



August 2017

Presidents Report:

Poker Run / Independence Day Cruise

I would like to thank all the members that joined the Poker Run / American Independence Cruise on Sunday July 9th. 19 Cars and 38 people turned out for a beautiful winter's day. It was wonderful to see so many keen car enthusiasts out in the middle of winter.

We all met at The Peg car park and were given a set of instructions to follow. There were 4 cards to pick up on the way to our final destination where we all received our final card to make up our poker hand. Results of prizes later in this newsletter

The cruise took an hour which ended up at the Ashleigh Hotel. There was also a prize for the most decorative car. We all enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at the Ashleigh which was paid for by the club.

USA Day meeting

We had an overwhelming response from members who have volunteered to help organise USA Day which is on November 5th. Thirteen people attended the meeting July 11th. Past and present Committee members also attended to help sort out the logistics for the day.

I pass on my personal thanks to all the members for their professional input.

Without this information it would make our efforts so much harder. Now that USA Day ground work has been organised, it gives us a good base to get things started.

We have a new and very enthusiastic committee organising new events each month, so keep an eye out for these as they are advertised in the monthly newsletter.

Wet weather and Road Flooding / Slips

What with the very wet conditions around the country and roads being inaccessible in many areas over the weekend, I'm sure you will have been saving your classic driving for better weather. I took our classic out to Little River on Sunday and found only one lot of surface water. There were acres and acres of flooded farm land on the way. The 'slips and flooding signs' just after Little River influenced me to end my journey and head back home. - Happy Motoring.

Ray Bewley - President

Subs:

At the July meeting of the committee subs were revisited and the outcome is: as from July 19th there will be a single membership of \$45 and a joint membership of \$50. This will only apply to members who re-join after that date and any new members of the club in the coming year.

American Independence Day—Poker Run

Although the weather was as cold as expected it did not deter members from polishing nineteen of their pride and joys (not there wives or partners) to join in the annual Poker run. After a briefing it was out on the highways and byways traveling around north Canterbury. This is one run that anyone can win as you are asked only to select an envelope from each container you arrive at and then look to see if you have the winning hand. The fifth card was given out at the final destination where the prize giving was carried out, time for relaxation, chatting to fellow members and having a wonderful afternoon tea that was funded by the club. Make it a date next year.



1st Maria Van Nus & Sam Ng



2nd Cathie Martin



3rd Murray & Wendy Marshall



Best Dressed Car: Doug & Moreen Parker

*American Independence Day—Poker Run
Continued:*



History Of The American Classic Car Club: First 25 years

When the club held their fortieth anniversary in 2011 a magazine was produced detailing the history of the club. Many of you have joined the club since 2011 and will have little idea of the history. It is this history and the commitment put in by so many people over the years that has kept the club cruising along. We thought you might like to have a read and find out what has gone before.

Written by Bruce Morris, a committee member in 1997. Re-produced for the fortieth anniversary magazine.

It appears that the idea to start a club to cater for the growing interest in American Post Vintage vehicles was first suggested in 1969. After an initial burst the club faded out.

In 1971 Alex Taylor, Jim Hancox, Ted Newman, Murray Ashby and Rick Brunnell got together, revived the idea and organised a cruise to Spencer Park. Fifteen cars turned out for this cruise. An article in the Christchurch Star helped attract more members and the Club was underway and growing.

Originally, the Club catered for vehicles from 1932 to 1948. Accepting cars outside of these years was left to the discretion of the committee.

The first AGM was held on August 19th 1971. Twenty five members attended.

In late 1972 the Club decided to become an incorporated society. A draft constitution was circulated to members for their perusal. The Certificate of Incorporation was received on May 1st 1973. The official title was now 'The American Post Vintage and Classic Car Club of N.Z. Inc'.

The same year an annual rally to Kaikoura for the weekend was held.

Events were held monthly. In March 1975 a combined meeting with the representatives of APVCC, Chrysler Club, Rod Benders, Studebaker Drivers Club and the Triangle Club was held. The outcome of this meeting was the various Clubs taking turns to organise the monthly events for the group. These events included film evenings, social get togethers, cruises and the like.

In October 1975 a Concours event was held in Diamond Harbour. This event was organised by the Chrysler, APVCC, Studebaker Drivers and Hudson/Essex/ Terraplane Clubs.

