

June 2022 Newsletter



Anyone know what sort of car this is and what year, answer club night, or is it too easy.

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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MONTHLY CLUB

MEETING

**SUGARLOAF, WAIWERA,
JUNE 8th 7.30 pm**

Dipstick of the Month

This month's recipient is, Maurice Addy, or is it David? for destroying the gearbox in his Corvette and for looking to replace the diff as well.



Presidents Report

Hi all

I hope this finds you all well and driving fit.!

A bit of a quiet month for the club in May so not too much to report on but here we go.!

May Run to Pukekohe

This was a good little jaunt down south to see a nice selection of cars and a well patronised event. Some of us wimped out and took our dailies because the weather wasn't looking that flash but in the end it was a dry run down. The same couldn't be said for the drive home, thirsts had to be quenched at a local establishment. A pleasant way to spend a Sunday.!

Mother's Member of the Month

This month our profile is on long time petrolhead Sandra Strickland, see what else Sandra has a passion for. A great read.!

June Club night

Our next club night is at Sugar loaf Waiwera 7.30 Wednesday June 8.

May Club night

And talking about club nights we had a good turn out to last months meeting, nice to see some faces we haven't seen for a while as well as some new faces. !

To the new faces, welcome to Hibiscus Rodders and we hope to see you on a run with us soon. For any new members who haven't as yet been to a club meeting here's your chance. Most of us arrive an hour or so before the meeting to have a natter and dinner and sometimes even a drink.!

This was a great meeting to be club president, I handed out Mothers Member of the Month gift packs to Paul, Jacqui and Ngaire. Gifts to Shari and Damon for their committee work and 2 bottles of liquor (see below).

Congratulations to all of you.

June Club run

Sunday June 19 is this month's club run on rain or shine, if the weather is inclement, i.e. persisting down, daily drivers will be allowed. Meeting at Sharks (Victor Eaves Park for the newbies), at 11 to leave at 11.30. And our destination is The Settlers Country Manor in Waimauku. A bit of a cruise and a chance to get together.! We'll need a show of hands to get numbers for catering purposes at club night, alternatively text or email me.

Try Something New

Our very own Steve the Sheriff, head of I.R.D for Hibiscus Rodders, has added another string to his bow. Not only is he an engineer and the afore mentioned tax inspector he is also now a TV presenter. Steve is now co-host of the Hotrod Show on Sky83.!

This Sunday they are filming at 8 Wired Matakana from 1pm and all are welcome to go along and watch. There'll be food trucks, a bit of music and of course the bar will be open. !

Steve suggests you get there by 12-12.30 to grab the best parking spots.

Club Gear

There's been interest expressed in getting club clothing, by new members who don't have any and by established members who need to replace what they have. We're talking jackets and shirts mostly but also caps and perhaps beanies. Through the years we've ended up with a range of different styles and colours as fashions come and go, none of which can we match now. !

We're now looking at a new range of club clothing which we will show you samples of in due course, at that time we will need numbers so in the meantime can you be thinking about what you would like.

July Club Run

Our club run for July will be on Sunday 17th, same format as for June a leisurely cruise out to lunch, destination to be confirmed.

Anniversary Run

For the clubs 40th anniversary this year we're putting together a 3 day run down to the Waikato, as we nail down more detail we'll let you know but just whet your appetite here are the basics.!

Leave Friday morning and make 2 to 3 stops as we make our way to Cambridge for the night. Saturday morning a short run to see a great collection. Saturday afternoon is looking like a joint run with other car clubs from the Waikato to see local sites of interest, and again Sunday morning they'll take us on a tour followed by a combined lunch.!

We're still playing with the dates but most likely October 28, 29, 30 or November 4, 5, 6.

Club Fees

Last call for club fees, we need to get the NZHRA paid so get your fees in please.!

Last month we had a draw for paid up members with Jacqui Thompson and Murray Worboys collecting a wee tippie each, well done guys.!

Cheers Guys, see you next Wednesday

Grant McKechnie

A motorist runs a red light and is photographed by an automated police camera. In the mail a short time later he receives a photo of his car committing the offence and a fine for \$60. Instead of paying his fine the motorist mails the police a photo of three 20 dollar notes. Several days later he gets a reply back from the police, inside is a photo of a pair of handcuffs.

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Club caps for sale, \$25 each, they come in red and blue, good to have one of these for club outings, or to wear at other events that we attend.



Right: Club jackets for sale, various sizes, \$140, ideal for the winter, in red and blue, good quality, with the large embroidered logo on the back, also far right, polo shirts available in red or blue, these will be available to view on club nights.



Sandra Strickland

Mothers Member of the Month

Hi everyone, my name is Sandra Strickland and I live in Wainui on a 2&1/2 acre lifestyle block. This allows me to indulge in my passions for both cars and animals and as some of you know I have 9 alpaca along with a few other animals.

