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**A Newsletter from the Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club
for Classic Vehicle Enthusiasts—March 2021**

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a 1929 Morris Minor— more photos inside



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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Chairman's Report February 2021

I didn't start last months report off very well by saying that hopefully we would get through our years programme without COVID interruptions, unfortunately that hasn't happened and with less than 24 hours notice we had to cancel our February club meeting, well that's the world we live in at the moment. All going well our February meeting programme with speaker and celebrations are going to be our March the 8th meeting, look forward to seeing you all there.

A big thanks to our members who manned the car park for the Katikati concerts for 2 weeks for which the club will receive \$400.00 donation.

We have 4 more new member badges to hand out at our next meeting.

Thanks to Secretary Michael for looking after our welfare position whilst Linda is away and sending out cards to those that have been unwell.

I will be attending with North Island Club Captain/BOP Club Captain Kaaren the VCC executive meeting in Wellington on March 20th and will report the up to date news from that meeting in the next Klaxon.

James Turner, one of our younger members and committee member has organised a scatter run (a bit different for our club) this coming Sunday 28th February, come and support this run.

I was disappointed that the Art Deco weekend was cancelled as some of you would have been on your way to the Hawkes Bay when it was called off, we will have to try again next year.

Keep those motors running and look forward to seeing you on Sunday and our next club meeting.

Ken



BOP VCC Coming Events

FEBRUARY 2021

24 – Nog & Natter – Te Puke – ‘Annan Restaurant’ – Paul McIndoe

28 – End of Month Run – James Turner – ‘Scatter Run’

MARCH 2021

8 – Club Night

10 – Mid Week Run – Deidre

12 – 14 – Wairarapa VCC – National Motorcycle Rally’ (Masterton)

23 – Nog & Natter – Tauranga Citz Club

26 – Club Movie Night – (Movie to be advised—it’s a World Premiere)

28 – End of Month

28 - March – 5 April – ‘National Model A Rally’ – Gisborne

APRIL 2021

2 & 3 – Wings & Wheels – Wanaka

1 – 3 – National Vintage Rally – South Canterbury Branch

3 – BOP ‘Jazz Festival Car Parade’ – Doug Brown

9-10 Waikato Mooloo Meander (the 27th!) Details available from BOP Secretary

12 – Club Night

14 – Mid Week Run – Sue Kurtovich & Tom Zonneveld

15 – Waipuna Hospice Morning Tea Run – 12 drivers required

23 – 26 – BOP VCC – ‘Highland Fling Rally’ – BOP Branch

25 – End of Month Run?

27 – Nog & Natter – Katikati

30 – Movie Night

MAY 2021

10 - Club Night

12 – Mid Week Run

25 – Nog & Natter – Tauranga Citz Club

28 – Movie Night

30 – End of Month Run – BOP Club Captains Run – Kaaren

JUNE 2021

4 – 6 – ‘Irishman Creek Rally’ – Canterbury Branch/14 – Club Night & AGM/16 – Mid Week Run

5-6th Waikato Vintage Car club Annual Double 50

23 – Nog & Natter – Te Puke/25 – Movie Night/27 – End of Month Run

PLEASE NOTE:

(Due to the uncertainty of COVID, all the above dates are subject to change.

Members will be advised of any change in either the KLAXON or their weekly BUZZ.)



BOP 'Jazz Festival' Car Parade

Our Easter Parade in Tauranga is on Saturday the 3rd of April.

Our organiser for this event is Doug Brown, and he requests that all Members who are taking part meet on the lawn of our club rooms at 10:30 a.m. to allow time to organise ourselves.

The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

Members who commit to join in this parade will receive FREE entry tickets to the Jazz Village, where there will be entertainment on Good Friday 2nd of April from 11 am - 5 pm—down at the Historic Village on 17th Avenue.

Gate sales are \$20...but VCC parade members are free!!!

Doug will have your free tickets available at our Club night on the 8th of March. If for any reason you cannot attend Club night, but you will participate in the Car Parade, contact Doug on 021 668 117 to obtain your free tickets.

This year we are hoping to get 50 cars that suit the Jazz theme to parade!

