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September 08

Wednesday the 3rd of September. Monthly meeting University Staff Club
September 26 -28th. COVCC Alexandra Blossom Festival rally.
Sunday the 28th of September. Drag Racing at Alexandra Airport. Phone Paul Hinton on
03 448 6903

October 08

Wednesday the 1st of October. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

November 08

Saturday the 1st & Sunday the 2nd of November. "Nove Rove" rally to Oamaru.
Book into Armada Motor Inn, Ph 0800 62 62 78.

Email office@armadamotorinn.co.nz

Wednesday the 5th of November. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

December 08

Wednesday the 3rd of December. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

January 09

No monthly meeting in January.

February 09

Wednesday the 4th of February. Monthly meeting University Staff Club
Dunedin Festival of Speed planned for some time in February
28th of February - 6th of March. Classic Motoring Awards, Nelson

March 09

Wednesday the 4th of March. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

April 09

Wednesday the 1st of April. Monthly meeting University Staff Club
10th - 13th of April. ARCC Rally, New Plymouth

May 09

Wednesday the 6th of May. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

Monthly meetings 1st Wednesday each month.
University Staff Club 7.00pm.
Drinks & Natter

Some Interesting Quotes

Carburettor is a French word meaning 'leave it alone'.

Dick O'Kane

"Make the suspension adjustable and they will adjust it wrong -- look what they can do to a Weber carburettor in just a few moments of stupidity with a screwdriver."

Colin Chapman

"I build them to go, not to stop."

Ettore Bugatti upon criticism of poor braking performance in his race cars.

Simon Taylor on Stirling Moss' mastery of the Le Mans-type start:

"He always took up a sprinter's crouch and was usually first to his car - but on one occasion Mike Hawthorn, to wind him (Moss) up, started early and was halfway across the road when the flag fell. Into the silence came Moss' enraged shout: "You bastard, Hawthorn!" This so delighted Hawthorn that he collapsed giggling in the middle of the track, and was nearly run over as the race got under way."

"All Parts Falling Off This Car are of the Finest English Workmanship"

Proactive "Thunder Sunday" Drag Racing

28th of September, 11am-4.30pm

Alexandra Airport

Scrutineering 8am—10.30am

\$10 entry fee, under 14s free

All vehicles must have current registration & WOF unless tech inspected

Fundraiser for Terrace Kindergarten

For more information phone Paul Hinton on 03 448 6903

From The Editor...

Two tough questions:

Question 1:

If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had 8 kids already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion?

Read the next question before looking at the answer for this one.

Question 2:

It is time to elect a new world leader, and only your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three candidates.

Candidate A:

He associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologists. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B:

He was kicked out of office twice and sleeps until noon. He used opium in College and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.

Candidate C:

He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian and doesn't smoke. He drinks an occasional beer and never committed adultery.

Which of these candidates would be our choice?

Decide first... No peeking, and then look on page 12 for the answers.

Bumper Sticker Suggestion Of The Month

OWN THE CAR, PAYING OFF THE PETROL

ROVER CAR CLUB of OTAGO

MINUTES of meeting of members, held at the Otago University Staff Club, 7pm on Wednesday the 6th August 2008.

PRESENT

Jeff Sparrow, Terry Bough, Walton Brown, Reid Buchan, John Moore, Ray Pilley, Norman Sparrow.

APOLOGIES

Alastair McInnes, Ian & Eleanore Clark, Bernie Halford, Jan Smith.

CORRESPONDENCE

Club newsletters received from - Nelson, Canterbury
Email from Richard Stedman re COVCC Rally weekend of Alexandra Blossom Festival. September 26th, 27th and 28th. Details to be circulated through Tribune.

MEMBERSHIP

Resignations nil.
New Member Applications nil

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions received Town 10, Country 15.
Paid at meeting, two Town (Terry Bough and Jeff Sparrow).

TRIPS & OUTINGS

“Bernie`s evening” – 16th August after 7pm BYO and plate.
Dunedin Festival of Speed Cancelled (committee unable to raise necessary funds).
Now proposed for February 2009.
“Nov Rove” details to be advised.
Classic Motoring Awards, Nelson Feb 28th / Mar 6th 2009.
ARCC Rally 2009. New Plymouth 10 - 13 April. Entry forms available.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rover Club `Regalia etc -
Tee-shirts \$30 each. Not all sizes available to monogram to date.
Has the decision taken in May meeting re the ARCC Annual Rally been advised to ARCC Secretary.?
Celebration of Taieri George Railway in 2009 details to be published in Tribune.

