

We are now in the middle of the summer riding season. Hopefully you are getting the opportunity to enjoy the weather and the roads. In this newsletter I have changed the articles order to one of descending chronological order, I have also decided to trial a list of contents to assist in finding the item you want. Comment or critique on what you like (or not) is always welcome. Happy reading and regards Cheryl. Nb. This newsletter, being the first of the year will be printed and mailed out to most of you, as well as sending you your email copy.

Velo tent at the NZCMRR Classic Festival Hampton Downs, February 7-9, 2014

This weekend will see the return of the Velo Register's Owners tent at the Classic Festival. Thanks in advance go to the team who have stored the tent, transported it to the track and who will be manning the tent throughout the weekend. John Bryant has indicated that he and Angela will be available to man the tent, along with help from Jim and Patsy Bird, but we would like others too! If you can help please ring John Bryant, 09 445 6483 or Warwick Darrow, 09 520 2882. This help could be from being a text away to assist in the erection and dismantling of the tent (this only takes around 30 minutes, isn't hard, and wouldn't impinge on any racing/watching time) to giving the helpers a break for a while. This isn't an arduous task; some selling as we will have some hats and badges for sale (cash only), making the odd drink for a visitor and keeping an eye on visitors gear and bikes. You don't have to talk 'Velo', you can sit and read or watch the world go by; at Hampton Downs you may even be able to watch the racing from your seat. We intend to have the tent stocked with some chairs, a tarpaulin (to cover and protect riders gear) table and a chilly bag (for the drink) so that apart from your own reading material everything will be already on hand. It is only an arduous task when you have to do it all weekend so please consider lending a hand.

Each year more facilities and seating have been installed so come along and enjoy yourselves checking out the bikes both on the track and adjacent to the pit area. While you're there come and see the team at the white Velo tent where you can leave your gear, hopefully buy some Velo clothing etc and maybe get a drink too. Entry tickets on the Friday are \$10.00 and on the Saturday or Sunday \$25.00 per day while a three day pass will cost \$40.00 per adult. A camping ticket is also available at \$40 per adult (I think this means that if you get a camping ticket you are also buying your entry).

This year Hugh Anderson has also enticed some of our long retired riders and owners to bring their race bikes back for a 'Cavalcade of History', many of these bikes and personalities haven't been seen for many years. For more information on what is going to be there check out www.nzcmrr.com

NZ Velo Rally 2014, Whangamata – next weekend Over 55 people (from 34 entrants) are expected to attend the rally, with seven of those being our friends from Aus. Here's hoping for a good weekend weather-wise and I am sure that all those who take part will have a good time.

This will be the first year in many that Keith and Colleen Canning will be absent and their presence is already missed. Keith went to another specialist just over a week ago and went into hospital on Tuesday to get bone chips removed and the bone on the heal end of the Achilles tendon screwed back into place. Some of you will know that they were rear ended while riding into Atlanta, by a ute driver who had nodded off at the wheel, while on their way to the North American Velo run. While their BMW bike and gear was written off and Keith was initially trapped under the ute engine, it was hoped that what injuries they had incurred were relatively minor, considering the awful possibilities, and would heal over a few months. Apart from Keith's ankle this was the case. Once Keith is healed they intend to come over anyway using the tickets they had already purchased to come to our Rally. Best wishes from us all, Keith, for a speedy recovery.

Christchurch "Keeping it on the LLevel" annual run, Sunday, March 9, 2014

Alan Beuzenberg is organising a run for LE (or similar) bikes. Meet at the Valley Inn Tavern, 2 Flavell St, Heathcote Valley at 1.30pm and join us to head through the tunnel, Governors Bay, over Gebbies Pass and through Greenpark to Tai Tapu Hotel for afternoon 'tea'. All enquires to Alan at Email Alan.Beuzenberg@gmail.com or Ph: 03 339 6905, mobile: 021 226 156

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NZCMRR MV Augusta Classic, Taupo, 1-2 February, 2014 by Graeme Glover (one of our honorary Aussie Kiwi's) and photo's by Carryl Sanson



It is my great pleasure to report on another fabulous New Zealand first experience. Whilst planning this year's trip Carryl suggested that I come over a week earlier and head to Taupo for the classic Bike meeting. Always happy to spend extra time in NZ and also to attend bike race meetings I duly obliged. The circuit is a little north of the town with a lovely mountain backdrop and excellent viewing points that can be accessed on foot quite easily. It is possible to get quite close to the action for viewing and also for photos (Carryl's), there is a large elevated viewing area above the pit garages which is also a good vantage point. The racing was excellent and the numbers of Velos racing, six I believe, was far in excess of the Phillip

Island meeting I had attended the weekend earlier. It was, as usual, a pleasure to catch up with all the Velo fellows and enjoy their passionate enthusiasm for our favourite bikes, just talking to Jack Mickleson makes you feel better, he is still racing at the age of 82. The events ran quite smoothly with very few delays and we were provided with excellent entertainment on both days. The racing was very competitive with riders not holding back and riding their machines as the manufacturers intended. I would not hesitate in attending this meeting again and would recommend it to you all. Cheers GG



And for who took part and how they did (courtesy of Marktime.co.nz and Jack's event programme)?

