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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

28th of February - 6th of March. Classic Motoring Awards, Nelson

March 09

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

Saturday the 28th & Sunday the 29th of March. McLeans Island Vintage Country Fair.

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

June 09

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

July 09

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

From The Editor...

NOVE ROVE 1ST & 2ND Nov 2008

Its not to late to join us on this weekend away, but you will need to find your own accommodation, as the Armada Motor Inn is now booked out. You can still join us for the rest of the weekend including the Sat night meal at the Galleon restaurant, but you must let me know if you're coming.

For the Dunedin and South people, **9am** departure from **Nth end Gt King St Nth (by the Gardens)**. Rally to Oamaru, bring morning tea and lunch with you, (or there will be somewhere to buy on way).

Saturday afternoon (1.30) we visit,
Whitstone Quarry and garden, (**cost \$10 pp**)
(3.30pm)
Private museum at Western, (**gold coin donation**)

Saturday night meal, (7pm)
Galleon restaurant, beside our accommodation.
This also has a licensed bar. Drinks and meals are at your own choice and cost.

Sunday morning (10am) we visit,
Totara Estate, (**cost \$4 pp**)
(12pm)
Burnside Homestead at Enfield, **light lunch is included**
with a tour of the homestead, (**cost \$15 pp**)

From here we will say our good byes to the Canterbury club etc and make our own ways home.

Don't miss out on another fun Nove Rove.

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Check out our updated website!

A big thank you to Jeff Sparrow. Jeff has put in a lot of effort recently updating our website.

Take a look for yourself at www.freeservers.com



A Lamborghini Countach at the Naseby Vintage & Classic Vehicle day.

LTNZ becomes NZTA

As of 1 August 2008, Land Transport NZ is now known as the NZ Transport Agency.

The NZTA combines the functions of LTNZ with Transit NZ. The Wellington head office details of both agencies have changed to Private Bag 6995 Wellington, ph. (04) 894-5400. The *Vehicles* section, which we deal with, is PO Box 5084 Wellington, ph. (04) 499-6600. Contact details for other regions are available on <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/contact/index.html#offices>

Bumper Sticker Suggestion Of The Month

KEEP HONKING...I'M RELOADING

ROVER CAR CLUB of OTAGO

MINUTES of meeting of members, held in the University Staff Club,
7pm Wed 1st October September 2008.

PRESENT

Ross Allan, Terry Bough, Walton Brown, Reid Buchan, Diana Kearns, Kevin Philips, Jenny Newstead, Alastair McInnes, Jan Smith, Jeff Sparrow, Norman Sparrow.

APOLOGIES

Ian & Eleanore Clark, Ray Pilley.

CORRESPONDENCE

Club newsletters received from - Canterbury, Manuwatu, Waikato, Australia
ARCC newsletter Sept 2008

MEMBERSHIP

Resignation nil
Applications nil

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions paid to date Town 20, Country 24,
Outstanding subs 4

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Naseby Car Show 18th October Meet at Ranfurly Railway Station 11 am
“Nov Rove” 1st & 2nd November accommodation @ Armada Motor Inn 0800
62 62 78
Classic Motoring Awards Nelson Feb 26 / Mar 6
ARCC Rally 2009 New Plymouth 10/13 April

