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The Monthly Journal of the North Shore Vintage and Classic Car Club- February 2026

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A Shared Journey from Your Editor

Welcome to the first edition of the year! As we shake off the dust of the holiday break, there's a familiar sense of anticipation in the air. Whether your pride and joy is a brass-era veteran, a sleek post-war classic, or a rugged vintage workhorse, the North Shore roads are calling. Our club thrives on the passion we share for motoring history, but it survives on the participation of its members. If you've enjoyed our events in the past, consider this your invitation to step up and help steer us into the future. Even an hour of your time can make massive difference. Let's make this year our most reliable and vibrant one yet. Thank you to all those that have made a contribution to this edition. See you on the road—and hopefully, behind the scenes too! Safe motoring.

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Chairman's Report: John Higham.

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Hello Members,

A belated welcome to 2026. I trust you all have had a pleasant Christmas and New Year. The weather certainly hasn't been particularly stable and some have had flooding, wind damage and other issues. Hopefully things might improve and we get a bit more summer to enjoy.

2025 for the Branch ended with a busy patch of events. First the American Classic Car Club visiting us on Saturday 6 December with a very festive theme and grand display of cars. Then we hosted the trial open day on Saturday 13th December for members who cannot come to the regular Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Several members came along and availed themselves of the facilities. We will address how this might become a regular feature in 2026 and beyond. Then on the next day, Sunday 14th December, the Christmas break up and gymkhana was held. A nice summer's day and plenty of participation. Thank you to all the organisers and to those that came and made a day of it.

Congratulations to Club award recipients, Brent Mathieson 35 years, and Kevin Lord 50 years. Thursday 18th December had a full house for the special presentation and final 2025 morning tea. Life Member Ray Urbahn gave an amusing interlude to proceedings. Brent commented on receipt of his award how he and his wife had travelled up from Napier for the occasion, and how gratifying it was to enter the grounds and buildings to see such a thriving and vibrant Branch.

Ray Sanders, Club Speed Steward, accompanied by his wife, were guests, Ray officiating with the 50 year award to Kevin. Ray mentioned how so many members receiving long membership recognition have not done much, if anything, in support of the Club or their Branch and it was satisfying to be presenting an award to someone not of that ilk. Kevin's speech in reply had some heartfelt and sobering comment on the effort of early Branch members, including his own, in establishing the Branch facilities that present members so freely enjoy today.

It is pleasing to report that the Special General Meeting held on the morning of Thursday 15 January 2026 did have a quorum and the Branch revised and updated constitution was accepted and passed. That constitution has subsequently been lodged and accepted with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies under the 2022 Act.

Looking forward, the Branch constitution places a six year limit on the time committee members may serve. While on the one hand that aids in not having a "closed shop" and the committee performance possibly descending into mediocrity and stagnation, it also presents the matter of having replacement volunteers to take the retirees places. Our Branch Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June. We will have a couple of compulsory retirements this year. Surely with over 270 Branch members we can rustle up just a few replacements. Please consider your potential involvement and service to the Branch, and offer to stand for election.

All the best for 2026. - John Higham

NSVCC Incorporated Society Certificate

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Certificate of Incorporation

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. J. ...".

Registrar of Incorporated Societies
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Notes of Committee Meeting

26th January 2026 -Maurice Whitham_

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New Members: Cully Paterson
John Deacon

Notes:

Unfinancial Members – 33 members remain unfinancial and their membership will be cancelled in March at the Executive meeting. Committee members will be contacting those affected but this is a time-consuming exercise. Please pay your subscriptions IMMEDIATELY.

New members joining fee – Article to be published in Progress and on the website.

This is to be done before we can charge the joining fee, also need be included in the Bylaws

Sponsorship – Five sponsors have been found to date and will be invoiced by the Treasurer. It is possible to take on a sixth sponsor and charge them for a portion of the year. If you are aware of a company that may be keen on this program please see Stuart Battersby.

Club Constitution – The new constitution has been filed with the Incorporated Societies. The Chairman thanked those involved in achieving this.

