

# Traction Avant

November 2021



*Laurie Newhook with his newly aquired Chapron DS21*

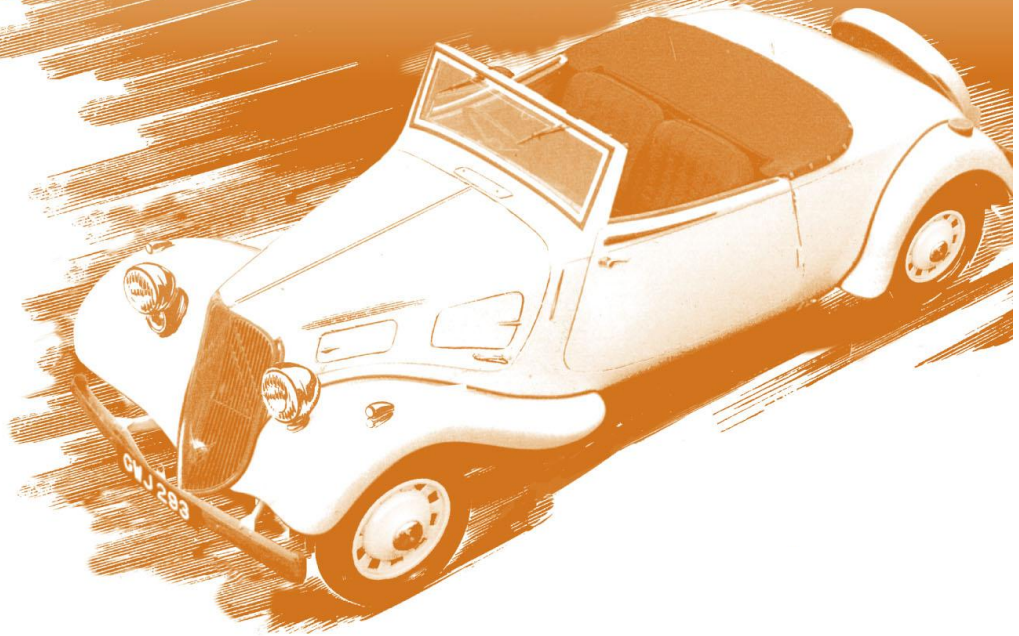
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**Discounts:** A reminder, to qualify for Club discounts where these are offered, it will be necessary to provide your membership card / name tag, issued for such purposes, to show that you are a current member.

**Facebook:** The Club has a Facebook page. Look for it and “like” it, to be part of it.

**Club's magazine collection:** Magazines from other Clubs are available to be borrowed, but not by just picking them up off the table at Club Night and taking them away. Arrange it through the Librarian, Chris Grove, so he knows where they are.

**Invitation to Renault owners.** It is okay to invite Renault-owning friends along as guests to our events; they will be made welcome.



# EDITORIAL

Hello all,

I thought I would continue the "project " theme this month, as it was timely after the level 3 setting to collect my Blue Panda from Classic Passion Restorations and drop off the Dyane. Such a brilliant job was made on said Panda that it was an easy decision to take the old girl up to their Silverdale location to give a vital nip & tuck as she approaches 50 years bouncing around this earth.

