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## *President Rob's Report*

Hello Members!

It's that time again when I am under some pressure to get my Presidents Report – and anything else I can come up with – off to Russell for inclusion on the next issue of the Cruisepaper. Not that I mind of course. It's a great little publication that all members should be – and surely are – very proud of.

And I know Russell takes the responsibility of putting it - as well as our excellent website – together, very seriously. Rightly so. So next time you see Russell at an event, let him know you appreciate the efforts he goes to with both.

It would be reasonable to suggest that both are the envy of many car clubs, such is the quality of these media efforts. And please, keep those articles coming, every little bit helps keep the mag fresh and interesting.

As we enter the winter season, things tend to settle down a little bit. Nevertheless, we are always attempting to do something for our members at least once a month if we can. Rest assured, after the committee meeting this month we will have another three or more month's events locked in so stay tuned folks, before you know it, it will be Spring!

I will miss not having my eldest daughter Georgia along with me for at least the next few events as she has relocated to Wellington to finish her Level 3 NCEA studies, residing with her Aunt and Uncle. I am very proud of the fact that she decided that this was a necessary thing for her to do, as the rails were getting a bit wobbly for her up here, for many reasons. I wish her every success, but miss her terribly too!

Being a parent aye...what a friggin roller-coaster!

Anyway, that's all from me. Take care and see you at the next event!



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# Russell's Ramblings

Hi there folks, once in a while it does us good to take a look at other car enthusiast's outings, to broaden our outlook on the hobby. I recently went along to view 35 Ferrari's which were parked up outside the new Ferrari showroom in Newmarket, prior to setting off on a cavalcade to Whenuapai via Wellsford. This run was organised by the Ferrari Owners Club, which sold rides in each car through Trade Me with the proceeds going to support gastro-intestinal cancer research and awareness. An admirable undertaking, and one which received a fair amount of press attention.

There were a lot of very expensive cars whose owners were no doubt proud of their new 458 Italia or F12 Berlinetta, or even the 2 NZ\$2.2m LaFerrari's present, but for some it seemed more about that they had finally made it and how it made them look to others! And then there were the rest, whose cars were mainly older models, not quite as shiny or immaculate, but who seemed to be the real car enthusiasts. Reminded me a bit like our part of the car hobby with the division between our classic cars and the late model Mustang and Camaro brigade!



What was really interesting though, was that an immaculate and absolutely gorgeous 1970's Ferrari Dino 246 (which was owned for 30 years and fully restored by a real nice guy called Barrie) received one of the higher Trade Me bids, outbidding a lot of the later model Ferraris. There's hope yet for all us petrolheads and real car enthusiasts. Ciao 4 now, regards Russell ☺



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# FUNNY FARM



An Engineer could not find a job, so he opens a clinic, and puts a sign outside that says "Get Treatment For \$50 - If Not Cured Get Back \$100"

A Doctor thinks this is a good opportunity to show up the engineer and earn a quick \$100, and so he visits the clinic.

Doctor: "I have lost my sense of taste"

Engineer: "Nurse, bring the Medicine from Box No 22 and place 3 drops in the patient's mouth"

Patient (Doctor) spits out the Medicine and says, "This is not Medicine, it's gasoline"

Engineer: "Congratulations. You have your taste back. That will be \$50"

Doctor gets really annoyed, and after several days returns to recover his money.

Doctor: "I have lost my memory and can't remember a thing"

Engineer: "Nurse, bring Medicine from Box No 22 and put 3 drops in patient's mouth"

Doctor: "That's not right, this Medicine is for the sense of taste"

Engineer: "Congratulations, your memory is back, that will be \$50"

Doctor leaves, but after several more days angrily returns for one last try.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak"

Engineer: "Well I don't have any medicine for that. Take this \$100"

Doctor: "But this is a \$50 note"

Engineer: "Congratulations, your eyesight has gotten better. That will be \$50"



# INTRODUCING.....



Allan Huljich who joined the club in December 2014

1963 Chevrolet Impala with 70k original miles, 283ci with 2 stage Powerglide

Forth owner from new, and been in family for 35 years

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## *Bulletin Board - Classifieds*

**For Sale** - Caterpillar D4 7U. Has been in family for 25 years and comes with winch, tools and service manuals. It's done 17,000 hours and starts and runs very well, and is all original. Viewing is in West Auckland. \$10,250 phone Allan 0212157994



## 2015 Bayswater Autoshow

The Saturday before the Bayswater Autoshow show was a bit iffy at best – remember Cyclone Pam - so possibly that may have deterred a few on Sunday March 15th. Nevertheless, by the time we were ready to convoy from the carpark out front of the Takapuna Golf Course on Northcote Road, there were nine member's cars and one guest, Camron Inder from Hamilton, a friend of Richard Bayes. No complaints from me, as any run we can muster double figures of vehicles is just fine.



