \$6692. The committee continues to look at ways to use this money to support Branch members, while keeping the Branch at a viable financial level. The costs for this Broadsheet and the yearly calendar are covered from these funds, as well as the BBQ at the Motorkhana. One of the other items in development is a series of display boards based on what Wellington Branch has prepared.

Back under the trees for lunch the discussions moved from catch ups to discussions about the merits and recent changes of each car on display. After much contemplation, the winner of the People's Choice was announced by Ian's granddaughter, Ngaire, to be the Thorburn's Rapier.



This gathering was one of the best ones that we have had in recent years. Four of the cars went on to be displayed the next day at the VCC show in Rotorua; read on to hear John Pinfold's account of the day which is illustrated by Reg Blomfield's photos. I have to say that it is a pleasure to have articles and photos supplied by members; thank you Reg and John.

6th Annual VCC Car Show at the Rotorua Lakefront Domain. Sunday 21 January

What a day you missed! The weather was hot and sultry..... the club scored a site in the shade for the whole day..... there were over 300 vehicles on display..... Rover Clubs held their annual Concours on site.. the Ford Zephyr Club took up almost one side... with some gorgeous restorations..... we



raised lots of money for the St. John's Ambulance Shuttle service..... Reg Blomfield was out again "doing" photos, with his trusty "Sweety Pie Series Rapier..... and Ian and Deborah

Sutherland brought their Sceptre III in its wonderful paint.....which brought the VCC Captain over to talk and tell of Sceptres he'd seen recently... and you didn't come!

We had on display our old original (35 years back) Club sign, the Pinfold convertible, the Blomfield Rapier IIIA, the Sutherland Sceptre (two days out in a row on "club support") and Annette's very tidy (and much loved) P76. We also had a very nice BSA C33 displayed with us.....and two MG. A "mixed bag" I hear you say? Yes.....typifying the day where all petrol-heads intermingled happily with laughter, swapping those "got away" stories. Graham Jenner cycled in from Ngongotaha (now THAT'S loyalty!) as his Alpine has the engine out and the camshaft away being breathed on.....but he didn't display the bike... darn. I enjoyed meeting Anne and Mike Dimoline who'd bought their latest purchase tripping out of Auckland to join us... A Series Vc Humber Super Snipe in wonderful condition.



Andrew and Sheryl Thomson enjoyed running unexpectedly into them down here..... and last I saw the bonnet was up and Andrew was working out just how a Vc power steering fluid reservoir could be made to fit into their SuperSnipe IV .

As I started off.....you missed a great (sunburnt) day!

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