



Sunbeam Car Club of New Zealand Inc.

Manawatu Branch

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AGM 2018 Auckland

Hi everybody, Summer has come & gone and Autumn is well under way, daylight saving ends this coming weekend but we still have some Sunbeaming to do before the winter sets in – hopefully not as wet & miserable as last year!

Manawatu branch had 5 members attending the AGM in Auckland with Peter Powell jetting in and out for the actual meeting in his capacity as Treasurer. 4 cars were on display with Neil & Sandra Crawley making maximum effort with 2 cars, their Singer Chamois (Imp) which won the 'Best Rootes Other' trophy and their series 4 Rapier which came a close second in the 'Best Series Rapier' award, Peter & Barbara Crawford brought home the 'Best Sceptre' and 'Most improved' trophies. It was certainly a fair drive to the AGM but it was a beautiful weekend for a jaunt and none of the Manawatu attendees reported any serious mechanical malfunctions. The AGM venue was excellent and the weekend ran very smoothly which made for an enjoyable time.

Our first Chat, Ale and Tale was held mid March at the Ashhurst Inn, we had twelve attendees who enjoyed an excellent meal, thanks to Wellington members Rex & Brigid Williams for coming along.

Subscriptions for 2018 are now due! – the subs have increased for this year, \$50.00 for NZ members and \$55.00 for overseas members, this is the first increase for many years and are needed to help out with increased costs especially with Sunbeamania (Postage!!) and insurances. Treasurer Peter Powell will be sending out Subs invoices in the next week or so, internet banking payment is welcomed using the account number 11 7000 0781371011.

We welcome new member Graham Fordyce from Masterton, Graham is looking for a Rapier fastback, remember Graham it is not compulsory to be in a Sunbeam when attending any club event so feel free to hop in the modern and join in whenever you wish.

Mitsubishi Motors are holding a ‘Heritage day’ on Sunday April 15th, this is open to cars produced or imported by Todd Motors/Mitsubishi Motors, it starts at Todd Park, Porirua at 9.30 and finishes at Southwards Car Museum, it’s a free event and includes lunch and entry to Southwards and tour of the restoration workshops.

To attend you MUST email the names of people in your party (Max 2 persons), the make, model and registration number of your vehicle along with a photograph of your vehicle to greatcars@mmnz.co.nz before March 31st.

Only registered cars will be able to attend.

We have several cars going and if you wish to join the group heading down from the Manawatu area please let Peter Crawford know, we intend to meet at the Himitingi turnoff by 7.30 am.

Sunbeams for Sale:

You will have noticed the Tiger and Rapier convertible for sale in the last Sunbeamania, both are well known club cars with a great history, so if you have a spare \$25,000 for the Rapier or even \$85,000 for the Tiger you won’t be disappointed.

For the less well heeled a quick look at Trademe shows a 1960 Alpine for around \$16,000 available down south and a fastback Rapier selling for \$5,500 in Taihape, this one needs tidying but is a going concern and comes with spares and a whole parts car – worth a look?

NEXT BRANCH EVENT

- **8th April** – River City Park Up – Wanganui City College

BRANCH EVENTS COMING UP:

River City Park Up – Sunday 8th April – Wanganui City College, enter from Nelson/Basset St. – if we could all get there about 9am to set up as the gates open at 10am .

Chat & Ale - Wednesday 16th May – Simply Balmy, 52 Signal St. Foxton Beach – always a firm favourite – from 6.30 pm.

Fireman's Arms Challenge Trophy Run – **JUNE** – Date and start point to be confirmed.

▶ You will need: A navigator, a pen and a clipboard or similar. Your car needs to have a current WoF and registration and **appropriate insurance!**

▶ **Remember - it is not compulsory to bring a Sunbeam!**

OTHER BRANCHES EVENTS

BOTSI (Bottom Of The South Island) Tour – October 2018

Based in Dunedin this year and spreading out in a southerly direction this year, Mainland branch know how to throw a good event so if you possibly can you should DO THIS! (contact is Julie Reid - brucejuliereid@gmail.com).

Working Bees for 2018 at S/H parts dept. Tirau. – 7th April , 23rd June, 25th August, 27th October. (All Saturdays). If you would like to attend one of these days please contact Geoff Lamberton lamberto@inspire.net.nz or 06 323 8081.



British Car Day, Wellington on a damp Sunday in January.

OTHER STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

The Sunbeam Register: - This project has been steadily increasing in numbers over the last few years and now totals 252 cars from all over NZ all neatly indexed in ring binders by master Registrar, Waikato member John Pinfeld.

John has now retired from this position and Mike Dimoline from Auckland branch has taken on this role.

The idea is to (eventually) build a database of all known Sunbeams in NZ so that the histories of our favourite vehicles are retained for their future owners. As we all know the sometimes quite colourful stories of our cars are not passed on as they change hands and it was considered high time that we started recording these histories for posterity.

This is a confidential register and is only available to view by contributors and club officers – definitely not for public distribution and there are **no** plans to load it on the Internet – a rumour that has done the rounds.

Our branch co-ordinator is Peter Powell, so to get all the details on this project please contact him on 06 3448110 or peterplindan@gmail.com

Need parts for your Sunbeam? – For new parts Contact Bryan, Mari & Geoffrey Atkins at spares@sunbeamclubofnewzealand.org.nz

For a variety of good second hand Sunbeam parts contact Ian Sutherland at kiwicamaro@xtra.co.nz or phone 07 883 1710

The current inventory runs to about 60 pages so there are lots of bits available.



The Crawford Sceptre & Moorhead Rapier both made it to Auckland and back without major issues

**Happy Sunbeaming
Dave Moorhead**