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## ODDS AND ENDS

As usual many thanks to all the contributors to the magazine with articles and photos, Pete, Denis, both Phils, Ian and Derek. As usual I've ended up with more articles than I can include but it looks like May and June may not have so many so it should even out. Car Shows seem to be ever more popular over the last few months and it's good to see our members out and about attending them.

There are three articles which I've held over for the next magazine all of which were held very late in April. The first is a write up by Brian Winger about the trip to Brit Euro, the second is by Phil Scot on the run to Rawene and the third is the Vintage Car Club Swap Meet.





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## RETIREMENT VILLAGE VISITS

Due to sickness at a couple of the Rest Homes we were due to visit our yearly run was split in two. Our first visit in December 2025 went to Puriri Park plus Selwyn Retirement Village in Maunu which we hadn't been to before. Both venues were very welcoming and the weather was good for showing off our lovely variety of cars. Lunch was then partaken at the Onerahi Airport Cafe.

The second visit was in February 2026 to Merrivale Rest Home and Alz House, two of our usual visits where we're always well received and enjoy our chats with the residents.



All of these photos taken at Selwyn Retirement Village in Maunu. There was no actual car park for us so we were strung around the little roadways around the Reception area.



Photos of the Puriri Court, Merrivale and Alz House visits are on the following pages.

These visits are always very enjoyable and rewarding for both us and the residents.

# PURIRI COURT, KAMO ROAD





Top two photos were taken at Merrivale Rest Home on Great North Road in Kamo where we go every year.

Bottom two photos were taken at Alz House, which is the Alzheimers Centre on Corks Road in Tikipunga.



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# WAIPU CAR & BIKE SHOW - 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

We assembled at Water Street car park at 8am for a convoy run to Waipu. We stopped at the Uretiti Lay By to reassemble where we were joined by some more members and ultimately the club had 25 cars to display..

The day was overcast with sunny spells so perfect for enjoying a walk around the entries at the show, 780 cars and 140 bikes. As usual there were food and craft stalls on the field and quick access to the Waipu shopping centre.

For the second year running our club won 'Best Club Display' with the accompanying Prize Trophy, certificate, some vouchers and a variety of shirts which the Committee will decide how to distribute. Our gazebos were erected near the cars which gave members a nice place to eat lunch and relax. The Rescue Helicopter also made an appearance which always causes a bit of a stir. This is such a huge show it's great to be part of it.



# WAIPU CAR & BIKE SHOW PHOTOS





## MEMBER PROFILE - IAN CLARKE

Like most of the club members I have had a number of classic cars (mainly British) before getting my latest acquisition - an English Red 1976 Mercedes Benz W114/5 Series with the 230/6 motor. Bought from a retired gent in Wellington who seems to have looked after it well.

My first was almost by accident - a 1964 VW Kombi Devon Camper - complete with split windows and (hardly dazzling!) 6 volt electrics, which my wife and I on our big OE bought outside Australia House in London. We drove 15,000 miles around Europe and England in the late 70's before selling it, again outside Australia House before returning to New Zealand. It served us well as a basic home-on-wheels.



Back here - and now with a family - bought a 1964 S Type 3.8 Jaguar, a great car but it had been painted a horrible metallic blue, so I stripped it back, had it painted the original Old English White, had the walnut wood re-veneered and fitted with wire wheels. We enjoyed many local rallies with the Jaguar Owners Club in Auckland and was asked to use it by friends as a "Wedding Car" several times. In the end I sold it to a professional driver to use for the same purpose. Next came a Carmine Red Triumph Stag - complete with the number plate "STAG 74". Another potentially great car but it had the original Stag V8 motor (not the retro-fitted Rover/Buick one) and unfortunately was very unreliable - it tended to overheat with monotonous regularity!



