

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

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 30'S, 40'S, 50'S, 60'S AND 70'S

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First we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a ute on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one fizzy drink with 4 friends, from 1 bottle and NO ONE died from this.

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day and we were okay.

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility and we learned how to deal with it all.

Are YOU one of them!!! CONGRATULATIONS

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?

Robert Dodd— President

NEW FEATURE THIS ISSUE

John Versey has written an article on his fabulous new Brayshaw MG. We will feature a members car in each issue. If you would like to write a piece on your car we would love to receive it. Send to Sue Tidswell—tidswellsg@xtra.co.nz

Calendar of Events 2008

- **21st SEPTEMBER**
Daimler Hosted Event
- **12th OCTOBER**
Golf Croquet
NOTE: Date change
- **16th NOVEMBER**
CHB Gymkhana
- **14th DECEMBER**
Christmas Function
- **JANUARY 2009**
to be advised.
- **FEBRUARY**
Americana, Taranaki
Wellington British Car Day
- **8TH MARCH**
WHEELS ON WINDSOR

Welcome to the following new members:

Marg Sorenson.

Looking forward to owning an MGF.

Mike Neal & Christy Lyon
1948 & 1987 Jaguars
1974 Austin Maxi

We look forward to your company on our monthly club events

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August Event: Central Hawke's Bay Rally

The Club had its Central Hawke's Bay run for the Tommo's at the Lodge Trophy on Sunday August 17th, starting from Macaulay's Café in Otane.

The run finished after a beautiful drive, at the Ormond family home at Wallingford near Porongahau, where members were able to partake of a magnificent spread of hot ham and salad. A full tour of the lovely homestead followed. 23 cars participated in this years event. The Tommo's Central Hawke's Bay run was organised by Seton & Judy Thomsen and has definitely gone down in the "One of the Best" book.

The trophy was won by Sue and Steven Tidswell in their Triumph Spitfire.

Sue Tidswell



Coming Event: Americana in Taranaki

February 2009

After our recent trip to Stratford 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.

Your committee:

OFFICERS:

President:	Robert Dodd	8783259
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If you have any questions or queries please contact one of your committee members.

July Event: Triumph Rally and Games

The HB British and European Car Club Inc.'s monthly run, organised by the Triumph Register representative commenced at Tommo's at the Lodge with hot drinks and complimentary hot savouries. Our sincere thanks to the team at Tommo's for making us so welcome. A short run was organised taking the cars down the very picturesque Valley Road area. The cars arrived at the Super Strike Bowling Alley approximately 1-1/4 hours later. The teams were divided in two groups one group went round the route one way and the second group went round the other way. These two groups then took turns at one game of bowls while the other group were given a car puzzle to complete. The two groups then swapped tasks.

Prizes were awarded for the winners of each of the tasks with the Triumph Cup and first prize being awarded to Ian Brown and Jenny Webb for being overall winners. Congratulations to both Ian and Jenny for a great job. Well done.

Was that a Strike!!

Steven Tidswell



Cars at Tommo's at the Lodge



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.



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Quote for September

The total number of Daimler SP250s produced between 1960 and 1963 was only 2648 – about the same as the number of Corollas produced before morning tea every Tuesday. – New Zealand Classic Car Magazine January 1997

The good old days?- A challenge to all club members

Ok so I'm still at home and not able to do anything constructive like get wasp nests off the roof. Reading forms a big part of my day and what better things to read than old classic car magazines – or are they? Steve Tidswell kindly loaned me a box of old magazines that originally came from Alistair King. The articles are good – people owning/restoring classics – the story is the same through time although the cars may change.

But I don't know about you, but the first thing I look at in a new classic car magazine is the classified ads. There might be a bargain out there where the owner just wants his/her perfect classic to go to a good home – mine! Or would I just get depressed at the cheap prices of the past?

So what if you had a time machine and could go back in time to buy or sell classic cars. How good would it be? What would you buy? Would it be better to sell anything then as opposed to now? I'll start the discussion off and maybe you would like to contribute your ideas via the club newsletter. I don't pretend to know the true values of all or even many cars so maybe you disagree with what I have stated here. **That's fine - put your ideas in print for the next newsletter. Send it to our editor in chief – Sue Tidswell.**

New Zealand Classic Car August 1997 This just happened to be the one I picked up first – but look there was a Brayshaw MGB for sale in it!

Best buys?:- TVR Tasman 81 \$24,000; E Type Jag 69 \$39,500; E Type with 56,000 miles from new \$39,000; XK120 57,000 miles \$34,000; XK140 \$54,000; XK140 \$42,000; XK150 restored \$54,000; XK150 with some rust \$22,000; MGA \$24,000; Brayshaw MGB roadster 92 5000 miles \$23,000; LS Monaro HQ 308 V8 coupe \$15,500; Aston-Martin DB2 53 \$68,000

About the same?:- Stags: – 73 \$13,500; 77 14,500; 74 \$18,500; 74 \$22,000; Mk2 Jag 64 \$23,000; Daimler 64 \$10,500, Daimler 66 \$16,500; MGB Roadster \$15,000; MGBGT 77 \$9,500; MGBGT 69 \$9,000; MGTf 55 \$45,000

Take these cars back to the past to sell them there?:- Jag XJ12 \$18,000, XJSV12 88 \$34,000; XJ6 84 \$15,500; Daimler double six coupe \$50,000; Daimler Coupe 77 \$25,000; MGBGT restored \$21,000; 77 MGBGT \$13,000; Rover Vitesse 84 \$9,500; Rover Vitesse 84 \$15,000; Mercedes 280CE \$22,000; Triumph 2500S \$3,500; Triumph 2000 73 \$3,500; Triumph 2500TC 77 \$4,200

Classic Pick

In the same magazine they had a column called Classic Pick where they tried to pick cars that would become classics in time. Their choice? 1979-82 Suzuki SC1000 coupe – all 970cc of it with a 0-60mph time of 16.5 seconds and expecting to pay \$2000-\$2500 for a good one. I don't think they got that one right! Mind you with a fuel consumption of 40-52 mpg maybe its time will come!

John Versey

Technical Tip #4

Stored fuel can deteriorate or go flat in around 2 months. I use a product called **Sta-Bil Fuel Stabilizer**, it keeps fuel fresh for around 12 months. I have had excellent results using this product.

- Removes water to prevent corrosion and cleans carburetors and fuel injectors.
- Eliminates need to drain fuel before storage.
- For all 2 stroke and 4 stroke petrol engines.

For Sale

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

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