

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

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Colin & Judy Winters' Wolseley 1100 at the Dunedin Auto-Spectacular – Allan Francis (left) chats with Colin. The Winters' 1900 Wolseley can be seen in the background.

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- 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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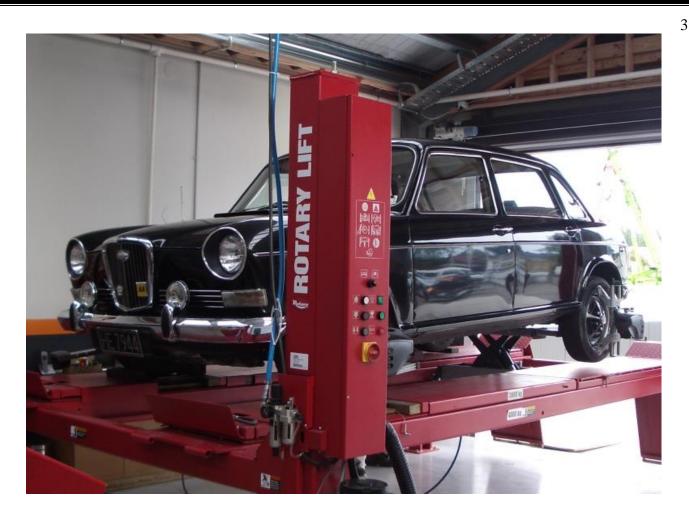
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EDITOR'S STUFF

October seems to have been a long month. Lots has happened. We've had another successful national AGM, most branches have kicked their summer of activities off, there have been some good displays , and some wins as well, which you will read about later in the newsletter. Locally in Christchurch, we have had the Swap Meet and two events of our own, that have gone pretty well. The Vintage Car Club Swap Meet was an eye-opener this year. For about the last 5 years the event seems to have been



struggling to maintain its momentum, with declining attendances from both public and site holders. Although still a very big event, this was becoming a concern for the organising committee (of which I am a member), and we were starting to wonder what the future held, what we could do to try and refresh it a bit, and also perhaps what we could change to try and maintain the income the event generates without cutting out things that have become an integral and expected part of the event.

However, this year, the outcome was brilliant. We finally got fine and settled weather for the full three days of the event, a very nice bit of free publicity in the paper, and public that were willing to come out and have a look for those illusive bargains and a bit of cheap entertainment for the family for a few hours. Perhaps it's also got something to do with people now regaining a bit of confidence now that the earthquakes are a few years behind us – but whatever it was, we had a great crowd again this year, and achieved the best outcome since well before the earthquakes. Not only did the public come out, but there seemed to be many more sites selling car-related items this year, so perhaps people are starting now get in the mood to clear out garages and workshops and put parts back into circulation again.

Not surprisingly, one of the biggest struggles has been recruiting help from members – every year the call goes out for help, but less people seem to be willing to give up a couple of hours of their time to do even simple things, like man the gates, put up signs, provide security, empty rubbish bins, etc. Perhaps the problem is that the club is so big that everyone thinks that someone else will do it, however what they do not seem to realise is that when we can't recruit volunteers, we have to pay people to do the work instead. With the event being the only fundraising event the local VCC branch runs during the year, it's important that members realise that their unwillingness to help will either put subs up, or as one member of the Swap Meet committee puts it – they will have to be prepared to sell raffle tickets.

In the next couple of weeks the Swap Meet committee will have a full de-brief of the event, and it will be interesting to see if the enthusiasm to carry on and do it all again (and hopefully, better) next year, is still there.

Editor's Stuff - continued

On the home front, the month has been pretty much taken up with the Swap Meet, organising the All British Day (which was held last weekend), and also I've spent quite a bit of time in the garden at home, trying to get more shrubs and plants in the ground before the warmer weather really kicks in (although I'm starting to think that I've missed the boat in that regard). It's amazing how the time goes on a Saturday – by the time we get a trailer-load of mulch, visit a nursery or two to choose a few more plants, and maybe get a few of them planted, the day has gone! Not that I'm complaining though, as parts of the garden are really starting to look good now. Years ago, I was not a great fan of native plants because they all seemed pretty plain, but now I realise there are some great colours and textures available, and they are very easy-care as well. With spring colours and new growth kicking in, what I've already put in is starting to look really good I'm encouraged to keep going.

My car exploits have been a bit minimal as a result. I've now managed to get Simon Verkerk's 1300 engine completed reassembled again, and with any sort of luck we'll get it sitting back in the car next weekend, and hopefully running again the weekend after. The whole reassembly job has been straightforward, except I did run into problems getting the first motion shaft outer bearing race out of the clutch housing. As I said to Simon, it wouldn't have been difficult for the designers to appreciate that it was a wearing part that would at some time need renewing, and provision could easily have been made to make it easier to get out and get back in again. Never mind, we got there in the end! Unfortunately I did also have a bit of an environmental incident in the driveway between the house and shed last weekend. On my list of things to do was a service (oil and filter change) both my own Falcon and Jenny's Toyota, and It was getting late in the day when I started. I got the Falcon done OK, but I spent a bit more time giving it a spring-clean inside as well. Consequently, it was getting towards dinner time when I started Jenny's car, so I was trying to work 'as efficiently as possible'. The oil draining tray I use consists of a large, flat container with a built-in funnel on one side. It holds about 7 litres of used oil. It has a screw-in bung in the bottom of the funnel so that when the oil has been drained, the bung can be put in and the container picked up by the handle and taken away to be disposed of properly. After finishing the Falcon, I had emptied out the container into a 20-litre one I have to eventually take it to a recycling station, but before placing the draining container under Jenny's car, I forgot to remove the bung. The funnel itself takes about 2 litres, and the engine has about four in it, so the outcome was inevitable. I had my own personal Exxon Valdez on the clean, white concrete! Unfortunately, I had undone the sump drain bung and immediately went away for a couple of minutes to do something else, so the spill had gone quite a long way by the time I came back. Lots of newspaper and an old towel soaked up the worst of it, and then when I'd finally finished the job, a good, hot soapy scrub and a hose-down certainly made it look a bit better. Now there is no trace of it, thank goodness – its amazing what sunlight and time can do to oil stains on concrete. Note to self - don't rush, and always remember to check the bung has been removed!

