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Club night is the 2nd
Wednesday of the month
@ 7.30pm at the
Clubrooms - Supper
provided.

**Clubrooms, Library &
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Chairman's Report



By Robert Bengé

As we welcome in 2026, I would like to wish all HBVCC members and their families a very happy New Year. I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and relaxing break and is looking forward to another enjoyable year of motoring and club activities.

Looking back on 2025, the club continued to show strong support and enthusiasm. Our runs, events, and meetings were well attended, and it was great to see such a wide variety of vehicles out on the road. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort—particularly the event organisers, and volunteers—your commitment is what keeps our club active and successful.

2026 is shaping up to be another busy and exciting year. We have a good calendar of runs and activities planned, along with the continued preparation for key events such as the Art deco weekend our annual Swap meet in May and many other club activities. These events not only support the club financially but also help promote vintage and classic motoring within the wider Hawke's Bay community.

At a National level the VCC has two exciting events this year the showcase event of course is the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring being held in Nelson in March and the other significant milestone will be the VCCNZ marking 80 years in August as a club this is an amazing achievement for any club.

I encourage members to get involved wherever possible whether by attending runs, helping at events, or simply bringing along a friend or new member. Fresh faces and new vehicles are always welcome, and participation is what keeps our club strong and enjoyable for everyone.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to catching up with many of you over the coming months and sharing another great year of vintage motoring together.



Cheers
Robert

Club Captains Notes

By Paul Anderson



Greetings and compliments for the New Year to you all. Well, we are into a new year with a busy motoring schedule in front of us with the Art Deco Weekend and the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring looming on the horizon.

The December Club night was a bit different from our usual auction night with our Scottish Themed Christmas, complete with Haggis and Pipers. I hoped those who attended the evening enjoyed it and my thanks to the team that assisted in putting on the night.

Burma Rally - Wanganui over the weekend of 17 - 18 January, fifteen members of our club travelled to Wanganui to take part in this Rally. The Rally forms a part of the Wanganui Heritage Weekend with plenty to do and see in the city over this time. On the Saturday the main Street is blocked off and cars of all persuasions are on display with a festival atmosphere prevailing.

The Rally Route on Sunday headed South, up the Whangaehu Valley Road to Marton, Hunterville and beyond. The Rally itself was a competitive affair, and these are getting fewer and farther between these days. The aim is to maintain a pre-determined speed over a timed section with "Silent check points" along the way i.e. you know the average speed you are to travel at, but not the distance, which leads to some interesting calculations by the navigator.

I competed in this event last year and we finished stone motherless last. I was determined to improve on this, so I sacked my wife Janine and brought in Warren Whyte to navigate. All I will say about that is that we turned up in Hunterville in the morning, when this was in fact an afternoon destination - in other words we got lost. But we had been through the last Timed check point, so this was not too much of an issue. But all in all, our contingent had a great weekend and the competitive side of things just added another dimension to an already interesting drive.



Just for the record, the following are the results for the Rally for our Branch;

Overall Placings (out of a field of 56 cars)

Hans & Mercia Paaymans 1937 Chevrolet Master 19 th
(3 rd Post Vintage Cars)

Malcolm & Lesley Blair 1964 Vauxhall Victor 21 st (8 th
Post 1960 Cars)

Paul & Janine Anderson 1962 Mk2 Jaguar 29 th (10 th Post
1960 Cars)

Chris & Brenda Heron 1983 Ford Cortina Ghia 50 th (7 th
Post 1980 Cars)

Graham & Esther Smith 1972 Renault 16 non competitive

Alastair & Jean Chalmers Sunbeam FTP (Failed to proceed)
Fuel issues

We have a good contingent from the club attending the Vero Festival of Historic motoring 15 - 21 March in Nelson and I am sure there is a lot of work going on both mechanically and cosmetically to ensure the cars are at their best for the journey. I wish those attending the very best for the week.

Safe and happy motoring

Paul

Calendar of Events for February 2026



MID-WEEK RUN -

Wednesday 4th February

Refer to Details on Page 15

Meet at the Club rooms

10am for a 10.30am

Departure.



