

THE



WORD

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC



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A 16/60 recently purchased by Danny O'Malley awaits a new set of tyres at Mag & Turbo in Christchurch.

OUR CLUB OBJECTIVES:

- To promote interest in and use of Wolseley vehicles.
- To arrange social functions for the purpose of promoting the objectives of the club.
- To promote and encourage the efficient maintenance of members' vehicles.
- To render technical assistance to members.
- To produce a newsletter regularly as a vehicle for the exchange of owners experience, technical information, the sale and exchange of cars and spare parts, or any other matters of interest to members.
- To maintain a library of information on the history, maintenance, repair and modification of Wolseley cars, to be available to members.
- To maintain a central register and stock of spares which may be established to assist members.

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Wolseley Car Club NZ National Rally – March 8th to 14th

Final Information for Entrants

Getting to Capital Gateway Hotel in Wellington

- People travelling from the North on State Highway 1 must stay in the left lane after the Johnsonville turnoff. Follow this lane into Newlands and then turn sharp left into the hotel driveway.
- People travelling from the South on State Highway 1 will need to turn into Ngauranga Gorge and then move into the left lane going up the Gorge. Take the Newlands turnoff and travel over the motorway overbridge. Turn left into the hotel driveway. Please remember that the speed limit up Ngauranga Gorge is 80 km and there is a resident speed camera to record your speed.

Arriving at the Rally

Registration will be at the Capital Gateway Hotel from 3.00 pm onwards. We have booked the Alex Room close to the reception area where you can pick up your rally packs. Tea, coffee and drinks will be available there, and the bar will be open (own cost). The welcome dinner will also be held at Capital Gateway, starting at 6.00 pm.

Payment of Rally Fees

An invoice for the balance of rally fees will be sent to you shortly. As mentioned above, the full rally cost is \$385 per person. This includes the rally deposit of \$75 (eg. If two are coming in your registered vehicle, the balance to pay will be \$675).

Payment is due by Friday 28 February. (Australian club members may pay on arrival in Wellington to minimise currency conversion fees). Payments are best made by bank transfer (internet). The account name is Wolseley Car Club North Island Branch and the account number is 06 0996 0174069 00. Please be sure to include your name on the deposit.

Important Notes:

Please also be mindful of your accommodation provider. If your car leaks oil, please pack a drip tray or a sheet of cardboard to avoid leaving oil stains on the hotel/motel forecourts.

Remember that Entry to Ohakea Airbase for New Zealand citizens is by credible photo i.d. such as driver's licence or passport. Australian citizens have already provided the information required for foreign nationals.

If you can, please remember to bring a thermos flask and a couple of chairs to use on the Thursday visit to Tinui and Castlepoint.

Finally, if you have any other questions or problems please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Kind regards

Ruth and Winton Cleal

Tel. 04 293 3369 or 021 178 4253 (Winton) or 027 314 0411 (Ruth)



National Rally, here we come!

EDITOR'S STUFF

This month's episode may be a bit shorter than usual, as time is now short to get the newsletter out before I depart for the National Rally. It's now Monday night and I want to have it done before we depart this coming Saturday.

Matthew and I have dragged the Wolseley Six out of hibernation to take to the rally. It was last on the road in 2013, when it failed a WoF due to play in the steering rack, and too much exhaust smoke, so there have been a few issues to sort on it. We did manage to get it started without a problem (I was rather surprised at this because the fuel was so old), but it was only running on 3 cylinders, and it seemed to be only the rear 3 that were working. A quick check for spark revealed no issues



there, so a look inside the fuel bowl on the front carb soon revealed the problem – the needle valve was stuck closed so no fuel was getting through. With it now running not too bad, I took it around to the local garage and filled it to the brim with fresh petrol, as there is no drain plug on the Six tank. Fortunately it was only about one-eighth full. I thought it would be a good idea to do a few miles then just to check everything was working properly, but this proved to be a bad idea. About 1km from home I noticed the oil pressure drop to about 30lbs and quite a bit of smoke started appearing in the mirror. The engine was still running really well though and there were no strange noises, and because I was only about 1km from home I kept going. When I got home I drove around to the shed on the lawn, and as soon as I stopped smoke started coming up from around the edges of the bonnet. I quickly opened it up, and everything on the right-hand side of the engine bay was just swimming in oil, and it was spraying out of the oil pressure gauge pipe. I quickly turned the engine off, and when I traced the pipe I found it had somehow become unclipped from the camshaft cover and had repositioned itself over the top of the fan-belt, cutting a small hole in the pipe. You wouldn't credit that so much oil could spray out of such a small pipe – I had lost about 2 litres.