There were 5 races held over the weekend, so with each race held at either Taupo or Manfeild being worth double the championship points it was a good place to start the 2014 championship race. While not necessarily first across the line, due to up to six classes racing together, our guys did extremely well in their respective classes.

In the 500cc race Andrew Drake (#212) rode Nick Thomson's Venom to a second and third on the track, thus achieving two firsts in the Modified Class. In his third race things started to sound a bit

off so he decided to quit while the going was good and hopefully have the bike back on song for next weekend.

In the Pre-war and 250cc race Chris Swallow (#32) was on Phil Price's Eldee in the 250cc Modified and while missing the first race he then took line honours in the other four, in the same race but in the 250cc Clubmans Class Phil (#197) was on his MOV and stayed in front of Martin McClintoch and Jack Mickleson to take out five firsts in class, while in the Pre-War 350cc class Martin



(#417) and Jack (#93) were on their MAC's with Martin taking first in class in each of the four races he started and Jack followed him across the line in three races to achieve three seconds in class.

In the 350cc race we again had up to three Velos out on the track, all in the Clubmans Class. Stefan DeLacy (#123) rode Les' Viper to two second places on the Saturday, unfortunately it didn't race again, but fingers crossed it will back for this weekend. Phil managed to get out for every race on the ex Vince Keats KSS achieving a fourth, two sixth and two sevenths and Robbie Thomson rode his MAC in four of the races, achieving one fifth and three sixths in class.

Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to seeing even more Velo's out on the track this weekend.

Velo Display at Star Insurance Bike Show, Manukau, 25-26 January, 2014 – WE WON!

By Warwick Darrow



This was the second time that this event, run by the Rotary Club of South Auckland, has been held at the Vodafone Events Centre. This is fast becoming their major fundraising event for the year. Held over a weekend (with the Friday for setting up) and very well organised, regarding security, with 24 hour multiple on-site security guards our bikes were in safe hands. Graham Viall and his team did a great job.



Congratulations must go to all the Velo Register participants, not only did our stand win The Best Club Stand, but two of our members also took away individual prizes. Our stand received a lot of attention and many good comments, pretty good considering the wide range of other bikes on display. Each person was asked to put together a short spiel about their model/bike which was then printed up and stuck on yellow card before being mounted on the bike. This enabled the public to find out a little bit more, if they so desired, and worked very well.



Bikes on display and members who took part were: Pete Butterworth – KSS, Ernie Williams – ex Hedley Cox Mk VIII KTT, Jim Bird – MAC, John Bowkett – racing Venom Special, Colin Bird – MAC, Tony Vaughan (recently restored) Mk2 LE, Paul Hayes – Venom, Neville Mickleson – Thruxton along with my own GTP and Viper. We were praised by the organisers and judges for having a variety of interesting bikes covering the breadth of Velocette, both in years and models.



And the winners were: Jim Bird took out 1st place in the Post War 1946-1960 class with his lovely 1953 MAC and Pete Butterworth was awarded 3rd place in the Pre-War Class with his great looking 1932 KSS. Both Jim and Pete received professionally taken, framed and labelled photographs of their bikes, along with rosettes on their bikes (for all to see) and other sponsor goodies, Jim also received a trophy. I then accepted the trophy, sponsor goodies and to all our surprise a cheque for \$500 on the Registers behalf.



Next years event will be held in September, 2015, so if you are willing to put your efforts on display look out for the notice in next years newsletter, which will contain all the necessary details.

The Burt Munro Challenge, 28 November – 1 December, 2013 photo's by Kate Pronger

Several of our members decided to compete in the events this year on Velo's. Andrew Drake, from Hamilton (#212), rode Nick Thomson's Venom, Chris Swallow from Wellington (#233), rode Phil's Big Velo (MT5001), Robbie Thomson, from St Arnards (#R) rode 'Team Velos' rigid MAC, while Phil, from Christchurch (#197), rode his MOV and Eldee and also took along the ex Vince Keats KSS.



