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Puff 'n Stuff



*Club nights: Second Wednesday of Month.
Clubrooms / Parts Shed: Litany Street, Cromwell.*

Front Cover

Murray and Jenny Pryde, at the start of the 2011 Windsor Rally, with their 1915 model T. They won the veteran time trial, and that included a diversion for fuel, I had difficulty keeping up in the Overland! This car now has a Ruckstell back axle and a Z Head, and when I drove it after the Airshow is a very lively car indeed, the airport hill being no obstacle. The Ford originated as a 1917 model the radiator was traded from Howard Haugh for a roadster body, **which was obtained from Jack and Molly Scurrs, 'Tuohys' farm for a crate of beer, beer had a good purchasing value, then as now.** The Mystery car, was on the way to the Luggate Punt C 1913, thanks to Rayleen Jelley, and Lindsay Olsen suggested it may have been a single Cyl Cadillac.



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Contributions, articles and photographs for the "Puff 'n Stuff" are welcomed.

Copy for the next issue closes on, 22nd July.

Post, drop off or e-mail contributions to: Graham Taylor gtml@xtra.co.nz or
114 Shortcut Road, RD 2 Wanaka 9382.

!EVENTS CALLENDAR !

Next Club Meeting; Wednesday 12th September.

Next Club Event Alexandra Blossom Festival Rally 22nd, and Swap meet Sunday 23rd September.

NOVCC Pre 1939 Tour, incorporating Topless Tour, 24-26 August, meet at clubrooms 7:30 Friday evening for get together. Contact Ernest George 32 Leith St, Oamaru 9400.

Combined Branches Rally Te Anau 6-7th October.

The Naesby Car Show & Swap Meet Saturday 13th October, 10am - 4 pm Classic cars, bikes, machinery, carboot sales, motorcycle trials and show, activities for kids, spot prizes, something for everyone!

Brian 03 444 9507, Rae 03 444 8269, Eric 03 444 9996.

Canterbury Swap meet, over 3 days 12-14 October. On Friday

The public are allowed in at \$10.00 per head members \$ 5.00.

Finishes 2pm Sunday.

4th Veteran and Vintage Tour October 15th - 26th.

Dunstan Gold 150th Anniversary , Labour Weekend. Saturday activity at Clyde with a midday parade, at Arrowtown on the MI LLBROOK corner, a display of vehicles and machinery with particular historical importance to the Lakes District 9am - 4 pm. And on Sunday and Monday.

Glenorchy; commemorations on the same weekend.

Naesby and Goldfields, 150th Saturday 5th January 2013,
 Convenor Sam Inder 03 444 9884 Jubilee Secretary 03 444 9996
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Edendale Crank Up 26 -27th January 2013.

Golden Times Rally Saturday 13th April

Hi Wendy and John

Thank you for your time this evening. I am writing to you in your position as chairperson for the Vintage Car Club to invite your group to attend the Glenorchy 150th Celebrations on Sunday 21st October, 2012.

To mark our 150th year the Glenorchy community is staging a series of lively events during Labour Weekend 2012, to gather residents and visitors to celebrate our past, our people, our places and our stories. The programme will include events of a cultural and community nature, including historical displays, historic trail and activities of yesteryear.

On Sunday 21st Glenorchy will be hosting a Market Day at the Lakefront to welcome the Earnslaw and several busloads of visitors. We anticipate approx. 700 people will be arriving at around 11.30am and departing again at around 1.30pm. We would like to invite your group to be part of the Sunday celebration and display your vehicles at the Glenorchy Lakefront as a showcase of early travel in the district.

In order to continue with our preparations I would be most grateful if you could advise us as soon as possible whether your group can attend and the number of vehicles that might be on display.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or if you would like to discuss this further.

Best regards

Ingrid Temple

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Who? And
what is the
Car?
(once a local
Member)

GOLD FIELDS 150th Celebrations;

INFORMATION Has gradually come through
And its all go for

13th October in *NAESBY* information on
page 5

20th to the 22nd October at *Arrowtown*
see p 5

20th October at *Clyde* see page 5

21st October at *Glenorchy* see page 6

8th -9th December at *Cardrona* the 150th
Celebration and parade starting at 9;30 am
Saturday

Cars need to be at Cardrona no later than 9am.

At *Cardrona* on Sunday the 9th will be the
Cardrona Village Fair , which is a fun day for
everyone



Wilfrid Stuart Crichton(Wilf) Miller. 1927-2012 Obituary.

