

## **August Editorial**

Hi I have been re-elected as your editor so keep sending me all of your good stories to post into future magazines because without your input this would only be a blank page.

The Annual General Meeting of the Auckland Club was held on 20 of June 2006 at the Commercial & Travellers Club

After four years as President Roy Hobson has stepped down and a new elected President Gary Boyce will take over,

Good luck to both of them.

Liane

## **New Members**

A very warm welcome to Naddy Naidoo and Savy Naidoo with a 2001 S280 we hope to see you soon.

There has been a drop in financial members to 131 due to non renewal of subs. If you have not paid your subscription by now please do so.

## **Past Events**

The A.G.M. was held on the 20 of June 06 a very enjoyable evening. Roy Hobson gave his report for the year 2005-2006, Summing up for the fun we have all had and thanking everyone for their input.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JUNE 2006**

Once again, here we are at the AGM- it seems to come around very fast. We have enjoyed a range of events this year, with reasonable attendances. We ended the year with 176 financial members.

In July we held the Brass Monkey historical and cultural run. Secretary Heather Newkirk had put a great deal into plotting and organizing the run, giving every participant an 8 page document to read on the history of the places we were going to visit, which included temples and mosques. The day rounded off with lunch at St Heliers.

In August the club had a drive to Miranda hot pools arranged, but the event was cancelled due to poor turn out.

September was the month of our prize giving dinner, which was held at Kings Gate hotel, and was a great evening, and well attended.

In October the club drove to Whangarei to view Hans Compter's excellent collection of very rare cars. This event was very well attended and most people could have spent more time there, but unfortunately we ran out of time. Some of the members stopped of at the Whangarei viaduct for coffee, and dinner at the RSA in Warkworth on the way home.

In November we joined up with the Midland Club at the Hamilton gardens for a picnic. We had between the two clubs, a display of one of the largest collection of cars that I have seen for many a year. Time was set aside to stroll through the many acres of gardens, and then on to view the ongoing restoration of Gary Boyce 300sl roadster.

December saw a very successful and easy to organize Christmas event, held at Hobson's Ranch. The turn out was the best yet, with bread, meat, and salad being provided. The weather was perfect, and the day was enjoyed by all.

The New Year began in February with Galaxy of cars at MOTAT. A relaxing day, with time to view other makes of cars from yesteryear, which some of us may have driven in our youth.

Intermarque Concourse de Elegance was also held in this month .Once again the club put on a great display of vehicles for the public, including some bling bling cars. Thanks to Garry and Brian for their hard work in organizing this show.

The annual Gymkhana was to be held in March at our place, but, because of adverse weather conditions we had to cancel it.

April saw the club meeting at Gary Boyce's residence for a night of the Tear Drop. Marianne and myself were in Australia attending their National Rally, but I believe it was a great night.

As the club celebrated it's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May, a Pearl Anniversary dinner was organized at Silks restaurant, Ellerslie. This was another excellent night well organized by Lyn Hood and Wily Vankan.

In May, a Mystery run was held. It was reasonably attended, but once again Marianne and myself were unable to attend.

The club still has about the same percentage of active members as in previous years, but, as the Auckland Vintage Car Club has also commented, "driving on the motorways during week days in Auckland, is likened to having a Gymkhana every day" - so who needs to go for another unnecessary drive at the weekend.

It is hearting to see more articles in the magazine, but it would still be good to see more.

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work during this past year, they have all worked well together, and many of them are continuing on for another year.

After four years as President, I feel it is time to step down. I have always believed that people who hold office should move aside to allow new people to take the reins. I wish you all a happy future with our club as we look forward to the 2007 year.

Roy Hobson,

Thank you

## **Presidents Message**

It was with pleasure and some trepidation that I accepted nomination and was duly elected as president of your club at the recent AGM.

Roy Hobson our past president had served us well for the last four years and I thank him on behalf of us all. Our club is in a strong position, our event program is set out to February 2007. We are financially secure, and membership stands at 131 and is growing.

Like most clubs we have a few very active members, a majority moderately active and some that have no contact with us at all, you only need to look at the club points published in this magazine to see this. It is my wish to get those of you that are moderately or not active to attend more of our events.

I along with you are aware of the time constraints we all have in our busy lives, but time allocations are made for interesting events. Therefore we the committee must continue to offer you a palate of events and activities that will encourage you to allocate your time and attend. We need your help and support in this endeavour, your import and suggestions will be most welcome, please telephone or e mail me with any thoughts you may have.

There are a number of initiatives I with the support of your committee wish to initiate over the next 12 months. My priorities will be to grow membership. Get more of you involved in events, and most importantly lets all have fun with our special cars.

Best Regards

Garry Boyce

president@mercedesclub.org.nz

**Technical Night 11 July 2006 - CASTROL NZ ON LUBRICATION.  
'The questions you always wanted to ask.'**

Seventeen of us gathered at Garry Boyce's Classic Car Emporium to hear Belinda Caulfield from Castrol's Technical Division talk to us about the good oil! Castrol, which was bought by BP in 2000.

Belinda, who refers to us as the 'passionists', gave us an evening of revelations detailing the mysteries of latest developments in fuels and lubrication, as well as some gen on the good and tried mineral oils for some of our more pampered possessions. Belinda is well qualified as an Industrial Chemist to discuss Lead Substitutes, the use of Synthetic Oils and matters pertaining to Gearbox, Differential and LSD lubricants. Having come from England ten years ago ex Mobil UK, who are global partners to Mercedes-Benz, she had a great deal of knowledge about blended racing fuels through to what is best practice for keeping your car well lubricated.