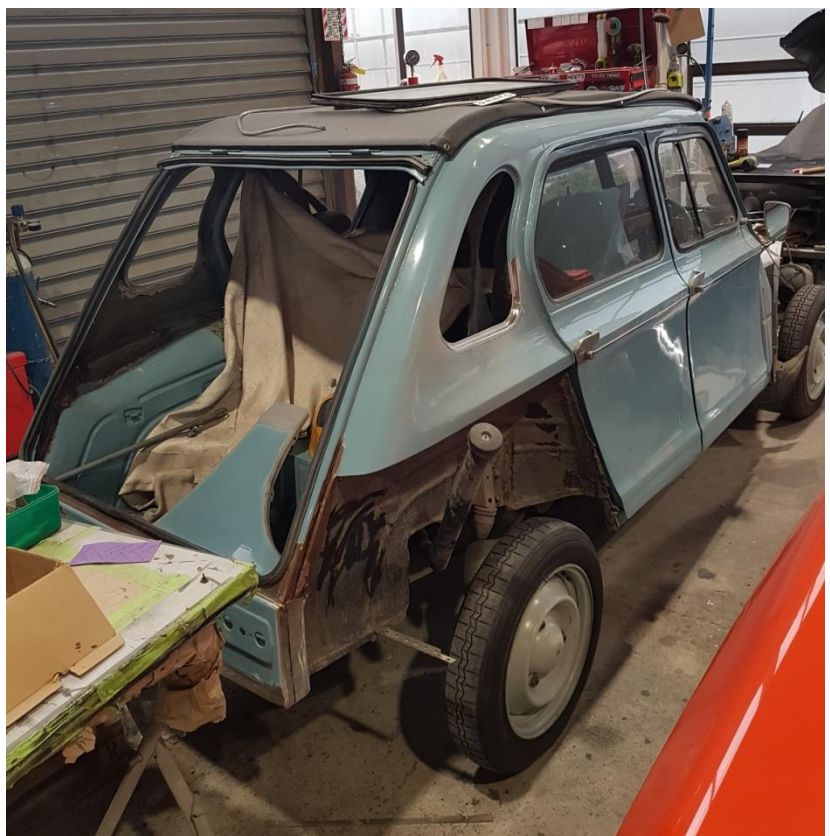
A quick extraction of the rear wings immediately encountered rust at the top of each arch eating into the body, all caught in time before major welding was needed. Guaranteed it will look splendid by the time the Brit and Euro show comes along in March.

It should also be noted that Caffeine and classics at Smales Farm is no more. There were several members of this club that would keenly go along month after month, amongst the almost regular thousand strong posse of car lovers. A brief announcement was made in September from their Facebook page to alert that the event was no more. So a hole is now evident in the Auckland Classic car scene. Let's hope a replacement event can eventuate.

Lastly I will share that my CX did sell during level 3 lockdown to much relief. I never did actually meet the new owner. A transporter collected it and its gone to Hawera.

Meanwhile we wait until such times where we can meet up again.

## Lawrence



# RECENT EVENTS

## MINUTES OF VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held via relevant material posted and emailed to members during October with email responses by Wednesday 20 October 2021**

**Present:** Technically all members, as they received the Meeting materials. But those actively participating via email were: Lawrence Nicholson (Chair), Bill Hill (Secretary), Peter Akeroyd, John & Gillian Cran, Allister Jennings, Sue Jones, Chris Grove, Kevin Beeby, Simon Moodie, Alan Poole, Hasita Wimalachandra, Graham Pilgrim, Geoff Tyler, Peter & Shirley Cooper, Laurie Newhook.

**Apologies:** None received.

### Minutes of the Previous AGM:

Distributed to all members prior to Meeting.

*Confirmation moved by Bill Hill, seconded John Cran*

### Matters Arising:

Nil

### President's Report:

By Lawrence Nicholson, distributed to all members prior to Meeting (and below).

*Adoption moved by Lawrence Nicholson, seconded Allister Jennings*

### Treasurer's Report:

Financial Statements distributed to all members prior to Meeting.

*Adoption moved by Hasita Wimalachandra, seconded Peter Akeroyd*

### Election of Officers:

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## Trophies:

Trophies were advised by Kevin Beeby as follows:

Geoff Olliffe (September Trial)	Not presented
Noel Marshall (November Trial)	Sam Doh & Mark Halkyard
Jim Newman (Gymkhana)	David Jones
JBL Sargent (The Best ... <i>SM Restoration</i> )	Ralph Moore
Presidents (Overall attendance points)	Peter Akeroyd
Concours (Best consistently presented car/s at Club events)	Not presented
Brooks (Best Improvement)	Not presented

