



# SWALLOW TALES

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Some of the Smith families line up of Simca's NZ



## SIMCA CAR CLUB AUSTRALIA Inc.

Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of SIMCA cars for the purpose of maintaining the Simca marquee as part of the motoring history of Australia.

The Club was formed to provide technical information and spare parts assistance to Simca club members.

The Club has an affiliation with Simca owners and clubs throughout the world, permitting a global update of Simca activities to our members.

The Club maintains a register of Simca owners through our specialist Registrar for both Simca and Simca Vedette.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK – *by Iain Dyer*

Dear Fellow Simcarites,

I hope one and all have had an enjoyable Xmas. By the time you receive this edition the “Ho,ho,ho” will be over. Whilst we were in NZ we sold our Business premises and it has taken till now to sort it all out. On top of all that, the new computer system we had just installed, had to be taken out and installed at home. With the usual Telstra wait of course.

At 67 I am finally semi-retired and I can tell you, Leila does not miss working six days a week at all. We are still operating on a smaller scale at our workshop.

Any way enough about us, New Zealand is the real story. I reckon the club should be called the “Australasian Simca Club,” New Zealand you did us proud. Colin and Lucy and Ivan and Jan made us all so welcome in the warmest and most friendly way. Our meet and greet night was a huge success with lots of the Smiths friends in attendance. A large marquee was set up not far from the Harbours edge at the sailing club. Not long after arriving Jan announced “it’s time for chups and dips.” I thought to myself it’s retribution time for all the Aussie sheep jokes, they are going to chuck us in the Harbour. Now I used to love swimming, but it is quite difficult with a walking stick. Fortunately they had a translator on hand and it simply meant, “Chips and dips.” Phew.

The Napier Sailing Club was a magnificent venue with that patinated feel of years of tall tales told at the bar. The AGM and subsequently the dinner were held there with the Dinner being a bargain \$45 per head. By comparison our Tassie Jaguar Club Dinner Next year is \$110.00 per head. We aren’t going! Ivan gave a speech on behalf of the N.Z. contingent just as they should be. Short and to the point.

The various activities were enjoyed by all and the whole rally was very affordable. Lucy and Jan buzzed around like bees on steroids. If you could bottle all that energy you would give Red Bull a run for their money. The whole event was compered by an inimitable character called “Bertie.” He is a local identity in Napier, an authority on Art Deco and a performer and play wright. He styles himself on Bertie Wooster the fictional P.G. Wodehouse character and only dresses in clothes of the period. He was Master of Ceremonies for all the events and frankly the whole rally was first class. It was with some sadness we departed

Napier, a lovely City and our Hosts who had made our stay so enjoyable.

Before flying back we called on Gerrard and Yvette Crombie in their lovely home in Auckland. After filling up on Yvette's delicious homemade scones, Gerrard took us for a run in the P60 Simca. Their car, one family owned and in original condition is an absolute cracker. It seemed strange stepping out of our new rent a car and jumping back into the 60's. If only we could!

On the home front we have had Victorian French Day, which we missed, Morrie's had a new knee, but I have waffled on enough.

At our AGM our esteemed President raised our club rating higher than Australia's credit rating, which Moody's recently downgraded. In his own words, he said in his speech, "The Simca club is the best little club in Australia, no, the World"!

Mind you he is signing off on emails as "Vinnie Vedette," a stage name perhaps, similar to Danny LA Roué? Was that a smudge of eye shadow I noticed in NZ?

Congratulations to Lorraine Laney for her excellent web site. [www.simcacarclubaus.org](http://www.simcacarclubaus.org) It has attracted considerable interest and can only help our club grow. Well done Lorraine.

