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FRONT COVER

Nationals 2018 naturally features a lot in this edition. Our cover photo shows a typical scene over the special long weekend.

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TRanSport

Wow – “summer” certainly arrived with a hiss and a roar and the weather tables turned to give the South Island bragging rights – for a while. Although it was not all bad all the time, the North certainly copped a few wet ones, a number of Motoring events being cancelled or delayed and few very wet events. The winterless north caught the tail end of a couple of cyclones and that impacted on the Ellerslie Car Show which saw the intrepid Auckland Group up to their ankles in mud – more on that in their local report.

After nearly a year off the road I finally had my gearbox sorted and back in the TR6 in time for the National Weekend in Northland. It was great to be back on the road again. Paul Tunnadine from the UK TR Register executive came over again to join us on the Weekend – this being his 4th trip to NZ. Paul and I set off with the top down. The weather started out fine with the odd bit of drizzle on the way, however by the time we approached Waipu, the heavens opened up. As I had not fitted wipers to the inside of the widescreen and forward vision was becoming difficult, a timely stop in the dry-goods store of Waipu ITM allowed a wipe down and a top up. Unfortunately that weather pattern continued for most of the weekend. (Open door – Let out water).

The Weekend was attended by a smaller group than previous years, but the smaller number and iffy weather in no way limited the enjoyment and camaraderie and a great time was had by all. In what will forever be known as “The Whanganui effect”, the weather cleared Sunday lunch time, just in time for the after-tour. (However Whanganui retains the Rubber Ducky award by a slim margin.) There are write-ups to follow about the Weekend and Tour, but suffice to say Paul T and I had a great time. We missed our South Island friends, with just an intrepid few making it so far North. So to redress the North/South balance, Bryan and Carol Thomas are pulling together the National Weekend for 2019 with planning well under way for a Greymouth centred event for next year. More about this further on.

The 2020 weekend is pencilled in for central southern North Island, with Philip & Julie Hoffman and Ken Pfeffer accepting the challenge of pulling that one together. Thanks folks for “volunteering”!

Lastly, but by no means least – we have a new Website!! Thanks to the sterling efforts of Steph Booth and Ian Ramage a sparkling new website was launched at the National weekend. I do hope you have taken the opportunity to re-register yourself as a member on the website and find your way around it. There will be more tabs, pages and info to follow in the coming weeks/months.

Happy moTRing.

Ian H.

EDITORIAL TEAM

TALK

Please enjoy this Nationals edition of TRansmission. A very full 48 pages for your reading pleasure!

While the numbers attending Nationals were a bit low, it is clear from the reports and photos that everyone had a great time, enjoying the company, scenery, and roads that Northland has to offer. You will find these reports throughout the magazine, some as part of the usual regional updates and some as specific Nationals articles. And there's the usual spread of photos in the centre pages.

If you want to see the photos in full colour, high quality glory, visit the new Register website and there are a few posted there.

www.trregister.co.nz.

Hearty congratulations from the TRansmission team to those who pulled the new website together. It looks fantastic - modern, attractive, and easy to find your way around. Archived versions of TRansmission are there too, if you want to look back. Thanks very much Steph Booth and Ian Ramage. Your efforts, enthusiasm, and the end result are much appreciated.



Back to Nationals - the 2019 event is already well into the preparation stage. There's a flyer in with this magazine and we've popped the summary into the magazine as well. The West Coast offers great history, friendly people, beautiful scenery, and wonderful driving roads, so make the effort to be there in 2019 if you can.

We've updated the directory on Page 2. It now shows the current

committee membership, group leaders, and others who do good work for you, the members, in various ways. It's easy to contact any of them, as phone numbers and email addresses are shown for all, so if you have any ideas, thoughts, or concerns you want to share, be in touch.

And as always, if you have anything to contribute to TRansmission, a quick email to editor@trregister.co.nz is all it takes.

Enjoy Autumn driving in your TRs.

Stephen, Trevor, & Brian

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to these new members. We look forward to meeting you at the next social occasion or TR run and hope you enjoy your TR ownership and the fellowship and assistance the Register offers.

Bill McSherry	Auckland	TR6
Earle & Helen Otway	Tauranga	TR5
Mark Veale	Paparoa	TR6
Rex Chaney	Auckland	Doretti
Alissa Bell	Auckland	TR2



Top O' The South

THE TOP O' THE SOUTH REPORT

TOP O' THE SOUTH CARS

I had a nice surprise a few days before Christmas. Leon Broadbridge had just finished restoration of his TR4 and he and Varley drove over to show me. They looked a very happy couple, and rightly so. Leon has done a great job and the car makes a welcome addition to our ranks. It had its first "formal" outing at the Hospice Vehicle Display, as mentioned later in this report. Photo on right.



George Looman has finished rebuilding his TR7 and everything's back together. He's now in the throes of sorting a distributor issue, but we're hoping George and his TR7 will soon be on the road with us.

Alan and Ann Blackie attended NW2018. We're still waiting to catch up with them. No doubt they'll regale us with tales of northern hospitality, of the enjoyable time at the nationals, and of how well the TR6 performed.

Dave North knows of a TR4 owner in Nelson.....not a Register member, and not a member of Top O' The South. He's made several attempts to entice, but without success. On Dave's suggestion, I've also made overtures to the '4 owner, expounding the benefits of Register membership, and offering to add him to my Top O' The South mail-out list. Alas, I, too, have had no response. But this is a work in progress and I don't easily give up --- always on the hunt for more cars and additional members!

A CATCH – UP WITH THE CANTERBURY CONTINGENT

Belinda Rooney had her sights fixed on Waitangi Weekend visiting Nelson. She extended an invitation to the Top O' The South for a cafe catch-up. Unfortunately most of our group had already headed elsewhere for the long weekend, but Avril and I jumped at the opportunity.

On Feb 4th, we headed over to Slip Inn Cafe on Havelock's waterfront. A luncheon appointment beckoned and we dined in the company of Belinda and David, who led the charge north, plus fellow Cantabs, Neil Teika, Glenn and Susan Wilcock, and Denise and John Jones. Wylie and Sue Evans, now resident in the Nelson / Tasman province (but Triumph owners no more), also graced Belinda's cafe group.

What a pleasure to reunite with our southern neighbours, and to meet with Wylie and Sue after their relocation to Ruby Bay. And the rendezvous followed the day after this young fella's birthday and the chalking up of another 12 months. No better way to round off a most enjoyable weekend.

DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY

'Drive Your Triumph Day' and no better reason for getting out in our Triumphs. We did our bit, commemorating this auspicious day, and photos of our exploits now feature on Rye Livingstone's website.

Ian and Christine Johansen (TR2), Andy and Denise Lee (TR6) and Jon and Cheryl Harry (TR7) all journeyed from Nelson and met up with Avril and me (TR3A) in Picton. I'd organised an outing on the old steam-powered launch, Duke Of Marlborough. She dropped us off at Kaipupu Bird Sanctuary. We spent an hour and a half strolling through regenerating native bush, admiring the work of those trying to restore bird life to the Marlborough Sounds. And as pre-arranged, the Duke Of Marlborough ghosted silently back into view, we boarded her, and without fuss she returned us to her Picton berth.



Waiting for the boarding call

Ah, the fascinations of steam propulsion. Silent. Efficient. A labyrinth of carefully lagged pipes, polished brass and gleaming copper, a bag of coal and a little shovel. Romantic visions of days long past. Ian and I sat transfixed. No vibration, no wafting of petrol fumes, no clattering of petrol combustion. Wonderful.



Dine Time

But our day wasn't over. We disembarked the classic steam launch, hopped into our classic Triumphs, and drove to nearby Waikawa for a late lunch. Terry Watson, in his TR6, came through from Blenheim and joined us. We whiled away a couple of hours in the Jolly Roger cafe. We ate more than we should have, and told the

most unbelievably tall stories. It was all quite 'Jolly.' And we scarpered before it was time to do the dishes.

