

BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH NOV-DEC 2018



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***From the Editor:** We had a wonderful catch-up meeting at Okoroire with the Rossers, Blomfield and Norman contingents turning up. This meant that we had four of the original STAR members in one place so we took the opportunity to grab a photo. It was great to see Don back on his feet after a recent sojourn in hospital.*

With Christmas imminent, I wish you a relaxing and safe Christmas with family and/or friends.



NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Sat 19 Jan** – Arrive at 10.30am for an 11am Branch AGM & 12pm picnic lunch at the Firth Tower, Matamata. Park your car in front of the museum if it is fine, otherwise park in the car park.
- **Sun 20 Jan** – **VCC Car show – Lake front – Rotorua.** The Rotorua branch of the VCC are holding their 7th Annual Car Show at the Rotorua Lakefront Domain from 10am to 2pm. It is very informal, anyone can display, and there is a gold coin requested from drivers which will be donated to St John Ambulance. The event regularly raises over \$1000 for St Johns with donations from drivers and the public. In January this year over 300 cars were on display! Clubs and groups will be able to display their cars together, and those arriving early (gates open 8.00am) will get the best positions under the trees.

This event is very laid back, with Rotorua's excellent "Eat Street" full of bistros, cafés and bars right next to the venue, and big shady trees to sit under for those wanting to picnic. The Soundshell markets and other holiday market activities will also be adjacent to the show. It could be an excellent run and day out for a club.

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

- **Feb 22-24** – National AGM – Hanmer (see Sunbeamania for details)
- **May 18** – Dawnbreaker – Tirau – 9am start planned

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

- **10 Feb** – Ellerslie Concours
- **3-6 May** – Northland tour

OTHER EVENTS:

Brits at the Beach 5-7 Feb 2019 Whangamata

Planned BOP InterClub events

There are 3 events planned in 2019 with organisers for 2 of them.

Sunday 24th February 2019 - The Elms Classic Car Display. This event needs an organiser – volunteers? Triumph Club? Triumph TR's? Triumph Stags? Combined maybe? Cars will be required for the day, which is typically well attended and very enjoyable.

Sunday 28th April 2019 – Lotus Car Club event . John Mallard organiser. Date to be confirmed.

Sunday 25th August 2019 – Vauxhall Club event. Laurie O'Connell organiser. Date to be confirmed.

Wanted

Series Rapier: If you know of or have one that may be available, contact John Crowther from Timaru (0220515253; justheatpumps@yahoo.com).

PAST EVENT

Driving Mr Claus

On the 14th of December, Graham Jenner became the chauffeur for Santa Claus at the Scion Christmas party. Graham's cherry red Alpine was the perfect match for Santa's outfit.

Santa admired Graham's car but mentioned "that the young fellow driving might work on his own outfit for next year's outing". At this mention, I dashed inside to find a spare "Santa's helper" hat so Graham's level of festivity could be raised in Santa's estimation.



While they waited to get the okay to drive around the building, Santa and Graham discussed the intricacies of classic cars. Santa had owned Daimlers but was well aware of the Sunbeam make and the Rootes Empire.

With the end of the Magician's show, the kids were ushered to the front of the café and Santa's Alpine sleigh was given the "Good to go" signal. I held my breath as the engine turned over a couple of times before starting. I had visions of Santa having to push his sleigh around the corner.

At the sound of the car and the waving Santa, the phrase "It's Santa, look, it's Santa" became louder and more frequent.



I had hoped that having a Sunbeam Alpine as Santa's sleigh might raise the profile of our cars with the younger generation, but the attention of those under 8 was very much on the man in the red suit.



There were a couple of adults who stopped to look and ask questions about the car – so at least there is a slightly younger generation showing interest.



At the end of the afternoon, the only evidence of Santa's Alpine sleigh was a small drop of oil just outside reception...

Santa was left to his own defences and was seen leaving in a modern red mini cooper.

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