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Mike Driscoll's freshly restored 1937 Wolseley 14HP Series II.

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EDITOR'S STUFF

October is always one of the months I'm happy to see the back of. A couple of other events I'm involved in organising are the VCC Canterbury Swap Meet, and the local All British Day. With these two events coming up and the usual month's activities thrown in, October tends to get a bit busy. This year I also made a quick weekend road trip to the North Island to catch up with some friends during the first weekend of the month.

The trip north was a good one. I took the Thursday and Friday off work, staying at home on the Thursday morning to catch up with some paperwork, leaving for Picton at about 11.00am. I stopped off at my brother Robert's place one hour up the road at Greta Valley for lunch, and then carried on with the aim of catching the 6.20 sailing from Picton. When I stopped for fuel in Kaikoura I received an automatic text message from the Interislander saying that the ferry would be delayed by an hour, so I had a really cruisy trip the rest of the way, with plenty of time to take in the scenery and make a couple of stops as well. I thought this was great customer service on their part – it certainly took away the frustration of arriving at the Ferry terminal and having to sit in the queue in the car park for an extra hour.

One of my aims for the weekend was to have a look at a 'modern' car Matthew was looking at buying off Trademe which was for sale in Picton. I had been planning on doing this on the way home, but with much more time available now I was able to arrange a viewing and test-drive before I got in line for the Ferry. The car checked out well, so with that job done it was time to get to the Ferry terminal, and wait to board. I had a great crossing, managing to clear some emails and a bit of paperwork on board which would be required for the National AGM in Christchurch the following weekend. The only downside to boarding one hour late was that I didn't get into Wellington until 10.30pm, but I'd already arranged a late check in at the Hutt Park Holiday Park, so the key was in their security box for me and I was very quickly able to find my unit and go straight to bed.

I was up and away by 6am the following morning, and with a Big Mac Breakfast under my belt from Macca's in Plimmerton, I was set for the day.

Two full days of work with good friends followed – lots achieved, and I was able to head back home a day earlier than planned, crossing back over first thing on Sunday morning, to get back home again by 4.30pm that afternoon. I went back to work the following day, feeling that four days was actually more like a week – the sign of a good break indeed. Coming up the following weekend was our Club National AGM, and at home we were fortunate indeed to have Michael Kruse, and John Mallia from Melbourne, both stopping at home. John had come over to 'collect' an 18/85 Michael had purchased for him from Auckland (a Trademe purchase), the aim being to use it in New Zealand for the National Rally, then probably send it home to Australia after the rally, where it will be a relatively



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rare car. Michael had already driven it from Auckland to New Plymouth, and both he and John had spent a couple of full days on it before the trip south tidying up some areas of paintwork that weren't quite up to John's standard. They stopped off on the way down to visit Southwards Museum and catch a couple of Wellington attractions, and then crossed over to the Mainland on the Thursday, the aim being to get to Christchurch in time for Swap Meet weekend starting on Friday 11th October. The 18/85 ran like a watch all the way down, and as an added bonus for Matthew, Michael picked up the car in Picton for him on the way down, so it was delivered



John Mallia getting stuck in on the 18/85 at Michael Kruse's home in New Plymouth.

home without the need to make a trip back up there to pick it up. For the record, he's bought a 2003 Ford Falcon – a very smart looking car in great condition. Getting insurance for it was a slight problem and expensive for him, but he wanted something big and safe (it has all the electronic safety features and side airbags) and once our insurance company had checked out his no-issues-at-all driving record, they agreed to cover it fully, so he's now using it for his daily commute into town.

It was great having Michael and John to stay – lots of stories told, and the 18/85 has been left in my care until John returns in February.

The Swap Meet this year was a good one. We had NO RAIN during any of the days – the first time this has happened for 10 years! I had a trailer-load of miscellaneous stuff I was selling on behalf of a friend, and Friday in particular saw it well picked over and lots of sales made. Saturday was a bit quieter, and Sunday only bought in about \$20 as the last items were sold cheaply so they didn't have to be taken home again. In the end, the last of it (which wasn't a lot) was taken to the VCC spares shed where it will get one last pick-through.

The AGM on the Saturday night went well, with a good attendance from both Christchurch and the other branches. We had a good roast meal, followed very soon after by the meeting which got through the business at a good pace. A report may follow later in the newsletter.

