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As usual many thanks to all the article and photo contributors, I couldn't do the magazine without you. The last issue was a bit of a bumper one, this one is back to 28 pages but I hope everyone enjoys it. Plenty of events coming up before Christmas so hope to see you at one of them. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS WHENEVER YOU CAN.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 18TH AUGUST 2026

As you can see from page 3 there have been quite a few changes to the Club's Committee members. Phil Schultz has stood down as Club President, Phil has been President of the Club for many years and I personally would like to thank him for his leadership over those years, and for the many events he and Margaret have organised (which I understand they will continue with) and for remaining as part of the Committee.

Good luck to Phil Scot who is our new President after 'serving his time' as Vice President, I'm sure you will continue the good work. Mike Franks is continuing as Secretary, thank you, and Derek Tutill has taken over the duties of Treasurer from Ivan Ginders who is also remaining as a Committee member, thank you both. We also have three new Committee members, Tina Maree, Greg Tucker and Ian Clarke, many thanks to you all for stepping forward for the Club. We also have a new Club Sheriff, Nick Grbin. This position has been vacant since Eddie Shepherd stood down from it, thanks Nick. The other positions remain the same, thanks to all for continuing in their positions.

MICHELLE BATCHELOR

The Club received the sad news on Thursday 10th September (while we were on the trip to see Alan Tindall's Land Rover collection before going to Jane Mander Village), that Neale Batchelor's wife Michelle had sadly passed away. On behalf of the Club I would like to send condolences to Neale and family. The Funeral is being held on Tuesday 15th September at Kamo Baptist Church but this magazine won't be out before then.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Club Subscriptions are due now for the 2026/27 financial year and have again been kept at \$50 whether you're single or a family - and no matter how many cars you own. Our Bank Account number is shown on the bottom of the Committee page, name of account Classic & Sports Car Club, PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFERENCE.

'NUTTY FOR YOU' WAIPU VISIT 1ST JULY 2026

Another good Club turn out for the mid-week run to the Macadamia farm at Waipu, followed by lunch at the Waipu Golf Club Cafe.

The owner, Eric Corner met us (with his two lovely friendly dogs) and gave us a quick run down of how he had bought the land in 2005 and decided to plant a Macadamia Orchard after finding that weather and soil were ideal for growing them. He also found that the discarded husks made a great mulch around the trees.

The next step was to install his own processing equipment which included washing, drying and husking the nuts. Macadamia have the hardest shells of any nut and need special equipment to break and remove the kernels without damaging them. In 2019 he opened the shop selling his processed nuts with various flavours and coatings.

He showed us through the factory and explained how each process was necessary to get the best end product after which we went to the shop to buy the end product. There were raw, roasted and spicy nuts, milk/white/dark covered nuts and honey/caramel, even some butter.





Top: Cricket Oval car park meet up for trip

Next down: Arrival at 'Nutty For You'

The rest are photos of the processing equipment in the factory.

Next stop lunch at the Waipu Golf Club Cafe. The food was great, with some very pretty cake options. The main attraction for me though was the fantastic panorama of Bream Bay out of the picture window. Another great Club event enjoyed by all. Report by Judy Pothan



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MEMBER PROFILE - BRUCE CATTANACH

Bruce's 1959 Ford Skyliner was produced in the final year of Ford's iconic Hide-Away Hardtop, featured a power-retractable steel hardtop, and at the time was the most expensive Ford ever produced, with a production total of 12,915. (Photo on cover of this magazine.)

The Hide-Away Hardtop featured a two-segment metal roof that folded and retracted automatically into the trunk. The Complex Mechanics utilized 3 drive motors, 4 lock motors, 10 power relays, 8 circuit breakers, 10 limit switches and 610 feet of wiring.

The Skyliner's retractable top operated via a complex mechanism that folded the front of the roof and retracted it under the rear decklid. Instead of the typical hydraulic mechanisms, the Skyliner hard-top used seven reversible electric motors, four lift jacks, a series of relays, ten limit switches, ten solenoids, four locking mechanisms for the roof and two locking mechanisms for the trunk lid. The top largely consumed available trunk space, limiting the car's sales, though the mechanism operated reliably

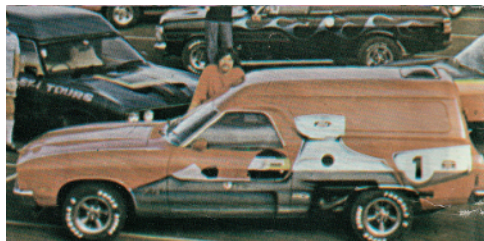
Bruce's first car was a 1964 VW with a hot 1600 motor and retro graphics, which he had as an apprentice builder.



