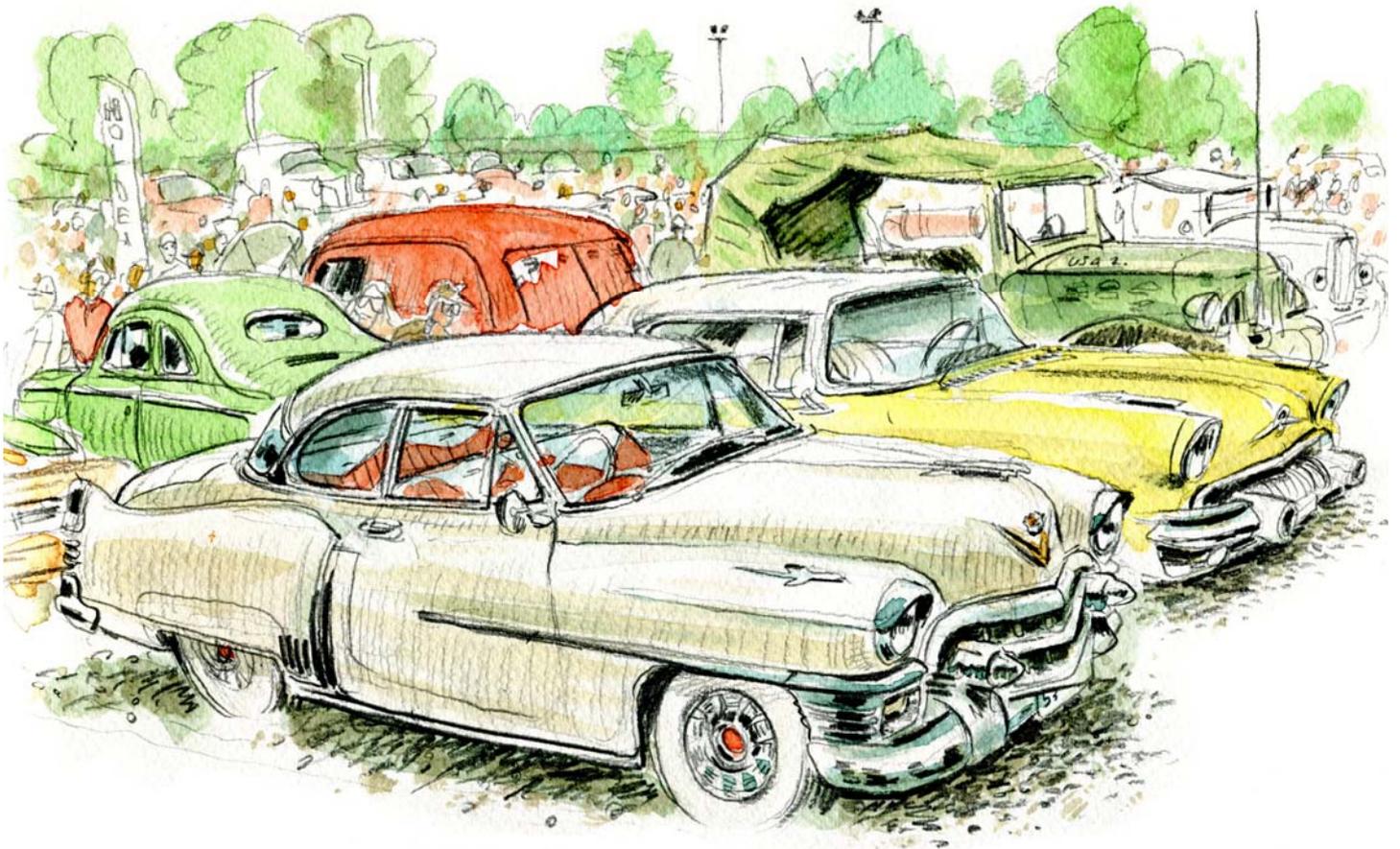




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President Rob's Report

Hi there Members,

Welcome to 2018! Hard to get my head around that it's already the beginning of March by the time this issue of Cruisepaper reaches your mailbox!

And we have already seen several Club events under our belts, with more to come throughout the year, so look forward to that! I am having a wee struggle filling the April slot right about now, but that should only be a temporary problem!

