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# Progress:

The monthly journal of the  
North Shore  
Vintage and Classic Car Club  
August 2023



Hi all, from Sandbach, a small town in the heart of Cheshire UK. We are staying with our daughter and her family and taking a few trips away to visit friends and family. Two grandchildren aged 2 and 4 are keeping us on our toes. In addition, I am also kept busy with all sorts of DIY tasks, including building an octagonal sandpit, pergola, refitting lots of doors and generally 'snagging' around their recent renovations and extensions. The weather for a UK summer has been atrocious; we have had rain practically everyday since we arrived, indeed the summer here looks to have been very similar to the winter back home. All the terrible 40+ heat wave seems to have occurred south the The Alps. In northern England we have been wet and cold.

All of the above is of course irrelevant to you, apart from being a sound excuse for this very truncated edition of your Progress magazine.

Apart from a few photos from The Swettenham Arms and an article on the Triumph Formosa all you have is the Chairman's Report and an update on our Committee activities.

One small item of formal business relates to the Club Bylaws published in last month's edition. Peter Lloyd raised the subject on disposal of club owned vehicles/assets and felt that decisions to sell/donate club assets should involve the club membership and not just the committee. We want to acknowledge that comment and I don't think anyone would disagree with the sentiment; we just have to come up with a set of words that reflects that in our bylaws and takes into account the value and importance of the vehicle/asset in question.

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*Cover girl this month is a  
Triumph Formosa.*



# Chairman's Report: John Higham, July 2023

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Hello Members,

Thanks to John Castle and his assistants for the well supported Film Evening last Saturday night. The main feature, New Zealand film *Starlight Hotel* had a great collection of veteran and vintage vehicles and of course some nice South Island landscapes.

Not much to update you all on our dealings with Te Tupu Ngatahi - Supporting Growth (alliance between Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency) from the meeting a group of our committee had with them late last month. They advised that there are no definite plans, as yet, for their possible use of the Branch land. A business case is being made for the route late August for approval of the powers-that-be before they can come back to us with anything definite. In fact, the two representatives we saw had little, if any, understanding of the recently constructed works beside our property and what the possible use of our property might be for. They offered to send a technical representative to meet with us on last Friday, but that was later postponed.

I thought I would relate a story about a business acquaintance and his car. It even featured in a prominent NZ Herald article several years ago. The article was titled *Auckland's Most Desirable Car* and was about how his Mark 1 Ford Escort was in such demand that it had been purloined no less than 22 times. He had even had an instance when the police had notified him that it had been found, and, by the time that he had got out to where it was located it had disappeared again.

The latest information from head office says our Branch Members are 194, Joint Members are 57 giving a total membership of 251. That's not bad considering that many service clubs, RSA's, bowling clubs, and golf clubs, etc. are so often in decline.

Looking back over the month of July I cannot recall a single day when it hasn't rained either during the night or during the day. Our grounds are, like everywhere else at the moment, soaking wet. Fortunately the grass is not growing particularly fast. Here's hoping for some warmer fine weather soon.

John Higham

Chairman.

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*Gavin Welch entertains Paul Brinsden and Trevor Larsen by starting his Model T.*



*The ultimate Kit-Car: Ultima GTR.*

# The Swettenham Arms: surprise car show.

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Last Tuesday, Helen and I headed out to a country pub, to meet with old and dear friends who we had not seen for at least 5 years. The pub has been around for many years and has a great reputation for good beers and a menu full of hearty, tasty food.



*Front of the pub with huge open parking space.*

Imagine our surprise when we turned into the car park to find it packed full with exotic sports cars and plenty of post war classics.

After we finished our main courses,

Dick and I (a classic motorcycle owner) left the ladies chatting and took a walk around the car park. I have included over the next few pages a few of the photos that I took. Favourites were the 1940s Triumph Roadster, The Triumph Formosa (See later) and my personal favourite a Morris 8 Tourer.



*Beefy Trimph TR6.*



*Immaculate Mini.*



*Well presented 'B Roadster.*



*Hot MG Midget.*



*Simply stunning Morris 8 Roadster.*



*The Germans are coming! Two Volkswagens and an unrestored Trabant.*



*Elegant Lancia.*



*Mk 2 Escort in fine fettle.*



*Smooth and powerful Rover 100.*



*Plymouth Roadrunner.*



*Chevy pickup: Unusual in the UK.*



*Well presented Triumph Roadster.*

# Movie Night: John Castle reviews a fantastic evening.

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On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July we organised a Movie and Pizza evening at the club in place of our usual monthly run.

A keen group of 32 members attended a showing of the classic movies “The Plank “ a UK comedy followed by “Starlight Hotel” a Kiwi movie set in 1932 during the Depression.

Everyone seem to enjoy the movie selection and from the response I received we should do another similar social evening in the future.

The updated facilities at the club house including heating made for a very comfortable evening and we were all finished by 9.00pm so those that wanted to see the All Black game could make it home in time.

Thankyou to all those members that assisted with the setup and a special thank you to Barbara Stubbs for bringing along some tasty home baking to have with coffee after the movie.

