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Andrew Stone wonders at the crank-handle hole on Gordon Duthie's 6/110

OUR CLUB OBJECTIVES:

- To promote interest in 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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EDITOR'S STUFF

Well, here we go for another year – hopefully it will be a lot less disruptive than 2012, and maybe no more earthquakes either? Anywhere!

Normally we wouldn't put out a newsletter during January, but because I effectively missed two editions last year and because there are a few events kicking off early in February, I thought it would be good to get things underway early so that everyone is up to speed with club matters first thing in the year.

This Christmas I was lucky enough to get



another Wolseley as a present from Jenny – not a real one this time, but a lovely detailed Series II 25HP Saloon which has been manufactured by Spa Croft Models in the UK. It's two-tone brown in colour and is beautifully made in $1/43^{rd}$ scale, and even comes with a couple of roof sections so it can be displayed with the sunroof open or closed. As yet I have to find a place for all my Wolseley models inside the house, so that is now another job to add to the list. In the meantime it sits on the mantelpiece in the dining room looking very smart.



This year we have had a holiday at home over Christmas and New Year, rather than heading for the local beach camping ground that has normally been our summer break. We have been making good use of the time getting the last of our gear unpacked and stored away in our new house, and I've also put aside plenty of time to get a workshop

set up and to get the dust cleaned off some of the Wolseleys and get them back out on the road again. I think I mentioned in the last newsletter that the Six would be first to get attention, and it's now warranted again and will be registered in the next week or so (the good news is that the Six turns 40 years old this year, so it will be significantly less to register it). Unfortunately the WoF required a few hours of work in the workshop first to fit a replacement steering rack, which in the end wasn't a difficult job. Unlike the smaller front-wheel-drive cousins, it's not necessary to drop a sub-frame or remove the steering column in order to get the rack out, and it can be got at easily from both inside and the underside of the car and slid out through the RH wheel arch once it's unbolted. I've now got the luxury of a two-post hoist in my new shed, which made the whole job a lot quicker

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too. Matthew and I took some careful measurements of the toe-in angles before we pulled it apart as well, and with it all back in the car again it feels just right, although I'll run it into town to have the wheel alignment checked at Patterson Brothers before going any significant distance in it.

Before Christmas I took Jenny's Corolla into Pattersons to have a puncture repaired and to have a couple of new tyres fitted. This was the first time I'd been there since their new replacement tyre shop had been constructed, and I was pleasantly surprised to see that they have now incorporated a modern wheel alignment workshop into the business, so they can now offer the full wheel and tyre service. The wheel alignment side of the business is operated by Murray Beatson, who has relocated his business from the garage that used to be on the corner of Colombo Street and Purchas Street in Edgeware. Murray has been in the wheel alignment business for decades, and is right at home working on classic vehicles, so it was great to find out not only that he was still trading, but now working in well with Lindsay and the guys at Patterson Brothers – even more of a reason to continue patronising this business in future. Apparently Lindsay and Murray have been mates for years (they are also well known to Ray Willoughby), so they get on particularly well working alongside each other, and there is plenty of happy banter going on between them constantly.

Setting up my new workshop has been time-consuming but very enjoyable. I salvaged some old kitchen joinery (circa 1960's) that was removed from our last house when the kitchen was renovated about 12 years ago, and have used that, the work-bench from my workshop at Bygrave Place, and some old cupboards and shelving from the house garage at New Brighton Road, and used these as the basis for the workshop area within the shed. The two-post hoist is one I bought second-hand off Trademe for \$1,200. Matthew and I had fun trying to get it inside the shed, as it's about 2.7m high, and the doors are only 2.5m. Getting it inside necessitated tipping it from one end, rolling it partially inside, and then tipping it again from the other end, to finally get it in and under the door. Once inside I bolted it into the floor using 20mm dyna-bolts (I had to hire a large percussion drill and masonry bit to drill the holes), and had an electrician wire it up to the waiting 3-phase cable installed when the shed was first wired up.