I managed to successfully remove the short damaged portion of the pipe and join it up again, and then had to spend about an hour cleaning up the mess. Some of it had spread itself all over the front suspension and even down the underside of the car, so I'm still finding oil to wipe off it every time I'm under the car. Worse still, was that there is a steady stream of oil drops that start about 1km from home, then go through 2 streets in our subdivision, before turning neatly up our driveway. In time it will disappear, but in the meantime everyone knows that the buck (oil) stops at our place. Never mind – the environmental police haven't arrived yet!

Anyway, we found a few other issues that needing attending to. The steering rack was replaced with one I that had had overhauled a few years ago (soon after it failed it's WoF), and the smoking has been temporarily stemmed with a bottle of Nulon Stop Smoke. I found one of the front callipers was partially seized, so took them both off and had them reconditioned, and also one of the rear brakes wasn't working at all, which turned out to be caused by one of the rear brake hoses collapsing internally with age, so both were replaced. We also replaced one of the CV joints and replaced the drive-shaft oil seal on the gearbox on that side too.

I have been working on a replacement engine/gearbox for the car, but it won't be finished for another month or so yet, so we'll do the National Rally and then do a swap later in the year. In the meantime it's back on the road. I'm pretty sure it's now the only one on the road in NZ - I know of 3 others but I don't think any of them are going at the moment. Hopefully it will get a WoF this week (yes, it did), and Matthew and I will head north on Saturday, crossing over to Wellington first thing Sunday and then joining the start of the National Rally on Sunday evening. I'm only going as far as Palmerston North, where I fly home on Wednesday to then go to Melbourne for the F1. Matthew will carry on and do the whole rally.

Other than the Six, the second new (replacement) alloy cross-flow cylinder head has now arrived from the US for the 1500 race car, so I can get that put together again now when I get home. I'm also waiting for a replacement distributor rotor to come from the UK for the Hornet Special to hopefully cure an annoying occasional bad miss it has every now and then, and I've also had to get the generator on the Mk1 1500 reconditioned after it stopped charging (it had a short in the armature).

I mentioned last week how good it is to see Wolseleys featuring in VCC newsletters. Well, no sooner had the last newsletter gone out than another appeared in the NelsonVCC newsletter showing Reg Nicholson arriving at the Nelson Swap Meet (see photo below). There was another photo with Bryan Stansbury's 18/85 in the distance too.

Next month's Wolseley Word will be a National Rally special edition in which we'll have some reports and photos from the event. I know Winton & Ruth Cleal and the rally committee have done a power of work to run the event, so here's hoping for some good weather to back up their preparations. I'm sure it will be a good one.



Reg Nicholson arriving at the Nelson Swap Meet

Until next month, stay safe; remember that driving your Wolseley is the key to good health – stay away from any Corona – it's not so bad catching Yaris (nothing but a cold), or Corolla (you'll only be crook a few days), but the Landcruiser virus is the real killer.

Colin

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Members,

Time seems to be going fast and there seems to be a lot to do at the moment.

This time next week we will be at the National Rally which I am really looking forward to. I wish the Rally organisers lead by Winton and Ruth the very best and that they get their just rewards for their effort's. This year is 125 years of Wolseley, so we intend doing it justice at the Rally.

In this report I would like to acknowledge the work being done at the moment for the Club and its members. Many members are providing a lot of time in support of the Web-site which is progressing very well but by no means completed; and the Constitution update which has also been a considerable piece of work. This year is going to probably by one of the biggest and most progressive year in the club to date. Lee Brehaut has been the leader of this and has received great response and support from all those that she is working with.

Beryl and I have been out many times with the Wolseley and I'm very pleased with the replacement reconditioned engine. As you may recall this engine had oil leaking into the water jacket and radiator. Ivan McCutcheon machined the stainless-steel tubes, drills etc for me to sleeve the offending oil galleries. This was not a simple modification to carry out but I am pleased to say that it has been totally successful. This is a modification that the Austin Healy clubs initiated to save their engine blocks, which of course are common to the Wolseley 6/90 and 6/110s and suffer the same problem.

