

# August 2022 Newsletter



**NOT THAT I'M BIASED TOWARDS CHEVYS, BUT ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS, ERIC, SHOWS OFF HIS NICE CAMARO. FINALLY. A BREAK FROM THOSE MUSTANGS.**

**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 FROM THE SHERIFF***

*Anyone wishing to "dob" in or pass on a funny story about a fellow club member is summoned to txt anonymously to 027 2471350*

***MORE INFORMATION  
NEEDED PLEASE!!!!***

## **MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

***MULDOONS, OREWA,  
AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm***

# ***Dipstick of the Month***

Rebecca returned the Dip Stick award but the Sheriff was disappointed to discover she had broken it and fixed it with bluetack so Rebecca received the award again.



# ***Presidents Report***

**Hi all**

## **Mother; Member Of The Month**

This month it's nearly all about our 40th Anniversary Show but before we get onto that this month's profile is on club stalwart Sharon Morris. We all know about the phenomenal amount of work Sharon puts into the Beach Festival each year but probably not as well known is how much work Sharon puts into the rest of the clubs running as well. For instance the new club clothing involved endless phone calls and emails to various suppliers to get the best price she could and then had to follow that up with more phone calls/emails to clubbies sorting out sizes and payments. I could go on forever.

All done with a smile, thank you Sharon.

Have a read of her story it's great.

## **TV Stars**

This is sort of Anniversary Show related and Sharon related all in one. Last Thursday Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust organised for Sharon and I to be interviewed by Pippa Wetzell for their Chopper Chat channel. Along with our cars we headed to Barry Kirk Burnnand's man cave, parked up, sat down in front of the cameras, and someone called action.

The thrust of the interview was to provide background to our clubs continued support of the rescue choppers through the Beach Festival but more particularly Sharon, her mum and the rest of the Morris family's dedication to the choppers.

They were a great bunch of people, clearly dedicated to their work, and very appreciative of what we as a club and the Morris' do for them. In return they asked Sharon and I to do a couple of promo clips that they'll promote for us, one for the Beach Festival to be used later in the year, and one for our 40th Anniversary Show which will come out next week. Fantastic.

It was a really interesting few hours, definitely not my usual day.

On top of that Sharon fed everyone, of course she did, and Barry and Penny Kirk Burnnand were great hosts.

It will go live about August 11.

## **August Club Night**

This month we're back at Muldoon's, 7.30 pm Wednesday August 10.

From last month I thought the RSA venue was a good fit for us, the catering was a bit hit and miss but it was the caterers first week so we'll go again and see how it pans out.

## **40th Anniversary Car Show August 13 & 14**

Right here we go.

The address is 26 Karepiro Drive Whangaparaoa and we'll start parking cars from 9.30 Friday morning and go through until 7 pm that night. All cars must be in Friday. Once the cars are in they can't leave until 4 pm Sunday.

Accompanying the newsletter here is a floor plan of the show layout and you will see to create a certain look we have selected some cars to be at the head of the rows and also in the top corners. These cars have to be first in soon after 9.30, if you are one of those cars and you can't get there early please get back to me ASAP. The rest of the cars we'll place as they arrive, space is tight.

In general this is what we want to do.

To the left as you enter the building from the front will be ticket sales, the club merchandise sales, a drag car, Cory's Holden (the only non American car we have), then in the corner ARHT with their next raffle car. They won't have tickets for this available but will be selling tickets for a Hampton Downs Day Experience.

The big sedans from the 60s & 70s will be around the outside edge of the building.

To the right as you enter from the front will be Brian's Trike and COE followed by rods parked on an angle.

Row A is headed by two 59 Chevy pick ups, mine and Barry's followed by other pickups and Chevys in general.

Row B is headed by two 65 Mustangs Kevin Dunn's and Andrew Tapp's followed by the rest of the Mustangs and Fords in general.

Row C is headed by the Twins and their yellow Corvettes followed by the rest of the muscle cars that aren't Fords.

And then there's the rest which will be off to the side of the building which isn't shown on the plan.

Also accompanying the newsletter is a list of the cars we need so you can see which of yours we need if you have more than two. For those that have 2 cars to get onsite and need transport home, get in touch with others in your area for carpooling or make sure you're at club night next week to organise it then.

For our archives we're hoping to get a photo of you with your car as you park so don't park and rush away, this is probably the best opportunity we have ever had as a club to get an up to date record of our cars. Also at this time grab your wrist band for paid up club members and to help with identification wear your club gear if you have some,

Next up we need volunteers for crew over the weekend. If you haven't already, email me or we'll have a register on club night.

This is what we need.

On Friday in the morning we'll need help marking out the rows and then through the day as cars arrive we'll need to be directing them to park and putting out the cones and barriers.

On Saturday and Sunday we need to man the ticket sales, the merchandise stand and have a few clubbies just patrolling and keeping an eye on things throughout the days. Sunday afternoon we'll need to do a clean up, bring your broom.

For club members only there will be tea and coffee onsite but for health reasons bring your own cup. Outside on Saturday and Sunday there will be a coffee cart, ice cream truck and 2 food stalls but we are also within walking distance of other cafes and bars.

At the end of each day I'm sure we'll migrate somewhere to have a catch up.

