

BROADSHEET

WAIKATO BRANCH

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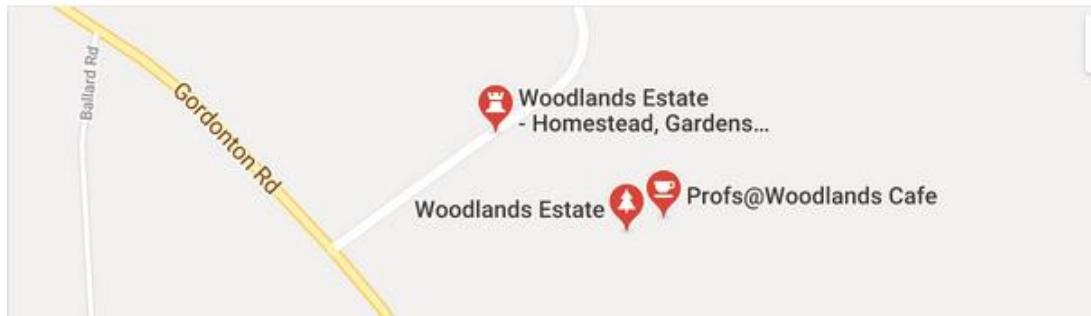
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From the Editor: Another rainy day in the Bay of Plenty brings another perfect Broadsheet preparation day. For the rest of you I hope that it either brought a great day for giving the Sunbeam a spruce up for the upcoming winter event on the 16th of June, or a comfortable day in a warm spot with a good book. For those wondering...my Alpine is still resting in my garage awaiting some work to determine why all of the water is ejected from the radiator after driving 1km down the road.

I am currently hitching rides in other Sunbeams and even got to drive Tweety (The Blomfield Rapier) back to home base after the Dawnbreaker. The drive reminded me that you can't be on autopilot while driving a classic car – your arms are actively engaged in keeping the car going where it is meant to.

NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Saturday 16th June –Midwinter lunch (12 noon) Woodlands Café, 42 Whitikahu Rd (off Gordonton Road, Hamilton). RSVP to Ian Gerrard (07 549 2884; i.gerrard@xtra.co.nz) by 10 June.



- Saturday 23rd June - Spare parts working bee at the Sutherlands, 1428 SH1, Tirau.
- Sunday 8th July - (Waikato run) – 2pm Waikato coffee catch up followed by the committee meeting at 3pm at Okoroire. Come along for catch up over a cuppa at the Okoroire Hotel. This is a great chance to get your Sunbeam (or yourself) out for a run or to see other Sunbeams. All welcome.

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

- Sunday 11th August – TRACK DAY – Taupo
- Sunday August 19th – Waihi Beach Lunch with Auckland Branch
- 13-14 October – STAR weekend (details to be confirmed)
- November – no Motorkhana this year

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

- **Bent Rod Run (Sunday 1 July).** Early notice for this one. This popular annual event has been set by Pat and Dennis Brassey and like all of their events should be great. The run is around the South Auckland area. Meet at 10am at Auckland Botanical Gardens carpark, Hill Rd, Manurewa (Exit 451 from the Southern Motorway). RSVP to Dennis Brassey at Denandpat@xtra.co.nz or call Dennis on 09 534 6751.
- **August 19th Sunday** – Waihi Beach Lunch with Waikato Branch

OTHER EVENTS:

- **Sunday 26 August – Daffodil Rally (Bay of Plenty VCC).** Warm Greetings from the Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club! The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand is holding its annual nationwide fundraising event for the Cancer Society on Sunday 26 August. On this day, all Vintage Car Club branches organise an event to raise funds for their local Cancer Society. On behalf of our club, I would like to invite you and your car club members to join us on August 26 for an afternoon rally as a fundraiser for the Cancer Society. Please note that all makes and models of cars are invited – not just vintage cars. Each car will be charged a \$10 entry fee which will be donated to the Cancer Society. The plan is to meet at our club rooms, 29 Cliff Road, Tauranga, for a 1:00pm start. The Daffodil Rally will be around two to three hours duration, including afternoon tea. More information will be provided once the run has been plotted. We look forward to having your car club's members join us for this event. If you have any questions, please contact: Ken Frew kenanddiane@xtra.co.nz or, Linda Downey ldowneynz@gmail.com. On behalf of the Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club