Nice to see the membership still growing too, awesome! So if you are reading this for the first time as a new member of ACCCA, welcome aboard and we certainly look forward to seeing you out and about at club runs etc, as often as life allows.

Big thrill for me as President so far this year was the frankly superb exposure our Club has received from the (Australian) Shannon's Classic Resto's feature taken from Kumeu, back in January. If you have not seen it yet, Russell has posted a link to it on our Club Website. Click on it and spend the next 26 minutes watching what is a great programme, made all the better for our club Kiwi input from about 16 minutes or so in! It's great! And thanks too to the members personally involved with their cars. Great job team!



That's about all from me this issue. Hopefully, the next couple of months are a bit more settled weather-wise so as not to dampen our enthusiasm for cruising in our Classic cars! Take care everyone!

Rob.



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Russell's Ramblings

Hi there folks, in case you missed or lost my email before Xmas, we have made some upgrades to the ACCCA website. We have been asked by club members many times over the years to provide a listing of members, contact numbers, and their classic cars, and although we have sent out paper lists in the past, this has not always been successful as details change regularly. This information is now available on the website via a Members Only area, which requires a password to access. Additionally, the official ACCCA apparel and name badge ordering forms have their own page in this area also.

These pages can be accessed on www.americanclassiccars.org.nz as follows:-

- 1/ Hover your cursor over the right hand menu "MEMBERS ONLY"
- 2/ The drop down will show 2 pages "Members contact details" and "Club apparel & badges"
- 3/ Click on whichever one of these you wish to view, and a password box will open
- 4/ Enter the following password exactly as shown here in Upper and lower case - PontiacGTO
- 5/ Once you have entered the password, you have access to both these pages without needing to input the password again until you log off your computer. Please note that this password will change from time to time, with notification to you by email.

If you have viewed the Members contact details and find that your information is incorrect in any way, please let me know by email at StarChiefRussell@gmail.com and I will amend and repost the website details. Additionally, should you not want your details published, please also let me know. Please remember that this information is for ACCCA club members use only, and should not be passed on to third parties, or be redistributed in any way whatsoever.

Please welcome the following new members, who have joined over the last couple of months, and don't forget to say hi when you meet them on the next club run:-

Yvonne Carlton – 1963 Cadillac de Ville, John McMaster - 1962 Ford Thunderbird, Matthew & Samantha Young – 1980 GMC 1500 Scottsdale pickup

Ciao4now, regards Russell

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Children Sure Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I Love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.

Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher



INTRODUCING.....



Murray Dewhurst, who is a freelance artist that delights in sketching cars on location. Murray drew this Cruisepaper's front cover illustration of Graeme & Gwen Mackay's '53 Cadillac and Russell & Cindy Wilson's '57 Pontiac at Caffeine & Classics, and Chris & Jang Thomson's '58 Nash Metropolitan above. Murray tells us a bit about himself:

"I grew up down the road from the original Bay Park Raceway, and we used to ride our bikes up there as kids and watch the racing. From big saloon cars, the Benson & Hedges series, sportscars, Formula Libre, drag racers, Formula Pacific to Minis and Cortinas, I couldn't help but get sucked in by them all.

Naturally I spent many hours drawing them, and eventually an art school tutor encouraged me down the car styling path. I was really tempted, but reality kicked in and I got a real job in graphic design. That was a long time ago, but I still feel drawn to the car as the subject of my sketches, and it's always a challenge to try to capture the essence of a cars style, it's curves and character.

I sketch on location, as it's an opportunity to get away from the computer and put pencil to paper, break out the watercolours and have a bit of fun. It's also an excuse to spend an hour with a car, get a close look at it, and I enjoy meeting the owners, who are inspirational in their enthusiasm for the old beasts."

Murray is keen to do a sketch of your classic car for you, at the very reasonable cost of \$150. This would be on A3 watercolour paper, with the image size being about A4 – which gives about 40mm white space surrounding for framers to work with.

Should you wish to proceed, please email Murray direct at murray@worksight.co.nz

Christmas picnic at Wenderholm - 3 December 2017

A record day in all respects was had at the annual Christmas picnic – the biggest number of cars seen in recent times, 42 stunning classic American rides – the most people attending, in excess of 110 club members and guests – and what has to be almost the hottest temperatures in living memory, estimated in the mid to high 20's. In other words the day was a stunner no matter how you look at it.