## Presidents Report for 2020-21

With Covid being on the continual loose, this year's AGM will be conducted much the same way as last years. With this it should be noted that roughly 50% of the previous year's programme had been affected by various lengths of lockdowns. However there have still been some noteworthy excursions which started with a Trip shared with the Waikato crew to the Goldfields railway. We saw them again the following month, albeit in a more bewildered state for the Bishops shield while wondering The Botanic gardens. While our club didn't retain the shield i somehow got entrapped with co- organising the next one scheduled for this month, which the gods have decided rightly or wrongly will be postponed till next year just like it should be for our turn to be due. The next club night featured a wonderful adventure presented by Arnold & Marike Van Zon who had cycled through Cuba & the east coast of the USA to Canada. The end of month was well attended by at least 7 DS cars with others for said Goddess 65th birthday at Caffeine and Classics @ Smales farm. I must add now that as of this September 2021 the event is now defunct. A real disappointment. November started with what turned out to be a rather splendid tour around the central Plateau to Celebrate 50 years of the SM & GS. The select few who went on this will know how enjoyable the whole event was and even though i missed a couple of days of it there was still plenty to encapsulate. The rest of the month was punctuated with just a pair of members turning up to the interclub trial with Peugeot and then another Tour with nearly 30 2CV & friends that raided the top of the South Island. This was well attended by Auckland club members and all reports indicated another spectacular event. The years end was concluded with a BBQ at Omana park. With a short covid lockdown in February scupper a club night, the following weekend saw the Interclub Gymkhana with Peugeot bring many bodies out and it was fun to churn some grass and rearrange the soil on The Colemans property. Thanks again to them. March saw another small Covid outbreak that plunged us into lockdown. It caused both the National rally and the Brit and euro car show to be postponed, however the latter was all go in April. This was a splendid show made all the more poignant by Ralph showing his beautiful, newly finished SM and making his own last appearance within the club before his passing in August. A great friend to many he has left his mark on all of us.

**Lawrence Nicholson**



# Taranaki – West Coast Garden Tour

Sunday 31 October

In spite of an unpromising weather forecast it was actually warm and sunny. I'm not sure how Taranaki Club manages to wangle this, year after year. True, the Mountain didn't show itself, hiding behind a dirty grey cloud all day, but out on the ring plain it was all quite fine.

As usual, an interesting mix of garden types, ranging from small suburban townhouse to expansive rural spread, and just about everything in between, including a couple of artist's studios, in great company, and travelling in our favourite cars on well selected roads through spectacular countryside in between.

There were fifteen Citroëns in our convoy, plus about half a dozen other makes. Which was considered a pretty good turnout, bearing in mind the restrictions on travel limiting the usual visitors from other clubs. There were two from non-lockdown Waikato (Tauranga & Taupo), two from Wellington, and me of course supposedly from Auckland but in reality New Plymouth. All the others were local.

I missed the meet & greet at the café to start, and snuck off after the last garden, not staying for dinner at the South Taranaki Club, but our picnic lunch at the Ohawe Beach Hall was a pleasant interlude in the sun.

All in all, an entirely enjoyable Day. Taranaki Club is to be congratulated once again on another excellent, well thought out programme.

## Bill



*Sullivan Garden – impressive immaculate rural spread to the east of Hawera*





*Taranaki President Christine Savage thanking the organisers at Ohawe Beach Hall picnic*



*Our Citroëns (mostly) in the paddock at Myron Bent & Kerry Walker art studio*

*Whimsical garden feature at Jabulani, Okiawa – boy chasing cat up ladder, both fashioned from chicken wire mesh.*

*That should be a view of the Mountain beyond, but not today.*





# Coming Events

Note: subject to alteration depending on changes in alert levels. We will email members with any last minute cancellations.

## Tricolour Trophy Navigation Run

Sunday 21 November

**Under Alert Level 3.2** we are permitted outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, so numbers will be limited to that and it will be necessary to book, on a first in first served basis.

**Meet 10. am** at Soljans' Winery, on the main highway / SH16 approximately 2 1/2 Ks from the end of the NW Motorway

**Travel** following Motorogaine instructions, to end at **Fishermans Lodge, Shelly Beach** on the South Kaipara Head peninsula for an outdoor lunch @ \$40/head.