Over the five days they took part in the Bluff Hill Climb, the Sprint Races at Teretonga raceway and the Wyndam Street Races. Andrew took out the Pre '63 Hill Climb on the Venom with a time of 53.86

seconds, 4 seconds ahead of the next competitor and Chris recorded the fastest Girder Forks time. At Teretonga Andrew managed a second place, a first and a DNF while Chris climbed onto the Eldee, this time, and had a great time mixing it with the big bikes.



Phil's light blue Velo easy-up and the line-up of Velo's, at the Wyndam Street Race, were part of a piece on one of the television channels news items, including a sound bite with Chris Swallow while he is crouching beside a rather oily Big Velo (MT5001). Chris took first place in the Pre '63 with Girder Forks class on MT5001 and as they had too many bikes Phil kindly gave John Carter the KSS to ride (John's

Moto Morini suffered major mechanical issues). John then had the audacity to proceed to beat both Phil and Robbie across the line.

NZCMRR Meeting, Manfeild, 16-17 November, 2013 & Championship winners and place getters

With only 61 bikes and sidecars taking part in 14 classes, classes were combined and this enabled a fourth points round to be added to the Sunday programme.

There were seven Velo's at the start of the weekend including Phil Price's Big Velo (MT5001) in it's inaugural return to the race track. Phil rode his MOV in the 250cc Clubmans Class, taking four firsts. Stefan DeLacy rode Les DeLacy's Viper to two second and two third places in the 350cc Clubmans Class while Phil and Robbie Thomson rode their MAC's sharing the lower mid-field positions. Andrew Drake rode his MAC to a first place in the 350cc Modified Class, Martin McClintoch rode his MAC to two firsts and a second in the 350cc Pre-War Class and Chris Swallow rode the Big Velo to two firsts in the 500cc Pre-War Class before the gremlins struck these bikes and they were back on their respective trailers.

This was the final points round for the year so, unless things are altered, we can congratulate:
Phil Price for taking first place in the 250cc Clubmans Championship on the MOV
Chris Swallow for taking fourth place in the 250cc Modified Championship on Phil's Eldee
Stefan DeLacy for taking second place in the 350cc Clubmans Championship on the Viper
Martin McClintoch for taking first and Jack Mickleson second on their MAC's in the 350cc Pre-War Class
and Andrew Drake for taking out third place in the 500 Modified Class on Nick's Venom

Unfortunately mechanical issues and other commitments saw some our usual Velo racers either not compete at, or not complete, several meetings. Here's hoping that in 2014 the gremlins will stay away and at the end of the season we will have even more people to congratulate.

VOCA Good Companians Rally, Tasmania, 10-16 November, 2013 by Christine & Ted Rippey

It had been a long wait for us, eagerly looking forward to our annual break away, doing something different for a holiday.....a bike rally of course, a "Good Companians Rally" to be precise.

This year the Aussies decided to hold it in Tasmania, a place we have never been to. An offer of a loan bike was accepted, flights organized, then finally November arrived, it had been a long wait.....

The rally was being held at Ulverstone, a small settlement on the Bass Straight coast line which is nick named "the roaring 40's" a small town with quaint houses & shops, colorful gardens with flowers species the same as we have & friendly people. To get there, we had to fly into Melbourne and pick up an internal flight to Devonport, then a 20min ride to the motel, so far it looked very much like home, rolling hills, farmland, green trees, not many gums at all. We were told that 2 crops are mainly grown in the area, opium poppies for medical purposes and pyrethrum daisy plants which is used in fly sprays.

Off loaded at the motel, Evening meals were at the local surf club a short walk away. We arrived on Saturday 9th giving us Sunday to familiarize ourselves, wander the township, meet and greet the others, several of us went up the coast to well known market's which was swinging to the beat of a local band.

Monday morning 8.30am rider's briefing at the motel we were staying at, so all of sudden there were people & bikes everywhere, then tog up and off at your own pace, this was not a race.....stop and smell the roses if you want.

Mondays ride was Railton – Mole Creek – Sheffield – Home. Railton was an older town, known for it's topiary, everywhere you looked, topiary and more topiary.....a tall giraffe hanging over the fence in a garden, a huge bear or maybe a Tasmanian Devil at the end of the main street, a train, a draft horse & farmer with a plough, fancy shaped trees out front of local business's, around the corner a park filled with more topiary. They were all kept nicely trimmed; it must have taken years for them to grow with the sizes of the wire shapes. Next stop Mole Creek, food, loo's and fuel then onto Sheffield, a feature for its streetscape art gallery depicting the pioneering history, with it's Kentish heritage of antique dolls, collectables and antiques. A large quaint general store like the olden days, good selection of everything one could want, after a wander around and lunch eaten we drifted back to base, first day covered 155km.