One of the most useful devices I've bought for years has certainly more than proved its worth – a pair of self-jacking garage dolly—wheels. Repco had these on special last November for \$299 a pair, and knowing that I had a couple of immobile cars and some other heavy objects to move around, I went off and bought a pair. They have since been used for moving a piano (this was actually moved 6 houses down the street by wheeling it down the footpath on the dollies), moving heavy furniture, the hoist, a stack of left-over floor tiles, a fully assembled shelving unit, and even two cars.

My new workshop and shed is a Totalspan shed, so there was no wall lining installed in it. I've lined the workshop area with 9mm customwood, and installed plenty of shelving and cubby-holes for all the nick-nacks that I like to have at hand when I'm doing 'bloke' stuff in the shed. I've even installed one of the heat-pumps that I salvaged from Jenny's parents red-zone house, so once that's hooked up in the next couple of weeks there should be no excuse for not getting out there and into it even on the hottest or coldest days (so I'm telling myself, anyway).

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This year I've got until the 21st January off work – I had accumulated too much leave so was told I had to start using it up. As well as spending some restful time at home, I hope to spend a of day in Kaikoura later this week, and then have a quick trip to Wellington the following weekend to attend my sister-in-laws 50th birthday. Another job on the list is to finally take the veteran Wolseley in to VINZ to get it re-registered and road legal again. Then it's straight back to work and into it again. I guess the holiday will be over before I know it!

Have a great start to the year. Colin Hey

Deadline for next Wolseley Word is Friday 1st February 2013

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi everyone.

Firstly I wish you all the very best for 2013 and trust you had a pleasant Christmas where ever you were. Beryl and I hooked the caravan on to the Wolseley on the 24th and went to Dolamore Park near Gore for a week. We spent Xmass day in Invercargill at Beryl's brothers place and what a hot day it was with tar seal melting all over the place. The weather for the week was fine as we enjoyed the bush walks and the massive well-kept gardens. The Wolseley toes the caravan well and the overdrive system comes into its



own giving that 1/2 gear. Most of the time you are in low 3rd (3 speed box) except when on flat going tail wind or downhill conditions when you can let it up into overdrive (high 3rd). It is easy to flick between these two gears without using the gear stick. We travelled



from Lawrence to Raes Junction, then down through West Otago and the Tapanui area to Gore. The steepest and longest hill is the Beaumont Hill between Lawrence and Raes Junction, where we had to get into low gear. With the caravan on the trip takes one and a half hours; with the car only it is an hour and fifteen.

Looking back a bit to the National AGM - thanks to the Manawatu

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branch for organizing the venue and the evening meal, well done.

Winton Cleal is now the National Secretary, taking over from Bill Obers who had completed his 3+1 years in that seat. All the best to Winton and a big thanks to Bill for his work and achievements.

Winton will have in his report also in this newsletter.

The Christchurch branch is hosting the 2014 National Rally. I wish them well and look forward to seeing what Canterbury has to offer.

A highlight at the meeting was the nomination of Dave Keech to become a life member of the club. Dave was a foundation member of the Wolseley Car Club Manawatu Branch, which came from what was known as the Palmerston North-based Super Six Club. Other members gave spoke on some of the past history that Dave was involved with, that gave us an insight into the time he gave to the Manawatu branch and his contribution to the National organization. Over the years he had also restored and maintained a large number of Wolseleys, many of which are still owned by our members. Manawatu have given an official presentation to Dave, and I understand he was delighted to receive the award.

During December I also had the privilege of using our 6/110 as a wedding car for an 'away' wedding car for Auckland member Andrew Stone (who owns an 18/85) and his new bride, Louise, who travelled all the way from Auckland to the Cardrona Valley near Wanaka for the occasion. We struck absolutely beautiful weather, and all had a really enjoyable day.

Safe travels, all the best.

Gordon Duthie.

Ps The Caravan photo was at Taieri Mouth Camping Ground.