At the same time founder member and ex secretary/ treasurer Jim Hancox, died suddenly. Jim's vehicles included a '38 Buick and '49 Chrysler Windsor.

By early 1976 the Club had forty nine members. It was decided to have the monthly newsletter replaced by a magazine. A competition amongst Club members was held to provide the title. Suggestions included, Those Magnificent Turkeys, From Boxes to Bullets, The Dollar Grin, Handshift to Hydramatic, Super-chargers, Sidemounts and Things and From Running Boards and Sidemounts to Flowing Fenders and tail Fins !

The three finalists were, Straight8, The Stremlined Era and White Walls.

The winning name for the magazine was White Walls as submitted by Geoff Townsend.

In 1976 the first issue of White Walls was published. There were five car photos on the cover. These were photographed by Merv Knowles.

There were twelve sponsors advertising in the magazine. The decision of the Club at the time was that they could not afford to not publish a magazine. They saw it as a positive means of promoting the Club.

History of the Club Continued:

During the late 1970's the Club participated in many monthly cruises. These included Tinwald for the Chrysler Club's annual cruise, concours at Macleans Island in 1977 with the Chrysler and Studebaker Clubs and concours at Riccarton Mall in 1978

Some of the Club cars at this time included, 1948 Ford (Earl Lawrence) 1934 Buick (Peter Casey) 1934 Lincoln (Jim Palmer) 1949 Caddillac (Denis McLaughlin) 1953 Lincoln (Tony Abrahams) and a 1948 Packard (Noel Brown).

In 1979 Club member Mike Newman, produced fibreglass bumper badges for the Club cars.

The Club continued to grow into the early 1980's. The high point was February 1981 when more than sixty vehicles were on display at the Club's first public concours. This was held at Sockburn Motors. Winners were: best PV to Steve Pickett (1936 Oldsmobile) Sockburn Motors Late American Cup to George Paniflow (1957 Chev Belair) The people's choice went to Keith Hodgson (1952 Chev).

The two 1939 Nash cars in the Ferrymead museum were bequeathed to them on the death of long serving Club member, Mr Bob Louish.

In October 1980 the Club obtained a 'permanent spare parts of motor vehicles import licence' from the Customs Dept. This meant that any future imports of goods over fifty dollars in value should have no problems with Customs.

Early in 1982 founder member, Neville Peters passed away

A back to front rally in June 1982 saw Club members start a cruise in Rangiora and head back to Christchurch.

In November 1982 one hundred people in thirty cars travelled to the Appaloosa Stud of John Grenell (John Hore the country and western singer)

In March 1983 the Club was invited to display cars at the Case and Vintage Machinery Club of N.Z's monster fair.

Whitewalls continued to be published monthly and had twenty four sponsors advertising in it.

1984 saw Club members visit Amberley, Hanmer(overnight) Loburn and Okains Bay.

September of this year saw Catherine Walker (wife of Adrian) elected as the first female Club Captain.

During Labour weekend 1985 seven Club members travelled to Napier. This was at the invitation of the Early American Car Club(Wellington)

April 1986 a concours was held in Diamond Harbour to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Club. Guest judges were two founder members, Geoff Townsend and Noel Brown. This was the year the Club printed their own business cards and certificates.

Nearing the end of the eighties Club membership began to wane. An all time low was reached in the early 1990's. This was partially due to cars from the 1950's and 1960's becoming popular.

In 1991 a Club T shirt was produced.

In January 1992 the Club membership was twenty nine. The Club now accepted cars from 1932 onwards. The majority of cars ranged from 1950 to 1975. Events included displays at Wings and wheels, All Makes days, Poker run, a night rally and attending VCC swap meets. White Walls was being published quarterly and included a profile of new Club members and their cars.

History of the Club Continued:

By February 1993 Club membership was down to eighteen. Concours was postponed due to the low number of available cars. Car displays were held at Mandeville Country Fair and at the Muscle Car Madness in Rangiora.

In July 1994 long time member John Robertshaw passed away at thirty seven years of age. John had served on the committee and been a very keen supporter of the Club. John owned several American vehicles including a 46 Ford truck, early 60's Pontiac Laurentian, and Studebakers. John will also be remembered for his huge collection of car number plates and AA badges from around the world. John regularly organised the Poker Run and this became an annual event to honour his memory. The AA badge on the Poker Run trophy is due to his enjoyment in collecting these badges.

