

Wheels on Windsor 2009—WOW



The winner of the Mini Cooper Raffle



The Riley will be our featured vehicle in 2010.

70's beach scene.



Judy & Chris welcome the cars onto the park



The Mini's were asked to do a lap of honour to celebrate their 50th birthday—a fabulous sight.



The HB Mini Club won the "Best Club Display" trophy and \$100 petrol vouchers. John Versey presented Stu & Johnny with Mini plaques to celebrate the 10 years they have so brilliantly compared our car show.

\$50 petrol vouchers were donated to Jeseka Burkett to help her on her way in the Goodbye Pork Pie mini run.



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

A word from our President

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Hello car fans,
Wheels on Windsor is now behind us and I would like to thank all those members who took part, and also helped to set the day up.
This year was one of our most successful in numbers attending. For next year your committee is working on ideas to again increase the numbers on this year.
A big thanks to all of those members who helped at the VW Nationals. Easter weekend provided car fans with plenty to have a look at. If you have any ideas you would like the club to look at, the AGM is on the **17th May** contact a committee member as soon as possible to have your idea put on the agenda. Cheers. **The Cruiser**

Calendar of Events 2009

- **17th May**
AGM at Tommos
- **21st June**
Something different
- **19th July**
Triumph Trophy
- **16th August**
Tommos CHB Rally
- **20th September**
Daimler & Lanchester Event
- **19th October**
To be confirmed
- **13th December**
Christmas Function at Marewa Croquet Club

Pukeora Timed Run—April 19

This years winner was new member John Pate. Another very successful day. The day was perfect for driving, sitting in the sun chatting and enjoying the lovely BBQ for lunch. How lucky we are to be members of such a great club.



Welcome to the following new members:

Kevin West & Glenda Finnemore
1949, 52, 53 Morris Minors

Ian & Pat James
1970 Austin 3 Litre Deluxe

Kenny & Jill Knowles
Austin 10

John & Elaine Manuel
Jaguar

Melanie Nuku
Mini BMW One

Jan Bevan
Rover MGF

We look forward to your company at our monthly club events

For Sale

Mk 2 4 door Ford Escort Body Shell—complete. Rego on hold \$500. Will sell engine, gearbox & wheels separately. Supra Gearbox 5 speed. Excellent condition. Suit project car. \$350 Phone Derek (06) 8568598

Quote of the month

The elderly don't drive that badly; they're just the only ones with time to do the speed limit. ~ Jason Love

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Trentham British Car Day

On Saturday 14th February at 7am. A group of HBB & ECC members met at Pakipaki and from there headed off to attend the British Car Day held in Trentham. Our group of 9 cars, including 5 MGF'S set off and headed for Awahuri and a private collection of mainly Daimlers, Rolls Royce and a few other British cars. After a look around we then headed toward Wellington stopping at the famous Route 66 café for lunch. After a huge burger it was all aboard and off toward Wellington. Next stop was Waikanae and a visit to Classic's Unlimited, a fabulous private collection of mostly Mini's in one shed. Then across the road to a larger



shed full of beautifully maintained, mainly British cars and sports cars. All were ready to drive away with the keys in the dash. The oldest car was an MG TD 1952 up to some late models Daimlers, and Jags, all clean and shiny. After some afternoon tea we proceeded onto Auto Classic's for a look at his "cars for sale" including a 78 Aston Martin. From there we proceeded to the Motor Camp via the Paekakariki Hill road with a stop at the summit. Great Road, Great View. By 5pm we arrived at our destination, set up in our digs. Then the girls set off to the supermarket to purchase nibbles and food for tea.

We had a fine feed of chicken, rolls, salad and of course liquid refreshments. Many jokes and lots of laughter was shared, highlighted by Nigel doing his gymnastic move!! falling backwards off his chair. The most amazing feat ever, he was still holding his plate with 90% of his tea on it while lying on his back.

Up early on Sunday to the sound of people hurriedly cleaning and polishing their cars. Then off to the show at Trentham, to be on display as a club. A good show with approximately 250 cars on display- all British. At around 2pm it was time to head back home via the Rimataka's through Waiarapa. A most enjoyable week-end was had by all.

