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- * Are your Club details current?
- * Do you have pictures? If so are the cars a strong representation of your Club and current?

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FENDER FLYER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND HOT ROD ASSOCIATION INC.



Marineland Street Rods 2 with Kevin "Manwell" Stevens, Paul Grace, Daryl Gates and Larry from Classic Cover Insurance

2012 NZHRA Club Champs.

Congratulations to Bay Rodders Tauranga for putting on another cracker NZHRA Club Champs, there were quite a few newbies in the line up. Marineland Street Rods 2 took out first place followed by Pukekohe Hot Rod Club, then

Wheels Inc in third and Team Clairebear and Te Awamutu Tyre Kickers tied fourth equal. There is a link to photos from the Event on the NZHRA website www.hotrod.org.nz at the bottom of the home page.

100th NZHRA Club

During April of 2012 the NZHRA Executive signed up our 100th NZHRA Club - Custom & Classic Waimate Inc. The Waimate Club was initially set up under the umbrella of Garden City, Christchurch and has been operating for 11 years. The Club has 20 dedicated family and social members and is a welcome addition to our current Zone 9 Clubs.

Industry News

This year is the 20 year Anniversary of the first LVVTA certification plate issued.

Steve Payne's Speed 33 Cabriolet collected two awards at the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, California, USA. Built by Rods by Reid, the car picked up first place for the Altered Street Roadster Class and Outstanding Engine.



NZHRA President Daryl Gates and Paul Grace Editor of New Zealand Hot Rod Magazine at the 2012 NZHRA Club Champs hosted by Bay Rodders Tauranga. NZHRM celebrates 45 years of publication this month.



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COMING EVENTS

APRIL

21st April

75 Mile Poker Run, Thames

22nd April

Cambusters Inc, Sunday Breakfast, Nelson

28th April

Hamilton Hot Rod Club, Annual Memorial Run, Hamilton

MAY

4th May

Cambusters Inc, Friday Night Cruise, Nelson

20th May

Capital Rodders Inc, Swapmeet, Trentham Racecourse, Upper Hutt

20th May

Cambusters Inc, Sunday Breakfast, Nelson

25th - 27th May

Oceanside Street Rods, Rods and Rockers Rod Run, Mount Maunganui

JUNE

1st June

Cambusters Inc, Friday Night Cruise, Nelson

1st - 4th June

Southland Rodders Inc, 45th Anniversary Run, Invercargill

17th June

Cambusters Inc, Sunday Breakfast, Nelson

23th - 24th June

Bay Rodders Inc, Winter Blast Rod Run & Swapmeet, Tauranga

JULY

6 July

Cambusters Inc, Friday Night Cruise, Nelson

13 - 15 July

Northern Street Rods, Hot Rod Round Up, Whangarei

21 - 22 July

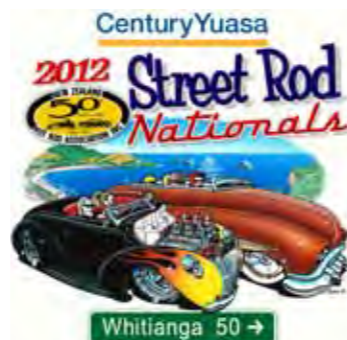
Harbour City Rod Club & Southside Streeters, **N.Z. Hot Rod Association 50th Anniversary 2012 National Hot Rod Show** - held in conjunction with the CRC Speedshow, Auckland

22 July

Cambusters Inc, Sunday Breakfast, Nelson

27 - 29 July

Whangarei Rod & Custom Club, Club Run / Grasskana, Marsden Point, Ruakaka



1-4 November 2012

SPONSOR PROFILE

You will have seen their logo at many of our Hot Rod Events, and some may already insure their Rods with Classic Cover Insurance Limited, but who are they and what do they offer the Rodder?

The New Zealand wide Head office is based at 16 Greenwood Street Hamilton, and since 1983 their experienced staff have been insuring unique cars and motorcycles. The friendly team are full of automotive knowledge - even the girls can talk rally & race cars, they all have a focus on personal service and the only thing you will find automated at this company is their afterhours answer phone.

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Over the years Classic Cover Insurance Ltd have supported our Hot Rod Events by injecting thousands of dollars into the sponsorship of our Pre 49's, NZHRA Hot Rod Lotteries,

National Shows, Street Rod Nationals and the NZHRA Club Champs. This year Classic Cover Insurance continues to support our Rodding fraternity with sponsorship at the Napier Hot Rod Festival, hosted by Marineland Street Rods, this years 2012 Street Rod Nationals in Whitianga, they will be at the CRC Speedshow and will again back the NZHRA Club Champs next year.

