

PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
2008-2009

The year has been challenging for our club, the membership has fallen to 147 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> march, this is 3 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. It is our intention to enhance and upgrade our website and use it as one of the main means of contact with both existing and prospective members. All car clubs I have contact with in the Auckland region are experiencing the same membership issues, it just seems that discretionary time 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 13 events, some were very well attended some were not and one had to be cancelled from lack of support, perhaps 13 events are too many?

22<sup>nd</sup> June. We held our second Garage raid, again a great event - I look for the obscure things and the tow bar on Harold Decors Trabaunt will be with me for some time.

8<sup>th</sup> July . We had a visit to Mullins European tyres for a wheel alignment demo; 12 members attended.

12<sup>th</sup> August. The prize giving dinner was held at the Portside Restaurant with maximum attendance - a good social night was had by all.

21<sup>st</sup> September. A run and lunch to Gordonton. Roads in south Auckland and north Waikato that I had not known about. Over 40 people attended.

12<sup>th</sup> October we scheduled a movie night at Ryder's cinema; this was cancelled through lack of support.

16<sup>th</sup> November A run to port Waikato - 10 cars took part.

7<sup>th</sup> December The Christmas luncheon at Willy and Hein Vankan's a well attended event on a beautiful day. The weather made the setting. I thank the Willy and Hein for their hospitality.

2<sup>nd</sup> February The Galaxy of Cars: 26 club cars and some invited Horseless Carriage Club guests. The club barbecue was used for the only time during the year.

7<sup>th</sup> February. The Classic car weekend fun run - we chose the run to Matua valley wines, great roads and a perfect picnic setting at the end. 9 cars attended.

8<sup>th</sup> February. The intermarque Concors D'Elegance, a weekend with my classic 7 SL's from 1957 to 2008. My thanks to those who displayed their cars.

12<sup>th</sup> March The 8<sup>th</sup> annual presentation at my Garage this year: Auto Art - over 40 members attended.

22<sup>nd</sup> March We held a grass gymkhana at Pukekohe - 10 cars 15 entrants - Fun Fun Fun.

19<sup>th</sup> April. Best of the West fun run. Again great roads so close to Auckland and a fabulous venue to finish . A disappointing attendance of 9 cars.

I wish to thank all members who spent so much voluntary time organising these events and especially Jack Nazer who was responsible for 5 of these.

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 I will work to make all our meetings positive and fun to be associated with. I thank those committee members who hosted meeting in their homes through the year, We have held our last 3 meeting 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.

This year we updated our Website. I hope you have all visited it, you can now pay your subs on line. 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.

During the year Jack Nazer initiated a three page questionnaire. This was posted to all Club members in the Auckland area: 110 went out, 32 of you replied. Most of the replies were from the active group, who basically wanted more of the same type of events we do now.

I have continued to take responsibility for maintaining all contacts and dealings with the president of the national club. Once again if any of you have issues regarding the national club please address them through me.

Times are not easy All car clubs are experiencing membership and attendance issues. The new committee will do all it can to make our club attractive for our members. Our club is predominately made up of the Boomer generation, we must re-think and 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.

I will accept nomination as President for the next year