Have a good month. PS – have run out of room for the Bay to Birdwood report – will try for next month.

Colin

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Members,

On Saturday the 6th of October I left Lawrence in a snow blizzard to meet up with Bryan Kelly at the Dunedin Airport on our way to the National AGM. Like myself Bryan had similar conditions to drive through. Our flight was delayed as the plane had to be deiced at Chch before coming to Dunedin. This meant that we were late into Chch and an hour or so late into Palmerston north. Steve Finch picked us up and took us to the Raceway Motels, arriving in



time for the committee meeting followed by the AGM. I was re-elected as National President with all other positions staying the same. Secretary Michael Kruse has sent out some information regarding the increase in subscriptions for the 2015-16 year and options for you to consider as to how you wish to receive the Wolseley Word.

Access to the Web site is to be easier with the removal of the Pass-word. It has caused problems for many members. To protect club members first access to for-sale items etc in the Wolseley Word, it will be loaded onto the Web site a month later.

The club is also developing the proposal from the Southern Branch for a NZ logo. It is to be the same as the standard Wolseley Club badge with "Car Club NZ" across the bottom. Allan Frances and Bryan Kelly will be managing this through.

A copy of the Minutes for members will be printed in the Wolseley Word.

After the AGM we went to the Rangitiki Club in Feilding for a feed and great social time. On Sunday morning Allan, Bryan and myself went out to the Manawatu spares shed where we met up with Steve, Lance, Michael and Raewynn and had a good look at their spare parts and developments over a coffee.

Thanks to Steve and his branch for arranging the AGM etc and a SPECIAL THANKS to Steve and Margret for the use of their spare car for us three to get around in.

Christchurch Spares - Ray is going to be continuing as spares contact with Graeme Quate taking on a roll as assistance.

When members are considering ordering parts through Ray, please respect the time of day or in particular evening you are phoning him. Ray is happy to receive calls and give assistance as always but does not appreciate very early and late callers. I thank you for your consideration.

I wish all Club Members the very best of health and safe traveling. Gordon Duthie.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

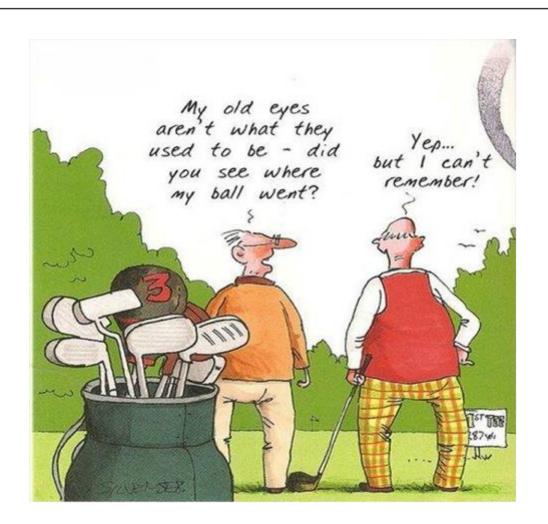
Dear Fellow Wolseleyites,

I have been progressing well with the 6/90 lately with the carburettors overhauled and the manifold fitted, so steady progress. My contribution this month is the minutes from the National AGM was in Fielding. You will find a copy later in the newsletter. Best regards, Michael Kruse



Deadline for next Wolseley Word: Friday 28th November 2014

Please note this will be the last newsletter for 2014, the first one for next year will be produced in the first week of February.



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BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS Auckland Branch News:

Paul and I have just arrived back today from Melbourne so a very quick brief Auckland Report. There are three events this month and we hope to see as many of you as possible at these events.

Coming Events:

1. Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 November 2014 – weekend away in Cambridge. Members are to make their own arrangements for accommodation and we will meet on the Saturday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. at the Hamilton Gardens.

2. **Sunday 16 November 2014 - Swap meet at Cambridge.** The venue for this year has been changed to Don Rowlands Centre, 601 Maungatautari Rd, Karapiro <u>Details</u>: Gates open 7am.

3. Saturday 29 November 2014 for a Christmas Dinner & Movie at 5.30 p.m.
Where: Westwind Theatre, 177 Riversdale Rd, Avondale.
Details: Dinner at 6pm followed by mystery film. Cost is \$25 per adult. Children \$1 per year of age up to 12 yrs old. BYO drinks. Need to know numbers by 22 November.
Contact Noeline 278 3944

Regards Noeline Billing

Manawatu Branch News and Events:

From Michelle Thompson:

It's nice to see the spring at last but the unpredictable nature of the weather certainly makes doing anything outdoors a chancy affair. Can't even seem to rely on the weather forecasts at the moment! Our run to the Keirunga Park Railway on Labour Weekend was looking a bit iffy for a while, even right down to a few hours beforehand, but we managed to strike it lucky and got the best day of whole weekend! And, it was a great outing – something I've been looking forward to for months. It's an awesome little railway ... well, actually, it's quite big. It boasts four viaducts, three tunnels and winds up and down the hilly topography of the park along half a mile of track. We were amongst the lot that stayed on to continue riding the trains, after the rest left. At the end of the day, I even got to drive one of the steam locos! What a thrill that was. You can read more about the whole day in Mary's report below.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Manawatu Branch, continued

In the news, this month, we are pleased to announce that the Manawatu Branch will, henceforth, be known as the Lower North Island Branch. The remit to the National AGM was approved, and it was agreed that this title is a better representation of the area that the Branch covers.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to new members Bruce & Julie McKechnie. They have a 4/44.

