

Transmission





Hospice Charity Display - Top O' the South style



Winning TRs at Nationals Sunday lunch

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FRONT COVER

**City of Sails TRs of
various hues.
Great Ellerslie Car
Show display**

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TRanSport

Amazing the difference a month makes.

Just 4 weeks ago we were enjoying the Wairarapa back roads and good company at our National Weekend. Now we are confined to barracks.

Once again I must compliment Julie Hoffman and her organising team for a superb National Weekend. Wonderful empty country roads that very few of us had driven before, stretching from Lake Ferry on the south coast to Castlepoint on the east coast, Martinborough, Greytown, Masterton in between and, of course, the TUI brewery at Mangatainoka. (We are only here because it's raining – Yeah, Right!) And once again our thanks to our Australian friends who joined us for the Weekend and After-Tour. It's always a pleasure winding you up!

The Forum proved lively, subjects ranged from Magazine/Calendar production to Insurance/Compliance and Concours - more details later. While the subjects may seem repetitive, your Committee does listen and take action where it can.

The 2021 National Weekend is to be held in Nelson over the last weekend in February 25th to 28th. The theme, surprisingly, is Lord Nelson. Why not pencil the date in now ??

Just prior to leaving Auckland for the NW, by chance I met up with Nigel Woof from the UK who had shipped his rather nice red TR4 to NZ to compete in a 21 day Enduro Rally of NZ. This was his first event and his car performed amazingly well given that a large proportion of the Rally was on gravel roads. I heard from a number of our members who saw the rally in progress and Nigel has kindly written a summary of his trip which is published further on in TRansmission.

We will all be under pressure in the coming weeks to remain calm and tolerant while we “knock the bastard off!”. Members who are essential service providers, we thank you unreservedly.

Ian H. President

EDITORIAL TEAM

TALK

Welcome all to this special edition of TRansmission, special for several reasons.

Firstly, this is the first edition of TRansmission to come out in e-version only, certainly since we took over the editorial role and probably ever. Printers are currently closed and will remain so for at least two more weeks and maybe more. Getting copy to them after lockdown is over and allowing for the time to print and distribute would make the usual hard copy very close to the next edition. And there is just too much uncertainty to allow committing to a print edition.

That may be disappointing for many of you, but is a consequence of very trying and difficult circumstances that we are all too well aware of. It's a small sacrifice compared with what many others are suffering. So please enjoy reading this one edition on screen. There are advantages including clearer photos and larger print options (and the pages never fade!). Or print it off yourself so that you can still read it in any room, large or small, in the house.

While speaking of the challenges of Covid 19, we do hope that you and your families and friends are healthy and not too badly impacted in your jobs, businesses, or lives in general.

Secondly, this is our Nationals edition, with plenty of stories from group leaders and others about their journeys to and from Masterton and the great time they had there. Well done to the organisers - it was clearly a hugely enjoyable and successful event.

The NW2021 Organising Committee are well on the case already. On pages 24-5 there is detail of the accommodation options that you will want to study if you plan to be in Nelson in March next year. Being starved of TR use currently, and possibly ongoing limitations off and on, by then we may all be looking forward to a really decent run from home to Nelson and back, and the great company of our TR friends.

We would normally sign off by saying something like "enjoy your cars for the rest of Autumn", but other than a run to the supermarket, pharmacy, or doctor, that's not allowed for most of us at the time of writing. Hopefully those restrictions will ease so we can have a last drive or two while the colours are still beautiful and the sun still shining.

Keep safe (on the road and off).

Stephen, Trevor, & Brian

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Keith Lane – Former TR Register President

Keith Lane's life was cut short on Saturday Feb 15th at the young age of 67 in a tragic boating accident. He is survived by his wife Rosie, son Chris and twin daughters Rebecca and Rachel.

Keith and I go back quite some years, nearly 50. We met in the 70's through a shared passion for cars, and we both joined The Sports Car Club of Canterbury. I had just downgraded my TR6 for a TR2 and Keith had upgraded from a TR2 to a TR4.



Keith headed off on his OE in 1975 and I joined him again about a year later in Amsterdam. We shared an amazing time in Amsterdam and in the UK, the most memorable were the motor racing circuits we were able to visit. They were surely exhilarating times for us. I am sure if I mentioned home brew there would be a chuckle from Keith – but that is another story.

Prior to our return from London, Keith purchased a TR6 to bring home and settled in Auckland. Here he got very involved with the TR Register, regularly racing in the TR team at Pukekohe. Some of the older members may remember these times when motorsport was the focus of the TR Register and most other Car Clubs were equally involved, with regular meetings at Pukekohe. Keith spent a period as President of the TR Register in the 80's. He was also a very keen and competitive sailor and had a desire to go faster with cars so left the Register

and built an AC Cobra (BRG of course) and more recently a Cobra Daytona producing about 640 bhp.

He was always meticulous with everything he did, always using the best components and never cutting corners. He has owned and operated The Gearbox Factory for a number of years and his wife Rosie will continue to run the business with the help of some very talented and dedicated tradesmen.

Keith was a great friend. We didn't contact each other very often but when we did it was like we had spoken the day before – a true friend. A couple of his sayings were "You can't beat BRG and wire wheels" and lately "Old Guys Rule". Be at peace Keith.

Graeme Thomas



Top O' The South

THE TOP O' THE SOUTH REPORT

DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY (DYTD).

Feb 10th is becoming an important date on the calendar of Triumph devotees – an opportunity to mark the birthday of Sir John Black, credited for rescuing and developing the Triumph brand.

As in previous years, some in Top O' The South celebrated the event, capturing a photo or two for the international website.

Jon Harrey's TR7 on DYTD



Many of our group were unavailable. Work commitments or other obligations called them elsewhere. Those with a little free time were left to do their own thing. Terry Watson drove his TR7 to the local Lotto outlet and invested in a ticket of hope. George Looman drove his TR7 to work. Jon Harrey ventured out, enjoyed the countryside, and captured a shot of his red TR7, a picture under the Nelson sun.

DYTD - George Looman's TR7



For our part, Avril and I had planned a coffee outing, beckoned by a cafe overlooking Momorangi Bay. It was but a 15 minute drive away, a short scenic run from Picton. Picturesque, along the Grove Track, with Queen Charlotte Sound lapping one side, and bush-clad hills jostling the other. A delightful location. Sheltered, with sun

glistening across the water. A haven of calm.

Accompanying us were a couple of other Triumphs for I had extended an offer of hospitality to Jon and Ged Haack (Mk3 Spitfire), and to Bryan and Gina Perry (Triumph Stag). Neither cars have the companionship of a local club. Interestingly, the Spitfire had negotiated the last Targa rally....Jon driving and wife Ged navigating. They had interesting stories to tell and are keenly anticipating the next Targa event.

We also had Brent Cameron and his partner Helen Richards along. Unfortunately Brent is battling a

Coffee stop during DYTD. Bill's TR3A and a couple of friends, Queen Charlotte Sound.



serious health issue and has relinquished his beloved Doretti to another family member. Avril gave up her position in my TR3A, riding instead with Helen in Brent's Jag and I had the honour of Brent in my passenger's seat. A fitting gesture for a loyal Top O' The South mate who may never fluke another run in a Sidescreen. We spent an enjoyable three hours together. We toasted Sir John's birthday, and in secret I toasted Brent's friendship.

IN PRAISE OF NW2020

What an outstanding gathering of Triumphs and their proud owners. Congratulations to Julie and her team for a wonderful event. And thanks to Grant and Steve for putting together an after-tour with something for everyone. Lots of driving, great scenery, challenging back roads, challenging navigation (for one car anyway) new routes, and places of interest.