Andrew and Louise Stone at their wedding in Cardrona

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and got out in their Wolseleys for a few runs. I am sitting here looking out of my window at a very nice day and thinking about going for a drive in the 6/90, but no I had better get this off to Colin. Who am I? Well I am your new national secretary and my name is Winton Cleal. With my wife Ruth we have met many of you on Wolseley runs over the years. At present we live in Wellington but are in the process of selling our house and moving to the Kapiti Coast. Why are we doing that when we have a very vibrant and alive city 10 minutes from our



door? Well we need more garage space for one thing and a bit of flat land would be nice. Those of you who have been to our place will know what I mean about the latter. Regarding cars, we have our 6/90 who a lot of you have seen. This car was bought new by my mother and father on the 10 April 1956 for £1306/19/6. I have the receipt and the so-called warranty. (So-called because you seemed to pay for everything in those days.) We also have a 1935 pre series Morris 8.and that is also great fun. Last week I was Father Xmas at the local Kindergarten so in Santa suit I drove the Morris 8 down to it. Well can you imagine the looks on the faces of the people in the passing cars when they saw me. It was great fun. I mention all this because I don't care what car people drive or what condition it is in. To me it is all about getting out and talking to and socializing with like-minded people and having fun.



Getting on to secretary work now, if you know someone in the Wolseley Car Club and they are not getting their Wolseley Word magazine chances are they have not paid their subs and they need to contact their local secretary. Also some new members might not know this but the Manawatu branch has a good range of spares. Its

parts shed contents were moved last year and are now located only 5 minutes away from Steve Finch's home. If you are looking for that elusive spare Steve just might have it so give him a call (His contact details are in the front of the Magazine) Also at the last

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National AGM it was decided to close down the Waikato /Bay of Plenty branch because of lack of support from local members. Those Waikato/BOP members who want to remain members of the club now come under the Auckland branch. I have contacted all unfinancial members in those regions informing them of the situation. Well that is about all for now - if passing come and have a cuppa or if you need help I know where there are some very good garages in these parts.

Keep Wolseleying along. Winton Cleal

Making Do in the US

When you live on a farm you learn to "make do" with whatever you find in the barn!! This is the exact and perfect example of why we save everything.

This car has been built with all of the "junk" laying out back in the pile, and under the work bench, and stuffed in the rafters. All this guy needed was a little time on his hands. Features are tractor seats with pitchfork backs - seat belts - tractor compartment box behind driver seat - gear shift beside hand brake - stereo & CD player on dash blade - the drive chains are still on the floor board.

Also please note that he put in seat belts - so he must be street legal??



BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS Auckland Branch

News

First we would like to welcome new member Lawrence Storey to our Club. Lawrence has a 1965 Wolseley 6/110.

On Sunday 11 November the Club visited MOTAT. We entered at a special discount rate at the Meola Road entrance and Philip of MOTAT gave us a talk first covering Sir Keith Park, before moving on to the Lancaster bomber and the other aircraft on display. We went outside to view those aircraft and over to the workshop where an Avenger Torpedo Bomber is under restoration.

After viewing this area of MOTAT we ventured on to the tram to visit the main MOTAT area on Great North Road. First was coffee refreshments and then a quick look around as the last tram for returning to the car was at 4.30 p.m. Attendees were Trevor and Adele Burnnand who had Australian members Kevin and Heather Haynes with them, Paul and Noeline Billing, Anthony and Angie Billing, Ray and Caryl Chappell and Odette and Jim Holmes. All in all a great day.



Phillip from MOTAT giving our members advice on the aircraft in the hangar.

On Sunday 2 December we held our final event for the year which was a combined event with the Rover Car Club to attend a roast dinner and movie evening at the Westwind Theatre. This was certainly a good event to complete our year.

Coming Events:

 Sunday February 10 2013 – Concours d'elegance - This year we will be attending to celebrate 40 years since the first Intermarque Concours d'elegance was held. So we have decided to attend. Please advise Noeline Billing 278-3944 if you are able to display your car.

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- 2. Sunday February 24 2013 Galaxy of Cars at Western Springs Stadium. We are requested to have our cars on display from 9.30 a.m. until close at 3.00 p.m. This is always a very popular event.
- 3. March 2013 event with Bay of Plenty details in next issue.
- 4. Annual Car Show and Swapmeet on Sunday 7 April 2013 at the Te Awamutu Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Te Awamutu. This commences from 7.30a.m. and is always a well attended event and we hope to see you there.