Our next outing is the Picnic Pow-Wow at Takapau, which will have already happened by the time you read this. And don't forget, coming up on 14 December we've got the inaugural Mort Andrews Memorial Rally (see 'Coming Events' for details). I hope all Branch members are busy getting their Wolseleys ship shape for this special occasion. This event will conclude in the evening with our annual Christmas Dine-out. Michelle



Michelle Thompson takes instructions from Jim on how to drive his steam loco.

From Mary McCutcheon:

Keirunga Park Run, Havelock North – Sunday, 26 October 2014

The weatherman was kind to us and we had perfect weather for our run to Keirunga Park. There was quite a good turnout, with Steve and Margaret Finch in the 15/50, Lance Fitness in the 4/44, Ray and Loris Whitcombe in the Queen Mary (6/110), Ivan and Mary McCutcheon in the 6/80, and Michelle and Andrew Thompson in the Sunbeam Rapier. We were also joined by some members of the Dannevirke Wheels Club: Tristan Smiley in a Vanguard ute, and Peter and Jacquie Bode in a mod.

We met at the Lower Domain in Dannevirke for morning tea and a natter, which was very welcome for some as they had quite a long drive. Our route to Havelock North took us through the back of Norsewood, across SH50, and through Onga Onga following the Waipawa River to Waipawa. At Waipawa we headed east along Middle Road to Havelock North and lunch at Keirunga Park.

After lunch we spent some time riding the miniature trains around their very picturesque track, then at 3pm we had a cuppa and went our various ways home. Some were staying

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in the Bay with friends, and some stayed on to ride the trains some more. The rest of us followed a different route back home, this time on the eastern side of the Tukituki River, around the back of Havelock North along Kahuranaki Road, via Ellsthorpe to Waipawa. Kahuranaki Road has been realigned and sealed, and it was hard to believe it was the same dirt track with grass growing in the middle that Ivan and I ventured down a few years ago. Going along the Takapau Plains we got tossed around a bit by the wind but that didn't matter, as we were on our homeward trek.

Overall, it was great day out – great company, and the countryside was looking its best. Mary McCutcheon



Parked up at the Dannevirke Lower Domain. From left: Ray Whitcombe's 6/110, Lance Fitness' 4/44, Ivan McCutcheon's 6/80 with Steve Finch's 15/50 barely visible behind it, Tristan Smiley's Vanguard ute, and Michelle Thompson's Sunbeam Rapier.



Enjoying morning tea and home baking in the beautiful setting of the Dannevirke Lower Domain. From Left: Ivan McCutcheon behind Steve Finch, Mary McCutcheon, Loris Whitcombe, Lance Fitness, Tristan Smiley, and Ray Whitcombe (obscured).

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Saturday, 29 November 2014 - Next Meeting & Working Bee

At the Parts Shed at Barnes, Working Bee starts at 9am & a Meeting at 10am. We need to know if YOU can be there. Contact Michelle or Steve by Nov 26th.

Sunday, 14 December 2013 – Mort Andrews Memorial Rally and Christmas Dinner

Meet at Ashhurst Domain--via Main Napier Road Entrance 2pm onwards. Prepare Wolseleys for Judging - Judging starts 3.00pm.

Time to mix & mingle + Christmas Cake & Punch.

5-30pm assemble at Fusion Cafe, Cambridge Terrace, Ashhurst for Christmas Evening Dinner. Cost \$30-00 per head.

Deadline for Meal Ticket numbers December 7th. Contact Steve or Margaret Finch 06-329-4009

Other Events:

Sunday, 16 November 2014 - Southward's Car Museum Auto Jumble

From 8:00am, Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu (turn right at new roundabout). General admission \$5, sellers' plots \$10 (passengers \$5). Preferential parking for your classic cars.

Saturday, 13 December 2014 - Lake Ferry Excursion

35th Annual Lake Ferry Excursion, organised by the Sunbeam Car Club. Meet by the Fell Museum in Featherston at 11am for an 11:30am departure to Lake Ferry.

Sunday, 1 February 2015 – Wheels with Attitude

Dannevirke A & P Showgrounds, Neptune Street, 10am-2pm.

Sunday, 8 February 2015 – British Car Day

Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt, 10am.

A blonde chick gets a job as a physical education teacher of 16 year-olds. She notices a boy at the end of the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun, kicking a football. She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him.

'You ok?' she asks.

'Yes,' he replies.

- 'You can go and play with the other kids, you know,' she says.
- 'It's best I stay here,' he says.
- 'Why's that, sweetie?' asks the blonde.
- The boy looks at her incredulously and says: "Because I'm the goalkeeper !!!"