Progress mailing costs – The cost of mailing out Progress magazines was briefly discussed but the status quo will remain.

Branch By Laws revamp – Three members have been appointed to work on revising the By Laws – underway.

New Committee members – There is a need to look for new committee members as a number of positions will become vacant at the AGM.

Saturday Weekend openings – A further Saturday morning opening of the sheds will occur shortly and maybe occur once every month. All are welcome to attend.

New shed business case – Whether a new shed was needed or not was discussed.

Originally it was suggested as a way of raising additional funding from the Storage Shed, however there is an issue with members running the vehicles in the Storage Shed, jump starting cars etc creating a H & S issue for those working in the shed. This is being further considered at the moment.

Roof repairs – A quote is now to be considered for a contractor to repair the roof leaks.

Sound System – Need additional speakers for the TV and for a handheld microphone for meetings. Jim Hefkey to check with Jaycar, JB Hi Fi and others and will report back. A request from the Suggestion Box.

Car Signage – ‘NSVCC’ car signs have been arranged for members to place in the rear windows of their cars, particularly those going to the International Rally. The cost was \$70.00 for a sheet of 10.

Mirror for Men’s toilet – A request for the Suggestion Box, approved.

Photos on the Walls – Another Suggestion received that the members photos on the walls be extended, and non members photos be removed from the existing photos. This suggestion is currently being reviewed

Open Day – 12 April 2026 – Andrew Lunt discussed the forthcoming Open Day, time to start communications, advertising, seeking of volunteers etc. Also, Sponsors should be invited along with the local garage to issues the Club WOF’s.

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Coming Club Events

15th February – Club Run Out West organised by Barbara & Julie. Meet at the club 9.00am for 9.30 start visit to Basis and lunch at an excellent winery. Flyer will be sent out shortly.

1st March - Brits & Euros Car Show Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga details To Be advised.

22nd March (Sunday) – Club Run up north and beach picnic for those not attending Nelson VCC Rally.

12th April 2026 (Sunday) 9.30am – 3.00pm Our annual Car Show including invited car clubs with the same format as previous. A flyer will be sent with all information.

Other Events

8th February (Sunday) – Ellerslie Car Show & Concours Judging 10am – 4pm.

13th – 15th February – Three Rivers Rally Gisborne VCC.

13th = 15th February – Classic Motor Racing Club Regularity Trial ,Timaru.

19th – 22nd February - Art Deco Festival in Napier.

14th February (Saturday) - AVVCC “The Veteran Run “.

28th February – Wellsford / Warkworth Swap Meet Satellite Station Rd ,Warkworth.

19th March - 10am – 2pm Hibiscus Coast Motor Club will be using our Club facilities for a Motokana . John Castle will open and close the Club.

15th – 21st March – Vero International VCC Rally in Nelson .

22nd March – Sunday Car show at the Sculptureum Omaha Flats Rd Matakana.

Contact Pete Sinton 021637772 or Leon Salt 0274238122 if you wish to attend.

NB This is a NSVCC club run date.

Club Members workshop bay available, use white board by the hoist to book.

Remember the Morris 8 and Chevrolet are available for club members use.



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Mummy or Daddy?

Car Parts Or Wine?

Ford or Austin?

**Join our Club Run on Sunday 15th February when
YOU CAN HAVE BOTH!!!**

- Assemble at Masons Road at 9.00am for a 9.30 departure, for a leisurely drive to Henderson to visit BASIS Classic Auto Supplies (coffees, teas and biscuits provided).
- We then move onto the Westbrook Winery for a sumptuous lunch (\$30/head).

This is a very special event and places are limited so call or text
Barb Stubbs on **0274 768 120**
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Hot or Cold?



Sweet or Sour?



Pegaso Z-102 produced by Spanish company Pegaso between 1951 and 1958, the Z-102 was a high performance, technologically car designed by Wifredo Ricart to be the fastest in the world. With a top speed of 151 mph (243 km/h), the aluminum-bodied coupé and cabriolet models were engineered with racing-derived V8 engines and a transaxle setup. For performance it had a supercharged 3.2-liter version producing up to 360 horsepower, setting speed records for touring cars, which was an all-aluminum V8 engine with four overhead camshafts, a 5-speed transaxle, and De Dion rear suspension. There were only 86 to 87 units were manufactured, with bodies designed by Touring, Saoutchik, and Serra. Known as the "Spanish Ferrari," it was a sophisticated, luxurious, and expensive car, often featuring specialized coachwork.