I first met Wilf and Joan Miller, in the earliest days, a meeting was held at their home in 1970, resulting in a sub-branch of the Otago Vintage Car Club being formed. We attended many rallies outside the region, probably one of our earliest local runs was to the Haast Centennial in 1974, followed by the first Blossom Festival Rally. Wilf and Joan were quite the pair, motoring in a newly restored (in 1969) a Chrysler 70, and a very smart team they made.

Wilf was always happiest with the relative performance of the Chrysler, and I cannot recall him driving it without a smile. His passion was cars, gleaming paint and shining chromium, and driving them, a little gravel departing **his spinning wheels. His first recollection of motoring was in a 1933 'short spring' Chevrolet, when they lived on the Crown Terrace near Arrowtown.** In 1937 the family purchased a new Chrysler. Educated at Waitaki Boys High School, his quick wit and sense of humour, helped him cope with the competition, and loneliness for home.

Wilf became interested in engineering and joined the RNZAF as a mechanic. After the war he learned the engineering trade with Stevenson & Cook, then going to work for Reid & Gray in Dunedin. Wilf met and married Joan Taylor-Cannon in 1950, and together they moved to Roxburgh where Wilf worked on the Roxburgh Dam, the Austin Seven days. After the completion of the Roxburgh Dam, Wilf formed a partnership with a Roxburgh work colleague Karl Feyn and they set up Feymill Engineering in Killarney St Alexandra. John Loudon remembers meeting Wilf in 1960, when he and Doug Ireland flew over from Oamaru in a Cessna 172, piloted by Jim Dovey, to check **out a lathe at the Alexandra Gold Dredge. Wilf met them in the 'shop hack' a 1939 De Soto coupe, which was used** as an all-purpose workhorse. During the Feymill days they built farm machinery, the most successful being a tow behind p.t.o mower, being a much better machine than generally on offer. John remembers a Henderson Four motorcycle which caused a lot of grief at times, the De Soto was replaced with a Fargo Truck (which has recently returned to Alexandra). The firm did a lot of structural engineering and jobbing work in Alexandra and surrounding district. **After Feymill Engineering was sold in 1970. Wilf worked for 'On The Spot', Grant Ward Ltd, and Fulton Hogan.**

Wilf and Joan raised a family; Chris, Adam and Lauren, and moved from Killarney St to Aronui Road where there was a large basement. In 1966 a very rough Chrysler 70 coupe was trailered in from the Wanaka area and serious restoration began, culminating in the concours winning car that I knew. This car attended many rallies, Adam and Lauren remembering many trips freezing in the dickey seat. Another Chrysler followed, a very rough model 72 Roadster, which again went through a transformation, again rallies were attended, often with the top down. Many cars followed, including a very quick but unstable Holden Torana, a Mazda 121, Jaguar S Type, Alvis TC21, Mercedes Coupe, and an immaculate 72 Rover P6B, and lastly the Kia which Wilf enjoyed driving and its lack of vices.

Wilf and Joan also belonged to the Central Otago 4WD club, and we had many enjoyable trips, the Millers with their Mahindra Jeep (Ford Falcon Powered), Landreths in the Mitsubishi and ourselves in the Landcruiser BJ45.

Alan Sutton's contribution covers Wilf's contribution to the Central Otago Vintage Car Club;. Alan remembers Wilf fondly as 'the Godfather' of the Club;

"It is often said that our lives are shaped by those we befriend, this man Wilf Miller was one of those people. Wilf willingly shared his extensive knowledge with an open mentoring kind of personality". Alan mentions that Wilf was not a silent member but actively participated in the running of the Club, Wilf managed the parts department and was instrumental in categorising and identifying the many parts in store.

In 2008 Wilf was honoured as the Club Patron, and awarded a life membership.

It was a pleasure for me to come back into the Club after an absence of twenty five years raising a family and a stint at flying, to find Wilf at the meeting, Joan had died last year, Wilf had contracted cancer three years ago, and died peacefully at the Dunstan Hospital 8th August, 2012.

Graham Taylor, with contributions, from the Miller family, Alan Sutton and John Loudon.

Editors Comment; September 2012

The Olympic Games are over, the noise, the excitement, and didn't we do well, and not a pc, green, iwi, or osh guy in sight! Our rowers didn't have to buy the water rights, and the greens weren't there to protest the ' industrial revolution'.

What has that got to do with us? Well consider the Milford tunnel or monorail farce, why not forge ahead with the route planned many decades ago to link the road from the Hollyford to Jacksons Bay, what a trip that would be, in your classic car, then we could have a choice of circuits. The Catlins, the Southern Coast to Manapouri. Te Anau, to the Haast via the Hollyford, or Haast via Queenstown. Wanaka to Balclutha via Lawrence, and back via Lumsden and the Crown Range.