Pleasingly, the Top O' The South fielded four cars, making their mark in various ways. Jon and Cheryl were awarded a share of the silverware, Leon and Varley claimed the prize for the best dressed couple, and Alan and Ann selflessly helped Julie manage the National Weekend. Well done guys and gals, efforts to be proud of. And our TR3A made its mark too. I averted my eyes in embarrassment. If you'd checked the ground where we'd parked, you'd understand.

For our part, we enjoyed some great motoring. We met up with Belinda and David, Neil Teika, and Leon and Varley, all disembarking the same Interislander crossing from Picton. We drove in convoy to the Wairarapa, our TR3A led the charge, as Belinda, Leon and Neil chased us through the Hutt Valley, up over the Rimutakas, and down into Featherston. Great fun.

I've bemoaned the TR3A's mechanical setbacks in earlier publications. I'd only had the car back on the road for 3 weeks prior to departure for NW2020. Although I'd hurriedly ran up a few hundred kilometers road testing, doubts remained over reliability. Thankfully, they proved groundless. The car ran a treat. Never a hint of anything amiss, stretching its legs with enthusiasm, and quaffing petrol with careless disregard for my bank balance. It did all that was asked – getting us there and back and no 'issues'. And as for the last year, blighted by let-downs, break-downs, and put-downs, all is forgiven.

HOSPICE CHARITY VEHICLE DISPLAY – BLENHEIM.

Come every March the Classic Motoring Society holds a fundraiser, the beneficiary of which is Hospice Marlborough. It's an established annual attraction.

As was the case with previous events, this year's 15th March show drew an enthusiastic response. A large selection of vehicles, - vintage, classic, and some straight from the showroom floor, - classic boats, classic motorbikes, picnic baskets, and food and refreshment sales, made for a great day out.



Triumphs were on display. Our TR3A, Leon and Varley's TR4, and Jon and Ged Haack's Triumph Spitfire, (mentioned in Drive Your Triumph Day above) parked together. We had Liam Taylor and his partner Reshmi join us. I'd issued an invitation and they arrived in their GT6 from Nelson. And I was fortunate. I had an advantage. Playing an official role at the show enabled me to keep an eye on the entrance. I did! and pounced on any Triumph coming within earshot. In the end I had 9 Triumphs lined up alongside our TR3A. All strangers' and cars I hadn't seen before. While they weren't of the TR series (a Herald rag-top, a Triumph 2000, Stags, a GT6 and Spitfires) they were Triumphs non-the-less. All without an active car club, all keen to go motoring with other Triumphs, all keen to hear of our Top O' The South Group, and keen to learn about the TR Register. I've traded business cards and email addresses with many. My new-found friends represent fertile recruitment possibilities, a challenge not to be rebuffed.

We unfurled our new TR Register flag, a task I delegated to Leon, and after a bit of a struggle Leon had it flying. It boldly proclaimed our spot amongst the crowd. It's a replacement for the old blue and white one. The one I'd flown over the previous 5 years, and hoisted at every opportunity. The old flag did us proud, but it's now in semi retirement, to be shaken out and pressed into service again should the need arise. The new one has pride of place.

And Triumph owners lent a hand, in their various ways making the show a smooth running affair. Wearing their Rotary attire, Jon and Ged helped collect entry fees and donations. Leon engaged in conversation with interested onlookers, promoting the Triumph brand and portraying the TR Register in good light. I donned my Classic Motoring Society name- tag and fluoro vest and assisted with marshalling and car



Leon making sense of the new flag

parking waving my arms like a demented cop on points duty. And when I regained my breath I talked with other Triumph owners. Varley joined us all for lunch, spending an hour or two at the venue. And Avril did whatever it is that neglected wives and partners at car shows do. All in all, another well patronised event. An outpouring of support for the Hospice, and with in excess of 500 vehicles on display, and a large enthusiastic crowd, there'll be a sizeable donation towards Hospice overheads. By any measure of success, a TRIumphant day.

NATIONAL WEEKEND 2021 – NELSON

Your Top O' The South hosts have been busy advancing plans for NW2021.

Full details of the National Weekend will be announced in June TRansmission. And Alan and Ann Blackie are piecing together a Magical Mystery Tour. It's bound to be something to sing about. Stand by, they'll reveal more in due course.

Those of you attending NW2021 may wish to start reserving Nelson accommodation. We've selected various sites which we've included, together with names and contact details, on a separate page elsewhere in this publication. And for those visiting from the north, we've included a website offering heavily discounted Interislander and Bluebridge fares. Get in now, secure your bookings, and help Nelson celebrate all things nautical.

Cheers,

Bill





Deep South Group

What a turbulent time we live in. Who would have thought this time last month we would be scrambling around cancelling group events and meetings. We have been lucky to get the Nationals over and done with and managed to hold motoring events and get togethers up until now.

Unfortunately, not many of us in the Deep South Group could make the 2020 Nationals but, by all accounts, this year's Nationals was a great success, even if two of our members had a bit of a hiccup during their journey. Anne and Peter Shepherd's TR6



was run up the back end by a wayward Harley Davidson on the way up. (If there is any one out there who has a back end for a TR6, Anne and Peter's panel beater, Colin Deaker would love to hear from you.) Then on the way home, Viv and Doug Osborne had their motor die just out of Oamaru. These events are what make the Nationals memorable, so they say!

The rest of us back home started the year with a Fish & Chip run to Waihola via Brighton and Taieri Mouth organised by Stephen and Gail. This run was to celebrate, with the rest of the Triumph' owners around the world, Drive your Triumph Day, the day set aside to celebrate everything Triumph. On the run several photos were taken and sent to the Drive Your Triumph' organisers in the States. Stephen also forwarded the photos to be included in the WWW site for the "Drive Your Triumph" Day and I am happy to report that those who went on the run are now world famous. If you would like to look at the web site The Deep South Group are on photos 76 – 100, Photos 5 & 6 on this page. If you click on the photo you will bring up the caption for the photo.



To look up the site go to; <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>.

This was followed later in the month by a visit from two TR owners, Paul and Jan Gerring from the UK. Paul and Jan are TR5 and TRS owners. The Deep South Group had a good turnout of members to a dinner with Paul and Jan followed by a very interesting talk and power point presentation by Paul and Jan on the construction, from scratch, of the TRS 20 years ago. The car has been raced at Le Mans Classic and at Woodward on many occasions successfully. They have also competed in the Brescia Liege rally, a 4000-mile road rally across Europe last summer. If you would like to find out more about the TRS, go to Google, it makes interesting reading.

The next outing was to the Wings & Wheels Spectacular held at the Taieri Airfield, Mosgiel. It was a great day with plenty of classic cars and aircraft. The turnout of DSG members was a bit disappointing but those of us who were there enjoyed ourselves and managed to catch up with other classic car nuts.

Mark McLachlan was there with his lovely orange Falcon ute, wearing a Corvette t-shirt, selling old Triumph brochures - very confusing.....

The following weekend we celebrated the annual Best of British Charity Motoring Day. The day started with the Deep South members meeting at the Ice Stadium car park and then following a route around Dunedin which was intended to show Dunedin at its best but unfortunately most of the route was shrouded in fog so there wasn't much to see. The final destination was the Portobello Reserve where entrants had the chance to show off their cars to the public and catch up with other Classic English car owners.

The marque of the day was "Standard / Triumph" and the Triumph group certainly did itself proud with a great turnout of TRs, Stags and various other Standard Triumph vehicles. The DS group celebrated with Trevor Deaker and Mark Borrie taking out 3rd place in the car trial and Trevor Payton receiving the Marque of the day, Best Standard Triumph, award. It was great to have Steve King join us for the day. Steve was visiting from Christchurch and we are hoping to see more of him in the future. We also had time



to get to know two of our new members, Ian and Rona Rammage. Ian and Rona have seen the light and moved down from Auckland to live in Alexandra where they will be joining our Central Otago members.