Despite its speed, the car was heavy, and its ambitious engineering did not translate to success in motorsport, leading to limited production before Pegaso focused on industrial vehicles.



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Kevin John LORD 50 YEARS MEMBERSHIP



Kevin Lord receiving 50 Year award and citation for all the work with dedication he has done for NSVCC

Kevin Lord joined the North Shore Branch of the Vintage Car Club on 7 May 1975. Since that time Kevin has been an active member of the Branch, with the exception when he was in the USA.

Kevin has accumulated a total of nine pre and post war and post 1960's vintage vehicles including a caravan.

Kevin and his late wife Heather regularly took part in the Vero International Rallies over the years using a variety of vehicles including the Auburn, Jowett and the Ford Zephyr. For a short period whilst Kevin was living in the USA he was transferred to the Overseas Membership before returning the North Shore Branch. More recently Kevin and Marlene have regularly participated in the Branch monthly runs over the years and have been the recipient of many awards at our Annual General Meetings. The North Shore Branch initially purchased a large villa in Devonport which was cut into two pieces and transported to a large site which had been bought in Oteha Valley Road, Albany. Although this work was undertaken before Kevin joined the Club, his expertise as a builder was certainly put to good use during the working bees that followed. Many times, when labour was needed, Kevin would be there, and he has contributed to many projects which have been undertaken around the Club rooms and our five sheds.





Kevin John LORD 50 YEARS MEMBERSHIP

When the Club rooms were moved by Transit NZ from Oteha Valley Road to the present site in Masons Road, Oteha, Kevin took an active part obtaining consents, arranging for it to be transported and sited, in fact he took three weeks off work to spend time solely on the Branch club rooms.

In relation to committee duties, Kevin has been an active committee member over the years and at one stage was Branch Chairman.

We presently operate a storage facility for members for their vehicles, and Kevin has been the Storage Shed Manager for the past 10 years, since its inception. Although payments are all made by direct credit to the Branch bank account, the supervision of the storage has not been without its challenges.

Kevin is a valuable member of the Branch and the committee on behalf of all our members congratulates Kevin on reaching this milestone of 50 years, and we wish him all the best for the future.



Having traveled some distance from Napier, Brent Matheison receives his 35 Year Award from John Higham

Why did the classic car get kicked out of the library?

Because it had too much exhausting dialogue and wouldn't stop clutching its pages!

How can you tell if a vintage British car is actually out of oil?

There isn't a puddle underneath it.

The "Leaking" Legend

In the world of veteran and vintage cars, we don't call it a leak; we call it "marking its territory." Most owners of pre-war cars will tell you that if it's not dripping, it's probably empty!

Ray Urbahn Reaching Honorary Life Membership

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**Ray talking about his experiences at the club
having gained Honorary Life Membership
Status**



**Ray mentioning David in his celebratory
Honorary Life Membership Status speech**



David in awe at what Ray is saying about him



**Ray having reached 90 years and young, look at
him go on the weed eater. He has seen some
changes, the edges were done most probably by
hand clippers back then in his youth.**



**Left-Right
Ian Goldingham, Kevin Lord, David Lane, Ray
Urbahn total membership 213 Years!**

NSVCC Health & Safety



Our committee is committed to keeping us all safe and it welcomes any suggestions that support our members' health and safety.

One member has mentioned that,

“It's very common when we start our (storage shed) cars in the morning, just to let them tick over for a few minutes to 'Warm Up' before driving away.

That habit however is causing distress for our two upholsters who work at the back of the storage shed. They are struggling to cope with the exhaust fumes generated by 'Warming Up'. Thus: A polite request please. If you have a vehicle in the storage shed, please start your vehicle and roll gently out of the shed and then let it sit and warm up in the open air.

