#### Newsletter, June 2022





I must start with an apology as Maggie and I were unable to attend your May run to North Canterbury. By all accounts we missed another great well attended event and even the weather gods really came to the party with a pirfic day. I also understand that one of the sheds visited had some trains, with an all American cargo on board, so this would really have been of interest to me.



Many thanks to Peter Craig along with Jimmi and Ray for making all the arrangements for this event. And congratulations to all those who managed to win prizes during the day. Look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

President's thought for the month.

"I think politicians should wear uniforms like NASCAR drivers, so we can identify their corporate sponsors".

Keep ya motor running and have a pirfic day. Bill Stanley - President

# Annual General Meeting Sunday 19th June

We will meet at Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 1pm to leave at 1.15pm

We will have a 25 minute run and will end up at the Rod Benders Clubhouse, 132 Waterloo Road for the AGM.

This will commence at 2pm.

Afternoon tea will be provided after the meeting. This is a good chance to catch up and have a natter.

## Secretary's /Treasurer's Report

At the AGM members can put forward any expressions of interest for a percentage of NET profit generated by activities other than annual subscriptions be donated to worthy registered charities. Members are invited to put forward a registered charity and a list will be collated for the incoming committee's consideration.



If you know of any members' interested in being on the committee, then please put their nomination in. The nomination form will be available at the AGM. The completed nomination form must be in the hands of the Secretary (Jimmi Anderson) before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

New Membership Cards ..... The names have gone to the printers and hopefully you will be able to pick up your new membership cards at the AGM.

Stay Safe Jimmi Anderson, Secretary / Treasurer

## Waikuku Wanderlust Windup

We had a brilliant start to the morning with clear skies, no wind at all and crisp air. Pretty soon and bang on time we had something like 20 cars and 45 members milling around ready for the off.

Tony turned up in his very nice new acquisition (89 Dodge Ram) following a dash from New Plymouth, a pretty big effort on a tight timeframe. Cars started taking off just after 10am and were spaced nicely with Jimmi metering departures by conflabbing with all participants as they rolled up for their turn to leave and in some instances we had a bit of fun rolling them up like at the old school drag races. It took about 30 minutes to get them all under way and gone, Jimmi and Chris headed off to set up the Ashley Pub, these guys had really rescued us earlier in the week when the original venue fell over with staff off crook with Covid and Rachel and her team stepping up at very short notice to help us out, the spread might not have been reminiscent of the Waldorf but was certainly very well presented, completely acceptable for the individual cost of \$10 a head and the willing attitude was exemplary.

So onto the Rally, cruising the route saw lots of cars crawling and back tracking to lock in answers - I was worried that it might have been too easy but all fears were allayed when Gary & Barb pulled up alongside, Gary looked at me hard and called me a personal part of the male anatomy and I knew then I had it right!

With the best laid plans things will go sideways, someone had shifted 3 buses and someone else had shifted a surfboard and a box of chocolates and lengthy negotiations saw a big red Buick bus again parked behind a thick hedge.

Timing to run the Rally took about an hour then all concerned gathered at the pubresults were tallied and despite offers of bribery and favours the results were presented to a called together crowd. High spirits made it all a whole lot of fun and the following was revealed.........

Thelma & Louise (aka Melissa and Nina) took out first prize with a very aggressive 29 out of a possible 32 points and made their mark on the local single male population to boot as we understand things

2nd prize went to Tony with just a couple of points behind the girls.

3rd equal went to a well-deserved Keren & Michael Price and Jeff & Karen Waghorn.

Bob & Noeline received the prize for the dubious honour of coming last with a total of 7 points out of a possible 32 and were awarded a magnifying glass to hone future skills.

Gary was awarded a tin of lollies to sweeten the demeanour having called the organiser a "You know what"

And finally Tony was awarded a soap on a rope following his cannon ball run from New Plymouth to Christchurch the day before to assist with freshening after the ordeal.