Regards Noeline Billing

Manawatu Branch News:

It has been a quiet Spring and early summer for us - several events have been held, and although they did not attract many cars, they were quite enjoyable for those who did come along. Michelle Thompson has kindly provided a write-up and some photographs on these, which can be found below my report.

We had an interesting day in Wairarapa organised by Ray and Loris Whitcombe visiting the Pioneer Museum, not too many cars or things on wheels.

The run to Gladstone School Fair and a guided tour of some 8 or so WW1 aircraft at the Hood Aerodrome at Masterton was really interesting - the McCutcheons returned the following weekend to view these and a few others flying around & strutting their stuff. They were unable to get a ride in any of them !!!!

Our Christmas Lunch was again held in Wanganui, with approximately 20 attending. Dave Keech was presented with his Life Membership badge in recognition of his services to the Club and to the National Body. It was pleasing to be able to do it with many of our

members present, and Dave was chuffed to receive the award as well. We welcome to the club Peter and Kay Cocks (from the Colyton Area). They have been out with us on some runs in their Morris 1000, and are looking for a 15/50 to purchase, so if anyone is aware of one that is or could be coming onto the market, could they please let me know so I can pass on details. Wishing everyone all the best for the New Year, Steve Finch



Dave Keech being presented with Life Mebership by Steve Finch

Manawatu Branch Coming Events:

Sunday, 13 January 2013

Gentle Annie run. Contact Stephen Finch for details if you are interested in joining us.

Other Events:

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Sunday, 3 February 2013
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Wheels with Attitude & Swapmeet. 10am-2pm, Dannevirke A & P Showgrounds, Neptune Street entrance. Exhibitors \$2, swapmeet stallholders \$5.

Sunday, 10 February 2013

British Car Day, Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt. 10am-3pm.

17-23 February 2013

The GREAT British Car Rally (formerly the The Link Rally, last held in 1997). Seven stages from Auckland to Christchurch, hosted by the British High Commission. For more information, and to register, visit the website:

www.ukinnewzealand.fco.gov.uk/GREATbritishcarrally

Report on Past Manawatu Events

Wellington Run

Sunday, 21 October 2012

Our day out in the capital city started in Pauatahanui with morning tea at the Groudup Café. Three cars met there, including Tony Walsh with his 15/50, the McCutcheon family in their newest Wolseley, a 6/110, and organisers Winton and Ruth in the 6/90. After everyone enjoyed a drink and a chat at this popular location, Tony bid his farewell (having other commitments) and the remaining two carried on into the heart of Wellington city to the Museum of City and Sea. If you want to learn about Wellington in a nutshell – from its early settlement, its architecture, and the things that shaped the city including interesting characters who have stood out during the city's history – this is a great little museum to visit and, what's more, it is free!

We had lunch at a quirky little seaside café, called the Chocolate Fish, which can be found around at Shelley Bay. It was a very nice meal and the place is kid friendly, too, with an amazing array of scooters, bikes, and trikes for the kids to play on.

After lunch we headed to Miramar to see the "Weta Cave", which is also free to visit. Weta, we all know, were made famous by the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. In their minimuseum you can see characters, props and displays from the movies they have made and you can purchase handcrafted limited edition sculptures, jewellery, clothing and momentos all made by Weta. In a small theatre you can watch a behind-the-scenes video about Weta and what goes into the special effects that they create. Of course, you can't see the real

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thing due to the confidential nature of what they do. But it is an interesting and mindblowing video to watch – word of warning though: there are a lot of gory scenes in it. Had



Wellington.