The following weekend we had a working bee at Idlewood, and a report on that follows later in the Christchurch Branch report. Again, it was well attended, with lots happening and plenty to catch up on.

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The Sunday for me was spent getting ready for the All British Day, which was held on Sunday 28th October. We had a good day – a very good turnout from our club – great weather, and a good cross-section of cars.

There hasn't been a lot achieved with our own Wolseleys this month at home, although the 6/90 now has it WoF, and things have been moved around in the shed to make some room temporarily for John's 18/85. It's now completely full with our Wolseleys, a Mini (my late Grandmother's car – another story for sometime), a Landrover, my quad bike, and a ride-on lawnmower. There's still plenty of room to walk around the cars, but I wouldn't want to fit another car in just yet.

I often find it fascinating seeing Wolseleys that were owned by club members years ago which seeming disappear off the face of the earth, suddenly resurface again – usually for sale. October has seen four come to light again. The first was the ex-Doreen Shearer 4/44 which disappeared from Christchurch about two years ago, which has re-surfaced in Wellington and is now owned by new club member Lance Fitness. Lance bought it off the person who bought it sight-unseen off Trademe, and later decided it wasn't really what he wanted. Lance is now well involved in a rolling restoration, gradually attending to some



4/44 now owned by Lance Fitness

of the more cosmetic aspects of the car, and getting lots of satisfaction doing it too.

Another one which popped out of the woodworker's shed (literally) was a very nice Austin A/110

Westminster owned by a former member, John McMahon. John got involved in other interests back in the late 1980's, and the car was put up on blocks in a good garage, and has re-emerged almost as good over 20 years later. It's now running again, and is for sale on Trademe –



John McMahon's A/110 sees daylight after 23 years storage.

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a hard-to-find car in that condition nowadays, and with very little required to get it back on the road again too.

Another for this month is a 6/80 which has just appeared on Trademe for sale at Waimak Classics. This car was restored about 10 years ago (it was entered in the Canterbury VCC restoration of the year competition), and still looks like it's only just been finished. This car was fitted with a 5-speed gearbox when it was restored, so it probably motors very well indeed. It's pricey, but if you want a finished project it could be worth considering. Let's hope this car and the Westminster finish up back on the road and used regularly by their new owners.



6/80 currently for sale on Trademe

Lastly, I recently received from Winton Cleal some photographs of Mike

Driscoll's 1937 Series II 14HP, and as you will have already seen from the front cover, it looks fantastic. This car first appeared in Nelson about 30 years ago as a half-done project from a deceased estate. It was bought by Bryan Stansbury, who finished it off and got it back on the road again in time for the first Nelson National Rally. It unfortunately then suffered an engine failure, was sold to the West Coast, then went to Winton Cleal (who started another full and comprehensive rebuild and managed to get it about 50% done), and from Winton it went on to Mike Driscoll. And here it is, back on the road again and looking pristine.

That's about it for this month – have a good one! One more newsletter to go for 2013 – remember that the December issue (due out the first week of December) will be the last one until the first weekend of February 2014. This will be just before the National Rally!

Colin Hey

Deadline for next Wolseley Word:

Friday 28th November 2013

A Really Tough Day

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man.... and then my dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; and then you show up and drink the whole damn thing! But enough about me, how are you doing?"

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Members,

At the National AGM I was Re elected as your National President. This will be my third year, I will do my best to carry out duties that come to me and respond to any requests members may have. As you were aware, Winton was not standing as National Secretary. I enjoyed working with Winton and Ruth and wish them all the best for what they are doing for the Manawatu Branch. Ruth's Rallies look, and read very good. Michael Kruse has taken up the National Secretary's position, he is a very keen Wolseley enthusiast, I thank him for taking up this position and look forward to working with him. All other positions stayed the same. I thank all of them for their continued enthusiasm and work for this club.



Ray Willoughby has taken on the National Spares position for the last year, so we will be looking for someone in the Canterbury area to take this on in the future. The AGM was very positive and enjoyable. The Venue was once again very good and I thank Allan Frances and Canterbury members for organizing this and supporting the meeting. It was good to meet you. One item that was passed at the meeting, was the Hand Book of Responsibilities for Elected and Appointed Members. This is something that I have been working on for some time and that I feel is needed in this club. It is intended to give Elected and Appointed Members information, direction and support for the position they hold. National Secretary, Michael, will send out some hard copies to Branch Secretary's so they can hand them on to those who hold positions in their branch. Please read it and call me or Michael with any questions. If other members wish to have a copy, Call me or Michael .

