

July 2022 Newsletter

I finally found a car
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This could be our future with the price of fuel at the moment.

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

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NEEDED PLEASE!!!!***

MONTHLY CLUB

MEETING

***SILVERDALE RSA, VIPOND RD,
STANMORE BAY, JULY 13th 7.30 pm***

Dipstick of the Month

This month's recipient is, Rebecca Hollier for doing a runner after filling up with petrol, then making some sort of weak excuse that she just forgot.



Presidents Report

Hi all

Club Member Passing

Unfortunately I have to start this month off by sadly announcing the passing of club member, Paul Fromont. Paul had only joined in recent months and was really enthusiastic about getting involved in the club. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Club Gear

As discussed in last month's newsletter we've been looking for a supply of new club clothing and as also mentioned we can't match what we have in circulation. Thanks to Sharon we have come up with a nice new line of jackets and shirts. The jackets, photos of which can be seen below on our dodgy model have the club logo on the front and our name on the back. One colour fits all, we've gone with a classy looking black with white. Jacket sizes available, are small, medium, large (as modelled), 2x large, 3x large, 4x large and 5x large.

For those of you not at last month's club night please send your order/sizes through to, sharonmorris.pink@gmail.com and don't delay if you want to catch this run of jackets. As an incentive all jackets ordered and paid for before Friday July 15 get free a new matching club T-shirt to go with it.

Similarly with the T shirts, they will be black and white, club logo on the front and name on the back.

T-shirt Cost, free with a jacket or \$20 without.

Polo Ts \$25. Caps \$20.

The jackets and T-shirts are both good quality.

Club account number for payments 02-1244-0063336-00, Reference, surname. Code, first names. Particulars, mobile number.

Mothers Member of the Month

Rob Brooker is our Mothers Member of the month for July, Rob's written a great piece for you to read and included are photos of some past beauties that he's owned (and should still own).

June Club Run

Many thanks to Janine for organising June's well patronised run out to The Settlers Inn at Waimauku, about 37 people all up. An interesting old building that made for a nice setting and a good catch up.

I nearly didn't make it as the pick up developed a very bad cough on the way and was diagnosed with a dose of Covid and had to be taken home to self-isolate for 7 days. It's fully recovered now and is allowed out again, thank you to everyone that expressed concern.

July Club Night

Now listen up because we have a change of venue, for July we're headed to the Whangaparaoa RSA at 43A Vipond Rd. The menu looks good and very reasonably priced.

Enter through the main doors, turn left into the main bar area then head towards the kitchen dining area and the room beyond that is for us, there's heaps of room and a great deck for us to use in summer. Some of the committee will get there early to direct you.

A few things to be aware of, no hats inside or jandals/sandals to be worn and a reasonable standard of dress is expected.

At 6 pm every night they play the last post and read the ode, you must not enter the building and cause a disturbance when this is happening. So either arrive 10 minutes before 6 or after 6.05 please, we must show them the respect they deserve.

July lunch run

This month we're headed to the Salty Dog in Snells Beach, rain or shine, meeting at Sharks at 11 to leave at 11.30. So a nice little cruise and a feed and a natter, perfect for a winters day. And as always we'll need numbers on club night for catering purposes.

40th Anniversary

This is still a work in progress but it's coming together, our preferred date for our weekend away is 28, 29 & 30 of October. With regards our car show, unfortunately we haven't nailed down a venue yet so if you know of a big covered area we could use please let a committee member know.

That's enough from me, see you all next week

Grant McKechnie

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE



Rob Brooker

Mothers Member Of the Month

Hi. My name is Rob Brooker and I live on 2 acres in Sandspit with my partner of nearly 30 years, Carolyne Thomson. Those of you who know Carolyne will find it unbelievable that we have been together for that long, but it reflects what a placid and patient person I am. Love living in Sandspit for 11 months of the year but Christmas time can be a bit challenging with the traffic. We have always had dogs and Sandspit has great walking tracks and beaches for them.

