

BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH AUGUST 2018



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***From the Editor:** Survived another Cold Kiwi Motorbike rally and noted that, although the vehicles and attire was different, the amount of grey hair was similar that seen at Sunbeam events. One could surmise that it is only the older generation who are capable of detaching themselves from electronic devices so they can experience the real world.*

Keep in mind that penchant for experiencing the real world when you look at the events that you can sign up to this year. I'd like to also put out special call to Don Norman who is recovering from a fall. I hope that we'll see you out and about soon Don.

Also a big welcome to new members, the Finch's (transferred from Auckland Branch) and the Bennett's who joined us at Waihi Beach.

NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **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; robro@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** – Meet at the Caltex gas station at the corner of SH 17 Dairy Flat and Kahikatea Flat Rd at 0930 for a 1000 start. Ken will hold a briefing prior to the off so there should be no surprises. Lunch will be held at the final destination, should you eventually make it there....

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

- **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:

Sold

SUNBEAM RAPIER III Convertible (“Golden Arrow” Rego DA9083) - travelled 242,000 miles (380,000 km.) Spare parts and manuals included. Now in Wainuiomata

For Sale

ALPINE WITH TOYOTA ENGINE AND BOX. Brian Derbyshire wants to sell his Alpine project. Heaps of spares including wheels/trims, bonnet. Owe 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 19th August – Waihi Beach run to lunch with Auckland Branch

Andrew and I headed off in the Fastback for this event early so we could do a couple of secondhand shop stops along the way. This diversion put us about 30 minutes behind time. Thankfully, the delay meant that we ended up being diverted around an accident on the Katikati road rather than being in the middle of it.



By the time we arrived at the Waihi Beach RSA the team was already parked-up and in the middle of catch-up conversations.

Lunch was followed by the obligatory ‘check out’ the cars session which Earle Ottway took full advantage of by examining Kevin Brown’s Talbot from top to bottom.

This was another lovely outing and lunch with the Auckland bunch. We ended our part of the event with a paddle in the ocean in the sunshine.



Saturday 25th August – Tirau 2nd-hand spares day

On 25th. August we had the third of this year's "Tirau Days"..... a very different day to usual in its activities! We had 6 helpers from Auckland, 7 from Waikato, the National President from Manawatu ... on his third consecutive help day... and Adam Hawkes with his partner all the way from Wellington... 16 in total. The last two stayed overnight in Tirau to drive home on Sunday.

These helpers were all faces that we see regularly.....with the usual smattering of 2-3 extra.



It's what happened after the initial coffee at 10 am that changed: 3 drove off to Tauranga with Ian's big trailer in tow to bring a Sunbeam Talbot body "surplus to requirement" back to the collection. This was a long job but those 3 looked happy on return. A further 3-4 helped us energetically to start and then, just as carefully, went looking for parts for their projects. They helped each other, drew also on Ian's wide knowledge, and joined in with us all as they perceived our need.



two others joining that same tour to enlarge/refresh their own knowledges too.

Andrew Blaymires disappeared.....and when we found him an hour or two later he was in the middle of a Hercu-lean task that would (we all agreed) put him high in Deborah's standing when she returned home that afternoon!

Two small groups formed and shifted two piles of "treasure" to clear land for a changed purpose.....while us two "olds" (sorry Vic!) carried what we could...as we could.



Lots of laughter..... much energy spent.....lots of helping happened..... and we rewarded ourselves with an earlier finish of 3.30!

Thank you all so much team.

John Pinfold

P.S. All needs for the mailing of parts are now on site.....with a set of drawers for filing. We sent off the first delivery this day too.

P.P.S. Driving off home at 4.30 I noticed Andrew's van still parked.....with him looking at parts in "The Red Shed" I'll bet. You earned that extra little observation time man!



Editor's note: Andrew also spent a bit of time taking the photos spread throughout this article. This one taken in Ian's big shed, reminds me of the kids lined up, waiting to ask Santa Claus for a treasure or two for Christmas. I hope that everyone managed to find the treasures they were seeking.

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