The committee arrived at our reserved site just after 9 in the morning to get all the gazebos, tables, food, children's big dig, and the other thousand things sorted before the throng arrived at around 11am led by Rodger and Kay from the meet up point. Apart from a small delay at the gate which resulted in a couple of hotter than normal cars (our apologies for this, we'll do better next time) the classics kept rolling in, until we filled up the perimeter with an amazing array of USA metal. Once everyone settled in and set up their sunshades and chairs, President Rob welcomed everybody and set out the programme for the day. Lunch was served around midday, and although the queue seemed to be a mile long, the hard working serving ladies (Cindy 1, Cindy 2, & Enid) did a stellar job in the sauna that was our gazebo, and slaved away until all were fed.

After lunch the kids' Big Dig was attacked with much enthusiasm, with sand flying everywhere. All the diggers came away with a handful of specially marked ice block sticks, which redeemed a mystery prize, or an ice block, funnily enough. Desert was then served up, and from the amount left over, it appeared that most were at last satisfied, so nobody went home hungry.

Rob then took up the task of keeping the little kids (and some not so little) occupied for the rest of the afternoon, with egg and spoon races, egg catching competition, and the water balloon throws. It would seem that he had as much fun as his contestants from the look of glee on his face. Spot prizes were drawn throughout the day, either wine or wrapped prezzies, along with a prize pack donated by Advance Publishing (who produce NZ Petrolhead/Rodder), for the longest distance travelled, which went to Trevor & Jude who came up from Tauranga.

After the usual round of merry Christmas hugs and kisses, most folks had worn themselves out to the point of exhaustion, so headed off home around mid afternoon. Another great club picnic in a beautiful location, with stunning weather, fabulous American classics, and happy club members, winds up the official American Classic Car Club year for 2017.



Toy Run St. Heliers – 4 December 2017

Who would have bet money that the fantastic weather we enjoyed at the Christmas picnic would have carried over the next day to the Toy Run. In the past we have experienced awful weather, from light showers to heavy rain, to last years fine but freezing evening, but this year was very hot easing to balmy as the afternoon progressed.

Perhaps it was because it was Alex's birthday he organised some special arrangement, and of course was celebrating in fine style with bubbly. The numbers in Vellenoweth Green were a bit slow in building, and it wasn't until around 7pm that the field really started to fill up, a great reward for the North Shore Rod & Custom Club after the last couple of years when numbers appeared down.

The club gazebo was erected in the usual spot, and it wasn't long before member cars peaked at around 20 cars, which was a great club effort. The afternoon was so nice that members just sat around the site chatting, with a few adult refreshments in hand before the food was served, and it was a very relaxing atmosphere indeed.

The evening finished up around 9ish, when the park started to empty out, so after another round of Christmas hugs and wishes, everyone headed off in all directions, to finally wind up the club year.



Christmas Lights Trail – 17 December

After weeks and weeks of sunshine, you guessed it, plan an evening run in your open car (Cadillac El Dorado) and it rains. We had friends with us who were not going to let a few rain drops deter them so togged in our rain jackets, towels at the ready and a twinkling Santa hat on yours truly, we were off.

I have kept an ever evolving list of properties with Christmas Lights out in the Botany / Dannemora area for probably 10 + years and done a number of club runs, the last probably 3-4 years back. Despite a little light rain we had a turn out of 7 vehicles, 5 classics & two daily drivers, which is a good number to make a bit of a stir as you cruise by, and still allow you to fill up the end of a cul de sac and turn with ease.

The Hub at Botany proved to be a great venue for the early arrivals, with plenty of parking and a choice of the usual suspects for takeaways. I had a hankering for Fish n Chips but was disappointed that they had closed at 7.00pm - what the swear word!!!. Most gravitated to Burger Fuel, possibly the food but methinks the draw card was the great seating and the ability to escape the light rain. We all headed off just on dark at 8.30, and with a good set of driving instructions took just over an hour to pass by about 40 properties. The highlight undoubtedly was Uldale Crescent in Botany - the whole street is lit up and closed to traffic which made it safe for walking although we didn't delay too long as the rain got a bit more persistent.