Tuesday's ride was going to be longer.... Cradle Mountain – Waratah – Hellyer Gorge – Yolla – Burnie – Home. Cradle Mountain is the start of a 65km Overland Track, for hikers, walkers & trail riders, naturalist's delight with unique flora and fauna, migratory birds, eagle's, wallabies, the fabled Tasmanian Devil & trout fishing. Cradle Mountain has managed to retain its isolated and wild character of an alpine area yet it is visited by thousands of people every year. The road was long and straight, miles of it...blackened trees dotted the landscape as we rode through the National Park, it looked like an atomic bomb had been dropped, but was the result of a bush fire, as we gained altitude coldness set in, a sprinkling of snow on the mountain top, several times we thought we had missed the turn off to the information center where we were to meet up, we pulled over debating about going back as we seemed to have travelled for miles, then a fellow rider pulled up and assured us we were nearly there....thank goodness, a few more km's a welcome sign post, the turn off we were looking for, a short ride brought us to the visitors center which was humming with buses, bikes, cars and so warm inside, had done 75km's so far.... It had been decided by the committee that a visit to Dove Lake, including the bus ride was expensive and took a bit of time and also given the amount of us attending was not a viable proposition, instead we thawed out in the warm café, looked around the center, fueled up, time to get moving on to Waratah, this settlement was out in the sticks, once upon a time an old tin mining town, the mine had closed and the locals had to look further afield for work, we all met at the local hotel which was up on a hill overlooking the township and an impressive waterfall, only 1 way into Waratah, through the village, loop around the pub and back out again, various mine workings and old implements scattered around the place, an old cottage which one could go in and see how



the miners lived in the olden days, very basic. After lunch back on the road out towards the Hellyer's gorge, winding through Australian native bush which made a change from all the straights we had just had, into Yolla, then onto Burnie last stop Penguin, which as the name suggests is named after the fairy penguin rookies nearby, even penguin rubbish bins, in the main street pride and place in the town over looking the Bass Strait coastline and towering above us a large model of a penguin !!!!! the weather had warmed, an ice cream was in order here, nice to get off the bike after a long ride and stretch the legs and wander around the little town, we had been here for the markets on the Sunday.....next stop home, whew what a long cold ride it had been. Total ride 210 km's

After dinner back at the motel I couldn't stop shaking, so cold, so tired, Wednesday morning I didn't want to go any where, just let me sleep, I pulled the blankets up and slept the day away.....so Ted went by himself, the day was drizzly. The ride was Ulverstone – Boat Harbour - Wynyard – Burnie – Home. They started off taking the Bass Highway until Boat Harbour Beach for morning tea, more of Bass highway till reaching Table Cape Lookout, magnificent views along the coast, back on the road again short ride to "Wonders Of Wynyard" where a stop was organized at a excellent Veteran Museum. The museum contents where all owned by one person, and what a collection. Everything from battery car, model T, motorbikes, a total of about 40 odd displays, all immaculately restored. Total ride 132 km's.

Thursday morning I had recovered from my bout of whatever and ready to go. Ride was Exeter – Entally House – Steamtown – Home. Heading back inland this time, easy roads, not too much traffic till reaching Exeter for morning teaan Aussie rider Jon Lemons lived at Exeter across from the road house café so we were invited to view his big man shed where he had several unusual bikes and for the ladies the garden was a delight. Back on the bikes heading to Launceston a short ride and Entally House for lunch.



Entally Estate was founded in 1819 by Thomas Haydock Reiby II. Thomas was the 1st son of Thomas & Mary Reibey a master in his parents shipping business which was established at Launceston, building their own wharf and workhouses in the early 1800's. His father had been a junior officer, his mother had arrived in Sydney Town in 1792 as a convict, transported for 7 years for horse theft, from these humble beginnings the pair married and developed a busy farming, trading and shipping business along the Hawkesbury River moving into Sydney Town to expand. Following the death of her husband, Mary continued to run the firm, she also founded the first bank in Australia and today her image appears on the current \$20 note. Entally was a 300 acre land grant which came with provisions from the government stores and convict labor, it grew cereal crops and raised Devon cattle. Thomas II developed the estate with his wife and children till he died and was passed onto his eldest son who added more buildings to the property consisting of a chapel, conservatory, stables, coach house, coachmans lodge, gatehouse plus a cricket ground. It was handed down through the family till in 1947 the Tasmanian Government purchased it and through volunteers, the house is maintained and open to the public who are able to enjoy a tour of a "Historic Colonial Gentleman's Residence" beautiful gardens complete with a hot house, enjoying picnic's on the lawns or a café inside.