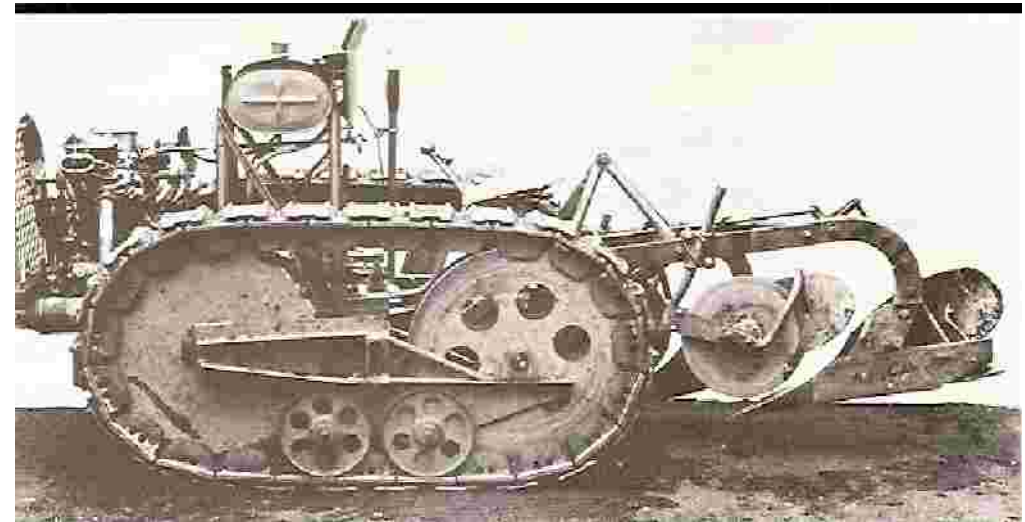
GENERAL BUSINESS

Monogrammed Rover Club Tee-shirts & patches have arrived. Contact Norman
or Alastair. \$30 each.

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.30pm, followed by general discussion

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The only Rover Tractor, built in 1931, with a Scarab engine ahead of the fuel tank and seat.



P6BS from above—one hatch covers the engine, while the other gives access to the stowage boot. In prototype form the carburettors were visible under a Perspex cover.

Last week, some friends and I went out to a new restaurant, and noticed that the waiter who took our order carried a spoon in his shirt pocket. It seemed a little strange.

When the waiter brought our water and cutlery, I noticed he also had a spoon in his shirt pocket. Then I looked around and saw that all the staff had spoons in their pockets. When the waiter came back to serve our soup I asked, "Why the spoon?"

"Well," he explained, "the restaurant's owners hired Andersen Consulting to revamp all our processes. After several months of analysis, they concluded that the spoon was the most frequently dropped piece of cutlery. It represents a drop frequency of approximately 3 spoons per table per hour. If our staff are better prepared, we can reduce the number of trips back to the kitchen and save 15 man-hours per shift." As luck would have it, I dropped my spoon and he was able to replace it with his spare. "I'll get another spoon next time I go to the kitchen instead of making an extra trip to get it right now." I was impressed.

I also noticed that there was a string hanging out of the waiter's zip on his trousers. Looking around, I noticed that all the waiters had the same string hanging from their flies.

So before he walked off, I asked the waiter, "Excuse me, but can you tell me why you have that string right there?" "Oh, certainly!" Then he lowered his voice. "Not everyone is so observant. That consulting firm I mentioned also found out that we can save time in the rest-room. By tying this string to the tip of you know what, we can pull it out without touching it and eliminate the need to wash our hands, shortening the time spent in the rest-room by 76.39 per cent."

I asked "After you get it out, how do you put it back?"

"Well," he whispered, "I don't know about the others, but I use the spoon."

A man boarded an airplane with six children. When they got settled the woman across from them asked if they were all his. He said "no, I work for a Condom Company and these are all Customer Complaints".

IGNITION.

16 October 2008.

There were twelve members at the October monthly meeting, see copy of the minutes in this month's Tribune.

On Saturday 18th October those heading for the Naseby Vintage & Classic Vehicle Day are asked to meet at the Ranfurly Railway Station at 10am. The reason being that most will be travelling to Naseby via one of three routes, i.e. via Alexandra, Middlemarch or the Pig Route, hence the decision to gather at Ranfurly and travel to Naseby together. Please pack your picnic lunches etc so we can meet, greet and eat at the Naseby Domain.

Should be a great day.

Then it's the Nove Rove first weekend in Oamaru. Another great weekend is on the cards, which many of us are looking forward to.

Finally the club monogrammed polo shirts have arrived. We have an assortment of sizes all \$30-00 each. New club cloth monograms will be ready on Wednesday.

Both Alastair and I will have the shirts and badges available at Naseby so bring your cash with you.

Looking forward to seeing you all next Saturday for a good Rove to Naseby.

Safe & Happy Roving.

Norman S.
President.

Major Accolades Won By Rover.

To prove the stamina and hill climbing ability of the Rover 14/45, introduced in 1924, an example spent 12 hours performing fifty consecutive climbs of the Bwlch-y-Groes test hill in North Wales. It was duly awarded the RAC Dewar Trophy for technical achievement in 1925.

In 1951, the Dewar Trophy again came to Rover for demonstrating the world's first gas turbine car in 1950, while Rover's more recent associations with this prestigious award, were in 1971, for the design of the original 1970 Range Rover, and in 1995 for the development of advanced holographic analysis of vehicle vibration characteristics.

Rover took the very first European Car of the Year award in 1964 with the P6 Rover 2000. The Rover SD1 3500 won CotY again in 1977. In 1999, the Rover 75 was the only executive car to be short-listed for CotY.