I have known, I might not have taken Elsie in – luckily, though, none of it phased her. Except the part where the train crashed. She gasped, and turned to me and said, "Mummy, they broke the train!" Kids, huh – sometimes you just can't judge what their reaction will be. Following this, Winton took us back down the road a bit to have a gander at the new Roxy Cinema, in Miramar. By "new" I mean it was an old theatre that was originally built in 1928 but has now been almost completely rebuilt from the ground up. Winton took us to the lounge bar upstairs to have a look at the amazing ceiling up there with a movie related scene painted on it. A lot of care and attention has gone into the details of everything at the Roxy – even the loos, I might add; very nice! There is also a restaurant downstairs. The Roxy has a nice

atmosphere and really captures an essence of luxury from the art deco era and combines it nicely with today. If you're ever in Wellington looking to catch a flick along with a meal out or quiet drinks, the Roxy would be a great place to go.

We concluded the day with afternoon tea at Winton and Ruth's before heading back home to Dannevirke.

You all missed an excellent day's outing! Thank you Winton and Ruth for your efforts in organising this outing. The McCutcheons really enjoyed it.

Masterton Run

Saturday, 3 November 2012

The weather was somewhat iffy but that didn't stop Steve Finch in his 4/50, and the McCutcheons in the 6/80, joining Ray Whitcombe driving the 6/110 (aka Queen Mary) for a day out in the Wairarapa.

We all met at the Mt Bruce Pioneer Museum where we wandered around and had a look at the assortment of relics on display; stuff from the early pioneering days right up to the notso-distant past, including machinery through to everyday household items. No matter what

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generation you hale from, there are things that we all remember from "back when". Occasionally you will even come across an item that will make you shake your head with wonder that someone would think to save something like that. One such example that jumps to mind was an old street bin with the "Keep NZ Tidy" logo on it. Who would've thought to save something like that from the scrap heap? But you can't deny it brings back memories of the past and you may even remember using them.

From there we headed down to the Gladstone School for their Scarecrow Day Gala. Lots of beautiful crafts and fresh produce to be bought, and rides for the young ones. Amazingly, the drizzly rain stopped for the whole time we were here and it was very pleasant wandering amongst the stalls acquiring items here and there to stash away for Christmas pressies.

Ray and Loris then invited us around to their place where we had a cuppa and a bite to eat before moving on to view The Vintage Aviator Ltd's collection of fighter aircraft at Hood Aerodrome. The Vintage Aviator Ltd is an aircraft restoration and manufacturing company. They aim to build WWI aircraft, propellers, engines and propellers to the same standards as they were originally made all those years ago. One of the aircraft in this museum is powered by a Wolseley engine (see Ivan's article about his visit back to Hood Aerodrome the following weekend).

Thank you to Ray and Loris for organising an interesting and enjoyable day out. It was a shame more did not attend.

Michelle Thompson



Ivan's 6/80, Steve's 4/50, and Ray's 6/110 at Hood Aerodrome, Masterton.

BAY OF PLENTY EVENT

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WOLSELEY CLUB CAR RUN

When: February 10th 2013

Start - 09:30

Meet at Western Bay Council Car Park, 1484 Cameron Road

We will be travelling to view Trevor Gordon's vintage American car collection in Tuapiro Road, just north of Katikati. If you get lost, Trevor's phone number is 549 0928.

Arrive approximately 10:15 at Tuapiro Road Katikati. Trevor's shed is the first driveway on the right on Tuapiro Road. There is parking up the driveway.

12:30 leave for Omokoroa Esplanade for picnic lunch

1:00 Picnic Lunch at Omokoroa beach reserve



Any enquires to David Stewart, ph (07)575 1181 Bus, (07)5768217 a/hrs

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS **Christchurch Branch News:**

Only one activity to report on this month – our end of year Christmas Barbeque Picnic at Idlewood on 9th December. As always, we were hoping for good weather this year, and we certainly were not disappointed. The day started off threatening to be pretty dreary, but the weather gradually got a lot better and by the time we arrived at Idlewood at 3.00pm it was tee-shirt and shorts weather, which continued on into the early evening.

We had a fantastic turnout this year – something like 30 people arrived to enjoy the meal. This year the branch funded the meat, and everyone bought a salad and a dessert to share, which once again proved a winning combination. There was a wonderful variety of food and no-one would have



The gathering at Idlewood

gone home without having had a great meal – all topped off with the traditional serve of Christmas cake towards the end of the evening.