Summary: Start up. - Drive Out. No idling or revving in the shed please.”



Another member noted that the workspaces and clear ways are generally being kept clear of obstacles and hazards and safety equipment is being seen to be used. We continue to work on various parts of the site to make them safer and as always, if you see anything that is unsafe or that could be a hazard, please let me know. I'm at the Club most Thursday mornings and if not, please ring/text me or tell John Castle.

Russell Ness
Assistant to the Club Captain
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Men At Work

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Terry and Russel hard at work



Conscientiously working in the Shed



Gymkana organizer taking another break



Cooking the Sausages



“Gerald after your hard work you should take the Rover for a spin around the Gymkana”



Carolyn Davidson in third place and top Lady Driver in the gymkana

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The Famous Gymkhana of 2025.- Richard Brampton.

Reader warning, there is a very small chance that this report may be a tiny bit biased.

Work and planning for such a complex occasion started many months before the event took place, hundreds of deep thinking and intricate planning man-hours were spent to ensure that this would be the best ever North Shore Vintage and Classic Car Club Gymkhana.

Two weeks before the event a well-known racing driver was contacted for his advice on the layout of a completely new track for the Regularity Test – gone was the tired old Bathurst, and a much more technical and stimulating course was planned and laid out. Indeed, so intricate and challenging was the course that it was compared to the famous Nurburgring (although some said that it was much better) and therefore this year it was indeed named the Nurburgring. Many thanks to our technical racing driver and his important input. He has asked to remain anonymous, and his wishes will be respected, but we are all in his debt.



The track itself was mown by that well respected and very competent tractor driver, Gerald Miller. His handling of the mowing machine was a delight to behold – on-lookers were heard to murmur “poetry in motion” in awed voices. Once the initial track had been laid down a cyclist, but on this occasion driving a Ford Model A, tested the layout and gave invaluable feedback. We owe our thanks to Bill Duffy for this. One week later and the track was again checked and tested, this time the man to say thank you to was Wade Alexander, piloting the very shiny Branch Chevrolet Master expertly round the course. Road cones were put out to delineate the course, mark the corners and aid the competitors.

Some of the other tests were also prepared in order to lessen the huge amount of work required on the day.



Bill Duffy in his Model A

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Club Chevrolet shortcut to motorway

expertly with the final set-up (thank you to Tony Sparkes for providing the waratahs for “Catch the Rat”) and all those who answered the SOS and brought their own private cones to augment those belonging to the Branch.



A great variety of cars entered, ranging through the famous Morris 8 belonging to the



Branch, driven, with limited success, by Tony Sparkes and John Higham, the Branch Chevrolet Master driven somewhat more competently by Wade Alexander, fast cars such as Lotus Cortinas, Ford Thunderbirds, Almac and a Rus-solini single-seat open-wheeler piloted by Rus-sell Keach and including Ford Model A, V8, Zodiac and Escort, Rover, Sunbeam, Morris Minor and 2 Austin Sevens. There is a scandalous rumour that Richard was seen acting as navigator in Guy Williams’ Ford V8 Coupe. Unfortunately there is photographic evidence backing this up – unless, of course, it is an A1 generated image?

to ensure that such a massive and complex event would run smoothly. Such was the complexity of the track, combined with the need for cones for other tests that all the Branch cones were used that Thursday, and an SOS was given out at Smoko asking for more to be delivered on the day of the Gymkhana. The day of the Gymkhana dawned, the weather was absolutely perfect – dry, warm but not too hot, and just a little breeze. Many helpful volunteers, all issued with fluorescent vests, which made them feel much more important than they really were, were on hand to assist

The wonderful marshals deserve great credit, not only for helping make the event run smoothly so that many members could enjoy themselves, but also, in some cases forgoing the opportunity to enter themselves. This is a real pity, since, with so many members present just 5 or 6 more people helping could have given them the opportunity to compete. The marshals must also be complemented on their infinite patience – if just one competitor had shown the smallest spark of intelligence their life would have been made so much easier.

