

# VCC Daffodil Day August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

By Rob Jones

The recent VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer was held by all branches of the VCC across New Zealand and was open for anyone to attend in the vehicle of their choice. I managed to track down three members who were keen to go along and one who was let down totally by both cars available to him. Me! Last year both the P76 and MX5 did the Wairarapa Rally and this year they both didn't make it. The beginnings of the battery trouble in the MX5 and the P resided in the local auto electrician with a flickering petrol gauge and failing headlight switch!

Happily, and at great cost the P76 is back (and we may net a new member from the electricians) and the MX5 awaits an outcome, nearly equally as expensive.



*Packard Model 526 glistens in the sun*



*De Dion Bouton 1909*

But on a brighter note, Ed Tubman went along with the Waikato Branch, and we see his P in great company, an old Dodge 8, a Mustang and a 1928 Plymouth. He wrote: 200 cars today.



Too many to get them all. Got a small selection for you Rob. Great Selection of Vintage through to Modern.

Brian and Colleen Francis attended the static display put on in Levin, I assume by the Horowhenua VCC. As often happens Brian sticks with his mates in those big yank tanks including an El Camino and his friends not so beautiful Thunderbird, the green one. At least this bloke has also owned a P76 or 2! But the P76 does not look out of place with these cars at all.



*Brian and his buddies. I'm sure that Barracuda lives in Masterton now.*

And the other photos are again from Colin Sweetman who wrote: The Ashburton VCC (I am on the committee), hosted a Show & Shine on Sunday. We got 130 cars in attendance, and they were various makes and models from a 1907 Cadillac, a 1920's Rolls Royce to a 2018 Honda Civic Type R. It was a great warm and sunny day and those who attended enjoyed the day. Last year we organised a car rally and had 60 entries, so we are going to run the show again next year. We had prizes for the category winners and eventually raised over \$2,500 for the local Cancer Society.

I took this Mercury Cougar along (see right). I couldn't give it a prize as I did all the judging - bugger. You may see it at the Rally in Taumarunui on the way to the Beach Hop.



So it won't be coming through Whangamomona then! So, we see Colin's Cougar and a line up from the day starting with that lovely 47 De Soto and including an Mk2 Zephyr, MG, Armstrong Siddeley and various Chevs amongst others.

Of all the cars on the cover, Abby said she liked the Mk2 Zephyr – where did we go wrong! Sadly, I cannot locate this particular photo despite having scoured my pc!

The whole family decided to go out to lunch on the Sunday, in the CRV and MX5 that I got going and we passed dozens of local entrants going through Carterton. Spectacular they were ranging from vintage Austin's and others through to a very recent very sweet 57 Chev pickup and a lovely 56 Studebaker also recently discovered in Masterton.

*Not to be left out here are the MX5 and P76 in Martinborough at the start of the 2017 Daffodil Day Run.*



There is a phenomenal number of vintage Austin vehicles locally. While offering my apologies to the VCC for not attending I learnt that they raised over \$1000 for the good cause, and I was told of an estimated national figure that I don't recall but was mightily impressed with.

You and your P76 are very welcome at events such as these and they are a great experience, be they a show or a trial such as run in the Wairarapa. Next year get along in your P76, support a very worthy cause and show off your pride and joy.

Bask in the admiration of your unusual car.