Cheers until next time  
Iain and Leila



**A Coincidence! What chance of this happening in another country in car park at Sailing Club NZ.**



PRESIDENTS REPORT - by *Vince Parisi***December 2014**

What a tremendous year I have had with the club, I hope the same can be said for everyone else in this great club, My year as President has been eventful to say the least, I am now looking forward to 2015 and hope we can achieve more within the club, whatever that may be.... I am thankful for being elected your Presidente for another year but remember I am only keeping the seat warm for the next person to be elected in 2015.. We need to find someone energetic, vibrant, young and filled with enthusiasm (Really a clone of me) to move up and keep the momentum in the club at full steam.... Enough said.

Of course the Napier AGM was the biggest event of the year and WOW what a time I had.. I am so happy that I was able to attend and meet up with those Crazy Simca Kiwis... I cannot Thank Colin, Lucy, Ivan and Bev enough for the friendship, hospitality and great organization that they have showered upon us all in the beautiful City of Napier and I must go back soon..I must, The Smith's opened up their homes and their hearts to keep us entertained and I hope that we can show them as much or more when they visit Oz (hoping it might be in Sept's AGM in SA). More on the Napier AGM in this Newsletter.

Well as you know the AGM was held in Napier at the Napier Yacht Club and a new committee was elected, Congratulations and Thank You to Lorraine Laney (Secretary), Iain/Leila Dyer (Editors), and state reps Stephen Maloney, John Pickles, Morrie Barrett, Luke/Michelle Huntly, Colin Smith, Robert Stapley and Kerry Ryan looking after the Simca Register, Great Club contributors who would love to hear from members about what

they are up to, So don't be shy give them a call and give them something to share in our Newsletter.

Two items that I have taken on board this year..... firstly to have an up to date and informative Simca Car Club webpage and secondly a Face book page.... Well I am happy to inform you that the Simca Car Club Australia now has a Face book page up and running and has attracted worldwide attention with other Simca enthusiasts from around the globe socializing, I am managing the site and occasionally posting Simca happenings.... So get on to face book and see what other Simcaites are getting up to.. It is a great way of sharing information, photos and much more..... Our NEW Website has now been developed by the Guru Webmaster and Club Secretary Lorraine Laney (what a wiz).. I have seen some early work she has prepared and it is going to be Fantastic, this is our own site and will be managed by us (well Lorraine) and will need constant updates by our State Reps and whoever else would like to contribute.... Stay tuned as we hope it will be live on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.

I hope and wish you all a Safe, Happy, Healthy and a Merry Xmas with your families and friends and hope Santa brings you all that you wish for this Festive Season and hope to see lots of you at our 2015 AGM in SA... As for me I'm going Vedette Racing....

### Pres and Simca enthusiast Vinnie Vedette



Vince and Ivan Smith



The little red fire engine that could!

SECRETARY'S REPORT - *by Morrie Barrett*

## NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

In November Bob Brand contacted us re a Simca parked in his late Father's home at Cronulla offering the car or parts for free, Don Scanes and I visited the address to find a 1961 Simca sedan in very poor condition as a result of being so close to the salt air. Basics such as distributor, carburettor, fuel pump and the front grille were removed from the vehicle along with a Rush gearbox.

A week later I was advised of some Simca parts both New Old stock and used parts were for sale at Picton, about an hour and a half drive from Winston Hills, Don Scanes and I attended to find a 1962 Simca Body in one shed (sound) and in other sheds there were crates of spare parts mostly used along with some new parts on water damaged packing's, also a number of Flash and Rush engines and gearboxes also a set of chromed conrods. (Not all container were looked at)

The asking price was three thousand dollars as I was about to have my left knee replaced we have elected to make contact early in the New Year, so if there is an item you would like please contact so a shopping list can be assembled.

On 25 November I underwent a left knee replacement 1 week in the Sans Hospital and 2 weeks rehabilitation in the Hills Private Hospital, all went according to plan and on discharge I had achieved 130 degree bend, I have elected to undertake an additional 2 weeks of additional rehab and can resume driving on the 6 January.

Thank you to all the supporters and well wishes.

Welcome home to Rob Verhagen hope to catch up in the New Year.