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John Castle's Sunbeam at the slalom not knowing he would get demerit points for the next part



The first event, the Blind-fold Slalom was the most amusing to watch, since most drivers were not prepared to either trust their (generally incompetent) navigator or obey the instructions given, resulting in cars heading in unexpected directions. Since Russel Keach in his single-seater had no room for a navigator one of the kind and understanding marshals gave him directions. "Catch the Rat" is a very simple test requiring little more than very basic co-ordination, nonetheless one driver (who shall remain nameless) managed to run into the structure. Perhaps that was because the superb organisation had foreseen the need to accommodate left-hand-drive vehicles allowing cars to drive either side of the test apparatus: maybe the nameless driver did not know which side his steering wheel was fixed. Only half the competitors succeeded in achieving this simple task. (Only one of the Morris 8 drivers was successful.)

Total accuracy for "Drain the axle" was achieved by 5 competitors. (Including one Morris 8 driver).

Four people tied for "Reversing to the Pole" including a Ford V8 and the Branch Chevrolet. The Morris 8 did not do so well.

The Morris 8 did not fare well in the "Front Wheel Rotation", although 5 drivers did achieve full marks.

The most anticipated test, the "Nurburgring Regularity" was enjoyed by all. In spite of the oft repeated injunction "it is not a race" several hoons tried to go as fast as possible. When asked for their opinion one replied dejectedly "You couldn't go fast."

So the paddock has survived another year. This article does not condone speed, and the results

showed that the faster cars were near the bottom of the regularity results, however it is interesting to note that the flying Canadian in his Almac was quickest in 1 min 44 sec, beating the open wheeler by 0.1 sec and the Lotus Cortina was 4 sec slower again. However, the star of the Regularity, with a difference in time of less than 1 second over her two laps, driving a Ford Escort with consummate skill was Carolyn Davidson.

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Second (1 sec difference) in an Austin Seven Chummy was Neil Beken and third (2 sec difference) the Austin Seven Special of Bob Maddox. It has been suggested that next years Regularity may be based on the Monza circuit (Autodromo Nazionale Monza) nicknamed "The Temple of Speed".

As the day closed and the wonderful and hard-working marshals cleared every thing up the results were carefully scrutinised and calculated, being overseen by that model of probity, and none less than our revered Chairman, John Higham. Thus, there can be no possible sug-

gestion that the results were rigged. Working all this out took a little time and by the time the mathematicians emerged from the Clubhouse everyone had b*****d o*f. So there was no opportunity for longwinded speeches, votes of thanks or the presentation of prizes. It was a pity that the heroic efforts by all the marshals were not acknowledged publicly at that time, but all members present on the day should thank them.



The final results of this amazingly well planned and directed event (although the organisers are not complacent and have taken on board the complaints moans, grumbles, protests, whinges, gripes, objections and bellyaches of the unappreciative competitors so that next year's event will be even more magnificent) were, probably not unexpectedly, since they are, as everyone knows, by far the best cars in any competition, the two Austin Sevens. Bob Maddox took top honours very closely followed by Neil Beken. Congratulations to Carolyn Davidson in third place and top Lady Driver.

Oops that was a bit close

Why we love 'em anyway

Classic car ownership is basically a committed relationship where the other person only communicates through rhythmic knocking sounds and the occasional puff of blue smoke.



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Club Chairman, John Higham, taking Morrie for a spin full of passengers around the gymkana track



Jocelyn and Ray enjoying the ride in the back seat together



On our way to do the Slalom



On our way back from Slalom

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Pleased with the effort, we didn't hit any cones



Fire Engine driven by no other than Gymkana organizer



Coupe gearing up for Slalom instructions



Morris Minor getting Instructions



Sunday on the Bus (Barbara Stubbs)

I went looking for our two youngest grandies on Sunday, I found them sitting just like this in the back of the bus - a highlight of their visit to the Car Club family day!!!! The two of them were just sitting and chatting - absolutely priceless! Lachie is 7 and Cooper 10. Second best was racing round the track on the fire engine!!!!