Christchurch Branch News:

Things have been ticking along nicely during October, however most of the activity has been occurring mid-week at Idlewood. Last month I mentioned that we were looking at scheduling some mid-week activity there to begin a major clean-out and much-needed shelving re-vamp of No.4 container. This was the last one to come to Idlewood, and came directly from the old site at 399 New Brighton Road, having hardly been touched since it was slightly flooded with liquefaction after the earthquakes. It has been at Idlewood for about 18 months, and in that time it's been repainted outside, and roofed right over to ensure it's completely water-tight. As far as the inside was concerned though, it was agreed by everyone that it would need to be completely emptied in order to clean it out properly, and that any spoiled parts or parts for which there is no demand at all should be disposed of, and the shelving should be rebuilt at the same time.

I'm extremely pleased to be able to report that a team has indeed launched in and got this underway. I won't name them yet for fear of leaving someone out, however it's much the same merry band that has been involved in much of the development work that's happened out there in the past.

Progress has been rapid indeed, and in the last 3 weeks the container has been emptied completely, new shelving constructed, and already the parts are starting to go back in. At our next 'official' working bee this coming weekend (Saturday 8th November), decisions will be made on what parts (mainly body panels) can be kept, and what is not wanted. I'm aware that there are a few that have rust issues, so these will be the first to go. I'm told the cleanout unearthed 42 gearboxes, dozens of doors, and dozens of windscreens and bumpers as well, so it was as much a discovery as a recovery mission. I haven't seen the inside of the container since the start of work, however I've been told in was indeed in dire need of a clean-out – there was a lot of rather smelly liquefaction sand in it, and most of

the existing shelving had bad borer in it as well. Hopefully I can get some photos this weekend and include them in the next issue.

This year's Swap Meet display was well supplied with club cars, so thanks to everyone who turned



Display cars at the Swap Meet – from left are Graham Quate's Ten, Allan Francis' 6/90, Eddie Bishop's 24/80, Ray Willoughby's 15/50, Colin & Jenny Hey's 1500, and Matthew Hey's 1100.

up and put their Wolseley on display – it was appreciated. This year's one-make display was one of the best for years (no doubt helped by the good weather), so it was good to be part of the mix. I've talked about the Swap Meet in the Editors Stuff column, but I would add that it was great to catch up with so many members from up and down the country during the weekend. Many had specific items they were looking for, and all seemed happy

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with their finds, even if they didn't have exactly what they had come to look for. It was also great to catch up with John Mallia again – he had travelled from Melbourne just to come to the Swap Meet, and went home with some head gaskets for his 6/80 and his 25HP, so was very pleased. This year it was all over and done with by mid-day Sunday, which meant we could break camp and get home in time to put everything away, which is certainly helpful.

Unfortunately, the run we had planned for 26th October had to be cancelled, due to a sewage overflow issue at the venue we were going to go to. In a way, this didn't matter too much, because about a week before the date the Caravan Club (who are our neighbours at Idlewood) invited us to join them for a pot-luck dinner on the same date. We were therefore able to use this as a standby option, and it turned out to be a very enjoyable alternative. We have been to two of these dinners in the past, and they make us very welcome indeed. The food was great too!

Our final event for the month was the All British Day, which was held on 2nd November. A good turnout of Wolseleys (9 altogether), including Graeme and Judy Quate in the Wolseley 10, and Chris Hengst who bought the Series III 18/85 along. We struck a warm but very windy day, and this year's run finished at the very nice West Eyreton Domain – fortunately offering some good shelter from the very strong NW wind. Both Danny O'Malley and Jock Dunn finished up in the prize list for coming close to the mystery time for the routes they were on – somehow he managed this, even though he got lost on the way! Actually, it wasn't a good day for Danny, as he got a new folding seat out to sit down on, and it broke as soon as he sat on it – fortunately without injury!

Also during the month we were able to do a bit of community service for the Post-Polio Association. Ray Willoughby is on the committee for the organisation, and during October the Christchurch Branch hosted the national conference. Ray offered and then organised 6 Wolseleys to collect members from the conference venue at the Chateaux Hotel and take



The cars lined up ready for the Post-Polio conference outing

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them on a 90-minute tour around Christchurch to show them a little of what the city looks like post-earthquake. I put the route together, and we took them into the CBD where they were able to see the little that is left following all the demolitions, over to Lyttelton, and then out to the eastern side of town where all the red-zone is located. Most of those we took had not been to Christchurch since the earthquakes and were astounded at the damage that has been done, and couldn't believe the amount of roadworks going on around the city. They all really appreciated the trip (especially doing it in classic cars), and for us, it was a good thing to be part of.

The cars were supplied by myself and Allan Francis (6/90s), Danny O'Malley (6/110), Ray Willoughby (15/50), Eddie Bishop (24/80), and Anthony Dacre and a friend of his from the Rolls Royce and Bentley Club, both of whom came in Bentleys.

Coming up on 16th November, we have a long run up to Leithfield to the new Bains Classics showroom, and to visit the new McVicar Classic Car Museum next door. At the beginning of December (6th December) we're also planning to travel up to the Lake Coleridge power station to join in the 100th Anniversary celebrations there. This will be a good trip, and a great chance for us to catch up with our members based around the Ashburton area.

Colin Hey

Christchurch Branch Coming Activities:

Saturday 8th November – Working Bee at Idlewood

Arrive any time after 9.00am – come to help, buy parts, just chill out and have a yarn or solve your Wolseley problems over a cuppa. Morning tea provided, bring your lunch if you want to stay a bit longer. Note that this working bee is the first Saturday of the month, rather than the usual second Saturday, due to the Swap Meet the following weekend (Saturday 11th).

Sunday 16th November – Visit to Bains Classic Car Showroom and the new McVicar Classic Car Museum.