Rob Stapley and Ina Stapley will be staying near Gosford early in January so I plan to organise a day trip up to Gosford to catch up please let me know if you would like to come.

Thanks to our new Secretary and Web Master Lorraine Laney our Club Web site is taking shape, so please forward items of interest and photos. Meanwhile Richard continues to make good and steady progress with his Vedette.

Margaret and I take this opportunity to wish one and all a great and safe festive season and a happy New Year.



Some of our group in Ivan and Jan's lounge room NZ. Lovely home.

QUEENSLAND REPORT - *by Luke Huntley*

## Queensland Report

Hello everyone. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and we wish you a happy 2015. Since the last report there were many members that attended the AGM in New Zealand. We had a great time and enjoyed the itinerary in Napier. We spent Friday night at the meet and greet BBQ at the Sailing Club. Saturday saw us visiting Hooters Vintage and Classic Vehicle Hire, the Silky Oak Chocolate Company for lunch, a quick stop at Colin and Lucy's to see their collection including their Austin 7 Fire Truck, then a walking Art Deco tour of the CBD and finishing back at the Sailing Club for the AGM and dinner. The rain on Sunday caused the plans to be altered slightly which took us to the All British Car Museum. This museum was unique in that they had many vehicles of the same model in the one location. We thank everyone with their time and effort involved in organising this event. We thank especially the Smith Family who made their vehicles available for members to use over the weekend in which Luke had the opportunity to drive three vehicles, a V8 Vedette Beaulieu, an Ariane and a Simca 1000. It was unfortunate that other Queensland members couldn't attend due to health reasons. After leaving the rally at Napier we headed to Southwards Car Museum recommended by many. We are glad we took their advice as it was well worth the visit and recommend it to others.

Luke's Simca is still awaiting repairs to the water pump. Now that the holiday season is finished and things have quietened down there should be more time to see to the repairs. We look forward to having it on the road again for the Adelaide Rally.

All the best for the new year.

Kind Regards,  
Luke and Michelle Huntley.



Lunch Stop



Ivan's Beaulieu.

Luke squeezed into Lucy's Simca 1000.





## WESTERN WHISPERS – WA STATE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT –

*By John Pickles***WESTERN WHISPERS***WA State Representatives Report – By John Pickles*

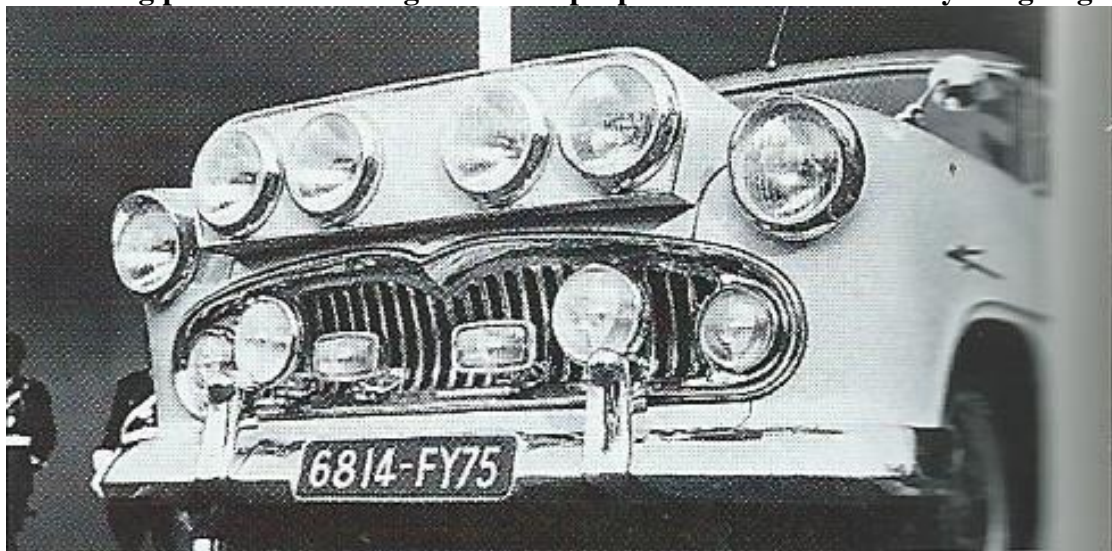
Word is out that Santa gave his sleigh a makeover by swapping the deer power for horsepower which has resulted in Christmas coming around faster than ever.

