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THE ROVER CAR CLUB OF OTAGO**

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## Rover Car Club of Otago.

### Suggested & Organised Events 2009

May 09

Sunday the 31st of May. All British Vehicle Day. Caroline Bay, Timaru.  
9.30am-10.30am vehicle display, depart 10.30am for cruise to lunch venue.  
\$15 per car

June 09

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

July 09

Wednesday the 1st of July. Monthly meeting University Staff Club  
Saturday the 4th of July. Dunedin Auto Spectacular, Edgar Sports Centre.  
9am-4pm. [www.otagoclassicmotoring.co.nz](http://www.otagoclassicmotoring.co.nz)  
Rover Car Club Of Otago AGM. 6.45pm at the Mosgiel Café & Function Centre,  
Gladstone RD, Mosgiel. Followed by a meal at 7pm. \$25 per head inc subsidy,  
please RSVP to Alastair McInness by 28th of June

August 09

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

September 09

Wednesday the 2nd of September. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

October 09

Wednesday the 7th of October. Monthly meeting University Staff Club  
24th-26th of October. Otago Central Railway 130th celebrations, Middlemarch

November 09

Wednesday the 4th of November. Monthly meeting University Staff Club  
Saturday the 7th & Sunday the 8th of November. Nove Rove heading south. More  
details to follow.

December 09

Wednesday the 2nd of December. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

Monthly meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month.

University Staff Club 7.00pm.

Drinks & Natter

## From The Editor...

### The Yuppie Chicken Farmer.

A New York City yuppie moved to the country and bought a piece of land. He went to the local feed and livestock store and talked to the proprietor about how he was going to take up chicken farming.

He then asked to buy 100 chicks. "That's a lot of chicks," commented the proprietor. "I mean business," the city slicker replied..

A week later the yuppie was back again. "I need another 100 chicks," he said. "Boy you are serious about this chicken farming," the man told him. "Yeah," the yuppie replied. "If I can iron out a few problems." "Problems?" asked the proprietor.

"Yeah" replied the yuppie, "I think I planted the last batch too close together."

### Some Rover facts from New Zealand.

In New Zealand in 1925, a Rover 4 cost £295 for a Roadster. It cost £310 for a Tourer.

In 1975, the price for a Rover 3.5 V8 was \$9734.

In 1976, the last 70 Rovers being exported to Australia under the NAFTA agreement left Nelson, and production was phased out.

Between 1 April 1975 and 31 March 1976, 541 Rovers were shipped to Australia. The total value of these exports was NZ\$2.9 million.

Going back to 1971, the total was 2400 Rovers exported at a value of over NZ\$8,000,000.

In this issue I have included some samples from Rover sales brochures.

Bumper Sticker Suggestion Of The Month

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST, THINKS SLOWEST

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# ROVER CAR CLUB of OTAGO

MINUTES of meeting of members, held in the University Staff Club, 7pm  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

## PRESENT

Walton Brown, , Ian & Eleanore Clark, Bernie Halford, Alastair McInnes,  
Stuart & Jacqui McCraw, John Moore, Joe & Glenice Smith, Norman Sparrow

**APOLOGIES** Diana Kearns, Ray Pilley, Jan Smith, Jeff Sparrow.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Club newsletters received from Bay of Plenty, Canterbury. Nelson, Waikato,  
Wellington

ARCC newsletter No 3

Graham Stanton thanking members for appointment as Honorary Member  
Sympathy card to John Smith

## MEMBERSHIP

Resignations nil Applications nil

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions paid to date Town 21, Country 26. Outstanding subs 3

## Club Tee Shirts

There is an urgent need to sell 12 Tee shirts

## TRIPS & OUTINGS

All British Day Caroline Bay Timaru 9.30am Sunday 31 May. \$15 per  
car.

Agreed to make a 2 night outing . Accommodation – block booking Aaron  
Court Motel 87 Evans St. Ph 0800 222 766.

Participants to meet at Gardens 10.30am Saturday morning ( at this stage 5  
cars )

Auto-spectacular Edgar Centre 4<sup>th</sup> July - awaiting details

AGM 4<sup>th</sup> July Mosgiel Station Restaurant \$28 per person. Agreed the Club  
subsidise by \$3 pp

## GENERAL BUSINESS

2010 Rally Committee - members Ross Allen, Ian & Eleanore Clark, Bernie  
& Steph Halford, Jeff Sparrow, Norman Sparrow .Alastair McInnes.

Initial Meeting 3pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ Bernie Halford home, 1 Orr St ,  
Concord

Further offers of assistance would be appreciated

Next meeting Wednesday 3rd June 2009

## 1956 Rover Turbine GT Proto-type Sales Brochure

*A forerunner of tomorrow's motoring—  
the most-advanced Rover Gas Turbine car.*



## 1929 Rover 10/25 Sales Brochure

## IGNITION.

May 2009.