That's all from me for now, Safe driving.
Gordon Duthie



Deadline for next Wolseley Word:

Friday 3rd April 2020

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Wolseleyites,
We have had a great summer visiting Gisborne at the beginning of February with my daughter and partner. The Model T's were there at the same time for their National Meeting, so it was great to look at these cars. I went and saw the old Steam Engine and the Gisborne museums. The East Coast is a great place to visit.

Looking forward to the National Rally next week. I took the Wolseley 1500 for a warrant last weekend and it went straight through, whew, new tyres needed next time though. My Modern didn't do so well but after purchasing 2 new tyres that was sorted.



The website is now under construction with the team working on redesigning and updating. Thank you to everyone involved with this especially Lee for her hard work. Thank you also to Lee for the work she has been doing on updating the Wolseley Car Club Constitution.

Hope to see some of you at the rally.

Happy Wolseleying

Michael Kruse

WEBSITE REPORT

As Lee Brehaut reported last month, just a reminder that our old website address is no longer on line. Please delete it if it has been used anywhere in your individual processes or searches.

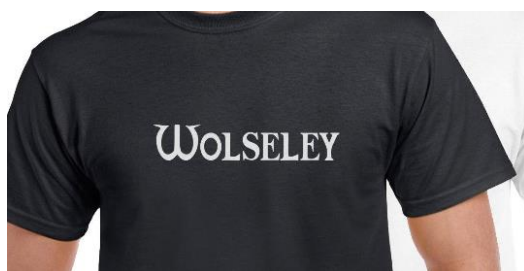
Our new web address is wolseleycarclub.co.nz. Good progress is currently underway to make this address searchable through Google but if you do go to it (possible by typing in this address directly) then you will see where things are at. If you are looking at an electronic copy of this newsletter you should be able to access it by clicking on the address above.

Next month there will be a full update from Lee Brehaut, and I'm sure there will be positive progress to report on.

REGALIA SALES AND LIBRARY LOANS

For any Wolseley Car Club regalia (caps, shirts, badges, books etc), and for any Wolseley-related books or technical information, please contact Danny O'Malley on 03 3244421 or 021 498 162 phone or text.

Danny can also provide copies of handbooks, workshop manuals, and parts books for most Wolseley models, either to loan or photocopies. Some general information Wolseley-related books are also available to loan – please just ask him.



Just arrived from the Wolseley Register:

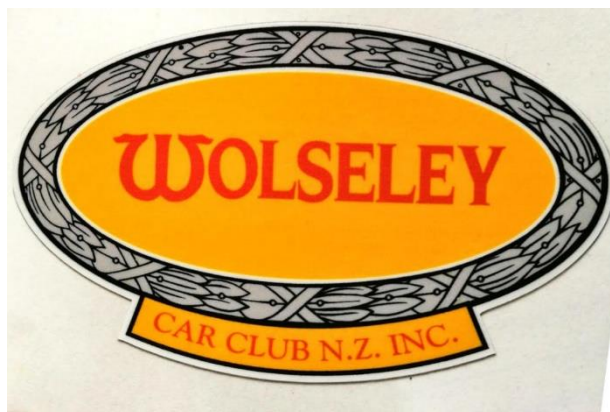


Rear window sticker as shown on left, and also one with the wording "I Bought Wisely – Wolseley" These are \$5.00 each



Windscreen sticker – special design to celebrate 125 years of Wolseley. Limited numbers \$5.00 each

Our very own NZ Club windscreen stickers, also \$5.00 each



A variety of other items, including grille badges, lapel badges, key rings, coasters and fridge magnets.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS

North Island Region

Hi Everyone

A week to go before the National Rally to which Michael and I are really looking forward too, only seems like the other day we were in Blenheim. Its nice to say that we have had a lovely summer this year, we spent a week in Gisborne recently with our youngest daughter and her partner. This was a great week looking around the area, we were there the same as the National Model T meet, so we did see some beautiful cars around the area. There were also some great museums to look at. Our daughter's partner's parents live at Tolga Bay a beautiful part of the East Coast we had a lovely day with them also. We showed the Wolseley at the Inglewood Rotary Car Show in February, this was a lovely day out with a record number of cars on display. We have had a lovely summer with different bb-ques and outings and now looking forward to the rally.