Web Site. The meeting is very keen to have an up to date and interesting Web Site. I have spoken to Geoff McCutcheon as to how we can achieve this etc. Things such as a working pass word etc, have to be sorted out as well. Please call and or respond to Geoff with information that he requires. In time it will be improved.

The Canterbury Branch is getting on very well as hosts for our National Rally. All the very best for this event, I am looking forward to it.

All the best for the summer.

Gordon Duthie

Power Cut

We had a power outage last week and my PC, TV and games console shut down immediately, it was raining so I couldn't golf so I had to talk to my wife for a few hours.

She seems like a nice person.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi I am your new National Secretary, Michael Kruse, and I live in New Plymouth with my wife Raewynn. I have been a Manawatu Wolseley Car Club member for 10 years. I am delighted to have been elected National Secretary at the AGM in Christchurch.

A bit of background about my passion with Wolseleys .

It started when I had earned a bonus at work I decided that I would like a classic car.

Bob Signal as many of you may know owned a 1500 Wolseley and the thought of doing car things with Bob and Mary appealed to us .

So the next question what Type of Wolseley to buy?????

My first car was an orange 1961 Mini Van, so did Wolseley make a Mini ????

Aha they did a the "Hornet".

Bob showed me a "Wolseley Word". In the For Sale part was an advert for a 1969 Hornet, so I rang up Ric Tyson and arranged an inspection in Wellington.

I loved the car and Raewynn thought it was "cute", so we purchased it and upon another visit drove it home. So that is how I was introduced to Wolseleys.

So now down to business

PLEASE send in your forms for the National Rally. They were due in at the end of October, but it may not be too late. It should be fantastic in Methven, so if you haven't got around to registering, please make it a priority.

Cheers

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WOLSELEY

National Rally News

2014 National Rally Methven, South Island, 23rd to 28th February 2014



As of the end of October there are around 45 Rally entries, and we're nearly at capacity at the venue. The oldest Wolseley attending will be the 1900 model owned by the Winter family from Dunedin, and the newest will be a 1973 Six which will be loaned to an Australian visitor by the Hey family.

Planning is now well underway with the rally days, and the effort this coming month will be to finalise prices and work out exactly what the final rally cost per person will be. We will then email or mail everyone who has registered (aiming to do this prior to Christmas), confirming the price and informing you what is included and what isn't, and any other updated news we have by then about the rally programme and activities.

The draft rally programme was in last month's newsletter, and at this stage hasn't altered. We promise you that you will have plenty to see and do.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Allan Francis or Colin Hey (contact details are in the front of the newsletter)

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - AUCKLAND

Auckland Branch News:

We would like to welcome new members Brian and Bunty Mudge from Orewa who have a Wolseley 1300 and David Pickering from Tauranga with a Wolseley MkII 6/110. We hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Visit to The Pumphouse, Thames, Sunday, October 20th, 2013, Combined Rover and Wolseley Run.

What a great day it turned out to be for the run to Thames. Meeting at Bombay, we drove to George Haffenden's place in Thames. The assembled group at George's totalled 14 Rovers, and 2 moderns (ute and Toyota Camry) with no Wolseleys. Oh well, we can't win them all!!!

We were welcomed by George to view his 3 Landrovers, all fully restored, one of which he bought for \$100 including delivery! Also a very nice Rover 75. This was an enjoyable mix and mingle with lots of good car talk. We then proceeded to The Pump House. This contains the pump used in the gold mine to pump water from 1000 feet down. It is a three stage lift process, with a wonderfully constructed working model to help explain the process. There has been a lot of development work done here since our last visit several years ago, including the recovery of a 16 ton crankshaft.

Later, we gathered beside the river to enjoy a picnic lunch/ afternoon tea.

This was a good, enjoyable day out,

Trevor and Adele Burnnand,

Auckland Branch, Wolseley Car Club.



Trevor Burnnand dwarfed by the pump workings at the Pumphouse in Thames

Auckland Branch Coming Events:

Sunday 24 November 2013 - Meet at the Karaka War Memorial Hall at 10.30 a.m. Take the Papakura offramp on the Southern Motorway and turn right. Once you reach the 80 km sign slow down and the War Memorial Hall is on your left. From there we are going to a real country craft market where we will have lunch and from there travel onto the Awhitu Lighthouse. This will be a great day for the entire family.