In the spirit of save the best to last the final property was a mass of over the top gorgeousness in Sayes Close, Dannemora - two story house covered in lights, music on, snow machine going and Santa & Mrs Claus at the ready with Kit Kats - the spirit of Christmas is still alive. Enid Service



Black Swamp Rod Run Sunday January 6th, 2018



The winterless North almost lived up to its reputation on Sunday January 6th.... trouble was, the modest turnout of six members cars still had to battle through the tail end of a typical summer storm to get there! So it was no real surprise to me to see so few of our members attend our first event of 2018, because in the 2 days leading up to Sunday much of the North Island were getting hammered and for a while there was a distinct possibility the event might have to be postponed.

Nevertheless, by the 8am departure time, the Crumps (Camaro), the Huljich's (Impala), the Blyths (Pontiac), The Ropers (Cougar), Rose Woodcock (Thunderbird) and me (Pontiac) were keen to get the run underway... well, keen to get out of the rain anyway and the BP Northern Service Centre had no power so no point hanging around there! The cruise North proved uneventful, and the rain had eased noticeably the closer we got to the Mangawhai Domain for registrations. Which, at barely more than 100, were not unexpectedly well down on last year's nearly 200 participants. Joining our club ranks up there were the Martins (Impala) and the Stonemans (Suburban).

It's a slick operation this Black Swamp Run, with the organizers securing some pretty decent Sponsors (NZ Rodder/Petrolhead and Protecta Insurance, to name a couple) and the entry packs and spot prize packs were generous. So once these were distributed to the eager and appreciative entrants at the drivers briefing, we were back in our cars for the organized Cruise to Waipu and back. And it's a classic, taking us around the spectacular coast roads through Langs Beach, Waipu Cove and Waipu itself, before heading back the same way to the Black Swamp Olive Grove at Mangawhai for the duration of the day.

Nestled in amongst the Olive Grove, all the cars looked mighty impressive, and with a huge pond for the kids, live music from the Slickbacks (featuring our very own Paul Roper on Drums) playing all afternoon, plenty of food and drinks available from various vendors and just mighty-fine company, it was an exceptionally pleasant and chilled afternoon. Even the weather had come right for the majority of the day! Another big thumbs up for the Black Swamp Rod Run, looking forward to including this great day out on next year's ACCCA Calendar, rain, hail or shine!

Rob Milligan



Kumeu Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival – 20 January 2018

It sure was an early start to the day, heading off from home at 7am trying to beat the traffic into the showgrounds, but this year was a breeze taking only 35 minutes from home to the gates! An absolute revelation looking back on previous years traffic jams and times, so just when I thought I would be the first at the club site at 7.35, I was greeted by half a dozen club cars there already. Insomniacs?



Our site was in a similar area to previous years, but with the new traffic plan put in by the organizers, we were in an island on our own surrounded by access roads, which was great as our site wasn't used as a thoroughfare by all and sundry. We managed to pack 23 member's cars along with the 2 club gazebos into the space, thanks to superb traffic management by Dave Roper, who also marked out our area prior to the show opening. Without any hint of bias, our club display must surely have ranked the best on the outdoor grounds, as we were displaying such a large number of different makes and models in one area, and attracted much interest and photo taking by the public.

The show itself was similar to previous years in terms of layout and displays, although there did seem to be a lot less trade booths, and many more non-automotive tents than previous, and the swap meet area was covered with stalls and well patronised. A highlight mid-afternoon was a jet powered car which was fired up, and the resulting woomphs when he hit the throttle could be physically felt throughout the showgrounds. As you would expect the grass was scorched behind the car for about 20 meters, but no sausage sizzlers were harmed in the display, as it was well roped off.

Another highlight was the impromptu visit to our display by none other than Fletch from Shannons Classic Resto's TV out of Australia, complete with his camera. He was filming footage for one of the upcoming episodes of his TV series, and a couple of our lucky members may well find themselves and their cars featured in that episode. Well done guys and gals!