For those people that are interested the Vero International Rally will be held in Taranaki next year. Registrations open for this rally in March and will close in August. If you are a VCC member and have a VIC for your car you are eligible to enter this wonderful rally. There have been over 300 expressions of interest so far.



Have a great month and talk to you soon.

Raewynn Kruse

Report on the Wellington British and European Car Day,

9th February 2020 by Andrew Weeks

(Credit for this item belongs to "The Dynamo", February/March issue of the magazine of the British and European Car Club of Wellington Inc.)

Thankfully the day dawned fine: It looked like being a scorcher, foreshadowing a good attendance at the event. Work started at the Trentham Memorial Ground at 07:30 hours. Early starters worked their way in, reserving the ground for their marquees. The cricket pitch area was quickly secured with a good array of commercial operations, the Car Club tent and the Price-family caravan that doubled as a trade stand. Without doubt, the earliest starters were the BMW club who rapidly accumulated a good display of their Bavarian masterpieces.

The gate was manned just after 08:00 hours by the Air Training Squadron from Trentham. As usual, they did a wonderful job, collecting the cash and fund raising through their cold

drinks stand. The Vintage Machinery Club were also early starters, setting up their equipment and getting the steam engines running. They have been wonderful supporters of this event over the years. They were soon followed by a large contingent of MGs and Jaguars.

The day was enhanced by a first appearance of a local Upper Hutt dance group raising funds for their pending visit to the United States. The *8th Count Dance Troup* comprised a number of young girls who delighted the public with two displays. Their fundraising was undertaken by way of a sausage sizzle and it is understood that the organiser was delighted that she had to rush off for additional supplies, not once, but twice. Their sausages were very good and it was noteworthy that they always seemed to have a queue for their products: that says a lot about the quality and associated service. We very much hope that they will come again next year.

Organising the event has become much more complicated than in previous years. The Upper Hutt City Council required a detailed Health and Safety Plan before agreeing to let us use the park. Much work was undertaken by Ric Tyson and Denis Christiansen to get this plan approved – well done guys! Hopefully we can just replicate the plan for next year's event. The only visible signs of the plan were the fact that four of our committee



members had to wear *hi-vis vests* throughout the event. Reflecting back over the years, I believe that this was one of the very best Car Days. The weather was great, the crowds were tidy, polite and well behaved and the care and pride in the many exhibits was clear for all to see.

And the youth of today got two very good advertisements of how to conduct themselves through the excellent deportment of the dancers and the ATC cadets: all a great credit to themselves, their families and their organisations. What a shame their example is not widely copied throughout our society.

Financially the day was a great success thanks to the generosity of both those displaying their vehicles and the passing public who were also generous with their donations for Wellington Free Ambulance. This was the third Car Day that has also included the European marques. What a splendid array of vehicles were on show.

