

June 2023 Newsletter



Oh no, Rob, a broken down Chevy.

Welcome to the Hibiscus Rodders Inc Newsletter. Please contact any Committee Member or the Newsletter Editor if you have anything to discuss or to submit for the next issue. All input is greatly appreciated. We take this opportunity to thank all those who do submit articles and ads for the newsletter and to welcome those new members to the Club. It is great to have you on board with us.

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NOTICE

Anyone wishing to “dob” in or pass on a funny story about a fellow club member is asked to speak up on club nights.

MONTHLY CLUB

MEETING

JUNE 14th, HIBISCUS COAST RSA.

My Thoughts on the outgoing Committee

Hi everyone, hope all is well with you all, I just thought that as I have been in the club for a number of years now I would like to take this opportunity to thank those on the outgoing committee for all the work and effort they have put into the club over the past number of years.

First I would like to tell you how I met Janine and Dale, they had the Orewa Car Services business in George Lowe Place, Orewa, I went down there to introduce myself and show pictures of our car. At the time Shane Bennett, a long standing member as well, was President and he was working there as well. They were all very friendly towards us, and I thought this would be a great club to join so we did. It always takes a while for a newby to get into the swing of a club and there were many times we were always welcomed. So, Janine, for all the effort you have put into the club over the numerous years of being on the committee, treasurer and also the Beach Festival, a big thank you for everything you have done.

Now, to Gavin and Rebecca, we first met Gavin when we used to have Friday night meet ups down in the carpark in front of the Community Centre, which used to be called burger night, where at times the carpark would be near full of classic and hot rod cars, and also I found out that he was around about related to me, as my brother was married to a Hollier at that time, and at the time they only had that amazing Buick, an awesome car, so he and Rebecca came along and joined the club, and what an absolutely amazing couple to have in our club, all the work they have put in, the use of their workshop, all the sign work they have done over the years, and the storing of club equipment, and also the tireless work for the club and the Beach Festival, not sure how we would have got on at times without their effort, and also all the committee and treasurer work, and the use of your workshop definitely comes in handy, we are privileged to have you both in our club.

What can I say about Pink Sharon, what an asset she is to the club, a tireless worker for the Beach Festival and also other club events. I had the pleasure of working with Sharon while President as she was on the committee then. She always has a smile, not sure how she does it with everything that she has to do, family, business, etc. There have been so many outings we have been on with Sharon, and the Pink Caddie, always fun to be around.

Moving on to Grant, we first met Grant and his late wife Julie on a club run where they turned up, think it was a burger night, and it had been put forward that we would go and have a BBQ, but not in any normal place, it was in the evening and an ex member suggested we would have it in the middle of a roundabout down in Albany, well, I could tell by the look on their faces that they were not too sure about this, but as it happened, it didn't occur, we went to a restaurant instead. And as a coincidence, in my past I used to work at the NZ Herald and unbeknown to me, Julie used to work there at the same time, doing the Hatties Column, and other work, small world isn't it, a lovely lady, sadly missed. But we did have a lot of great times with Grant and Julie, Christmas parties at their place in Coatesville is what stands out for me.

So, in concluding a big thanks for all the effort that you have all put into the club. We now have a new committee and President and new ideas coming through, but, as we all know, this year the weather has been against a lot of car events. See you all at club night.

David Swan.

Presidents Report

Hi All

One month in to their new roles your committee are beginning to make things happen.

Eric and Pam have been updating our membership list with all your contact details so that we can get information out to you about runs and club events.

We are going to do a burger type run every month, they are great social gatherings and seem popular. Any suggestions for suitable venues will be appreciated.

This weekend's run to Ardmore is to officially hand over the funds we raised from the beach festival to the Westpac Helicopter Trust. I hope we get a good turnout, please put on your club shirts if you have them.

That's about all from me at the moment.

PS: we have some good trips that we are planning for the future keep your eyes peeled.

Simon Bishop

President

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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ROD's RODS

This month is movie and TV cars



We have the 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T from the 1971 movie *Vanishing Point*.
Kowalski bets his mate he can get the 440 cubic inch beast from
Denver, Colorado to San Francisco in 2 days.
If you haven't seen it, best you do. There was also a remake of the movie in 1997.