Next was a '77 Ford Panel Van for work, with the same sort of air brushed graphics.



Airbrush graphics



'77 FORD PANEL VAN

Next came a Classic '72 Valiant Regal 318, and MGB GT and a '79 Trans Am



'72 VALIANT REGAL



'72 MGB GT



He also had an '89 Holden Clubsport and various utes for work - Holden, Ford, Mazda and Isuzu.

His present vehicles are The Skyliner, a '68 Firebird 400 convertible (very nice), and a '74 Valiant Regal, presently under restoration at Hikurangi Panelbeaters.

Enjoy your motoring Bruce ...

(by Pete Romer)



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ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE VISIT (21st JULY 2026)

At a recent Coffee Night we had a visit from St. John Ambulance personnel, Caroline and Mark, who gave us a talk on the operation and needs of the ambulance service. Like other charities and services they are in need of funding to keep operating. The problem is nation wide but any funds raised locally stay in the area. Whangarei St. John is currently fundraising to build another station for the vehicle parking and a place so staff can relax after a callout etc. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Maybe we can do a fundraiser in the near future to help with funds for them. Report by Phil Schultz



MATAKANA MARKETS TRIP - 15TH AUGUST 2026

We woke to an overcast day, but when we met at Cobham Car Park the weather was looking better. 9 cars left at 8.45 heading south, we encountered an odd patch of rain and the Brynderwyn's was in cloud. Once the other side of the hills the weather started to fine up and by the time we arrived at Matakana there was a blue sky. We met up with Trevor, the President of the Auckland Mercedes Club, as they had arrived a bit earlier than us, most of them had already headed to the markets for coffee etc.

Unfortunately one of our members had a mishap with the car keys which got locked in the car and had a longish wait for the AA to come and retrieve them.

At lunch time those that had booked headed for the Plume restaurant where we met with the Mercedes Club people, there were 23 in all. We had a marvellous 3-course meal and a great time getting to know the Mercedes guys with lots of conversations.

A most enjoyable day and the Mercedes Club are interested in doing other runs with our club so we will meet up with them again

Report by Phil Scot





MATAKANA TRIP REPORT BY MARGIE GALLAND

Wow! We just had a great opportunity to see our beautiful countryside between Whangarei and Matakana. A group of club members, spread among 11 cars, had a poke around the markets before lunching at Plumes Restaurant with the Mercedes Club.

The lunch menu was absolutely delightful, and we really enjoyed being waited on by charming waitresses. Three courses with fare to tempt our discerning palates, accompanied by an amazing selection of wines produced from grapes grown on Plume's own vines. My one regret is that I never thought to buy a couple of bottles of the wine I chose, Black Velvet, which really did live up to it's name. Could this oversight lead to another visit?

Thanks to Phil Scot for arranging the trip, and hands up to those who'd like another visit in the future



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DAFFODIL DAY RUN - SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

As usual the run was organised by the Vintage Car Club and over the last few years numbers have declined. I have no idea why there was such a difference this year but they had **AROUND 130 CARS AND 30 MOTORBIKES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** and they raised \$4000 for the Cancer Society.

PMG Ford the Sponsor for the run was the venue to meet and it was packed. They also put up prizes for Best Decorated and Best Dressed. The VCC had arranged for a roundabout route to Dargaville if you wanted to do that, or you could go straight to the Dargaville venue which was a field next to the Museum where they'd set up a sausage sizzle and a drinks booth.

We were lucky with the weather, and lots of good conversations with like minded individuals (in other words car enthusiasts). Great day for a very good cause which so many of us have been affected by.









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LOOKING AHEAD FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - Coffee & Cars at Tutukaka's Marina Woodfired Dining Cafe 8.30 - 10.00 meet there, organised by VCC, (held every 4th Saturday of the month)

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER - Meet at Kensington Carpark 10am, bring picnic lunch, \$10 cash per person for visit to a working mill.

