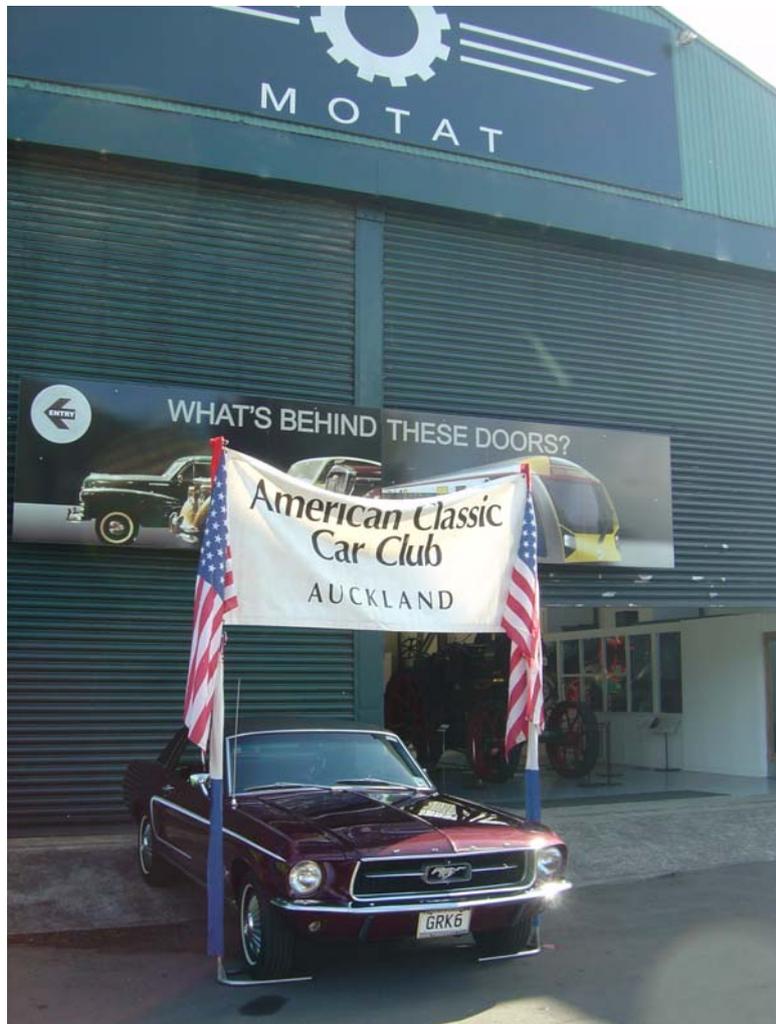




# Cruise paper



*Lloyd Beehre's Mustang headlining the Club display*

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# *Russell's Ramblings*

Hi there folks, I trust that you are all rugging up in preparation for the winter chills. We are currently doing some renovations to our home, upgrading the bathroom areas, so consequently have not had hot water, shower or toilets for about three weeks. As a result we decided to holiday somewhere where they had a few mod cons, along with a more enjoyable climate, and spent a couple of weeks in Far North Queensland at Port Douglas and on the Sunshine Coast at Noosa Heads. Very pleasant and warm it was with temperatures ranging from 25 to 30 degrees, which is much more acceptable.



You may have noticed that this issue is a bit thinner than normal, mainly because there are not that many events going on at this time of the year, and consequently not much to put into the magazine. As the editor, I am always looking for articles that may be of interest to club members. If you have a hobby that is dear to your heart, have taken a trip or holiday to somewhere locally or overseas, or have done something to your car that would be of interest, we would love to feature it in the Cruisepaper. Please just email me a word document along with some pictures, and I will lay it out and format it to suit the magazine. No article or topic is too trivial for publication (provided it is family friendly), and I welcome any input you may have.

Ciao 4 now. regards Russell ☺

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# FUNNY FARM



## What kind of computer do you have?

**Customer:** A white one...

(Actual tech support case studies)

**Tech support:** Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

**Customer:** Your left or my left?

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**Customer:** Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.

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**Tech support:** What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

**Customer:** A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at The Warehouse.

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**Customer:** My keyboard is not working anymore.

**Tech support:** Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

**Customer:** No. I can't get behind the computer.

**Tech support:** Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

**Customer:** OK

**Tech support:** Did the keyboard come with you?

**Customer:** Yes

**Tech support:** That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

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**Customer:** I can't get on the Internet.