Out West there is little in the way of Simca activities worth reporting, although I have to humble myself and correct the information I presented in the last edition of Swallow Tales. The Renault of Paul Evans is a V6 255 Mid-engine 3 litre V6 and contrary to given information Paul tells me he has not started work on the restoration of his Murena and there is no chance of an appearance at the next “French Car Festival”.

Ian Williams has manufactured a cross brace between the two struts to stiffen the front end of the Vedette, he has almost finished the under dash work and presently making up new brake lines from the dual braking system in addition to the other work he continues to perform.

John has again played around with the oil pump on the Versailles and is convinced the problem is with the pressure valve, problem still exists.


An interesting picture illustrating how some people like to see where they are going.



Our good friend Rob Lewis is relocating to Tasmania and has put his Aronde P60 up for sale. If you are in the market for a Simca Aronde this would hard to better. This car had all rust cut out and replaced with new metal and then received a professional paint job at a cost of over \$6,000 (paint job only), plus it has had a complete mechanical overhaul including the motor. I believe a spare reconditioned engine comes with the car.



Dear Santa,  
*I don't want much for Christmas, I just want  
the person reading this to be happy ...  
Friends are the fruit cake of life- some nutty,  
some soaked in alcohol, some sweet but mix  
them together and they're my friends.*

Love ya. 

*“Merry Christmas to All”*



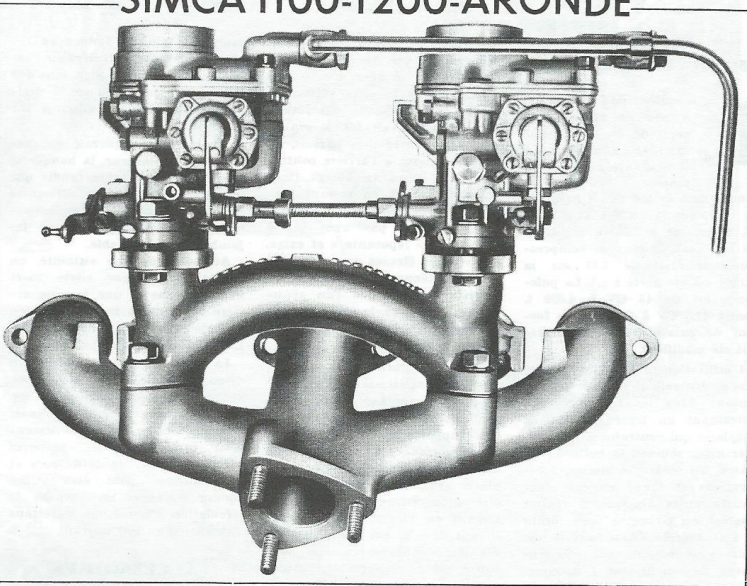
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### SIMCA 1100-1200-ARONDE



**PRIX DU COLLECTEUR  
COMPLET : 25.000 fr.**  
Deuxième carburateur en sus

Sans vouloir transformer votre voiture de tourisme en voiture de course dont la technique est spéciale.