Our day's parting shot was a line-up of vehicles and the essential photo-shoot. The cars were photographed. The drivers and crews showed outstanding judgement and ducked for cover as the camera appeared. Too soon it was departure time. We waved Terry off on his way back to Blenheim, and the three Nelson cars as they headed westward.



Top O' The South cars

Thanks to those who took part. And particularly, thanks to Ian and Christine for making the effort. This was their first outing with the Top O' The South. We were all that richer for their company. And the weather the few days before had not been good. Worryingly, the forecast wasn't predicting much improvement. Nevertheless, the gamble paid off, and apart from a short sharp shower during lunch, the day wasn't too bad. We made a classic occasion of it. A classic steam launch, and our classic Triumphs. And, of course, the Top O' The South group, classics all!

HOSPICE VEHICLE DISPLAY

This segment of my report requires two hats ---- the TR Register hat, but adding now the Classic Motoring Society cap. I have a foot in each camp and a role to play in each.

On Sunday 11th March, the Classic Motoring Society held its annual Hospice Vehicle Display, a fund-raiser for Hospice Marlborough. Last year's event was rained out. We pulled the pin the night before, following a day of torrential rain and predictions for more of the same. This year's fixture was blessed with ideal conditions – sunny, calm, and warm. And the punters came in droves, a huge turn-out, keen to make amends for last year, and eager to support a most deserving charity.

The TR Register was well represented. Brent and Helen were there with the Doretti, Leon and Varley arrived with their newly re-built TR4, and Avril and I had our TR3A. There were other members in attendance, but without Triumphs. Terry Watson with his Model A would have been there, although lost in the crowd, and Wylie and Sue Evans arrived as spectators, turning up in their stunning Lotus Elan. So what, you ask, did these various people do during the day? ---- Terry was attending to Vintage Car Club interests, Brent and Helen were busy in the Hospice tent, dispensing food to the hungry, I was on marshalling duty, Varley kept Avril company, and Leon was cornered by the public, clamouring to learn more about his TR4.

As alluded to earlier, Leon and Varley have just finished restoring the TR4, and this was its first "official" outing. It looks stunning and is a welcome addition to the Top O' The South ranks. And as a fitting tribute, the TR4 flew our Register flag for the day. No higher an honour possible!! Locals are well used to seeing my '3A and Brent's Doretti at these events. The Broadbridge TR4 was something new. It attracted a great deal of attention and Leon spent quite some time fielding answers. The attention well deserved, and great publicity for the TR Register.

So, that brings to a close another three months. It's time to focus on the next quarter.

Cheers from the Top O' The South,

Bill



Top O' The South cars and crew

Hawkes Bay Happenings...

Happy New Year to you all. Hopefully summer has treated you as well as it has in the Bay.

Our first event of 2018 was a beach picnic run on January 21st to Kairakau Beach – some of you may remember this as the morning tea stop during the 2008 National Weekend. A beautiful day to visit a beach – I would have to say even better than “average”. We met at Red Bridge Café, a delightful Café in a container beside the Tukituki River not far from Craggy Range Winery (locals if you haven’t been here put



it on your list). A good number of members gathered for coffee, including a surprise visit from Dick & Marianne Marshall in the Valiant Hardtop ferrying Bruce & Trish Hislop. Also Pete & Janet in a Crossfire and Pete & Chris in the Saffron TR6. Coffee and chat in the shade as we would spend a bit of time in the sun reaching our destination. We parted our ways and five TRs headed south to Kairakau Beach, Dorothy & Roger TR3a (White!), Paul & Susan-Jane (& Archie the dog our newest TR member) TR4a (White!!), Gary & Heather

from Taupo (& Bailey the dog) TR6 (White!!!), Ray & Carol TR7 (White!!!!) and us TR2 (Green....). A fantastic drive down Kahurangi Road but Oh the traffic! We passed 2 motorbikes and one fourwheel drive going the opposite direction – such a busy highway!!

We arrived at the beach and parked on the grassy area above the sand near a shady bush – of which the dogs immediately took advantage. Umbrellas went up and chairs came out and then a few decided we should go for a swim. The water was a little chilly but very enjoyable once we acclimatised and the odd wave for some attempts at body surfing. Back to the picnic spot for lunch and chatter and then a stroll along the beach – did I tell you it was crowded? There must have been about 30 other people there enjoying this paradise.

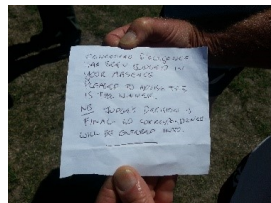


And so time to head for home, this time via Middle Road. We arrived at the Patangata Pub to find Paul & Susan-Jane parked on the side of the road with the bonnet up and steam coming from the radiator. Not sure why but the radiator cap had blown off and the engine had

made some expensive noises. The addition of water to the radiator caused a gush of steam to compete with anything Rotorua can produce. No cellphone coverage here so I took Paul up to the top of the hill where he could ring the AA for assistance. This was a lengthy process ending with the phone battery giving up. We went back to the car which had now cooled and added water again much more successfully so Paul gently drove towards home. Needless to say, as it is a TR, it made the journey home with no further problems – it will remain a mystery.

We had a silent concours, the winner being Roger and Dorothy finding a certificate under their windscreen announcing them the winners, a mystery but someone had great taste in cars!

A great day out in a wonderful part of the country shared with friends enjoying their TRs.



A couple of well attended Club Nites and then the big event of the year, National Weekend 2018. 3 Hawke's Bay cars attended this year – Colin & Sharon Grant TR4, Steve & Maree Bevan TR6 and our trusty TR2.



After leaving Napier we joined up at an overnight stop in Orewa and then travelled on to Whangarei where we encountered rain on the way in. Got settled into the Distinction Hotel then walked to the evening meal venue along the marina with drizzle keeping us looking for shelter. Here we met up with most of the other attendees over a buffet meal which was much appreciated after our day's driving. An early night in preparation for the drive to Paihia. Breakfast involved parking our cars at the Town Basin overlooking the marina and

visiting local cafes for breakfast. A lovely setting and even Mark Sainsbury came along for a look.

Checkout from the hotel and the group headed north via two routes – either via the Packard Museum or as we did, via Old Russell Road with a stop at Helena Bay Café for a look/purchase of art works and early lunch. From here a coastal run to Russell where we spent an hour or so wandering through the village. Back then to the car ferry to take us to Opuia and then the short drive to the Copthorne, our home for the next 3 days. We had a lovely room overlooking the Bay. Time to settle in then a wander to the jetty where we boarded a ferry to take us across to



Russell and the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club for dinner – probably the pick of them all for this weekend. The President gave us an interesting talk on the history of the club. Back onto the ferry to return to the Copthorne – wonderful how they guide this vessel across the dark bay with all the lights on the shore and end up in the right place.

Friday was the bus trip to Cape Reinga but some stayed in Paihia and explored the local area with visits to Kerikeri and wineries and craft breweries. Dinner tonight was at the Copthorne with live music and the opportunity to dance a little for the energetic ones. A presentation also by Steph and Ian of the new TR website – looking good guys, an amazing effort to get this up and running.