### Indicative menu:

**Main:** Indian style Chicken Schnitzel with zesty salsa and fresh summer salad / Pan Fried Snapper with kumara puree & Thai salad / Thai yellow fish curry with fragrant creamy coconut sauce in soft white rice.

**Desert:** Rich silky handcrafted cheesecake with passionfruit or butterscotch glaze / Warm Black Doris plum sweet shortcake with vanilla icecream.

**Or**

**Main:** Sharing platters with a selection of fresh smoked salmon, cured meats, a range of cheeses, gourmet crackers and bread, all nestled amongst slices of avocado, capers, pickled cucumber, tomatoes and much more.

**Desert:** Rich silky handcrafted cheesecake with passionfruit or butterscotch glaze / Warm black doris plum sweet shortcake with vanilla icecream.

**Book with Kevin Beeby, 0272 453 400, [kevinbeeby2@gmail.com](mailto:kevinbeeby2@gmail.com)**

Early, as we anticipate a high level of interest after such a long period of lock-down.

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# Club Christmas Picnic

Sunday 12 December

If Covid restrictions have eased sufficiently to allow out-of-region travel, we are hoping to finally make our Pukorokoro visit:

**Meet from 11 am on the Kaiaua foreshore for picnic lunch** – either bring your own, or fish and chips from the world famous in NZ fish & chip shop across the road.

**Then about 1pm head to Pukorokoro Shorebird Centre to listen to their talks before making our way down to the shore.**

**The Shorebird Centre is located at 283 East Coast Road, Pūkoro, Miranda**

What time of year is best?

There are always birds to see at Pūkoro, but different species are here at different times.

**Godwits**, and other Arctic migrants arrive in September and are here until the end of March. We also have birds that are resident here all year round.



What time of day is best ?

Visit the Shorebird Centre to learn about the birds, then head 2km down the road to the bird hides to view the birds. The best time is within **two hours either side of High Tide**. As the tide comes in, the birds move from far out on the mud flats where they feed to areas closer in towards shore. **High Tide on the 12 December is about 3.50pm**



## Club Library

The following printed newsletters from other car clubs are available to borrow or keep. Just let me know and I will get them to you. Or contact Bill if you would like them by email:

Peugeotex	June, July, August 2021
Bow Tie	September, October, November 2021
Roverdom	June-July, August-September, October 2021
ACE WA	July-August, September, October 2021
Victoria	August, September, October 2021
Avant Garde (Queensland)	March-April, May-June, July-August 2021
Waikato Chevrons	September, October, November 2021
Taranaki CCC	May, July-August, September-October 2021
Cit Bits	September 2020
Citroenesque	September; October, November 2021
Citroenian (UK)	August, September, October 2021

Cheers, **Chris Grove** 09 4837638 or <grooveytwo@xtra.co.nz>

## THE CHAPRON ARRIVES



### 1967 Citroen DS21 Chapron

Judy and I have owned Citroens since our 1970s “student car”, a 1939 Traction 11, followed by two GSs, 2 Xantias, a CX Turbo 2, and most recently our lovely red 1972 SM. Now we have a highly desirable Chapron.

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Bonhams Europe April 2021 Monaco auction listed a 1967 Citroen DS21 Decapotable, Chassis No 4600088, professionally restored in Europe (body) in 2010 and mechanically in 2015, secured by phone at midnight NZ time!.

DS and ID Chaprons are rare in New Zealand, but so too are they world-wide. It is understood there are 2 pre-facelift Chaprons under restoration in New Zealand right now; and another pre-facelift has been sold to Australia. The new acquisition is believed to be the only post facelift in the country.

This car, which was built for the Canadian market with advanced cold-weather heating and more powerful alternator, holds certificates of authenticity from Henri Chapron Carrossier and Citroen Heritage France, along with a comprehensive history since new, and restoration receipts.