Whilst we never attended last year's event as a club, I have always rather likes this little show, as it has a neat community feel to it and local businesses get right behind it and the prizes and trophies (more on them later!) are just awesome. The American Muscle Car Club always have a big presence here and that was no exception this time. As I drove into the venue in my Pontiac, the man directing traffic tried to get me to park with them...in my Station Wagon??

"No no", I said. "American Classic Car Club". Once that was sorted, we were directed to probably the best spot on the field as it was over to the South end, under the only trees, which proved a real treat once the sun eventually came out!

Seeing all ten of us lined up, and what a great selection with a bit of everything, from two Cadillacs, two Pontiac's, Cameron's Oldsmobile, a Lincoln, a Thunderbird and a Mercury, plus a Chevy truck and Mustang, wow, with all our new Club livery in the way of banners and flags was a pretty impressive sight. The judges must have thought so too, as it happens..... There was plenty to see and do for the few hours we were there too, the standard of cars was very impressive for such a small local show. And there was plenty of bling in the way of new cars, bikes and even boats too. But most of us just enjoyed sitting around our display having a yarn amongst ourselves. Good fun, good company, great day.

Once prize giving commenced we watched with interest as awards were handed out for this and that. When the Best Club Display award came up, I nearly fell off my chair as the American Classic Car Club was announced! Proud as punch I was! What a cool thing to get and what an awesome trophy. Thanks Bayswater Autoshow organisers, you did a fantastic job again. I hope we are invited back again next year .

Rob Milligan.



## 2015 Auckland All Ford Day @ Smales Farm Takapuna

Whether your interest was in British/European, Australian or American blue oval, you were spoiled for choice. Escorts, Cortina's, Anglia's, Capris and Zephyrs, Mondeo's, Transit vans, Falcon's, Fairmonts, GT's, Galaxies, Mustangs, Lincolns, Thunderbirds, F100's, Mercury's, Cobra's, you name it, they were pretty much all there at the Auckland All Ford Day on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, in stock, restored, modified or rodded forms and models from the 1920's through to 2015.

It was awesome to see that several ACCCA Club members brought their own cars out to display, whilst several more just showed up for a look-see, like me.

The rain stayed away, there were popular and relevant trade displays, along with great sponsor displays as well. And proceeds raised went to a very worthy cause, being the Foundation for Youth Development (FYD).

All in all, not a bad Sunday....(not a Saturday like a work colleague of mine thought it was! Doh.....)

Rob.



## **ROY SHARMAN “THE SHEDZ”**

Roy Sharman's property in Waiuku is a popular destination for many car clubs as searching the web will show. Not only is Roy a genial host but his collection of cars, traction engines and various car memorabilia is certainly well worth the effort of a closer look. On April 19<sup>th</sup> it was the chance for our club to do just that, and what an interesting visit it turned out to be for the owners of eleven cars, including one from the Thunderbird Club along with a guest in a Ford Cobra. It sounds like Roy gets plenty of practice, as his guided tour of the property provided a fascinating look at his vast collection of automotive memorabilia, all delivered without running out of things to say.

He has two huge Traction engines, both certified for road use, the first named Princess which is a huge 17 ton Fowler, made in Yorkshire in 1902. Roy said it had the power of 72 horses and is controlled by two operators, a steering man and a Donkey man. It is capable of 30kph and has 3 speed gears. The second traction engine is a 1908 6HP Marshall named "Old Jack". It came from the Napier area and had been used for hauling wool and timber through its earlier working life. Both had been extensively and beautifully rebuilt to like new condition.

In a second shed there was a superb collection of veteran (pre 1919), vintage (1919-1931), as well as numerous pre and post war vehicles. There was a rare 1924 Fiat Tipo 505, complete with the original body from the factory. It had been stored in a shed after being converted into a truck but fortunately the body had been retained when the vehicle was modified allowing it to be rebuilt.

