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President's Report from the AGM:

One year ago I attended our AGM with no aspirations to even be on the committee, let alone be your president. However, after listening to the previous presidents report I felt and still do, that this is a unique and valuable club with a lot to offer members who simply want to enjoy their motors in the company of like-minded enthusiasts.

For me two of the years highlights were firstly, USA Day, without taking too much time to relive the event I think the fact we were able to donate \$5,000.00 to Ronald McDonald House speaks to its phenomenal success. A huge thank you to committee, sponsors, club members, helpers, stall holders, and of course the public. This was no small undertaking and we should all hold our heads very high at the success of the day.

Secondly the American Airlines launch. This of course was a one off commercial opportunity, that gave us a platform to put our club on show to the public. Thanks again to those who participated and to the committee who along with American Airlines put together a very successful, memorable event.

I don't like mentioning low points, but for me the low for the year was the passing of Moreen Parker, who was not only an active, social member of the club, but also a personal friend.

Covid19 came into our vocabulary and was / is synonymous with the word unprecedented. This unfortunately will go down as an historic event, and continue to screw up our lives and plans for some considerable time to come. I unfortunately believe the resulting recession will have far reaching and long term effects.

The last three months have had a significant impact on our club's activity, it's now up to us to make sure the next six months are as full of life and enjoyment as we can make them. So with your help and the enthusiasm of your committee lets try our best to make up for lost time.

A huge thank you to all your committee, I understand Cathy and Melissa will step down from committee today, so a special thank you to you both for your contributions over the last twelve months. I would also like to personally thank Jimmi who does a power of work for the club as both secretary and treasurer, these are thankless tasks that require many hours of diligent work. Also at this point I would like to mention our club newsletter, along with member contributions, Jimmi and Ray put out a first class production that I'm sure is welcome, informative and enjoyed by many members, thanks to you both. While we may not have been as active over the last few months as we would have liked, it is fair to say that many hours of work were put in to make the year the success it was. As a committee we have tried and I believe succeeded to provide a variety of activities that were all informative, enjoyable and entertaining. Remember this is your club and we welcome suggestions for outings and or other activities.

Good luck for the year ahead.

*Bill Stanley
President*

Introducing Our New Committee

Bill Stanley & Margaret Stanley

Margaret (Maggie) and (Bill) returned to Christchurch in 2003 after having spent many years living in Auckland and overseas. We moved onto a lifestyle block in West Melton with our son Richard where we lived, breeding and showing pedigree Fox Terriers and farming Alpaca. Four years ago we down sized to a half acre property backing onto Lincoln golf course, allowing more time for travel and leisure pursuits. We have now been semiretired for 12 months and have enjoyed spending more time on our hobbies.

Over recent years our travels have focused of course on USA, hence the passion for these fantastic American cars. We have so far been to 32 states in the USA, so still more to be explored and we can't wait for the next trip, it's been in the planning and due to covid19 on and off. We still hope our next trip will include amongst others our favourite states of Texas and Tennessee. Country music, quilting shops, garden railway convention, boots galore and lots lots more. We look forward to seeing you all at the next ACCC meet.

Murray Marshall

My wife Wendy & I live on our family farm near Dunsandel which has been in the family since 1927. Having family now running the farm has enabled us to pursue a few outside interests including classic American cars and also flying. I have a special interest in family history and all things heritage. We have travelled extensively in USA and having owned a 2009 convertible Mustang for 6 years in USA and driven it to all corners and clocked up over 40,000 miles with the "Great American Pony Drive" has been a special highlight for us. We have 4 prize winning American cars and a light sport aircraft.

Ray Bewley

I am now in my fifth term on the ACCC Committee, and commencing my third term as Club Captain. If you are a regular to our monthly events, you will know our Blue '56 Chevy Bel Air. I look forward to our monthly events, seeing friends and welcoming new members that are on their first outing.

Sam Ng

I'm Sam Ng and my partner is Maria Van Nus and have lived in Rolleston since 2013 after been red zoned in 2012 by the earthquakes in Christchurch. We both joined the American Classic Car Club early 2017 and I have been involved with hot rods and classic cars on and off for around 45 years. Currently own a 2009 Shelby KR Mustang and Maria a 1969 Mercury Montego 2 door hardtop under a body off restoration that now completed. The American Classic Car Club has been most enjoyable, especially the social events and most of all the camaraderie of the members. As a committee member, I look forward to make a contribution to the club.

Brendon Wright

I have always been interested in machinery and cars. I grew up on the family farm in Dunsandel and helped my Grandfather with car repairs from time to time. I bought my first car whilst still at school. It was a car that had been written off by an insurance company. I spent many hours repairing it and making it road worthy with the help and advice from my Grandfather. After leaving school I trained as a motor mechanic at the local garage in Dunsandel. The work involved repairing cars and farm machinery. I also helped my Dad out on the farm during the weekends. After working as a mechanic for seven years, I decided to buy a freight company that was based in Dunsandel. I have been the owner/operator of this business for 24 years now. Four years ago, I took over the farm from my parents who have since moved to a lifestyle block in Halswell. The farm has been in the family for over 150 years. It is only in the last few years that the car-collecting bug has really taken off. I have a small collection, ranging from British, Japanese and American cars. The most recent addition is the Camaro.

