



September 2017

Presidents Report

The weather has been very warm, icy, cold or wet for the past month, a reminder that winter is not over yet. The inclement weather reminds us that we have to be careful on the roads. This type of weather is not pleasant for classic car driving. It tends to make you keep your cars under cover. I have picked the sunny days to take our classic out although we had a skiff of rain while we were at the Rolleston College Fete on the 6th of August. The weather has slowly started to get better and Spring is just around the corner, we have some great events lined up for Spring and Summer this year, so get your classics out from under the covers and air them out in the good weather that's ahead. Refer to our monthly newsletters for details of our coming events.

We started our USA Day flyer drop at the VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer on Sunday 27th August. There will be another three drops.

Kustom Club – Petrol Head Breakfast 3rd September

Rock 'n' Wheels in Amberley. 3rd September

Spring into Spring Oxford Men's Shed 1st October

Everyone welcome to join us at The Petrol Head breakfast to distribute the flyers. Last year they had about 500 cars, so all the help we can get would be appreciated.

Happy motoring and drive safely.

Ray Bewley - President

Subs:

At our August committee meeting the subject of fees was brought up. The last committee had set the subs as \$50 for all types of membership. This meant that a single person was paying the same as a joint membership. It was felt that there should be a differential between a single membership and a joint membership. After a good discussion the committee has reinstated the subs for membership as at 1st July 2017. It will not make any difference to members who have paid the yearly subs this year but will affect any new members who join from the 1st July 2017. The subs will be \$45 for a single member and \$50 for a joint membership.

USA Day:

Planning for this day is well under way. At present we are trying to collect a wide range of gifts that can go into a multi draw raffle. We would appreciate some assistance in finding prizes. They would need to be approx. \$10 - \$20 in value. Things like car products, small items of tools, women's products, food items etc would be great. If you could assist with this please contact Jimmi on 0212379637

Please note:

Due to our committee meetings now being held on the last week of the month the newsletter will be coming to you the first week in each month.

From a Spring Cruise to USA Day

This article was taken from the 40th Anniversary Magazine.

David Edwards recently gave me a box of papers from the days when he was the editor for the Club. In the box I found a copy of the certificate given out for the first Spring Cruise the Club held on 6th October 1996. I also found a poster for the second cruise on the 2nd November 1997. "Maybe" I thought, "the Spring Cruise led to the USA day event." Out came the past magazines from which I have put together a history of the annual USA day event.

October 6th 1996 saw the realisation of a lot of hard work to get the inaugural American Spring Cruise underway. A total of ninety six vehicles attended. The profits were divided between the New Brighton Pier restoration fund and Club funds.

November 2nd 1997

The event was once again sponsored by Richmond Working Men's Club and Super Cheap Auto Spares. The entry fee was \$6.00 per vehicle. All entrants were given a complimentary food and drink voucher as well as a chance to win a spot prize. One hundred and fourteen cars registered for the cruise and were given one of four different routes to follow. No point in following the car in front of you! One intersection had the cars arriving from four different directions. Cars taking part were from 1920 to 1997 models.

It appears that in 1998 and 1999 someone else set up a similar event making it difficult for the Club to hold a Spring Cruise.

November 2000 saw a name change to American Classic Car Club Meet and Eat. This was held at Waikuku beach with all American cars and the public invited to join in.

By 2001 word was out that the Waikuku Meet and Eat was the place to be. It was fortunate that the committee had done a lot of forward planning as one hundred and ninety seven vehicles went through the gate. There were six hundred and six sausages and two hundred and twenty two cans of drink sold. This day was a huge success in raising the profile and the funds of the Club.

In 2002 the name of the event was changed to USA day.

By 2003 numbers were up to two hundred and seventy two cars at the event.

2004 saw the introduction of a Saturday night cruise before the Sunday event. A cruise on the Friday night before the show was also tried. Neither cruise was well supported so the idea was put on hold. By 2004 the number of cars attending the show day had increased to over two hundred and fifty. There was some discussion on changing the venue to Mandeville.