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.30pm, followed by general discussion
ns 7/8/2008



AGM Dinner, July 2008



Len Wither`s 1961 P5 at the 2008 Auto-spectacular

Answers to the questions on page 3.

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

And, by the way, on your answer to the abortion question:
If you said YES, you just killed Beethoven.

Pretty interesting isn't it?

Makes a person think before judging someone.

Remember: Amateurs ... Built the ark. Professionals ... Built the Titanic

Nove Rove 2008

This years "Nov Rove" will take place again on the first weekend of November.

We will be heading to Oamaru where we will stay over night.

A fun filled weekend is in the planning, and I will advise you as time goes along. It is hoped that some Canterbury members will make it down to join us for the weekend also.

We are booked into the Armada Motor Inn where accommodation cost starts at \$80 for a Studio unit. If you also book here please mention that you are from the Rover Car Club, as discount will be given to us if we fill 10 or more units.

There is quite a lot on in Oamaru that weekend with Bowl's champions, and some wood turning thing on, also taking up units so don't wait, **book now**.

There is a restaurant next to this Motel complex and I'm hoping to have us eat there.

ARMADA MOTOR INN

For reservation : 0800 62 62 78

Or E-mail: office@armadamotorinn.co.nz

Bernie Halford 03 4876 870

IGNITION.

August 2008.

Winter sure has been with us this year.

My cars are in need of a good clear that have been on the road. A job for a fine day when it comes around.

This months meeting was back to the usual at the University Staff Club with the normal attendees.

Items of future interest was a suggested organized "ROVE" to a wind farm and the Taieri Gorge Railway celebrations in 2009. Any other suggestions would be welcome.

We are not intending to organize a "Blossom Festival Run" to Alexandra this year but details are in the Tribune for those interested.

Lets hope the petrol prices remain static for the next couple or so months to allow us the warmer weather runs from our winter hibernation. I know its too cold in my garage to complete a couple of projects on my Rovers.

To date no further information on the availability of club shirts those Emails on sizes and availability will be responded too once this info is to hand.

A reminder for "An Evening At Bernies" on Saturday 16th August after 7 p.m. BYO and a plate please plus any Rove photos or CD's to all those intending to go.

I've run out of puff this month.

Safe & Happy Roving.

Norman S.
President.

Roewe reveals reborn Rover 45

CHINA'S FORD FOCUS RIVAL HAS BEEN UNVEILED!



Set to reach UK shores in 2009, the compact family car was revealed by SAIC at the Shanghai Motor Show, and is the latest model to rise from the ashes of Rover.

Carrying SAIC's new Roewe badge - which we have already seen on a replacement for the Rover 75, known as the 750 - the company's latest model was displayed in the form of a concept car, called the W2.

The Focus rival is expected to be badged Roewe 450 when it appears on dealer forecourts. Sticking to a four-door body style with a chunky shape and a rising waistline, it has a distinctive look.

Not Your Every Day Rover.



1947 Rover Tou

Evening at Bernie's

Well this wasn't one of our most successful get-togethers.

Was great to have two couples up from South Otago, but the response from our local members could only be described as pathetic.

We had two TV's set up, one for the Rover videos and one on the Olympics so we could keep up with the Rowing champ's, plus Jeff Sparrow had a big screen set up to show the still photos on. It was a good night with those in attendance enjoying their evening. Obviously this is not the kind of club get together most of you would like so it is unlikely that we will run another.

We need you to put forward ideas of what you would like to do as a club, and hopefully have somebody step forward to help organize.

Thank you to Bernie and Steph for putting on another great Rover night at your place.

Once again we had a good time reminiscing and laughing over the Rover Runs and Rallies.

We realized that some of us are not good movie takers or movie subjects but we could all still laugh anyway.

Thanks to Jeff who brought along his projector and screen.

We had a good supper and thought we had better head home.

Once again thanks to our hosts Mr and Mrs Halford.