To all you other self-isolation members out there, keep washing your hands, make the most of your self-isolation and get all those things you were going to do on the TR, done. All of us here in the Deep South are thinking of you and hope it will not be too long before we are out and about on the road again turning petrol into pleasure.

Jane and Trevor



Above - Triumph was marque of the day

Left - Mark (or maybe Dick) of the day

DEEP SOUTH SPITTIE GOES TO NATIONALS

On Friday 14th February we set off from Mosgiel with our Spittie loaded to the brim, on our way to the 2020 Wairarapa Nationals, visiting family in Christchurch, Nelson and Wellington en route.

Thursday 20th saw us heading off from Wellington to Masterton looking forward to our days ahead. We were not disappointed as we scooted over the Rimutakas for the first time, then cruised through the idyllic townships of Featherstone, Greytown and Carterton enjoying the sunshine, coffee and scenery along the way. The lack of rain was most apparent on the parched roadside paddocks. Arriving at the Copthorne, around 3pm we parked up and checked in. Our room was great and Viv made good use of the nearby pool in the warmer weather.

Following the Meet and Greet was a beautiful BBQ dinner, where we were alarmed to learn Peter and Ann Shepherd were rear-ended in their TR6 by a Harley Davidson Motorcycle; with the rider flying through the air and just missing them. They were so lucky not to be injured. In typical TR style they chose to just get on with it and continue with the event. It was fitting that they later received the Enthusiasts Award.

A dewy Friday morning had owners out early preparing their TRs before travelling to the Concours event in Greytown. The beautiful warm day had the TRs sparkling under the morning sun. A great morning for car chat, coffee and visiting a boutique or two. Joining us on the rally was an Australian contingent with most travelling in their "TR9A". The afternoon's events included a visit to the Fell Locomotive Museum in Featherston, followed by a 150km loop running along great roads to lake ferry Road, then back to Copthorne for drinks and another lovely meal. One activity the committee organized was a Grope Box in which participants attempted to identify car parts by feel. This activity created a lot of humour.



Bugger!

On Saturday we headed towards Mangatainoka for a tour of the Tui Brewery by one of the "Tui Girls". Tough decision here: beer or coffee for morning tea? Leaving the brewery we headed south to Pahiatua to pick up our packed lunch, then on to the Pahiatua Railway Station to enjoy it. Afterwards we were treated to a ride on a completely restored railcar travelling 6km up the line and then back again. The dedication of those working on the project was apparent by their enthusiasm to talk in detail about the history and methods used in the restorations.

Taking the "adventurous" way back to Masterton there was the choice of visiting the



Middleton Model Railway shop; an Anzac Memorial Bridge; Pukaha Wildlife Centre and Café; and Mt Bruce Pioneer Museum. Saturday evening's garden party was the chance to dress up in the era of your car. There were some very clever outfits and a fun -filled evening was had by all. The food was amazing – where else could you get 7 different flavours of icecream for dessert? The Concours presentations were made between mains and dessert.

Sunday's drive took us along delightful country roads to Castlepoint; where we found an idyllic lighthouse. Definitely worth another visit sometime. We cruised off towards our fine dining destination at the Tirohana Estate Winery in Martinborough for a delicious lunch and farewell to those leaving for home.

After Tour

Monday saw us heading through backroads to an amazing attraction called Stonehenge built by a chap called Richard Hill. Firstly, he gave us an informed presentation on how early civilization used the stars and the sun to measure time and the seasons. He then took us to a nearly full-sized "Southern Hemisphere" Stonehenge he had built and explained how it worked. Before the mind went into complete overload we drove to the township of Fielding for the night.

Tuesday we visited the Rush Collection of historical racing cars and memorabilia; one formula car driven by Brabham, Hulme and Rush which won at the Monaco Grand Prix. It was very interesting and a lot to see in a short space of time. With tops down we travelled through one of the most picturesque legs of our journey with dozens of wind turbines lined up on the hills and mountains that rose in to the clouds. Martin was

our lunch stop. We then drove along backroads into Wanganui where we had our evening meal.

On Wednesday we followed the Wanganui River upstream stopping at places of interest including an historic water-wheel driven flour mill. It was a very slow windy road. Ohakune was our final lunch stop where we said our goodbyes to those of us travelling north. We drove back to Wanganui and had the opportunity to view Ken Pfeffer's collection of TRs. Let's just say it was very impressive.

The following morning we met at a local café where we said our farewells and then headed home. We Wheelie had a Wonderful time and would like to thank the Wairarapa Team for a job well done.

Unfortunately for us we were only 100km from home when the Spittie packed a sad - losing power due to a blown head gasket and was trailered home.

Doug and Viv Osborne



Line-ups at Nationals



Waikato Wanderings



Waikato Wanderings and where they have taken us....

The outings our group have taken during 2020 have been so much fun and looking back, pre Covid 19, they were opportunities taken and enjoyed with our friends and something to aspire to after things return to their new 'normal'. In the meantime, the various articles from all the groups within New Zealand accumulate to show what an awesome group we all are celebrating friendship through a common vehicle...the Triumph Roadster.

February 2nd kicked off with a colourful array of classic vehicles gathering in Cambridge for what was to be another sunny day spent exploring the roads as well as some heated moments as we interpreted the correct route to take before ending at a country primary school sharing experiences, lunch and beverages. It was here that I realised nearly all drivers and their navigators sometimes clash in the heat of battle especially when there is a time trial on offer and sometimes, just sometimes, things do not always go to plan. I guess the main thing is we all, eventually, found our way to the school, yes, some a good 30 minutes before the rest because we made a boo boo on the way. In my defence there was a signpost completely missing that was there the day before when the route was checked so how that happened, well, only the rascals that illegally removed it know the answer to that. That is what these gatherings are all about; the rough and the smooth, new experiences, new roads, tension and drama all coming together to make a damn fine TR event so a huge thankyou goes out to Kevin and Elisabeth for researching, testing and presenting the drive, it was awesome and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

The next event on offer was the TR Nationals and it was fabulous to join a large contingent of our Waikato buddies there, all making the trip safely as we negotiated our way South to join in on what was to be remembered as a marvellous, well run weekend resulting in new friendships made, new roads discovered and a fuller appreciation of the hours that go into organising an event like this. Thank you on behalf of all our members for all the planning that was done, the sacrifices of time made and the focus on presenting a fun, interesting and comfortable weekend.

The timing was impeccable with the weather, sure we got a little wet on one occasion but hey, we chose not to put the roof up, instead deciding to experience the long overdue rain and it was nice too. Of course, dodging the bullet with Covid 19 was another huge thumbs up so well done!

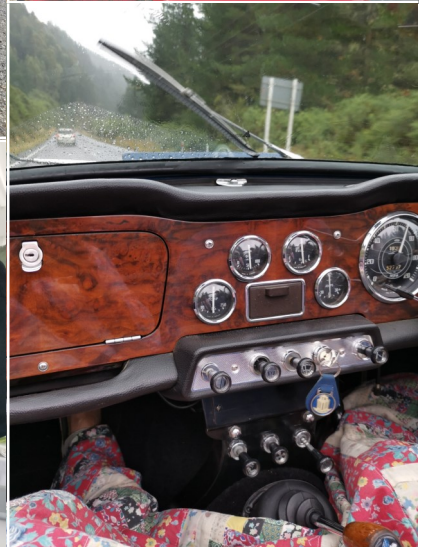
If I get to choose my highlight it would be difficult because in fairness everything from the welcoming buffet, mixed up seating plan, excursions on the roadcar, trip to Tui Breweries, trip down memory lane to dressing appropriate to the year of our TRs, bus trip to the venue on Saturday night, sitting on the floor enjoying a cut lunch at the sports centre, applauding the prize winners or simply the relaxed shopping in Greytown, everything was fabulous.