Some of the interesting facts she had to tell us were:

Did you know for example that 80% of the Castrol lubricants sold in New Zealand, are made in New Zealand.

What is the function of a lubricant?

- 1 Oil reduces friction and wear. Thick film lubrication viscosity is very important. Additives are added to assist when oil when it is under pressure. Other additives are added :-
- 2 Oil has to keep engine clean by holding impurities in suspensions.
- 3 Protect against wear, corrosion, deposit formation and Anti-oxidants.
- 4 Oil has to work with engine to seal some parts.

Oils are 80% base oil (mineral and /or synthetics) and 20% detergents / VI improvers and other additives.

- 1 Dispersants – protect against cold running
- 2 Anti wear – reduces friction. (Zinc and phosphorous molecules.)
- 3 Anti-oxidants, anti foam – and oil must form a layer to protects moving parts.

How often should I change my oil?

- 1 Oil should be changed ever 5,10 or15,000.kms ... depending on your cars manufactures recommendations, or every year or whatever the vehicle manufacturer recommends. RREGARDLESS OF COST, as the cost of a few litres of oil is far less than what can very quickly become major costs.

Some other interesting information:

- Pure synthetics –
- Have 100% uniform molecules that all behave the same behave the same.
- This gives better Thermal stability, Oxidative stability and improved volatility
- Improved VT behaviours
- Reduced deposit formation

Improved fuel economy  
Less noise  
Less friction.

So what should I use in my car?

At the end of the day, the best thing to do is read the handbook that came with your car and stick to the manufacturers recommendations.....plus, listen to your car.

Thanks Paul for organising an interesting evening and Garry of course, for hosting us.

Cheers

Brian

## Coming Events

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**Tuesday 8 August 7.30pm** - Prizegiving dinner – Kingsgate Hotel Greenlane, 187 Campbell Road, One Tree Hill, (near Greenlane off ramp). Secure on-site parking. The Club is presenting trophies to nominated club members and you could be in for one!! We have booked the Garden Room, a private venue with seating for 40 people. Gather for an aperitif at the bar from 7.00pm onwards with dinner commencing at 7.30pm in the Garden Room. Cost will be \$40.00 per person for a 3 course buffet dinner. These dinners are always well attended, so to secure your reservation, please phone now your Club Captain Thomas Müller on 528 9232 or 021 528 510 or email [acoustix@paradise.net.nz](mailto:acoustix@paradise.net.nz). We are looking forward to hearing from you.

**Sunday 17th September** – Join the Midland Club for a run to Raglan. For more details refer Midland website <http://www.freewebs.com/mercedesbenzmidlandclub/index.htm>

**Sunday 24 September 10am** . Run to Matakana with the BMW Club as our guests. Meet at BP Dairy Flat. Convoy to Matakana. Matakana is revamping the township. A new shopping area is being establish, art galleries, etc then off to Leigh to “Sawmill restaurant” which has its own home brewed beer. The lunch will be a set menu, slightly discounted. A side trip could be included to Goat Island if the weather is nice. Contact Paul Kaiser Ph 537 0408 for more details.

**Sunday 15 October.** Auckland Club will be meeting the Midland Club for a trip to Waitomo Caves. For more details refer Midland website <http://www.freewebs.com/mercedesbenzmidlandclub/index.htm>

**November.** A trip on the Watercare Rain Forest Express, including a picnic. For details, contact Paul Kaiser Ph 537 0408.

**Sunday 10 December** – Annual Xmas party at Klaus and Liane Buwert 's home. 18

Treetops Way , RD2, Albany 1311. For more details Ph (09) 444 9366

**5 November** to 12 November. AA Classic Car Rally which will be using Southwards Museum as a base, and with a week long entry ticket to the museum plus a tour of the workshops and areas where most visitors do not get to go, this is sure to be a great rally. Rally days will include many local attractions of interest. For those that have been to these rallies in the past I know they would recommend them to you as great fun and a wonderful opportunity to show off the 'marque'. Numbers are limited and each time these classic rallies are held they have become more and more popular, so if you are interested, contact Brian or Lyn Hood for further information, Ph 6343573 or [membership@mercedesclub.org.nz](mailto:membership@mercedesclub.org.nz)

**Sunday February 4 2007.** Galaxy of Cars at Western Springs. Brian Haslip 09 232 13 05 or Klaus Buwert 09 444 93 66

**Sunday February 11 2007.** Ellerslie Intermarque Concours d'elegance. Garry Boyce Ph 366 4748

## **Club Person's Points**

### **July Club Points**

#### **Club Person:**

Gary Boyce 20, Klaus Buwert 20, Brian Hood 20, Paul Kaiser 20, Thomas Muller 20, Frank Parker 20, Barry Bollington 10, Russell Clarke 10, Brian Fleming 10, Nigel Gerbic 10, Krishna Gopal 10, Brian Haslip 10, Jim Hetherington 10, Roy Hobson 10, Howard Jack 10, Jack Nazer 10, Malcolm Reynolds 10, John Tate 10, Hein Vankan 10, Graham Yan 10 .

#### **Family Person:**

Liane Buwert 20, Lyn Parker 20, Marion Bollington 10, Wendy Clarke 10, Judith Fleming 10, Estelle Hetherington 10, Lyn Hood 10, Cilla Kaiser 10, Heather Newkirk 10, Evelyn Tate 10, Willy Vankan 10.