Sunday 1 December 2013 for an end of year function being a movie evening with roast dinner at the Westwind Theatre. The cost is \$25.00 per person and we are to arrive at 4.30 p.m. for a 5.00p.m. meal. Please contact Noeline Billing by 25 November Phone 2783944 if you are attending for catering purposes.

Sunday 9 February 2014 - Concours d'elegance at Ellerslie. Please advise Noeline Billing if you are able to display your vehicle.

Regards
Noeline Billing

For members in the Bay of Plenty Region (contact Stephen Belcher for more details)

Sunday 17th of November:

Run to the Blue Lake, departing at 10am, for lunch at the north end of the blue lake near the boat ramp. The Auckland branch are welcome to join us for the day.

Sunday 1st of December:

Tye park Christmas Car Show.

Manawatu Branch News:

As I write this, we have only just got home from the Club's weekend run to Taranaki on 2 & 3 November. Our later than anticipated arrival home has meant that I've run out of time to write a full report and meet the deadline for this issue of the Wolseley Word (which I'm already late for!). So, my apologies folks, you are going to have to wait until the next magazine to read the write-up. But, I will add a quick thanks to Winton and Ruth for organising the run, Michael and Raewyn for hosting the barbecue at their place on Saturday night, and to all the members who turned out and made it a worthwhile trip! It



The inside view of our spares shed, showing the smoko room in the background, and Steve Finch's 24/80 project underway.

was a great weekend and we had lots of fun.

Our Branch seems to be going through something of a revival of late. Meetings and working bees, and runs also, have been well attended. It's fantastic to see this momentum and we hope the enthusiasm continues to go in this direction!

An item of interest that came up at the last meeting was a suggestion put forward that we should have some sort of trophy in memory of Mort Andrews. The exact nature of how or

what this trophy is awarded for is yet to be determined but there has been lots of discussions and ideas since that meeting. If you've got an idea or suggestion regarding this, the next opportunity for discussion will be at the Christmas Dine-out (if you will be going, don't forget to RSVP to the Club Captain by 27 November).

Obituary

It is with sadness that we note the sudden passing of one of our newer members, Peter Cocks. Our thoughts are with Kay and family.

Regards,

Michelle Thompson

And from Steve Finch:

Not many of you were lucky enough to have met Pete Cocks, a fairly recent member of the Manawatu Branch, tragically killed last week in a freak work place accident. A larger than life sort of bloke, witty a great sense of humour, common sense and a skilled mechanical & electrical engineer, who worked in the U.K. for the Royal Navy and Ministry of Defence mostly in communications.

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He was a keen collector of old military radios, stationary engines & other classic & vintage bits of kit which took his fancy. He worked for V.I.N.Z and had a reputation in this area as the man to see if you had a problem with compliance winning or other issues with old vehicles. He did not expect older vehicles to perform like last year's Benz or Toyota. He knew his way round the system without breaking the rules.

We miss you Pete - our thoughts are with Kay and the rest of your family. We don't know what is round the corner do we?

Steve's Progress

An update on the 24/80 resto programme.....

We have reached the end of the begining or the begining of the end--maybe. Pete Cocks was my adviser, technical man, mig welder so I'll now have to go to plan "B" life goes on.!!!

Most of the paint is off a few rust areas need to be cut out-- then primer/undercoat, I need advice on this, and then the engine and gear box go back in and try and remember where all the wires and linkages are supposed to go.

It will be a 4 speed floor change instead of a 3 speed Column.

We have obviously missed the Labour Weekend deadline and might struggle to meet the new one which is Christmas--- this year. !!!!

Manawatu Coming Events:

Sunday 17 November – Southward Car Museum Auto Jumble

From 8 am onwards. More information and trade site inquiries contact Hayden 027 859 2774.

Saturday 30 November

12.30 pm Christmas lunch at the Manukau Hotel, South of Levin and North of Otaki. Price \$32.00 per person. RSVP to Ruth & Winton by Wednesday 27 November.

Saturday 14 December – Sunbeam Club Run

Join the Sunbeam Club for its annual run to Lake Ferry. Meet at Featherston by the Fell Museum at 10.30 for departure at 11.00 am. Bring your picnic lunch or you can eat at the Lake Ferry Hotel.