In 1995 a decision was made to shorten the Club name to ' American Classic Car Club'

The twenty fifth anniversary celebrations were held over Queen's Birthday weekend in 1997.

Updating Records:

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of all members of the club. We ask that you look through these and if there is a problem with your information you email the secretary with the corrections. Hopefully we now have a correct database of members. Email: acccanty@gmail.com

Club Clothing:

See attached order form for what's available and prices. Its important to note that all club clothing is subsidised by the club. Club banners for placing on your car can also be purchased. They are a great way to promote our club when at car displays/shows etc.

Going Overseas or attending any car show etc in NZ:

If you intend going to a car event while on holiday and are willing to share your experience then on your return drop me an email with a brief write up and pictures. I will put these into our newsletter for all to share. Phone me (Trevor) on 9604929 or email the club on acccanty@gmail.com.

Events:

Come on we all have good ideas or hear about things that may be enjoyed by ourselves and others. Then here is your chance to make a difference for the club. Tell us about the idea and any contacts you have made we will endeavour to do the rest. The committee is committed to creating the best events we can offer. Phone Ray on 03 9743003 or email the club at acccanty@gmail.com.

Preparation For USA Day 2017:

Preparation is well underway. We are looking to have a large number of stalls at the event. As a club member if you would like a stall or know anyone who may be interested in a stall at the event could you let Jimmi know. She can be contacted on 03 9743003.

Club Events: Please mark these dates on your Calendars.

Sunday 6th August: Fundraiser for Rolleston College. Meet at the Rolly Inn car park to leave at 11am. This is the first ever Rolleston College Fete, being held at the school, it would be awesome if we could have a lot of cars there to add to the fun of the day. There will be rides for all aged kids, food stalls, stalls to buy stuff as well as Harley Davidsons and Classic Cars on display. Cost is by donation. For further info contact Doug on 03 3495875

Committee meeting 29th August: 7pm at the Hornby Working Men's Club. (private room) A reminder that members are welcome to come to committee meetings.

Sunday 17th September: Spring Run, mark this date on your calendar . It is shaping up to be a big day out and very enjoyable for all. Details will be in the September newsletter.

Committee Meeting 26th September: 7pm at the Hornby Working Men's Club.

Sunday 1st October: Spring into Oxford. A great family fun day and vehicle display. Details will be in the September newsletter.

Sunday 29th October: Annual Run. Finishing with a fish and chip tea. Details will be in the October newsletter.

Committee meeting 31st October : 7pm at the Hornby Working Men's Club.

USA Day Sunday 5th November: There will be a special newsletter sent out about this our biggest event for the year. We will be asking for assistance on the day and hope each of you will support the committee by giving of your time either before the day or on the day –or both!

Committee Meeting 28th November: 7pm at the Hornby Working Men's Club.

Non Club Events:

1st Sunday of each month: Petrolhead Breakfast Custom Car Club McLeans Island 8.30am - Noon.

Sunday 27th August: Daffodil Rally for Cancer Society: Cost \$10 per car. There is a choice of five runs: Car Museum Run, Motorcycle Museum Run, Garden Run, Art Run, Touring Run. Cost of entry to any venues will be at discounted rates and will need to be paid for separately. Some are free and some are by donation. All runs start at the VCC grounds McLeans Island Rd. Registration is between 10am and 10.30am. Runs will depart from grounds and return to the grounds at about 1pm. There is a prize giving at 2.30pm for: Best Motorcycle, Best Veteran car, Best Vintage car, Best Classic car, Most impressive Chrome, Most unique vehicle, Best dressed driver and passengers (dress to era of vehicle). This will go ahead wet or fine. For further info phone Colin Hey 3598737. All proceeds go to cancer society.

Sunday 27th August: For those who live down south there is a Cancer Society Car Rally leaving Caroline Bay North Entrance from 9.15am. Cost \$20 per vehicle includes morning tea and afternoon visit. BBQ lunch, teas and coffee available for purchase at lunch venue or bring your own lunch. Raffle choose any prize from selection. Proceeds donated to Cancer Society.

Sunday 3rd September: Rock & Wheels Show and Swap Meet Run by the Loins Club Amberley. Although this is not a club event I will be going to put USA Day Flyers under wiper blades of as many cars as possible. Come on and join me I will be leaving from outside the gates of the Petrolhead breakfast at 10.30am. Cost:\$10 per car. Further info phone Trevor 9604919