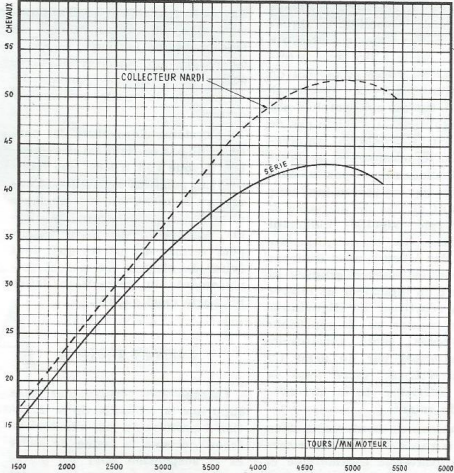
Sans aucune modification à votre moteur (rabotage de culasses, élargissement des sièges de soupapes, etc...) qui vous entraîne à de fortes dépenses au risque de compromettre la durée de votre moteur, vous donnerez à votre voiture l'agrément de conduite que vous désirez :

## Souplesse, Accélération, Vitesse

en adaptant le collecteur à deux carburateurs spécialement étudié par la Société NARDI & C<sup>ie</sup> de Turin, dont la réputation est mondiale.

Les collecteurs NARDI ont fait l'objet de minutieuses recherches, tant pour les sections et les courbes de raccordement que pour les conduits, afin de fournir à tous les cylindres une plus grande quantité de gaz également répartie et un mélange parfait au degré voulu, évitant ainsi condensation et givrage.

OLIVIER



Courbe de puissance du moteur SIMCA 1200 1951 avec un seul carburateur (trait uni) et avec un collecteur à deux carburateurs (tirets).  
Banc d'essai de l'AUTO-JOURNAL au 15-12-51

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If any one sees one of these in an auto jumble, it's mine! All I need then is John Browns Oxenford head. Some hope!



## VICTORIAN/ TASMANIA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – *by Stephen Maloney*

No submission.

### French Car Day Victoria





SOUTH AUSTRALIA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - *by Robert Stapley*

In this issue of Swallow tales is an itinerary for the 5th National Rally. I have tried for a low pressure

week of activities and mostly short runs with free time for individual sightseeing and shopping.

The best and cheapest way to book accommodation is to go to the "Discovery Holiday Parks Adelaide Beachfront"

Caravan Park.

349 Military Road, Semaphore..S. A. website, and scroll down to the available cabins, select the one you need then

find the graph of prices and work out length of stay cost and book online. This seems to be the cheapest way. This also needs to be done

fairly soon as they said they start getting bookings in January for later in the year. We will book a superior cabin for three people

for ten nights at a cost of \$1418.00. Economy cabins for two people work out at just under \$1000.00 for ten nights

Check in 18/9/15 and check out 28/9/15.

So we have the location covered, the itinerary covered and Simca feature car in the Bay to Birdwood.

Any questions phone me on 0414780395 or 0883896176.

cheers for now,

Robert Stapley

**Itinerary. 8th National Simca Rally.2015.**

Most evening meals will be at the park B.B.Q. though not compulsory.

**Friday 18th.** Arrive check in relax. meet new and older club members.B.B.Q tea

**Sat.19th.** Sleep in, recover, shopping Ikea, Harbour town Semaphore Surf club for tea.

**Sunday.20th.** Dolphin cruise Port Adelaide.Lunch on boat.2nd hand shops museums. B.B.Q tea.

**Monday 21st.** Inspect collection of old french cars. B.B.Q tea

**Tuesday 22nd.**Select from Auto Fest cruising classics selection or travel to Hahndorf for tourism and wine tour.

**Wed 23rd.**Bus trip to Victor Harbor,car museum Goolwa, lunch Hotel Victor(big lunch) then Don Blesings collection at Yankalilla.

**Thursday 24th.**Drive to Glenelg,25 to 30 mins,take tram to Adelaide to shop or sight see.Free tram for pensioners.

**Friday 25th.**Port Adelaide museums,national railway museum,the S.A.maritime museum and S.A.aviation museum all Lipson street Port Adelaide.Lunch locally.

**Sat.26th.**Show and shine Wigley Reserve Glenelg.am. P.M. A.G.M at surf club and dinner at surf club.

**Sunday 27th.**Bay to Birdwood.Breakfast at Barratt Reserve West Beach.10 to 15 minutes from park.Up to 1750 classic cars drive to Birdwood,60 to 70 kms.Picnic lunch all together then return for final night. Simcas will be feature car in rally.Reserved parking at start and finish.