Meet at the Belfast Hotel, 1.30pm. We'll drive up to these adjacent premises just off SH1 near Leithfield, and have a look through. Entry fee to the museum is 5.00 per person. Please bring your afternoon tea – if the weather is OK we will go down the road to Leithfild Beach domain – if it is not, we may go to the Leithfield Hotel to see the afternoon out.

Sunday 7th December – Lake Coleridge Open Day and Power Station Centenary.

This will be a great day out. Meet at the West Melton Hotel car park at 9.00am or make your way to Lake Coleridge village to arrive no later than 10.15am (if you want to take part in the commemorative parade). Note entry fee of \$10 per person. You can bring your own lunch or purchase it there. Contact Colin Hey if you need more details. We will email more information out closer to the time, and include it in the next newsletter.

Saturday 13th December – Working Bee at Idlewood.

We may finish up the year after the working bee with a BBQ and pot-luck dinner – check out details in next month's newsletter.

Southern Region News:

Wow, what a busy couple of months we've just had. First we had a club display at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin on Saturday 13th September. After a couple of hic-cups we got four cars sorted to display and decided to go with the set theme of 'Party Time'. Once again this year I was allowed to use and display Bill and Kathy Obers 16/60 (wish he'd fix the heater!!) Up at 4a.m and on the road by 5a.m with a 3 hour drive to get to Dunedin by 8a.m, which was the cut off time for cars to be in the building. Arriving just before 8, I met up with Gordon Duthie who driving the Winters 1300, guided me through the tight maze of 300 other cars to our delegated display area. And then the setting up could be finished off. Cars on display were, Gordon and Beryl Duthies 6/110, Colin and Judy Winters 1300 and the 1900 Wolseley 'Grandma' and the Obers 16/60. The 1900 was set up to represent 'Grandmas' birthday with a lot of period stuff. 'Picnic party' was the setting for the 1300 and Gordon and Beryl set the 6/110 up ready for the 'wedding party'. As for the 16/60, a big blue ribbon and bow set her apart as a 'present'. Blue ribbon on a green car sounds strange but somehow it worked and all the cars looked fantastic. A steady crowd flowed through the hall all day and more than a few were surprised to find after looking at row after row of more modern machines (than ours), our display. Very positive remarks, much admiring and heaps of photos taken, made us feel pretty damn good as



Bill Obers' 16/60, and Colin and Judy Winter's 1900 on display.

well.

One local lady was very taken with the 16/60 for reasons that were explained in detail to us. It transpires the car she learnt to drive in (in a paddock) was a 16/60 that everyone had had a go in. When she got her licence she convinced her Dad she needed transport to go

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back and forth to Teachers College, so car was 'done up'. This 16/60 served as faithful transport for many many years to the schools she taught at. If she could've taken the 16/60home with her, she would've. Even her husband said she still goes on about her beloved 16/60. He laughed when saying she would be impossible to live with now and blamed us. A couple of photos were taken of her and the car which Gordon has sent to her. He has already received a reply thanking him for the photos and us being so friendy on the day. Hey, isn't that what we're all about? Plenty of people taking notice our display attracted interesting folk as

well, firstly motoring icon Allan Dick and then Gordon was interviewed by Dougal Stevenson for the local TV channel. But what I noticed was the amount of interest younger ones (15 to 24 age group) were taking of 'Grandma'. They were fascinated this machine was over 100 years old and wanted to know everything about her. Colin was sure kept busy answering questions all day. A surprise visitor was Allan Francis from Christchurch. Was good to finally meet Allan and a good natter was had by all. With the positive remarks about our display, we thought we might be in with a chance of getting recognised in the results. Na, best display was won by a...Mk 2 Zephyr towing a caravan. Mmmm, I couldn't figure that one out. A very good day was all too soon over and it was time to pack up and head home. A stop with a local friend for a coffee and a 3 hour drive home and the day was done

Three weeks later on October Saturday 4th, once again up early. This time 3a.m. A flight out of Dunedin to Palmerston North via Christchurch at 7.45a.m awaits. This time I used our Toyota Corolla. Heater was working in this car!!, and it was needed!! Snow greeted me less than a hour into the trip. The further I went the heavier the snow got with speed limited to 50klms/hr just before Dunedin. Arriving at airport was informed plane was going to be delayed. Gordon arrived from Lawrence and said conditions were not much better on his trip to the airport. Underway eventally but a delay in Christchurch meant we missed a visit to the swapmeet in Fielding. Meet at Palmerston North by the friendly Steve Finch who made us very welcome, he wisked us to our accommodation and venue for the National AGM, Raceway Court Motels in Fielding. Not only that, but he lent Gordon, Allan Francis and myself his BMW wagon for the time we would be in town. Time to book in, quick coffee and over to main room for the committee meeting. There it was good to meet and finally put some faces to names. This was followed by the AGM. Reports from your national president and secretary will surely be included in their reports , so I won't go into details. An enjoyable evening was then held at the Rangitikei Club and then

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back to the motel for a much needed sleep. After breakfast the next morning, we had accepted an invitation to meet some members at the local Wolseley spares shed. This gave me a chance to catch up with real nice people again. Micheal and Raewynn Kruse, Steve Finch and Lance Fitness. These guys reminded me why I joined this club, fantastic, genuine down to earth people. Also got the chance to check out Steve 15/50, Micheal and

Raewynn Kruzes 1500 and Lance Fitness's 4/44. Then a highlight for me, a spirited drive in the Kruses Wolseley 1500 with Micheal. WOW...what a neat little machine...AWESOME!!!!. Then, he let me drive it back to the shed. Yep...I want one. Better finish our 16/60 first! All to soon it was time to be delivered back to the airport for our flight home Steve reclaimed his Bimmer and carried out said duty. I would like to give huge thanks to Lance, Steve,



Michael, Raewynn for their hospitality big time! Thanks heaps guys. Also thanks to the Lower North Island membership for hosting everyone and making us welcome. Back to earth with a thump after a hectic few weekends, work awaited. Busy as but managing to get some more work on the 16/60 done, slow progress being made, but getting there.

