

Wheels with Attitude in Dannevirke

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Of course, there is no show without the P76's and this year there were 6. This show was preceded by the All Aussie Car Day and those great keen men, Ed Tubman and Alex Reid set off to Manfield and then Dannevirke to bolster our numbers. The photo shows our car obscured by the gazebo but you can plainly see Ed, Alex, Ron, Brian and Paul's cars in the lineup.

Wheels with Attitude in Dannevirke followed AACD on January 27, another roaring success with 560+ vehicles. Ok, we had one less P76 but still created a hot spot for keen visitors and other commentators. Google rodders NZ and select one of the photo pages to see many more great images, read the intro and you will see how our group can impress others with our fun demeanour, food, drink, sandwiches and socialising. Then scroll down until you find George, the AEB P76 and click on the photo to see more commentary on our little gathering.

After meeting up at the 4 Square store on the main road and experiencing a cavalcade of classics we joined the queue to get into the park which began a series of coincidences for me which I am going to list here. Firstly I followed a '93 Corvette into the park and parked up next to it. Being LHD I didn't notice the lady getting out of the other side until she ran up to me and threw her arms around me calling out my name. Where



was Sonya? It was my old Wellington flatmate from some 27-odd years earlier, Diane and her husband Derek. I knew they had a Corvette but had never seen it before. A big catch-up followed.

I later saw a green Dodge D22 from 1942, it also turned out from Hastings. It had belonged to Mr Dick Goodall, a neighbour of an old girlfriend of mine who lived about two doors down. The Goodall family still have the unusual pre-war Bedford well deck truck but the Dodge has a happy new home. I just knew I knew that car! I used to visit Dick when in town.



Later a bloke came up and started talking to me and I have to admit until the right words came out of his mouth I was having trouble remembering him. Bad Rob! It was Trevor Ward of 1949 Humber Pullman Ambulance fame, a vehicle that has featured in Penzed several times and is well known across the land. We have seen it at BCD, WWA and even way back in the Link Rally. Nowadays Trevor finds the Humber a big bit heavy so has traded it down, sort of, to the 1967 Singer Vogue complete with cute little caravan/tea rooms behind. Good luck with that combo Trevor and may you see many miles in the set-up. (See below)



Jaguar XK8s are always gorgeous and those in red can be even more so, that is why members Clive and Carol Cottle have bought one to complement their S1 Daimler and Triumph Stag. But I know that they have sold their David Brown tractor so the balance isn't too upset, or is it? Nice car Clive, have you added to the collection again yet?



For balance, we have the 1937 Chevrolet rod of Tony Cahill from Masterton. A very

regular customer of mine from the SCA days (I've retired) Tony has to make choices between his sweet XA Falcon 302 and the Chev. His XA "XALENT" has appeared in Penzed at AACD before and now so has his bright yellow Chev. I was so close to owning one of these long ago.

The next two photos are poles apart, the little original Fordson truck is just so cute, there seem to be a few of these coming to life around the place which is great. Wonderful pieces of nostalgia, many of which are long gone now. My mate's Dad had a signwriting van and we used to go vermin shooting out of the back of another mate's truck. Can't do that now!



Fordson truck.



Dodge Seneca FI T 383 ci V8.

And the 1960 Dodge Seneca, glorious in black, it was a hearse seeing service with Tong and Peryer in Hastings. The owner with his back to you was fascinated to learn that I had photos of another from Wainuiomata. There are only three, the third is in Auckland somewhere. Somewhat tastefully modified now it sports a 383ci V8 with fuel injection and turbo/s. Check out those wheels. This car is beautiful, American excess at its best. He also knew of the black sedan with a period boat I'd photographed in Taupo. WWA is a great day covering many many many different offerings of immense interest. Come along next time, don't be shy.



There were plenty of other cars to see too.



Chevrolet 1937 saloon belongs to Tony Cahill of Masterton.



Morris 1800.



Triumph Renown 1951.



Karman Ghia 1960.



Ford V8 Bus PH.



Ford Popular 1954.



Willys Whippet Hot Rod 1929..



Ford Prefect 1952 Aussie Coupe model.



Morris J van minus chassis!



International 1977.