Safety awards won by Rovers have included an AA Gold Medal for the P6 Rover 2000 and the Don Safety Trophy for the SD1 3500. The team behind the design of the Rover K Series engine won the top award of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers Automobile Division, the Crompton Lanchester Medal. Another recognition of the K Series project was the award of the Viva Shield from the Worshipful Company of Carmen.

Rover shared the 1991 MacRobert Award from the Fellowship of Engineering with Moulton Developments Ltd for the development of the Rover Metro with K Series engine and interconnected Hydragas® suspension.

Thanks to Nathan at Autoweb for permission to reprint this article



New exhaust noise proposals

The NZ Transport Agency has released a consultation document on changes to the Vehicle Equipment Rule. This proposes more stringent rules around noisy exhausts and we think it will affect some club members with high-performance vehicles (e.g. muscle cars, HSVs etc.), or modified vehicles (e.g. Imprezas, Evos etc).

Submissions closed on **September 17th** and the FOMC will be putting in a submission on members' behalf. However, we welcome feedback from individual clubs to assist our submission – email your clubs comments (*no individual comments please*) to secretary@fomc.co.nz. We also encourage your club, or individual members, to put in their own submissions. There are two main proposals in the draft Rule:

1. Banning noisy 'blow-off' valves. Blow-off or pressure relief valves are fitted to turbos. The Rule proposes to prohibit externally-vented valves that make a distinctive "psssshht" sound. Factory valves (or OEM replacements) don't make noise because they are either vented back into the engine, or are muffled. This would be enforced via a visual inspection at the WoF and if the valve is not sufficiently muffled, a WoF would not be issued.
2. The Rule also proposes to impose lower noise limits on certain vehicles. The current *stationary* decibel limit is 95db (90db for new vehicles registered after 1 June 2008). Under the current Rule, if the WoF inspector suspects your car is too loud, they can refer you to an Objective Noise Test (or you can choose to repair the exhaust instead). There are only about 9 sites nationwide authorised to carry out the metered ONT, at a cost of @\$150. Under the proposed Rule, if you fail the WoF you must undergo the ONT, and if you fail that you'll have to repair the exhaust to emit no more than 90db, instead of 95db. The police will also have the power to send you through the same process, in which case the cars exhaust must be repaired to 90db even if the test proves it never exceeded 95db.

For more information on the draft Rule, and submission details, go to: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/vehicle-equipment-noise-amendment/>

The Naseby Vintage & Classic Vehicle Day 19 November 2008



Steph Halford, Norman Sparrow & Liz Bayne have a chat at the Naseby Domain



Club Secretary/Treasurer Alastair McInnes (in the driver's seat) won a raffle prize to be a car crash "victim" while the Naseby Volunteer Fire Brigade cut a car open & got him out.

Lets hope this is the only time Alastair has this happen to him!

TWENTY NINE LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
14. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
15. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again.
16. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
17. Wrinkled was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
18. Procrastinate Now!
19. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?
20. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
21. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance
22. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
23. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
24. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
25. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
26. Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
27. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
28. The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
29. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on

Rover Technical

At recent events, there has been some discussion on the newer (post P series) Rovers. All of us in the Rover Club know what model the "P" series of Rovers refer to (P4, P5 & P6). Here we look at the codenames used for more recent Rovers which amount to a significant proportion of Rover output.

Large Sized Rovers

SD1 – (replaced the P6 models, was originally codenamed P10, then changed to RT1 before settling on SD1)



XX – Rover 800 Series 1 (also known as the "sharp" shape)



R17 – Rover 800 Series 2 hatchback (chrome grille model, also known as the "curved" shape)



R18 – Rover 800 Series 2 saloon

SK1 – Rover 600 (Honda engined)
SK2 – Rover 600 (Rover engined)



R40 – Rover 75



Feature Area:

Medium Sized Rovers

SD3 – Rover 200 Series 1 (Honda Ballad shape)



R8 – Rover 200 Series 2 ("wedge" models)



R3 – Rover 200 Series 3 ("bubble" models)



Jewel – Rover 25 (facelift R3)

R8 – Rover 400 Series 1.



HHR – 400 Series 2 (previous codename Theta)



Oyster – Rover 45 (facelift HHR)

The following codenames are seen in the R8 range. "Tex" (400 Tourer), "Tomcat" (200 Coupe) & "Tracer" (200 Cabriolet)

Small Sized Rovers

R6 – Rover 100 (Metro replacement)