After we finished the tour we lined our bikes up for a photo shoot and then off towards home stopping at Steamworld.....2 huge sheds filled with traction engines, steam engines, old agricultural machinery and anything else that was driven by steam. The men enjoyed poking around, ladies a little bored with it, whilst in there a heavy shower of rain arrived wetting all the bikes, so wet bums, riding slowly back home, time for a nice hot shower and dry clothes. Total ride 243 km's

Fridays run, the last one. Gunns Plains – Riana – Natone – West Pine – Penguin – Home. It was a short run finishing up at Pier 1 car park at the wharf in Ulverstone to display the bikes from 12.00pm through to 3pm to let the general public come and see. Total ride 108 km's. Instead of doing Friday's run we were asked to go with another couple we had got friendly with to La Trobe where we had both seen the bill board upon passing earlier in the week advertising the Big Platypus experience, thinking it would be interesting to see these unusual creatures. We found our way there and were very disappointed.... what we didn't know, is that you can only see the platypus's in the early dawn & late evening as they were wild ones and are used to being feed then, we were there mid morning.....how ever we were told one can walk over a short bridge to the island which is where the tour experience happens and possibly see some as they stay in the shade and under growth at the edge of the inlet, they can only stay underwater for 2 minutes before needing to come up for air....well we spent a while watching and waiting to no avail, we gave up disappointed we had seen nothing, oh well a nice lunch in town and a meander home.

A prize giving and farewell dinner that night.....tables decorated with floating balloons, band for dancing after, Colleen Canning who is known for her copious amounts of photo taking had her work up on the big screen flicking through every night which was great to watch, she also snapped people without them knowing. There were American's, six of us NZ'ers (Jeremy and Michelle Lambert, Joe and Kolene Warmerdam and of course ourselves), many mainland Aussies along with several Tasmanian's. All overseas entrants were given, by the committee, a lovely historic and scenic book with some beautiful photo's of places we had seen on our rally and other places we were yet to visit.....time had come to call it a day...a very successful Rally, no bad accidents, couple of bikes did break down, some were fixed easily by burning the mid night oil.....



Bikes lined up at Entally House

Saturday 16th it was all over rover....time to go our separate ways, some went home but most of us stayed on and toured the rest of Tasmania, we had the use of our loan bike for another week so we set off across the island, heading to the west coast and downwards to Port Arthur, the convict penitentiary and made our way upward to Hobart where we meet up with the others. Hobart was the place we gave the bike back to the owner...it had served us well, with no maintenance, no break downs, no flat tyres, just so bloody hard to start..... now for a rest in Melbourne.

Next rally Adelaide.....

And on that note, here is all the information you will need to consider making the trip across the ditch later this year:

VOCA Good Companions Rally, Wirrina Cove Resort, South Australia, October 12-19, 2014

The rally is to be held from Sunday 12th to Sunday 19th, October, 2014 at Wirrina Cove Resort in South Australia. The Resort is located approximately 1 ½ hours south of Adelaide on the western side of the Fleurieu Peninsula and has motel style accommodation complete with golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool, marina and boat charters all set amongst fantastic motorcycle roads with little traffic and some great scenery.

The Rally will include a spare day to enjoy the Resort, or a trip to Kangaroo Island, local wineries, Birdwood Motor Museum, or another ride of course. Expression of Interest forms will be out shortly. The Rally Directors are Barry and Heather Castle and if you have any questions email them at ktt350@dodo.com.au.

NZ Velocette Register Annual Rally, Nelson Region, February 28 – March 2, 2015



To be held in sunny Golden Bay, Nelson at Collingwood Motor Camp, from February 28 – March 2, 2015, and hosted by Steve and Maxine Carrington. Meals will be at Collingwood (Tinky's) Tavern just 2 minutes walk down the road from the Motor Camp.

Planning is underway with a myriad of trip options available: Sand Spit, Museums and Colonial Kitchens, World class Motorcycle Museums, Private motorcycle collections, Cafe's and Pioneer Shop, Puppu Springs, great beaches and brilliant weather.