Another rarity was a 1915 Perry, one of only 700 produced, and the sole surviving model in NZ and first bought by Wanganui identity Charles Georgetti whose family retained ownership of it for 50 years. A total of 55 Perrys were imported into NZ with five going to Wanganui, and it is now one of only two left in the world, the other in the UK.

Another very interesting car was the 1901 curved dash Oldsmobile. It was dug out of a rubbish tip at Putiki in 1975 and has been fully restored. It was No 64 off the production line and sold into Wanganui to someone of substance as motoring was in its infancy then. This vehicle is the oldest surviving Oldsmobile of its type in the world with the only other being in the Smithsonian in Washington.

Roy also told us of his early life which included many years at sea. He was a young Steward on the Wahine when it sank in Wellington harbour during a storm in 1968 that claimed the lives of over 50 people on board. Roy obviously takes great pride in his collection and takes pleasure in showing his collection of cars to people with similar interests. His whole property is a credit to him with the sheds, garden and ponds making a beautiful sight. It helped that the weather tuned out to be a warm and sunny Autumn day, so you can't get much better than that.





Just an illustration of a couple of the many uses for traction engines in the early days.

## **Sales Tales.....**

One of the (few) perks of having to travel around the country side peddling my wares for a living, is that sometimes you end up in places that you may otherwise not.

A case in point was early in the month of May when work took me to the frankly gorgeous Marlborough District for a week. Flying from Auckland to Wellington was usual fair, but then I have never been on a commercial flight in such a small plane, from Wellington to Blenheim, the little Beech 1900D. It was so small, you actually step over a hump in the middle of the passengers' compartment, which links the wings together! And the cockpit itself has no doors, so you can watch the pilots doing their stuff. Cool !

And the wings were above window height so when you were cruising at about 6000 feet, you could see everything below – at least you could in a good day such as the day I flew. Just spectacular. Funny though, we probably spent more time on the tarmac than we did in the air, as they over-fuelled us and we had to burn some off prior to take-off! Anyway, after four and a half days of Conference attending, I had a couple of hours to kill on the Friday afternoon before my return flight and I stumbled upon a simply fantastic attraction just out of Blenheim, at a place call Omaka. Two fantastic things actually.

If you do find yourself in the upper South Island, please do take some time to check both of these attractions out, they really are fantastic. The first one is the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre – essentially a museum full of planes. But not just any museum...oh no siree! See <http://www.omaka.org.nz/index.htm>.

Choker full of Sir Peter Jackson's private WW1 plane collection, along with several others, the WETA Workshops have had a hand in the displays, so instead of just a plane to look at most of the displays are done as dioramas, with scenery and props etc. Simply stunning, as is the copious amounts of WW1 memorabilia as well. I needed more time, as the stories applicable to each display was fascinating. See some of the photos I managed to take whilst I was in there. As good as these may be, they do nothing to convey the attention to detail that was evident everywhere you looked. And what I understand is, Stage 2 of this Heritage Centre is well into the planning stages and will feature examples of WWII planes, as either original examples, or replicas of them. I can't wait to see that exhibition.