The 2010 ARCC Rally is on and this afternoon ( Sunday) the initial Rally Committee meeting was held at Bernie's with nearly all the members offering to help in attendance. Over the coming months more information and registration forms will be available after a few more decisions are made.

Our AGM venue is confirmed and the Auto-Spectacular at the Edgar Stadium on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July has the theme Red / White / Blue. So we are looking for those coloured Rovers to match the Union Jack! Awaiting how many cars we can have from the organisers at present.

The Nove Rove is on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November this year. It's heading somewhere South according to Bernie, so keep that weekend free and let Bernie know if you want to take part. Advising your booking is essential.

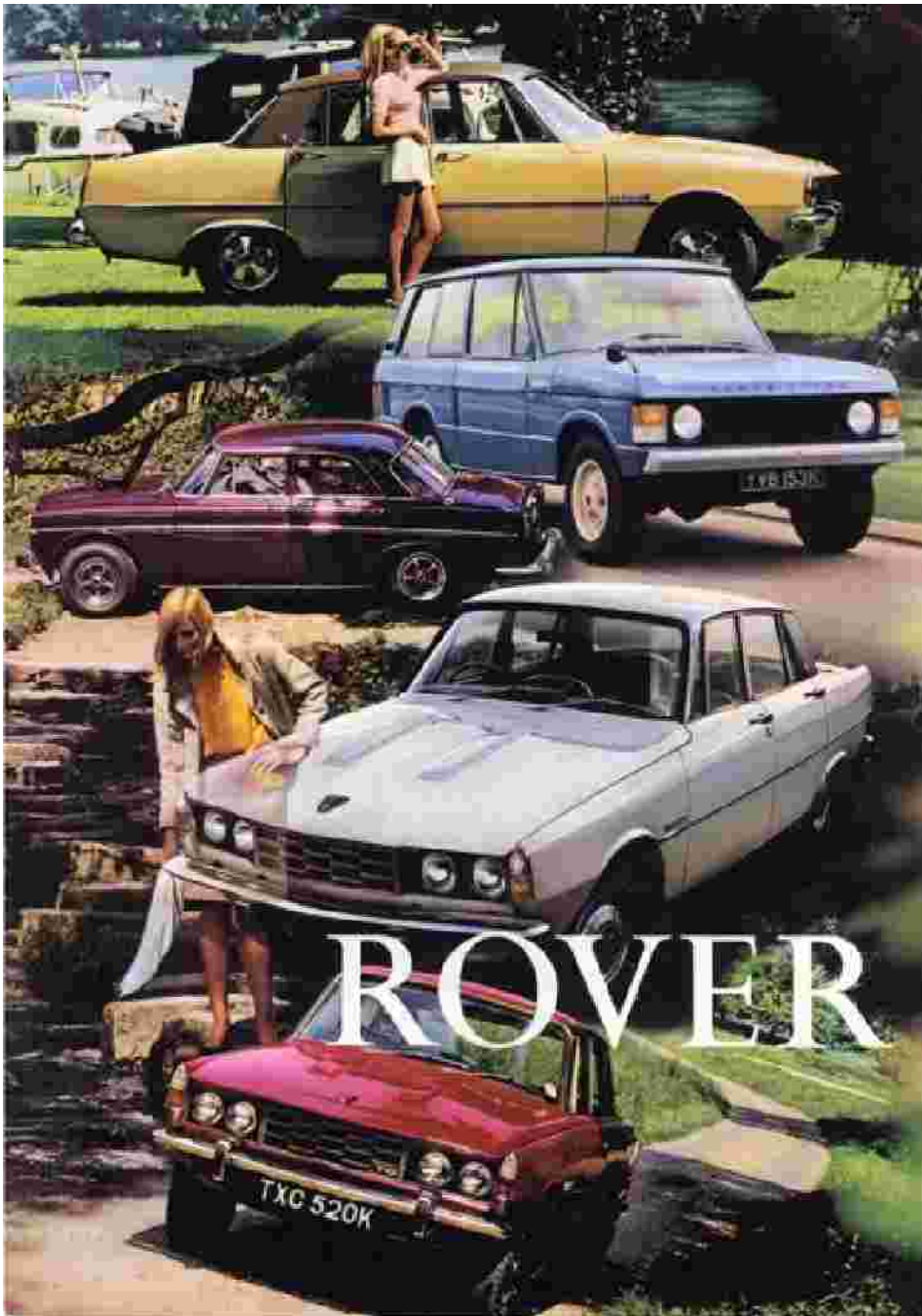
No takers for the Oamaru Best of British last weekend. However everyone has opted for the Queens Birthday weekend at the Timaru Best of British with the accommodation and meal all organized I believe, thanks Alastair.