Saturday morning was Concours time and although it had rained quite heavily overnight the day dawned promising maybe a little sunshine. Cars were parked on the lawn in front of the hotel for judging which was completed quite quickly because of the smaller number of entries this year. While this was going on buses were made available to take those who wanted to the Kerikeri or Paihia Markets. Lunch was to be held by the pool but was moved inside because of the threatening showers. In the afternoon we assembled and were guided through the Waitangi Experience, starting at the Museum and progressing via the very impressive Waka to the Treaty Grounds and a Cultural Performance and viewing of the Treaty House. The sun had come out while we absorbed this Cultural knowledge. Dinner tonight was at Alongside Restaurant which is on the waterfront (literally) in Paihia. We arrived to find tables set out on the jetty with no walls or roof!! Over each table was a large umbrella. Throughout the weekend the weather had been rather changeable and quite windy but above all it was warm – so this worked. It wasn't until later in the evening that the showers returned but we all managed to get under the umbrellas so kept dry.

Sunday we had the Forum – nothing contentious here then finished with Brunch and prize giving and a presentation by Bryan Thomas on next years National Weekend to be held in Greymouth. Farewells to all – some set off for home and some to the After Tour. We headed home via East Cape with the Bevans, but that is another story – maybe next time.

A wonderful compact National Weekend that the organisers should be proud of putting together. A huge thank you to all those involved. Another part of NZ ticked off.

Sunday 25 March TR Run

Another perfect Hawkes Bay day dawns, meeting at Silky Oak Café, (did we mention they make the best hot chocolate using their own real chocolate produced onsite).

This morning we had Carole & Ray Weir, Sharon & Colin Grant, Susan-Jane and Paul Stichbury, Joy & Graeme Thomas for our outing. During our coffee fix Janet and Peter Ashcroft popped in for a catch up. After much chatter we thought it prudent to get under way. A very nice drive thru Eskdale which was in a much better condition than when we passed thru there on our return home from

Nationals some 3 weeks previously where there was road closure and many slips, with paddocks under water. It was pleasing to see the good Hawkes Bay drainage had cleared and left most of our producing land intact. Still some signs of the recent slips.

Our destination was to Holts Forest which is off the Wairoa highway State highway 2. It is 40 minute jaunt from Napier. This forest was planted from 1933 and reinstated then gifted to Napier in 1962 by Mr & Mrs Holt who worked tirelessly obtaining and planting native trees in a secluded protected little valley, complete with running water and a now defunct railway line (soon to be re-instated by our Jacinda!?)

The day was perfect a picnic lunch to build up our reserves for a stroll thru this very special place, it is a little gem not so well known and a perfect TR destination.

As always it is a pleasure to share a day with our passionate TR friends sharing many stories and enjoying the laughter. How lucky we are to be able to do this.

By the time you read this, daylight saving will have finished which means the weather will get cooler and our TRs will spend more time tucked away in the garage – perhaps some maintenance on the list.

Happy MoTRing

Graeme & Joy





Deep South Group

It has certainly been a busy time down here in the Deep South. We started the year with a tour of the Taieri followed by a BBQ at Colin and Jo's Mosgiel residence. The turn out was a little disappointing but those that did go thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The next event was a run with a difference. We motored up to Waitahuna in the TRs and then parked them up and headed off on a 4WD safari hosted by the local school committee members. We designated all the 4WD vehicles honorary TRs for the day. What a day! We saw country that, I think I am safe in saying, we will never see again, particularly an entire panorama of gently swaying golden tussock. It was a great day topped off with a BBQ at the end of the run put on by the Waitahuna school. A TR Tour with a difference. Our thanks to Anne and Peter Shepherd for organising the event.

The following weekend saw 18 cars headed to Oamaru for the annual "All British Car Day." The marque for the day was TRIUMPH. Another very enjoyable day which took the form of a run through the back country surrounding Oamaru finishing up at the old Enfield school which now operates as a B&B. Enfield is one of those small towns that has basically disappeared but has had a new lease of life as the Alps to Ocean bike trail is close by.

We are now looking forward to our next event, the annual "Change of Seasons" weekend, 21st – 22nd April. This is always a popular event and gives us a chance to see the Autumn colours that the south is famous for as well as an excuse to give our cars an airing and get our heaters sorted out before Winter sets in.

For our March evening get together we dined at the Speights' Brewery, an excellent turnout resulting in lots of chatter as we enjoyed good food.

Until next time

Jane and Trevor

Tour On the Taieri



The two organisers, Colin and Jo Deaker, medal winner, Susan Hope, and cars at the Deakers home for BBQ.



Saturday 3 February dawned - well..... cloudy!

Meeting Place - Three Mile Hill Lookout.

Number of cars - 5! (3 belonging on the Taieri). Owen and Robyn had to quickly take down their roof . They are not from the Taieri, so didn't realise that this is where the weather is always better!

We were sent off by Colin at precisely timed intervals with our route instructions and list of questions. Down the hill, through Wingatui (best place on the Taieri), North Taieri, Outram, with a coffee stop at the popular Wobbly Goat Cafe. Unfortunately we had lost Robyn and Owen by this stage, who appeared later in proceedings.

The discussion around the table was about how the drivers were reluctant to waste much time on answering the questions (as this meant slowing down!)

Onwards through Woodside, Henley and, at Waihola, over the hill to Taieri Mouth. From there we had a lovely run up the coast to Brighton, where we went back up and over the hill again. Finally, towards Mosgiel, to Colin and Jo's house, where they hosted a lovely barbecue tea .

Thanks to the Deakers for organising such a lovely afternoon.

P.S. Brian and Susan (pictured above) won the medal for answering the most questions (and I assure you that is certainly not because Brian is the slowest driver!)

Gail Higgs

DEEP SOUTH GROUP 4WD RUN



This is what Colin and Jo Deaker's TR3A would look like if properly set up for some serious off-road work. But instead, our cars were driven on asphalt to Waitahuna, about an hour from Dunedin, where we were taken on a most interesting and enjoyable 4WD journey by a team of local farmers.

The leaders were Peter and Anne Shepherd, DSG members and proud owners of a TR6 that gets well driven and seemingly has no roof (it's hardly ever up anyway, regardless of the weather!). They farm in behind Waitahuna and we passed by their lovely property on the way up country.

Peter and Anne had rallied around a number of the locals to take us on the run and feed us superbly at the local school afterwards, all to raise funds for the Waitahuna School. Their previous fundraising efforts were obvious at the school, which was wonderfully presented on beautiful grounds, despite a small school population in this rural town.



After a brisk (temperature - not speed) top down run to Waitahuna, we were organised into a selection of farm utes. The journey took us behind the town, firstly to Waipori on Lake Mahinerangi, where one of the early power generation dams was set up. Then we headed a bit higher to see the Mahinerangi Wind Farm - the turbines are pretty impressive close up as any of you that have visited a wind farm will know.

We were pleased to have been granted 4WD access to a wonderful farm property up on the Lammerlaws, in tussock country. The number of stock per hectare is pretty low up there so we didn't see many animals, but the countryside was impressive and the views spectacular. It's pretty easy to drive from Dunedin to Central Otago, as many of us do, and have little or no appreciation for, particularly, the scale of properties and farming going on so close.

At the risk of being a bit controversial, it was good to see the farm properties being well maintained and work done to ensure that the tussocks are preserved, while some land that had reverted to DOC looked, scruffy and weedy.



Many of the farmers spoke of their love of the land up there and their desire to see its heritage preserved.

After 5 hours on the 4WD trip (including a lunch break right at the top to soak in the amazing views while we “dined”) we arrived back in Waitahuna. There some of the school kids were delighted to be driven around the school grounds in the TRs (plus Stag) while the BBQ was warming up and dinner cooked.

This was a great day, and something a bit different from the usual TR run, so thanks very much to Peter and Anne for the initiative and for organising the day.

Stephen H





Oamaru All British Car Day

The Oamaru All British Car Day this year featured the Triumph marque. The day gave the Deep South Group the golden opportunity to support the Oamaru VCC and a chance for members to get together for the second time this year. We had a good turn out of members, 18 cars in total.