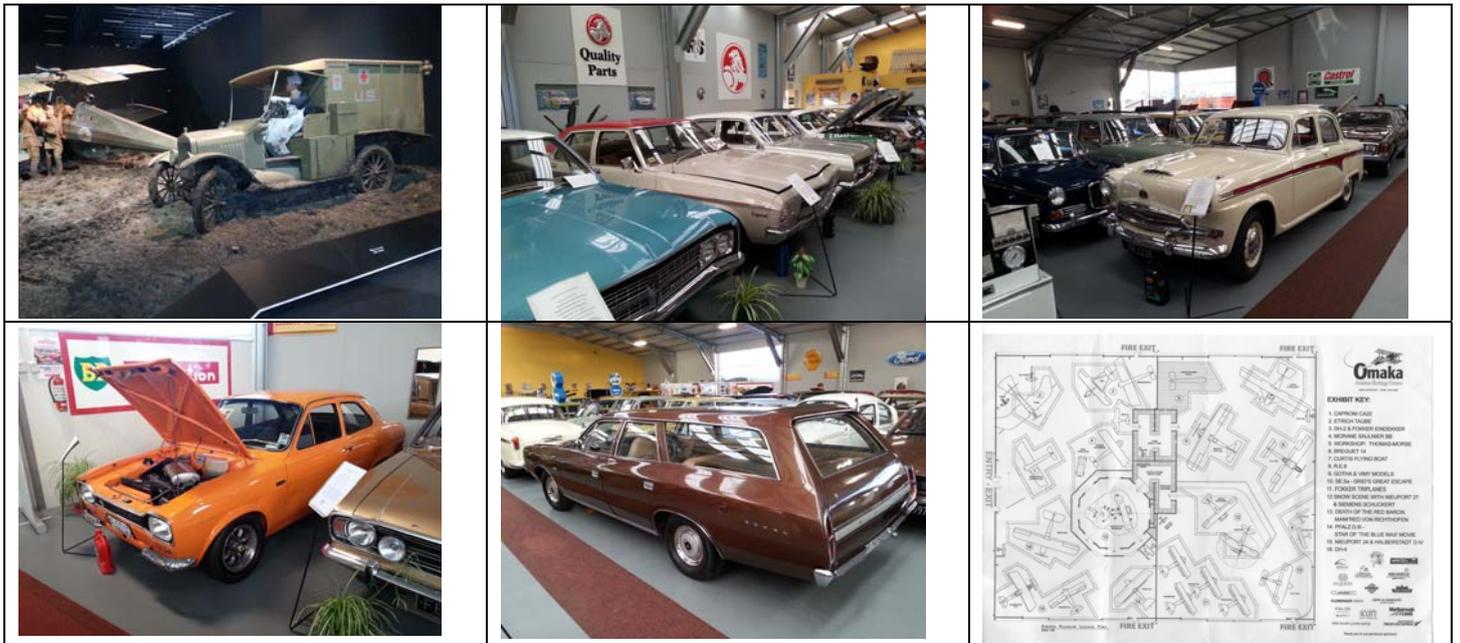
Now, to top this off, just down the entry road to the Aviation Heritage Centre, was the Omaka Classic Car Museum, featuring a private collection of 50's, 60's and 70's vehicles, mostly from Britain and Australia. Bonus!

This was a great collection, featuring Jaguars, Valiants, Holdens, Rovers, Mini's, Escorts, Cortina's (including an original Mk5 Aussie assembled six cylinder Cortina Wagon!) a couple of Rolls Royce, and a couple of cool Jappa's from the 70's. Oh...and an original Leyland P76 V8, on LPG!

Again, I really needed more time to fully appreciate both these museums, but if nothing else it does provide the incentive, as if any was needed, to return to this simply delightful part of gods-own.

Rob Milligan





This letter was received from the organiser of the Galaxy of Cars event that the club attended at Western Springs in February, thanking all the participants for assisting in raising \$15000 for the Child Mobility Foundation.

So well done to all club members who attended, which helped contribute to this very worthy cause.

It just goes to show that by getting out and about in our classics and enjoying ourselves, we can help others less fortunate than ourselves.



New Lynn

26<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Galaxy of Cars 2015

Dear Car Club and Enthusiasts,

The New Lynn Lions would like to thank all car enthusiasts who bought their vehicles along to the Galaxy of Cars and we trust you had an enjoyable day. Unfortunately the weather was not in our favour and with a number of other events on over that weekend, our gate entry was down. However we had many good reports from both Car Clubs and individuals informing it was a great event and they will be attending again next year.

The benefiting Charity this year was The Child Mobility Foundation. The New Lynn Lions together with the profit from the Galaxy of Cars, presented the foundation with a donation of \$15,000 which will enable the Foundation to complete the purchase of four Hart Walker frames. This was a pleasing result knowing that four children with Cystic Fibrosis will be able to start to walk with one of these mobility frames.

Our sound system and music worked quite well however we had two or three clubs advise it was too loud where they were positioned. We apologies for this and changes will be made for 2016 to make sure it is pleasing for all.

We have had confirmation from the Auckland Council that the 7th of February 2016 will be the date for Galaxy of Cars. Please pencil in this date and further details will follow in a few months. If you have any thoughts or concerns we would welcome you comments good or bad so improvements can be.

Once again thankyou for your support. We can all be proud of our efforts to support a needing charity.

Kind Regards

Noel Mountjoy  
New Lynn Lions

## **Hamilton Vintage & Classic swap meet – 17 May 2015**

A turnout of nine cars was pretty good for a cold winter's day run down to the Vintage and Classic swap meet at the Classics Museum at Hamilton. Although the day was predicted to be fine, those coming from the west and north faced a showery departure, but the rest had a nice dry run to the meet up point at the BP Service Centre at Papakura.