Another successful club display can now be ticked off the calendar, with the Morrinsville Motorama run to look forward to in February.
Cheers Russell



Orewa Beach Festival ~ 26-28 January 2018

We went to the Orewa Beach Festival, and the weather was hot and so were the cars.

After parking the Fairlane up on the main road on Saturday, we did a lot of walking and looking at a huge variety of cars.



We listened to great music from the El Camino's, and enjoyed the rock & roll dancing as well. We also went on the cruise to the Puhoi Pub, which would have been much better if the lead car had waited, so the cars could re-group and continue as a convoy.

The Puhoi Pub is really great, and I can't believe that we have never been before.

Sunday was just as good, and this show just gets better every year.

Wayne & Ann Sullivan



Leadfoot Festival Hahei – 4 February 2018

A couple of years ago now the ACCCA was invited to attend the Leadfoot Festival at Rod Millen's Leadfoot Ranch at Hahei, on the beautiful Coromandel. And it was a great weekend away for those of us who attended.

Leadfoot is one of those bucket list events...seriously. I encourage anyone even halfway interested in anything at all automotive to attend at least once. And you don't even have to be remotely interested in motorsport either, as the actual hill climb racing is almost secondary to the cars and the stars that are invited to attend. And it's all accessible! There are virtually no limits once within the venue itself. Way cool!

It was a last minute decision for me to go this year, and only for the day. Leaping in the company Sportage diesel I headed south from the North Shore at 7.45am. It's a long way to go for a day trip, I have to admit!

Indifferent weather plagued the trip down. Apparently indifferent weather plagued the first day (Saturday) too and, indifferent weather plagued the first six hours of Sunday's activities. So much so that the track was slick and caught out many, including racing Ray Williams – one of the best wet-weather racing drivers we have in this country – who speared his Porana Capri V8 off into the scenery on one of his earlier runs! But by 2 o'clock the sun came out, the course dried out, the competitors stayed on the course and the times tumbled.



The top-ten shoot out was awesome, with Perth-based Scotsman Alistair McRae (brother of the late former World Rally Champion Colin McRae) taking hill climb honours in the ex-Possum Bourne Subaru Impreza hill climb special. Rod Millen himself came third outright in his Pikes Peak winning Toyota Celica hill climb special.

In all, a fantastic day. Even managed to catch up with one of our members Greg Beech down there – his Buick hard to miss in the dedicated Classics Car Park, which was a show in itself!

Rob Milligan.



Ellerslie Concours D' Elegance – 11 February 2018

The American Classic Car Club were privileged to get allocated a prime position next the main grandstand, along with 12 passes for this years Concours, for which we had 14 club responses. We gave up our pass in favour of being 'walk ins' and Rodger Anderson had his own, so it was looking like being a decent club turnout.

Unfortunately, heavy rain and old cars doesn't mix and on the day we dwindled to six cars on display. However, given the circumstances and the very, very empty car club display area, ours was pretty magnificent.



The rain was persistent throughout the day, and varied from light to downpours, and seriously affected both displays and the public attendance. The Concours was started in 1972, and to my knowledge it has never been cancelled, so it was grin and bear it, stiff upper lip, and make the most of it.

Enid Service



Rebel Roundup – Pukekohe Park Raceway 18 February 2018

After the big wet and cancellation of the Morrinsville Motorama the previous weekend, the Rebel Roundup at Pukekohe Park Raceway slotted in nicely to satisfy our cruising appetite. On a nice and dry but cloudy morning, 12 club cars turned up at the BP Southern Motorway meeting place, where a simple route sheet was given out to get everyone to the venue via a very picturesque route on roads not travelled by many in the group.

Upon arrival we were directed to the classic parking zone, which turned out to be just the front row of the public parking area, despite the map showing it was somewhere inside by the track. In fact it was heard several times during the day that there were more classics on display in the public car park than inside the venue where there was plenty of space. Oh well, perhaps a lesson learned for next year!



The show was mainly focussed on traditional hot rods, with a sprinkling of our era classics, along with a whole lot of stalls selling clothing, memorabilia, and some trade stalls with older style hot rod parts. There was certainly a lot to check out and see, and the ladies in our group seemed more than pleased with the dress and clothing selection.