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new Members—

Stephen Upson and Kay Palmer

sunnybrea.auto@outlook.com

2 Seashell Drive, Papamoa, Tauranga 3118.

Phone 021 0731542

Stephen has a 1930 Ford Model A Fordor and a 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton

Mervyn and Pauline Hazelton

mervandpauline@xtra.co.nz

31 Seychelles Drive, Papamoa, 3118. Phone 574 3332

They have a 1956 Ford Mk 1 Ford Convertible [Assume it is a Zephyr]

Please contact our Chairman if you have not received your name badges by our next meeting.



FOR SALE AND WANTED TO BUY

Members are invited to advertise at no charge vehicles etc.

However, as very few Members advise us when their item has sold, in future all advertisements must be resubmitted each month. All adverts will be removed monthly, and only new submissions/resubmissions will appear. Please submit adverts by 20th of the month.

Nothing for sale this month!

You must all be happy with what you presently have!

Perhaps this? Trade Me listing Listing #2988675821, a 1935 Ford Coupe 35 3 WINDOW NZ NEW RHD, asking only \$139,999.00

A genuine once in a life time opportunity to own a remarkable example of one of Henrys finest ladies! This is quite simply a never to be repeated opportunity where you could own a genuine NZ new Right Hand Drive low owner low mileage example of one of the rarest pre-war Ford Coupes available anywhere in the world today.

This stunning and highly desirable three window 35 Coupe has an amazing documented history....Purchased brand new in Dunedin on the 28 11 1935 this gorgeous Coupe was retained by the first owner until 1948, when ownership was transferred to a lady member of the same family who kept the car for private use until the mid to late sixties when apparently as the story goes the dear old Coupe was upgraded for the princely sum of 200 pounds on a new Ford Anglia! Oh dear....The next owner has cherished this Coupe for several decades, and after having the car meticulously restored by a well known local Side Valve V8 expert in South Canterbury used the car only sparingly with the bulk of its recent several years being on loan as a centre piece display in a Classic Motor museum. They simply don't get much better than this, this Coupe is correct down to the last detail, and is an absolute credit to its care takers, who have all clearly appreciated the significance of this very rare car. Although restored many years ago this Coupe still presents like a very recent quality restoration and having been painted in traditional lacquers presents just as an old car should without the lolly look of modern 2 packs, and has a magnificent depth and shine, with a period correct style and appearance. The running gear is also period correct and the performance over all is without a doubt one of the best side valve V8s we have ever had the pleasure of offering for sale, and gives the driver a real feeling of what a new 35 must have felt like! Inspection is an absolute must, words cannot describe the detail of this example and do it justice, it really doesn't get any better than this, A RHD 3 Window that's had three owners, two in the one family, and hasn't yet covered its first 100,000 miles.....would there be another comparable example anywhere in existence? if so I'd love to see it!

Need a new battery at a very competitive price?

Yes, we do have a discount deal with—

Century Yuasa Batteries Pty Ltd

Unit 1, 76 Koromiko Street, Judea
Tauranga, 3110, .

Opening Hours—8am - 5pm

Their Sales Representative is **Brett Gander**, M 0274 686621, e brett.gander@cyb.co.nz



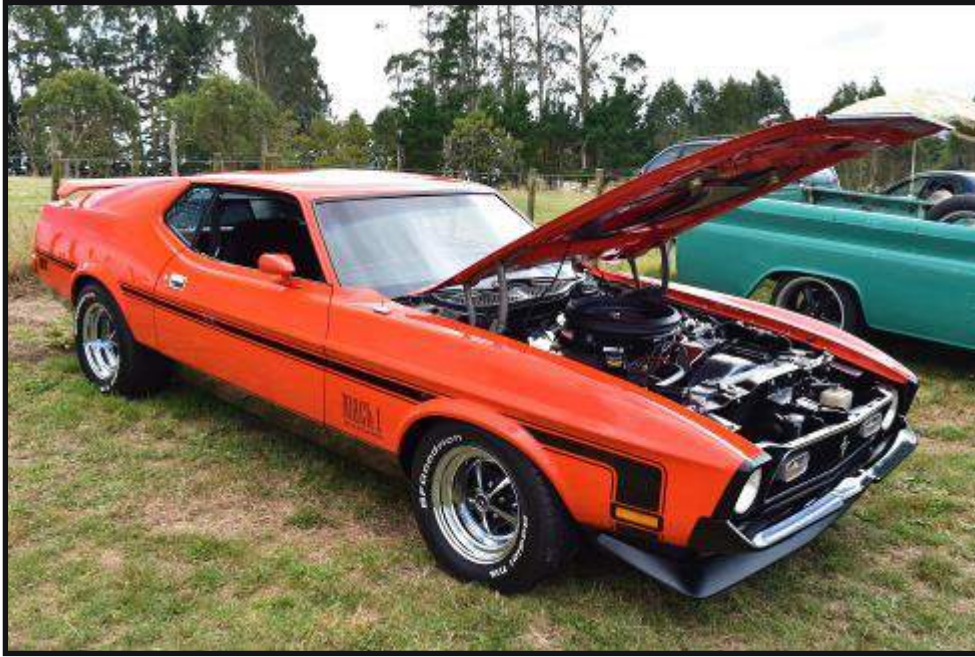
TONY HALLS CLASSIC AND VINTAGE VEHICLE DAY!