Some unfortunately encountered hardships on the way or experienced them while there so to acknowledge these times with special mention on the award evening is testament to the quality of the National group and its members.

It is always rather special to join the flock at such occasions and pretty great to see the response from other people as they pass by; an acknowledgement of the work and pride that goes in to owning a TR so all in all, 10 out of 10 for a great event, and a huge thank you to everyone that had a part to play including those that travelled from overseas to join us and the members that drove their cars a very long way, or a short way, to wave the flag for the Triumph Roadster, woohoo, roll on 2021!

Best regards and Happy Motoring

Diane and Peter Parker





TR Register Concours Results- Wairarapa 2020

Masters Class	First	Grant & Kate Burgess	92%	TR6
	Second	Kevin & Elizabeth Thorburn	90%	TR7V8
	Third	Brian & Raewyn Cannons	89%	TR3
TR2/3	First	Graeme & Joy Thomas	90%	TR2
Standard Class	Second	Brian & Carol Thomas	89%	TR2
	Third	Tony & Liz Phillip	86%	TR3A
TR4/5/250	First	Peter & Diane Parker	86.1%	TR4
Standard Class	Second	Robert Giboney	85.9%	TR5
	Third	Alan & Gaiel Hylton	83%	TR4
The Robert Johnston Trophy				
TR4/4A/5/250	First	Colin & Sharon Grant	77%	TR4
Modified Class	Second	Steve & Rob Brettell	69%	TR250
TR6	First	Murray & Stephanie Booth	87%	TR6
Standard Class	Second	Mike & Janie Tubbs	76%	TR6
	Third	Dennis & Anne Greenman	68%	TR6
TR7/8	First	Lyn & Val Scott	90%	TR7DHC
Standard Class	Second	Ray & Carol Weir	87%	TR7FHC
The Mence Family Trophy				
TR7/8	First	Jon & Cheryl Harrey	74%	TR7FHC
Modified Class	Second	John & Denise Jones	69%	TR7V8
	Third	Mike & Carol Lester	68%	TR7V8
The Janice Egan Memorial Trophy				
Pride of Ownership	First	Jim Vassiliadis		TR4
	Second	Tim Bradshaw & Trish Seddon		TR4
	Third	Bob & Joyce Birdsall		TR3A
Peoples Choice		Murray & Stephanie Booth		TR6
President Award		Julie Hoffman		TR5
Barry Wilson Memorial Trophy		Stephen Rofe		TR2
Enthusiasts Plate		Peter & Ann Shepherd		TR6
The Classic Cover Cup				
Highest Overall Points		Graeme & Joy Thomas		TR2

ENDURO RALLY NZ

by Nigel Woof (UK)

"Is the red TR4 yours?" I was politely asked while I was fussing around my car lined up in Auckland for the start of the 2020 NZ Classic endurance rally. Ian Harris introduced himself and immediately offered TRR NZ's support, moral and practical, for the coming 7,000 kilometers.

We roared off, northwards at first, in the company of thundering 1920s 4.5 litre Bentleys, growling 1970s Porsches and plenty in between. And we were enduro rallying newbies. Defending Triumph honour was going to be a tough gig, but also a gigantic privilege to be able to bring our car from its homeland to discover NZ's stunning scenery and sinuous roads.

Enduro rallying includes track tests and timed-to-the-second regularity sections, mostly on gravel and taking in renowned rally routes like the Motu trail. It often necessitates 'press-on' driving that challenges driver, keeps the navigator glued to tripmeter and stopwatch, and of course punishes the car, sometimes brutally. In our case including a loosened steering rack, lost brakes (rear pipe shook loose), electric fan gremlins, lost clutch (slave cylinder dinged by a stone), lost brakes (again... boiled the fluid this time) and a detached rear damper. And within the first week, spring bushes on both sides had virtually atomised. Cue Ian, who arranged for a new set of bushes to appear like magic at one of the overnight stops on South Island... don't ask me where exactly, it was a blur by that stage!

After twenty days of glorious tarmac and gravel, our TRusty steed brought us to the finish in Christchurch, having successfully completed our debut Enduro and achieved a



mid-table placing to boot. And having found encouragement, help and support from new friends all along the way: not least Ian. Our car is now en route back home, but wearing its TRR NZ sticker with pride and sure to trigger happy memories. And while I wait for the car – and for a certain virus to b** off - there are some superb scenes of the rally on <https://youtu.be/JC5fjXFvSpM>.

Nigel Woof



NOTES FROM FORUM 2020

Topics and comments,,,,

Calendars – User pays in future if printed copy required. Can they also be available as PDF via the website?

Printed Magazine – By show of hands, approx 20% of members would prefer to have it on-line. There is an on-going commitment to printed version and this has been budgeted for.

Swann Insurance – Swann offer Classic Car Insurance and provide a commission back to the Register for insurance taken up by Members. It was suggested that if all members sought a cooperative quote from Swann, the subsequent potential in uptake would provide additional income for the Register.

Special Interest Vehicle Association - this group has been established to question Government decisions and directives relating to the supply of skills and services to the build/restoration industry. The Committee will review the appropriateness of the Register becoming a member. <https://www.sivanz.co.nz/>

Access to parts in Australia – the availability of (mostly side-screen) parts to NZ members was raised. Ian Cass (Australian President) advised that, like us, their parts are sourced for their members, plus unlikely to be cost effective, given their landed costs and the high cost of shipping trans-Tasman. Probably better to ship ex-USA (eg Roadster Factory).

Concours – The number of entries this year was low. A number of points were raised regarding clarification of categories and value of points awarded. These comments will be considered for possible inclusion in the future.

Keith Lane – Keith's passing was noted.



TR REGISTER, NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS WEEKEND 2021 NELSON



THE VENUE FOR NW2021

Beachside Conference and Events Centre,
70 Beach Road,
Tahunanui,
Nelson.

NELSON ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

For those attending NW2021, a block of 33 units is on temporary hold (expires 1st Dec) at;

Tahuna Beach Holiday Park and Motels
70 Beach Road
Tahunanui
Nelson.
Web www.tahuna.nz
ph. 0800 500 501

Tahuna Beach Holiday Park and Motels is on the same parcel of land as the Beachside Conference and Events Centre. There's an easy and brief stroll between the two.

Rates vary from \$120 to \$180 (1 & 2 B/R) per night. A range of units is available and we recommend a search of the website to determine which best serves your needs. If reserving accommodation here, please mention the TR Register event.

The following two motel complexes are 'off site', but nearby, and have direct access through to Tahuna Beach Holiday Park, and to the Beachside Conference and Events Centre. Either could be a handy alternative.

Arrow Motel
24 Golf Road
Tahunanui
Nelson.
Web www.arrowmotel.co.nz
email = info@arrowmotel.co.nz
ph. 0800 227769

Courtesy Court Motel
30 Golf Road
Tahunanui
Nelson.
Web www.courtesycourt.co.nz
email = reservations@courtesycourt.co.nz
ph. 0800 100017

The following three motels are within the same vicinity, although a little further away. They may also be worthy of consideration.

Fountain Resort Motel

77 Green Street

Tahunanui

Nelson.

Web www.fountainresort.co.nz

email = stay@fountainresort.co.nz

ph. 0508 376683

Bay Crest Motor Lodge

87 Golf Road

Tahunanui

Nelson

Web www.baycrestmotorlodge.com

email = experience@baycrestmotorlodge.com

ph. 0800 005001

Arcadia Motel

36 Golf Road

Tahunanui

Nelson

Web www.arcadianelson.co.nz

email = stay@arcadianelson.co.nz

ph. 03 5486791

'AFTER – TOUR' ACCOMMODATION

Those joining the after-tour will not need to reserve Sunday night accommodation in Nelson. The first night of the after-tour will be spent in a different part of the country. Alan and Ann Blackie will announce further details in due course.

