

BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH JULY 2018



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From the Editor: *Two events coming up this month – the Track Day in Taupo and the Waihi Beach Lunch. They are both events where we need an idea of numbers, so send Ross or me an email if you are coming along to either or both events.*

We're not having an Okoroire Catch-up this month as event organisation is well in hand. You will see below that the STAR weekend in October now has details of the motel where we will be based. It is a good idea to book for the motel as soon as you can. Once you've booked, send Merv an email (thorburn44fam@xtra.co.nz) or call (0274811503) to let him know that you are joining us for the weekend.

NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Sunday 11th August – TRACK DAY – Taupo.**
- **Sunday August 19th – Waihi Beach Lunch** with Auckland Branch
- **Saturday August 25th – Spare Parts working bee** at the Sutherland's Tirau
- **Sunday 9th September - (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; robroy@kinect.co.nz)

- **26-28th October – STAR WEEKEND at (& around) OHAKUNE**
There are some fantastic driving roads, with spectacular views in this the CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND area.
Day 1 Friday at 10.00am - Meet at TIRAU at the ENCHANTED Cafe for coffee and briefing. Travel to Turangi via Mangakino for lunch then on to Ohakune via National park. Stay 2 nights at HOBBIT Motel OHAKUNE. **Accommodation at the Hobbit motel is \$ 135 per night. Please book soon, Ohakune is a busy place. Book your own accommodation 06 3858248 or www.the-hobbit.co.nz. Say you are part of the SUNBEAM CAR CLUB group.** Evening meals are available at THE CLUB across the road - fairly basic menu.
Day 2 Saturday Travel the little known FIELDS Track to the second half of the PARAPARA's. Lunch at WHANGANUI. Return to Ohakune via the old river road thru JERUSALEM if conditions permit. For those who wish to stick to sealed roads or if conditions are not suitable we return via Marton, Taihape and Waiouru.
Day 3 Sunday Waiouru, possibly visit Military Museum and the Rangipo power station outlet. TAUPO for lunch and disperse. Please let Merv Thorburn know if you are joining us, or for any info Phone or text 0274811503.

- **November** – no Motorkhana this year

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

- **September 9th Sunday** – Phil Ornstein Run (tba)

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Saturday August 4th** - National Executive meeting is on at Mike Todd's house, Taupo.
- **February 22-24** – National AGM at Hamner Springs Retreat, Hamner (see p10 of June Sunbeamania for details, including a note on discounts for Ferry Crossings)

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.

PAST EVENTS

Sunday 8th July – Rotorua Swapmeet at Paradise Valley Stockcar track.

Andrew Blaymires attended this event, which looked like it was going to be wet but ended up being a sunny day with a slightly damp end to it. Andrew reported that there was the normal range of junk for sale and treasures to buy (depending on your perspective).

Andrew Thomson was also spotted taking a break from his normal VCC duties on the day.



As to the treasures that ended up in Andrew's van...you'll need to arrange another visit to his sheds.



STAR weekends from the past

For those of you who are new to the Sunbeam club, you may be wondering what STAR stands for - Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Register. This register still exists in the UK but the STAR club in NZ merged with the Sunbeam Car Club in 1984.

In October 2008, Sunbeamers from around the upper North Island gathered at Awakino to mark the 70th Sunbeam Talbot anniversary.



This 2-day touring weekend around the Bay of Plenty was the first of the STAR weekends. In recognition that the NZ section of the STAR (Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Register) joined with the Sunbeam Owners club, this weekend was open to all Sunbeam makes and models.

In 2009 the weekend was extended over 3 days and took travellers through to East Cape to the campground at Te Araroa.



In 2010 STAR swapped to the west coast to explore south of Waitomo along the coast.



In 2011 STAR moved north to travel the coast roads from Kawhia to Raglan and on to Nikau Caves.





In 2012, STAR moved in land to the Forgotten Highway south of Taumarunui. The group based at the Ohura prison included three of the original STAR NZ members. The Blomfield's, Rosser's, Leydon's and Norman's were instrumental in the running of STAR before it merged with the Sunbeam Car Club.

In 2013, we had a STAR outing around Huntly led by Ross Carroll. Ross gave us a chance, not only to look at the coal mining history of Huntly and surrounding areas but also to gain a glimpse of an industry that was at the height in the late 70s and 80s in NZ.



2014 saw the alignment of the STAR weekend with the Brits at the Beach, as Ross led us on this amazing adventure

through back country roads from Ngahuwahia to Port Waikato and then on to Thames and Whangamata.



In 2015, we celebrated the Rapier 60th Anniversary and Ross's 60th birthday in the King country. Alan Curry joined us for the weekend as he had spent 25 years as a stock agent and knew more of the back roads than the rest of us.



In 2016, we headed for Coromandel and tested the cars on gravel roads and last year we were over in Wairoa. Join us this year for another adventure.



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