Last month Tony Hall invited us to get our favourite classic or vintage vehicle out and spend time with other people with similar interests, at his Whakamarama property. I went along expecting to see just a few BOP VCC Members attending —and was pleasantly surprised to see dozens of classic and vintage cars, hot rods, custom cars, trucks, motorbikes – all vehicle types!

There were no prizes, just interesting company and vehicles. Evidently Tony has done this for a number of years, hence the large number attending. The following photos will give you some indication.



TONY HALLS CLASSIC AND VINTAGE VEHICLE DAY!



A beautiful Mach 1 Mustang!



And its immaculately detailed engine bay!

Lancia - not a common car here in NZ

An Austin Healey engine bay
beautifully detailed



TONY HALLS CLASSIC AND VINTAGE VEHICLE DAY!





Our host for the day—
Tony Hall!
Thanks for a nice day
out Tony



GENTLE HUMOUR

The following was sent to us by Brian Pratt – thanks Brian. They are from a book called Disorder in the Courts and are things people actually said in court. While it has been around for some time, it is worth repeating!

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning? WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?' ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you? WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?
WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth? WITNESS: July 18th. ATTORNEY: What year? WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?
WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.
ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?
WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?
WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?
WITNESS: Getting laid

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
WITNESS: None.
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?
WITNESS: By death.
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?
WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

And last:
ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

BEWARE OF STOLEN PARTS—A Message from the Association of Motoring Clubs (Australia)

A member of the Morris Register of Victoria and his wife recently arrived home from holiday to find thieves had broken into their home and garage stealing difficult to replace tools and parts. Amongst the stolen tools were: Whitworth AF and metric spammers and sockets, lath equipment etc., and the parts stolen are for a 1929 Morris Minor and include: Head lights, Side lights, Tail light, Carby, a near perfect radiator (nickel silver surround rather than chrome), and Instruments in an oval metal fascia panel.

If you have any information on the stolen tools and parts please contact:

Ross

Phone 0408,546,886

E-mail ross.lloyd19@gmail.com

This message was forwarded on by Clive Taylor, who says "With the internet and methods of selling, these items may reach our shores !"

This was sent in by Gwen Jones, and is very clever. You could probably add to it!

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone .

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to me.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I am getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what county I was in. It is an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

I was in Conspicuous lately but no one saw me there!

(Bryce) - a few more to get you started

I was in Tolerant recently, but didn't agree with the people there

I was in Carcerated recently, and did not like the accommodation.

When I was younger I was often in Temperate, but not recently!

Your suggestions to klaxoninfo@gmail.com will be published next month!