CARS VISITING FROM THE NORTH ISLAND

Jon Harrey has been in contact with Tony Hirst, whose website offers motorsport participants discounted ferry fares. Tony accepts bookings for Interislander and Bluebridge lines.

We have an assurance that TR Register members, travelling to and from National Weekend events, will be eligible. You may wish to explore the rates that cookstraitcrossings.co.nz has to offer.

Your NW2021 organizing committee

Hawkes Bay Happenings...

Our Christmas weather was a bit changeable, but the day of our first run of 2020 on January 12th was fantastic – blue sky and a prediction of 30 degrees. Just 4 cars gathered at The Potting Shed Café in Hastings for coffee and a chat then 3 set off towards Middle Road and a rendezvous with Pete & Chris Snelling in the TR6 to be told Middle Road had been undergoing large sections of resealing so we decided to travel down SH2 to Waipawa and then out to the coast at Pourerere Beach. A lovely drive over winding, undulating countryside with our TR2 leading the Stichbury TR4a, Mackersey TR5 and Snelling TR6. We finally spotted the deep blue ocean and arrived at the almost empty vast sandy beach. A spot to park with some shade from trees and a walk across the sand to the Pacific where all but one went for a refreshing swim. Not much in the way of surf but the odd small wave would carry you in towards the shore.



Back to the cars for our picnic lunch and chat about all things important, whiling away the day. The added beauty of this spot is there is no cell phone coverage.

Time soon came to head back home which we did with us at the rear of the group. As we meandered around the hills away from the beach it felt like we had a punctured front tyre as we negotiated the curves. Unfortunately as it happened there was nowhere to pull off the road but after a couple of curves there was a flat shingle area we could pull on to. As the car left the edge of the seal it dropped alarmingly at the front and came to a halt. Joy looked out and said the front left wheel was off. I got out and sure enough it was still in the wheel arch but at an angle of about 45 degrees. I managed to scrape some shingle from under the chassis rail and jack the car up which allowed me to free the wheel which was still firmly attached to the wirewheel hub adaptor but totally detached from the hub.

By now the other cars had returned and with Paul Stichbury's tricks of the trade we managed to re-secure the adaptor to the hub. Meanwhile David Mackersey had gone further on to get cellphone coverage and arrange for the AA to transport the car home. We then drove slowly to the coverage point and decided that as the AA were on their way we would wait there and have it trailed home.

So why did the adaptor come loose? When I fitted the adaptors (we have done 26,000 miles since) I replaced the studs on that wheel with



new ones supposedly the correct length for wirewheel adaptors. In fact they were too short with only half a nut thread covered. Each year before National Weekend I always take all the wheels off and clean them, at the same time checking the tightness of the nuts but last year we didn't go to NW so it didn't happen although in saying that there had been no warning of them loosening like wheel shimmy? So the whole incident just goes to show how lucky we are to have such a wonderful group of members always willing to help out and support – thanks so very much to you all.

Our next run was to Holt's Forest which is north of Napier near Lake Tutira. 4 Cars arrived at Snapper Café in Bay View for coffee – Bevan's TR6, Grant's TR4 our TR2 and the Weirs in a modern as they were meeting for coffee but then going on a cycling adventure. Another beautiful day but a strong westerly wind blowing. The temperature was supposed be up to 35 degrees. As we drove towards Lake Tutira we found we were sheltered from the wind then at Holt's Forest, totally sheltered and cooler under the trees.



A lovely forest planted by Mr & Mrs Holt in the 1930's from kauri to redwoods and often there is nobody there. A wander through the forest then lunch and chat. The railway line to Gisborne runs along the edge of the forest and there were warnings of trains on the track carting logs from Wairoa to Napier. Fortunately none came through while we were there. A lovely day out in the cool away from the strong winds and high temperatures.



We had a couple of Club Nights which were attended by our group of members. We do enjoy these casual evenings shared.

Next was the National Weekend in Masterton where we had 6 cars participating, Hislops in the TR2, Grants in the TR4, Stichburys in the TR4a, Bevans in the TR6, Weirs in the TR7 and us in the TR2. We met on the roadside south of Hastings apart from the Hislops who wanted to leave earlier to beat the heat. We were joined by the Cannons, Kingstons and Greenmans at our meeting place and had a pleasant drive down to Mt Bruce where we stopped for lunch apart from an errant bee that managed to fly through the Weir's TR7 sunroof and sting Carol – fortunately no serious result. We arrived in Masterton at the accommodation which was very good. A quick clean of the cars for Friday morning Concours.





An evening of catching up with friends from afar then a good sleep for a full day on Friday. Another lovely day as we drove to Greytown and parked in the Supermarket carpark for the judging to be done. Locals came and looked over the various models. Unfortunately there appeared to more cars parked in the non-competing section!!!



In the afternoon we headed south to Lake Ferry at our own time. A lovely drive again however Colin and Sharon Grant got run off the road by a small camper van which had decided to drive over to the wrong side of the road. A close call which required quick reactions to avoid a nasty accident. Apparently this van was seen by others veering across to the wrong side of the road!! Saturday we awoke to a grey morning with obvious rain overnight but dry as we left on a drive along backroads to Mangatanoka and the Tui Brewery. Unfortunately it had started raining quite heavily so it was time to put the roof on. An interesting tour of the brewery, but no samples?

After this we went to the sportsground in Pahiatua where we picked up a picnic lunch pack from there we drove to the Railcar Restoration Museum where we were shown around there various projects they were working on including one that was almost ready to hit the tracks – an amazing restoration. We then took a ride on the operational railcar which was quite impressive.

Following this we went back to Masterton and as we had time and the rain cleared we decided to visit the Johner Winery which is just out of Masterton. A very friendly tasting by the German owners who also have a winery in southern Germany. Great wines, we liked them all!!

Saturday night was gala dinner night where we dressed in the year of a car and there were some wonderful outfits – some people we didn't recognize. It was held at Lansdowne House a beautifully restored and maintained 1920's house. Here the Concours prizes were presented and Hawke's Bay did very well, Ray & Carol got 2nd place in the TR7 standard class, Colin & Sharon won the trophy for TR4/4a/5 modified class and Joy & I won the trophy for TR2 standard



class (a bit of a surprise). Later the owner chose the best dressed people and Joy won the best dressed lady. We enjoyed lots of banter and reminiscing of these past era's (a great idea). The meal and venue a perfect setting.

Sunday a sunny but cool day, we set off to a lovely country setting for our lunch which was held in a marquee. A very nice lunch with more trophies and prizes given out. Another couple of prizes for Hawkes Bay. Final goodbyes and the trip home. It was pretty uneventful except for Colin & Sharon having to stop to pump up a slowly deflating tyre. We all arrived home safety and so another wonderful National Weekend had ended. Thanks so much to Julie Hoffman and all her helpers for a wonderful weekend.

And so now we are in shutdown, quite unprecedented in our lifetimes. We hope you are all coping with lots of spare time at home, maybe some maintenance on the TR, and for those in essential services, thank you for keeping us safe.

Good Health to you all

Graeme & Joy



Canterbury Tales...



Greeting fellow TRoupers and gentlefolk! Well it's been a very exciting couple of months since taking over the reins here in beautiful Canterbury, and we've done heaps.

December - Carole & Mike's Mystery Brunch run

An early start for the TRoupers, and being such a busy time of the year we only expected a couple of cars to turn up. But no! 10 cars and 17 TRoupers ... and three dogs, two of which were sporting doggles! (we try to plan all our trips to be dog friendly).