13 January 2014 – Beach Run/picnic

15/16 February – date to be confirmed

Turakina Valley Run being organized by Steve Finch

If you have any questions or suggestions about Club events, please contact Ruth Cleal on 04 293 3369 or email finkle@icloud.com

Nelson-Marlborough Branch News

I am sorry I could not be at the AGM. I have played Euchre, Cribbage, Ten-pin bowling and Indoor Bowls at the Masters Games, getting two Gold and a Bronze medal for my efforts. This year we have enjoyed two events, the first going to Blenheim to support their Hospice Classic and Collectable Car Display. This was one of the best turnouts I have been to even though it was a bitterly cold day. Then we had the Classic Cars at Pidgeon Valley Steam Museum, Wakefield. Our display theme was Wolseley Clubs around the World. I found researching this project very interesting. We are in more countries than I thought and I am in regular contact with Wolseley lovers in several countries now exchanging e-mails. The photo above shows our cars at Pidgeon Valley.



Ollie Reid

Events:

19th January 9:30 am.

Our members are invited to attend The Nelson Hospice Classic car show at Richmond Show Grounds.

Christchurch Branch News:

The activities for October got off to a slight false-start, with the run to Snuggle-Inn at Clarkville having to be postponed due to a nearby sewer overflow requiring the venue to be closed until the source of the problem could be found. Instead of going there, a run to Woodend Beach domain was held to blow out the cobwebs. I was unable to attend, but I understand it was enjoyed by everyone, given the short notice of change of venues.

The following weekend was a big one for our branch, hosting the National AGM. There were, of course, lots of members from out of town visiting for the weekend, some of them put up by Christchurch members. Trevor and Adele Burnnand used the branch 1300 for the weekend, and had a good look around Christchurch (what's left of it) while they were

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here. They were amazed to see the gaps around the city and even in Lyttelton, but could at least see the recovery in action.

Nearly everyone took the opportunity to visit the VCC Swap Meet, and it was great catching up with people calling in to my site as they did the rounds of all of the Swap Meet.

Unfortunately the pickings were pretty slim, but most people found something for the

shed or a project, so I guess it made it worthwhile coming to have a look. We also had a good display of cars, helping the Morris Club by supplementing their special display to mark 100 years of Morris.



Our display at the VCC Swap Meet



Getting ready for business at the National AGM

The AGM itself went very well, and Gordon Duthie ably steered us through the business, getting the meeting over and done with in about 90 minutes. It's obvious that the club is in good heart at the moment, with what seems to be a willingness to crack on and keep things going. Personally, I

think that the National Rallies both here and in Australia now give us a good focus and something that many can now look forward to each year, which is what we need.

Additionally, Manawatu now has a good base in their spares shed, which will serve the members there well, I'm sure, as we have found in Christchurch.

The final outing for October was the All British Day, which was held on Sunday 28th October. This year we were fortunate to strike a beautiful day, which made all the difference. This year's run took everyone out to Loburn Domain, not too far from Rangiora. We had 12 cars turn out representing our club, including Anthony Dacre who bought his Bentley along, and Graham and Judith Quate who came out in Graham's 'J' Bedford. With our shelter put up in the domain, we were able to relax in the sun or shade and enjoy lunch in this very pleasant part of the countryside. Congratulations to Jock

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Dunn, who won one of the mystery time prizes, and also picked up the Best of British trophy for his recently refurbished 6/110.



Club line-up at the All British Day, Loburn Domain.

Our October working bee was held one week later than normal because of the Swap Meet. On the agenda this month was the collection of a Series III 18/85 spares car from Eddie Bishop's, which is now residing in the spares shed garage at Idlewood. The body is completely shot, so it's planned to remove it altogether from the windscreen back (saving all the fittings we can), and leave it as a complete and moveable running chassis.

According to Eddie it has a good running engine, so perhaps someone can make use of it in that form. Perhaps it could even be turned into some sort of special?

The area around Idlewood was once again hammered by strong winds towards the end of the month, bringing down even more trees, including a few more around the Jowett Club's area. The clean-up will continue.



Series III 18/85 arrives at Idlewood

As far as member's projects are concerned, Graham Quate now has his Wolseley Ten back up and running again, after having the misfortune of the oil pump gear breaking and damaging the pump shaft and the camshaft very soon after a full engine rebuild. Graham managed to find a replacement oil pump shaft at the Swap Meet, and believe it or not, Ray Willoughby sourced a replacement camshaft for him from our own spares shed. As it turned out the latter was actually a 4/44 one, which fitted perfectly and only required the lobes to be re-ground to the Ten specs. The length, bearing sizes and gears were identical. Handy to know!