Oamaru is a relatively central location for both Dunedin and Central Otago Members and we had cars appearing from all directions. Some of the Central group took the opportunity to motor down on the Friday and spend the night at the Mill House at Waianakarua while others chose to leave home early on the Saturday morning and make their way to Oamaru arriving around 9.30am. Most cars made the best of the great weather we have been having here in the south and motoring with tops down was the order of the day. It was lovely to have John and Margaret Chetwin from Kakanui join us in their recently finished TR3. John and Margaret have been rebuilding this car for a number of years and at last they have it on the road. The car is a show piece for all their work.

The assembly point was at the Southern end of the Historic Precinct where we were welcomed and received the running instructions for the day before heading off for a tour of the Kakanui / Maheno / Western area, finishing in the grounds of the former school at Enfield. This is a great area for a car run as you go from being right on the coast to the rolling country of North Otago in very short time and the roads are made for TRs!

The School is now the "The Old School Enfield B&B" and many of the group took the opportunity to have a look around. Several were heard to make the comment that they must come back and try out the accommodation. If anybody is thinking of doing the A2O cycle trail you may want to have a look on line at the B&B, it's right on the trail and would be an alternative to staying in Oamaru.

The Deep South Group outnumbered the local entrants and all the TRs parked up in the school playground certainly made an impressive display. By the sound of the chatter going on at lunch time everybody was enjoying the chance to catch up with any happenings and interesting events since the last time we were all together.

As usual the Oamaru VCC ran a competition to choose cars in various categories and we are pleased to report the TR group did very well. Mark and Vicki took the Best Triumph award. Peter and Julie Drummond from Arrowtown the Best Feature Car 2nd Place and Mark Williams from Twizel received the Best Feature Car 3rd place. A very good result for the Deep South Group and our congratulation go to the winners (see photo right).

All too soon the event drew to a close and before everybody made their various ways home. We took the opportunity to line all the TRs up in front of the B&B for a group photo (see photo on inside front cover) as the end of a perfect day!

Jane and Trevor



City of Sails Area Report

Greetings to the faithful, the keepers of the marque, you wonderful bunch of devoted fans of our fine old English Masterpiece, the Triumph Roadster. It's hard to believe I'm in to my 6th year as an owner of such a wonderful piece of historic engineering, but I am, and dare I say it "I'm the better for it" and all!

Every year has brought highlights of one kind or another, and it is through the fellowship of you all that has been possible, so "Thanks All"

2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the TR5 and TR250, and we in NZ are fortunate to have some quality examples of both! Congratulations those members who are among those fortunate few, I envy you all.

The Auckland Group were once again able to share in the Pre-Christmas Breakfast Run late December, this time to the Salty Dog Café in Snell's Beach. TR's 2, 3, 3A, 4, 250, 6 and 7 were in attendance (with devoted keepers) and helped make a spectacular sight, both on the roads and in the car park.

13 TRs in all featured, an excellent turnout indeed! And with a couple of moderns making up the numbers, almost 30 Auckland Group members enjoyed a hearty breakfast at this our first venture to Snell's Beach. The event has been run for almost 40 years with TR Register the lead marque, however Historic Racing, Triumph, Lotus, Jaguar, and others all contribute to making this an excellent mixed marque annual event, and one thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to Nigel and Chris for your involvement in the organisation and proceedings.





28th January saw Auckland TR members joining with Auckland Triumph Car Club at the annual Fish n Chip Run to Kaiaua, hosted by Stag Owners Club. Another beautiful Auckland summer day brought 6 TR's out to play, part of a collection of some 21 Triumphs in all, most naturally Stags.

First week in February brought our first club night of 2018, and the Good Home in Mt Eden was the venue for a coming together of our regulars for food, drink and of course good conversation. We were also joined by Graham and Pam Marchant, visitors from UK in their lovely red TR3. Graham and Pam own a TR at home in the UK, and spend 2 – 3 months a year at Whangaparaoa north of Auckland, so brought another TR locally so they can enjoy the lifestyle while they're here. Nice, wouldn't mind that myself.



This year's Concours d'Elegance at Ellerslie coincided with Linda and my 1st Wedding Anniversary, so I didn't attend. With rain practically all day, the day was rather miserable for those members who joined under the leadership of Murray and Stephanie Booth, to fly the flag for the TR Register. With this year's theme "Women in the Marque" not really suiting our club, it was a rather subdued team effort given the conditions. Thanks however must go to the Booths and Ramages for their organisation and dedication to seeing TRs and the Register once again on display for those brave souls who ventured out to Ellerslie, and those Auckland Group members who also made the effort to be a part of what is a significant Classic Car event. Special mention here to Bruce and Anne Stuart who are still getting over the effects of an unthinking driver, whose careless attempted U turn in front of them in Clevedon, cost them their attendance and some unwanted panel work on their lovely white TR4 (as seen in the photos above). A reminder perhaps to be 'careful out there'. Fortunately Bruce and Anne were unhurt.

End of February was of course the National Weekend held in the Far North, and organised by Auckland Group members who live in the North. I was unable to attend due to overseas travel, and I'm sure there are reports on the weekend elsewhere in Transmission, however, from those members I've spoken to who did attend it was another excellent weekend, and thoroughly enjoyed by them all, so well done everyone involved!

Another event held on the same weekend in Auckland was the ever growing Brit & Euro Classic car Show in Pakuranga's Lloyd Elmore Park. Again I was unable to attend, however 4 TR owners did add to the nearly 800 cars there, and I thank you for representing the Register.



TR's 3, 4, 6 and 7, and no that's not my French Blue TR6. It is however for sale I believe. Because this event is on the same day as our National Weekend it is very difficult for the Register to commit to attendance which is such a shame as more and more clubs get behind this free to the public event.

Sunday 18th March was the date for another Auckland annual fixture, the Galaxy of Cars, at Western Springs. This event

coincided with the Auckland Triumph Car Clubs 'Show n Shine' which the Register always supports, and also the celebration of their 30th Anniversary as a club more importantly. Our usual hard core of members attended, along with Jan Hendrix in his lovely TR2, as well as one of our newest members Alissa Bell with her recently purchased red TR2, also a lovely car.

Unfortunately this event would appear to be losing some of its following, which is a shame as it is run by the Lions, and raises money and awareness of important charities. Victim of a very busy summer, and perhaps too many choices? We however will support it as long as it continues.

ATCC were trying to put the gloss on their celebration by winning the Club Display, which they were 3rd in last year, and with 48 cars making up their display including all within the range from Heralds through Spitfires, Saloons to GT6's, as well as Stags and TR's they had a very good chance. Such was the case, and ATCC were judged to have the Best Club Display and the spoils that went with it. Nice to have been a part of that, and to share in the celebrations, and we of course were made most welcome by all.

In the Show n Shine we were recipients of 3 awards –

TR2	Jan Hendrix
TR6	Murray Booth
TR7	Richard Wooster

Congratulations All! And thanks again for your commitment to displaying our TR's in such a quality manner.

A great quarter for us here in Auckland as can be seen, with plenty of opportunities to be out and about, and that will well continue in to the next quarter, with plans already in place for some excellent events, with runs North, East and South there should be something for everyone. So 'Come On' members, let's see you come along and join in with the hard core members and show the world your pride and joy!

My final shot this quarter is a Celebration, a celebration of the great work done by your National Committee to deliver on a promise. That promise delivered by your President Ian Harris at the 2017 National Weekend, was to deliver a new and better Website by this year's National Weekend. The whole committee got behind that promise and with the 2017 AGM and the introduction of Stephanie Booth to the committee, as well as the acceptance by Ian Ramage to take on the role of Webmaster, the team was in place to turn wish to reality. The promise has been realised and we are indeed the recipients of a new and better website, driven forward by Stephanie and Ian R with many hours spent voluntarily by them in meetings with the web designers to give us what was introduced at NW18. Outstanding effort, and I speak for all regular users when I say Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Now let's all use it.