The reasons for the B.B.Q. meals at night are,

(1)They are relatively cheap when everyone contributes to cost of meat and salads.

(2)If anyone wants to drink a wine or two they can do so without having to drive home.

(3)Good for catching up with friends in a relaxing environment,tall stories etc.

(4)Not obliged to stay late.



## 8<sup>th</sup> National Simca Rally

8<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015

I will/will not be attending the 8<sup>th</sup> National Simca Rally in September 2015

NAME .....

POSTAL ADDRESS .....

E-MAIL .....

TELEPHONE .....

MOBILE .....

NUMBER ATTENDING:      ADULTS .....

CHILDREN .....

INTENDED VEHICLE .....

SIGNED .....

DATE .....

Note: Deposit required \$50 - BSB: 633000 A/C No: 135350668  
Or cheque with this completed form.

Please return your completed form prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to:  
Mrs. Lorraine Laney  
Hon. Secretary  
Simca Car Club of Australia Inc.  
C/- 36 Kallaroo Road  
San Remo NSW 2262



## NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – *by Barbara Scanes*

See Max Stahl Report. Flight 2015 comes with best wishes from the Pickles.

### The boarding on Flight 2015 has been announced....

your luggage should only contain the best souvenirs from 2014 .....

The bad and sad moments should be left in the garbage .....

The duration of the flight will be 12 months. So, tighten your seatbelt.

The next stop-overs will be: **Health, Love, Joy, Harmony, Well-being and Peace.**

The captain offers you the following menu which will be served during the flight.....

*A cocktail of **Friendship***

*A supreme of **Health***

*A Gratin of **Prosperity***

*A Bowl of **Excellent news***

*A Salad of **Success***

*A Cake of **Happiness***

*All accompanied by burst of laughter ....*

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable trip on board flight 2015 ....

**Before 2014 ends** let me thank all the Good people like you who made 2014 Beautiful for Me.

May God Bless You with Faithful Year Ahead? I wish you A

Fantastic **January**

Loveable **February**

Marvelous **March**

Useful **April**

Enjoyable **May**

Successful **June**

Wonderful **July**

Independent **August**

Powerful **September**

Tastiest **October**

Beautiful **November**

Happiest **December**

Have A VICTORIOUS YEAR



## NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Hi Iain and Leila,

First of all best wishes to all members and readers for the coming year, Thanks to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice and crossed the ditch to attend the first international simca meet down under. It was a great pleasure to have you over here. so much to see and so do and so little time, Condolances to Phill Butcher who had to fairwell his brother at that time so was unable to attend the meet. The following weekend the little red truck attended the national meeting of the flying A austins here in Napier and on the sun we did a return visit to the british car musem and met the Dennis fire engine again. November was a busey month for little red on the 2nd we drove a hour down the south road to a man made lake known as the back padock lake for a display of wake boarding by machine and water skiing and alot of chrome plated greese nipples etc, the second sunday little red attended the local Austin club annual gymkana the third sunday we were at the british and european car club's gymkana early in december

little red did its thing at the Kowhi special needs school it is allways good to see these children haveing so mutch fun. then after that red Lucy and I went to the speedway to run that mitey red gentleman arround the track with the usual bags of lollies etc but at the last minute a change was made the helicopter pilot tha usualy brings santa had a bad crash in his stock car a few weeks earleyier and was not allowed to fly I put him in the drivers seat he had a ball huneing around with santa and Lucy on board All is quiet here now Lucy and I are off to Gisborne next week for a few days as our daughter will have her 50th birthday on the 10th of Jan some of you may recall that we had our 50th wedding anaversary on this date last year also hoping to catch up on the progress on a commer fire engine that i did some work on over the last few years I used to drive this appliance when it was new back in the late 50's as for the simca's I have painted the engine room and reinstalled the motor ion Richard's Versailles the new wires are in thanks to Peter who spent many hours cheling and replaceing wires as needed so only need to hook up a battery and hope allis well still repairing the guards and bonnet done some rust in the sills. apart from I have to get Don and Jenny's a7 reddy to go as they will be back in NZ on the 6th of Jan and I am way behind with a model simca to be in aus by xmas I still suffer from the fall tht put me in the wheelchair for the agm, so overall things are pretty quiet here? Cheers from over here