After a chinwag with the attendees, which included two new members Allan Huljich and Peter Lee and families, the dulcet tones of run organiser Enid called everyone together to give a brief explanation of timing and lunch venue. A nice run down had us arrive at the museum site just after 11am, and it sure was busy, with parking at a real premium at businesses surrounding the Museum. Jammy drivers of the day had to be Mike and Nicola Blythe who found a park under a drive in tent just across from the site, while the rest had to fit in where we could.

The swap meet was as you would expect, with a few pearls amongst the mostly scrappy offerings. Although it was supposed to be an automotive only event, there were still a lot of sites that had the usual teapots, garden ornaments, and brick-a-brack. Apparently all they had to do was have one automotive item amongst their wares, and they qualified. There were a few project cars for sale, along with some interesting trade displays, and half price entry into the museum, so the time was well taken up with things to see. Buy of the day had to go to the aforementioned Mike Blythe, who was looking for a radio valve to repair his Pontiac radio, and purchased a whole briefcase full of valves of all shapes and sizes (just hope that is one of the right size in there, or else they are going to make real nice mantelpiece ornaments – yeah right! says Nicola).

Just before 1pm we all headed off to the Cock and Bull for a pub lunch, where Enid had organised some priority parking. This was a bit of a tiki tour, as none of us knew where we were going except Dave Roper, and even he lead us up a wrong street, but to give him his due he did get us there eventually. We met up there with Dave and Catherine Parker with the newest addition to their collection, an immaculate Mk II Ford Zephyr, and Dan and Donna Thompson. It seemed that a great day out was had by all, especially with the nice drive through the Waikato countryside.



## Frazer of Distinction – the rarely seen 1951 Manhattan Convertible



For such a small auto manufacturer, Frazer made several noteworthy automobiles that were loaded with many distinctive styling attributes. Some were produced in such limited numbers that they are rarely seen today, or even known about. One of those models is this striking 1951 Manhattan convertible.

The Kaiser Frazer Club held their winter meet at the recent AACA show in Vero Beach, Florida, with this beautiful blue Manhattan convertible stealing the show. It captivated people throughout the day, and its dazzling color and unfamiliar body style had many car enthusiasts scratching their heads in disbelief. It was brought to the show from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, by its enthusiastic owner, Lowell Johnson.



For the 1951 model year, Frazer offered four different models. In the Standard line, there was a four-door sedan and a four-door utility sedan, more commonly known as the Vagabond. Combined total production was just 9,931 cars: 6,900 Standard sedans and 3,000 Vagabonds. In the more upscale Manhattan trim line, there were also only two distinct models offered: a four-door hardtop sedan, of which just 152 were built, and this very rare four-door convertible model that had a production run of a scant 131 units. Back in 1951 it retailed for a pricey US\$3,075, so it's no wonder that so few were produced.

Power was never the Frazer's strong suit, as its 226.2-cubic-inch flathead straight-six engine produced just 115 horsepower. When combined with the car's fairly heavy weight of 3,941 pounds, its performance, shall we say, was lacking. However, these cars weren't built for speed, rather for comfortable, reliable cruising, which is what the Manhattan did so well. It provided its six passengers with plenty of room, and with the open top, a truly matchless motoring experience.

*Article courtesy of Hemmings Daily, written by Richard Lentinello.*

## Jeremy Clarkson's Quotes

**Bentley Continental GT's suspension adjustability** - It really is about as useful as having a snooze button on a smoke alarm.

**BMW Z3** - And if you are clinically insane, by which I mean you wake up in the morning and think you are an onion, here's your car.

**Buick LeSabre** - It was rubbish when it was new, it was built by idiots, and it's rubbish now.

**Ferrari F430** - Now we get quite a few complaints that we don't feature enough affordable cars on the show, so we're kicking off tonight with the cheapest Ferrari of them all.

**Chevrolet Corvette Z06** - In many ways then this car is like herpes. Great fun catching it but not so much fun to live with every day.

**Nissan Almera** - Telling people at a dinner party you drive a Nissan Almera is like telling them you've got the Ebola virus and you're about to sneeze.

**Renault Espace** - This is the Renault Espace, probably the best of the people carriers. Not that that's much to shout about. That's like saying 'Ooh good I've got syphilis, the BEST of the sexually transmitted diseases.'