So it got "down-sized" fairly soon to a simple Triumph Herald 1360 Convertible. A fun car (in the summer) but I soon discovered that not all modern kids appreciate these slightly dinky vehicles - when I took my daughter and son to Murrays Bay Intermediate school I was told in no uncertain terms "Dad don't drop us off outside the school gate - park 50 metres up the road and we will jump out - and don't wear that silly English cloth cap when we are in the car with you" (they were embarrassed to be seen with me it seems!). However, our English Setter dog liked it and would not hesitate to jump in the back whenever he got the chance as we left the roof down most of the time.



So after a lot of (mainly solo) fun, it went, and I bought a 1976 P68 V8 Rover - white again with a brown vinyl roof and the spare mounted on the boot lid. Took in some great rallies with the Rover Club and it proved reliable and fast, but it had to go when we went back overseas for an extended trip. Prior to my Mercedes I had a 1993 Volvo 240 the last of the boxy shape - nicknamed "Flying Brick" or "Stockholm Taxi". Very safe, good performer with the latest Bosch fuel injection system.



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## MAUNGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL

We met up at Water Street Car Park for a 9am departure to go to the Mangakahia Summer Festival on Sunday 22nd February 2026. The weather was decent and the drive over through Maungatapere is always lovely with the views of hills and valleys.

The showgrounds were easy to find and not far out of Maungatapere. We had a good turn out of cars including new members Lance and Tina Shepherd in their beautiful red Chevrolet. As you can see from the photos there were other car clubs there as well as some big trucks.

There were heaps of kid orientated amusements to be had from the ever present Bouncy Castles to a Petting Zoo, Circus Acts and a Magician and Vertical Bungy. Food stalls and Market Stalls catered for the adults and parking and entry were free. Definitely hope this is on again next year and it's a Club event.



# MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL





## BREAKFAST WITH THE CARS - 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

A happy bunch of attendees, good coffee and some nice cars. (Report and photos by Pete Romer).



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## RUAKAKA CLASSIC & CUSTOM CAR SHOW

This event was postponed from Saturday 11th April 2026 to Saturday 18th April because of a very wet forecast. Following report by Phil Scot.

Six of us met at Cobham Oval car park and headed south at 8.45am and were met by another member at SH1 Roundabout. The weather was sunny and not looking like the weather forecast predicted. Between 300 and 400 cars and bikes were in attendance, with a great variety from Hot Rods to Muscle Cars to Classics. There was a lot of choice in what to have for lunch with many food and coffee vendors. A great day was had by all.



The following report from Pete Romer.

Haven't been on a club outing for quite some time hence not much appearing on the Facebook page, so decided that the Ruakaka Car Show supporting the Fire Service was a worthy cause and as good a reason as any to get the S-Type out.

I joined up with the others from the club at the big roundabout at Marsden Point Road and followed the other six cars through to the venue. Not a big turn out from our club, but a few guys went straight there and we ended up with a good bunch - a couple of Jaguars, a Ford Zephyr, Mercedes 500, BMW Z3, an Escort and an Austin Healey plus new member Lance's immaculate Chevrolet BelAir. He commented, "A great day out for sure and weather played it's part well. Cheers for your good company team".



## BREAKFAST WITH THE CARS - SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026

This is a Vintage Car Club event to which other clubs are invited. Our Club has been attending since it's inception and is enjoyed by members who attend (only drawback at this time of the year is the horrible sun strike on the journey! Oh well, such is life).

The VCC has now renamed the event "Coffee and Cars" and it's held every fourth Saturday of the month from 8.30am to 10am. The location is the Marina Woodfired Dining at Tutukaka which is at the very end of the Marina road. A lovely setting with great views of the boats, so if you haven't been yet give it a try.



## LOOKING AHEAD

**TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2026** - Coffee Evening at the Men's Shed.  
Railway Road, Whangarei. Starts at 7.30pm every third Tuesday of the month. Bring a plate and cash for a raffle.

**SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026** - Coffee and Cars at Tutukaka Marina for breakfast at the Marina Woodfired Dining Cafe 8.30am to 10am every fourth Saturday of the month.

**SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026** - Trip to Mangawhai Museum, Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai. Meet at Cobham Oval Car Park at 8.30 for 8.45am departure. Lunch choices:- Cafe at the Museum, drive to the Mangawhai Tavern or bring your own lunch to eat at the waterfront.

**TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026** - Coffee Evening at the Men's Shed

**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026** - Coffee and Cars at Tutukaka.

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**IF YOU READ THE 'ODDS AND ENDS' ON PAGE 4 YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE WILL BE A WRITE UP (BY MYLES) ABOUT THE SWAP MEET AND CAR SHOW HELD BY THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB AT THEIR CLUBROOMS. UNFORTUNATELY MYLES'S VITESSE HAD PROBLEMS AND COULDN'T GO - HENCE THE TEARS!**



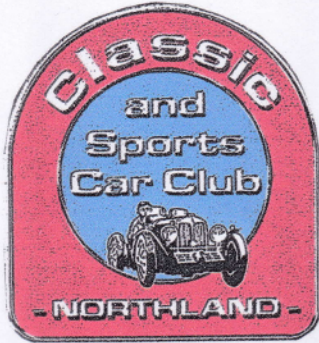
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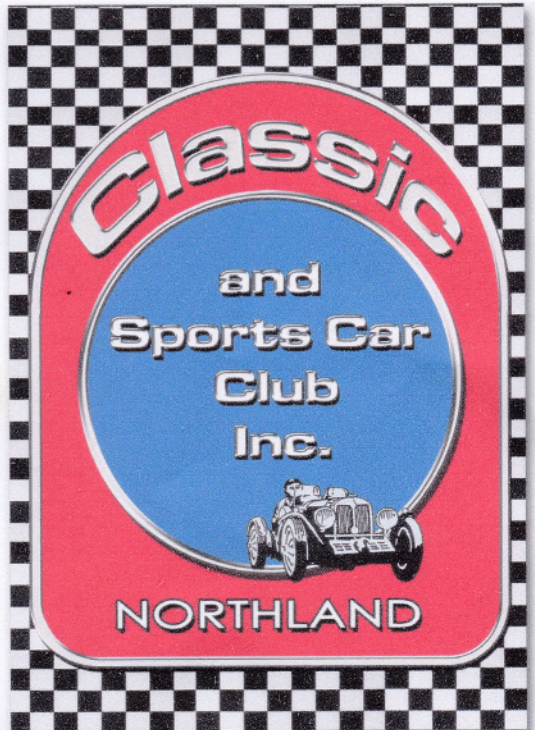
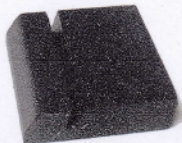
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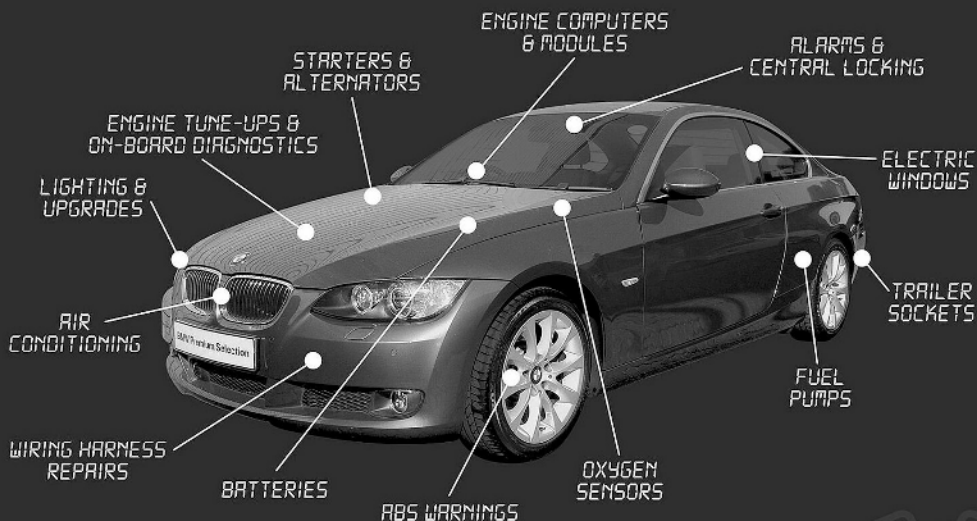
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## Denis's Bio