We have the 1976 Ford Gran Torino from the TV series *Starsky and Hutch*.
It ran for 4 seasons from 1975.
Also made in to a film in 2004.
It was David Starsky and Kenneth Hutch's Police car.



We have the Dukes of Hazard 1969 Dodge Charger and Rosco P. Coltrane's 1978 Dodge Monaco Police car. The Charger driven by Beau and Luke Duke suffered a little bit of chassis damage due to jumping over rivers. Oh, Daisy wasn't too bad either. The show ran from 1979 for 7 seasons and the movie was made in 2005.



Last but not least we have the 1974 XB Ford Falcon Sedan from Mad Max and the 1973 XB GT Coupe from Mad Max 2. Pretty crazy movies.

***Next Month will be Movie and TV cars Part 2.
Over and out, Rodney.***

A FEW FUNNIES



With today's gasoline prices, more and more men are dependent on their wife's vehicle



Relaxing after winning an argument with wife



Don't shout at me! I'm not your husband!

**“Vaping”
back in
my day.**



DID YOU KNOW THAT MOSES WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE?



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Waiwera Breakfast





A Few All Ford Day Pics



Question: Is Synthetic Fuel a possible alternative?

There are about 1.4 billion vehicles throughout the world, mostly powered by internal combustion engines (ICE). While the electric vehicle (EV) uptake is rising, synthetic fuel technology is being used and therefore considered as an efficient and eco-friendly alternative.

Designed for use with ICE vehicles, these carbon-neutral fuels are a direct replacement for fossil-derived fuels. No engine modifications are needed, and fuels can be stored, transported and sold using the existing infrastructure. This means ICE vehicles can continue to run, with a significantly reduced footprint or environmental impact.

Replacing petrol or diesel entirely with synthetic fuels is still going to be a tall order, but not out of the question. A potential barrier will be the price point. Some estimates put the price of synthetic fuels at about four times the cost of petrol or diesel. Synthetic fuel-powered vehicles could have a place alongside EV's and other alternative fuels.

As more and more vehicle manufacturers explore renewable energy, we will keep seeing new models that don't rely on fossil fuels. The transition could take years and it may take a long time for many to adjust. Further study and development are needed to ensure that alternative energy sources are safe, reliable, and environmentally friendly.

There's plenty of excitement surrounding synthetic fuels, with some analysts hailing them as the saviour for the internal combustion engine.

Porsche is the leading proponent currently, announcing plans to invest US\$100 million into synthetic fuel technology. This will secure Porsche a 12.5% stake in a Chilean-owned company, Highly Innovative Fuels (HIF) Global. The money will be used to drive research and development of synthetic fuels designed to power internal combustion engines, with a near-zero carbon footprint.

The investment is part of a pledge to ensure Porsche can continue to manufacture their ICE vehicles, while meeting carbon-neutral targets.

Porsche executives assure motorists that while the synthetic fuels will act as drop-in replacements for petrol, there will be no cost premium relating to pricing.

Porsche is also saying that with synthetic fuels you can expect exceptionally high performance, without a high carbon footprint.

Much of the world doesn't yet have the ability to support an easy access grid for EV charging, in fact this is still true in many developed countries, especially if you're looking at remote areas.

Of course heavy vehicles like commercial vehicles, heavy trucking and the aviation industry are not expected to transfer to electric power.

There is a great deal of technology behind synthetic fuels. The technology relies on a process called electrolysis, which splits water into oxygen and hydrogen. The hydrogen is then blended with CO₂ to create synthetic methanol, which can be refined into standard petrol or diesel. Ideally, the electrolysis process should be powered by renewable electricity. Manufacturing synthetic fuels also uses CO₂ captured from the atmosphere, which adds to the eco-friendly credentials.

Services to Rodders

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Russ Automotive, Russ Foley is now working from home. **71 Hogans Rd, Glenfield. 021-1611711** or peasantracing@orcon.net.nz.

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Mark Stokes Vehicle Certification, **0274-522276**.

Engine Balancing by Peter Farrant at **Auckland Balance, 92A Ellice Rd, Glenfield, 4430768**.