Internet articles that may be of interest to you

— double click on the link below to view

For all you Model A lovers—

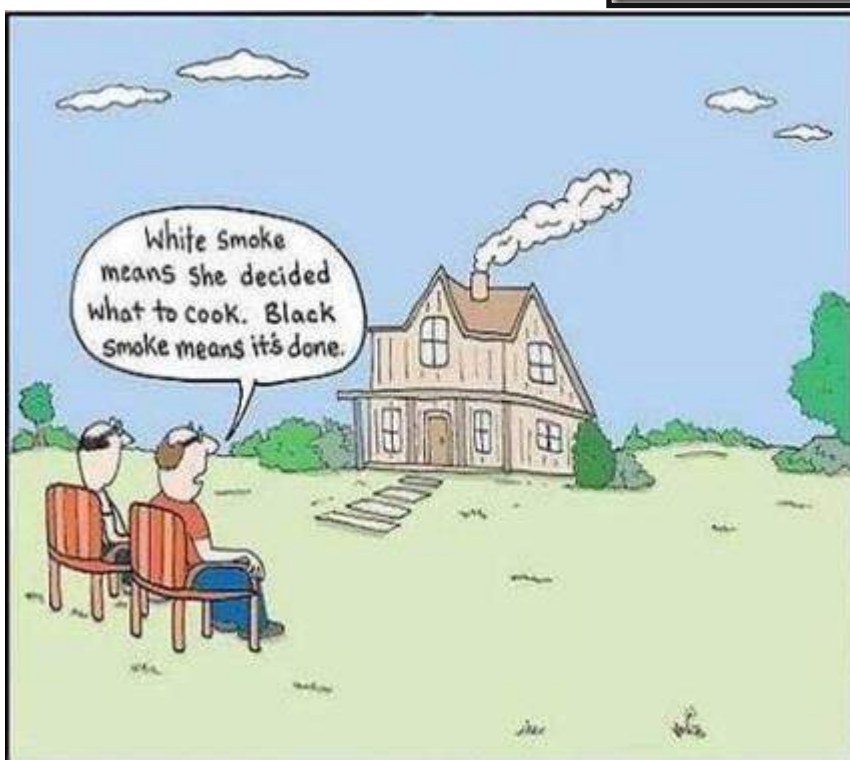
Why the Ford Model A is the best American Car ever built! - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0imK2TaNUk>

British Industry—Early Motorcycle Manufacturing—<https://www.facebook.com/thevintagenews/videos/656478785160217/>

National VCC Award Presented to Invercargill Hardware Store: <https://whatsoninvers.nz/national-vintage-car-club-award-presented-to-invercargill-hardware-store/>

There used to be a street named
"Chuck Norris"

but they had to change the
name...because no one crosses
Chuck Norris and lives



The Far North Tour 2020. A report from Raewyn Fenn

Some years ago, Graeme and I were invited to join friends on the Far North Tour run by the Northland Vintage Car Club. The tour always starts at their clubrooms in Whangarei and for many years, always ended at Taipa for dinner on Saturday night. However for the past couple of years the Tour has ended in Kerikeri, not far from Graeme's sisters home in Russell and so with the Covid experience this year, we decided that we would join the Far North Tour and extend our trip to catch up with the family. (We did not realise that this was the BOP VCC Swap Meet weekend.)

We planned to travel north a couple of days early, towing our Graham Paige and staying in our motorhome, however the weather forecast for Thursday looked absolutely horrendous, but we packed the van and loaded the car on the trailer, with one eye on the darkening skies. On this occasion, our weather gods were correct! We had a Committee Meeting and decided that we would be much more comfortable, warm and dry in our own home and the driving experience on the harbour bridge in Auckland was not one either of us wanted to tackle in the motorhome, so we quickly unpacked the van, unloaded the car and got inside dry.

As the heavens opened and the winds howled, Graeme beavered away checking over the Graham Crusader in preparation for driving it north on Friday. It truly was a horrendous day and we were pleased we had decided to stay home.

Friday dawned absolutely stunning! We headed north at a good pace, right through Auckland and then Albany, before coming to a stop just before Puhoi, so just had to stop for a mandatory meal at the Puhoi Pub, in the company of a number of men riding amazing Harley Davidsons and the like. Always a lovely meal here and a nice place to take a breather after coming through the city.

We headed north again and had a very uneventful trip, apart from an Auckland VCC Member travelling ahead of us and holding up a mile of traffic. When will they ever learn to pull over and let others past. When we approached him about it that night at dinner, his opinion was that there was no rush! It is just this attitude that will stop us having freedom to drive our vehicles whenever we wish.

When we arrived at our motel in Whangarei, it was lovely to see a line-up of old beauties parked outside and lots of old friends having a catch-up. It was so nice to talk to friends after many months of no vintage events. Dinner was at the Northland VCC Clubrooms, with a chance to have a look around and then enjoy a very nice Spit-roast dinner while chatting with friends we hadn't seen in several years.

Saturday morning again dawned beautiful and we were at the Clubrooms at 8.30a.m. ready to receive our instructions for the day. 50 cars taking part lined up in the brilliant sun and what an array there was.

