

*Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of the
New Zealand Federation of Motoring
Clubs (Inc.)*

*Held at VCC Clubrooms at Taupo
on 3 May 2009 at 10.30am*



The President Jack Hindess welcomed all the members present and guest speakers.

Guest speakers:

Tony Johnson, LVVTA – certifying restorations, rebuilds and modified vehicles

Tony gave an overview of the Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association. It was established in 1991 in response to vehicle standards regulations. LVVTA is a mediator between enthusiasts and regulators. The objective is to enable enthusiasts to continue to modify vehicles in a safe way. It's funded by certification plates issued to all 'modified' cars; 700 'modified' cars are certified every month – not only hot rods but motorhomes, vehicles for disabled drivers, vans with extra seats. The LVV Code for modified and constructed vehicles was developed in response to Land Transport Rules, it sets out the legal framework of their system including standards and the NZ Hobby Car Technical Manual. There are 60+ LVV certifiers around NZ who are appointed by NZTA but do not require formal qualifications.

Common issues between LVVTA and FOMC include registering vehicles without documented history, and the definition of scratch-built. The LVVTA has developed scratch-built sub-categories for vehicles that shouldn't have to comply with the full criteria of the scratch-built definition. They include: 'historic replica'; 'reproduction'; and 'unique'. The technical requirements vary between them. A 'unique' scratch-built must comply with all the requirements. A 'reproduction' must comply with most requirements. 'Historic replica' must have a VCC Identity Card and meet specified requirements.

Phil Horne, Vehicle Inspection NZ – WoF and compliance issues for classic and enthusiast vehicles

VINZ was formed in the 1990s by vehicle dealers. Phil spoke about the compliance rules for various vehicle categories such as repaired vehicles, modified vehicles, lapsed registrations, vehicles entering the fleet. He noted owners of new imports or vehicles registered after 1991 can apply for a 'trim exemption' to avoid invasive inspections including stripping the interior as part of the compliance process, e.g. campervans or vehicles with multiple airbags.

Phil responded to questions from the audience. There was some discussion about the Repair Rule and problems with cars with old repairs which don't meet modern standards or imported restored cars not repaired to the NZ standards. It was asked if there is a quota for WoF failures but Phil was adamant there was not although the TSDAs are audited and it was suggested that rumours of quotas may be a response to avoid audits at agents with below-average failure rates.

Apologies:

The President asked delegates to introduce themselves and called for apologies:

Isabel McKenzie, Austin Flying 'A' Enthusiasts Club; Ann Letica, Buick Enthusiasts Club; Peter Mackie, Daimler & Lanchester Owners Club; Clare Cramond, Hamilton Zephyr Zodiac Club; C M Nicie, Jaguar Enthusiasts Club BoP; Ian Skene, Stag Owners Club. Moved/seconded: Mark Stockale/Stam Richardson – carried.

Minutes:

As the minutes of the last AGM had been circulated, they were taken as read and were subsequently confirmed. Moved/seconded: Ron Tuck/Norm Pointon – carried.

Presidents report:

Jack Hindess moved that the Presidents Report be received. Seconded by Stan Richardson – carried.

Secretary's report:

Mark noted the 2009/10 subscription returns had been prompt. We had also written to 30 non-financial clubs still on the mailing list and asked them to renew their subscription in order to continue receiving the benefits of membership, and so far we had received an encouraging response.

Treasurers report:

Paul Billing moved that the financial reports be approved. Seconded by Jeff Tobin – carried.

Paul moved that the subscription fee remain unchanged. Seconded by Norm Pointon – carried.

Editors report:

The new-look quarterly *Wheel Torque* newsletter was introduced last March. Positive feedback has been received so far. We welcome feedback from clubs on the content and suggestions for topics. Mark encouraged clubs to disseminate the information in *Wheel Torque* to their own members via club newsletters, or encourage them to download it from our website. He noted we have had some motorcycle clubs ask about progress with draft compulsory lighting rule; this was summarised in issue #2 so the club neither read it nor passed it onto members. At subscription renewal we ask for the mailing address for secretary or editor so that it goes to the right people – Mark asked clubs to ensure it gets circulated at committee meetings and to reproduce relevant articles or contact him for text copies. Or otherwise note in the club magazine that articles on the topic(s) are on the FOMC website: www.fomc.co.nz.

Mark noted the website continues to be updated regularly, including FOMC submissions. We also publish quarterly updates in *NZ Classic Car* magazine and occasionally write letters to other magazines like *NZ Autocar* to keep our profile up.

Andrew McClintock moved that the editors report be accepted, seconded by Doug Wheeler – carried.

Submissions Secretary report:

Andrew McClintock summarised the FOMCs submissions in the past year. Andrew moved his report be adopted, seconded by Ross Hopkins – carried.

The meeting discussed seeking more feedback from clubs on draft Rules. Malcolm encouraged all clubs to regularly check the NZTA website for new consultation topics.

Election of officers:

Jack Hindess read out the nominations for the executive and committee for the coming year.

President:	Ross Hopkins	Committee (6):	Roy Hughes
Vice-President:	Jeff Tobin		Tom Ireland
Treasurer:	Paul Billing		Ivan McCutcheon
Secretary:	Mark Stockdale		Andrew McClintock
			Terry Pidduck
			Stan Richardson

Malcolm moved that the officers so nominations be elected for the forthcoming year. Seconded by Norm Pointon – carried. Norm moved that Paul be appointed to the position of Treasurer under the constitution – carried. Jack noted that as he becomes Immediate Past President Malcolm Lumsden will be retiring and Jack asked the AGM to pay tribute to his past efforts and also thanked Ron Tuck who is also retiring. Ross Hopkins thanked Jack for his contribution as President, as well as Norm Pointon for his work on the Vehicle Identity Card.

Report from the Executive:

Vehicle Identity Card. Norm Pointon noted the FOMC VIC was presented to the NZTA in March. It is broadly similar to the VCC card. The NZTA sought more detailed information and this was fully discussed by the executive, and the FOMC sub-committee will reconvene in order to respond.

Remit:

Jeff Tobin spoke to the remit from the Auckland Mustang Owners Club which proposes creating an executive position of Submissions Secretary, and which had been circulated to all clubs in the second posting. Malcolm Lumsden clarified that as a change to the constitution it will not come into effect until after the next AGM. Norm Pointon spoke in support of the remit. Jeff moved the remit be adopted, seconded by Norm Pointon – carried with an abstention from Andrew McClintock. Malcolm stated that we need to notify the Register of Incorporated Societies of the change.

Topics for discussion:

Mark spoke to two topics from the Rover Car Club Nelson regarding biofuels and the ongoing supply of unblended 95 octane, and unavailability of 98 octane in Nelson. As with the discussion at last year's AGM, it was noted that Shell 95 has a higher RON rating than 98 anyway. Roy Hughes suggested the FOMC could do more research on this and advise member clubs.

Meeting closed at 3:00pm.

Next AGM set for the first Sunday in May 2010.