So, why should you insure with Classic Cover Insurance? Simple, because a small percentage of your premium is injected back into our hobby and Hot Rodding Events.

One more thing, if you are thinking of importing or exporting your vehicle overseas, take a look at the "Marine Transit Insurance" package, this new insurance package covers you from the dock to the depot. Check out the website today www.classiccover.co.nz or give one of the team a ring on 0800 456 254, remember to tell them which NZHRA Club you are a member of and keep in mind the team at Classic Cover Insurance are Rodders too.



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QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS WITH LARRY.

1. How long have you been involved in Hot Rodding? Since the 70s.

2. Which Club are you a Member of? East Bay Rods.

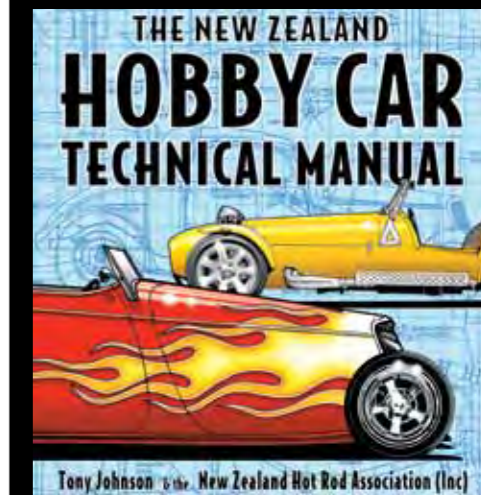
3. What is inside your garage?

'56 Buick Super 2 door Hardtop and father and son project - 28 Roadster Pickup.

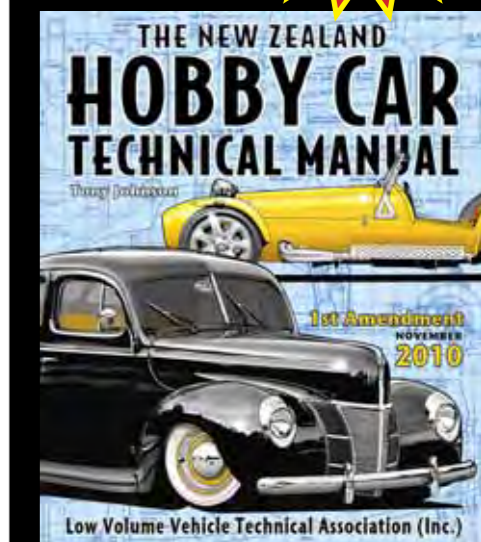


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NZ Hot Rod Association 50th Anniversary 2012 National Hot Rod Show

The 50th Anniversary NZHRA National Hot Rod Show Committee have been encouraged by the strong level of both enquiry and entries received to date for this premium event in the 50th rodding calendar.

The committee's approach to this years show has been to pick on the overseas trends and encourage entrants to individualise their displays as much as they wish with extra power feeds being added to promote additional lighting and entrants to provide their own unique stanchions which is sure to bring some creative alternatives to the traditional tape and stakes. The size of the venue provides for 60+ cars to be displayed and the committee are keen to receive applications prior to close off on 31 May. Entry forms are available under the Event tab on the NZHRA website.

The show committee advises that they have struck an exclusive deal with the promoters of the CRC Speedshow for NZHRA members. All NZHRA members, plus their wives, husbands and partners (not mates) will receive a 25% discount off the public gate entry price so they will pay \$15/adult to enter the show instead of the public price of \$20. All they need to do is produce their NZHRA membership card at the gate with cash to obtain the discount. As the timing is across the NZHRA financial year, cards from both years will be accepted.

In addition, all rodders who take their cars to the show will be parked in a designated area within the ASB Showgrounds complex with roving security provided.



The show committee are still keen to hear from potential sponsors with \$300/\$400/\$1000 packages still available and with an audience expected to be well in excess of last years 22,000, this has good marketing opportunities across a broad spectrum of car enthusiasts. Sponsorship details are on the NZHRA website alongside the entry forms.