The Far North Tour 2020—*Continued.*

A number of Cars arriving at the Mission House.



Leon Salt, Wellsford /Warkworth Branch and his Plymouth



The Far North Tour 2020—*Continued.*

The oldest car was a 1923 Dodge Tourer owned by Colin and Marg Wrack from Whangarei, the newest being a 1989 Mazda Eunos and all decades in between were represented. From a wee Austin Ruby through to a 1956 Chev Belair, it was a truly amazing line-up.

After a briefing by the Club Chairwoman, we were on our way. We turned right from the clubrooms and headed south through Maungatapere, Tangiteroria and on to Kirikopuni Bridge where we turned right again, on to metal roads in very good condition. One might say they were in better condition than our sealed roads in this area. The scenery through this area was amazing. Beautiful native trees standing alone and so proud, spread over the large rolling green paddocks. Graeme made the comment that the land we have down here is too valuable to sustain those beautiful old trees which take up so much space, but they certainly made a majestic statement.

In a clearing, we saw 3 magnificent peacocks with their tails all standing up in a beautiful display, then just further along another 4, and then several more groups of peacocks through the day. There was so much green foliage and then a group of bright red Flame Trees would stand out and the Nikau Palms standing so tall and straight, mingled with the blooming Manuka.

Once we had turned right after the Kirikopuni Bridge, we were heading north again, past the Houtu Forest, Pakotai, Twin Bridges (where a number stopped for a cuppa), Awarua, Kirioke, Otaua, Taheke, Wairere and then on to the Mungungu Mission Station overlooking the Kaipara Harbour and the huge sand hills on the other side. This was an amazing place, with the Mission House right at the top of the hill and the church much lower down the road and closer to the sea. The road was narrow and steep and quite a traffic jam occurred on the hill which made it quite exciting.

The further into the back blocks that we travelled, the more the scenery changed. Now we were in an area where there were many, many small Maori settlements, each with their own Marae. It was quite obvious that there were not a lot of traffic or Police patrols as we saw a number of Utes and trucks with people travelling standing or sitting on the back – as happened probably 50 years ago. There must be a market for Privet up that way as we saw paddock after paddock full of flowering Privet trees – and the smell was simply overpowering!

After leaving the Mungungu Mission, we travelled along the shores of the Kaipara Harbour then turned East near Horeke to travel more lovely metal roads to reach Okaihau on the top of a long ridge for the lunch stop. Okaihau reminded us of Mount Tambourine, inland from Surfers Paradise as it is very green and high, with amazing views on either side of the range.

After lunch we headed north to the Waihou Valley and then left to the Puketi Forest. By now the rain was coming down in buckets and some folk headed straight back into Kerikeri, while others followed the instructions and travelled further north, almost to Kaeo, before heading back down State Highway 10 to Kerikeri.

The Far North Tour 2020—*Continued.*

When we arrived at our motel in Kerikeri for the night, it was pouring and the motelier was not happy with the spots of oil dripping and spreading into vast rainbow coloured rings on his nice tar seal, but we all know how far one drop of oil will go when mixed with water, so by the next morning he was fine and hopes we will all come back next year.

We had a fabulous dinner at the Cornerstone Church Centre with lots of laughter, tales of our day's travels, rekindling many friendships and suddenly the Far North Tour for 2020 was over. Next morning we caught the ferry from Opua to Russell and enjoyed two really lovely days with Sister and Brother-in-Law in their beautiful home in the bush, with Wekas and Pheasants wandering on the back lawn, Tuis and Kereru eating the fruit in their trees and the highlight of it all, listening to the Kiwi's calling in the night.

After a lovely day travelling around the back roads of "their patch", seeing some truly beautiful, untouched coastline and beaches, we said farewell and headed back through the seething metropolis of Auckland and then those crazy roads that we travel each day.

Will we go back next year? We sure will! We had a truly wonderful 5 days away in the North of the North Island. Thank you Northland Vintage Car Club.



The Treaty at Mangungu Mission House



Mangungu Mission Station, 1850s. Artist unknowns, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.

In the mission house, on the 12th of February 1840, the third and largest signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document, took place. Imagine thousands of Maori, from hundreds of waka (canoes), gathering at the bay below the house.