Colin / Lucy Ivan / Jan





gathering sat



special parking at sun walkabout



the one that got away



with Bertie at austin display a week later



## The Art Deco Tour – NZ AGM Weekend

Gerard Crombie

One of the highlights of the Simca AGM weekend was the Napier Art Deco Tour on the Saturday afternoon. We drove from Colin and Lucy's house into Napier wondering where on a busy Saturday afternoon we were all going to find parking in close proximity to the planned start of our Art Deco walking tour. We needn't have worried as Bertie (our guide) was there to greet us directing us to park on a pedestrian mall at the start of the street tour. Driving classic cars has parking benefits, you get the best car parks in town. Sometimes!!

Bertie was dressed the part in his Art Deco suit, bowler hat and cane and was ready to entertain us in the streets of Napier. Art Deco was the building style used in the reconstruction of Napier following the disastrous earthquake on the 3 February 1931. The earthquake which killed 256 people was followed by large fires in and around the CBD. Bertie an actor by profession enjoys the art of storytelling and regaled us with the stories of how the fires were contained by destroying more buildings to limit the spread of the fires and of escaped prisoner(s) rescuing a bedridden hospital patient when others had tried and failed. Bertie was able to tell us about the temporary "tin down" formed soon after so that commerce could continue and then followed how the council had planned and designed the new city; as we walked the streets he pointed out the types and styles of the buildings. Most popular was the art deco style of the time, which emphasised spare, clean lines and geometric motifs. Their modernistic design contrasted sharply with the ornate edifices of previous. Councils and planners, as always though, can never agree so there were four main styles used by four different groups of designers and architects. We also saw oddities of the construction, perhaps even a design short cut at the end of the day that a craftsman didn't expect anyone to notice but the explanation thereof has puzzled people ever since. A feature of the new city was wider streets overhanging verandas with no posts, & underground power.

One of the characteristics of the landscape that brought the reality of the earthquake home to us was to know that the land we drove past from our accommodation into Napier each day had prior to the earthquake been a lagoon (Ahuriri lagoon) used for boating and regattas where the land rose up and is now 1300 hectares of farm land. Dave & Rose Cooper (friends of Colin & Lucy) brought pre & post



earthquake maps to show how the ground had moved and changed topography.

## The British Car Museum – NZ AGM Weekend

Gerard Crombie

I've just been watching a British TV programme currently screening in NZ called "For the Love of Cars". A very enjoyable program traces classic makes and models going through a detailed restore of a particular chosen vehicle. Being a program featuring British cars it reminded me of our recent visit to the "British Car Museum" at Te Awanga as part of our Simca AGM weekend in Napier.

The museum obviously started as one large shed which it outgrew and has had several sections added at each end of the original shed which now covers quite a large area. Inside are over four hundred cars of every British make and model you can think of mainly between about 1950 and 1970. There's plenty of older and a few newer, the 1930's and 1940's are well represented but there probably not much missing from the British 50's and 60's. Some models have one exhibit, while other significantly more, like there were thirty six Morris Minors yet all subtly different .



The first car my parents had and the first family car I remember was a 1940's Vauxhall we called "Gerty" which was represented there, as was their next car, a 1951 Vauxhall Velox. My own first car, the same make and model of Triumph Herald was there as was the Vauxhall Viva I



owned albeit a different colour.

I think all of our group could identify with several of the vehicles on display, some a little more than





others. Colin Smith had not only owned one of the 1930's Austin's on display but had rebuilt the 1923 Dennis fire engine displayed there which is also shown in the magazine.