NZHRA MISSION STATEMENT

"The New Zealand Hot Rod Association (Inc) is dedicated to encouraging and enhancing it's members participation and enjoyment of safe Hot Rodding and its related activities, to foster the development, achievement and success gained through involvement with unique and individual automobiles and, in doing so, positively promoting the sport of Hot Rodding to those outside of our organisation"

NZHRA 50th Anniversary Merchandise



NZHRA 50th Anniversary Glasses.

Stamped with the NZHRA 50th Anniversary logo, Bill says "his beer has never tasted so good as out of the commemoration glass".

A limited number are available and dish washer safety is unknown. Set of 2 \$16.00 + \$5 courier



NZHRA 50th Anniversary Sticker Sheets
 • Large Sicker dimensions 100mm x 55mm
 • Medium Sticker dimensions 60mm x 35mm
 • Small Stickers dimensions 40mm x 22mm
 Price \$5.00 per sheet + \$1 postage



NZHRA Timeline Sticker
 Dimensions 46mm x 225mm
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NZHRA 50th Anniversary Mugs. Price \$8.00

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Every two months our Junior Members receive a newsletter filled with jokes, puzzles, interesting facts and more!

It is a little something for our Hot Rodding kids, here is an email we received the other day....

"Big Thanks for the birthday card from NZHRA Jnrs for my son Jarvis' up and coming birthday! Walking round thinking hes King! Definitely made his day! Great detail you guys put in for the kids! Everyone fast to complain but always forget to thank people for the little things. Once again thank you and have a great day".

Register your kids today via the website or send an email - with your child's name, postal address, contact phone number and birth date to nzhra@hotmail.org.nz
 Membership is open to kids under the age of 16 and NZ residents.



Peoples Choice 2007 National Show

Owner: Neil and Pam Baker **Club:** Southside Streeters Inc
Vehicle: 1957 Buick Super Riviera

Vehicle Details: On the road since 2001, Neil and Pam say, "it has been all over NZ. It's probably one of the first in the country on 20's" and airride. The 1957 Buick Super Riviera has many top awards that are a tribute to the skill and talent of some of the countries finest craftsmen. With 355 TPI and NOS, 700R trans, Lincoln 9", Custom c/molly IFS it is certainly a head turner!

Special Thanks to: The awesome tradesmen: Terry of Terrys Chassis Shop, John and Sam of Cascades Auto Finish, Kelly of Stitches. Lloyd of Magoos. Kevin and Brian at Fabtech. Heritage Gritblast. Kevin of Specialty Cars, Procoat and Otahuhu Chrome platers.

1957 Buick Super Riviera



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NZHRA Club Profile...

Bay Rodders Tauranga kicked into life after Terry Furness decided to shift from his home town of Matamata to live in Mt Maunganui. He met up with some locals who were also into their old cars and modified V8s and on the 8th of October 1966 a meeting was held at Terry's place at 42 Patterson Street, Mt Maunganui, to form Tauranga's first Hot Rod Club. Attending this first meeting was Terry Furness, Gary Hill, Graeme Arden, Syd Adler, Keith Ellet, Graeme Florey, John Moore, and Ian Munro.

It was decided that Terry, being the founder, would be president, Syd Adler would be the secretary, and Gary Hill the treasurer, to get the club rolling. No committee was established at that time as there was only eight members and everything was to be done by open discussion amongst them. The original name for the club was going to be Eastern Bay Rod & Custom Club, but this was later changed at the next meeting to become "Bay Rodders Tauranga", after input from Terry's workmate and apprentice, Tom Jones, who also became an early member of the club. As more meetings were held over the following months at Terry's house, word had started to get around and as more people joined the club, it was decided to promote the sport of Hot Rodding and also give the general public a chance to view them and discover what Hot Rods were all about.

After some discussion it was decided that because of the high influx of visitors every Easter weekend to Mt Maunganui, that the first show would

be held on the Easter Saturday. Members dipped into their own pockets to pay for the advertising of the show and hiring of the Mount Maunganui Sports Dome as the venue. Sponsors for the trophies were obtained and the first Bay Rodders Mount Show was held on Easter Saturday 1967. It was well patronised by a lot of early NZ Hot Rodders as well as the general public, and was also only the second ever Hot Rod Show to be held in NZ. The first being the National Hot Rod Show held by Sulphur City Rod and Custom Club at the Rotorua Sports centre in Government Gardens in Rotorua, a few months earlier.

