

VCC McLean's Island Swap meet

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<Above: These are the cars of Don Alexander AG E V8, Mark Hammond B as B D V8 and John Warren N E V8 beneath the banner at the country's largest swap meet, the VCC Cutler Park, McLean's Island Swap meet held over October 7 – 9. >

Each year a limited number (as I understand it) of cars from dozens of clubs are able to exhibit as part of the overall show.

In a NZCC article by Trevor Stanley – Joblin he explained a bit of the history of the event. The park is the HQ of the Canterbury Branch of the VCC of NZ, covering some 15 hectares it easily accommodates over 600 sites and the car show held on the lower field. I remember being there with Ron and Ken in 1997 on the All British Link Rally and it is an impressive place when filled with impressive cars. Trevor explained that it can take more than two days to explore the swap meet without seeing the car display!

The McLean's Island event started in 1976 arguably making it the oldest swap meet event in New Zealand, and P76 has been there for an unspecified number of times, but I do recall previous photos from the event.

It is great to see our three keen members, Don, Mark and John exhibiting their nice looking P76's to the public. It seems Mark is making more appearances in his Deluxe nowadays which is a good thing as Deluxe models are not as common as all the others and his car is a particularly nice example in a stunning colour. Thanks for the photo Mark via Don.

Those flags and banners were a great investment many years ago.