From 2005 the Breeze radio station advertised the event and Grant Magrath judged which cars would be prize winners.

2006 numbers were close to four hundred with many being turned away due to a lack of space. The committee realised they needed to make some serious decisions on a new venue.

In 2007, with the support of the local Rugby Club the event was moved to Gladstone Park in Woodend. This proved to be an excellent decision as four hundred and seventy cars on display meant the Club had the highest attendance ever.

From a Spring Cruise to USA Day Continued:

Between 2008 and 2010 the event went from strength to strength. Car numbers levelled out at around four hundred and eighty. The event became well supported by sponsors and many trade stalls on site made things even more interesting for those attending. Grant Magrath continues to be a judge but now has help to enable the number of cars attending to be fairly judged. The judges note that each year their job gets harder as the variety and standard of cars gets better.

In 2009 and 2010 night cruises were re-introduced. Numbers were not as high as expected. The cruises were once again suspended.

As this newsletter goes to print, planning is well underway for 2017 USA Day.

Events:

Sunday 17th September: Spring Run, Meet at the Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 11am. There will be a cruise of about one hour then onto a catered lunch at the Harewood Golf Course. The cost of the lunch is \$23 per person. You will need to book in for the lunch so please contact John on **3429117** or email him at mytoy@xtra.co.nz no later than **Wednesday 13th Sept**. At about 2pm the second part of the day takes the form of another cruise of about 45 minutes that ends up at a car display and a place where you can get afternoon tea. If you can't do the full days event then you are most welcome to join us for either the morning cruise and lunch or the afternoon cruise/ car display. For further details contact John on **3429117**.

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. Lots of stalls, entertainment, farmers market and craft market in the Town Hall. This is a big day for the men's shed as they hope to raise funds to cover in their lean to and cover costs for the operation of the shed. Meet outside of the gates to Custom Car Club (facing west) on McLeans Island Rd at 10.00am we will be cruising up the Old West Coast Rd through the Waimakariri Gorge and onto the event. Please see attached flyer for details further info can be had by contacting Trevor on **039604919** or email trevorscott@clear.net.nz.

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 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.

September 14th—17th Kaikoura Hop. Car show Saturday 16th Sept 10am at South Bay race way. For more info go to info@kakourahop.co.nz

Cars Wanted

Car wanted to hire for a Xmas party, so that staff can have photos taken with them. They are having a themed event (Havana) which will be Cuban. Is there any members who have any cars that would fit the bill?? Preferably a convertible??

The event will be held on the 9th of December from 4.30pm - 6.30pm. If any one can assist with this request please contact Jimmi on 9743003.

Rolleston College Fete

Thank you to the American Classic Car Club for helping out and attending our Rolleston College Fete on 6th August 2017. Luke, Siena, Kaitlyn and myself organised this event as part of our School Quest Project. We had 40 plus stalls, over 60 cars, and 30 Harleys arrive throughout the day which was really awesome. I was organising the Classic Cars and Harley Davidsons. I appreciated the ACCC for making it the August Car Run, and for advertising the Fete in the clubs newsletter - we had a great turnout of the club's members with their amazing cars. From Jaran Parker.



Committee Members

Just a reminder that you can call any of the committee members to discuss your thoughts regarding the club. If you have ideas for events please make contact with a committee member or come join us at a meeting.

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Spring into OXFORD

**Classic & Vintage
Vehicle Display**

**Entry \$5 per
display vehicle**

**Fundraiser for
McIver's Oxford**

Community Men's Shed

Sunday 1st October



PUBLIC ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION School Children Free

Come on down and join in the fun!

10am to 2pm, Pearson Park Oval

Featuring

- **Classic and Vintage Vehicles - all makes and models.**
- **Stalls, Music, Entertainment and much more....**
- **Numerous Spot prizes for the Display car entries.**

Cancellation: More FM and the Breeze

Enquires to: springintooxfordclassiccars@gmail.com