John Castle – Club Captain.



*The Plank: Hilarious 'silent' movie with a cast of British comedy royalty.*



*Starlight Hotel. 1988 NZ Classic*

# Triumph Formosa: Rare 1950s kit-car.

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I'd never heard of a Triumph Formosa, before our visit to the Swettenham Arms, but there in the corner surrounded by a large group of onlookers was this fabulous looking kit-car. To my uneducated eyes I thought we had found an extremely rare Ferrari Monza, but on closer inspection the the engine (a straight six engine looking very like a Vitesse or GT6 lump) gave me second thoughts. The information board on the passenger seat gave the game away.



*Ferrari Monza?*

Based largely on a Triumph Herald and sitting proudly on wire wheels, this 1998cc, six-cylinder car is fitted with a four-speed manual gearbox. The single headrest and bonnet bulge, together with a single rear exhaust ensure the evocative looks are complemented by a great soundtrack.



*Straight-Six Triumph engine.*



*Left:  
The information board, describing this  
cracking British kit-Car*



**Daffodil Rally:** Meet 9.30am, August 20th at the North Shore Airfield.

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# Daffodil Rally for Cancer

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023



**Everyone Welcome**

No matter what kind of vehicle you drive

Proudly supporting the  
**Cancer Society**  
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

## Join us for the **Daffodil Rally & Car Show**

Meet and register at the North Shore Airfield,  
Postmans Rd, Dairy Flat (enter Gate 9) from 9.30 a.m.  
Vehicles depart for lunch and a public display at Matakana.  
Full instructions given upon registration.

Organised by: The Waitemata, North Shore and Wellsford/Warkworth branches of the Vintage Car Club of NZ.

Enquiries: Leon Salt Ph: 027 423 8122 email: brendda@xtra.co.nz

**\$10**

vehicle entry  
fee - all fees  
donated to the  
Cancer Society

To find out more about your local  
**Daffodil Rally for Cancer, visit [www.vcc.org.nz](http://www.vcc.org.nz)**

## 2023 SPRING TOUR SUMMARY

### **Friday 15th :**

- Meet at Ray Small Park, Elliot street Papakura at 9.15am for 9.30am departure.
- A leisurely drive through Clevedon to the Sea Bird Coast to Model/Vintage Barn.
- Lunch stop in Paeroa: a chance to visit Ajays, junk and antique shops in Paeroa.
  - Head to Tauranga and check-in at your hotel.
- Meet up with local club members and enjoy a BYO happy hour and a 2 course BBQ dinner.

### **Saturday 16th :**

- Assemble at the Tauranga VCC club rooms at 9.30.
  - Take a scenic drive to Mt Manganui.
- Visit markets and the Classic Flyer Museum and lunch.
  - Drive to Whakatane and book into motel.
- Meet up with the Eastern BOP VCC members who will join us at the Whakatane Sport Fishing Club for dinner.

### **• Sunday: 17th**

- Meet at Whakatane Complex Carpark at 9.30am.
- Depart for Galatea to visit a private tractor collection and one of the largest collections of beer cans in the world.
  - Drive to Rotorua and meet up with their members.

### **• Monday 18th**

- Head Home.

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# July 2023 Committee Notes:

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**New Members:** Nil

## Notes:

**Capital Expenditure:** A draft list of future capital expenditure has been prepared and is being considered by the committee in conjunction with a revised 5-year plan. More work is needed on the list especially big-ticket items.

**Beaded Wheels:** A Calendar of forthcoming events for publication in the Beaded Wheels will now be the responsibility of the Club Captain John Castle.

**CCTV:** has not been progressed at this stage. A relatively high quote has been obtained and a second opinion suggests that the cameras cannot be de-activated which presents a difficulty for members visiting the grounds and club rooms.

**Security System:** for parts shed is being to be followed up.

**RCDs:** There is a need to be able to switch off the electricity to each of the sheds after working bees and this is being followed up with the electrician. Multi plugs should not be plugged into each other in sequence. There is also a follow up on the recommendation regarding lighting in the new shed.

**Gas Bottles:** Bunnings rental bottles are both missing. There is a need to label the bottles with ownership, date of expiry for testing etc to make sure that they are not thrown to scrap.

**Health and Safety Officer:** The subject of a designated Health and Safety Officer was brought up several years ago but it was felt that if anything goes wrong that they would be blamed. It has been agreed that Committee members need to accept joint responsibility to ensure workshop safety.

**Club Rules:** A few submissions have already been received in relation the proposed Club Rules. More comment is welcome.

**Land Sale:** Some progress has been made in relation to this subject which was raised at the AGM. Discussions are still taking place with AT/NZTA in relation to the Notice that was sent to the Club just prior to the AGM. There is nothing a significance to report at this stage.

*Club Secretary: Maurice Whitham, and retired Detective Inspector with the NZ Police will share his experiences on his involvement with the investigation.*

**Wednesday 23rd August 2023 commencing: 7.30pm**



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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'.

**VERO Branch Reference Number:** HO0300144 (Quoting this number when renewing your insurance gives a small commission back to the club).

## Club Committee

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