Regards to all from the Deep South Bryan Kelly

FOR SALE

For Sale - Classic Car Steering Wheel Covers.

Quality reproduction 1940/60's style vinyl covers with foam backing for driver comfort, made to measure with a choice of colours. Includes stitching cord, a bodkin and fitting instructions. The diameter of your steering wheel and its rim required. \$56.00 each including freight.

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Photo shows one of Roger's steering wheel covers fitted to Gordon Duthie's 6/110.

Brits at the Beach (and other adventures) by Ruth Cleal

This year we decided to go to Brits at the Beach in Whangamata. This is the British car's answer to Beach Hop which is for American cars and hot rods so the organisers felt it was time for a more genteel version with cars more to their liking. (Unfortunately, it is on at the first weekend in October so maybe the Wolseley Club will have to do something about the timing of its AGM in the North Island.)

We had booked tickets to the World of Wearable Arts show on Wednesday night of 1st October, so had to set off one day late on Thursday morning and spent a night at a very nice motel with a spa pool in every unit. The weather was looking decidedly iffy, but the organisers had a plan B in case they needed it.

We stayed at Waihi Beach in Alex Sutton's sleep out for the 3 nights we were there, and it was great to catch up with Alex. Unfortunately, Isabel had just come out of hospital the week before and they were not able to come with us to any of the functions. She has had several trips back there after an operation a few weeks ago, and since our return Winton has spoken to Alex and found she is back in Waikato Hospital and will be spending some time at a convalescent home for some nursing care.

It was raining cats and dogs when we arrived at the Whangamata Club and picked up our pack of function tickets etc. but it was great to catch up with people we knew from the VCC in Tauranga and other places.

Seeing that we had missed the Friday action, first up for us was the parade of cars on Saturday morning. There were over 500 cars in the parade so it was a real wow to see all the Zephyrs, Austins, minis, Capris (my favourite), Bentleys etc. and lots of sports cars; after which they all parked up in Williamson Park with crafts, car parts and memorabilia on sale. There was even a rather grand looking Rolls Royce and about 3 Wolseleys (let's make it more next year). That was when we caught up with our friends from the Morris 8 Tourers Club who we met in Christchurch last Christmas.

After lunch we went up to Tairua for the Tea Party and Tombola which was held inside because of the inclement weather, although it was only raining slightly at that stage. The main entertainment on Saturday night was dinner with a group playing Dire Straits music, which we were unable to get tickets for but were lucky enough to get some complimentaries for a cabaret night at the Whangamata RSA. Sunday morning we were up bright and early to go to High Tea at 9.30 am at the Omaha Beach Café. Our friends from Cambridge met us there and we all had a great time. Next year we will all share accommodation in Whangamata.

The last event was a Bonnets Up car show at Williamson Park and then there was a prizegiving before everyone went on their way.

Stephen and Janice Belcher won the prize for Best Motor Car on Show at Brits 2014 with their beautifully restored 1970 Wolseley 18/85.

Other winners were:

Peter and Mary for Best Car at Grahamstown -4.5 Litre Bentley Tourer; and Murray for Best Bonnets Up Car - The Mini De Joux.

There was also a raffle prize of an MGF with your entry. You had to be there to win it and the winners were the third drawn so we all had our fingers crossed by that stage.

Brits at the Beach (and other adventures) - continued

Brits at the Beach No 6 will be held on October 8, 9, 10 & 11th in 2015 so we are looking forward to that – and some good Whangamata weather. There will be a Pink Floyd Tribute band at next year's event for those lovers of Pink Floyd!

We continued on our travels for the next 10 days, visiting Tauranga, Thames, Coromandel, Cambridge, Pirongia and Hamilton. The highlight was when we saw Ben and Patricia in Pirongia and found out Winton is going to be a grandfather in May. In Hamilton we visited the Classic Car Museum at Frankton and the International Award winning Hamilton Gardens.

We drove all the way back from Hamilton on Wednesday going via Otorohanga, Ohakune and Taihape. The Wolseley went really well on all our travels and it was great to use the Tomtom which plugged into the 1956 cigarette lighter. (Contact Winton for advice on how to do this.)



Congratulations to Stephen and Janice on their exceptional win! Well done!

National AGM Minutes (note – unconfirmed)

Wolseley Car Club of New Zealand – Annual General Meeting 2014 Held at the Raceway Motel Conference Centre, Fielding Saturday 4th October 2014 at 3pm

Present:	Gordon Duthie (President), Paul Billing (Treasurer), Michael Kruse (Secretary), Bryan Kelly, Steve Finch, Allan Francis, Noeline Billing, Rod Baxter, Matthew Hey, Colin Hey, Kevin Poppe, Ivan McCutcheon, Mary McCutcheon, Michelle Thompson, Andrew
Apologies:	Thompson, Elsie Thompson, Lance Fitness, Marie Sole, David Sole, Raewynn Kruse Merv Warner, Lottie Egar, Winton and Ruth Cleal, Trevor and Adele Burnnand, Steven and Janice Belcher, Dave Keech, Ray Willouby. Moved David Sole/Ivan McCutcheon

Welcome

President Gordon Duthie welcomed those present and a minutes silence was observed memory of those members who had passed away in the last year. Betty Francis, Dolphy Mathis , Pete Cox

Minutes of the 2013 AGM

The 2013 minutes had been circulated via email to club secretaries prior to the meeting. The minutes were also circulated prior to the meeting to those members attending. These minutes were taken as read and confirmed. Moved Colin Hey/Michael Kruse **Carried**.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Reports

National President: Gordon read and moved his report (attached) which was adopted.