Following this frivolity, we all headed back to Waikuku Beach to Ben & Lorraine's property to view what amounts to 22 years I believe of collecting models, memorabilia and full sized classic cars mainly of mid/late 50's Mopar persuasion with a peppering of GM products. Some very rare and legendary examples in various stages of complete originality through to stunning restorations. During conversations I heard it said that the cost of materials can be prohibitive with in some cases a litre of paint being \$1,000 - guess whose ratty GMC pickup is going to remain ratty!

A huge thanks to Ben & Lorraine for rounding out the day so well. My thanks also to the club as a whole for getting on board for the day in the spirit for which it was intended and for Ray & Jimmi for shepherding my misgivings - Parnassus, Pegasus, it's all the same to a recently relocated North Islanders LOL.

Cheers everyone

Peter Craig

### Club Captain's Report

Twenty-four cars turned up for the event, twenty-two American and two others. We met at Pegasus and travelled to Waikuku beach road, it was all on. One of our committee members, Peter Craig organized this month's event which was a little different to what we have been doing. It was a refreshing change and hopefully will be repeated in the future. It was very popular with the members and although some found it hard to follow, it was a fun day out and everyone had lots of laughs. We had one winner, one second and two third equal prizes. There was also a prize for the cheeky Maleeky (Gary Court) he blasphemed the course initiator.

Then we cruised to the Ashley Hotel for lunch. Once again we had a full house and an ample publunch. Thanks to the Ashley Hotel proprietors who also own an American classic and enjoyed the display parked outside the front of the pub.

Then it was back to Waikuku to invade Ben and Raine's sheds. The first shed was Raine's where she does her scrap booking. It had numerous lots of car memorabilia on the walls and in cabinets, quite an eye opener. Then it was out to explore the rest of the sheds and the numerous American cars, some in different states of repair and some fully restored. Ben has quite a considerable amount of gorgeous cars there. They will certainly help to fill in his spare time, if he ever gets any!

On another note we attended Horarata swap meet over the weekend which turned out to be a pretty full on event. There was a steady stream of cars ahead and behind us on the drive out there on a magnificent morning with fog clearing to reveal ice covered paddocks – yep it was cold. The paddock car parks were all full on and the place was full of active sites. While the event was pretty heavily motor cycle related there was still a huge offering of other general blokie stuff and apart from possible purchases it was clear that everyone was hanging out for a decent swap meet after this Covid thing. It was more than evident that it, was once again an excellent opportunity to catch up with old friends & acquaintances' make new ones and generally poke a bit of you know what at unsuspecting recipients- great fun! For me the stand out offering in among a pretty thin selection of cars for sale was an early/mid thirties Nash sedan – dripping with art deco styling ques and looking like a pretty original machine, didn't get the price but it was pretty good eye candy and that's saying something coming from a fifties cars freak. We also had a light aircraft doing passes and that bought back memories of flour bombs, probably a local cow cockie out for a burn – all adding to the flavour of the morning.

#### Ray Bewley - Club Captain



1st: Melissa & Nina



2nd: Tony Condon



3rd = Keren & Michael Price & Karen & Jeff Waghorn

## Waikuku Wanderlust - Points Rally

















## \*\*\*\*\* Save the Dates \*\*\*\*\*

# More great opportunities to get the car out and enjoy each other's company



Independence Day – Sunday 3rd July





Poker Run Sunday 24th July





Annual Run Sunday 21st August



## Non- Club Events – you may like to attend



#### 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.

All you FORD owners, drivers, lovers and dreamers.....this one's for you! Waimak Classic Cars are having a FORD only day, June 12 from 10-2. Ashworths Corner Leithfield. Prizes for the Newest, Oldest and best Hot Rod!

The Autumn cruise was pretty amazing, so we're inviting you back for another get together! If you don't own a Ford but want to have a shifty, come along anyway. Food and coffee available at Better Half Kitchen & Bar and in museum grounds. This is a FREE event