Please make your own accommodation arrangements with Collingwood Motor Camp, William St, Collingwood, Ph 03 524 8149 for accommodation, Golden Bay, Nelson Collingwood Motor Camp is a well established camp with 11 basic cabins and 3 self contained units, 2 bedroom holiday house, powered and non powered sites, right on the beach. It offers friendly, comfortable surroundings on the front door to Kahurangi National Park, Heaphy Track & Farewell Spit in the beautiful Golden Bay. www.holidayparks.co.nz/collingwood.

Expressions of Interest to: Steve and Maxine Carrington, Vintage and Modern Motorcycles, 63A College St, Motueka 7120. Email: vintage_moderncycles@yahoo.com Ph: 03 5284573 Mobile: 0272259916

The next newsletters will have more details, but start thinking and planning ahead now.

In memory of: If you know of someone who has passed away and would like to put together an obituary, or believe that one should be done, please let me know, thanks Cheryl.

2014 Annual Donation Now Due: Your (\$5.00 or more) donation normally covers the year in which you make it. Thank you to the people who have donated their \$5.00, or more to cover this year. If you would like to assist in covering our printing, postage and associated expenses and have the option of receiving your newsletters in hardcopy form please forward your 2014 donation to: NZ Velocette Register, C/-Paul Hayes, 2/12 Bungalow Ave, Pt Chevalier, Auckland. *Donations exceeding \$5 are carried though to the next year.*

Finances

Since the last newsletter our bank balance now stands at \$4534. The \$500 first prize from the Sun Alliance Classic Bike Show, for best Club stand puts us in a really good position. After discussions with Paul and others we will purchase 6 plastic stacker chairs and a tarpaulin, to use in the Velo tent at the Festival. We will get these from The Warehouse this week.

Importantly come on give us ideas on how to spend our money! We don't want it. We have used up to \$300, in the past, to subsidise the rally/accommodation/travel costs for guest speakers at our rallies.

These are some brainstorming ideas I came up with in five minutes to hopefully get your minds and pens/emails working:

Hard copying all newsletters to everyone?

Look at subsidising the costs of participant costs to the next NZ rally/ies ? Be it a nominal amount for every entrant or a maximum amount per rally.

Create our own Velo race trophy and certificates, awarded at each rally to those members who have raced their Velos in the previous year. Possible categories – most raced bike or most successful bike throughout the year.

There you go now comment critique or add to at will.

Newsletter: We attempt to put out a newsletter 3 to 4 times a year. Newsletters are normally only posted out to those people whom have forwarded their donation however they are emailed to everyone that we have email addresses for. We are always interested in receiving any news or articles for publishing, ideally with accompanying photographs. Most newsletters are emailed wherever possible to reduce costs and this gives people the added advantage of getting the photographs in colour and being able to magnify the newsletter if required. Exceptions are newsletters with rally information which are posted to everyone in NZ and non-email overseas past rally attendees. This newsletter was emailed out on **06/02/14**. If you have an email address and did not receive it via email, or your address details have changed, please email me at micklesonn@ihug.co.nz with the subject line of *Velo Register email address update* or Ph 07 8493568 so that I can update your details. Thanks, Cheryl Mickleson, NZ Velocette Owners Registrar

Velocette rebuild videos/DVDs available for loan

We now have a DVD and video copy of both a Viper gearbox rebuild and a Viper engine rebuild as demonstrated and narrated by the late Dave Allcock (UK). These are available for any Register member to borrow, with the only costs incurred being a \$10 refundable bond per item and the cost of any postage.

Please contact John Bryant email: jbryvelo@gmail.com or Ph: 09 445 6483

Upcoming Events

NZCMRR Hampton Downs Triumph Classic Festival, February 7-9, 2014

This will be the big event, with international riders, and a 'Cavalcade of History' Parade

NZ Velocette Register Annual Rally, Whangamata, Saturday February 15, 2014

Paeroa Hacksaw Road Race, Sunday February 16, 2014

VCC Hawkes Bay, Art Deco Rally, February 21-23, 2014

VCC South Otago, MC Rally, March 8, 2014

VCC Waitemata, Roycroft Trophy, Hampton Downs, March 8-9, 2014 If you are into Classic/Vintage cars, as well as your bikes, then this is an event to head to. All sorts of rare and wonderful machinery can be viewed at close quarters in the pits and on the race track, and believe me last year they were racing!