Moved Gordon Duthie/Michelle Thompson Carried

National Treasures Report: Paul Billing circulated a copy of the financial statements to all present. There were no questions from the floor.

Moved Paul Billing/Bryan Kelly, Carried.

Paul moved that there be an increase in annual subscriptions from \$40 - \$50, due to the fact that there has been an increase in printing and postage cost of the newsletter.

Moved Paul Billing/Michael Kruse Carried

Paul also recommended that if there was a change in the executive that any 2 signatories of the President, Secretary and Treasurer are authorised to signs cheques for the National account.

Moved Colin Hey/ Gordon Duthie Carried.

National Secretary Report: Michael Kruse read his report which was taken as read and adopted.

Moved Michael Kruse/Mary McCutcheon Carried

Branch Reports

The Branch reports were presented by the delegates and are attached to these minutes.

Auckland -Noeline Billing presented this report

Christchurch – Colin Hey presented this report

Southern – Bryan Kelly presented this report

Nelson/Marlborough – Bryan Stansbury sent his apology. Michael Kruse passed on that there were 8 members in this Branch and that they were still quite active.

Manawatu – Steve Finch gave a verbal report for Manawatu, Manawatu branch has had more runs this year thank to Club Captain Ruth Cleal. We have 32 members.

We have been having meetings combined with working bees which is not working that well due to time constraints. The Parts shed is still in need of some sorting, members are working hard on this. We have been invited to meet up with other clubs on occasions. IE: the Riley Club, we had a good turnout at the AGM with 25 people attending, 3 restorations taking place by members. We are looking forward to a good 12 months ahead.

National Spares coordinator report

Ray Willoughby is to retire from this role. Graham Quate is working alongside Ray for the next 12 months to hopefully slip into the role. This role will be a joint role at present. Report in full is in the Sept Wolseley Word.

Federation of Motoring – Paul Billing

130 Car clubs as members of the Federation have made a new appointment to the Federation of Harry Duynhoven. Biggest thing to note is the changes in WOF. Paul read out some statistics regarding this.

National AGM Minutes (note – unconfirmed)

Editors Report – Taken as read

Website - The website is ticking over successfully. The website however was hacked into recently; Geoffrey has fixed this problem and taken out all the advertising that appeared on our site. Can members please advise Ivan of anything they would like to go on the website, articles for sale points of interest etc.

National Rally Report – presented by Allan Francis, taken as read.

Election of Officers

National President – Gordon Duthie - Nominated Noeline Billing/Bryan Kelly, Gordon had finished his three year term but as there were no further nominations this position has been rolled over. **Carried National Secretary** - Michael Kruse – Nominated Gordon Duthie/Mary McCutcheon **Carried**

National Treasurer – Paul Billing – Nominated Steve Finch/Ivan McCutcheon Carried

Spares Coordinator – Ray Willougby and Graham Quate. This role will be joint role for the next 12 months **Carried**

Wolseley Word Editor – Colin Hey Gordon Duthie/Ivan McCutcheon Carried Branch Delegates

- Auckland Trevor Burnnand
- Manawatu Ivan McCutcheon
- Nelson/Marlborough Bryan Stansbury
- Christchurch
 Colin Hey
- Southern Bryan Kelly

Federation of Motoring – Paul Billing – Marie Sole/Mary McCutcheon Carried

Website Manager – Geoffrey McCutcheon – Rod Baxter/Ivan McCutcheon Carried Remits

Internet banking and Invoicing of Subscriptions

I propose that the Editor of the Wolseley Word sends out the Renewal of Membership Form **(Yellow form)** with the Bank account numbers of all the five Branch Bank accounts included on the form. So members can pay their subscription online. The name of member will be referenced to payment.

Michael Kruse/Ivan McCutcheon Manawatu Branch - Carried

Manawatu Name Change

Michelle proposed on behalf of the Manawatu Branch that they change their name from Manawatu to Lower North Island. This is due to the area that the branch covers, and would make it easier for those people intending to join a Wolseley Car Club.

Michelle Thompson/David Sole – Carried

Southern Region – Logo

Remit attached to the minutes. After discussion about this remit it was agreed that Bryan Kelly and Allan Francis to work together to developing a NZ standard Logo that all branches can use.

Bryan Kelly/Gordon Duthie – Carried

General Business

Website – That the Wolseley Car Club NZ website be open to any users such that a password is not required for access and that the current newsletter be uploaded 2 weeks after postage to allow members to view its content first. Colin Hey/Michael Kruse **Carried**

Auckland Branch – As the weekend of this AGM in Fielding fell on the same weekend as Brits on the Beach it was requested that the date be changed in the future if this was to happen again. After much discussion it was decided by those present that the AGM has always coincided with the Swap meet. It was decided that the date would remain the same. Noeline Billing/ Mary McCutcheon.