Overnight Friday & Saturday there will be committee members sleeping onsite as a precaution but the building is very secure. There will also be fire extinguishers onsite.

See you all next week, cheers

**Grant McKechnie**

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# CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE



# **Sharon Morris**

## **Mothers Member Of the Month**

Hi Everyone,

I live in Orewa and have been a local girl here since I was 10 years old. I went to Orewa College and then moved on to do my hairdressing apprenticeship at The Cut Above in Auckland City. As soon as I was finished I opened my own business with a hair salon in Hillary House in Orewa and have been self-employed ever since. I ran this for 23 years and then sold it. Within this time I won many Hairdressing Competitions and then became a judge for a few years and then became the President of the Auckland Hairdressing Association for a few years.

I joined Hibiscus Rodders in 2008 when I brought my "59 Pink Cadillac." We had been at Beach Hop and were leaving to drive home and here it was on the side of the road with a little for sale sign on the back window. It was love at first sight! A young guy called Mike owned it and said take it for a drive! I drove her around the block and did not want to get out nor give the keys back.

I drove back to Hamilton the next day to pick her up.

I had my girl for one day only when I surprised my mum and all the girls in our family. Rang them and said we are going out to lunch and I would pick them up and to wear something PINK!! It was the best day ever! Smiles and laughter! Then she was off the road for six months, it nearly killed me. A quick paint job which I matched the colour to my knee high boots and I wanted a white glitter roof. A lovely man called Jim got the upholstery in from the states and I designed the interior myself, it went from black to pink of course. Plus whitewall tyres and heart shaped exhaust tips.

When I went back the next year to do the previous owners wedding for him he didn't recognise her because of all the changes I had made, but still loved her.

My girl runs a 390 cubic inch motor and is pretty original with drum brakes and old wipers. She has a fabulous stereo in her which I love to play all the old 50s and 60s hits when I'm cruising.

I've had so much fun in my girl, after owning her for 14 years, I've brought my kids up in the Hot Rod world from the age of 2yrs and 7years with many fun trips and cruising to events.

She is called "CADILLICIOUS. I've done the odd wedding for friends, special celebrations, been on display at Skycity and Vector Arena, Motat and she was even on the TV3 news. I just Love her with all my heart.

The Hibiscus Rodders girls have dressed up with me for many years in PINK and we have collected and raised thousands of dollars for Breast Cancer and had so much fun doing it!

I knew about Hibiscus Rodders as many years ago in about 1983, we hung out with friends and went to a meeting and a run out at Whangaparoa.

I think I got interested in cars from my dad who loved cars and had a 59 Impala and a Holden Brougham. As a kid it was my job to wash them. I wish he was here to see my girl, I know he would love her also. The first car I ever owned was a Vauxhall Viva and I had two of them, then a Commodore, GTR Torana, Telstar TX5 with a sports kit on it, Twin Turbo Supra, 320i BMW, XJR Jaguar, Ford Explorer and now a Kia Sportster.

When I Win Lotto!! I want to buy an everyday boy car, a Dodge Challenger or a Charger, would love to find my dad's car, a 59 Impala, definitely want a convertible, a Cadillac or a Buick Skylark. I would also strip my girl back to bare metal and completely restore her beauty. Just my girl, a boy racer and a convertible for fun and I might need a nice Chevy truck also. I love vehicles with a difference, lots of chrome and shapes and bright colours.

I am kept busy with my hairdressing business and I also have an Artistic Gifts business as I love to create gifts for people and corporate companies. I manage Hillary House which has 12 shops in it and have my two children aged 16 & 22 years whom I love to bits. My other hobbies are fashion, shopping, going out with the girls, movies, dancing, cooking, gardening, spending family time and cruising in my girl!

And of course travelling anywhere, especially where there is Sun!

I have made some really beautiful friendships in our club over the years and was made a Life Member about 10 years ago.

### *RODDERS BEACH FESTIVAL*

In 1998 I lost my brother of 45 years who passed away in the Westpac Helicopter as they landed at Greenlane Hospital. I was actually putting a recipe book together as a fundraiser for them when on a club run, our President at the time "Shane Bennett" and a couple of our club members and myself had a get together about holding a mini Hot Rod event in our local hometown of Orewa.

Rodders Beach Festival started in 2010 as a one day event to promote Hot Rodding and now 12 years later is a weekend event that attracts around 50,000 people over the weekend to our local township and is a great family fun event.

Hibiscus Rodders have raised around \$365,000 for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust and also \$30,000 for the Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre which my dad raised the funds and built for the youth of Orewa. I'm extremely proud to be a Hibiscus Rodders club member and hope everyone else feels the same in our club!

My goal when I retire is to cruise to the top of the north island and come down one side of our country and go back up the other in my 59 Caddy just taking my time enjoying our beautiful country.







# RSA Club Night



# Meeting at Sharks for the Cruise to the Salty Dog









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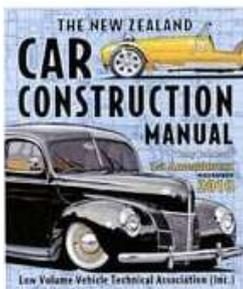
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# Coming Events



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