The Rally season is nigh, and is a great opportunity to see places that you would by-pass in life's rush, meet new people/ catch up with old friends, and join in *with someone else doing all the hard work*. In saying that, our own rallies, the Blossom Festival and Autumn Festival have been well supported by 'other' members. It is our way of appreciating that, in supporting them in turn, and assisting our organisers where possible.

Check out those cars, make sure they are right up to scratch, especially in the steering and braking department, a good grease and oil up, of the many working parts is essential to keep this interesting machinery safe and enjoyable to use. Make sure that electrical connections are clean and secure, and as we get older those mirrors are handy too! Meanwhile do your bit for the planet, convert that CO2 and plant another tree, bush, flower or a few vegetables, good for the ticker too ...

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Minutes of the Central Otago Vintage Car Club

Held in the club rooms Lithany St Cromwell on: Wednesday 8th August 2012

Visitor - Joel Chisholm Arrowtown Triumph TR6 - TR2 Restoring

Present

16 members as per the attendance sheet

Apologies

Dave Manson, Alf O'Sullivan, Roddy Maxwell, Nic Mayhew, Ian Hutchings.

Moved:Geo Page / John Martin - carried

Minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Puff and Stuff Moved Alon Mayhew/ Graham Taylor - carried:

Correspondence

Email - Ian Bennie re Magazines and BSA Victor

Receipt Lists of members

Waimate Swap meet is 1st September

Dunedin Auto Spectacular 1st September

Letter to National Bank for \$2000 transfer

Tips for secretaries

Prince Henry Tour omitted from Beaded Wheels

Wheel Torque WOF and REGO review announced

Email - John Stokes re Whippet

CO District Council- our rental is 12 months behind through oversight by them.

Treasurers Report -Total cheques paid \$4462.33

Tracy Mayhew / Roger Healy moved that the inward correspondence be received and dealt with and accounts as submitted be passed for payment - carried

Magazine

Graham recommends to go with Print It Wanaka for various reasons. Options depending on what is required each month , 3 days to be published. Editor has the right to alter according to allowable space. Moved Graeme Taylor / Tracy Mayhew

Parts

Roger thanks everybody for picking up parts from various areas. A visit from Southland members and various parts being sold. ie 562 Renault sold for \$200, Triumph motor and gearbox

Club Captain

Combined Rally 6th-7th October-Labour Weekend , meet in Mossburn to Gorge Hill and view military material ending in TeAnau Sunday - Field Test - each branch to submit a test Dunstan Gold 150 Anniversary-cars same weekend.

Library - John has had a tidy up so help yourself

General Business

AGM - Alon to put forward dates for Rallies

Entries forms for blossom Festival to be sent out

Another working bee for shed required - Sunday week - Safety Rail required

John Martin suggests to contact other branches to come to Central for Garage raids with coffee etc at the clubrooms and parts shed open.

Maybe a Bus trip to Invercargill and have various visits - Richardsons etc

Meeting closed at 9.30pm with coffee to follow

John Martin gave a delightful talk on his restoration and woodwork Hurlingham Vauxhall showing the scale plans that have been drawn up and also the Alvis pl

Points of interest

John, gave a very good illustration of how to design , translate to plans and build a Boat **-Tailed ' HURLINGHAM' replica body on a 1930 Vauxhall Chassis.**

Discussion arose around several points of interest, how did he calculate the compound curves?

By the same basic method of boat design, imagine it up the other **way and translating the various measurements to the 'ribs'.**

Forming the aluminium was discussed too and its problems coping with a flexing body.

Screws yes traditional wood screws, as the more modern super screws fracture with movement.

Glue, two pot marine glue but be very careful in proportioning the hardener, best results with less, not more.

The Club needs more of this type of content and with all the talent we have we could have an equally wide range of subjects, last year I talked about my adventures with the Overland braking system or lack of it. I have that problem licked now but the remedy was rather radical.

Alister Stewart explained the operation of the vacuum tank, its simple once explained with examples and many of us were enlightened as to the mysteries of this system.

Flying brick! The Mini has cracked 150mph

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Phyllis Diller.

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1951 Hillman Minx.

Older restoration, stored under cover. Blue / white. Has VIC .

Brakes need doing.

\$2500.00ono. Phone Dave Manson : (03)

1958 Morris Minor 1000. A lot of receipts for extensive mechanical work and some rust repairs. A little more work needed to make this a usable car while on-going refurbishment is completed. (Lots of parts available from the Parts Shed!) I deal for a younger member starting on a first restoration, and at \$600 is realistically priced. Can be seen in Alexandra. For further information and contact details, phone Lindsay (03 445 0065) e-mail: olsen.cromwell@gmail.com



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