This also brought up discussion around the AGM held in Christchurch which is held to coincide with the VCC swap meet. This swap meet goes over three days with the AGM and executive meetings held on separate evenings.

After much discussion around the AGM meeting times and days and coinciding with swap meets, it was decided that no dates would change but people who are organising these meetings please be mindful of those others travelling to the meetings and expenses incurred. Organising committees to liaise with the National President.

National AGM Minutes (note – unconfirmed)

Newsletter – Michael is put together a newsletter to all members, asking if they would prefer to get newsletter emailed and not receive a hard copy. The advantage is that this will cut cost on printing and postage expenses. People will also receive their newsletter in colour and able to print it if they wish.

Numbers for members – Most Branches have numbers for their members. Auckland do not use this system. With the up to date spread sheets completed by the National Secretary it should be relatively easy to keep track of members. After much discussion it was decided that it was up to Branches as to whether they wish to continue with numbers.

National Rally Feb/March 2016 – This will take place in the Waikato area. A small group has started to investigate accommodation options etc. To be organised by the Auckland Branch.

Meeting closed at 5.10pm with adjournment to the Rangitikei Club for social time and dinner.

2015 Annual General Meeting

This will be held in Christchurch, to be organised by the Christchurch Branch in liaison with the National President.

National Presidents Report

27th September 2014

Dear Members,

This AGM completes my third year as your National President and a position that I have enjoyed.

First I wish to thank the members for your support to the club and your involvement with your local branch.

It is your club, and some of us are elected and appointed to run it on your behalf.

Your involvement and support at organised events makes it worthwhile.

I wish to thank National Secretary Michael Kruse for the tremendous job he has done.

I have really enjoyed our regular communications and his support. It's been much appreciated. Taking over from Winton, Michael has continued to get the National Data Base up to date and has promoted the Hand Book for Elected and Nominated positions for the advantage of all committee members well. Thanks to National Treasurer Paul Billing for his continued dedication and for representing the Wolseley Club on the Federation of Motoring.

Thanks to Wolseley Word Editor Colin Hey and his committee for the Wolseley Word productions. Thanks to the Manawatu committee for the work they are doing with their spares shed.

A special thanks goes to Ray Willoughby who is stepping back as National Spares Coordinator. With the support of Wendy and local members they have had to deal with a lot of extra work created by the earth quake. Relocating, cataloguing and stocking has been a very big job and all being done for the benefit of the members. Thank you.

Graeme Quate has been approached and will give assistance to Ray as Spares Coordinator. We look forward to supporting him.

Well done to the Canterbury Branch for a successful National Rally based at Methven and in particular, Allan for what he was doing for the Rally considering Betty's failing health at the time.

I wish to acknowledge members who have died for their contributions to the club over their years. Thanks to those in the national committee, and others who I have contacted from time to time for your support.

I wish the incoming committee all the best for the future.

Go Wolseley.

Gordon Duthie.

Secretary's Report New Zealand Wolseley Car Club 2014

Dear Fellow Wolseleyites,

My first year as secretary has gone fast and I have enjoyed the role. Thanks must go to Gordon for the Hand Book of Responsibilities it has been very helpful.

The year started the National AGM in Christchurch which was very well attended and ran smoothly. While attending the AGM was the main focus of my trip to Christchurch . I also had a holiday with John Mallia including Wolseley transport his 18/85 FWD and helping out Matthew Hey in picking up his Trademe purchase in Picton and driving it to Christchurch.

Included in the week we visited Ruth and Winton Cleal in Wellington ,The AMAZING ;-O Canterbury VCC Swap meet. If you have never been and you are a car / old stuff buff it is a MUST do experience. It is on for 3 days . the first day I wondered around in AWE of the variety and amount of stuff , the second day I was buying bits and pieces and looking again at thinks I liked but left on the first day. The third day I still found stall I hadn't seen on the previous two days, there were bargains to be had as the traders cut their losses and did not want to go home with the same load of stuff they had come to sell!!

During the year I have been slowly Compiling the New Zealand Wolseley Car Register and now have 98 cars on the Register . I know this is not a complete list of Wolseley's in New Zealand but it is a start. If you want a copy or able to help please contact me.

In March we travel to Methven to the National Rally, it was a great week catching up with all our Wolseley friends and new museums, new places and new roads to drive on. Thanks Alan and Colin all his helpers.

We added another week on to our South Island holiday and spent it in Westport a very pleasant place. Winter has been busy for me with my role changing from hands on to more project managing role. Also I am starting to get a role on with my restore of our 6/90 with the goal of January 2016 VCC International Rally in Dunedin.

Not long after the Rally the club lost a great friend ,Betty Francis she will be missed by all that new her. Also during the year the Club lost Dolphy Mathis and tragically Pete Cox whom lost his life ,due to a work incident. There will be some I do not know , so let us take a minute to think of all of those that have passed on .

Thank you for all your efforts with our club . KEEP using and ENJOYING your WOLSELEYES

Michael Kruse National Secretary New Zealand Wolseley Car Club

Fancy a Trip to Route 66?

A few enthusiast Wolseley members are interested in touring the Route 66 Mother road from Chicago to Los Angeles (about 2,200 miles). It is in the early days of planning, but at this stage our thinking is a possible tour starting from Chicargo about April /May 2015, taking about 25 days and including as much as possible of the old highway by car. The tour would include Las Vegas. If you have done this trip any suggestions would be most grateful .If interested in joining us please contact Danny O'Malley by email - dandsomalley@clear.net,nz or Allan Francis by email <u>.allan.betty@xtra.co.nz</u> as soon as possible. Allan Francis



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