To fit in more, the cars were double stacked on specially made steel frames. Unfortunately the target for the display cars was variety and quantity rather than quality, but in the interests of preserving as many makes and models as possible a laudable criterion. The bitter sweet is knowing that most in their current situation will never be mobile again and must therefore slowly deteriorate albeit that they have been prepared for long term storage e.g. even the ground level cars are lifted off their wheels. Surprisingly most cars didn't have an excessive amount of dust on them, perhaps they blow the dust off and then have adequate extractor fans to stop it resettling on the cars, maybe they do nothing more than filter the inflow of air!



### *Funny Bones*

minnehaha, a very very small joke.

a man visited a large town in Australia and asked one of the locals does this town have a nightlife yes replied the local but she's ill today.

where did you get such a nice suit it was a present from my wife i came home unexpectedly early from the office the other evening and there it was hanging over the back of a chair in the bedroom

enjoy Colin

Two guys get pulled over while drinking and driving. The driver tells his friend, "Peel the labels off these beer bottles, and we'll each stick one on our forehead. Now, shove all of the bottles under the front seat. Just let me do all the talking."

The cop walks up and shines his flashlight into the car. "Have you been drinking?" he asks.

"No, sir," the drunk answers. "We haven't had a thing to drink tonight."

"Then what on earth are those beer labels doing on your foreheads?"

"We're both alcoholics," says the drunk. "We're on the patch."

A police officer pulls over a driver and informs him that he has just won \$5,000 in a safety competition, all because he is wearing his seat belt.

"What are you going to do with the prize money?" the officer asks.

The man responds, "I guess I'll go to driving school and get my license."

His wife says, "Officer, don't listen to him. He's a smart aleck when he's drunk."

The guy in the back seat pops up out from under the blanket and says, "I knew we wouldn't get far in this stolen car."

Just then a knock comes from the trunk and a voice calls out, "Are we over the border yet?"

A plane is passing through a storm when a wing is struck by lightning. One woman freaks out and screams, "I'm too young to die! I want my last minutes of life to be satisfying. I've had plenty of sex, but I've never been fulfilled. Is there anyone on this plane who can make me feel like a woman?"

A gorgeous man stands up. "I can make you feel like a woman." He starts to walk slowly up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt one button at a time. Muscles ripple across his chest as he extends his shirt to the trembling woman and whispers, "Iron this."

Attn: Iain and Leila Dyer, Barbara Scanes

While flicking idly through the internet this afternoon I was delighted to come upon the website of the Simca Car Club, an organisation I hadn't realised still existed.

It bought back many memories, for it was one of the first Clubs I belonged to back in the 1950s, the others being the Eastern Suburbs Sporting Car Club and the ARDC.

My fellow Simca members back then included Alf Long, who sadly has just passed away at age 93, Peter Wilson still going strong and living on the South Coast, and Ken Britton, also well, up on the Gold Coast.

I'm in regular contact with both.

Back then our Clubs competed together regularly in Motorkhanas and Trials, often in company with Goulburn and Canberra Clubs, Manly Warringah and Hills District. Barry Ferguson (Goulburn) was one of the leading lights.

A few of us went racing, too – I started in my 1956 Aronde, sporting its Waggott head and cam, before advancing to the ex-Brian Muir 48-215 Holden – while Barry ran in several Hardie Ferodos and we shared an MGB GT in the Surfers 12-Hour.

But Barry, of course, concentrated mostly on trials and rallies, achieving greatness in the Southern Cross and nine NSW Championships.

I'm attaching a few pics of my Simca in action, including one of our many motorkhanas.

I've just spoken to Peter Wilson and let him know I'm contacting you; he was quite interested and has referred me to Geoffrey Rose



to talk about finding an old Simca, which is the initial reason I looked up the Club website.


Good to make contact – let's keep in touch.

Cheers

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### *Breaking News!*



***Heard a whisper that Geoff  
Rose is the new owner of a  
very tidy black 90A.  
More next issue!***





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