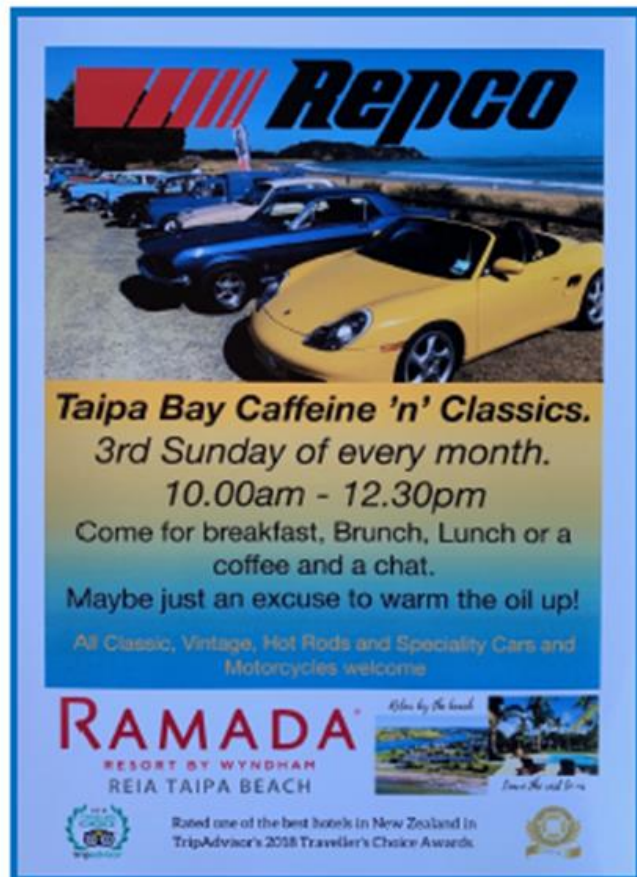
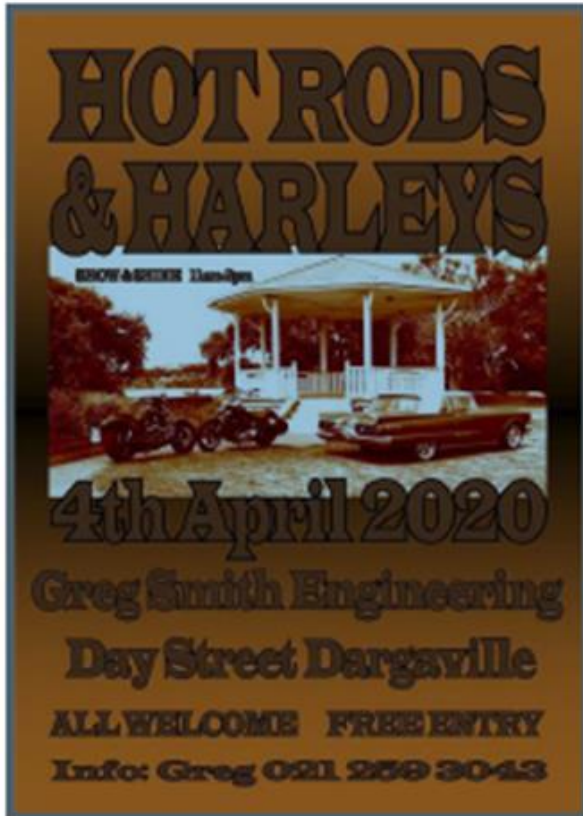
To name by a few: Rolls Royce, Bentley, Ferrari, BMW, Audi, Porsche, Citroen, Renault, Jaguar, MG, Austin Healey, Triumph, Land Rover, Wolseley and Morris. As usual, we also had a great display from the BSA motor cycle club.

Looking forward to an even better event in 2021.

Andrew Weeks

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - North Island Region, continued

EVENTS COMING UP, UPPER NORTH ISLAND:



Also, don't forget the Northland Combined Club's Swap meet, Whangarei
The combined Club's swap meet is on **Sunday, April 26th, VCC Clubrooms**

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS -South Island

Christchurch Branch News:

A lighter report than usual this month, as we've really only had two events since our last newsletter.

The first was the very first Old Cars, Bikes and Coffee (OCBC) meeting, held at the VCC grounds on Sunday 16th February. This event is a new initiative, and will be held on the third Sunday morning of every month in the VCC grounds. It is a gathering for any old car or bike, and with a coffee cart on hand it is intended to be an informal gathering of old cars and bikes and their owners, more as an opportunity just to get them out on a Sunday

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch, continued

morning for a drive, have a chat and a coffee, and then head off and do whatever one does for the rest of a Sunday.

It is intended to cater for a different genre of owners than the monthly Kustom Cars breakfast held on the first Sunday morning of every month in the Kustom Car Club grounds next door to the VCC, which is always a magnet for around 3-400 mostly customised cars, mostly of American or Australian origin. Basically anything is eligible for OCBC, but it aims to attract more everyday-type cars of past eras, veteran, vintage and classic, and especially British, European and Japanese cars.

The first OCBC attracted 60 cars and 2 motorcycles, ranging in age from 1903 right through to some 1980's cars – even a few Japanese cars amongst them. It was a huge



Newly restored 1903 Oldsmobile got its first run at the first 'Old Cars, Bikes and Coffee' event in February.

variety of years and makes and models, as was hoped for. The 1903 car was an Oldsmobile that had just been restored, and the owner bought it out on a trailer to have his first drive ever in it – he looked nervous but was really excited once it was running and he was mastering the controls.