I was away last week to the North Otago area and had an interesting experience for the first time when my V8 suddenly makes a LOT of noise. A lot of noise and \$\$\$\$ ringing in my ears which on further investigation proved to be only a spark plug blown out of the block. Further checks revealed another loose sparkplug and the first one could be reinstalled undamaged. Not guilty as I have not touch them since I brought the car. The rest of the trip was uneventful.

A Reminder again “ and a plea from our Treasurer” we still have the club monogrammed polo shirts available in an assortment of sizes all \$30-00 each. New club cloth monogrammed badges with black or red background are also available at \$10-00 each.

**Safe & Happy Roving.**

Norman & Carleen Sparrow.



**1971 Sales Brochure**



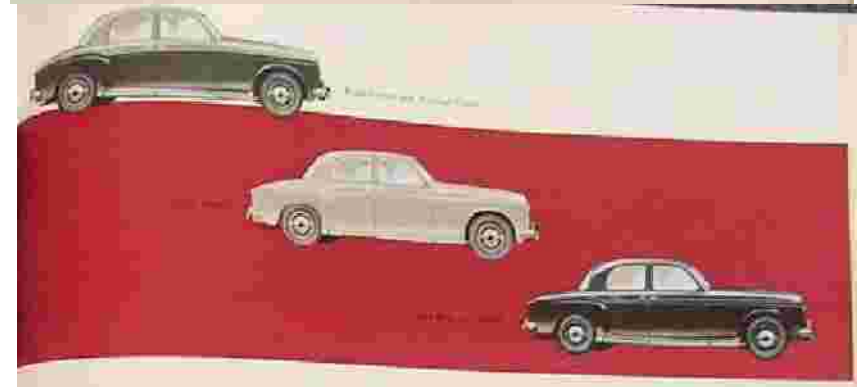
These alloyed, the 8-cyl. 2000 TC is a luxuriously fitted sedan which is fast in that about a 1/4 mile under 12 seconds. The construction of road holding and comfort show a 100 yard distance can be covered with ease, the tail wheel is quite steady and, the body is broad and smooth.

... it is a top line 'bullet' one - one designed specifically to avoid accidents whenever they can be avoided, and to provide the greatest possible protection for its occupants when they cannot.



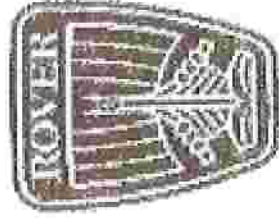
... the trunk is spacious and well-lit, and the rear window is large and clear, providing a wide view of the road behind.

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### NEWSLETTER NUMBER THREE

Greetings to all members and welcome to the third newsletter of 2009. With the National Rally being a non starter and no AGM, I don't have a lot to write this month, but there are some news items and my usual request for feedback.

*ITEMS FROM THE AGM, THAT WASN'T!* Thank you to the Clubs that responded promptly to my request for the voting formalities that took the place of the AGM. A huge thank you to the Clubs for their encouraging reports on their activities over the last 12 months. Most are obviously in good heart, though Auckland Club abstained from all involvement.

*NATIONAL RALLY 2009, 2010, 2011.* My request for information as to the reason for few people showing interest in 2009 Rally apparently fell largely on deaf ears as I received two replies from over 240 members. I'll leave you to guess how I feel and what message that sends to the Taranaki members who worked so hard to put a programme together for us. (Their planning is detailed in their enclosed report) However, thanks to Bay of Plenty, who discussed it and forwarded their conclusions. I thought we could have learnt something from feedback to improve future preparation. Otago have expressed continued interest in hosting Rally 2010 with 2011, at this stage, returning to the North Island. However, since the cancellation of 2009, two Clubs have contacted me to say that they have reconsidered their decision to vote in favour of annual rallies in the survey last year and now are inclined to favour every second year. Certainly, I agree, the world financial situation, seems precarious, and many are concerned about personal finances and security of employment. We can but wait to see what transpires.

It is pleasing to hear of the outings planned by Taranaki, and involving members from Waikato and Auckland. Canterbury and Nelson also plan to meet in Kaikoura for a weekend.

### *ADDRESS, CONTACTS, CLUB OFFICE HOLDERS OR DELEGATS, ANY CHANGES?*

Please notify me urgently if there are any changes to the personnel in your Club. I do endeavour to keep my address lists current as it is useless sending information to the wrong person. This is particularly so following an AGM. Any Club or individual who wants a list, can request one by e-mail from me.

*LEVY AND PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE* The FOMC Levy and Insurance have been paid and as there was no increase, I am making the arbitrary decision to make no change to the Club levy at the end of this year. It will remain at \$2 for the ARCC and \$2 for Public liability per head. I trust all will approve?

I shall be away overseas from mid May to mid June, but in the meantime I wish all members 'all the best' and safe motoring and as usual, I look forward at all times, to hearing from members.

Kind regards,

Chris Clark

National Secretary.