That's all from me, enjoy your ride, and let's see you on the roads!

It's Never Far, In a TR.

Steve Martin









TR Register NZ Inc. National Weekend 2018 and Northland Tour.

Well the Northland version of the National Weekend has come and gone. As I write this I hear on the news that the main road to Cape Reinga has collapsed and is impassable so we were lucky with the timing of our event.

When given the task about three years ago on the after tour in Blenheim – the ramblings over a few drinks were heard by then President Frank and he said ‘you’re on’.

It wasn't until after the Dunedin weekend that we started to formulate a plan of what we wanted. We were told to be different and think outside the square. With this in mind considerations on our agenda were – due to distance to get up north we would have less driving and some of the must do things while in the north. And of course more socializing.

We decided to extend the weekend by a day so that the trip could be broken up with a night in Whangarei before heading to Paihia where we would be based.

We may be the “Winterless North” but it still rains and rain on our parade it did. We came close to claiming the Rubber Ducky award but fortunately the sun came out at key times so Whanganui keep the award for another year.

The National Weekend had less support than in past years with 27 cars which, while disappointing, was actually a good number for us. We were able to fit on one bus for the Cape Reinga trip and everyone mingled at the events, usually around food and drink.

Our weekend opened on Wednesday evening with registration followed by dinner and welcome by our mayor. The next morning we parked our cars at the Town Basin against the backdrop of yachts moored in the harbour. We then travelled to Waitangi via several selected routes. Key events during the weekend included a Cape Reinga trip which included boogie boarding down sand dunes, a cultural experience and history of the area at Waitangi and of course Concours. The grope box also made a return with was won by Paul our guest from the UK with 9 out of 10 items correct.

The after tour was centred around the Northland history of the Hokianga and Dargaville. No doubt others will give an account of this.

I personally now appreciate the hard work and effort that goes into organising these weekends. Thanks to Nigel and Warwick from Warkworth who took charge of the car show and concours parking etc.

The organising committee would like to thank those who were able to come north. You made the event.

Now back to a stress reduced life

Brian Cannons

On behalf of the organising committee Northland

TR Register Concours Results 2018

Masters Class	First	Ken & Teresa Pfeffer	TR6	Damson
	Second	Murray & Stephanie Booth	TR6	Magenta
	Third	Helen Ferner	Doretti	White

The Tinkler Family Trophy

TR2/3	First	Graeme & Joy Thomas	TR2	BRG
Modified Class	Second	Brian & Raewyn Cannons	TR3	Red
	Third	Nigel & Gloria Hayman	TR2	BRG

TR4/4A/5/250	First	Ann Cleary	Dove	Burgundy
Standard Class	Second	Ian MacPherson & Elizabeth Gawler	TR4A	BRG

TR6	First	Ian Harris	TR6	Damson
Standard Class	Second	Dennis & Anne Greenman	TR6	White

Pride of Ownership

The Janice Egan Memorial Trophy

First	John Hill	TR2	Red
Second	Warrick Orr & Catherine McCaffery	TR3A	White

Peoples Choice	Phillip & Julie Hoffman	TR5	Valencia
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Presidents Award	Stephanie Booth Ian Ramage
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Barry Wilson Memorial Trophy	Stephanie Booth Ian Ramage
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Enthusiasts Plate	Bryan & Carol Thomas	TR6	White
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Highest Overall Points

The Classic Cover Cup

Ken & Teresa Pfeffer	TR6	Damson
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The National Weekend 2018

Or 4 Days in a Leaky Car (sorry Split Enz)

Two different meeting and official start times had been arranged for this weekend. Anne and I had chosen the Wednesday night start along with Helen Ferner and her friend Suzanne. Murray & Stephanie, Ian & Rona Frank & Anne & Bruce and Anne, chose to meet us at Paihia a day later.

Wednesday dawned fine and Gary and Heather Kingston had stayed overnight with us after driving from Taupo with the contingent from the Napier region. With tops down and sun in our face we blasted up the motorway to Puhoi, getting smiles and waves from passing motorists. At Puhoi Cheese Cafe we meet up some of the Napier Group including Joy & Graeme Thomas and Colin and Sharon Grant. We had coffee together and sampled some of the local cheeses, not all to every ones liking.

The Napier lot decided to take a more adventure-some route via the Leigh Sawmill and Brewery. We took a more conservative path straight up Highway One. Just over the top of the Brynderwyn and after battling a couple of light showers, we got a taste of what we were in for....Rain and lots of it

In fact it was not only us that suffered, but it claimed a number of victims. John Hill's little TR 2 lost a wiper blade and another TR 6 lost its wiper system completely. Maybe these cars were not meant to be driven in the rain, what say you Steve?

Anyway we regrouped at the Discovery Hotel for Dinner and Formal Greeting a "short walk away at the A 'Fare Reception room. The Mayor of Whangarei, Sheryl Mai, and the man that worships her, her partner, formally welcomed us to her fair City. It is rumored that Sheryl's husband has an MGBGT in the garage at home, but we will not hold that against him.

Bryan and his team, Warren, John and Nigel formally told us what we in for. I think John's words were "it may be the winterless north but that does not mean it does not rain". How very true, after we scrambled back to the hotel amongst heavy showers.

Next day dawned fine-ish and with a show and shine down at the basin along with breakfast all seem to be going well. Amongst the admirers of the cars was news reporter Mark Sainsbury. Mark admitted to always wanting one of these lovely cars but only ever getting as far as a 2.5 Triumph Saloon.

Breakfast done, the cars took various routes to Paihia. Some via SH 14 and the Packard Museum and lunch at the Old Parakao Store, others took SH 15 and the old Russell Road with lunch at Helena Bay Café. We took the Museum route and two minute on the way with Heather and Gary following us we managed to lose them. 10 minutes later and few phone calls reunited we found the museum. What a beauty, something for everyone, not only cars, but motorbikes, sewing machines, typewriters (whatever they were), and toys, the lot. Well worth a visit.

Parakao store for lunch, we were following Ken Pfeffer and as we gently cruised over a top of a hill, my navigator said is that the lunch stop. A quick U-turn at the bottom of the hill, which saw all nearly tangle with the local rubbish collection, back up the hill and lunch. How does that go again Gary?

After lunch a cruise through some lovely driving roads to Paihia, and the Copthorne Hotel. And rain.

Meanwhile, somewhere north of Auckland, the second contingent had assembled and were having a lazy old lunch and suddenly they remembered that they had a five hour drive ahead of them, so better put the skates on and move. This group arrived at the hotel just with time to spare, have a quick drink before we all boarded the ferry to Russell and the Bay Of Islands Sword Fishing Club for dinner.

What a fabulous place steeped in big game fishing and folklore. Presentation by the Manager and showing the records of Zane Grey gave us an insight to this hallowed ground of fishing.

Friday weather, rain and a bus trip to Cape Reinga. We all boarded the bus with fear of the weather and what we might not see, but just after Kaeo, we burst through into bright sunshine. A great morning at the Cape and walk to the light house with the customary photos taken, back on board and down the Te Paki stream.

We stopped here for some more adventuresome people to have a go at dune surfing, with some interesting results. There were the fast surfers like Warren that came down the hill so fast that he hit the stream at the bottom spectacular style. On the other hand there were those who "dragged their feet" for a more leisurely descent.

All aboard and off the beach at Hukatere past the wild horses and onto Houhora Heads for late lunch of fish and chips, lovely they were too.

Quick run back down past Kaeo, and back into the rain and a detour to the Waipara forest to see a magnificent stand of Kauri trees.

