



# Bits & Pieces

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Bernie and Richard Bradley at the Winchester Rally. Photo courtesy of Ashburton Courier

**Meetings are held on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the K88 Room at The Plains Museum**

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# President's Report

Dear Members

I hope all members are well and enjoying our weather we have had lately.

It was an enjoyable night watching a DVD on our screen which is looked after by Struan. Thank you very much for setting this up and looking after the equipment. It was a good turnout of members

This equipment belongs to the Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club and does not get hired out. It was discussed at a meeting that it is to be used at club events and evenings only.

Our ploughing match is coming up this weekend so come along and support your club members or buy a couple of raffle tickets and have an enjoyable day. All the best to the ploughman.

Our annual dinner is to be held on

the 3rd of July. The MSA is booked and we have the same room out the side again. I hope to see you all there.

Murray, Greg and myself met with three members from the Reserves Board and sat around the table and discussed options for our new shed. They couldn't help us enough, so interested in what we would like to do.

The committee met at the site with some pegs and a measuring wheel and marked out as a guide where the shed would roughly go. The pine trees would all be removed, cut down and sold as a fundraiser for us to make some extra money. Next step is to look at some shed options.

See you all at the next meeting

Regards

Peter McMullan

## Taranaki Club Visit



Members of the Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club standing in front of a sea

of green at John Stewarts. The group visited three club members; Gordy Carters in the morning, John Stewarts midday and then up to Anthony Hamptons in the afternoon. The group were then off to Fairlie via Geraldine. Thanks to the members who opened up their sheds for these guys, good to see that there are other groups and people as interested as us in things vintage





# Tiffen Clearing Sale

On 27th March Nigel and Julia Tiffen had a clearing sale of their vintage collection, the sale was well laid out and there was something for everyone, a good sized crowd but it seemed there were more lookers than buyers but in saying that all items found new homes. Most of the gear was IH with the usual sundries that go with a shed clean out. Most of the tractors were original and the better priced one were runners.

Duncan 13 tine grubber	\$200
Ransome 13 tine grubber	\$150
Ransome Discs	\$150
IH 2 Furrow plough	\$150
R&G 3 furrow plough	\$150

Bamford hay rake	\$200
IH 46 hay baler	\$200
IH FCC tractor	\$2500
IH H tractor	\$3800
IH F 12 tractor	\$1000
IH W 30 tractor	\$500
IH W 6 tractor	\$1400
IH H Crane tractor	\$750
IH Super BM tractor	\$750
IH AW6 tractor	\$700
IH O 12 tractor	\$2200
IH W 4 tractor	\$1100
IH WD 40 passed in	\$11000



## Woolley's Clearing Sale

I went along to the clearing sale of contracting and surplus plant of new member Peter and Marline Woolley. It was a very hot day, good turnout of buyers with some good prices paid for tractors, sundries and farm implements. It was well presented with a lot of the items painted. Some of the main items include, was the Fordson Doe, Reversible plough, Case International tractors, Trailing Maxi till, Cambridge Roller, a

selection of plough shears. Peter has been contracting for a long time, working with his father in his younger days and then taking over from his father later on. Marlene also assisted Peter driving the large tractors as well. Peter and Marlene attended our Wheat and Wheels Rally last year with his tractors. I wish them well in their new venture and hope to see them at future rallies.

Regards Peter McMullan

# Tractor Profile – MAN Tractor

The M.A.N. 4WD tractor came in two models a 40hp and 42hp produced by the MaschinenFabrik Augsburg-Nürnberg (Nuremberg) in Germany. These tractors were imported into New Zealand by Doring Implement Supplies in Christchurch, 20 tractors arrived during 1953/54.

These tractors have an OHV 4 cylinder diesel engine with replaceable cylinder liners and gave immediate starting without any heating elements.

They came with a twin range gearbox with five forward and a reverse gear, giving a top road speed of 18mph. Four wheel drive can be engaged from the driver's seat. Fitted with lights, starter and hydraulics they even have a plug to boil an electric jug.

In spite of increasing production and export sales post war through to the 1960's, production and sales lagged far behind producers of other tractor

makes and the production of M.A.N tractors ceased in 1964. M.A.N. still exists today producing trucks and buses.

The M.A.N. tractor pictured is a 1954, 42hp model brought by the late Neil Begg in the early 1980's. It was going when it was brought but needed some work on the engine, so it was stripped down ready for an overhaul.

After Neil's passing the tractor sat in the back of a shed for many years,



until 2008 when Clare and John Stewart, Errol Stewart and John Stubbs sourced

new parts and the tractor was painted and rebuilt. This tractor's early ownership, location or history is not known.

## Ashburton Vintage Car Club PART 2

Day 5 up bright and early, packed up ready to travel to Lawrence. We left about 8.30am and drove east through Mossburn to Lumsden where we had morning tea and fuelled up. The road from here headed north along shingle roads mostly through Waikaia and rolling back country of Southland and Pomahaka till we got to where the town of Kelso was before the floods wiped it out. From here there were

very dark clouds looming from the south as we headed for Tapanui for lunch. A few minutes out of town the thunder storm caught up with us, with very heavy rain, much to the dismay of those hardy souls driving their open sided cars.

Great to have the new invention of wind up windows for Murray, me and some others. After lunch we travelled on the Tapanui- Raes Junction rd then turning off towards Lawrence via

back roads through the Pomahaka River valley and out to the historic Clutha punt near Tūapeka Mouth. This was a new experience for all crossing the river in this manner. The elderly gentleman who operated the punt had been doing so for nearly 20 years and he operates from 10am to 2pm then 4pm to 6 pm but we arrived at 3pm which was out of normal hours and he was present so he said we could cross for free.