While at Woodbourne Tex and I rented a place in Blenheim so we could repair cars on the weekends - and this is how Tex met his wife Bev who lived next door to our workshop. At night, after tea at the base, I worked at a local Coffee Shop. There was also a Ballroom Dance on Saturday nights which Tex and I went to.

After being at Woodbourne for about a year I was posted to Laucala Bay in Fiji in December 1959. The main focus of the Fiji Base was Search and Rescue and our work was servicing of the Sunderlands and vehicles on the base.

On arrival I was put in charge of the Vehicle Paint Shop with two civilian Fijians under me who did the actual work which I oversaw. Then I was moved over to the Aircraft Workshop as a painter with another airman Graham Weaver. I was in Fiji for eighteen months which is the best posting I ever had as the 'uniform' was casual - just khaki shorts, bare top, sandals and cap all year round (we did have a short sleeved shirt for special occasions).

While there I joined the Band and was taught how to play the Tenor Horn which qualified me to be a Band Member for parades and ceremonies.

On every Air Force Base all airmen had to do 'Fire Picket Duty' which consisted of spending a week with the Fire Department, learning all the fire drills, staying in the Fire Station at night and attending any call outs. We still did our normal jobs during the day and would only be expected to attend a call out if it was an emergency. This duty had five airmen at a time on a roster system so not a frequent occurrence.

During this posting I had my first taste of what the Military is primarily for. I hadn't long arrived in Fiji when just before Christmas the Fiji (also called the Suva) Riots happened. We were paired off, I was with Danny Craven, given ten rounds of ammunition and a rifle and sent to the perimeter of the base by the Officers Mess - other pairs situated at intervals around the perimeter. We were kicked out of single men's quarters so married men could bring in their families. The first night a Senior Officer came round in his Land Rover plus driver, and gunner with a mounted Bren Gun to warn us that 200 rioters were headed our way,

Thankfully they didn't arrive. The riots lasted about three days and were caused by disputes between the native Fijians and the Indian population. My first night was spent on the billiard table (I wouldn't recommend using this as a bed as it's hard as hell being slate). The second night I slept in the Padre's quarters - a wooden floor is much more comfortable!

I met my first wife, Gerda Billings, on a blind date arranged by my friend Bernie Way who was an Air Force photographer (which I got very interested in) - she was half Indian (on her Mum's side) and half Swedish (on her Dad's side). We got married in November 1960 and I moved off base and we lived with Gerda's widowed Mum. My Mum and Dad came over for the wedding. Gerda's niece Nina was her Bridesmaid and her husband, Bob De Laurier, was my Best Man - Bob was also in the Air Force and I had met him at Woodbourne (he was a Fireman) and he had been posted to Fiji at the same time as me.

While in Fiji I also bought my first car from another airman, a Ford Zephyr which I took back to New Zealand with me.

I found the Fijian blokes very nice and friendly - and big! One night after some heavy rain my car got stuck (the roads were not good) and some hefty, good natured local lads pushed my car out.

Back at Ohakea you had to put your name down to get married quarters so on arrival Gerda and I rented a flat in an old house which had been converted to flats, bedroom, lounge, bathroom and kitchen in Palmerston North. Our son Glen was born on 16th October 1961 in Napier Hospital while we were living here. Eventually we qualified for transit quarters before being given newly built married quarters in Bulls and our daughter Cheryl was born on 7th May 1963 when we were here.

While in Palmerston North I traded in the Zephyr and downsized to an Austin 10 mainly to get a bit of cash to buy Gerda some winter clothing, specifically a coat, as having always lived in Fiji she had no cold weather clothes.