Peter Craig

Greetings all – First I'd like to thank the club, particularly Jimmi and Ray, for the opportunity to become involved with the committee. Christine and I are relative "Newbies" to Canterbury moving into Diamond Harbour around 18 months ago after a lifetime living around the Kapiti Coast and Wellington area. The reasons for the move South are many but mainly driven by family. We were very active members of the Early American Car Club based in Wellington for 30 years (the club was formed in 1972) - in which time we forged very strong friendships and served the club in many aspects from Committee member to the top table as President. Over that period and beyond we've had a multitude of American cars with a heavy leaning toward Mopar products and currently we of course have the 59 Chrysler 2 door hardtop and a 1960 GMC long wheelbase pickup truck - there is an iron warming in the fire at the moment concerning another special Mopar product - so yes - the disease is infectious and common to us all. The EACC and ACCC are exceptionally similar in demographic, membership numbers and operating principles – quite uncanny. We have both been hugely impressed with the professional yet very welcoming and friendly way the club is run and look forward to assisting wherever we can and forming new friendships in this part of the world.

Tony Condon

I have been a motor enthusiast since I was “knee high to a grasshopper” with my most vivid memory being sitting on my dad’s knee steering our 1972 HQ Holden up our driveway and into the garage. At the age of 15 I bought my first car which was a Ford Escort Mark 1 Coupe 1300 GL. I fully modified this car and she looked outstanding. However, the sale of this car a few years later is my greatest vehicle regret. Since then I have owned and continue to own many vehicles. Like so many other enthusiasts, we all have our favourite vehicles that we have always wanted to own. For me, that car was a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28. A beautiful looking and sounding vehicle but one that is angry and aggressive. And fortunately after years of searching, in 2015 I was able to locate an original Z/28 and ship this back to NZ.

Jimmi Anderson

I am now commencing my 5th term as secretary and 4th as treasurer. I don't claim to know much about cars – that's where Ray comes in handy ... but I do manage to keep the books balanced. I am looking forward to this coming year.

Welcome to new members:

- Steve & Annette Pickett with his 1995 Chevrolet Camaro, 1966 Cruiser Studebaker and a 1967 Ford Mustang

Club Captain's Report

Congratulations to Bob Harris & Noeline Ware for getting the "Most Enthusiastic Member" trophy at our recent AGM.



This must be a record gap between events for the club. Our last cruise was to Hanmer Motor Fest on February 29th. Almost four months later (June 28th) we went for our pre – AGM cruise.

We had a great turnout and 19 American vehicles trundled down the highway for the first time since lockdown.

The weather could have been better, but it still didn't deter our keen members.

The trip took fifty minutes and we ended up at a quaint vineyard for our AGM.

There were forty five members in attendance and our new committee was elected.

We had a late comer, who arrived after we all finished the cruise, this person rejoined the ranks after an absence of quite a few years. He joined the club as a 22 year old, he is 65 years old now. Welcome back Steve Pickett.

Come along and join us, everyone is always welcome. Keep on Cruising and stay safe

Ray Bewley (Club Captain)

Secretary's /Treasurer's Report:

Thank you to Bill for his kind words and outstanding leadership. The club is in good hands and has a very positive and enthusiastic feel about it.

I was remiss not to acknowledge our life members at the AGM, Trevor & Molly Scott, thank you for your continued support.

In 2021 we will be 50 years old ... at the AGM we were encouraged by the number of members who wish to be part of a subcommittee. We will keep you fully informed as planning progresses.

We had 45 members at the AGM Membership numbers remain strong with 64 joint and 14 single members – giving us a total of 142 financial members.

At the AGM, the Annual Audited accounts were presented. We are in a healthy position going forward - the club remains strong financially. The audited financial accounts have now been filed with the companies office.

Last week I posted all the membership cards / name tags to our paid up members. Please let me know if you have not received yours.

I am looking forward to working alongside this committee; this team of people are amazing.

See you all at our Mid-Winter Christmas Run – don't forget to wear your name tags. Lanyards are available for sale at \$2 each.

Stay safe & keep warm

Jimmi Anderson.

Secretary / Treasurer

ACCC July Event

Sunday 19th July - Poker Run and

Mid Winter "Christmas" Run



We will meet at the Rolly Inn car park in Rolleston at 11.30 to depart at midday.

We will do a 35 minute cruise to finish at the Willows Café in Glentunnel.

The Willows Café has meal options on offer - lunch is at your own cost. The club will provide a treat for you to enjoy with a cuppa after Santa has made an appearance.

Hunt out your Christmas hats and please bring along an exchange gift to the value of \$5 (unisex).



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.

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates -

Sunday 16th August - Annual Run Mystery cruise - details in the August newsletter



Mystery Cruise

AGM Run 2020

