



# NZ BUICK REGISTER

February 2016



## ***What's been going on,***

Well the warm weather has continued in Canterbury with temps occasionally in the early 30's. Not workshop weather or weather for anything for that matter.

The excitement of Dunedin will be fading now for those who went and from all accounts it was a great event. Some will now just be returning from the Deco rally, which also looks to have been a great event held in superb weather.

Closer to home the VCC Canterbury kicked off their 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year with an excellent Garden Party held at a local farm. The setting for the 170 or so cars and the special events was perfect and everyone had a great day picnicking under trees, watching sheep dog trials, playing silly games, and generally enjoying themselves (see page 4)

Speaking of parties our Australian colleagues advise that several of them are going to the BCA Nationals at Allentown PA for the BCA 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations (I have some names for anyone interested) I also understand several of our kiwi members are planning to attend what promises to be a great event. Perhaps there's an opportunity for a "down under" group get together.

On a sadder note I understand that Gordon Hoffman from Invercargill has recently passed on. Many will recall the high standard of his restorations, principal among them the magnificent burgundy '24-55 Sport Touring that's been seen around the South Island in past years. Gordon was a member of the original Buick Club.

Also from deep down south Neville Simpson in Invercargill is making good progress on his '25 Std roadster and is now offering his other roadster for sale, see classifieds. We seem to have a lot of vintage roadsters in work or for sale ... so there's no excuse for not owning one!

It seems our reach is extending... we've had a request from the UK asking us if we could identify an early car, believed to be a 1906 Buick, in the Sheffield area of inland Canterbury. With the aid of Veteran Car Club colleagues we've confirmed the car to be a c1907 Cadillac. However the story around it is intriguing and I have some local Sheffield folk (also Veteran collectors) investigating the turn of the last century photograph that may not seem what the sender thought it to be.

## ***Current activity***

As I noted the hot weather has slowed progress in the workshop and diverted me to some more pressing domestic jobs – among them a new clothesline... The '26 is running but is still in the workshop while I attend to years of wear on the front door jambs and a badly distorted bonnet centre hinge among other fettling. This has necessitated an upper bonnet/scuttle repaint and all that goes with trying to get the bonnet recurved correctly – "they are fair beggars of things to get right" to quote the late Gordon Hoffman! Hopefully by the time you receive this it will be painted and then I can get the WOF and continue the running in process.

Meanwhile Rob in Wanganui has been also been wrestling with painting his engine prior to reassembly – apparently the weather is causing problems with humidity and Rob has stripped the paint and started again – a diversion to the Deco Rally has further frustrated progress.

An apology to Neil Rooney for incorrectly describing his 50 Special as a 51 Super in the January newsletter – just testing to see who reads the detail – regardless it's a great car.

## ***Classifieds***

**1951/52 BUICK: ROADMASTER OR SUPER OR BODY AND PARTS CAR TO COMPLETE 52 BUICK LAND YACHT.** Contact Zeus Gary Moulton, phone 0800 003078 , 37 View Road, Wairau Valley North Shore Auckland



**1937 Buick series 40;** rear differential unit complete and in good order, springs and handbrake etc. Call Ralph 07/3628075 (Rotorua) *(Ed note, I think Ralph also has some '38 axles)*

**1918 Buick E series;** Wanted a 6-cyl roadster tub and guards (see, roadsters again..!) Contact Vaughn Gunthorpe; [vaughnlynn@bigpond.au](mailto:vaughnlynn@bigpond.au)

**1969 Buick Electra;** I have a 1969 Buick Electra brought in from Canada which is advertised on Trade Me. The car is not yet complied to NZ standards. I am prepared to sell it as-is if anyone is interested. Please contact Lesley Taylor on 0274 85 2223 in Christchurch. *(Ed note; this is a lovely car)*

**1925 Std 6 Roadster;** A lovely car and running well. The paintwork has patina in places but is still presentable. Asking price is \$22,000, registered and warranted. Contact Neville Simpson Invercargill on 0275732609 or [nds.mth@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nds.mth@xtra.co.nz) *(Ed note, I knew this car when it lived in Blenheim – I've ridden in the dickey seat!)*



**Editorial**

In April we will have been publishing for one year and maybe would should mark that occasion. With Canterbury holding its 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Annual Rally, (I have Entry form for any VCC members), at Easter on 26 and 27 March, I thought we could gather on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March for a picnic run and end up at a local Register member's place (he has more than one Buick) This will give local Buick folk another rally day (if they needed one!) and make it more worthwhile for any Buick visitors in Christchurch for the Jubilee event. More detail in the March newsletter.

There is also enthusiasm for a gathering in the central/lower North Island around Deco 2017 time. Send your ideas regarding format and timing to Jim Laird at; [jim.laird@wise.net.nz](mailto:jim.laird@wise.net.nz) or 06-3771731

Best wishes for 2016

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***Pictures from around the membership and the 2016 Deco Rally***



**Pictures from the Canterbury Garden Party Jubilee event- 6 Feb 16**