My passion for cars started early with my dad being a mechanic. He taught me the basics of how to change a tyre and how to check the oil and water when I bought my first car. My parents could never afford “cool” cars so they used to take us to all the local car shows. I remember going to the American car shows at North Shore Vintage Car Club when it used to be on Oteha Valley Road, the Concours d'Elegance and many others. They also used to take us to the Speedway and Stock Cars on a Saturday night so there really was no way that I wasn't going to be the petrolhead I am today. Not a lot of people know that I also have a love of exotics and supercars too and have been lucky enough to be taken out in a few Ferraris and also a few laps at Pukekohe in a Lamborghini.

I haven't owned too many “normal” cars over the years. At fifteen I was desperate to get my licence which I passed first time after lessons from both my Dad and my brother. By the time I was sixteen I had saved enough for my first car, a blue 1984 Ford Laser hatch back which I then added mags, louvres and a custom made spoiler to make it stand out. It was a great first car but after about six years it was time for a change so I bought a blue 1992 Honda CRX Del Sol. That was pretty cool over summer as it had an electric convertible roof. I even managed to fit a huge roll of drain coil behind the front seats one day which did get me a few strange looks on the way home from the hardware store - hahaha. Then came my current daily driver which I've had for 17 years, which is my 2000 Ford Falcon AU11 Tickford Ute with its big bore exhaust. It's looking pretty shabby now but it still goes like stink and corners better than most new cars I've driven. The neighbours definitely hear me come and go but they're used to it now. It was actually a practical purchase at the time, as I needed a ute with a canopy for my dogs. Now they are gone (due to old age) I might have to consider replacing it with something a little more practical ... or maybe just a newer V8 ute ... with a big bore exhaust ...

When it comes to classics/hot rods, my first purchase was my 1948 Bedford Truck. I purchased it back in 2015 and still have it. It's a great little truck and is fun to drive and I love that its one of only a handful in NZ. It runs a 350 Chev (yes Dave, I said Chev), has a Falcon Diff (yay Ford), and T400 trans. After I bought it we painted it blue as it was still in primer having only been on road for a year when I bought it. We haven't really done anything else to it since. It had done 4,000km when I bought it and its now at around 15,000km. Hardly worn in really.

Next I bought a 1971 Mustang Grande (my first left hand drive vehicle) which I kept for about 5 years. It was a nice car but it didn't really fit into our collection of “unusual” vehicles. It was a little too mainstream so it got sold when the opportunity to buy a second 1951 Buick came up. My Buick is still waiting in the wings for a rebuild at some stage. It is very original & solid. It really just needs a repaint and refresh. It is exactly the same as our acqua coloured Buick

that Brian & I own together. Why do we have two? Because they're a beautiful car and there aren't many in NZ.

About 3 or 4 years ago I started looking around for another classic car for me. I was tempted by a few but then spotted a 1951 2 door Cadillac Coupe Deville on Trademe in Hamilton. It had a sunvisor and a continental kit which instantly drew me in. We purchased it knowing it would need a bit of work (the Transmission was shot and the Carb needed replacing). After those were sorted we purchased a "Swamp Cooler" to go on the window and Brian set about painting it up to match the car and putting my Pinup name "Miss Sandy Dee" on it. It's a huge car at 6m long but I love it. Even when I pull up at the gas station guys will come up to Brian and say "hey, cool car man". Brian just laughs and says "it's not mine, it's my wife's" hahaha.

Some of you have been to our place, but for those that haven't, we now have four separate garages to house our ever growing car collection and one of those is dedicated to our American styled diner. The diner was a lot of fun to decorate and lets me indulge one of my other passions which is collecting 50's memorabilia. Over the years we've held a plenty of parties and gatherings there as well as numerous 50's photo shoots. It's also a great spot for playing a bit of pool. I really should have known better than to marry a pool shark as no matter how well I play he nearly always wins.

I have been extremely busy over the last few years with pinup competitions and have been lucky to get some first and second placings and also a few best dressed prizes. By far my biggest accomplishment yet is being a finalist for Miss Vintage Australasia which is being held at Vintage Fest in Christchurch in September. This will be my first multi-outfit pageant so I'm busy designing and creating three outfits for Daywear, Summer wear and Evening wear. I started sewing about three years ago (with the help of my Mum) and have been making most of my 50's pinup competition dresses since then. Sewing has been a great creative outlet, particularly over the lockdowns when all the events were cancelled so I had my weekends free.

I must admit to having a rather large wardrobe of clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories. Let's just call it my pinup collection. My pinup journey has been a fun one and I've made some amazing friends along the way. I've also been lucky to work with some amazing photographers to add to my portfolio.







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Mothers Day Outing

We met at Shark Park, Orewa and drove in convoy to Shine On, Whangaparaoa to add to our winter wardrobes while having nibbles from a beautiful platter and juice. Afterwards we again drove in convoy getting waves on the way to Brigham Cafe/Restaurant, Whenuapai for a delicious lunch. Sharon had a major gift basket supplied by New World and also made some lovely gift baskets for prizes. It was a wonderful day, great company and chatter and tasty food.





Mothers Member of the Month



Some Pictures from the Pukekohe Hot Rod Show





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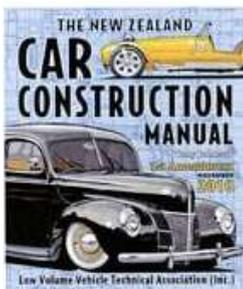
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