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PUT IT IN THE
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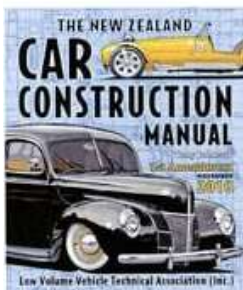
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Coming Events

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See you there!



Open to all classics, hot rods, exotics and JDM vehicles. Launching Sunday 30 Jan, and continuing throughout the year on the last Sunday of the month, best to check the date it is on, use the Maurice Road entrance.

Coming Events

NOTE: CLUB RUNS TO BE ADDED AND SOME COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- June 11 **CHEQUE PRESENTATION DAY AT ARDMORE, meet at Sharks at 10 am to leave at 10.30 am.**
- June 11 Oogah breakfast
- June 11 Warkworth breakfast **new venue The Sugar Loaf Bar + Café in Waiwera**
- June 14 CLUB NIGHT, HIBISCUS COAST RSA**
- June 18 Mid-West breakfast
- June 25 Mt Smart coffee + cars
- June 30 Friday night Burger night, meet at Sharks at 6 pm
- July 9 Oogah breakfast
- July 12 CLUB NIGHT, MULDOONS, OREWA**
- July 19 Warkworth breakfast **new venue The Sugar Loaf Bar + Café in Waiwera**
- July 16 Mid-West breakfast
- July 28 Friday night Burger night, meet at Sharks at 6 pm
- July 30 Mt Smart coffee + cars
- Aug 5 Palmerston North swap meet
- Aug 6 Auckland Hot Rod Club Poker Run, meet Western Springs Stadium Rd, from 9.30-10.30
- Aug 9 CLUB NIGHT, HIBISCUS COAST RSA**
- Aug 13 Oogah breakfast
- Aug 13 Warkworth breakfast **new venue The Sugar Loaf Bar + Café in Waiwera**
- Aug 20 Mid-West breakfast
- Aug 20 Zone 2 Memorial Run
- Aug 25 Friday night Burger night, meet at Sharks at 6 pm
- Aug 27 Mt Smart coffee + cars
- Sept 3 Father's Day
- Sept 10 Oogah breakfast
- Sept 10 Warkworth breakfast **new venue The Sugar Loaf Bar + Café in Waiwera**
- Sept 13 CLUB NIGHT, MULDOONS, OREWA**
- Sept 17 Mid-West breakfast
- Sept 24 Mt Smart coffee + cars
- Sept 29 Friday night Burger night, meet at Sharks at 6 pm
- Oct 8 Oogah breakfast
- Oct 15 or 22 WRINKLY RUN reignited, need lots of cars for this one, a great community event.**
- Oct 8 Warkworth breakfast **new venue The Sugar Loaf Bar + Café in Waiwera**
- Oct 11 CLUB NIGHT, HIBISCUS COAST RSA**
- Oct 15 Mid-West breakfast
- Oct 23 Labour Day
- Oct 27 Friday night Burger night, meet at Sharks at 6 pm.
- Oct 29 Mt Smart coffee + cars
- Nov 8 CLUB NIGHT, MULDOONS, OREWA**
- Nov 12 Oogah breakfast
- Nov 12 Warkworth breakfast **new venue The Sugar Loaf Bar + Café in Waiwera**
- Nov 19 Mid-West breakfast
- Nov 24-26 Stragglers Karapiro Show, make your interest known ASAP.**
- Nov 24 Friday night Burger night, meet at Sharks at 6 pm.
- Nov 26 Mt Smart coffee + cars
- Dec 4 NSR&CC Toy Run

Coming Events

NOTICE:



**CHEQUE PRESENTATION
DAY
AT ARDMORE**



SUNDAY, JUNE 11th

**MEETING AT SHARKS
AT 10 am
TO LEAVE NO
LATER THAN
10.30 am**

Coming Events

STRAGGLERS KARAPIRO SHOW

November 24 to 26

The Stragglers President, Wayne, would love us to go down again. Wayne can help arrange accommodation. The Committee has made a booking in principle. The run is Friday to Sunday with fun stuff to do on the way. There will be a park up in Cambridge on arrival. Saturday we will find things to do, Saturday night Stragglers dinner, Sunday, Karapiro show.