From Joe and Glenice, Ian and Eleanore.

From One To Eight

The first internal combustion engine was constructed by the Frenchman Jean-Joseph Etienne Lenoir and patented in 1860. The first motor car was born when he installed this engine in 1863 in a small three wheeled carriage.

The internal combustion process was improved by Nikolaus-August Otto into the now well known 4-stroke cycle. The first car with an Otto engine was the Benz three wheeler from 1885. The Benz wasn't the first car! (sorry Germans!), but it was the first one built commercially.

The first cars from Lenoir, Benz, Daimler were all one-cylinders. But two cylinders soon arrived with a narrow angle V-2 from Daimler/Maybach in 1887 which was replaced in 1895 with a two cylinder in-line engine.

Panhard was the first car manufacturer who introduced the four-cylinder in 1897.

The first six-cylinder came from Spijker, a Dutch car company, in 1902. The car was also the first car in the world with four wheel drive! However this Spijker wasn't a real production car. The first car in production with a six-cylinder was the 18 hp from the British Napier company in 1903.

The first 8 cylinder was built by the Frenchman Clement Ader in 1903. He already built V4's and combined two of them to form the first V8 but only three or four of these engines have been built.

It was Cadillac that built the first commercially successful V-8. It was a 5,1 litre with 70 hp and was introduced in 1914. From then on the Americans took the lead in V-8 production and continue to do so until this day.



For the show model, SAIC's stylists have pulled out all the stops. They've added a new panoramic glass roof - which could become an option on the production version - metallic lilac paintwork and LED lights, all of which give the W2 real road presence.

The newcomer is the result of an Anglo-Chinese collaboration. Input has come from experts formerly employed by MG Rover working both for special engineering consultancy Ricardo 2010 in the UK and within SAIC in China, as well as from the manufacturer's own team in the Far East.

The W2 is the car that Rover would have launched to replace the ageing 45. It has been developed so quickly because SAIC has been able to carry on the work already started by the British company when it folded.

Under the skin, the model is based on a shortened version of the Rover 75 platform, and features a development of BMW's Z-axle system. Riding on 19-inch alloy wheels and with suspension tuned by ex-Rover and MG engineers, the W2 promises to provide a tempting blend of sporty handling and a comfortable ride.

Engine options will include a 1.8-litre turbo-charged petrol based on the Rover K Series power plant. This delivers around 150bhp, while a 2.0-litre diesel - which complies with Euro IV emissions regulations - will provide a similar output. A hybrid drive train will also be offered, and all models are set to come with a choice of manual or automatic transmissions.

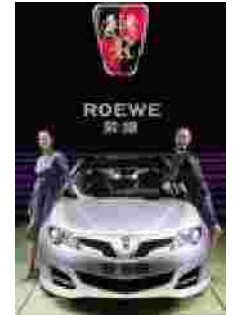
Inside, there's a two-tone dashboard made from tactile soft-touch materials. The quality of the finish is expected to rival that of mainstream European models, while the W2 gets some genuine design flair, such as the neat instrument binnacle, with its intricate dials. There's also a hi-tech touch screen centre console for the audio, climate and sat nav controls.



Although bosses are describing the new-comer as a concept, it's virtually showroom-ready.

It's been designed to perform strongly in the latest Euro NCAP crash tests, including those for pedestrian protection.

Production will begin at the end of this year, and it's scheduled to arrive in Europe in 2009, with prices starting from £14,500.



Thanks to Auto Express for their permission to reprint this article.

COVCC Blossom Festival Rally

26th, 27th & 28th of September.

An invitation is extended to members interested to contact me for accommodation information.

The weekend will incorporate participation in the Blossom Festival Procession and joining the Central Otago branch of the VCC Rally which starts immediately afterwards.

Those wishing to enter the procession are to make their own way to Alexandra by 11am. Instructions will include a meeting point in Alexandra and information for the Rally afterwards.

The return journey will be on Sunday.

It is important to let me know your intention so accommodation can be arranged ASAP please.

There is an entry fee for the COVCC Rally and a cost for the dinner at night.

From previous experience, this is a great weekend. Entry forms are available from Bernie Horn.

Also please make sure you have your name badges, most important to look the part.

Richard Stedman Ph 4876356