Home to the dinner and dance at the hotel. At the Dinner Ian and Stephanie gave a magnificent presentation on the new web site and all its features. Well-done guys.

Seeing some of the group had retired early to bed, tables with unopened bottle were spied. "Hey MR what's your wine doing later?"

Saturday morning and the Concours and fine weather, what's the chances. I mopped out the inside of the car, and we all assemble on the lawn behind the hotel for the judges to do their thing. Others headed to Kerikeri Markets and some of the best pies around so I have been told. Who ate all the pies Gary?

Meanwhile the judges at the Concours were hard at work, turning up a few errors of the owners (Helen just how far out of date was that rego). Trevor Hynds could even get his bonnet open (Snap bonnet release...Bu..ger)

Saturday night dinner was at Alongside, a restaurant on the wharf at Paihia under large umbrellas. All was good until about desserts were served and the usual weather pattern

returned The heavens opened up which then lead to a mass team bonding session under the largest umbrellas. It was rumoured that the wind was so strong that the meringue was literally blown off people's plates as they cut it.

Sunday breakfast and prize giving, and the heaviest rain shower as a final salute to the weekend. The Auckland Group did well; I picked up a second place in standard class, Murray Booth winning the TR6 section. Helen Ferner best Dorette (got that rego fixed Helen) Ian and Stephanie took out the President award for their work on the new web site and Anne Cleary took out the best car of the Concours with the Dove.

And special mention here to John Hill for his TR2, a deserved winner and a great tablemate. You are what the national weekend is all about.

After the awards, back to cars and another 2 litres of water mopped out, some of us head home feeling more like rubber duck drivers than Triumph owners. While seven brave cars hung around for the after tour.

Stage Two, The After tour

Those on the after tour hung round Paihia and in the afternoon assemble to go see the sites of Russell. After a walking tour of the small township and visiting historical site the group assembled at the Duke of Marlborough for, wait for it, a feed of FISH and Chips.

Monday, was this a bright yellow orb in the sky? Yes, the long promised sunshine. The 14 remaining brave souls and cars under the guidance of Bryan and Warren headed off to the Waimate North Mission House and Church for a lesson in colonial history, after which we drove to the historic Horeke Tavern for another fascinating talk by the current owner on the early history and ship-building on the Hokianga harbour.

After lunch here and refreshments it was a drive to Kohu Kohu and ferry across to Rawene. Should have stayed with the group Phill, Six cars crossed at a Price of \$7.00 average as opposed to normal \$22.00. Good group discount.

Café stop and walk around Rawene and off to Opononi. Val did you pick everything from the cafe... a lost camera caused no end of grief for Lyn and Val, but with local help it was recovered.

Drive through the Kauri forest and visit to pay our respect to Tane Mahuta and on to Dargaville for the night and some running repairs to Murray's car. The electric cooling fan was touching the radiator and after a few adjustments that was fixed and the efforts of the group switched to where to eat out on a Monday night in Dargaville. With help of local knowledge we were pointed in the direction of the Northern Wairoa, another "short walk away".

The place looked a little suspect, but when you entered the grand dining room you realised what a grand old lady the hotel was. The food was great even if they over charged us for a meal, cunning people.

Tuesday saw us up at Dargaville. Best not to follow Phil's instructions, otherwise you would have ended up in Kauri forest looking for the lighthouse!

A very knowledgeable man gave us a history lesson on swamp kauri logging and took us through this vast museum covering a great cross section of the local history. Everthing was there and it is worth a visit if you in the area.

Matakohe was the next stop, some of us taking a slight detour to get there but we got there, enough said. Café stop and another museum. This is also worth a look, as it covers a lot of the milling in the area and has a working sawmill inside. Worth more than the 11/2 hours we spent inside. We were museumed out..

Back on the road via Paparoa, Waiotira and on to Whangarei and yes rain.

Dinner was a lovely BBQ put on by Brian and Raewyn Cannon at their house, with the Whangarei group and what a great feed it was.

Wednesday dawned as a 50/50 day for top down. The drive today took us through Waipu to Matakana and to the end at Morris and James Pottery. We stopped at Waipu for breakfast coffee and about Lang's beach it looked Ok to bring the tops down. There were a couple of small showers but they soon passed.

Compulsory stop at Bennett's Chocolate` to savour some fine food and chocolate then on to Morris and James Pottery. Lucky we are driving cars with limited luggage space given the size of some of the pots the ladies were looking at.

Lunch was served and after this we said our fond farewell to the group and the great friends we had made. With heavy hearts we headed back to Auckland and fought our way through the traffic to home.

Footnote to this - Gary and Heather Kingston stayed with us overnight and the following morning headed back to Taupo. Top down sun in their faceUntil Wairakei, 10min from their home. They got caught up in an enormous down pour and arrived home to dry out the car.

Dennis Greenman

Intermarque Concours D'Elegance Ellerslie Classic Car Show

The weather forecast wasn't good we admit, but you always have that thought that maybe, just maybe, it won't be as bad as they say... well it was, but the show must go on and it was held in the worst rain conditions for a very long time.

The event is pitched as "a spectacular event showcasing car clubs and the best of the best in beautiful vehicles" this was far from reality. The club team display theme this year was "Women and the Marque". For various reasons we decided not to enter in this year's competition, and in hindsight this was probably a very good call, our props and possibly printed signage would have been totally destroyed....

This year we decided we would have a shared lunch as the food at the show is still in the era of the cars... so something nice to look forward to...

Bruce and Anne Stuart were involved in an accident on route to the show, an SUV decided to do a U-turn right in front of them, so their car was damaged and is still off the road... we lamented over the fact that we were not going to be able to taste Bruce's famous scotch eggs, and like true TR owners they got into their modern and came up and joined us for lunch with the scotch eggs, cheese and crackers.... So delicious.

Dennis and Anne Greenman, TR6, a delicious bacon and egg pie.... Followed by a crumble both delicious

Nick and Ally Kemp, TR6, helped us eat it all... no point taking wet food home...

Tony and Liz Phillips, TR3A, Liz was smart and decided to stay inside out of the rain...

Ian and Rona Ramage, TR6, sausage rolls & homemade pate, delicious....

Murray and Steph Booth, TR6, 2 iced ginger loaves... recipe to be shared.

Helen Ferner cancelled due to the Doretti not liking torrential rain, a very wise decision.

Frank and Anne Cleary, TR8, travelling from Katikati, cancelled due to weather.

Ian Macpherson, TR5, travelling from Bay of Plenty also cancelled due to weather.

We set up our gazebo with table and chairs thinking this would be sufficient to keep us dry, we ended up with our umbrellas up firstly sitting, then standing up under the gazebo trying to eat lunch without anything getting wet....

What a hardy bunch smiling and finding the humour in it all....

Oh yeah did we engage with anyone from the public... not really, it was too wet for them to stop and talk. Cars were being towed out, and the event couldn't be cancelled and we weren't allowed to leave until eventually around 3.30 they said we could go....

Every year we say a big thanks to everyone who commits to coming to Ellerslie and giving up their Sunday, and this year was no exception. To venture out and put up with the miserable conditions... you guys are amazing.... THANKS.... We couldn't do it without you and its not an option for the Register to opt out.

Looking forward to next year.... Sunshine and entering into the Team Display and winning.... Hope we've enticed you to come along and join us especially to share in a first class "picnic lunch" in true British style.

Steph Booth



Waikato Wanderings



Christmas gave way to a spectacular summer and with that, many opportunities to venture out in the Triumph Roadster and that's exactly what we did.

The first get together was to revisit our annual Fish 'n' Chip Run to Raglan beach and it was an opportunity taken by many of our members. Many thanks to Diane who has supplied an article that just might entice others to join in for next year.