It was pleasing to see most people arriving in their Wolseleys, and the parking area soon filled up with all sorts of models which looked pretty impressive indeed. One notable



arrival was vet another recent purchase of Danny O'Malley's. We were thinking that he'd pretty much already filled his new

Chris Hengst 18/85 SIII, and Sprosen's 6/90

shed, but obviously there is still room for a few more, as his shopping list hasn't been filled yet. Danny had recently been to Oamaru to look at a Mk1 Zephyr convertible that he was interested in purchasing down there, however after inspecting the car he decided it wasn't really for him, and moved on instead to have a look around the Oamaru Swap Meet which was being run on the same day. While wandering around the stalls looking for shiny

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bits for some of his collection, he came across a Wolseley Eight for sale which he quite liked the look of. After making an enquiry, he found out that it was the Eight that was sold a few years ago by Graham Pate in Matamata, before him owned by the founding member of the now defunct Wolseley Car Club 1980 in Auckland. This car is very, very original, which is just the way Danny likes to buy them, so he negotiated a deal, and the Eight went home with him on the trailer that had been taken down in the hope of transporting a Zephyr home.

Once he had the car home, a test drive revealed a problem with the brakes and the water pump, and these were quickly repaired and the car is now out and about with Danny at the wheel. It will make a perfect pairing with the car I featured on the front cover of last month's newsletter – the Wolseley 10HP of Graham Quate – both are from the same era – Grahams immediately pre-WW2, and Danny's



Danny O'Malley's latest acquisition - this very nice Wolseley Eight

immediately post-WW2, but both very similar – especially from the front. Incidentally, Danny has also recently added a very nice Vauxhall 12 to his collection (this was the same model as the first car he owned and he couldn't resist it when he saw it for sale), and one of the most original 1967? Chevrolet Impala's I have ever seen – a recent one-USA-owner import which has even come with its original bill of sale.

For 2013 we already have a few events planned, as well as a couple of projects for the Spares department. The main aim this year for Spares is to do a fairly thorough stock-take, so we not only can make a full inventory of what parts we do have, but also get a better idea of the value of parts we now hold in stock for insurance purposes. This is particularly important this year, as this is the last year the Ray Willoughby will manage the Spares division, and it will make the job of whoever follows in his footsteps much easier. The inventory will be made up as a computer database which will make pricing and the monitoring of stock levels so much easier.

The other spares project will be a trip to Ashurton early in the year to deal with a couple of spare parts 6/110's that are currently sitting at Joe and Judy Barker's place just north of Ashburton. These were part of a bulk load of parts that were purchased from Methven about 18 months ago, and with Joe and Judy planning a move fairly early this year, the time has come to deal with them properly. It's likely that we'll organise a full day trip armed with trailers and all the tools we'll need to get the job done.

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Our runs and events for the new year swing into action on 19th January with a visit to the Banks Peninsula A&P Show in Little River. Then we have the Annual Rangiora RSA Classic and Vintage rally on Waitangi Day on Wednesday 6th February, followed, by a visit to the Ellesmere Speedway "Day in the Dirt" event on Sunday 17th February. More details on these events are in the Coming Events section below. The VCC, Steam Scene, and the Vintage Machinery Club are also organising another big open day at McLeans Island on 23rd and 24th March which we might tie in with.

It's also worth mentioning that we will be joining with the Morris Owners Club for several events this year as they celebrate 100 years of the Morris marque. As a sister marque and club, we will able to participate in any of their official centennial events, and our members can register as a one-off which will keep you up to date with activities and avoid the need to pay entry fees to any of the individual activities. I will bring you more news of this in the next issue.

Colin Hey

Christchurch Branch Coming Activities:

Saturday 19th January – Visit to the Banks Peninsula A&P Show, Little River

This run will be held provided there is enough interest – ideally we would like at least 5 cars to make it worthwhile. If you are interested in coming, please contact Allan Francis on 323-7559, who will coordinate things. We will aim to meet at the Blue Duck Café at the intersection of SH75 and Gebbies Pass Road at 10.00am so we can travel to the show as a group. Bring what you would normally take to an event like this.