For sale

SUNBEAM RAPIER III Convertible (“Golden Arrow” Rego DA9083) - travelled 242,000 miles (380,000 km.) Spare parts and manuals included. \$17,000 ono. Contact John Pinfold (07-347-4151; jcpinfold@gmail.com)

ALPINE WITH TOYOTA ENGINE AND BOX. Brian Derbyshire wants to sell his Alpine project. Heaps of spares including wheels/trims, bonnet. Owes him \$8000 and that is what he is looking for. Rego on hold but will need certifying for Toyota engine and box, and rack and pinion steering. Ph Brian on 027 334 1711.

YouTube Video

SUNBEAM ALPINE ENGINE REBUILD

(Published on May 11, 2016)

This video details the rebuild of a 1592cc Sunbeam Alpine engine and the first 1,000 miles 'running in'. The principles are the same for a 1725cc engine. The video was originally made as a reference for future rebuilds. A full set of sequential instructions are available free to anyone who wishes to E Mail us at TIM_RAYMOND@sky.com We do not claim to be professional mechanics or experts, this video is simply the record of what we did to rebuild our engine. There may be different and better ways to do this work, this video is simply the record of what we did. Hopefully it will be of assistance to you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9ynYn-yPpU>

PAST EVENT

Dawnbreaker – 26th May Huntly

Despite Ross's request for a foggy Waikato day, this Dawnbreaker was welcomed with a crisp clear day. The line-up of Sunbeams from the Waikato and Auckland branches was framed by the Tainui Bridge while they waited for the starting instructions.