Les Nell is still full steam ahead with his 25HP project, and confident he'll make it in time for the National Rally. The Swap Meet was useful for him too, with several parts found or

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ordered, which will assist in getting it all finished off. I admire his determination to get the job finished. He has sent a summary of the project so far, which follows in this newsletter. With the countdown to Christmas now, there is a lot on over November and early December, so it will be a good opportunity to get the cobwebs blown out before the National Rally. All of our events are listed, so note the dates now and come to whatever you can.

Colin Hey

Christchurch Branch Coming Activities:

Saturday 9th November - Working Bee at Idlewood

Arrive any time after 9.00am – come to help, buy parts, just chill out and have a yarn or solve your Wolseley problems over a cuppa. Morning tea provided, bring your lunch if you want to stay a bit longer.

Sunday 10th November - Afternoon Run to Waddington

This is a run we've tried to have twice already, but have been beaten by the weather. We will visit two properties in Waddington – at the first we will see a newly-built scale model traction engine and the workshop in which it was created, and then a local garden. The run will leave from the Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 1.30pm. Please bring afternoon tea, and a donation for the property we are visiting. Note – if the weather does happen to be wet again, please come anyway, as we'll have an alternative indoor venue arranged.

Sunday 1st December - Classic Clubs Christmas Run to Orton Bradley Park

Annual Classic Motoring Society Christmas run and barbecue at Orton Bradley Park. The park is booked conjunction with members of the Classic Motoring Society NZ, Triumph Car Club, Rover Car Club, Daimler Enthusiasts Club, Armstrong Siddeley Club, and various others. Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30am for a leisurely run to the park or proceed directly there. If you have an easily transportable BBQ it could be handy and as well as your own eats, please also bring wrapped parcels from the \$2 shop equal to the number of people in your party - Father Xmas may arrive to distribute them. Admission charge at Orton Bradley park is \$5 per adult \$1 per child.

Saturday 14th December - Working Bee at Idlewood

Sunday 15th December - Christmas BBQ and social at Idlewood.

Full details in next month's newsletter, but please mark the date in your diary.

For your diary;

Thursday 6th February – Waitangi Day RSA run – see next page.

Rangiora R.S.A.

DAY RUN

The Rangiora RSA is organising its tenth
Waitangi Day Run

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2014

Start time: 10am (Tractors 9am)

Registrations start 1 hour before start time
RSA Car Park, Victoria Street, Rangiora

This event is open to all vehicles over 30 years old
Motorcycles, cars, trucks, tractors

All vehicles are to be road legal and this is the responsibility of the owner
Choice of routes (long, short, tractor)

LUNCH

A sausage sizzle and cake stall with hot drinks will be available
At the Loburn Domain
(This is a fundraiser for the Rangiora Pottery Group)

Cost \$5 per tractor; all other vehicles \$10

For more information please phone:

Cars and Bikes:
Pat Youngman 03 313 8809

Tractors:
Denny Dunlop 03 312 8871

This event is run by the Rangiora RSA Vintage Vehicle and Machinery Sections, all after run profits to go to the Rangiora RSA Welfare Fund

David Greenslade, past President Canterbury Morris Minor Club has passed on a note to say that his book about the Morris Centenary is to be reviewed in next Beaded Wheels and personally available for sale at VCC Canterbury December Noggin'n'natter. It is quite an achievement containing over 800 illustrations. It is the result of 10 years research that included visits to Oxford England and other Countries. The book is the only contemporary history so far written to mark the event.

David has also invited interested members to the Opawa Bowling Club, Opawa Road at 7.30 pm 18th November where he will present an illustrated talk about his recent trip to England to share in the Centenary Celebrations at the home of Morris.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Southern Region

Southern Region Report

I have been asked to send you this information about the 25th anniversary celebrations for the Southern Scenic Route.

It would be nice to inform the local and travelling members about this, and to support this event. I am intending to go, and will probably wear the All British Vehicle Club and the Wolseley Car Club Hats. I am aware of others (locally) who are intending to go.

Regards,
Bill Obers

SOUTHERN SCENIC ROUTE 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



On Sunday 24 November 2013 the major event of the 25th Anniversary of the Southern Scenic Route (SSR), which travels between Queenstown and Dunedin, will be held in Tuatapere.