**Tech support:** Are you sure you used the right password?

**Customer:** Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

**Tech support:** Can you tell me what the password was?

**Customer:** Five dots.

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**Tech support:** What anti-virus program do you use?

**Customer:** Netscape.

**Tech support:** That's not an anti-virus program.

**Customer:** Oh, sorry... Internet Explorer.

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**Customer:** I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

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**Tech support:** How may I help you?

**Customer:** I'm writing my first email.

**Tech support:** OK, and what seems to be the problem?

**Customer:** Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

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A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

**Tech support:** Are you running it under windows?

**Customer:** 'No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.'



**BEGINNERS CENTRAL**



## MOTAT – A day at the Museum - April 13

It's not the first time we've had a chance to exhibit our club and cars at this historic old museum site at Western Springs, but it always is a great opportunity to show off the cars and at the same time spend the day looking at the many things that made up the early history of our city.

Just to make things better the weather was perfect and we had a good collection of club cars, thirteen in total, to parade on the Motat front lawn.

We all met early in Stadium Road by 9.30 at the edge of the Motat side entrance to be escorted in convoy by the duty manager to our parking space near the front entrance and adjacent to Great North Road. The early start gave us a chance to set up before the crowds of public started descending on the place. It wasn't long however before the gates were open and admiring onlookers were all around the cars, cameras in hand taking shots from every angle.



For us however, it was an opportunity to again have a look at the museum and we all split up to go our separate ways for the day and check out all the sights to see. A number of us took the chance of an early tram ride to the Motat Aviation museum, which is a few kilometres away to look at the great collection of aircraft from today and years past. This part of the museum has recently been expanded and houses a great collection of pre-war and wartime aircraft, all superbly restored and all displayed under cover in the great hanger. The collection includes a Lancaster bomber from the Second World War as well as one of the Skyhawks more recently retired from the NZ Air Force. There is also a huge Solent flying boat that used to fly the Tasman to Australia and back in the 50's. In between these beauties are many of the aircraft that filled the skies over NZ in the early days of flight.

Back to Motat in the old tram was a nostalgic ride reminding us of transport in the city in the 50's and 60's.

Just exploring around the Motat site is a trip down memory lane for the older members of the club, but many of the exhibits even predate the oldest of us. The restored village of old houses shows how basic living was for most in the early days of Auckland and the horse drawn transport plodding around giving rides to the public now was the way of life only a hundred years ago. We all had a good look over the huge pumping station that provided drinking water for much of Auckland in the late 1800's and climbed over the huge steam engines that plied the North Island rail network not so many years ago. There were just too many exhibits to spend time absorbing every one but just to get the flavour of a time gone by made the day worthwhile.

A most enjoyable opportunity to show off the club and its cars as well as to visit one of Auckland's historical treasures completed a great day in the sunshine.



## RIVERHEAD PUB CRUISE - 18 MAY 2014

We have had some great Autumn weather this year, and the Sunday we picked for the run to Riverhead was as good as it gets this close to winter. No rain, the temperature fairly mild, and the sun shining for most of the day. Almost perfect for a car cruise and even better for an outdoor lunch. A dozen cars turned up at Mills Lane, Albany, which is a good number for a pre winter event, and a number of them were new to the club as well, which is good to see. After the usual catch up with old friends and greeting of the newbies, Rob Milligan briefed the drivers on where we were off to, and as usual he was well prepared with a couple of pages of directions so everybody could keep in step, even if they did get separated by the traffic.

Rob had planned an interesting run for us which took the group of cars winding through the countryside, each side and under the Northern Motorway, through Dairy Flat, wending our way towards the North Shore Airfield on Postman Road. There we all had a chance to regroup and take in the sights of a few light planes and helicopters going through the routine of training someone with a different interest to ours, but none the less just as keen as they touched down and went around for another go.

Soon on the road again following Rob, who had mapped out a great run that took us through some of the rural backblocks, winding our way through Waitoke Village and then on through the delightful Waikoukou Valley, finally meeting up with Highway 16 at Waimauku. Not long to go now before we met up with the Coatsville Riverhead Highway after passing through Huapai and Kumeu and finally coming to rest at the old Riverhead Pub.

With some clever preparation Robb had managed to secure special parking for our group of cars inside the Pub grounds, real close to where we were to have lunch. Just as well because the Pub was jammed full of customers and cars out on the roadside and it would have been a job keeping vehicles together, not to mention sticky fingers and other issues.