In lieu of our usual monthly pub night we all decided to mix it up with a shared dinner at the Morrinsville home of Cara and Vishu, on reflection it was a very good idea. We all gathered with enough food to stay for several nights, as usually happens at such events, and before long we were sharing stories, telling tales and enjoying the variety of car projects that were currently on the go. Needless to say a good time was had by all and it set the tone for future gatherings.

February and March saw us back to our usual haunt, The Prince Albert Tavern, in Cambridge. One of the reasons we gather there is their flexibility in catering for our numbers regardless of the fact we book for 10 and 12 might turn up or even as many as 18. We have never had to share a meal because the food has run out so that's a big high five for the management. The food is consistently good as well and the conversation, well, there is always something to talk about. The evening is usually interrupted by 'business' which adds to the mix and provides a good platform to discussing new destinations and/or car events coming up soon such as the Gymkhana on the 22nd April or the Car show due to hit Te Awamutu on the 8th April.

We are all heading to a campground at Ohiwa Beach at the beginning of May armed with chilly bins and pyjamas for an overnight stay; it will be seriously good fun. Diane is going along armed with her camera and notebook, so we can share the trip with you all in the next magazine.

I think that sums up the last few months; lots going on and lots to look forward to.

Peter.P

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO RAGLAN

One of the cool things about having a great time with your TR buddies is having the opportunity to repeat it the following year and that is what this annual pilgrimage to Raglan is all about for our Waikato Wanderings Group; the Fish'N'Chip Run. The variables are usually the weather, tick, all good, the numbers, tick, consistently well supported and finally the quality of the fish and chips, double tick, awesome and a new destination shop this time but more on that later.

We headed off in convoy, the only way to travel on our outings, making our way to Whatawhata where we would merge onto Highway Route 23; The Road to Raglan. This road begins at the Dinsdale Roundabout in Hamilton and the scenic road passes through Waikato farm land before heading over the Waipa river and up over the hills of the deviation, known to locals as the dev or divvy. Just before hitting the divvy though we deviated to visit the workshop of Neil Wright who is currently working on the restoration project of his newly acquired TR3 (see photo on next page). It is always a treat to visit a project in its infancy, a great way to get the full appreciation of the finished car when it appears in the future as a complete up and running TR. Even better when it gets to join in on the outings we have all come to enjoy over the years so there is always





someone watching quietly in the background Neil.

Not having the TR3 on the road did not stop Neil joining us though, as he jumped in the passenger seat of the Morgan and headed across the range, descending into in a series of steep twists and turns down a valley before heading to Raglan and the wild west coast. At the top of the Deviation is the Four Seasons reserve

which only adds to the scenic value of the drive.

Our final destination was Raglan Fish, Dine in or Takeaway. The beauty of going on a midweek run was we found a large table to accommodate the whole group, everyone went in to order before returning with number in hand keenly awaiting our number to be called. The benefit of being right on the wharf was you could watch the fishing boats come in or simply enjoy the ambience of being on the wharf with the sea breeze, seagulls and salted chippy in hand with beautiful battered or crumbed fresh fish waiting in the wings, yummy! This place is always busy, the customer service was great, and the fish and chips were fantastic.

A quick wander through the ceramic delights of Tony Sly Pottery made for a wonderful end to this gathering.

Roll on 2019 I say, actually, I think it is fair to say we would all say.



Diane Parker



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Canterbury Tales...



Congratulations to Warren, Jill and all the team for making the Northland Nationals such a great event – well done. A round trip of well over 3000Kms is bound to have its repercussions, but not too disastrous in this case.

My TR6 lost overdrive due to a wire letting go of its termination, and Dave had battery problems and he had to fit a new ignition coil when the motor went dead at Waiouru, otherwise we were pretty trouble free.

Christmas seems a long time ago, but even before then, while we were enjoying wonderful spring weather we met at the Jones's for a bar-b-que. As ever a popular event on our calendar.

In January we went to the Halswell Quarry Park for an evening picnic and again good weather and a lot of cars turned out. The judder bars caught their usual victim and I was seen pushing a certain exhaust pipe back into place – again!

They weren't all TRs I have to say, one Porsche was seen in the car park.

Almost too late we found out that the gates were to be locked at 9:00pm to keep the riff-raff out (or in) at night. Just in time we escaped to avoid being locked in with the Nissans and Toyotas of this world (heaven forbid), Porches and Aston Martins are OK (just) but there are limits aren't there? We could have stayed for an all night party I suppose, but some of us were anxious to get to work next day. We are just too conscientious.

The February dinner was in Lyttelton at Freemans restaurant with a lovely view of the port and harbour. A well attended pizza and pasta night.

My TR6 is supposed to have 150 good horses, but in March we dined in Christchurch at a restaurant called One Good Horse. I'm not sure what sort of car that refers to, and I had better not make a suggestion or I might land myself in trouble! Maybe it is the four legged variety. Twenty seven attended (people, not horses) which is the most we have had for

some time. If this trend continues we will need to start hiring conference halls!

By the time you read this I, together with Malcolm and Yvonne, will have completed (I hope) the West Coast Wilderness Trail on our one person power bikes as we get into “Gold Fever” mood. Bye for now.

Bryan and Carol



Wellington Wafflings...

Summer got off to a great start for the Wellington group with a good turnout for the annual Lake Ferry Classic Motoring excursion. This event, which takes place on the second Saturday in December, is organised by the Sunbeam club, but open to all comers. The rules are simple: you turn up in Featherston at a civilised hour in the morning and drive, gently, to Lake Ferry on the South Wairarapa Coast. There you can enjoy a picnic lunch followed by a beverage of your choice at the local pub.

Seven Wellington TRs made the trip over the Rimutakas for the day. All managed to navigate successfully to the destination without taking any wrong turnings, and later in the afternoon returned via Martinborough. There, the day being hot, we needed to pause to rehydrate at one of the establishments around the square. All agreed that this was an excellent way to open the TR driving season.

There was plenty more sunny weather to come too, but not, unfortunately, on British and European Car Day in February. This event wasn't quite rained out, as has happened in the past, but the weather forecast kept a lot of people away. By midday those of those who had taken a bet on the showers holding off accepted that it was time to cut our losses and make an early departure. This was a pity, as it was the first time other European marques had been invited to what was previously an all British affair. The assortment of Ferraris, Fiats and other eurotrash certainly added variety. Who knows, if it rains again next year I might even consider taking the Beemer - assuming I've got it all back together by then of course. Who'd have thought that a BMW gearbox could be even more difficult to get out and in than a TR's?

The Wellington group continues to meet on the last Wednesday of each month for beer, food and emotional support, but after a long period with a regular venue we have decided to move around a bit. Our March get together was at the Tuk Tuk Thai restaurant in Pauatahanui, which those who made it there can certainly recommend.

One member did not make it, as he decided to come in his Jaguar, thinking I guess that being made in Coventry it was a reasonable substitute for a Triumph. The TR Gods sadly thought otherwise, and smote him with their wrath, which removed a frost plug from his engine block. Curiously, nobody else brought a TR either, or any other British make, and we had no problems. So clearly it is just other cars from Coventry that the TR Gods have a grudge against. Anyway, now you are all warned.

Finally, we welcome new member Lee Groube, who has recently acquired a TR4. This car was previously unknown in NZ as it was imported from the UK a few years back and stored without being registered. We are all looking forward to seeing it recommissioned in due course and enjoying more of Lee's company, not necessarily in that order.