No one knew where we were going, they were given "Cheat Sheets", in case they got lost and were threatened with having to buy me a beer if they opened them, and of course no one did, so it was a real mystery trip. We headed off and I know what you all thought, Akaroa!, but no, we turned off at the Blue Duck cafe, and headed over Gebbes Pass so, was it to be Diamond Harbour?, again no, and we cruised around the bays. Sign of the Kiwi? I could hear you all saying, but no. Lyttleton was the next waypoint, and lo and behold there were Belinda & Dave Rooney in their TR waiting to join the convoy. Over the newly opened Evans Pass we went towards Sumner, its got to be here, so obvious, but again the evil streak in me continued turning left at Ferry Road, and lower Cashmere, so was it to be The Tannery or Cassels? Of course not! So at last, we arrived at our brunch destination, I couldn't prolong the agony any longer so we all pulled into Riccarton House. What a venue, perfect weather, perfect setting, perfect food and of course perfect company, only to be expected by the TR fraternity.



December - Christmas Meal

This month's Christmas Meal was held at The BBQ Brazil in Papanui. 28 Ravenous TRoupers turned up, unbelievable how they served us all so quickly, just skewers and skewers of Beef, Chicken, Lamb, Pork, even some Veggie options for the less fortunate, followed by barbecued pineapple with Cinnamon, deep fried banana, yum, I think we all had a belly full, finished off with a surprise belated Brazilian birthday song and treat for Shirl Taylor. It was a very fun evening had by all and everyone enjoyed the

wee Christmas crackers too. We can highly recommend Barbecue Brazil, 505A Papanui Rd, Christchurch Ph 03 354 8541

January - Mike & Carole's New Year Run and Picnic

We chose a brilliant day for the TRoupers' first run of the year, 10 cars turned up at New World at Halswell in plenty of time to grab a coffee, then we were off on a very scenic country drive through Waipara and Wakari and the Scargill valley stopping at the wonderful Fossil Point cafe for morning tea. We then had a blast back down SH1 back to our place for a picnic in the garden at Mandeville Lodge, everybody enjoyed and behaved themselves and there were no burnouts on our lawn so I was not grumpy.



January - Monthly Meal

We chose a "blinder" for this month's meal, a superb "Ruby" (Ruby Murray - Curry) at the "Pocket full of Spices" in Rangiora, most of us chose a special set meal which was an amazing range of courses, Lamb, Chicken, Prawns and more, it gave us TRoupers a real gastronomic experience, and enough food to stuff our North and Souths – (Mouths) and be carried out for weeks



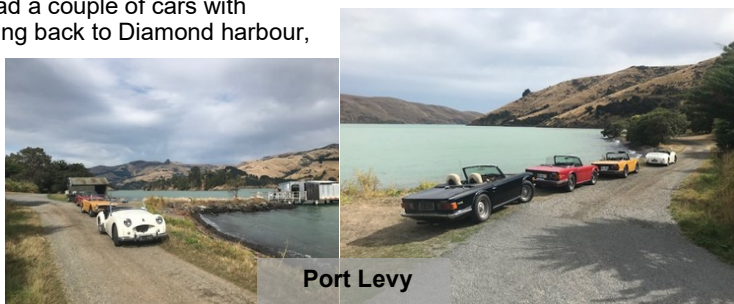
February - Port Levy, around the bays.

I'd like to thank Glenn Wilcock for organising this month's run, (I was away enjoying myself on a motorbike).

Despite a lot of TRoupers going to the Nationals this week, we had a turn out of 5 TRs and a Mustang for the run round the bays to Port Levy, we even had a visitor from Nelson turn up, unfortunately not in his TR7 but good to catch up.

Setting off from New World at Halswell, over Gebbies Pass to Diamond Harbour, then to Port Levy, some of us had never driven that road before, which is fully sealed, and nice winding with good views over the port and heads.

We parked at the wharf for a few pictures, then set off back to Diamond harbour for lunch/brunch, we had a couple of cars with technical issues going back to Diamond harbour, but with help from other members, everyone got home safely. The weather stayed mostly dry for the run, which was great.



February - National Weekend Masterton.

Well the "Nationals" weekend finally arrived and after a lot of cleaning polishing and cursing we set sail, and from various parts of the Mainland, we made our way to that strange part of the world, The North Island, I know you all had concerns! and some thought we needed passports, but being the TRoupers we are, we battled the elements and all arrived safely in Masterton on Thursday afternoon. It was good to catch up with old friends.

The Waiarapa group put on a great show, introduced us to some amazing TR roads and great places to visit,

Friday - was Concours day and this year it was held in the delightful town of Greytown and didn't the Canterbury TR-oupers do well, I think it was 5 awards and a special congratulation to Grant & Kate Burgess for coming winning the Masterclass, Val & Lyn Scott winners TR7 standard, Bryan and Carole Thomas 2nd place TR2 standard, Stephen Rofe, The Vibe award, John & Denise Jones 2nd place TR7 Modified and yours truly 3rd. In the afternoon a lovely scenic ride to Lake Ferry, some of us managing to get lost (Me) and back to the Copthorne Hotel for yet another superb evening buffet.

Saturday - bought us a bit of a wet start but this didn't dampen our spirits The Tui Brewery in Mangatainoka, and a brilliant ride on the old 1930s rail car in Pahiatua. Our Garden Party/Gala Evening was held at Lansdowne House, again amazing food and an amazing location. Prizes were presented for the various concours winners. Everyone was dressed up for the era of their car and looked absolutely amazing.

Sunday - was forum day and the end of yet another extremely successful National weekend, some of us left to head home others continuing their adventure on the after tour.

February - Monthly Meal.

This month's meal was held at Harewood Tavern where 13 hungry TRoupers turned up, a little down on numbers this month due to the Nationals, never the less it was good to catch up. A good selection of food was available at a very good price, The beef Wellington was a hit and at \$25 a real treat



Mike's Mumblings

Very worrying times at present, what with the Corona virus pandemic, it's forced us to cancel most of the monthly meals and car runs but its given me the opportunity to self-isolate in my man cave and work on the TR, although cash is holding me back a wee bit, we're not all filthy rich, so donations are welcome, but it's coming along nicely. The tub is 95% finished and almost totally rust free, it won't be long before I introduce them together again, hope they get on!! What do you think of the colour scheme? You never know you might see it at the Nelson Nationals!. Take care guys and keep safe, look after each other and remember to wash your hands!

Mike & Carole Lester



Canterbury Nationals selection

City of Sails Area Report

Hello Members, as I write this quarter's report we are all in Self Isolation as we take part in our Government's attempt to stave off the Covid-19 Pandemic with 4 weeks complete lockdown! While this is unprecedented in our country's history, we are leading the world in our actions, and with our combined efforts there is hope that the results of this action will save lives, Our lives. With that in mind my thoughts go out especially to our older members, Be Safe, Don't Take Risks, Be There when we as a country get through this!

Before I tell you about the three months of this quarter, I want to share again some photos of the annual Pre-Christmas run to Snells Beach for the TR Register/Historic Racing Clubs shared breakfast.



January as usual was the time when most were enjoying extended time with family and friends, and few events were staged, however Dennis & Ann Greenman and Bruce & Anne Stuart joined with members of Auckland Triumph Car Club to attend the Stag Owners Club run to Kaiaua. Thanks go to you for flying the TR Register Flag!

February, and what a month we had, first Pub Night of the year was well attended, then it was on to Ellerslie for the Concours d'Elegance with the theme this year of Carnival, which our esteemed and well supported leader Stephanie Booth promoted as a Celebration, and what better than the TR6 and it's 50 Years. We produced an awesome stand with TR6's in as many different period hues as we could muster, posters, bunting, balloons - you name it, we displayed it.

Now forgive me if I've gotten the Reds wrong, there are just so many slightly different shades, and after all I am only human (and a Blue Fan ... lol) and 7 different colours from 9 TR6's is a pretty good variety, you think? We also managed within our group to have all the different period wheels on display (I think?). **Ed - see front cover and photo below for the impressive display.**



It was an awesome event, as usual, and we flew the flag high with many enquiries during the day, word of cars in barns, cars for sale, and buyers looking to purchase! And at the end of the day that is why we are there, to garner further interest in these veterans of the glory era of Triumph, to show what a bit of blood, sweat, tears and money can achieve in keeping these beauties alive and driven!

