

90 Years of MTA—Celebrations in Feilding October 13th, 2007

Some time ago we sent out an invitation to go to the celebrations of 90 years of the MTA in



Feilding. It was held in Feilding because that's where the association was formed 90 years ago. A few of us thought it would be a good day out and a chance to see different cars, so registered. Apparently the MTA was inundated with registrations. Three cars met at PakiPaki at 7:30am (yes 7:30am on a Saturday!) and traveled in convoy to Waipukurau where the Thomsens joined us and on we went to Feilding. The weather was warm until we got near Dannevirke where it changed for the worse (which is not unusual!). By the time we got to Feilding the rain had stopped

but it was cold. We drove into Manfield to see cars of all descriptions as far as the eye could see. There were over 200 cars there from as far away as Auckland. The oldest car was made in 1912 and the oldest motorbike was from 1923. I was interested in a Daimler Dar as I had never seen one "in the flesh". There was a very nice 1967 Mustang there and a



Hummer taking up a lot of room as well as fuel! Really, there were too many to describe suffice to say there was something there for everyone. At about 10:30 we started on the parade through Feilding which was very slow and several cars started to complain by over-

heating about being driven at slow speeds. The cars were then parked in the centre of town where the public could admire them. We were given morning tea while the public voted on the people's choice. None of our cars won despite a little multiple voting on our part. When the display was over we went back to the café over the Balance Bridge for lunch and a chat. I got home at about 4pm after enjoying the whole day. We thought that getting out our own patch to join in things such as this was a great idea in addition to the normal club programme. We are looking out for more activities that others outside our area are doing and will keep you posted. Maybe you will want to join in next time. **John Versey**



The Club Caravan

A working bee was held by the committee on the Club's Pop Top caravan. A new tow bar has been attached and the engineer has made a new holder for the cones on the front. New seat tops have been put in on the two seats inside making it now safe for people of sit on.

carriage and re-signwrite. John Versey has obtained the quotes for this and the application for the grant is underway. Decision is pending.



It was decided that perhaps more than this was required. The canvas sides are looking very tired so it was decided to try for a grant to re-canvas, re-paint, sandblast the under

HB British & European Car Club Inc.

Thoughts from our Acting President — Robert Dodd

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Calendar of Events

Hello Fellow Car Lovers

As the Acting President of our car club I would like to inform you all of some of the ideas that your committee is looking at for the future. The biggest change is how we will be communicating with the membership of the club. We now have up and running a website at www.hbbritishandeurocarclub.co.nz, also this newsletter you are now reading. It is hoped we can produce it quarterly. We have started small and with your help and input, row it to the size you would like to see. For it to be successful, it will need input form the members, stories on trips, restoration projects, adverts for cars, parts, selling or buying. We would also like you to use the newsletter for events, club trips that you would like to see the committee provide in the Events Calendar each year, or let a committee member know what you would like to see provided in the events calendar.

- November 18th
Wicken Trophy Gymkhana CHB Garden Event. December 9th
Christmas Function
To be advised

- MARCH 2008
Wheels on Windsor

Robert Dodd

Rally and Golf Croquet—14th October

A very good turn out of cars met at the car park in Taradale where John and Chris Versey handed out the instruction sheets to each car. Half the cars stayed behind to complete a small but fun quiz. The other half of the cars proceeded on to do a very interesting and fun filled Rally taking us up some roads that we have never been be-

fore - no this lot did not get away without doing the quiz, we had to complete in at the end of the rally. We arrived at the Marewa Croquet Grounds at Whitmore Park where we enjoyed the picnic we had taken. The afternoons fun was to play croquet (and dodge the eggs from the kids over the fence) in our teams. The points of these games were added to the points of the mornings rally and quizz where, after a play off the winners were declared:
1st. Johnny Round and
2nd
3rd Ian Brown and Jenny Webb
The prizes were awarded to much applause.
The day was declared an ab-

solute winner by everyone and our special thanks must go to both John and Chris for putting so much work into organising a fabulous Rally and teaching us so patiently how to play croquet.

Sue Tidswell



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DATE IN
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Engine Room Torque

Hi from the Engine room of the HBB& EuroCC Inc. Will here we are November already and before we can turn around it will be Christmas and then time once again for the 2008 car day at Windsor Park. You will remember that I talked about the club having its own website, well I'm happy to report that that is now up and running and you can visit it at www.hbbritishandeurocarclub.co.nz. This site will be a very worthwhile marketing tool as we raise the profile and public awareness of the organization. Many thanks to our Treasurer, Sue Tidswell for setting the site up for us.

As you will be aware from the enclosed flyer our next event is the annual gymkhana and don't forget that the Wicken Trophy is competed for. We are looking at having some different agility tests for you this year. Let's hope the weather plays its part again this year. I seem to remember last year was rather warm and sunny so don't forget that hat and sun block.

The first print of flyers for next years car day are in print and indeed by the time you receive this I may well be in the process of posting them up and down and across the North Island of this great country of ours.

The Treasurer is applying for funding for quite an extensive restoration job on the club mobile office. Will keep you informed as to how we get on. We need to replace the canvas, do some sign writing and generally tidy it up especially as we are starting to re-image ourselves.

Well think that's all for now. I can't close though without extending a heartfelt thanks to the Verseys from all of us who attended the October run and had a blast learning to play golf croquet. Just a shame it was so windy. It appears that maybe we were a noisy bunch as unfortunately some of us were pelted with raw eggs from a house over the fence from the greens. I'm pleased to report that they actually missed their targets as far as I'm aware!

Till next time enjoy your British and European cars and each others company.

Robyn.

Next Event: - Sunday 18th November

Riverside Gardens State Highway 50

a few kilometres south of
Tikokino

**Sunday 18th November at
around 10 o'clock**

Apart from viewing this wonderful garden our cars will be on display to the public for not only a static display but more importantly to watch our respective Clubs in action at the annual

Gymkhana Day

A sausage sizzle and tea and coffee will be available but bring your own picnic if you wish.

Make your own way to Riverside Gardens for 10.00am

We would love to see you for an interesting day out in the beautiful setting of Riverside Gardens.

This is the start of the garden promotion going on along State Highway 50

Be there and enjoy the day . . . last year was a great success

There will be something for everyone

Riverside Gardens

**State Highway 50 south of
Tikokino**

Make your own way there

**Sunday 18th
November at
10.00am**

The 22nd British Car Day—Trentham 2008

Sunday, February 17 2008.

This is your official invitation.

Date: February 17, 2008
Place: Trentham Memorial Park
Time: 10am to 3pm
Entry: \$5 per display car
Entrance: Use Barton Road, off Fergusson Dr.

Supporting Wellington Free Ambulance

There will be a good range of food and drink available, including good coffee and real fruit ice cream and the usual range of British vehicles to admire.

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Write this one in your diary, there are several club members interested so will keep you informed.