Jeanette Nash

Americana 27—29th February

Friday afternoon saw us headed off on our journey, the weather forecast was not great but that did not dampen our sense of adventure—although we did give in and drive our everyday cars!! All that is except one intrepid traveller our VWer friends Robert & Bea Barrett who braved the weather in their left hand drive Volkswagen Crew Cab. We had dinner in Wanganui where the weather was great. We arrived under the cover of darkness in Stratford at our accommodation—the old Nurses quarters. The rain started to fall overnight quite heavily and was still falling when we left for New Plymouth. We arrived at the Showgrounds where the rain was falling and the wind was blowing but there was a plenty to see indoors. By the time we came out the rain had stopped and all was well with the world. We went on to Inglewood for late lunch and a look around the Fun Ho Toy Factory. Seton had some of his old boyhood toys that required patching up so they took the opportunity to get them fixed. We went to my cousins and visited the Amphicar and the Holden powered Daimler that took Mike's fancy on our last trip. Then out to the old cheese factory to visit a private car collection of fantastic old cars.

A trip to the Supermarket to bring in supplies for dinner which the girls turned into an absolute feast. Several drinks to what our whistles then off to bed. Sunday the weather was glorious so decided to make our way home slowly—we even stopped at the old freezing works in Patea, us boys went exploring. Then down onto the black sands of Patea Beach.

A great weekend was had by all.

Steven Tidswell

VW Nationals—Easter Weekend

WHAT A WEEKEND!! The Volkswagens started arriving on Marine Parade in dribs and drabs on Saturday morning starting around 9am—but in short order they started rolling in and very soon there were over 200 VW's proudly on display. Four of our members were asked to take part in the judging, which was great fun and I sure learned a lot from the principal judge that I was with. At the end of the day we ushered the cars off the parade and on their way to prizegiving and a BBQ at Kennedy Park to which we too were invited. Sunday morning bright and early the vehicles lined up along Marine Parade—on both sides there were that many!! The Split Screen Combis were first followed by the Bay Window Combis then Beetles, Karmann Ghia's and "Others". **WHAT A SIGHT** all these fabulous VW's driving past us like a long snake on their way on the cruise round the Tuki Tuki Valley ending up a Perfume Point for a photo shoot. It was an absolute honour to be part of this great weekend, all the VWers made us very welcome and we all had a great time. Owen Mulliss, President of the local VW Club was overwhelmed with the level of help given by our members, his words to me on Sunday after the photo shoot were "your club has done us more than proud" - I took that as being very high praise indeed and well worth all the hard work. I would like to give my personal thanks to the 12 people who gave up the whole day on Saturday to help.

Sue Tidswell



A trip to the beautiful Central Hawke's Bay

It all started with Nigel Wildman arriving back in NZ announcing that whilst here he was going to learn the longest place name. It was decided that a trip to said place was called for. Several phone calls later and a group was formed including an AC Cobra and a Corvette. First stop was the beautiful Chapelwick Homestead where we were made very welcome with a look around the house and a mouth watering morning tea was enjoyed. As if morning tea was not enough we carried on to the good old Duke of Gloucester at Porongahau for lunch. A short drive to the longest place name, I had sheets made up with the correct phonetic pronunciation for all to practice. A drive further south to Herbertville and down to the beach followed, the weather was very hot and it was decided to find a cooler spot - Seton & Judy knew just the place. The great little pub at Wimbledon where we were made very welcome by the hotelier and a lovely social chat time ensued. The men had the chance of having a closer look at the cars and several bonnets were raised for closer inspection—very popular was the AC Cobra with its magnificent under bonnet powerhouse. From there we meandered our way back to Waipukurau—several cars headed straight home but a few decided to take a look at the renovations of the Tavistock Hotel—very impressive. This was a great day which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part—pity Nigel was unable to join us.



For Sale—Sta-bil Fuel Stabiliser

I still have a small supply of Sta-bil Fuel Stabiliser 470ml. (see below). If anyone would like to purchase a bottle for the much reduced price of \$20.00 please ring me Steven Tidswell 8764523.

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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 carburettors and fuel injectors.
- Eliminates need to drain fuel before storage.
- For all 2 stroke and 4 stroke petrol engines.

Technical Tip #7

PLASTX CLEAR PLASTIC CLEANER & POLISH

This easy to use rich gel formula quickly restores optical clarity to both rigid and flexible clear plastics. Cutting edge technology removes light oxidation, chemical degradation, surface contamination and stains with ease. (quoted from Meguiars brilliant solutions booklet).

The plastic window in our Spitfire had become very cloudy and was difficult to see through. We found (quite by accident) this wonderful product on the Meguiars website www.meguiars.co.nz. We purchased a bottle of this little miracle, used it on our window which transformed it into a gleaming, see through, safe window again. We have since used it on the monsoon on Judy Thomsen's Mini which took it from completely cloudy to clear again. It can also be used to plastic front and tail light lenses.

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