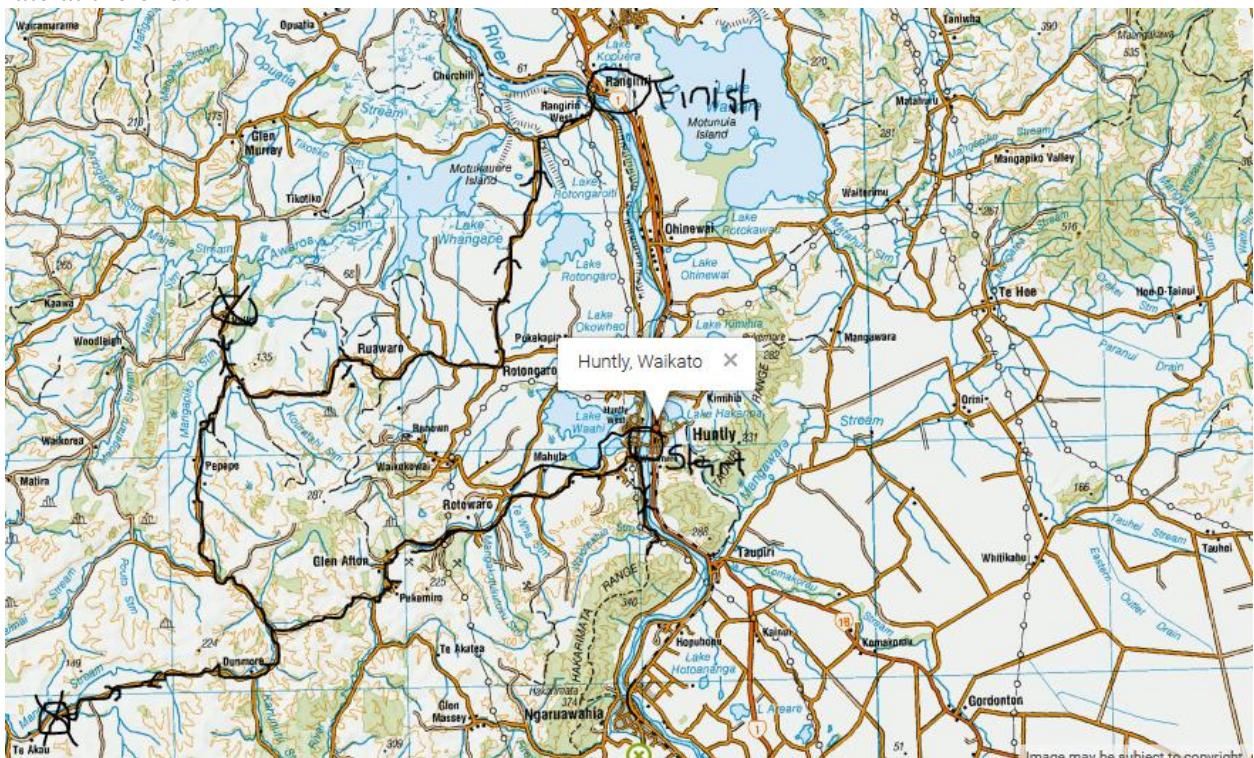


Nearby a Kotuku (white heron) stood motionless in a pond on the edge of the swollen Waikato River. Reg Blomfield captured the reflection to prove how calm the morning was.



I had travelled from Rotorua to Tokoroa to join Reg on this run as Andrew is still working on Kiwi fruit coolstores. We had such a good run through in Tweety that we were the first Sunbeam to greet Ross Carroll. Kevin and Gaylene Brown were next in the lineup, followed quickly by the rest of the Auckland contingent- seven cars in all. Waikato Branch were represented by us, the Thorburns in their Rapier and the Gills in their Tiger (as well as a ring-in friend of Ross's from Katikati, in their modern). I can only guess that the rest of the Waikato team were still wrapped up warmly in their beds.

This Dawnbreaker was designed as a Scatter Rally, which involves having a set time to gather clues that have a set value – the further you drive away from the finish point, the more points each clue is worth. The trick is to not get too greedy as there are points removed for each minute late at the end.



All of the Auckland cars headed off quickly leaving the Thorburns and us still contemplating the best way to attack this rally. Reg and I started off thinking that we would do a small loop on one side of the river then cross over and head out to the Whitikahu side (right hand-side below). Our first clue was at the start of the walking track along the Hakarimata range. As we headed back down that road, we passed the Thorburns heading up. Our next stop was Glen Afton to count the "numbered" letter boxes and then to Pukemiro to count the children on the school fence. As we left Pukemiro, we passed the Thorburns heading in.

We had planned to carry on to Glen Massey than cross the river and not get tempted by the 50-point clue out near Te Akau but the Otorohaea Trig Road looked so inviting and untried by either of us, that we swung right and headed to the "Te Akau South Community" clue near Te Akau. The trig road was worth it, as was the run out to our 50-pointer (almost at the west coast). On the way back, we passed the Thorburns heading in. This was the last we saw of the Thorburns until the end but it did make me wonder if we had been trained in the same "take the road less travelled" club.

Despite a slight slowing in our travels due to a couple of learner motorcyclists, we still managed to collect another couple of clues and stop for a bridge photo, and still only arrive 15 minutes overtime at Rangiriri Heritage Centre. The Thorburns followed us in about 10 minutes later. The last car came in about an hour and quarter over time and managed to claim the Dipstick Trophy for having got overly scattered during the rally.



with the highest points. The Branch Prize (a book donated by Ross Carroll) also went to Waikato, with our three cars having the highest average points.

Thank you for organizing such a wonderful rally Ross. I would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to Auckland Branch members who turned up to make this such a successful event.

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The first car back and the one with the most points was driven by Ross's friends, Trevor and Michelle from Katikati in the modern. They had headed out for the 50-pointer on the other side of the river and ended up only minutes overtime. Rhian and Keith Rowlands, in their modern, were the Auckland Branch car with the highest points and the car with the best efficiency points. To Reg's and my surprise, we won the Dawnbreaker Trophy as the Sunbeam