Every year, the 12th of February is celebrated at Mangungu Mission, bringing this peaceful place alive as waka and people converge to remember an event that changed the course of history. Ray Pomare, descendant of one of the original participants explains: "What we commemorate is those Hokianga rangatira (chiefs) who came here in 1840. The weight on their shoulders at that time must have been immense. They were signing a document that represented a new era, from the old world into the new".

The choice of Mangungu Mission House for the third signing of the Treaty illustrates the key role that Wesleyan missionaries played in establishing a British colony in New Zealand. This mission had been established in 1828 under the protection of Ngapuhi leader Eruera Maihi Patuone, whose brother, Tamati Waka Nene, had already gained support for the treaty after giving an impassioned speech at Waitangi. The signing took place in front of a crowd of over 3,000, including over 70 rangatira.

When Governor Hobson explained the Treaty was designed to "ensure the welfare of Queen Victoria's subjects living among you and to promote the health, civilisation, education and spiritual care of the natives," Chief Te Taonui, who had been to Sydney and seen the conditions of indigenous people there, responded: "We think you are going to deceive us. We are not willing to give up our land. The land is like a parent to us." He was right to be concerned. Within the next decade, as British colonists streamed in, 4 million acres of land were lost, some by legitimate sale and some through forced confiscation.

VIRAL HUMOUR

The Spread of COVID-19
Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is



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Day 7 of SOCIAL
Distancing: Struck
up a conversation
with a spider today.
Seems nice. He's a
web designer.



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So let me get this
straight, there's no
cure for a virus that
can be KILLED by
sanitizer and hand
soap?



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It's been a great blessing
to be at home with the
wife these last few
months. We've caught
up on everything I've
done wrong in the last
20 years.



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1929 AUSTIN 16/6 TOURER RESTORATION—IVAN ALLEN

A REPORT FROM ALASTAIR JONES

Most of you would have had a very relaxing time over Waitangi long weekend, but that wasn't the case in the Allen camp.

I got a call on Saturday enquiring whether I would be available for a short while the next afternoon to assist the "body snatchers" with a fitting job. This sounded too good to miss, so the obvious response was offered. "Come up after lunch and we'll get the body on the chassis".

After admiring Ivan's craftsmanship once again the next afternoon we all traipsed next door and there was the body in all its glory, very bright yellow, on the "gurney".

Very carefully it was pushed in between lengths of very sharp steel, through the workshop to very close to where the chassis was waiting.

Ivan had assembled his most trustworthy helpers for the next bit, namely son "Spike, grandson Tanner, daughter-in-law Maria, me and also Yvonne to act as another "sighter" - as another pair of eyes.

Ivan's dissertation on how the body was removed from the chassis was to be the basis for reunification and I wasn't that hopeful that it was going to be as simple as he was telling us.



Spike and Tanner got the back end as that was the heaviest and had to be lifted the highest; Maria and I got the supposedly lightest front end that had to be wriggled over brake and gear-lever and snugged up to the toe-board and scuttle.

There were some anxious moments as we jiggled it up and down and back and forward, fractions of an inch each time.

Finally we all stood back and mentally patted ourselves on the back because the exercise had been achieved without any cussing or paint damage, just as Ivan had planned it (ha-ha).

1929 AUSTIN 16/6 TOURER RESTORATION—IVAN ALLEN

I had a quick look at the mudguards, or are they wings, and the valences resplendent in a very high quality paint job. He's not stinting on the level of finish and was happy to pay more than probably I would be able to afford but the end result was worthwhile.

I note the National Club President is quite confident now that there is sufficient interest to continue with planning for the Festival of Historic Motoring next year in New Plymouth and this will give Ivan the impetus needed to get the 16/6 there.

If you need any more help to meet that dead-line, just call (another ha-ha).

Alastair Jones



1929 AUSTIN 16/6 TOURER RESTORATION—IVAN ALLEN



A Bank CEO's thoughts!

Sanjay Thakrar, CEO at Euro Exim Bank had economists thinking. Sent in by Don Wade

He said: "A cyclist is a disaster for a country's economy. He does not buy a car and does not take a car loan. Does not buy car insurance. Does not buy fuel. Does not send his car for servicing and repairs. Does not use paid parking. Does not become obese.