VCC Horowhenua, Ted Green MC Rally, March 8, 2014

VCC Canterbury, Jim Toohey MC Rally, March 15-16, 2014

25th Taupo to Napier Mail Run, Saturday March 15, 2014. The Hawkes Bay Classic Motorcycle Club would like to invite all motorcyclists out there with girder fork or rigid frame with sprung saddle bikes to participate in the 25th running of the Mail Run. The Mail Run is the commemoration of the motorbikes that used to carry mail from Taupo to Napier. The entry fee for the rally is \$20.00 with individuals then paying at the various venues for their own meals etc. The event starts in Taupo on the Friday night with a meal at the Taupo RSA at 7pm. The ride leaves the Taupo Marina at 10am on the Saturday morning, regroups at the Rangetiki tea rooms, before



stopping for lunch at the Tarawera Cafe and finishes in Napier with a static display at 3pm outside the Masonic Establishment, an evening prize giving and meal at the Napier RSA at 7pm rounds off the event.

As the bikes first used to carry the mail were of the girder fork bike era – they are trying to get as many bikes of that type on the run as possible. Early entry to attend this special event would be much appreciated to assist with organisation. All enquiries to Jim Lord mob: 0273547386, Ph: 06 8750391 or email hbcmailrun@gmail.com **Entries close on March 12** (*Ed's note: I have an electronic details and entry form for anyone interested.*)

VCC Southland, British MC Day at Mandville, March 16, 2014

VCC Waikato, Mooloo Meander, March 29, 2014. Come along and enjoy 100 miles of magic Waikato country roads and scenery. All Velo Register members are welcome to take part with bikes up to 1983 eligible. Camping and facilities are available at the VCC Clubrooms. Entry Fee (including route sheet and plaque) \$20.00, Rally lunch \$15.00 per person, Friday pre-rally dinner \$10.00 per person and Saturday evening dinner/prize giving \$26.00 per person. Entry forms can be obtained by emailing Waikato@vcc.org.nz and **entries close on March 21st**

VCC Wanganui, 32nd Castrol MC Rally, April 12-13, 2014

VCC Wairapa, MC Reliability Run, May 3, 2014

VCC Southland, Waimea MC Rally, May 10, 2014

VCC Canterbury, MC Rough Run, May 25, 2014

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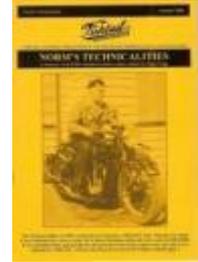
To be held in sunny Golden Bay, Nelson at Collingwood motor camp and hosted by Steve and Maxine Carrington. Planning is underway with a myriad of options available: Sand Spit, Museums and Colonial Kitchens, World class Motorcycle Museums, Private motorcycle collections, Cafe's and Pioneer Shop, Pupu Springs, Great beaches and brilliant weather. Please make your own arrangements with Collingwood Motor Camp, William St, Collingwood, Ph 03 524 8149 for accommodation, Meals will be at Tinkeys Hotel.

Please send your Expression of Interest to Steve & Maxine Carrington, **Vintage and Modern Motorcycles** 63A College St, Motueka. Nelson 7120, vintage_moderncycles@yahoo.com, Ph: 03 5284573 Mob:0272259916,

Velocette Blogsites and Websites to look at: These amazing blogsites full of articles, photographs and information on Velocette's, along with other classic and vintage bikes, that have been set up by very keen and knowledgeable Velocette people. For those with youtube access you can experience Malcolm Anderson's run, on the 1948 Ex Bob Foster KTT, up Rod McMillan's drive, at Haihei, during the Leadfoot rally in July 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fn6LA8Wh9KQ>. We also suggest you look at: <http://www.thevintagent.blogspot.com> run by Paul D'Orleans (USA) and <http://velobanjogent.blogspot.com> run by Dennis Quinlan (Australia) who is also the editor of Fishtail Downunder, <http://ozvintageracer.blogspot.com> run by John Jennings (Australia), <http://occhiolungo.wordpress.com> run by Pete Young (San Francisco), <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/david.gibbison/v-tec> run by David (Dai) Gibbison (UK) for an exceptional source of Velocette general, technical and parts information on line, <http://www.lancsvelo.com> for an excellent regional Velocette website with members photos and write-ups, <http://velogb.tripod.com> run by Ed Gilkison (USA) including parts supply, <http://www.rob.evotech-performance.com> run by Rob Drury (UK) specialising in Mk VIII information, <http://www.velocette.org.au> run by the Australian Velocette Owners Club, <http://www.velocetteowners.com> run by the British Velocette Owners Club which includes a spare parts list page, <http://www.velocette.org> run by the North American Velocette Owners Club, <http://www.le-velocette.co.uk> run by Alan Britch, <http://owensvelos.co.uk> run by Owen De'Ath includes 1400+ parts drawings details, 5 speed gear clusters, valves and valve guide parts, for a good source of bike photos and information of various marques www.cybermotorcyle.com and <http://velorchid.roachzone.com> run by Barbara Hamilton (Australia). www.motorradrestauration.de is run by Christoph Axtmans site, based in Marxzell Germany and makes and sells bits for Velos Vincents and Triumphs, www.feked.com is a comprehensive UK site for 'new original and replica classic parts for British and European motorcycles. www.kttservices.co.uk, for those wanting to look at some special race Velo's and parts. Let us know of any other websites or blogsites that you think should be passed on.