Also throughout the day there were drag racing exhibition side by side runs on the racetrack front straight, and these were mostly leisurely looking runs to the untrained eye, but cool to watch nevertheless. There was even a series of races using very old stock cars, which were even slower still, with some of them running minus a couple of cylinders from the sound of them!

Most of our members regrouped around midday, for a very civilised picnic lunch and natter under the oak trees in the shade. Everyone had bought along lunch, refreshments, chairs and tables for the day, except for Rob, who managed to feed off everyone's leftovers, even scoring a chair because he forgot to pack one. And he has the longest car of anyone in which to fit everything in!

The afternoon drifted by with a few of the group downing a couple of cold adult beverages, being entertained by a very loud 2 piece rockabilly group, one of which was playing on a home made guitar. Although most of us started drifting off around mid afternoon after a long hot and sticky day, club member Allan Huljich stayed on and struck gold by winning the raffle with a cool full size retro Petrol Bowser fridge. A great day out with plenty to see for enthusiasts, although perhaps next year the organizers could put on more activities and entertainment for the \$20 per person entry fee to keep the public occupied.

Cheers, Russell



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2	Night Speed Drag Wars #5, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
3	Kumeu breakfast, Route 16 Café, 16/40 State Hwy.16, Kumeu from 8am
3-4	Pukekohe Swap Meet, Puke.Indian Assoc.grounds, Ward Street, Pukekohe
4	Pukekohe HRC Just a Cruise, register PHRC clubrooms 9am, run departs 9.45
4	NZ Petrolhead breakfast at Bellagio, Plunket Avenue, Manukau, 7.30-9.30am
4	NSRA Northland Family Fun Day Drags, Meremere Dragway, Waikato from 9am
10-11	IHRA NZ Nationals, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
11	Oogah Rodders Big Breakfast, Swanson RSA, 663 Swanson Road, 8-10.30am
18	ACCCA run to Karaka Vintage Day. Meet at BP Papakura Service Centre, Southern Motorway from 8.15am to depart at 8.45. Bring own food & chair.
18	Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, Mitre 10 Mega, Westgate, 8.30-10.30am
18	Galaxy of Cars Show & Swap Meet, Western Springs Stadium, from 7.30am
21-25	Repcos Beach Hop, Whangamata
23	Night Speed Drag Wars #6, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
25	Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am-1pm
29	Manukau R&C Burger Night, Repco, 230 Gt.Sth.Rd.Takanini from 6pm
31	Nostalgia Drags, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
<u>April</u>	
?	Rob's Mysterious Club Run – Date and Venue to be advised by email
1	Club Champs, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
5	Yank Tank Thursday, Botany Town Centre, 5-9 pm
7	Kumeu breakfast, Route 16 Café, 16/40 State Hwy.16, Kumeu from 8am
8	Competition meeting #5, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
8	Oogah Rodders Big Breakfast, Swanson RSA, 663 Swanson Road, 8-10.30am
8	All Ford Day, Smales Farm, Takapuna. Show car entry 8.30am, public 10-1pm
8	East Bay Rods car display, Silverdale Shopping Centre
14	Muscle Up bodybuilding champ, car & bike show, Avondale College from 10am
15	Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, Mitre 10 Mega, Westgate, 8.30-10.30am
22	April Fun Day, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
26	Manukau R&C Burger Night, Repco, 230 Gt.Sth.Rd.Takanini from 6pm
29	Steel 'n' Wheels, Waiuku Town Centre
29	Caffeine & Classics, Smales Farm, Northcote Road, Takapuna, 10am-1pm
29	Hamilton Swap Meet, Classics Museum, 11 Railside Place, Frankton from 7am
<u>May</u>	
5	Night Speed Drag Wars #7, Meremere Dragway, Waikato
5	Kumeu breakfast, Route 16 Café, 16/40 State Hwy.16, Kumeu from 8am
13	Oogah Rodders Big Breakfast, Swanson RSA, 663 Swanson Road, 8-10.30am
20	ACCCA run to Kaiaua Hotel for fish & chip lunch. Meet at BP Papakura Service Centre, Southern Motorway from 10am to depart at 10.30. Buffet lunch price is \$15 per head.
20	Mid West Street Rods' breakfast, Mitre 10 Mega, Westgate, 8.30-10.30am
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