While we didn't feature this year in the prizegiving, understanding the criteria left us all a little bemused when it was announced who the winners were What? Them? But never mind, we'll be there again next year, and just maybe we'll have a couple of cars in the Judging Circle Proper!

Then of course there was National Weekend 2020 – Wairarapa, and a special event for me having missed the previous two – Northland and Greymouth! There will of course be a specific feature on NW20 so I'll just focus on a couple of highlights, and I'm sure I'm not alone in my thinking.

Having had my car off the road for almost 12 months, while I got myself sorted and my gearbox and overdrive overhauled, it was great relief to pick it up from Hyde Automotive at 2:30pm Tuesday 18th where it was in for a warrant check, and with WOF and Rego in place I was all set for our 5 car group to meet at 8:00am Wed 19th at BP Drury, ahead of our leisurely trip down to Masterton.

They say driving should be about the journey and this was an excellent day for us with the only issues the inordinate amount of roadworks going on, and we weren't using main roads! With that and the odd bit of rain our cars got a bit dirty ... lol. However, we thoroughly enjoyed our convoy stopping at first Cambridge for coffee, then Turangi for lunch, a brief stop in Cheltenham, before the press onto Pahiatua for our last petrol

stop before Masterton. And yes, there was another marque member in our group, although Chris Stiebel is restoring a TR6 to a very high quality finish, and may just be one of our entries at next year's Ellerslie Concours.

On the Thursday the A Team did our own run out to Castlepoint, followed up with a glorious run to meet up with the rest of our group at Margrain Vineyard, Martinborough for lunch. Outstanding!



Thursday night Registration and one of my major highlights 'catching up' and I think I made the most of the opportunity to do so, what an amazingly warm bunch of people we are.

Friday was the Concours and for me judging of the TR's 4, 4A, 250, and 5, along with my good mate Frank Cleary. Not an easy job as all were lovely cars. We started with the one we thought the standout to set our levels by, and that car indeed proved to be the winner. As I say, lovely cars all and just maybe I need to save up for a Michelotti. What a magnificent sight it was at the car park in Greytown, with all those gorgeous cars parked up, and once again drawing an admiring crowd of keen observers. We judges were well looked after, Thanks to Julie and her team of volunteers!

Following lunch at The White Swan it was off to another highlight at Featherston, and the Fell Locomotive Museum. I had no idea about these little workhorses and their sterling job of pulling carriages of people and freight over the Rimutaka Incline, Outstanding choice from our organisers.

Dinner Friday brought another highlight, the Aussies! What a great bunch they were, and strangely I was drawn to the comic among them, hmmm, I wonder why!

Saturday brought a change in weather, but undaunted we headed off behind Steph & Murray Booth, who led us astray through some awesome back country roads to Eketahuna, where we caught up with the main body and continued on through more back country roads to Pahiatua and then the Tui Brewery at Mangatainoka! The wet weather didn't stop anyone having a good time, and the tour of the brewery with commentary, a wee taste of their fine offering, and a chance to purchase merchandise added to the occasion.

Lunch was followed by another highlight at Pahiatua, and the Railcars at Mangamutu. Another bunch of passionate people are keeping a part of NZ Rails history alive, and this was an awesome visit, with the volunteers talking at length about the restoration of a number of these old railcars. What a treat to ride to Mangatainoka and back in Tokomaru, just Wow! Thanks again Julie!



Dinner and Dress-ups, what an occasion again, and me subtle as always, lol. Well deserving winners were announced for all categories, good food, good wine, good company, just Good All Round eh!

Sunday saw everyone check out of the hotel (a goodun) and make their way to Martinborough

for the final lunch before the After Tour for some, and a run back to Auckland for the Booths and me. My last photo of this Wonderful Wairarapa Weekend is of the winning cars at the Tirohana Estate (see inside front cover). Outstanding weekend, with everything organised superbly, and I doubt there'd be any who'd disagree, Thanks to Julie Hoffman and her team. I Loved It! If you thought nothing else happened in the North Beep, you're wrong, next came March.

We started with the Brit & Euro Classic Car Show, a show we don't normally attend because it's the same weekend as the National Weekend traditionally, and probably the biggest car show in the country with upwards of 900 + cars and motorcycles. We were parked up next to Stag and ATCC the Big 3 Triumph groups, with 8 TR's in attendance from TR2 to TR7V8, and a great sight. The range of vehicles at this event is mind blowing, and we all enjoyed the walk around the site.

ATCC also ran their Show n Shine at this event and in the TR class cars on the day that picked up trophies were the Red TR4, owned by an independent and For Sale @ \$56,000 this car had a couple of seriously interested parties. Murray Booth continued his run of trophies with best TR6, judged by our own President. Best TR7 went to Derek & Marie Atkinson with their seriously nice TR7V8 which Derek has done extensive work on. He owns [Atkinson's Restoration Service](#) in West Auckland and if his car is anything to go by well worth a visit.

French Blue was happy to make up the numbers until home time, when one of those rare situations arose, the heat of the day and a low fuel tank caused a vapour lock within the fuel system, bugger! But I fortunately had a plastic fuel container in the boot with 5 litres of cold 98, and once I added that to the tank we purred all the way home.

Due to the lockdown the last event for this quarter was on the 3rd March, the Presidents BBQ, postponed from December, and a very good time was had with the usual suspects turning out.

Thanks Ian and Eileen Harris for once again allowing us into your lovely home, no one in the pool this year as it was just a bit cold. And thanks Bill McSherry for dessert with NZ's best ice-cream, Yum!

That's about it for the Auckland Group, I just want to reiterate what I said at the beginning of this report. These are intense times where every care needs to be taken to look after ourselves and each other. Stay in touch with family and/or friends, Be Safe.

Its Never Far, In a TR!

Steve Martin

Wellington Wafflings...

As I write, I am reflecting on how fortunate we were to enjoy a good summer of TR motoring before the Government decided that it was time to apply the brakes. By the time you read this perhaps we will know more, but at this stage it seems very unclear when we'll be allowed to use our TRs again for anything other than a trip to the supermarket!

Back in December, however, local TR register members were able to join other enthusiasts for the annual classic motoring excursion from Featherston to Lake Ferry. This is an all-comers event, but there must have been some confusion among Wellington TR owners who seemed to believe that only blue cars were allowed. I don't know how they could have got this impression, but I am willing to share my paint code (ICI – 2922).

Phillip Hoffman on the other hand clearly got the correct message, bringing his superbly original orange mk3 Cortina down from Pahiatua.

British (and European) car day in February attracted a more diverse group of TRs, including not one but two black cars. Which I think goes to show how truly inclusive the register is. It was particularly pleasing to see Jim Vassiliadis' black TR4 attend its first Brit car day for some years.

Even more pleasing, was seeing Jim take home the pride of ownership award at the National Weekend. This was very well-deserved, and it will be great to see Jim's name join the illustrious list of previous winners engraved on the trophy.





National Weekend capped off a great driving season and the organisers got almost everything right. The weather wasn't up to West Coast standards, but that would have been difficult; and the rain we got was nothing that even a TR3A's wipers couldn't cope with. The locals were probably hoping for more, so one should not really complain at all.

Which brings me back to where I started, recognising that just having the opportunity to get out and enjoy a TR on NZ roads is something we should not take for granted. Hopefully we will all be able to do that again soon, but in the meantime, do give your TRs a little exercise on your essential errands and of course be sure to keep yourselves safe.

Coming Events

Our regular pub evenings have been suspended for the moment. Local members will be advised when activities resume.

Johnathan



Those Canterbury Nationals umbrellas pop up everywhere....