CLUB NIGHT -

Wednesday 11th

February at 7.30pm.

Refer to details on page

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ART DECO FESTIVAL

19TH - 22ND February

MIX & MINGLE - FRIDAY

27TH February

Doors open 6pm.

Dinner from 7pm.

BYO Drinks & Nibbles.

Please Email the secretary

Larry at:

hawkesbay@vcc.org.nz

if you are attending or put

your name on the list at the

clubrooms.



Every Tuesday morning the Club and the Spares Department are open between 9am & 11am.

A cuppa is made around 10am for those that would like to have a sit down and have a natter.



Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club

Wednesday, 11th February at 7:30pm

Special General Meeting

Followed by Items of Interest Evening

Part of this evening will be a short Special General Meeting to accept the revised Branch Constitution. This will start at 7:30pm sharp.

Bring along your "Item of Interest" to display and if you would like to, give a short talk about your item.

Or bring along your mystery item for discussion and hopefully identification.



Apparel Orders

As per previous MAG's we now have Polo Shirts and Caps available for purchase.

Prices are as follows:

Caps \$30.00

Polo Shirts (mens & ladies) \$59.00

Polo Shirts (Kids). \$55.00

They are available in the following sizes:

Caps - one size fits all

Polo Shirts - Men's S to 5XL

Women's - 6 to 26

Kids - 4 - 16

These are all branded with the HBVCC logo and will only be available through Hawkes Bay Branch.



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Classics on Wednesdays



***February Mid-Week Run, Wednesday 4th
Hawkes Bay's, Early Winemaking Pioneers.***

Join us as we meander around the district to find out more about winemaking in the Bay.

This will not however be a wine tasting trip, it's about who were around what wines did they make, where were they from, it might surprise you.



Club Rooms open from 9.30am

Bring lunch, drinks, chairs, sun cream, hats

Distance is not known as the route has all been taken off the web.

Sound like you, good see you on the 4 th

PS. Club Captain Paul Anderson is looking for who the next mid-week organiser will be as yours truly is handing over the steering wheel in July.

Don't be shy its not all that hard, you will know of places to visit that others have not, many of the Classis Runners are only too willing to step in and help along the way.

You can get Paul on 0274 463 908

Happy New Year

Cheers, Barrie Browne.

A Scottish Christmas - December Club Night





Mid - Week Run Report



Classics on Wednesday - 10TH DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 10th December dawned bright and sunny for those of us partaking of Barrie and Lindsay Browne's Christmas run this year.

After meeting at the club rooms for a 10.30am start, secret Santa gifts were collected and 23 happy folk in 11 classics and 1 modern car departed for Bay View via Marine Parade and the port. Some of the cars, drivers and co-pilots donned Christmas gear of varying degrees.

Through the back of Bay View, past the Fire Station recently visited, we headed over Hill Road to SH5, turning up Glengarry Road. Before reaching Puketitiri Road. Santa and his delightful Angel gifted participants a candy cane to munch on prior to our arrival at lunch destination. Then we headed on to Dartmoor Road and into Puketapu Village, missing the mad E Bike riders we were warned about who were enjoying the weather at the park, turning over the new bridge. The countryside was green, rolling and doused in sunshine - most of us missing the air conditioning in the heat.





Through the streets of Taradale, up Meeanee Road and into Brookfield Road, we arrived at Brookfield Winery for our lunch.



Secret Santa gifts were distributed and unwrapped (anybody would think it was Christmas) whilst we waited our lunch of arancini, salmon, pork and chicken sliders and camembert/cranberry in filo. Some partook of the excellent wines from Brookfield, others non-alcoholic so we didn't need such a long nana nap when we got home.



Peter Robinson, the Winemaker Proprietor since his purchase of the vineyard in 1977, visited with Barrie and Lindsay whilst we were there, still working hard but at least now that Brookfield is cleaned up after the cyclone can relax a bit hopefully.

Barrie and Lindsay - thank you once again for a splendid mid-week run, you can now have a rest and put your feet up until the next anticipated run in February.