Tuatapere in Western Southland has been selected as the venue for the event as the SSR was conceived by the people of Tuatapere in 1985 and the route was opened in Tuatapere in November 1988.

The event at Tuatapere will include a short official ceremony to mark the occasion, complemented by entertainment for young and old alike including displays from promotional groups from around the SSR, rides and activities for the kids, musical entertainment and more.

However the organising committee see one of the key components of the day as the inclusion of as many car and motorcycle clubs as possible. Due to the very nature of the SSR as a Touring Route it is very relevant to such clubs. We would like to invite you to consider this date for a 'run' either over the complete route or a part of the route to coincide with the Tuatapere event. The hope would be that clubs will conclude their 'run' at the event where they are invited to display their vehicles.

It could be that some clubs that would like to do the whole route might make a weekend of it or a day of it if just cruising part of the route. Whichever option a club takes all should gather at The Domain (Half Mile Road) in Tuatapere from 11am to 3pm on Sunday 24 November.

We invite you to register your interest at the following contact now if you would be keen to participate in this very special event:

Lindsay Beer
64 Ritchie Street
Invercargill 9810
03 217 4288
021 351 499
lindsay.beer@xtra.co.nz

Series II Restorations – Part 1 – Mike Driscoll's 1937, 14HP

This Wolseley 14/56 is thought to have been registered new in Nelson.

A subsequent owner recalls about 50 years ago seeing this car parked up in a paddock in Stoke, in a sad state of repair.

Restoration of the chassis, running gear and engine was completed by a Nelson man who unfortunately died before completing the restoration. The car was sold and taken to Invercargill by the new owner.

About 1998, Nelson man, Bryan Stansbury saw the Wolseley advertised for sale and went to Invercargill to view the car. He recognised the car as the Wolseley 14/56 he had seen in Stoke as a boy. Bryan Stansbury purchased the car, and had the Wolseley transported back to Nelson.

Bryan refurbished the vehicle and re-registered the Wolseley. The new registration number was TF2727.

Bryan drove the car in a Wolseley Club rally from Nelson to Palmerston North and to a British Link Rally to Christchurch, and used the car as daily transport until one day on the drive to work, the motor seized. Bryan parked the car up for a year before selling it to Russell Nimmo from Greymouth. Russell Nimmo paid for the Wolseley but did not get around to collecting the car.

Russell Nimmo already owned another Wolseley 14/56 that was in a sad state. (possibly Reg No AO9983). He intended to make one good car out of the two. Interestingly, the Wolseley already owned by Russell Nimmo was the Wolseley 14/56 featuring in the movie *Bad Blood*, a New Zealand feature film on the Stanley Graham manhunt in 1943. Don Hawkes of Wellington VCC purchased both vehicles from Russell Nimmo via Trade Me and travelled south to Greymouth to collect the Greymouth car which by now had been reduced to a chassis, body shell and boxes of parts. Don Hawkes trailered these parts home to Wellington via Nelson and collected TF2727 where it was still in storage.

Winton Cleal, a Wellington VCC and Wolseley Car Club member, purchased the Wolseley and parts from Don Hawkes. Winton re-commenced restoration work. He had the body shell sandblasted and primed, the guards and doors refurbished and much of the upholstery and chrome plating completed.

After purchasing the car from Winton in 2011, I concentrated first on the body work. The rear body section from the Greymouth car was used as the original rear panel was beyond repair. The English oak wooden frame was in remarkably sound condition and with the benefit of Epiglue was reused.

The engine rebuild was completed by B and H Engine Services, Palmerston North. New white metal bearings and rings were installed. The pistons, bores and cylinder head were in perfect condition, and required minimal work.

Parts for the twin "downdraft" SU carburettors were sourced from Swift Automotive, Christchurch. A replacement carburettor body was supplied by the Wolseley Car Club. The brakes, gearbox diff and front axle required minimal work, having earlier been rebuilt. The original cork wet clutch was been retained and only required the replacement of a few damaged corks.

The starter and generator were overhauled and the car rewired. The original trafficator turn signals have been retained.

Items such as dash and gauges, lights and trim were in sound condition. The few missing or damaged items such as parklight and fog light lenses and surrounds were sourced at Horopito Wreckers.

The body work has been painted at home in the original “tricolour” Black/Olive Green/Kakahi Green colour scheme, complimenting the green upholstery and in keeping with the car’s Art Deco origins.