The Mt Maunganui Easter Bay Rodders Shows were to become an icon amongst the rodding fraternity and were always heavily patronised by them and the general public. Because of this it was decided to change them to become two day events, held on both the Easter Saturday and Sunday, and who could forget those infamous after show parties held on the Saturday night after the show venue had shut. The first of these parties being held at Terry's place, with many visiting Rodders crashing in tents on the vacant section next door. These parties were later shifted to local halls as the number of people attending grew and also so Terry could keep on good terms with his neighbours. These shows and parties continued to be a major part of the rodding "must go to" calendar for approximately 12 years. Some of the early participants read like a who's who of the early Hot Rodders in NZ, i.e. Noel Usherwood, Bill Perriton, Malcolm "Butch" Reid, Rod Jenkins, Len

"Blue" Jones, Kevin Delores, Terry and Larry Fergusson, Keith McQuade, Rob Campbell, Harry Donker, Mike Gearing, Maurice "Hollywood" Horne, and many others.

The first show was such an outstanding success, both financially and from the promotional point of view, and it generated a lot more interest in the club so it was decided that the first AGM should be held in the Memorial Park Hall Supper room in Tauranga on 16th October 1967. It was well attended and the first real elected committee of Bay Rodders was formed. This being Terry Furness-President, Keith Ellet-Secretary, Gary Hill-Treasurer, and the committee members were Graeme Arden, Ted Kiddie, John Moore, and Steve Hill. Club interest was kept up with many trips to other hot rodding events all around the country, organised boat trips, and car trials within the club.

The trials proved popular with the winner of each trial having to arrange the next one. Hot Rodding in general also exploded around this time, and from the 8 or 9 clubs that were in existence in early 1967, by early 1968, there was over 25 clubs formed. The first organised drags in NZ started back in 1964 at Kopuku Quarry between Auckland and Thames and were run on a base of quarry finings or mud rock. This provided a hard but dusty surface to be watered down with trucks to keep the dust to a minimum, and apart from Matamata Rod and Custom Club holding their street meets, in conjunction with the local Matamata Festival Society, there were no sealed strips available

to run on.

With the advent of "Bay Park Raceway" being built in Mt Maunganui in '68/'69, Bay Rodders negotiated a deal to run regular drags on the long back straight. Initially these drags were started with the drop of a flag and timed by stopwatches with communication being by walkie talkies. With cars like Maurice Horne's "Assassin" dragster, Pete Lodges "Baloo" (it was one of the first places in NZ where it ran), Mike Avars "Dr Zhivargo" Ford Anglia (later owned by Malcolm "Butch" Reid and renamed "Doc"), plus the rail "Andromada" owned by Brian Trigg, coming to the meets and the fact that the club was now becoming financially stronger, it was decided to invest in a Xmas Tree starting system and Finish Line cut off beam to stop the clock when the vehicles passed through it. Also

purchased was a caravan for the commentator and communications station, to process the timing cards.

Later an additional caravan was purchased and used on the return part of the circuit to issue the time cards directly to the competitors and to use as a base to guide them to the appropriate win or lose lanes for staging. After the main classes of racing and eliminations were over, it was opened up again to all the winners and losers to have their own grudge races, which proved extremely popular with everyone. This venue was really the first sealed drag strip in NZ and it was only after Meremere drag strip, later to become known as Champion Dragway, came into being, and also the demise of Bay Park Raceway due to the fact that developers were wanting the land that it was built on, plus the new

neighbours were complaining about the noise, that Bay Rodders Bay Park Drags came to an end.

The club to this day, are still involved in drag racing due to their current involvement of taking over the running and promoting of the "Nostalgia Drags" at Fram Autolite Dragway.

Over their 45 years of existence, Bay Rodders Tauranga have been instrumental in continuing to promote Hot Rodding by their involvement in all facets of the sport, and were also approached by clubs such as Whakatane Rod & Custom Club for help and information when they were in their early stages of formation.



A club all about the people!

Bay Rodder Ladies on the start line at the 2012 NZHRA Club Champs



CLUB BRIEF

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Geographical Area: Bay of Plenty Area
Meetings: 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Cherokee Place, Mount Maunganui.
Membership Requirements: To be building a vehicle or have a vehicle. Social membership also available. Meeting attendance not strictly enforced.
Vehicle Requirements: Hot Rod & Street Machines, Customs, Drag Cars, American and Australian.



Saying farewell to a fellow Club member at the 2011 NZHRA Club Champs



Current Bay Rodders President Deano

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