Merry Christmas to you and yours

Carol Eager

Juliette Cadwallader's Presentation for her services to the club.



Presented by Mercia Paaymans



With Past chairman Ian Elmsly



Sunday Club Run - 14th December 2025

"The Redemption Run" - finishing at GodsOwn Brewery

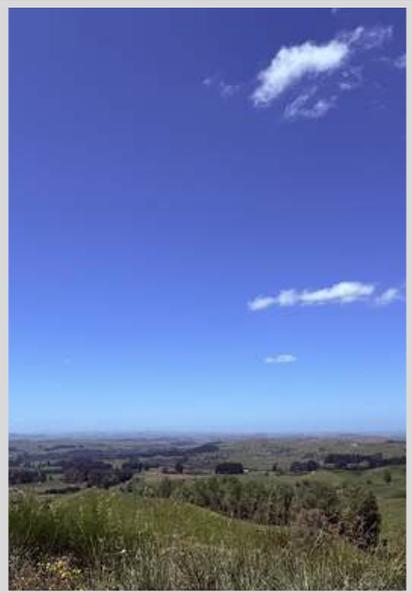


24 cars gathered outside Bridge Pa School at around 1.00pm, a good mixture of vintage and classics, some decorated for Christmas, others had drivers and passengers decorated for Christmas.

First cars were off the blocks around 1.20pm, heading down the 50 towards the Maraekakaho monument, turning into Kereru Road. Aside from a bit of road works throwing up some dust, the first part of the run was through some stunning countryside that some of us had never travelled on before, hadn't travelled on for some time or had travelled on recently with family. Rolling hills and beautiful weather made the views astounding, along with the recently replaced and resplendent Kereru Gorge Bridge.



Passing Kereru Station and Kereru School, many kilometres into the run, we then turned into Salisbury Road. This made us all spread out a bit due to the lack of tar seal on the road and dust flying for miles. Those of us in open top cars suffered the most, but slowing down to take in the vista (albeit a bit hazy in spots) made up for it. One could see for miles through the dust, feeling like we were on top of the world.





We then turned back on to State Highway 50 at the end of Salisbury Road and headed towards Hastings, stopping at Gods Own Brewery for a beverage to take away the dust and thirst. Our Club Captain had managed to book the covered safari tent area for us to use to quench thirsts and hunger pangs from about 2.30pm.

It was lovely to see some club members not seen very often, and some who had been on other old car excursions joining us for a drink.



A good supply of beer (American Preacher, Prophecy Pils, Glory, Glory Mango & Jalapeno Hazy, Bent Bishop Belgian Ale and Holy Communion Red Ale), Elderflower Champagne, Wine and non-alcoholic drinks was on hand and consumed. Pizzas with unusual toppings like pear & blue cheese, tandoori chicken and the usual ham and pineapple, pepperoni and veges, were also consumed for those who had no lunch or who had had their lunch but got hungry seeing the pizzas being delivered and smelling so good.



Once thirst and hunger had been sated cheery good-byes and Merry Christmas /Happy New Years' did the rounds to those unable to make the club meeting on the 17th and see you's Wednesday for those who are attending the special Christmas meeting, as people started wending their way home in the early evening before it got dark and the car battery power reduced because driving lights were turned on.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and start to the New Year.

Carol Eager

Your Branch Photos

December Club Run



Your Branch Photos



Your Branch Photos



Your Branch Photos





Pennant presented to the club

By Colin Barnes

During a recent cruise ship visit to Napier we were presented a pennant by the President of the Israel Classic & Collectors Vehicle Club.

It seems that we are known worldwide for having vintage cars on display at Napier Port to farewell the cruise ship passengers. The President had heard of us having cars on the port and had specially bought one of their club pennants with him on his cruise around New Zealand to present to us. He owns several mid fifties American cars and they have a strong club membership with most members owning several cars.

We have some very interesting discussions with passengers when they are viewing the cars. A common comment is 'my dad had one of those" or "is that an Aston Martin" when they are looking at an Austin 10. Many passengers have been told by friends who have visited Napier that they will see vintage cars on the port so expect it and with the number of photos taken, images of us must be spread all around the world. All our volunteers who bring their cars to the port enjoy their time spent talking to people from all countries even if the language barrier at times makes it a little hard to understand the questions.