Owner

Mike Driscoll



Series II Restorations – Part 2 – Les Nell's 25HP Saloon progress report

25 HP series II de Ville ?

Engine number 1406

Registration number DT
4582

225—1267 Chassis number

3rd June 1935 Motor date
stamp

22nd May 1936 Bell

Housing date stamp

Fuel tank inscription

*Manufactured by Morris
Motors Ltd.*

5739 1608 Radiator

*Branch Osberton Works
Oxford*

This car restoration is

underway after the car has been stored for 40 years. (We were sidetracked into restoring family John Deere tractors.) The body has been lifted off the chassis and straightened up in Ashburton. The trailer it is on had to have the wheels removed to lower it enough to get it in to the garage when it came home.

The motor had been completely overhauled. The work being done includes a re-bore, crankshaft grind, re-metalling of all bearings, new valves and all surfaces grinding. I had to make Con-rod bolts out of high tensile cap screws. It was amazing to see how much the soft bolts had stretched. We are looking for gaskets. These had to be made in the end. A loose front pulley means we are looking for a front pulley too. This could not be found so Cullimore's of Ashburton turned one out of solid.

The clutch is being recorked. We made a trip to Timaru to get 72 corks from a wholesaler. She wondered what we were doing with them. Then they were tapered by hand. The corks had to be put into boiling water to soften them in order to fit them into the clutch plate. They have been cut to rough length and now the difficult part of compressing them and judging the correct length begins. They have been faced with sand paper on a tractor flywheel. I have had some good advice from people who have re-conditioned



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cork clutches. Any and all information on this job was gratefully received. All the clutch and flywheel bolts here have stretched too. They have been replaced with HT bolts. The chassis is being hand cleaned as it still has the original black paint on it and the condition is far too good to consider sandblasting. Then painted and finished ready to receive brake lines, newly reset re-bushed springs. The differential has been straightened all rivets had to be braised around as they were leaking and all new bearings and seals were fitted. Over ride straps were made and fitted. The fuel tank has a new bottom, and sealer inside, the sensor has a new float. Brakes drums were turned, wheel and master cylinders sleeved, brake shoes relined.

A new stainless exhaust system was fitted.

The body is back on.

All the panels for the floor have been cut out of ply twice because there is felt sandwiched in the middle of them. The body panels have been cut out of the same ply. One front door has yet to have the bottom runner replaced.

The fuel pump has been serviced. The carburetor is being serviced.

FOR SALE

Wolseley 6/90 Series 3 – a part-restoration project that has had around \$6,000 invested in it. Bodywork has been done but not painted in top coat. Due to health reasons I have to give the project up. Second car also available with this one, but it's very rusty. Contact Anthony Dacre on 0274350657

1958 Wolseley 15/50. Reluctant sale, too many vehicles. Receipts for recent engine recond. New diff head & rear axle seals. Brakes in top condition. Drives well lots of spares. No rust. \$7500-00.

Contact Steve Finch by e-mail margaretfinch@slingshot.co.nz or phone (06) 329-4009.

Wolseley 15/50. Shes a 1958, rego on hold and last wof 2010, milage 7871miles on reconditioned hardened seat motor, she has radials which havent had much use but i still have some cross plys also. She in fairly poor condition I must say, but smiles when shes had a clean and tlc! Ive also held onto all her spare parts and have collected other bits such as the odd seat to redo seats. I would love for someone to take her on as a project but am also realistic that she may well become a donor for another 15/50.

"Expressions of interest" wanted. Maria Will, Phone 03 3810385 home, or 027 769 0360 cell.

1968 Wolseley 1300 automatic for sale... rego on hold no warrant has a dickie gear box but still easily drivable, a little bit of rust, wanting \$1000 for her. She is in North Canterbury. My name is Casey and I can be contacted @ 012 02311298 or contact my dad who has the car at 03 3100 499 after 6pm .

Wolseley 6/110 in good condition, (no rust). I have put a new water pump (original factory spare parts) and radiator (rebuilt by George Bell at silverdale) in this year. It goes but now needs the right owner to decide whether to refurbish and run as is or restore to its full potential. The vehicle is situated at Stanmore Bay Whangaparaoa . If this sounds like it could be of interest, please contact me anytime, Joe Turnbull, turnbullj90@yahoo.co.nz

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