

President's Report

Big thanks to Peter for a great April Run. We were away on holiday so unfortunately missed it, but by all reports it was a fantastic shed visit, with a very good turn out and nice day.

So this month is May and time for the AGM!!

As most of you will recall at last year's AGM your very long serving club secretary/treasurer stood down. This paved the way for separating these two very important roles. This was never going to be an overnight fix and as it turned out did take a few months to complete the transfer. It's never easy to accept the challenge, BUT again it's time for change and we have several office bearers and committee members looking for a break, so please give some thought to putting something back into your club, a little bit of your time.

This is not a burden, but an enjoyable opportunity to give back and give relief to some who have given you so much for several years. Please give some thought to, president, vice president, club captain, and secretary.....
It's time for some new blood, new ideas, fresh thinking!!

Keep ya motor running and have a Pirfic day.

Bill Stanley



The club has received a recent inquiry asking whether any American Classic Car Club members use their classic cars for weddings.

If so, please let Cathie Martin, our Club Secretary know.

Email accccanty@gmail.com

Club Captain's Report

April Run Report.....



Greetings all - I don't know where the last year has gone but soon we'll be taking our seats for another AGM.

The last run seemed to work really well with excellent feedback and awesome hosts. The run was of course "Terry's Shed Raid" - the weather played ball and we had a turnout of something like 50 members setting off from

Yaldhurst pub and running a 35 minute trip to Terry and Carol's place in Burnham, parking up on a pretty big mown berm on a very quiet country road with Sam & Maria stepping up again to help with parking.

Terry's "Shed" did not disappoint! - Pretty hard to describe such a plethora of collectables, apart from to say, it's all more than a bit mind blowing - everything from the 1950's/60's dental equipment which bought an audible shudder and despairing comment from all who fell across it.



The other end of the scale - and you had to be acutely aware and observant was Burt Munro's actual trailer that he carted "The world's fastest Indian" around the States and New Zealand on. Truly a remarkable piece of our petrolhead history with an incredible story and by sheer chance and grit on Terry's part it's ended up back in New Zealand after an eBay Auction prohibiting bids outside of the USA until Terry persuaded them to accept his sole international bid - what followed Stateside when it was learned it was leaving those shores was quite remarkable and even resulted in death threats - breathtaking!



One of our own club members featured on this poster in Terry's shed! Bottom left is our own racing legend Paul Williams!!



Lunch followed, after another short drive to the Silver Dollar Bar & Restaurant in Rolleston Izone where Terry and Carol joined us. The Silver Dollar crew really stepped up and lunch went off without any issues despite the fish dish running a little short. New members Goldie - (sans partner Penelope who was recovering from something like the flu) and Geoff & Janet Bainbridge joined us for their first runs, so - welcome guys!

Thanks again to Terry and Carol for an awesome time at their shed - there seems to be quite a few more of these opportunities around.

That's all for now - again wishing you all blue skies and green lights.....

Peter Craig - Club Captain

DIARY THE FOLLOWING.....

Sunday 26th May: Annual General Meeting - to be held in Prebbleton (Further formal notification as supplied by Bill) - the decision was taken not to have a run prior to the AGM based on the huge number of major roadworks, detours and squillions of road cones throughout the various approaches to Prebbleton so we will see you all at the venue.

The following June & July events will be subject to confirmation depending on how the cards fall for the election of committee members following the AGM.

Sunday June 16th: -- Mid-year Christmas "Do" at Little River Pub



(right in your back yard Goldie!) - Full details to be confirmed and published however, it's shaping up to be a subsidised club members only event.

American Independence Day "Do" where again we have a pencil booking for Sunday 7th July at a tried and trusted venue, this one will be a real "Doozy" (or Deusie depending on how you hold your mouth) so wrap your head around what Yankee gear you will model. Further details to be posted closer to the time.



REMINDER - *Renewal of Membership*

Below is the invoice for your subscription renewal. This is for the year 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025.

A reminder that if you have joined the club in the last three months, (from 1 Feb 2024) then you don't need to renew your membership as we have a policy that new members carry over to the following year.

Subs need to be paid before the AGM as only financial members may vote at the AGM or have a say at the meeting.

If anyone would like another copy of the club rules, please let me know.

There may be a delay in getting your new membership cards to you. Once the data base is completed early May, they will be printed.

Please pay your subscription promptly.

Thank you.
Maria Van Nus
Treasurer

American Classic Car Club (Canty) Inc
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Date: 1st May 2024 to
30th April 2025

Invoice to: All Financial Members

**Membership Subscription for the
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**Terms: Payment is due on or before
30th April 2024 thank you.**

**If this invoice remains unpaid the club
reserves it's right to cancel membership**



Annual General Meeting

Date: *Sunday 26 May 2024*

Time: *2pm*

Venue: *Prebbleton Hall
617 Springs Road
Prebbleton*

Afternoon tea will follow the meeting.