**Porsche Cayenne** - I've seen better looking gangrenous wounds than this

**BMW X5 M** - There's a gallon of fuel gone there, and another there...and yet another there. As a matter of fact, the only way this car could be less annoying to eco-mentalists is if its engine ran on sliced dolphin.

**Renault Clio V6 handling bends** - In typical French fashion, it just gives up! A bit like the French did with the Germans.

**Koenigsegg CCX** - Koenigsegg are saying that the CCX is more comfortable. More comfortable than what -BEING STABBED?

**Suzuki Wagon R** - You do not just avoid the Suzuki Wagon R. You avoid it like you would avoid unprotected sex with an Ethiopian transvestite.

**Lotus Elise** - This car is more fun than the entire French Air Force crashing into a firework factory.

**Toyota Camry** - Whenever I'm suffering from insomnia, I just look at a picture of a Toyota Camry and I'm straight off.

**4 Seater Convertibles** - The only person to ever look good in the back of a 4-seater convertible was Adolf Hitler.

**Arab Israeli Conflict** - The only reason the Arabs and Jews have managed to keep their nasty little war going for 50 years is because it never bloody rains there. If the post-war powers had put Israel in Manchester, there'd have been no bloodshed.

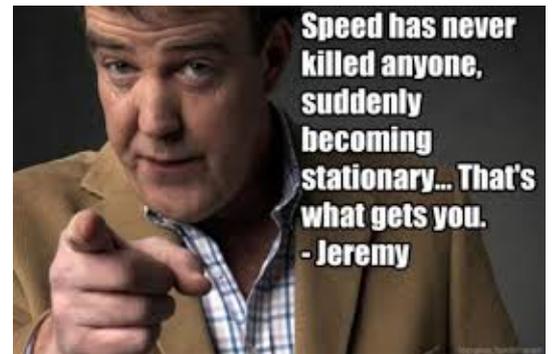
**Racing Car Conversions** - Racing cars which have been converted for road use never really work. It's like making a hardcore adult film, and then editing it so that it can be shown in British hotels. You'd just end up with a sort of half-hour close-up of some bloke's sweaty face.

**Nuclear Submarines** - Britain's nuclear submarines have been deemed unsafe ... probably because they don't have wheel-chair access.

**Bus Lanes** - I don't understand bus lanes. Why do poor people have to get to places quicker than I do?

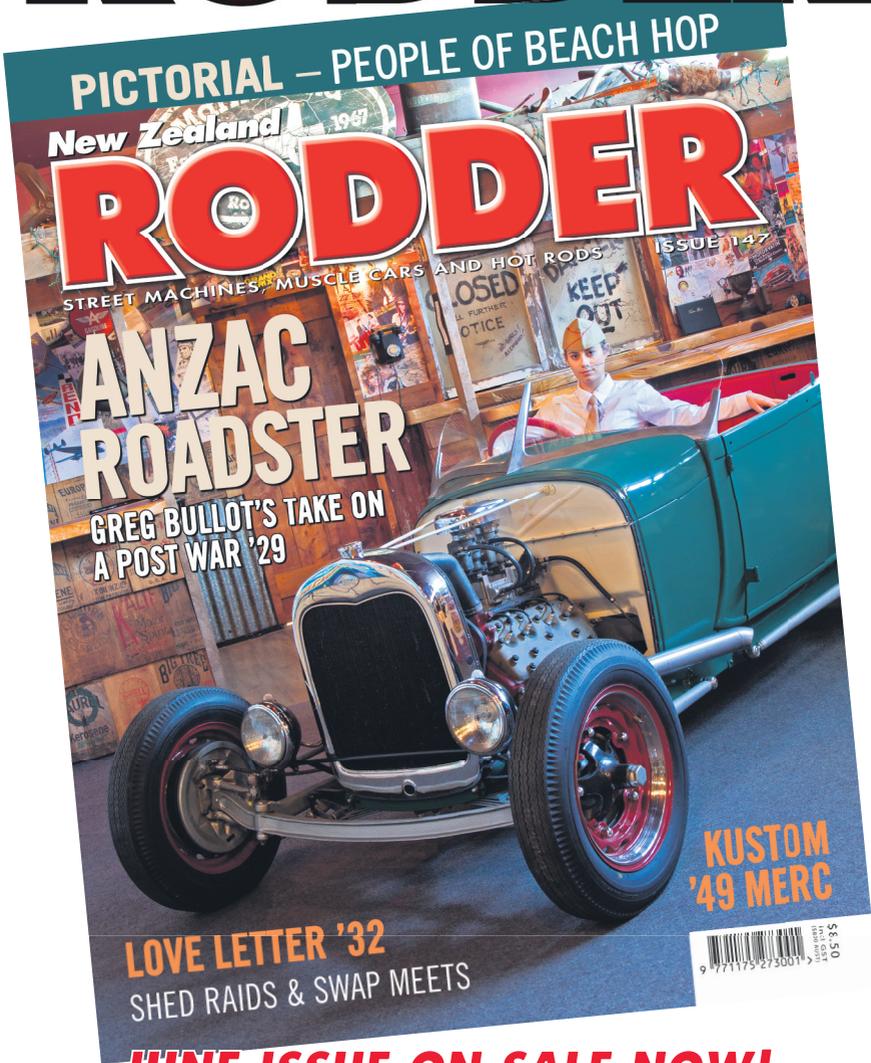
**Wayne Rooney** - If all the creatures on earth were the same size, it's said a lobster would have the smallest brain. But then someone invented Wayne Rooney.