We are one of the most favoured ports of call on cruises around New Zealand, people love the Deco architecture in our city and the visits they do to wineries, the gannets, sheep stations, rafting and other attractions plus we are the only port that puts on something, The twin City Stompers, and a vintage car display, to farewell the ships. It is unfortunate that ships heading to Tauranga only spend a short time in Napier as they must time their entry into the harbour there when the current through the entrance at the Mount is not at its peak plus they need a full day to visit Rotorua and Hobbiton which require long bus journeys.

The president presenting the pennant to club members



Discussions with club members



The president with Hannah and Alistair



Our line up beside the ship.



The Pennant

Attention Members!



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Our clubrooms are available to members to hire for special events!

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Spares News

By John Durry



Hi All

Happy new year to everyone and hope you all had a good break.

We wish to thank Anthony Holmes for donating to the spares a 73 MG midget, and we were lucky enough to sell it in early January to Andrew Fox from Wellington, was sold within an hour of putting it on Facebook.

We also wish to thank those who helped pick it up and deliver it. I also want to thank Tony Cunningham who is not a member and was cleaning out his father in laws shed and we have a lot of tools which we can sell at our swap meet. Neville Smith thank you for the mag parts, Geoff & Dianne Quarrie for boxes of badges, books and oilers etc.

Until next time

Cheers John Durry

CLUB SPARE PARTS CORNER

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John Durry 022 676 9401



Steve Trott's 50 Year Presentation

By Julie Trott



In recognition of more than fifty years of distinguished service to the Vintage Car Club and to the preservation of New Zealand's motoring heritage.

Steve's lifelong passion for motoring began at just fifteen years of age, when he purchased his first vehicle—a 1936 Ford C10—for one hundred pounds from his Deputy Principal at Colenso High School. Steve spun out on a rainy day while driving past the police station; the Ford C10's suicide doors tore off in the process, and the car was ultimately written off. Not long after, he acquired his second car, a 1949 Vanguard, in Masterton. These formative experiences set the stage for a life immersed in vintage motoring, restoration, and classic vehicle preservation.



Joining the Eastern Bay of Plenty branch of the Vintage Car Club on 1 June 1975, followed by the Taranaki branch in 1992 and the Hawke's Bay branch in 2001, Steve has remained a dedicated member across multiple regions. His steadfast commitment and leadership as a committee member have supported and strengthened the Vintage Car Club community for decades.

For approximately twelve years, Steve served as organiser of the iconic Art Deco annual motoring events, helping shape them into a signature celebration of Hawke's Bay's heritage.

Steve was awarded a life membership by the Art Deco Trust, having played a vital role in linking the region's Art Deco identity with its motoring history.

Renowned for his meticulous craftsmanship, Steve has restored and owned numerous vintage vehicles throughout his life. His award-winning restoration of his 1958 Chevrolet Impala stands as a testament to his exceptional attention to detail, authentic workmanship, and his dedication to tracking down rare parts from around the world.

In addition to his restoration achievements, Steve is a passionate collector of automobilia—including vintage signs, radiator emblems, enamel advertising, and many other treasures—ensuring that many aspects of motoring history are preserved for future generations.



Presented to Steve by Diane Quarrie



For his extraordinary service, leadership, and lifelong devotion to vintage motoring culture, the Vintage Car Club proudly honours Steve and recognises his outstanding contribution to New Zealand's motoring heritage.

Calendar of Up and Coming Events



February Events	March Events	Future Events
<p>11th February Club Night</p>	<p>4th March Mid - week Run Committee meeting</p>	<p>3rd May 2026 Sunday Swap Meet</p>
<p>February 19th - 22nd 2026 Art Deco Festival</p>	<p>11th March Club Night</p>	
<p>27th February Mix & Mingle Evening</p>	<p>15th March Sunday Club run (shed run)</p>	
	<p>27th March Mix & Mingle Evening</p>	

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