Due to the departure of some longstanding committee members, we welcome nominations for the following positions on the committee.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Club Captain

Classic Torque

The Green Goddess

A 1942 Lincoln Continental Club Coupe

by Michael Prentice



The Lincoln Continental series was the brainchild of Edsel Ford and was first introduced in late 1939/40. The premium Continental brand was born when Edsel Ford himself directed designer E.T. Bob Gregorie to create a new Lincoln that was a step above the mid-priced Zephyr line-up.

With the departure of the large K Series two years prior, the Continental was now at the top of the line. It remained a true favourite of

celebrities and socialites and was considered one of America's most prestigious automobiles. The Continental body remained essentially the same through to 1948 with 3 iterations of the front-end styling.

The first was 1940-41. The second was 1942. This only lasted a couple of months as production began late 1941, not long before the USA entered the war on Dec 7, and as a result of this, all civilian production at the Ford Motor Company ceased in January 1942.

The third derivative of this body style with different frontal styling, and the most common, is the 1946-48 models.

This makes the 1942 Continental the rarest of its type.

There were only 197 1942 Lincoln Continental Coupes built and 136 Convertibles.

It is unknown how many 1942 Lincolns survive. The 2000 Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC) Directory lists 21 Lincoln Continental Cabriolets and 39 Lincoln Continental Coupes, three Lincoln-Zephyr coupes and four Lincoln-Zephyr sedans. An educated guess is that less than half the 1942 Lincoln Continentals still existing are in the LCOC. The abbreviated 1942 model year saw Lincoln adopt a more modernist style for its line, with a larger front end with squared-off fenders and a delicate three-piece grille.



In keeping with the industry's trend to a bolder, more massive front-end look and extreme art deco styling, for 1942 Lincoln introduced an extremely horizontal front-end theme for 1942 and an instrument panel not unlike that of the 1942 Cadillac.

The broad-shouldered frontal treatment, huskier fenders and stronger trim all around gave the 1942 Lincoln-Zephyr, Custom and Lincoln Continental a heftier look than the two previous years while retaining the basic 1940-41 unitized body /frame. The car was also slightly lower, wider and longer than 1940-41. Overall width was increased approximately 4.5 inches due to wider tread and wider fenders. The overall length was increased approximately seven inches because of the step-out for the lower grille assembly and projected design of the rear. The car was one inch lower made possible by the use of longer and lower springs and lower camber.

15-inch wheels further contributed to the lower profile.

The new radiator grille had a catwalk lower section and stainless steel horizontal strips in both the upper and lower sections.

Interior accents in the Lincoln Continental were gold plated or finished with a gold macoid lacquer.



This car, "The Green Goddess" (GG) is 1 of only 197 club coupes made for the 1942 year, and one of possibly only 70-80 still existing today.

We acquired GG from a Wanaka-based Lincoln collector where it shared a large garage with a Lincoln K Series and a Continental Cabriolet, among other amazing vehicles.

We first saw GG when the previous owner had her on display at the now closed Warbirds and Wheels museum.

The previous owner purchased GG off an American in 2009, who had moved to Queenstown and bought a substantial collection of American Classic Cars with him. He built a large coach house on the Glenorchy road some way out of Queenstown and was about to build a house there when for a variety of reasons, he had to return to the USA. He offered some of the cars for sale. The previous owner bought GG and the rest were shipped back to the USA.

GG had been extensively restored in the USA pre-1997 prior to arriving in New Zealand.

At one time GG was part of the collection of Richard Kughn, the owner of Lionel Trains (the USA equivalent of Hornby if you like) and former owner of the Carail Museum Detroit – a 45,000 sq. ft collection of model cars, trains sets, pedal cars, artwork and vintage automobiles which was put up for sale in 2003.

GG has won 2 "Senior" awards at US Auto Shows. One from the Classic Car Club of America and the other from the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACCA). The 1st Junior award was won at Hershey, PA in 1997. The Senior Award was won at Hershey, PA in 1998.



Non-club Events



Vintage Fest NZ

Vintage Market and Classic Car Display

(VFNZ market also includes food stalls, pinup pageant, vintage displays, Photo competition, kids/family zone, beauty parlour.)




FREE ENTRY.
GOLD COIN CHARITY DONATION APPRECIATED

9:30AM - 3:30PM

11 MAY 2024


ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROLLESTON DRIVE, CANTERBURY

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Head to Geraldine Motor Muster FB page for information

KENNEDY PARK	Friday Rego & cruise	Entry by donation
Vintage cars, hot rods, motorcycles, trucks & all	Sat 10 am - 2 pm Public car show	28-29 JUNE
	All proceeds go to the Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade & St John Ambulance	

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