We had 4 Wolseleys turn up for the first one – we took our Hornet Special, Stuart and Judith Penny came in their 16/60, Merv and Marilyn Wayne in their 6/80, and Ian Scott was there for a short time at the beginning as well in his 6/110.

We decided we'd all have a pub lunch afterwards, and headed to the Harewood Tavern where we had an enjoyable chat and a great lunch together.

Anyway, the event will hopefully grow as the months go on – look out for the next one on Sunday 16th March.

The other event was the Hanmer Motorfest on Saturday 29th Feb, but I'm not sure if any Wolseleys went to it. I know Simon Verkerk was planning on taking his Mk2 Cortina, but he may have been the only member there, as the date clashed with the VCC Annual Rally.

Our monthly working bee at Idlewood on 8th February was busy (as usual) with some members arriving to collect parts, and other to help with the odd jobs that need doing around the place. Looking after the shrubs and trees has been a particular challenge for the team this year with it being so hot and dry, but I'm always amazed at how good the grounds look – the lawn is always green, the pine needles swept up, and everything always looks neat and tidy. Thanks to the mid-week and every-weekend team who take time to look after it all!

Whilst on the subject of Idlewood, the Christchurch City Council has recently undertaken a rates review of the McLeans Island area, and determined that the Caravan Club (who through the Jowett Club we sub-lease our area off) are no longer eligible for a 50% rates rebate, so our portion of the rates (which is fortunately only a modest amount) is going to increase. The Caravan Club lease will be up for its 7-year review soon too, so I can't see that going down.

As you will see below, there are lots of good events coming up. Please take special notice of the **Dutton Garage Malvern Run on Anzac Day** on 25th April. **Entries for this close on 31st March** – the entry forms will be emailed out to all of our branch members two weeks before close-off, and there will also be copies of them at the March working bee on Saturday 14th March. It is a great event and a great cause, and I would encourage as many of our members as possible to take part this year.

Colin Hey

Christchurch Branch Coming Events:

Sunday 8th March - Twin Rivers Car Show and Display Extravaganza, at the A&P Showgrounds

If possible, please be at the Showgrounds at 9.30am sharp – we will arrange a space for our club and have the shelter and our new club banner up, so look out for us. BUT don't let the time be a deterrent as long as some members can arrive a little early to hopefully set aside some space for others that might follow. There will be food and entertainment there, and hundreds of classic cars to look over as well.

There is the traditional run held in conjunction with the event, but as in the past, the "WOLSELEY" club usually elect to leave the grounds around mid afternoon after the event ends with the group run, and proceed to a coffee shop or similar.

All proceeds go to Child Cancer. Entry is \$15 per vehicle. For more details see:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/416303212624985/>

Saturday 14 March - Working Bee at Idlewood

Our usual working Bee at Idlewood. Everyone is welcome to come along to help with spares or maintenance, collect parts, or just socialise. From 9.30am at 771A Mcleans Island Road. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch if you want to stay on for the Committee meeting at 12.30 after lunch – all welcome.

Sunday 8th March to Saturday 14th March – National Rally, Wellington and Wairarapa –

For those attending, see Page 3 for final information



OCBC
OLD CARS BIKES AND COFFEE

Join us at our regular
Sunday Morning Coffee Gathering

CUTLER PARK

3rd Sunday of the month
from the new
(and more civilised)
time of 8.30am

Enquiries to Colin Hey

Sunday 15th March (and subsequently the 3rd Sunday of every month)

Old Cars, Bikes and Coffee. An informal gathering at the VCC grounds between 8.00am and 11.00am just to give your car an outing and/or come out and chat to fellow old-car and bike enthusiasts over a coffee or cup of tea, and check out the other vehicles there. No cost (unless you buy a coffee from a vendor that will be there), no prizes, and no stress. If enough of our club members turn out, we may go somewhere for a short run and lunch afterwards (will be decided on the day). The VCC spares depot is also open on the day if you want to have a look through.

Sunday 29th March - Annual North Canterbury Classic Tour.

The start venue will be at the ex Castle Park, ex Woodland's Cafe, SH1 Leithfield. (Between Salt Water Creek & Pukeko Junction) now named "BETTER HALF".