Yes,.....and well, damn it!! Healthy people are not needed for an economy. They do not buy drugs. They do not go to hospitals and doctors. They add nothing to a country's GDP.

On the contrary, every new McDonalds outlet creates at least 30 jobs: 10 cardiologists, 10 dentists, 10 weight-loss experts apart from people working in McDonalds outlets.

Choose wisely: A bicycle or a McDonalds?

Worth thinking."

WALKERS are even worse. Those people do not even buy a bicycle.

An interesting 2015 photo taken VTNZ at the Mount by Peter Butler.

He thought the juxtaposition was too good to miss, and we agree!



SAVE THE DATE—The New Zealand Motor Cup Centenary Celebrations

FRIDAY 5th March 2021 at Muriwai Beach.



First competed for on 5th March 1921 at Muriwai, The New Zealand Motor Cup was awarded annually in a 50 mile event known as the Australasian Beach Championship.

100 years later, on 5th March 2021, HRC, MSNZ Historic Race Commission and NZIGP will be holding a lunch to Celebrate 100 years since the first beach races and the awarding of the New Zealand Motor Cup. There will be a gathering of historically significant vehicles on the beach, along with car displays and the New Zealand Motor Cup.



Lunch will be designed by award winning local chef Michael Van de Elzen and served at the Muriwai Surf Club.

If you would like to be included in these celebrations, please contact tim@hrcevents.co.nz to register your interest.

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Sayings explanation—forwarded by Raewyn Fenn

1. In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb.'
2. Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only... Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
3. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs -Alexander the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar
4. In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... 'goodnight, sleep tight.'
5. It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.
6. In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England , when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.'
It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'
7. Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service.
'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.
8. In 1696, William III of England introduced a property tax that required those living in houses with more than six windows to pay a levy. In order to avoid the tax, house owners would brick up all windows except six. (The Window Tax lasted until 1851, and older houses with bricked-up windows are still a common sight in the U.K.) As the bricked-up windows prevented some rooms from receiving any sunlight, the tax was referred to as "daylight robbery"!

Now, there you have the origin of these phrases. Interesting aren't they!!

RIGHT CLICK

A teacher was asking her kindergarten class about the noises animals make, which they all got correct—until we got to a mouse!

Click," they kept repeating.

It took her a while to figure it out - even four year olds use computers these days.

HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO - *Article sent in by Gwen Jones*

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't.

Here's the story: - One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car.

But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running. One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago.

There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator," a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current. But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios.

Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business. Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker. Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work – Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

WHAT'S IN A NAME - That first production model was called the 5T71. Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names—Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest. Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola. But even with the name change, the radio still had problems:

When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

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HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO (continued from previous page)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio -- The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna. These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them. The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression -- Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory. In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich tire company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores. By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.)

In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios. In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts. In 1940 he developed the first handheld two-way radio -- The Handy-Talkie -- for the U. S. Army. A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II. In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200. In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon. In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone. After having lost \$4.3 billion from 2007 to 2009, the company demerged into two independent public companies. Motorola Inc. was renamed Motorola Solutions and is legally the direct successor to the original company after the demerger from Motorola Mobility. Motorola Mobility was acquired by Chinese company Lenovo in 2014.

It all started with the car radio

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car?

Elmer Wavering and William Lear, ended up taking very different paths in life.

Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention lead to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being!

Humour

This is why 16 year olds aren't allowed to vote.



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Monthly events—

Club night (except January) - 2nd Monday, start time 7.30pm
Mid week run — Wednesday following the club night
End of the month run — Held on the last Sunday of the month.
Committee Meeting — Last Monday of the month
Noggin 'n' Natter — 4th Tuesday at 6pm

Location Sequence of Noggin 'n' Natter

- 1, ~~Tauranga~~- Tauranga Citizens Club, Cameron Road.
Contact is Jim Smylie phone 021 518 200 or 07 576 4180
- 2, ~~Te Puke~~- The Annan restaurant. 4 Palmer Place.
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- 4, ~~Katikati~~- Forta Leza Café, SH 2, Katikati.
Contact is Owen Smith, phone 07 570 2000

If your birthday falls in this month please remember it is your turn to provide a plate for supper. Thanks to last months birthday people for their food.

Please remember to wear your name badges to all events. They can be ordered from David Joblin phone 544 1690. BADGES ARE FREE TO NEW MEMBERS.

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