Wednesday 6th February – Waitangi Day Rangiora RSA Classic and Vintage Rally

Arrive at the RSA rooms in Victoria Street, Rangiora between 9.00am and 9.30am to register. There will be a short, medium and long route, finishing at a domain in the Waimakariri District for lunch. Lunch and food and local crafts can be purchased there. Entry fee \$10 per car to cover costs. This will be a good start to our year of activities, so hope you can make it.

Saturday 9th February - Spares working bee at Idlewood, McLeans Island.

Starting at 9.00am. Come and pick up any parts you need, help with a variety of tasks, or just come for a yarn. Bring your lunch if you want to stay on a bit into the afternoon.

Sunday 17th February – Ellesmere Raceway "Day in the Dirt'

This event will is a day out to enjoy all sorts of speedway displays and action – we are going as spectators and not participants, and will make up a display of cars for the public to enjoy. We will meet outside Danny and Sharon O'Malley's place, on the corner of

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Leeston and Lake Road and Station Street, Leeston (go to south end of the main street and turn left into Lake Road), at 10am so we can go as a group and arrive together. Bring some lunch (food will also be available there), and some sun protection as well. If wet the event will be held on Sunday 24th February. More details also next month.

23rd and 24th March - VCC, Steam Scene, and the Vintage Machinery Club Public Open Day and Display at McLeans Island

More about this in the next issue

Vintage Flying Day – by Ivan McCutcheon

While looking looking at the vintage aircraft in the hanger on 3rd Nov in Masterton it came out that on the following Saturday (10th) the aircraft would be flying for Remembrance Day.

After thinking about this on the way home I thought it would be a good idea to get a photo of the 6/80 beside the Se5a. This is the aircraft which Wolseley built the V8 engine for under licence for Hispano Suiza and in fact The whole aircraft was assembled in the Wolseley factory as part of the war effort.

During the week I rang their representative and spoke to her and asked if it would be possible to do the photo. I was told it would be very unlikely as they would be too busy.



I decided to go and watch the flying and took the 6/80 in case the opportunity arose. I was led to believe that the flying was to start at 10.00 am. We arrived there at 9.45 to find all the aircraft outside the hanger but not much happening. I went into the hanger and asked what time the flying was to start and was told 3.00 pm. I then explained to the person what I would like to do and why. He informed me he did not have the authority. However he found someone who did and was willing to let me come in and take some photos. So in we went and found there were three Se5's parked together and parked the car in front of them.

After taking the photo we went into town did some shopping, had some

lunch and went ot to see Ray Whitcome to pass the time before the flying display started.

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Ray had intended going to the display as well so we both made our way in our Wolseley's and joined the queue at the gate and into a parking place which was quite good.



From there we inspected the Vintage aircraft which were on display and watched as each one took its turn in taking to the air and putting on a display. We saw all three Se5's in the air.

It was a great day and flying went on till 6 o'clock.



Ivan McCutcheon

Trip to Beaulieu and European Motor Museum – Part 1 by Allan Francis

On Monday 3 September I left Auckland for London to join an organised tour of motor museums and the Beaulieu Auto Jumble (Swap Meet, to us).

On arrival at our Hotel I was met by John Mallia, a Wolseley Australian car club member whom many New Zealander's have met. John was my room-mate for the next 19 nights so in our spare moments Wolseleys were the topic of our conversation. There was about 19 in our group including 3 Aussies. For the next few days we did the usual touristy things including the London Eye. We visited the London Motor Museum (sounds good but was disappointing) - many American cars of 60s/70s and hotrods. A Porsche Tractor was of interest.