Johnathan

Coming Events

Pub evening: Last Wednesday of each month. Venue is changeable at present, so please confirm with Jonathan for details on 021 124 7950



Bay of Plenty Travellers

DOWN THE COAST

On a fine summer's morning a group of six immaculate TR's and their owners and partners assembled at Graham and Margaret Beaumont's lovely home in Oropi. After a generous morning tea and coffee, great food and a lot of friendly conversation, we eventually headed off for our run through Te Puke via Welcome Bay and on to Thornton to the Red Barn café for lunch

The drive along the coast near Matata was exceptional, particularly at that time of the year, as the Pohutukawa trees lining the cliff face were bursting with crimson flowers. On the other side of the highway lie sand dunes that unravel alongside the coast with the occasional cluster of tall gumtrees hindering the view of the blue Pacific Ocean rolling in on the beach.

We drove in procession past productive dairy farms with canal waterways dictating the shape of the twisting corners of the road then over the Rangitaiki river bridge to arrive at our destination

The Red Barn café has the advantage of eating lunch inside or under the shade of a relaxed garden environment where we enjoyed a variety of food.

We left for home with the burning sun shining down on our convertible vehicles. The only blemish on other wise a great day out was one of our number drifted to an embarrassing stop on the highway with fuel pump problems.

Thanks must go to those members who stopped to assist and diagnosed the problem. A phone call to the AA for assistance who rescued the stranded car and transported it and it's frustrated owner back to Tauranga concluding what otherwise was a very pleasant day.

ROTORUA LAKESIDE

Four TR's assembled at Barks Corner Tauranga at 8.30am for a run to Rotorua through the Pyes Pa route. After an uneventful drive through the hills to Rotorua we arrived at the lakeside venue where a large group of classic and vintage cars were gathered for an annual public display to raise funds for charity.

This event has been run for a number of years and still proves to be popular with anything up to a couple of hundred various models and makes of vehicles surrounding the park grounds. We managed to locate a



favourable spot beneath large Plane trees giving shelter from the blistering sun.

We were joined by Earl Ottway in his handsome red TR5, one of our BOP members. Graham and Margaret Beaumont had driven over in their immaculate Jaguar and others in our group, Peter Seaton TR4A, Duncan and Janine Graham TR6, Mike Thorman TR3A enjoyed a picnic lunch in the welcome shade as it was very hot and humid.

Just relaxing and chatting to one another while we leisurely whiled away a pleasant Sunday afternoon was reward enough. After casting a discerning eye over the various makes of cars, including everything from Rolls Royce and Alvis to Austin and Morris Minors, we packed up our gear, said our goodbyes, and independently headed home.

Ian



The Registrar Reports...

NZ\$310,000 for a TR3A? True! Sotheby's Auctions in Paris recently sold an ex-works rally TR3A for the princely sum of 184,000 euros. The car concerned (commission number TS23870-O and rego. VRW221) is one of four TR3As entered by the Triumph Works Team in the 1958 Monte Carlo Rally. It was second overall in the 1958 Circuit of Ireland Rally, and first in class in the 1958 Tulip Rally. It has obviously been rebuilt to 'as new, pre-rally' condition, and you can read all about it at:

<http://tinyurl.com/y7u6h83g>

The April issue of *'New Zealand Classic Car'* magazine features an article by Donn Anderson on our sidescreen cars. I was pleased to assist by providing Donn access to our treasure-trove of pictures and history, and in turn I was impressed by the amount of research he had carried out on his own behalf, with some emphasis on the NZ history of the TR2 in particular.

Look out for a second article from Donn later in the year on the TR4 to TR6 models.

A TR2 with an interesting owner history is TS960-O which is now in the hands of new member Alissa Bell, and spotted at the recent Galaxy of Cars at Western Springs. This car was rebuilt in the early 80s by Robin Dudding in Rotorua. You may recall that Robin tragically lost his life in a hostage situation in the course of his duty as a traffic officer.

Bruce Hislop sent me a Christmas message with an update on various TR models and owners in Hawkes Bay (or is that Hawke's Bay or Hawke Bay??). One item of interest to older movie buffs is that a TR4 once owned by Australian actor Sir Peter Finch, is still owned by his nephew Brian Finch.

Not quite a 'barn find' but out of sight for many years, is Swallow Doretti #1148. This car was last noted in our records in the early eighties as being 'dismantled, awaiting restoration'. (How many times have I heard that comment before...) It is now in the hands of new member Rex Chaney, who has produced photo evidence that restoration is now 'advancing well'.

Another 'well advanced' major rebuild is the special TR2 speed model commission number TS767SP-O which Frank Cleary is rebuilding to its unique specification shared by only two other cars, and which is identical to the Jabbeke 124mph record-holder (under 2000cc.) Chassis and panel work is coming along steadily. The other speed model in New Zealand is TS612SP-O, also progressing in the hands of Shane Taylor. The third car TS19SP-LO is in Canada.

Waimak Classics regularly offer top TRs for sale. Recent or current offerings include:

- TR4A Commission Number CTC71286, listed at \$55,000
- TR6 Commission Number CP52370-O (ex Robert Giboney), listed at \$78,000

Have a look for yourself at: <http://www.waimakclassiccars.co.nz/>

Other for sale offerings in TradeMe and elsewhere in recent months include:

- TR2 at \$45,000
- TR7DHs at \$15,000; \$18,000 (V8); \$27,500 (Grinnall)
- TR6s at \$44,999; \$16,500; \$35,000

Kevin

Tech bits and pieces

TR2 Springs – can anyone enlighten me?

Bryan Thomas

My TR2 is all in pieces for some repairs and a repaint, and this has given me a chance to find out why it has been leaning to the left. It seems it wasn't displaying its political affiliations, neither was it trying to indicate its favourite pub as we passed. There were two reasons for the lean, one at the front and one at the rear.

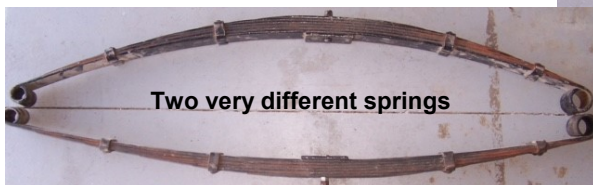
I found that the rear springs were totally different from each other, the right hand spring having a much deeper curvature than the left one when relaxed. Now there is often talk of manufacturers putting a stronger spring under the drivers' side of cars to offset the greater weight that commonly sits on that side, but I have never seen any confirmation that Triumph ever did that for the TR2 which was built to a price, so such refinements are unlikely. Later TR models did have different springs on each side of the rear. However, there was nearly four inches difference in height between these two springs and my eighty kilogrammes is only enough to reduce the height difference to about two and a half inches. So even with a heavy driver and no passenger there would be a residual lean to the left. Incidentally, when fully laden the rear springs should have a small negative curvature of slightly less than one inch.

Of the two springs on my car the flatter one from the left side is stamped with the correct Triumph part number for the TR2 (301017). The right hand spring has only SM or maybe WS stamped on it so this is presumably the "ring-in".

The situation was even worse at the front. The spring on the left side had broken at some time about one and a half coils from the bottom. An old scar indicated that a crack started a long time ago and the final break occurred more recently.

So it is going to be new springs all round. I would be interested to hear if anyone else has had similar experiences.

Bryan



Spare a Thought

On the new website you may have noticed more up-to-date spares list - 2018 vs. 2014 on the old website. This list of over 500 items is what we endeavour to hold in stock for your benefit. However, as stock is only replenished once a year, normally mid-year, some items are currently running low or are out of stock.

The next spares and indent order will be placed towards the end of May – I will be in touch with everyone in May calling for indent orders.

Also on the website is our list of Used Spares, the condition of these items is stated if known and pricing is “open to reasonable offers”.

We do have some items in stock that have sat around for a while. I would prefer they were moved on so the funds can be better used to hold faster moving items.

This time round our “special” is one pair of WIPAC driving lights, Moss part# WPS6007, priced at £30.80.....but to the first lucky buyer.....only \$50.00.

Cheers

Ian H.



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