We joined Hibiscus Rodders about 7 years ago after it became affiliated to NZHRA, and because it was close to home. We were made very welcome at the first meeting with special thanks to Barb and Dave. Prior to that we were in the Dargaville club so we could go to Street Rod Nationals and other sanctioned events.

I have always loved cars since I was little and learned to drive as soon as I got to 15. My sister's boyfriend taught my twin brother and I in his old Humber 10 and then Dad finished it off in the family EJ Holden. Passed the test first time though I got told off for not giving hand signals. I have had quite a few cars in the over 55 years that I have owned cars. My first car was also my first hotbed car. It was a 1941 Austin 8, for which my then brother in law, who worked for Air NZ, made a manifold to take a 1 and three quarter inch SU carb off a Wolseley 6/99. It would get up the Albany Hill in top gear but wouldn't idle. Most of my other early cars were run of the mill English or European cars, like a couple of Morris Oxfords, 1957 Renault Dauphine (most unreliable car I have owned), 1964 Humber 80, 1966 Fiat 1500 (great car), Mk3, 4 and 5 Cortina's. Then I had company cars, 1980's Commodores, Galants, etc.

Carolyne and I had a holiday house built in Snells Beach in 1995 and used to come up just about every weekend, to work on the house and get out of Auckland. At that time I was working for Dominion Oil (part of BP), running the waste oil recycling plant. Some of you oldies might remember Supreme and, later, Envron recycled oil. In 1996 we bought Matakana Hardware (ITM) as an early retirement project. In those days we unloaded the pallets of cement in the middle of Matakana Valley Rd, where the cinemas are now, without holding up traffic. We sold it in 2009, when someone made an offer we couldn't refuse. Since then, Carolyne bought Imelda's Shoes in Warkworth and I have a small commercial cleaning business.

The first classic car I bought was a 1966 Falcon XP station wagon, with a 250 engine and 3 speed manual. I justified it to Carolyne as a delivery van to carry Gib and plywood. I had an unfortunate experience when I was retrieving my boat at the ramp at the bottom of Snells Beach Rd. I left it idling on the ramp (with the pretty much useless handbrake on) while I went to get the boat and heard a gurgling sound behind me as the car and trailer rolled back into the water. One of the locals pulled the car and trailer out with his tractor and I drove it home, stripped everything out and washed it out. It lasted a number of years without rusting. Word travels fast in Snells Beach and one of our friends saw me driving home and asked if I had tried out the new carwash!

After that I bought the 1948 Chev Thriftmaster ute from one of the local Matakana farmers. It was standard then with the 6 cylinder motor and 3 speed manual. I sold it a few years later to Glen and Vicky at Snells Beach Motors, who put a 283ci V8, a new front end with power steering and Camaro rear end. A couple of years later Glen rang to see if we wanted to buy it back, and Carolyn said "Yes". We took it to Des at The Rodz Doctor, who finished it off and got it complied. Darryn at Snells Beach Panel and Paint, did the panelwork and painted it in GM Imperial Peacock. My other long term car was the 1955 Customline, with a 302 Cleveland and C4 auto. I had PS and disc brakes fitted. Great car, very reliable and really easy to drive. I sold it after about 15 years because I was always chasing rust. It was my daily driver when we had Matakana ITM and went as far as Christchurch as well as to other events in New Plymouth and Coromandel.

My other classics and hot rods have been:

- 1934 Chev Junior with 350/350 combo. Lovely little car that I bought for Carolyn but she kept biffing the rock gate posts because it had a very poor turning circle and big front guards. I regret selling a lot of my cars but probably this one the most.
- 1956 Chev 4 door pillarless with the original 265 V8 and 2 speed Powerglide. Very comfortable and reliable car. Another favourite but we sold it to buy back the Chev ute.
- 1952 DeSoto NZ new, 6 cylinder. Used more oil than petrol but got us from Christchurch to Queenstown to Dunedin and back to Christchurch without any issues. Apart from starting off, I never had to change out of top on the whole trip. It had to go after running over one of Matakana's tame ducks right outside the Rusty Pelican.
- 1963 Fairlane Compact. NZ new 4 door. Very nicely done up, running a hot 302 Windsor and auto. Another one of the WTF was I thinking when I sold it. Should have built more garaging.
- 1953 DeSoto Firedome convertible. I imported it from US. It had the original 276 Hemi V8 and "Tiptoe" transmission, which Rodz Doctor Des replaced with a 904 auto and Falcon rear axle. This was a money pit to get it complied and reliable, even though I had it inspected in the States before buying it. Moral of the story, never put a lot of money into anything other than GM or Ford.
- 1961 Sunbeam Alpine. Great little car. Sold it to buy the DeSoto convertible. Big mistake.
- 1995 Mustang convertible. I know, I know. Not the most popular model but it's V8, Auto, most mod cons, convertible and cheap. Still got it.
- Fiat X1/9. Loved it but my son put it through a fence in Mt Roskill. Hard to stop mid-engined cars once they start spinning.

The most exciting car I have ever driven was a De Tomaso Panterra. Amazing car with 351ci V8 performance, but the one I drove had no brake booster, huge front tyres so it followed every line on the road and no reverse gear. Bit scary. My dream car is probably a 1967 Mustang convertible, updated to modern standards and RH drive for Carolyn. She doesn't like being out in the middle of the road without a steering wheel! Best road trip was probably from Vancouver over the Rockies to Yellowstone Park. Apart from the beautiful scenery, the number of car museums we came across was incredible. I think we did about 5000km in total.





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Mothers Members of the Month



Gift Presentation to Gavin and Rebecca for all the contributions they put into the club



Two of our newest members Lone and Andrew



Meeting at Sharks for the Cruise to Settlers









No Curbs on Classics in Climate Crisis Plan

Prior concerns classic motoring could be curtailed by the provisions of the Emissions Reduction Plan developed by the Government to combat climate change are now largely allayed. While in the longer term, significant increases in prices of parts, petrol and repairs are a probable consequence, at this stage, the majority of heritage vehicle owners will be permitted to continue enjoying their hobby without any onerously restrictive limitations.

With the release of the ERP the Government has set four targets to achieve a 41 per cent reduction in transport emissions by 2035 from 2019 levels. The targets include a 20 percent reduction in total kilometres travelled by the light fleet by 2035 through improving urban roading networks and providing better travel options, particularly in the largest cities. It is also proposed to Increase the proportion of zero emissions vehicles or EV's to 30 per cent of the light fleet by 2035. The other two targets are reducing both freight transport emissions by 35 per cent and the emissions intensity of transport fuel by 10 per cent by 2035.

Key transport initiatives are:

- **Continue to incentivise the uptake of low- and zero-emissions vehicles through the Clean Vehicle Discount scheme and consider the future of the road user charge exemption for light vehicles beyond 2024.**
- **Implement the Clean Vehicle Standard to increase the quantity and variety of low- and zero-emissions vehicles imported.**
- **Consider further measures needed – from 2027 – to increase the fuel efficiency of the imported fleet and prevent NZ becoming a dumping ground for high emitting vehicles.**
- **Set a maximum CO2 limit or penalties for individual light internal combustion engine vehicle imports to tackle the highest emitting vehicles.**
- **Establish whether the Clean Vehicle Discount can be extended to other vehicle classes.**
- **Investigate how the tax system can support clean transport options to ensure low-emissions transport options are not disadvantaged.**
- **Determine whether legislative barriers preventing the use of some types of light low-emissions vehicles can be reduced without unduly compromising safety objectives.**



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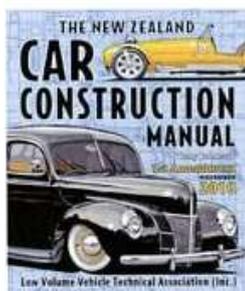
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