The route for the run will be partly as per the special Moon Walk Day, held in July last year, to celebrate 50 years since Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon. The day was successful, but also unsuccessful in the fact that only 36 vehicles registered for the outing due to poor weather. Finishing with a free concert and afternoon tea at the 1936 Balcairn Hall, the 76 people that did attend, enjoyed the day so much some asked if it could be repeated sometime soon. So, with the co-operation of the Balcairn Music Society the organisers are going to do exactly that. (More details at a later date). So, reserve right now Sunday 29th March. Cafe will be open under new ownership and newly renovated. Registrations from 9.30am in the 'new' cafe. Proceeds from the day will be donated to further enhance the restoration and improvements to the Balcairn Hall.

Saturday, April 4th: South Canterbury VCC Swap Meet,
 Winchester Domain, 7.30am start.

Saturday 11th April - Working Bee at Idlewood

Our usual working Bee at Idlewood.

For your diary (details next month):

Sunday 19th April - Sheffield Wings and Wheels

Saturday 25th April - Duttons VCC Anzac Run, Darfield - see Important note at end of Branch report – registrations close 31st March.

Saturday 2nd May - Ashburton Swap Meet

Sunday 3rd May (dateTBC) Ashburton Rotary Club Vintage and Classic Rally

And here's one you must not miss:

The Great Christchurch Daffodil Run - Sunday 23rd August.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – SOUTHERN REGION BRANCH

Southern Region Branch Report News and Events:

Southern Region Report February 2020

Hello from the Deep South. Already this year is starting to disappear or does it just go quicker as you get older?

We have just completed our first event for the year on Saturday 29th February with a drive to the West Otago town of Tapanui. With over 21 people attending and great weather, an enjoyable day was had by all. Good selection of cars as usual. Four 6/110s, two Westminsters, one 1100, one 16/60, one 4/44 and a very nice Morris Cowley. Along with a couple of 'moderns' as well, we all met up at the Top Nosh Cafe around 12 noon where we all enjoyed a lovely light lunch. Around one o'clock we all drove a couple hundred yards or so to the West Otago Vintage Museum. Cars all lined up for the standard photo shoot and then into the museum. Included is Farm machinery, items of local historical interest and lots of older household items. Something to interest everyone.

When all that concluded, we returned to the cafe for afternoon tea and a good old catch up and chat. Another successful run and enjoyable day put together by Fergus and Mary-Jane Sime. Well done guys, and thank you.

As always, any ideas for any runs or visits you might think other members might enjoy, drop Fergus or myself an e-mail.

Our own 16/60 is now gonna head to our panel beater (my brother) for a tidy up and then onto the painter (me!!) I'd promised Simon Verkerk that I'd finish her off panel and paint wise so..... And with us deciding not to change to a smaller caravan and with the Falcon

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Southern Regional Branch, continued

going to change owners, Barbara has agreed to me looking for a new towcar so research and advice seeking will begin..large Wolseley/Austin preferred!!!

Regards to all

Bryan



Perfect line-up of club cars in Tapanui – (the Editor's birth town – I was born in the old hospital just around the corner – Ed) Photo by Bryan Kelly



Southern Region Coming Events:

Otago & Southland Car Show Dates Calendar

Here are some dates of future car shows I have picked up from the Otago Early Falcon & Fairlane Club and other sources.

- 8th March All British Car Day Portobello Reserve. Car Run leaving Ice Stadium 9am.
- 27th -29th March:

REV ROCK & HOP 2020

Hosted by the Lawrence Car Club

For all the details see <https://www.revrockandhop.nz/2020-event>

Please contact me if you would like more information on these events.

Fergus Sime.

Wanted:

Photos of your Wolseley, your restoration project, or just good photos of an outing you've been to with the club. Please just email them to me at: heywolseley699@gmail.com

or post hard copy to me to 34 Rossington Drive, West Melton 7618. Please provide me with a simple caption. If you can pen together a quick story to go with it, so much the better.

Thermostat conversion for series Wolseleys – by Ivan McCutcheon

The series Wolseley's had a thermostat in a common housing as the photos below.