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER - Coffee & Cars at Tutukaka (as above)

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - Visit to Hakaru RSA for car display and lunch at their restaurant.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER - Rest Home Visits which we usually do.

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - Coffee & Cars at Tutukaka (as above).

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - Whangarei Christmas Parade, details not available yet.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - Ngunguru School Car Show 9-12am

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER - A & P Show, details later.

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER - 3-Day trip to the Ngatea Car & Van Show

1ST WEEKEND OF JANUARY 2027 (usually) Taipa Car Show

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2027 - Waipu Car Show

SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2027 - The Ellerslie Concours - We may organise a bus trip to this event if there's enough interest.

CLUB COFFEE NIGHT, THE MEN'S SHED, RAILWAY ROAD, WHANGAREI
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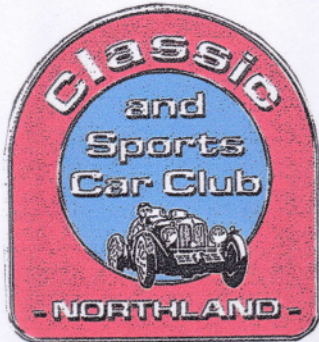
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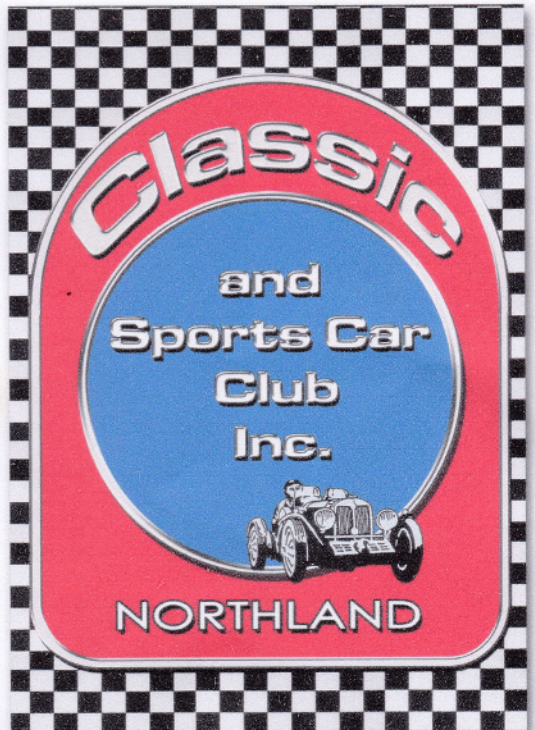
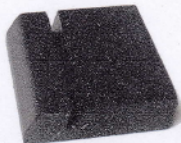
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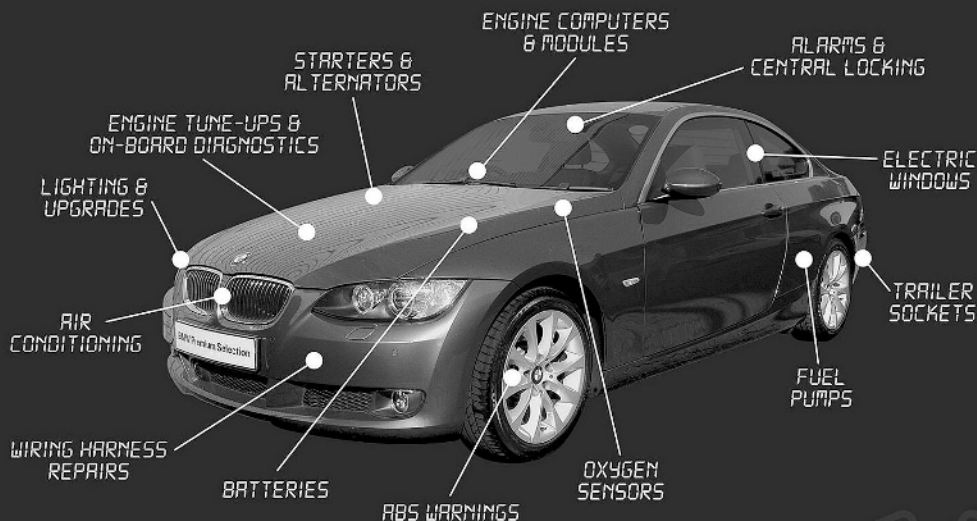
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