The crossing took 24 km off the distance had we gone the other way over the Beaumont bridge. We arrived at Lawrence with plenty of time to check in to our motels and have a quiet fizzy drink before going to the coach and horse inn for dinner.

Day 6 we started off with a drive to Gabriel's Gully which is where the first gold rush started in New Zealand. A local lady who I might call the town crier or custodian of the valley gave us a very informative tour of the area describing what went on there in the 1860s, with a drive up a hill to where there had been a bakery etc. to supply miners with food. A very steep hill with the down side shingle just to make it interesting for one car which only had brakes on the rear wheels and our tour leaders on board.

From there to the next valley where we inspected the remains of an old brewery. A conducted tour of their vintage machinery and car museum was also found to be well displayed. In the afternoon some cars travelled on the main road then returned on the millennium highway on the old rail way line site on the north side of the river and back on to the highway at Beaumont Bridge.

On the way from there back to Lawrence, Murray's Truck started to miss on one cylinder, so we stopped and changed spark plugs. Problem solved carried on a few km only to find the same problem again. We did some more work back at the motel so would be good for the next day which was homeward bound.

The Lawrence Classic Car boys came around to show us their cars in the evening before we went to the Coach and Horse for tea again. Day 7 Murray and I decided we would get away a bit earlier in the morning as it was the last Friday before Xmas and it was a long way to go, we might miss the worst traffic with our slow vehicle.

We were on the road at 7.30am and straight into some steep country on shingle roads heading across towards Lee stream. Half way up the first hill it dropped back to 5 cylinders again so more plugs changed and we were beginning to think it might be a long trip home.

After several stops Murray decided to shift a vacuum hose to the windscreen wiper away from the No 6 plug and hey presto a ten year problem solved.

Bloody good diagnosis at last (but I won't say a word). We are off like a dog shot at, towards Lake Mahinerangi which was new country for us over a causeway built across the lake to save a long drive around it.

The way to Lee Stream has many deep wide gullies in which we spent a lot of time in the lower gears, but eventually we came out onto Highway 87 which took us to Middlemarch where we fuelled up. This was not the end of the hills though as we climbed up over the Moonlight road to Macraes Flat and on to Dunback, where we turned off soon after to take a short cut (we think) and came out on SH1 just south of Moeraki.

The traffic was not too bad and made good time, then turned off at Waianakarua and travelled up the coast where we had lunch at all day bay. From here we got on to SH1 again at Oamaru with a fuel stop at Washdyke and home at 3.30pm

Report written by  
Dave Dellow  
Co Pilot to Murray Elliott  
871 miles travelled/  
1411 kms  
16mpg  
Fuel used 236.96  
Fuel cost \$596.12  
cost per mile \$0.28/  
\$0.46km



# Notice Board

## UP COMING MEETINGS

The June meeting will be in the K88 room at the plains on the 4th June at 8pm. The July meeting will be our annual dinner meeting at the MSA on Thursday 3rd July. Drinks at 6.30pm, dinner at 7pm

The club would like to wish Peter Kane all the best with his upcoming operation and a speedy recovery

## Tractors for Sale

**1940 Farmall A** new manifold and back end reconditioned

**1941 Farmall M** tricycle new manifold new rings, valve grind

**1941 Farmall H** new manifold, new rings bearings, valve grind

**Farmall BM** new manifold ,valve grind

**1953 DED3** motor reconditioned

**1953 DED3** back end reconditioned

**1953 BMD** motor and back end reconditioned

**Late 60s IH A554** rotary pump back end reconditioned

**Cab to fit M, BM or BMD** requires front glass otherwise new  
All tractors have good tyres and have been repainted

**Kawasaki Mule** good condition  
Please phone Peter Kane 0272228850

## AGM

The Clubs AGM will be on the 2nd April Please come along and take part ,the club has some exciting times ahead and would be good for all to participate.

**Rally DVD** The club still has 10 copies left to sell

**FOR SALE 1950 Nuffield M4**, fitted with a diesel DM4 motor. In running order, good tyres, starts well, there is an option of a field master topper to go with tractor

**1944 Farmall A** tractor. Restored and in excellent order, starts and runs well, tyres like new, set up for vintage ploughing

**Wanted** Motor for W4 or Farmall H, preferably running, please phone Jonty Ward (03) 349 0319 or 0275 933 322

## NEW MEMBER

The club would like to welcome Tom Thornley to the club

## Thanks

I would like to thank Greg Donaldson for printing the newsletters for the last couple of issues at a very sharp rate. This is saving the club quite a bit of money, thanks Greg. Also this month we have got some new advertisers on board, these businesses are linked through our web page, under **links**, back to their business ,this is a great system and allows anyone to view their web page. I would like to encourage club members to support all the businesses as their fees help cover the cost of the newsletter and web page.

From the editor

## UP COMING EVENTS

**31st May** MCVMC ploughing match at Wakanui

**1st June** Hinds Ploughing Match

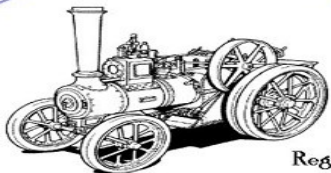
**7th June** Methven Ploughing Match

**8th June** Rakaia Ploughing Match

Day trip to Temuka and Timaru. John Hall organising various places to visit. More info at June meeting



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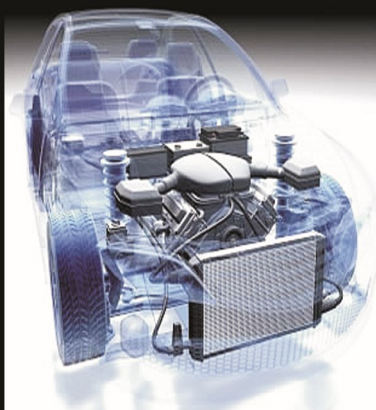
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