

PRESEDENT'S REPORT 2009-2010

The year has been challenging for our club, the membership has fallen to 131 as at the 31st march, this is 15 less than the same time last year. Membership renewals have been good to this time so it is hoped that we will see some increase in numbers this year. To that end we will endeavour to present the club wherever possible. We upgraded our website and kept it up to date monthly. I thank Persees and Thomas for their input as this is one of the main means of contact with both existing and prospective members. All car clubs I have contact with in the Auckland region and in other parts of NZ are experiencing the same membership issues, it just seems that discretionary time and expenditure is taken with more pressing activities. I wish to acknowledge the good work done by members at the 2 public events we showed at this year the Galaxy and the intermarque concorurs D Elegance in signing up a number of new members at these events.

This report covers the activities of our club from May to May of each year This year we organised 11 events, some were very well attended with the highest numbers seen for many years, let us hope we can continue to attract our members out to our events.

10th May. We held our Third Garage raid, again a great event, and now part of our event program that is looked forward to by a large group of members. The three Garages were just amazing. Ferrari, Renault, Rolls Royce. 23 club cars and over 40 members indulged.

15th July . We had a Mid Winter Pub night at the Horse and Trap in Mt Eden attendance was small, Those who braved the terrible weather had an enjoyable evening.

14th August. The prize giving dinner was held at the Portside restaurant. This was well attended we would struggle to take more people, a good social night out for all those who came along.

26-28 September. A wonderful week end in the Hawks Bay, a major over indulgence by all who attended. My thanks go to Kath and David Winn for the effort required to make this weekend event so smoothly. We must endeavour to program a weekend event each year.

18th October we went to Lloyd Marx's work shop at Porongia and then to Ron Spyves shop at Newsted to look at my restoration projects. A pleasant lunch was taken at Porongia. We had visitors from the Manawatu Club. This was a very well attended event.

13th December The Christmas luncheon this year was at Miranda on the Firth 42 members attended. This was an excellent quality event that we must endeavour to repeat at the same venue. This is a possibility I am working on.

7th February The Galaxy of Cars 33 club cars, This is the best attended event we hold. 33 Cars is the most club cars I have ever seen at a club event both regional and national in NZ. We ran our annual Show and Shine at this event.

13th February. The Classic car weekend fun run we chose the run to Westbrook wines great roads and a perfect picnic setting at the end 8 cars attended.

14th February. The intermarque Concors D'Elegance My Valentine day Classic Car. We showed 6 190sl's each dressed with a red bow. This is the most 190sl's in one place ever. The weather was terrible. My thanks to those who took their cars out in such a bad day.

9th March The 9th annual presentation at my Garage this year 2 exceptional classic cars Steam and French elegance over 40 members attended.

18th April. Our annual Grass Gymkhana at David Winn's paddocks at Pukekohe. An excellent fine day those attended had fun doing donuts in their cars. As usual the competition was intense.

I wish to thank all members who spent so much voluntary time organising these events and especially Jack Nazer our Club Captain for his work in getting members to events.

I wish to thank all members of the outgoing committee for their contribution over the last year, and acknowledge those not accepting re nomination. For those of you accepting nomination we will work to make all our meetings positive and fun to be associated with. We have held our meetings in the meeting room at Mercedes Benz NZ at Mt Wellington and I have now had confirmation that we can use this facility from now on , I wish to thank Coby Duggan of MB NZ for this.

The magazine remains the main contact we have with all our members, I wish to thank all of you who have contributed event reports and articles thought the year. I personally think the contributions from Auckland members are some of the best in the publication over the last Year.

Times are not easy All car clubs are experiencing membership and attendance issues the new committee will do all they can to make our club attractive for our members.

Our club is predominately made up of the Boomer generation, we must continue to make ourselves attractive to generation X you know those people that are happy driving cars without a dipstick and are happy for the computer to look after their cars.

We have funds available, we must market and promote this club by advertising in car club magazines and other on line forums in an endeavour to reach potential members.

I will not be accepting nomination as president for next year but will accept nomination as vice president.