**Front Wheels** - Asking the front wheels of a car to do their normal job of steering while handling more than 170 hp is like asking a man to wire a plug while juggling penguins .... while making love to a beautiful woman while on fire, on stage in front of the Queen. It's all going to go wrong.



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# Hot Dates for Jun-Jul-Aug

## June

- 1 Anzac Day Car Show, Cranks Rest.& Bar, 2/15 Mercari Way, Albany from 11am
- 4 Yank Tank Thursday, Botany Town Centre, East Auckland from 6pm
- 7 NZ Petrolhead breakfast at Bellagio, Plunket Avenue, Manukau from 7.30am
- 7 Auckland HRC Poker Run, register Bellagio car park, Plunket Ave depart 10am
- 7 Westies Café breakfast, 7 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, 9-11am
- 14 Winter Drag Wars, Meremere Dragway, Meremere, gates open 10am
- 14 ACCC run to Wild West Sundays Breakfast, The Hanger, 104 Central Park Drive. Meet at Westgate Shopping Centre at 9am, to depart at 9.15**
- 21 Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, BP Northern Motorway, from 8.30-10.30am
- 28 ACCC Mid-winter Christmas Lunch, The Howick Club, 107 Botany Road, Botany Downs, Howick, from 11am to 3pm**
- 28 Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am-1pm
- 28 Winter Drag Wars, Meremere Dragway, Meremere, gates open 10am

## July

- 4 Auckland Independence Day Run, departs Beaumont Street, 7pm sharp
- 5 NZ Petrolhead breakfast at Bellagio, Plunket Avenue, Manukau from 7.30am
- 5 Westies Café breakfast, 7 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, 9-11am
- 12 Rotorua Swap Meet & Car Show, Paradise Valley, Rotorua, 7am-3pm
- 12 Wild West Sundays Breakfast, The Hanger, 104 Central Park Drive, from 10am
- 12 Winter Drag Wars, Meremere Dragway, Meremere, gates open 10am
- 18-19 CRC Speedshow/Teng Tools R & C Show, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane
- 19 Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, BP Northern Motorway, from 8.30-10.30am
- 26 ACCC Shed raid to Allan Huljich's Military collection of vehicles and memorabilia at Whenuapai. Meet at Westgate Shopping Centre at 10am, to depart 10.30. Lunch after at Hallertau Brewery, 1171 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway.**
- 26 Winter Drag Wars, Meremere Dragway, Meremere, gates open 10am
- 26 Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am-1pm

## August

- 2 NZ Petrolhead breakfast at Bellagio, Plunket Avenue, Manukau from 7.30am
- 2 Westies Café breakfast, 7 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, 9-11am
- 6 Yank Tank Thursday, Botany Town Centre, East Auckland from 6pm
- 9 Winter Drag Wars, Meremere Dragway, Meremere, gates open 10am
- 9 Wild West Sundays Breakfast, The Hanger, 104 Central Park Drive, from 10am
- 15 Classics in the City, Crown Plaza Carpark, Albert Street, Auckland
- 16 ACCC run to Dave Parker's Sheds at Bombay, followed by a Pizza feast supplied by the club. Meet at BP Papakura, Southern Motorway at 10am to depart 10.30**
- 16 Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, BP Northern Motorway, from 8.30-10.30am
- 23 Winter Drag Wars, Meremere Dragway, Meremere, gates open 10am
- 30 Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am-1pm



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