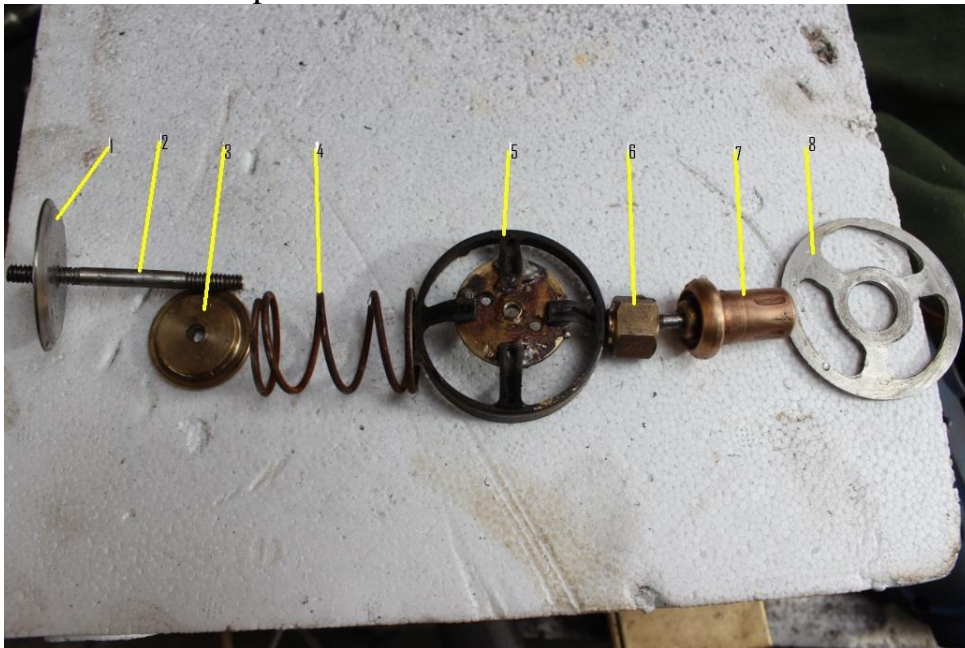
Thermostat conversion for series Wolseleys – continued

The bellows can fail and new ones are very difficult to obtain if not impossible .
I have modified one to a more modern wax thermostat which is working .



From the standard thermostat in the photo above left, I remove the outer housing and retain the wax thermostat and spring .

I machined up a new valve out of stainless which has a 3/16" Whit tapered hole in the middle. No 1 on photo below



No2 is a 3/16" stainless shaft with whitworth threads on both ends.

No3 is the top spring holder .

No 4 is the spring

No5 is the disc which closes off the bypass (as thermostat opens)and the bottom of the spring retainer.

No6 Is nut which screws onto shaft locking the bottom assembly and has an indent to accept the shaft of the wax thermostat.

No7 Is the wax thermostat .

No8 Is the bottom plate and holds the wax thermostat .

Apart from refacing the seat I have not altered the original housing so can be put back if correct bellows is obtained .

Thermostat conversion for series Wolseleys – continued

When assembled the thermostat opening temperature can be adjusted by screwing the valve up and down on its thread and locking it with the locknut .



Looking at the top with valve and lock nut (right).

Looking at the bottom of the unit. The bolts and washers are just to hold it together while it is not bolted on the engine, (left)



Because it can only be assembled in the housing is somewhat difficult to show assembled. The one I modified is in a 14/56 and is working well . Any one wants any more info please contact me . Ivan McCutcheon windrode140@gmail.com

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For Sale.

Wolseley 6/110 Auto 1965.

First owner was a director of NZ Motor Corporation. The car has been continuously registered (original certificate available) & warranted. Car is in good condition. When recently checked after auto transmission servicing, I was told the car runs well. The car was repainted 10 years ago and valuation assessed by a Classic car valuation company in 2016. Colours are burgundy/grey. The body is smart and interior is in a presentable overall condition. Factory radio and good tyres fitted. Sale price – good home wanted is the priority. Enquiries to Mike Johnson 027 2477859 or 04 3849606.



Wolseley 16/60 Auto. Restored several years ago by a former member for his wife – change in circumstances now forces sale. White paint, good condition with new carpets and very tidy upholstery, has been off the road for a short while so may need some easy work done for a WoF. A good prospect for a very useable club car. Fair offer wanted – would like it to go to a club member or to someone who will join the club (a good home) so price is negotiable. Registration on hold. Please contact Stuart Penny on 03 313 4454 (in the first instance) if you're interested, and he will put you in touch with the owner.

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