



**2019/2020
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President's Report:

Wow where has the first month gone!! They say time fly's when you are having fun.

In the last month we have had two committee meetings both were marathons with plenty to sort, plan and discuss. I am however very pleased to report we have a very unified committee all willing to co-operate and do their bit to contribute to the management and running of your club.

Our first outing for the year to the Yaldhurst Museum was a great success, thanks to those who attended. It really is amazing to see what is right on your backdoor step when you get out and look. While it might be easy to criticise the lack of restoration on many of the vehicles, I think we need to look at the positives and consider the current cost of upkeep alone and appreciate what we were able to see. Also the fact they had gone to the trouble of putting out some Christmas decorations to support our theme of a mid- winter Christmas. Along with a nice warm fire to pass a winter's afternoon away in comfort.

Planning is now well under way for USA day which is only three months away!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you know anyone who may be interested in a sponsorship opportunity around USA day, please get in touch with any committee member with details and we can follow up.

Keep ya motor running and have a Pirfic day. . . .

Bill Stanley
President

Welcome to new members:

- *Barry & Heather Rowlands with their 1994 Chevrolet Camaro Z28*
- *Grant Carruth with their 1964 Pontiac Bonneville*

Club Captain's Report

What a great turnout for our mid year's Christmas function on Sunday 14th July, 24 people and 11 vehicles. We started our cruise at The Papanui Working Men's Club and made our way through the back roads behind the Airport and past Orana Park and ended up at the Yaldhurst Transport Museum. Most members went through the interesting Museum and then it was time to have a coffee and a chat. Bill our new President was our Mid-Year Santa and he distributed Christmas presents to all of our participating members. He also selected the best Christmas themed man and woman. Steve Freeman won hands down with a Santa Clause disguise and Wendy Marshall won the woman's section with a Santa's helper's outfit. Well done you guys!

Everyone enjoyed the event and after about three hours at the museum, we all dispersed home.

To see photos of the day, reference ACCC Facebook

Keep on Cruising and stay safe

Ray Bewley (Club Captain)

Secretary's /Treasurer's Report:

At our last committee meeting, the new committee suggested it would be a great idea to involve the members more with newsletter articles. So if any member would like to submit a blurb about their travels, cars, events, or vehicle history, then please send the article through (preferably by email) to me. If you have anything that would be of interest (even how to import a classic) we would like to hear from you. Ray has offered to kick this off and write about his loved 1956 Chevy Bel Air - see article below. I look forward to receiving your articles

We have had an enquiry from a retirement home ... they are looking for some classic cars for their Father's Day event which is being held on Friday 30th August. They require the cars (and drivers) for about an hour or so around 10.30am so they can give some of their residents a short ride in some beautiful classics. We have got about 6 members offering their services, so if you can spare an hour or so on Friday 30th August, please let me know.

All the membership cards / name tags to our paid up members have been posted. Please let me know if you have not received yours.

See you all at our August event on Sunday 11th August - don't forget to wear your name tags. Lanyards are available for sale at \$2 each.

Cheers,
Jimmi Anderson.
Secretary / Treasurer



USA Day: Sunday 3rd November 2019

Save the Date: Planning for this day is under way

ACCC August Event



Sunday 11th August - Visit to The Toy Collector

We will be meeting at Princes Margaret Hospital (car park 3) at 1pm to leave at 1.30pm. Ray will have the instructions for an approx. 30 minute run to The Toy Collector. The club will be paying the entry fee (for financial members) to view the toy collection.

Any non financial members will be asked to pay the reduced rate of \$7 per adult and \$3 per child.

Don't forget to wear your new membership / name tags.

Club Member's Blurb of the Month

The Notorious Two Tone Blue '56 Chevy Bel Air



This car is well known by our club members and has been in the American Classic Car Club for four years. This is a small history of the car.

Looking back at the original Ownership Papers tells of her origin. She was manufactured in Canada under license to General Motors America as a right hand vehicle, as were quite a few of the vehicles for the overseas market at that time, and shipped direct to New Zealand. The first owner was Sanitarium Health Foods here in Christchurch, who bought it on October 25th 1956. They kept the car for three years and on sold it to a car sales, who on sold it to another car sales before a high profile Rugby rep from Canterbury bought it. The car stayed in Leeston for six years, then it went to the West Coast for 22 years. It was sold to a contractor from Kumara in 1965 who on-sold it to his son in 1979. One of his workers, Paul, a West Coast Panel beater and car painter, said the car was too good to be used by a contractor and gave him an offer he couldn't refuse.

I met with Paul in May 2018 at Ashburton and he filled me in with a few details I didn't know about the car. He was pleased to see the car in just as good condition as it was when he sold it. Paul kept the car from 1980 until 1987 and did all of the restoration that was required including the paintwork. He told me there was still a tow bar on the vehicle but he had cut the tongue off. He also had to weld the rear bumper, where the tow bar had been and he had the front and rear bumper re-chromed. While taking a wedding party to the church he blew a piston. This was at 135,000 miles and couldn't get the size pistons he wanted, so opted for 60 thou oversized. That possibly accounts for her get up and go and down low pulling power.

I don't have any history between 1987 and 2009, but bought her in Dunedin. The previous owner's son was a diesel mechanic and he did quite a few modifications, for the better.

- *Changed the 10" standard brake drums for 11" fluted type drums*
- *Installed a brake booster*
- *Changed the original manifolds for Rams Head manifolds*
- *Took the original radio valve block out to make way for the Brake booster*
- *Fitted a modern AM FM radio that also plays CD's and media stick music*
- *Fitted a full set of white wall tyres form USA*
- *Installed a twin exhaust system with a balance pipe*
- *Took the engine out and painted then replaced it*
- *Reconditioned the radiator*
- *Replaced the floor carpets, front and rear*

The car is still in pretty good order for its age and when we are out and about in it, it still manages turn heads. We get a lot of people commenting about it and even some of the older people say they used to own one. We get a lot of pleasure touring around in the Chevy and still find it comfortable to travel in. I try to get it out once a week, mostly in the weekend, but in summertime Jimmi and I sometimes pack a picnic after work and go cruising until we find a suitable area to park up.

*Ray Bewley,
Club Captain*



Mid Winter Christmas - Yaldhurst Museum, 14th July 2019



American Classic Car Club

Future Dates to mark on your calendars for our own club events:

August 11th The Toy Collector

September 22nd Mystery Car shed

October 6th Spring into Oxford

November 3rd USA Day, Gladstone Park Woodend

December 1st or 8th Christmas Party - Venue and exact date to be confirmed

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January 19th Presidents Picnic

February 2nd Whitecliff 's Music in the Garden

February 29th Hanmer Motorfest

March 19 - 22nd Caroline Bay Rock n Hop - Registration req

April Poker Run - date to be confirmed

May Annual Run - - date to be confirmed

June 14th AGM & Breakfast & cruise

Non-Club Events you might like to diary and attend:

1st Sunday of each month:

Rodder's Breakfast meeting at the Kustoms Car Club McLeans Island 8.00am

BellaRat's Gas & Gander:

On the last Friday of each month at 7pm. Meet at the NPD, 740 Jones Road, Rolleston.
Good food for sale ... show up in your rat rod, hotrod, classic or whatever. All welcome.

Sunday August 25th – National Daffodil Rally for Cancer – Vintage Car Club of NZ

Saturday 8th February 2020 – Top of the South Motorfest – Hosted by Nelson Holden Club
10am – 3pm at the A & P Showgrounds, Nelson