

HB British & European Car Club Inc. 'BRITS AND PIECES'

President's AGM Report

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It is with pleasure, tinged with some sadness that I present this report to the AGM of the HB British & European Car Club Inc. Sadness because of the way in which I became the Acting President on the passing of our President John Wicken on 26 July 2007. John was the man mainly responsible for building this organisation into the strong club it is today. It proved very fitting that John and Robyn were both bestowed Life Memberships at the 2007 AGM.

Pleasure at which I believe is a very successful change of name for the club. The club's first European marquee was a BMW. Other innovations this year include the initiative by the committee to set up a club web site. Thanks to Sue Tidswell for facilitating this worthwhile communications tool. Although still in its infancy I feel sure it will become a much used vehicle of communication both locally and nationwide.

The Newsletter to which we can all contribute is also proving worthwhile carrying stories of successful club events, trips away and also advertising vehicles and parts for sale. Technical tips, brickbats and bouquets and ideas from members as to what they would like the club to be doing can also be expressed in the magazine. Its continued success and publication relies on you, the members making full use of it.

This year saw the annual car show re-named to "Wheels on Windsor". Although the day was relatively successful it was most certainly affected by the clash with the Horse of the Year Show. This not only affected gate takings and the number of cars on display, but also drastically affected the food and coffee stall holders available on the day. For all these reasons it wasn't a vintage event financially for us however, I am pleased to report that the two events won't clash in March 2009. Having the VW as the featured marquee was certainly a success and 2009 will feature the Mini as it celebrates 50 years of production. At this point I would like to thank the committee for all the work they have done throughout the year and for the support they have shown to me in my role as acting president when I was thrown in at the deep end with the passing of John. Thank you also to our sponsors especially for the "Wheels on Windsor" event. Without their support it would be impossible to stage the show.

Overall I think it has been a successful year for the club with many new members and we look forward to the future together with more European car owners joining in our activities. The future certainly looks exciting if the numbers attending the May event are anything to go by.

Robert Dodd—Acting President

Calendar of Events 2008

- **20th JULY**
Triumph Hosted Event
- **17th AUGUST**
CHB Rally
- **21st SEPTEMBER**
Daimler Hosted Event
- **19th OCTOBER**
Golf Croquet
- **16th NOVEMBER**
CHB Gymkhana
- **14th DECEMBER**
Christmas Function

Welcome to the following new members:

Brian & Zarlene Hannam

Triumph Herald, Mk IV Zephyr

Cherry Dunkerley & Frank White
MGF

PJ & Judy Krueger
7X Sunbeam Talbot Alpine

Marg Sorenson
Looking at an MGF

We look forward to seeing you all at club events.

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Next Event: Triumph Event

Sunday, July 20 2008.

Meet at Tommo's at 11:00am. There will be Tea & Coffee available for purchase and will be served with complimentary hot savouries. There will be a short interesting run followed by time for socialising and a couple of fun activities.

Food will be available for purchase at our destination.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Sue and Steven Tidswell

Coming Event: Americana

February 2009

After our recent trip to Stratford (see insert) it was decided that another trip to Taranaki was called for. Americana is a festival of American cars of all ages.

We have booked the entire ground floor of the Old Nurses home in Stratford—but the rooms are filling fast. Any other members interested in joining us phone Sue and Steven Tidswell 8764523.

For Sale

1976 Triumph 2.5 TC— Auto transmission, rego on hold, reasonable condition. Good project car. \$500.

Phone Steven Tidswell 8764523 or 0274421564

Your committee:

OFFICERS:

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Vice President:	Seton Thomsen	(06) 8589019
Club Captain:	Steven Tidswell (Triumph representative)	8764523
Secretary:	Robyn Wicken	8798268
Treasurer:	Sue Tidswell	8764523

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Mike Boyce—Daimler & Lanchester representative	8789071
Ian Brown— Jaguar representative	8447159
Janice Chapman	8766971
Alan Collins	8766971
David Nash	8447556
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John Versey	8441857
Jenny Webb	

If you have any questions or queries please contact one of your committee members.

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AGM — Sunday 15 July 2008

The AGM was held at Tommo's on Sunday 15th July 2008 at 11am. On the agenda were several remits to be passed including a subscription rise. Our subscriptions have remained static for several years and as costs are rising we need to ensure the clubs financial status.

Change to Rule # 7 Annual Subscription

David Nash proposed the motion and Steven Tidswell seconded the motion that "That the annual subscription be raised to \$40 per year per family, and that a charge of \$2 be made to each competitor in an event where prizes are awarded."
Carried unanimously.

Change to Rule # 17 Appointment of Officers

John Versey proposed the motion and Ian Brown seconded the motion that " the word minimum be inserted thus removing the words and up to four Committee Members."
Carried Unanimously.

Change to Rule # 11 Annual General Meeting

Judy Thomsen proposed and Seton Thomsen seconded the motion that "the Annual General Meeting be held in June of each year instead of May."
Carried Unanimously.

The Presidents report (printed on the front cover) and the Treasurers report were read and passed. With the meeting over the club shouted a round of drinks for the attendees. Several members stayed on to enjoy lunch together.

May Event: Outing to Oruawharo

The HB British and European Car Club's monthly run, organised by the Jaguar Drivers Club, commenced at Glen Etive, in Havelock North, and finished at the magnificent Oruawharo homestead in Takapau.

Thirty two cars followed the clues, arriving around 12:30pm in time for an informative talk on the history of the homestead from the owner Peter Harris. The original settlers arrived in the area in the 1850's and the homestead was completed for the Johnson family in 1879. Club members were able to view the whole 66 room home and gardens, and after lunch returned home.

David Nash and the Napier/Hastings Mail



The line up of cars at Oruawharo

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Mishaps and Mayhem—John Versey

On Saturday 14th June John Versey had a very unfortunate accident which will keep him out of the driving seat of his much loved new Brayshaw MG. John has managed to break his left heel and the base of his left thumb and will be confined to a wheelchair for some weeks.

We wish John a speedy recovery. Also we spare a thought for his wife Chris who will be his caregiver throughout his ordeal (showers included—although I have it on very good authority that these maybe performed on the patio with the garden hose!!)

Wheels on Windsor—March 8th 2009



Wheels on Windsor will be held in 2009 on the 8th March. Next year we will be featuring the Mini to celebrate their 50th birthday. We look forward to a large contingent of club members on the day. Contact any committee member if there is any way you can help them make this day happen.



PARTMASTER—HASTINGS

Partmaster in Victoria Street, Hastings have been very generous to our Club in donating prizes for Club events. In return club members are asked to support the businesses who support us. If you require ANY parts please give PARTMASTER a try—they will give TRADE PRICES to those who identify themselves as club members. Have you got any of the Club business cards yet?—see Robyn Wicken.

Technical Tip #3

Replacing the compressed air in your tyres with pure nitrogen helps them to maintain a constant pressure and therefore perform at their peak for longer. In fact, nitrogen leaks three or four times slower from your tyres than compressed air, which can lead to some useful benefits.

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