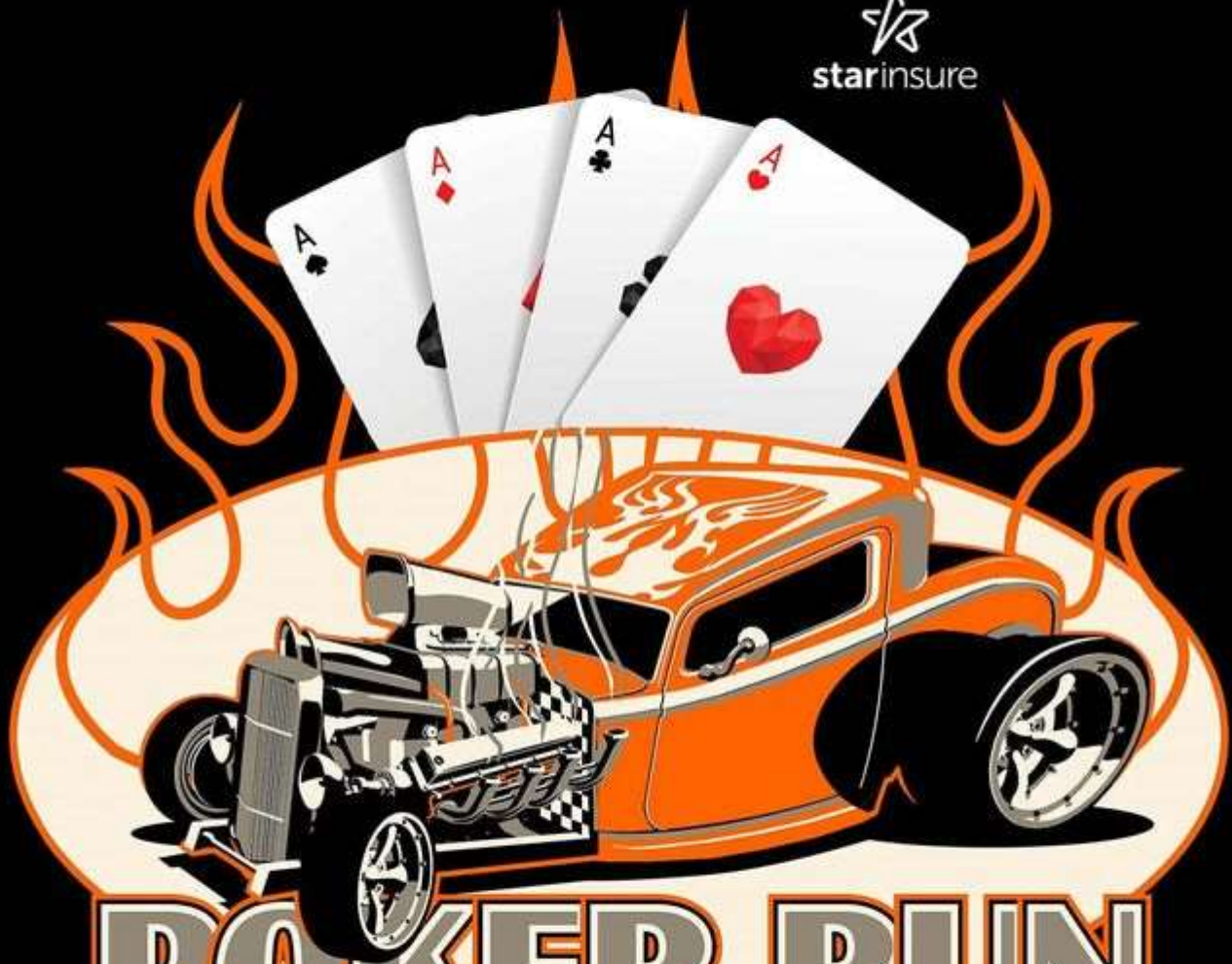
**Cost will be \$50 per booking,
\$33 a night per person,
it will be for two nights.**

If anyone is interested please get in touch with President Simon to register your interest.

Other Coming Events

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