The Registrar Reports...

At 12/2019:

TR3 comm. No. TS23621-L engine no. S23923E rego 1TR3 with new member David Schellingerhout at Albany

At 01/2020:

TR3A Comm. No. TS59267 rego. BL8998 for sale Waimak Classics for \$69,995! (later reduced to \$62,500 at 29 Feb.) (ex Bruce Raxworthy)

At 01/2020:

TR6 Comm. No. CP52143-O rego GBTR6 (or HED713?) for sale TradeMe \$35K. See our website 'for sale' for further details...

At 1/2020:

TR7DH rego. SX3103 for sale TradeMe \$13,000
Current owner has had the Vehicle for 10 years. An original example in very good condition. Comes with a large collection of new and used spare parts including; Windscreen, Hood stowage cover, 2L TR7 Engine, 5-Speed Gearbox and a host of other parts. All parts come with car, none will be sold individually.

At 1/2020:

TR6 comm.no CP51498 rego KERIAN for sale at Waimak Classics \$55,000.

At 1/2020:

TR2 comm. No. TS4126-O, rego AL3906, colour yellow, for sale on TRNZ website for \$7,000. Partly dismantled. Owned by the late Bruce Gibbs since 1982, for estate sale. Located in Nelson.

At 1/2020:

TR6 comm. No. CR2641-O rego. OC5741, BRG, TradeMe \$39,900 ono.. Owned by Greg Vincent, NZ Classic Car magazine early editor. Pix on file.

At 1/2020:

TR6 comm. No. CR6125-O rego KQ2017 subject of a good article in Herald 'Driven' supplement 25/01/2020, interviewing owner Ian Grieves. "Triumph is a twin-carb FEAST"

At 2/2020:

TR3 comm TS 16049 with Carol Battersby (nee McKinlay), apparently to be rebuilt in Wanganui. Has TR3A front plus flared front guards. Looking for a TR2/3 front and 2 x front guards...

At 3/2020:

TR7 rego TR777 for sale TradeMe \$7,500. Has bodykit and spoiler..
more than the starting price. Reason for selling. I have four classic vehicles, (Stag, convertible v8 TR7 and a Norton Combat motor cycle), and need to drop down to two so they get the proper attention and running they deserve. Will be sold with 6 months rego and a current WOF. The radio is new but never been wired up

At 3/2020:

TR4 commission number TS6463, rego 620TR4, on TradeMe for \$59,500
Red convertible with hard surrey top . Chrome spoked wire wheels . Professionaly restored completely from the ground up to its present immaculate condition. Additionally the car has Electronic ignition, Roller Rockers, Alternator, Geared Starter, and a Diaphragm Clutch with Hydraulic release bearing .

At 3/2020:

TR2 comm. No. ???, engine no. TS3926E, VIN 7ATOHF18X12823519, rego ???,
At Waimak Classics \$59,990

At 3/2020:

TR6 comm. No. CR2522-O at Waimak Classics for \$59,990.

...and no doubt you've seen that the restored 'Jabbeke' TR2 has been bought by the British Motor Museum at Gaydon for £250,000 (half a million NZ dollars.....)

Kevin



Spare a Thought

As I write this, news is breaking about total lockdown - we may all be twiddling our thumbs for the next month. Perhaps time to fettle the old girl ?!?. Although I have some items at home, I may not be able to retrieve spares from the lock-up until the current drama is over, so please bear with me.

In the meantime.....

LED TAIL LIGHTS – I followed a number of TR's during the NW runs recently and it was quite noticeable how **un-noticeable** the majority of TR tail lights were. A quick and effective solution is a simple swap to LED Stop/Tail lights.

We stock Moss part # GLB380LR RED LED's, much brighter and therefor safer than the standard twin filament bulbs. These are now available at \$70.00 a pair – an inexpensive safety investment.

Just a note – be careful if you are thinking of fitting LED headlights. Some Testing stations pass them, others fail them. Hard to understand why a safety upgrade if a WoF failure. No such problems with LED Tail lights tho.

13" MOTO-LITA STEERING WHEEL – Moss Part # MLW116-13. This is a beautiful 13 inch, slightly dished wood and alloy steering wheel. (See photo) It was brought in in error during the last indent – the landed cost was over \$400.00. This is now available for only \$325.00.

2020 SPARES/INDENT ORDER – to get ahead of this year's mid-year order placement with Moss, I have decided to bring the indent date forward. **Close off for your requests will be 15th May 2020.** This is your opportunity to take advantage of our Trade pricing at Moss Europe, for all those parts that you really need and that we don't normally carry.

Please send your orders to spares@trregister.co.nz preferably in an EXCEL spread sheet, listing:

Moss Part Number
Description
Quantity Required

I will then confirm approximate landed cost to you before seeking pre-payment.

Stay safe and happy fettling.

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TRansactions



TR6 For Sale

1971 Triumph TR6 Red with soft top and detachable black hard top.

Number plate (REDTR6).

Wire wheels, black trim and walnut dash.

150 bhp (CP 52474HE) with Lucas fuel injection.

The car has always been professionally serviced and recently been tuned with new spark plugs, timing adjustment etc.

Receipts are available.

Car has current WOF and registration.

Odometer reads 17972 though records are somewhat inconsistent due to five digit reading.

Family selling due to the death of the owner who cherished it for 28 years.

Priced to sell at \$32,000.

Contact 09 4786637.

TR4 Parts

Sump

Gearbox Housing (crack in weld)

Starter Motor/Generator/Voltage Regulator

Water pump pulleys and housing

Rocker cover and shaft assembly

Clutch, bearings, plate

Various other small leftover parts

Free to a good home

Contact: Mark

mic2310@xtra.co.nz



TR4,5,250 rear end

Would make good rear build.
Mostly sound condition,
Would cost thousands if
bought separately.

\$500

Ph Mark
02102317426

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Number Plate :- 57TR3A

Price :- Cost of transfer only

Phone Rod 0272902020

TR tool kit

Pennant 325 7/8" Wheel brace,
Hubcap removal tool, 2 X Dunlop 9" Tyre
Levers.

7" Adjustable Spanner, T Williams
Superslim Spanners 7/16" X 3/8" - 9/16"
X 1/2" - 3/4" X 5/8", T Williams Slip
Pliers

9" Wood Handle Screwdriver, 6" & 7"
Plug and Box Spanners, Helicopter
feeler gauge, Tool roll/pouch - . Also
some odd tools

\$480 (photo's available) most of the
tools are correct, missing is the
distributor tool although these are easily
obtainable.

Bob Birdsall

birdsall@xtra.co.nz

TR 3-3A Girling Brake Adjuster Assembly

2 X New

Moss Part number 7H4997

Note the centre bolt is missing from
one of them, just use your existing bolt.

\$80.

Bob Birdsall

birdsall@xtra.co.nz

1970 TR6 Project Car

I have owned and driven this car for
about ten years. It now requires body
and maybe chassis work to make it
roadworthy again. Complete car plus
some spares.

Make it into a weekend runabout, or
do a complete restoration.

Failed WOF. Registration on hold.
Full information and photographs
provided on request.

\$15,000

Bryan Thomas

bcthom@xtra.co.nz

WANTED

TR3A parts

Badge-bar and Jaeger
Water Temperature Gauge

Bob Birdsall

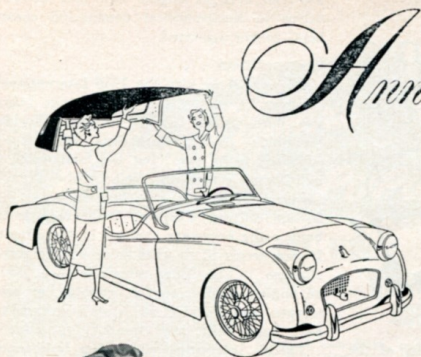
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