Now a chance to relax and have a well earned beer and some food. The weather just kept on getting better and the day and the facilities just made for a perfect finish to what had been a great day out. Come early afternoon everybody had had their fill of food and started to drift away homeward bound.



## 1936 Stainless Steel Ford

In 1935, officials at Allegheny Ludlum Steel Division and the Ford Motor Company collaborated on an experiment that would become a legacy and a tribute to one of the most dynamic metals ever developed. Allegheny Ludlum, a pioneer producer of stainless steel, proposed to Ford the idea of creating a stainless steel car. The idea took shape in the form of a 1936 Deluxe Sedan. That car became the centrepiece of a campaign to expose the public to the new metal and its many uses.



This is the 1936 Ford Tudor Sedan built for and owned by Allegheny Ludlum Steel, and is one of only four in existence, this being the only one currently in running and road worthy condition.



The jaw-dropping beauty shown here is one of that tiny production run, recently restored by Lon Kruger, one of the world's best restorers.

The car utilizes the standard 221/85 HP flathead mated to a 3-speed manual and working Columbia overdrive, and has been driven just 18 miles since its restoration. The V-8 engine runs like a sewing machine and is very smooth and quiet.

These cars were built for Allegheny as promotional and marketing projects. The

top salesmen each year were given the honour of being able to drive them for one year.

This car was supposedly insured for a trip to Louisville via covered trailer for US\$1.5 million. Apparently the story is also told that the dies were ruined by stamping the stainless car parts, making these the last of the cars ever produced.



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# Hot Dates for June-July

## June

- 1 NZ Petrolhead breakfast at Bellagio, Plunket Avenue, Manukau from 7.30am
- 1 Westies Café breakfast, 7 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, 9-11am
- 5 Yank Tank Thursday, Botany Town Centre from 6pm
- 6 Orewa Cruise Night, meet Cnr. Florence Ave & Hibiscus Coast Highway at 7pm
- 6 Hot Rod Night at the General Store, Whitford from 4pm
- 8 The Village Bar & Kitchen Hot Rod Run, 1 Patumahoe Road, Franklin from 2pm
- 8 Wild West Sundays breakfast, The Hanger, 104 Central Park Drive from 10am
- 9 Renegade R&C burger run, Cranks Rest, 10 Mercari Way, Albany from 6.30pm
- 15 ACCC run to Classics Museum, Hamilton. Meet at BP Fuel Stop Papakura, Southern Motorway at 8.30am for 9am departure. Museum visit first, followed by lunch in Museum diner.**
- 15 Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, BP Northern Motorway from 8.30am to 10.30am
- 20 Hot Rod Night at the General Store, Whitford from 4pm
- 25 Burger Fuel gathering, 652 Great South Road, Shop K, Manukau from 7pm
- 29 Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am to 1pm

## July

- 4 Orewa Cruise Night, meet Cnr. Florence Ave & Hibiscus Coast Highway at 7pm
- 4 Hot Rod Night at the General Store, Whitford from 4pm
- 6 NZ Petrolhead breakfast at Bellagio, Plunket Avenue, Manukau from 7.30am
- 6 Westies Café breakfast, 7 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, 9-11am
- 13 Rotorua Swap Meet & Car Show, Paradise Valley, Rotorua
- 13 Wild West Sundays breakfast, The Hanger, 104 Central Park Drive from 10am
- 13 The Village Bar & Kitchen Hot Rod Run, 1 Patumahoe Road, Franklin from 2pm
- 14 Renegade R&C burger run, Cranks Rest, 10 Mercari Way, Albany from 6.30pm
- 18 Hot Rod Night at the General Store, Whitford from 4pm
- 19-20 CRC Speedshow & Castrol Edge/Teng Tools Custom Show, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane
- 20 Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, BP Northern Motorway from 8.30am to 10.30am
- 27 ACCC run to Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am to 1pm. Meet at Poenamo Hotel car park, 31 Northcote Road, Hillcrest, just off the Northern Motorway at 9.30am for 9.45 departure.**
- 30 Burger Fuel gathering, 2/957 Great South Road, Manukau from 7.00pm



Should an ACCC event need to be cancelled, deferred or the venue changed due to unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather, an email will be sent the day before the scheduled event.  
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