For Sale:

Norm's Technicalities: \$20.00 (+ \$3 pp): If you would like to order a copy contact: Cheryl Mickleson at micklesonn@ihug.co.nz, 07 8493568, For more information about this book see Dennis Quinlan's velobanjogent.blogspot.com site [Norm's Technicalities'...the latest in Velocette technical information](http://Norm's Technicalities...the latest in Velocette technical information).



NZ Velocette Owners Clothing: Last year we had a new run of clothing made. These Include the short sleeved Polo in Black and Gold with a striped button area @ \$35.00ea in S, M, L & 2XL, long sleeve Summer weight crew neck Polo ideal for under riding jacket @ \$25.00ea in M & L, Black baseball style caps, including two bright red caps @ \$20.00ea. oval Velocette patches with NZ Velocette Register on a gold outline @ \$18.00ea. the ever popular woollen Beanie @ \$18.00ea, and the Bucket style hats which provide ear protection from the Sun @ \$20.00ea. All have the famous Velocette logo embroidered in Yellow. Quite a lot was sold at the Matamata rally so it would pay to contact Warwick to check that we still have your desired item in your size. When ordering please also add to cover the postage cost; \$5.00 for shirts and hats and \$1 for badges. Make cheques out to the NZ Velocette Register. C/- W Darrow, 10 Standen Ave, Remuera 1050, Auckland. Ph 09 520 2882 Email: waktrish@vodafone.co.nz.

MAC crankcases: 3 crankcase MAC with rods and flywheels plus a lot of other velo items. MAC engine numbers are 6568--8189---17146 [alloy head and rocker box]. Would prefer to sell as a job lot. Also for sale Lucas standard Velo mag with spark, Viper/MAC alloy barrel with piston and new rings. Contact Ashley Southgate, email: ashleys@farmside.co.nz Ph: 03 612 6644



Old Velo Fork Part I have found an old fork part and have listed it on Trade Me. I know nothing about its history, only a tag that says VELO. see Antiques and Collectable on Trade Me. Kind Regards to all Ian and Judy Vedder-Price Email: judenian@clear.net.nz Ph: 078687425

BTH KC1 Magneto manual slack wire advance, rewind, new condenser, slip-ring, pickup, adv. cable etc running on modern RS bearings. Fully tested and ready to fit. \$800. Contact Guy Ph. 035484289 Email: guyo@slingshot.co.nz

1959 Velocette Viper. Owned since 1988 Good runner reconditioned magneto (licence on hold). Can be seen at Hampton Downs this weekend or contact John Bryant, Ph: 09 445 6483 Email: jbryvelo@gmail.com



Wanted to buy

Venom Seriously (desperately) looking. I need to upgrade the MAC so that I can take Gaylene along too.

If you have been contemplating selling your Venom please give me a call or email. Ideally it would be complete but not in showroom condition (my budget has made that stipulation necessary). It will be cherished maintained, and used. Please contact Maurice email: gaymaur@xtra.co.nz Ph: 09 4074305

1964 Venom chain guard and also the **fibreglass covers for the engine** Contact Phillip Email: pd.low@hotmail.com or Ph: 09-372 8183

Pair of rigid riders footpegs and sidestand for pre-war MAC. Contact Trotty Collin Ph: 07 5768416 or Email: trotty@nettel.net.nz



Many of you may relate to this cartoon Which was sent to me some time ago from John Anderson.

"Ah Mr Smith, I believe help is at hand, it so happens that Professor Morrison here is also a world authority on the Velocette Clutch"

Just before Christmas I received a lovely letter from Ivan Rhodes along with this card with says :

“Best wishes to all my friends in New Zealand and Australia, USA etc.
From Ivan Rhodes and the Velo fellows in UK”

Both the card and the letter will be at the Velo tent at Hampton Downs



On the back of the card

Some more photos from:
From Dennis Quinlan at the Good Companions Rally at Ulverstone



David Morse (one of the Tasmanian Rally organisers) attempts to emulate Rollie Free's famous 1948 Vincent speed run photo while at Ulverstone and Jim Day with his Bertie Goodman Award