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The BBQ on the day, went down a treat, well run filling the hordes



Stop/Start Guy with out the lollypop



No shortcuts here on way to lollypop man



Even the Sky was clear with blue skies



Lotus ready to do the Slalom

A man is standing on the side of the road with his hood up on a beautiful 1960s Jaguar E-Type. A guy in a brand-new electric car pulls over and asks, "Hey friend, do you need a tow or maybe some help with the battery?" The Jaguar owner looks up, wipes a smudge of oil off his forehead, and smiles. "Help? Heavens no," he says. "I bought a British classic. I'm exactly where I expected to be on a Tuesday afternoon."

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Three different Generations of Cars



Spectators watching the Spectacle

Admission of Guilt

NSVCC – “The Gymkana “ 14th
December 2025

Another testing but fun Gymkana ably organised by Richard Bampton and supported by his team of helpers.

It was good to see so many club members join in and keenly get to grips with the various tests.

My own effort with Paul Collins as co pilot had mixed results although we did manage the timed section quite well I heard mentioned! In my haste to position the



Fire Engine and Tow Truck on Standby

Sunbeam closer to the pipe, ball and bucket test I scraped the side of the car when the waratah stakes holding the apparatus jumped out and got me !! Repairs and repaint to the Sunbeam have now been completed. Congratulations to Carolyn Davidson and Lyall Martin our winners on the day. Special thanks to the “mower men” who did a great job creating the track for the day.

The Universal Satnav

I have a little Satnav it sits there in the car. A Satnav is a Driver's friend, it tells you where you are. I have had it all my life. It does more than the normal one, my Satnav is my wife. It gives me full instructions exactly on how to drive. “Its 30 miles an hour,” it says, “but you are doing 35”. It tells me when to stop and start and when to brake. It tells me when the light is red or green. It distinctly seems to know when to intervene and that it is not safe to overtake. It lists the vehicles in front and those at the rear and taking this into account, it specifies my gear. I am sure no other Driver has such a device. For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives it's advice. It fills me up with counseling. Every journey is pretty fraught. So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort? Ah well, it cleans the house and makes sure I am properly fed. It washes all my shirts and things and keeps my bed warm.

Supplied by Richard Fuller

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Americana Classic Trophies lined up



Americana Classic making use of NSVCC Club Facilities



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And what else makes a successful show but some good food



Trevor's straight 8 1930 Hillman



Malcolm's Harley very nice



1030 Fire engine spat the wheel lock ring

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Clive on the welder



Bowling for photographer



Neville at work



The boys send an old diff to scrap



The 1929 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A is one of the most prestigious and extravagant automobiles of the pre-war era, representing the absolute peak of Italian engineering, craftsmanship, and elite luxury. Built in Milan, Isotta Fraschini catered to royalty, heads of state, industrialists, and Hollywood royalty. The Tipo 8A was their most famous model and, at the time, one of the most expensive and advanced cars in the world.

Pride and Joy

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Model T 1912 getting a service



Someone forgot to turn the Tap off



Body coming along very professionally



The Optimist: "Giving her a tune-up today. In veteran car terms, that means I'll be covered in grease for six hours just to hear it cough twice."

The Truth: "I'm not 'fixing' it. I'm just convincing the parts to stay in the same general vicinity as each other for another five miles." **The Tech Comparison:** "No OBD-II scanner here—just a set of brass polish, a heavy wrench, and a very specific prayer."



Glenn's Bristol



Steve's mini

What's the difference between a classic car and a dog?

A dog eventually stops whining after you take it for a long drive.

Why did the owner of a Model T always bring a dog with him on long drives?

So he'd have someone to help him howl at the moon while he waited for the tow truck!

A Little Ford Truth

There's an old saying among vintage Ford enthusiasts: "A Ford will get you anywhere you want to go... as long as where you want to go is the auto parts store."

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Club Nights: Every Wednesday from 7.30pm.

Restoration Shed: Every Tuesday & Thursday morning 9am - 12pm.

Committee Meetings: Last Monday of the month, 6.00pm.

Club Runs: Normally 12.30-1pm start, 3rd Sun. of month. Always check the 'Upcoming events'.

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