On Friday 7th we left London by Coach for the next 11 days of our tour. Visiting Windsor Castle on the way to our accommodation about 40+ min depending on the traffic to Beaulieu. We were all up early,but we took for ever to get there such was the traffic, butas we had prepaid tickets we had no problems getting through the gates which don't open till 10am, so one can imagine the queue. We had our guide book for the about 2000 sites, all motor-related with no domestic goods. You had to visit every site as there was no alphabetical index for what was on the sites. We met Graham & Jenny Ryder of the Wolseley Register for lunch on both days, and also there was Kurt & Margaret Hoppe from Switzerland, and Jack Walls from N Z. I have had contact with Jenny over the years for purchases of regalia, it was great to meet up with Jenny. With a lot of walking and not too much Wolseley parts, I did manage to buy a few older instruction manuals - 6/110 workshop and parts manuals were on quite a few sites but at 1.5 K g each they would have soon over-weighted my suitcase. Too soon it was time to catch our bus back to our hotel and prepare ourselves for our next day at Beaulieu. We left 15 min earlier and had a better run to the swap meet. I am not sure if we covered all the sites, but overall it was an



Haynes Motor Museum - note the illuminated Wolseley sign

experience not to miss - shame there wasn't too much Wolseley stuff to be seen. On the Monday we left for the 13th Century Cathedral at Salisbury, well worth visiting, lunch, then to Haynes Motor Museum where there are over 340 exhibits. This museum was very well presented but was short of room to display some sections for better viewing. Three Wolseleys were on

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display, plus a large neon sign above them. The Museum was being added to at the time we were there, and it did have a good selection of cars that I grew up with. We were overnight at Bath, and then had the next morning free. We then visited the Roman Baths - a lot of history here - then on to Stratford on Avon, a picturesque town. We watched a house boat going through the locks, while the men navigated the boat the woman did all the hard work and opened the locks. We were met by a local guide who took us on a walking tour, including William Shakespeare's home. On our way in John spied a model shop so as time permitted we were soon looking for the elusive models. Back to our hotel, the fire alarm went off at daybreak – fortunately a false alarm. It seemed a couple were smoking in their room and set the alarm off. This was a Heritage wooden hotel so there was no smoking, no lifts, but the bedrooms had modern facilities. More next month.

Allan Francis



League of Nations at the Beaulieu Swap Meet. From left are Graham Ryder (UK Wolseley Register), Jack Walls (Martinborough, NZ and member of our club), John Mallia (Victoria NSW Wolseley Car Club member), Marguerite Hoppe (Switzwerland), Allan Francis, Jenny Ryder (Wolseley Register magazine editor and regalia officer), and Kurt Hoppe (Switzerland – member of the Wolseley Register and our club)

Wanted :

Autocrat Model RRM 5 TRP4 AM radio with 5 pushbuttons from a Wolseley 6/110 car. The AM radio need not be working, I am only looking for spare parts from this model of radio.

I also need a set of quarter-light rubber seals Any leads on where these can be obtained for both Ray Chappell and myself would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Mike Johnson Ph (04) 3849606 or (027) 2477859. Please leave a message if I am not able to answer your call when you ring.

Austin or Morris or Wolseley 1300 in Good condition - I have a friend whom is keen to buy one and he will look at everything . Please contact Michael Kruse on 06-753 9743

For Sale :

New sill panels for a Wolseley 15/60 or 16/60 – LH and RH. Brand new old stock genuine BL panels - \$95 each. Contact Ray Willoughby, spares coordinator on 03-352-9016

David Sole from Wanganui has put his recently refurbished **1962 Mk1 6/110** on the market. This is a lovely example, so if anyone is interested they can contact him on 06-753 4525

Australian National Touring Event Ipswich Queensland 14th – 19th April 2013

Fine tuning has now started, the applications are coming in, all is looking good for a great time in Sunny Queensland.

We have put together a number of interesting places to visit and things to do.

Examples are , Boats and Caravans, Railway Workshop Museum including a lunch in the Railway Canteen. You will have a drive into the nearby country visiting and eating at special locations. You will visit a Truck Museum and enjoy a Trucky Morning Tea before visiting a country Hotel for lunch. Amberley Air Base is on the list.

All this and more for your enjoyment, please fill out your entry application before the 15th of February 2013. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and enjoying your company.

Happy Travelling.

Wolseley Car Club of Queensland (inc).

www.wolseleyclubofqld.com

Registration Forms are available on the above site.

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