Since April, the car has proceeded in leisurely fashion in its container for 5 months, via Genoa, Suez Canal and various French Possession territories (quite appropriately). Arrived late September and is presently almost through NZ compliance! It has flown through the structural tests, and is undergoing a wheel alignment check on the only machine in the country that can slightly “understand” Citroens of the era. A bit nail-biting because NZTA will not get the outputs they demand. Will we have a marvellous rally entry or a museum piece? We need the former.

Inching forward! We have enjoyed driving it between compliance venues on a dealer plate. Can be time-consuming coping with all the conversations, questions and compliments on the road!

## **Laurie Newhook**



*La Belle meets La Bête in Auckland*

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- Electric, Ami is a zero-emission solution that stands out in the urban landscape and has already attracted more than 9,000 customers in Europe. It is now available in a commercial version with My Ami Cargo. Since last spring, Ami has also been operating in Italy, Spain, Belgium, since this summer in Portugal.

- Today, the United Kingdom is throwing open its doors wide to Ami. Already rewarded with prizes such as « GQ Car Awards 2021 » et « Auto Express New Car Awards », Ami will be marketed there in 2022. • For individuals, Ami is a guarantee of independence that appeals mainly to multi-vehicle families, often living outside the major city centres. Ami is used by all members of the household. It is a purchase that is considered to be in keeping with the times, given the new challenges of micro-mobility, and 85% of customers would recommend it to someone close to them.

- For companies, Ami is a complementary mobility object in their fleet contributing to reducing their carbon footprint and offering the advantage of a very low cost of detention. Beyond the five countries in which Ami is marketed, it makes part of initiatives of sustainable mobility in Greece and in Turkey.

*Wonder if it will ever grace our shores in Aotearoa? – Kevin Beeby*





## THE ESSENTIALS

Transport is an essential requirement in daily life, especially in cities. With their strong appeal, cities are seeing their populations increase so travel conditions need to be revamped. At the same time, the Covid-19 crisis has heightened city-dwellers' expectations for cleaner, safer, more flexible modes of travel that comply with social distancing rules, thereby influencing the development of the urban landscape and smart mobility solutions for the future. The emergence of autonomous vehicles could help reduce congestion in cities; however, these solutions have no medium-term economic viability due to the high cost of autonomous driving technologies compared with uptake.

To respond to this problem, Citroën, Accor and JCDecaux have teamed up to form a creative and committed partnership called *The Urban Collēctif*. Driven by the belief that future mobility must address safety and well-being, *The Urban Collēctif* has created a revolutionary mobility concept, drawing on its 200 years of combined experience in innovation. Using an open-source model dubbed *Citroën Autonomous Mobility Vision*, this concept relies on:

- an autonomous and electric mobility platform: *The Citroën Skate*
- and Pods for different services and applications.

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Pods designed for *The Urban Collēctif* illustrate the potential of open-source approaches by offering three innovative and highly different mobility services: *Sofitel En Voyage*, an exclusive urban mobility experience, *Pullman Power Fitness*, a new way of playing sport while moving, and *JCDecaux City Provider*, an innovative on-demand urban mobility service.

*"At Citroën, we examine medium and long-term trends to anticipate consumer expectations and needs. We believe that this new concept can redefine the framework of urban mobility: shared, electric and autonomous. With the solution we are presenting in partnership with Accor and JCDecaux, we are inventing autonomous mobility for all."*

**Vincent Cobée, Citroën General Manager**

## The R 4 Project. Part 1



As described in last month's editorial I have embarked on a car restoration project and intend to comment on progress from time to time.

The chosen vehicle is a Renault R 4 which is a small four door hatchback for general and personal use, a bit larger than a 2CV. About 8 million of them were built in the period 1961 to 1992, and due to the small number which reached NZ it took a while to track down a suitable vehicle for my purpose. After talking about the idea for several years I eventually found an R4 in Mt Eden which fitted the bill except that the registration had expired and the car had significant

rust damage to the chassis. I bought it of course, a 1981 model with an 1108cc engine. I had previously owned a similar car some thirty years ago but had to sell it when I went to work in Australia.

I was not particularly fazed over the chassis rust as I understood that Der Franzose in Germany could supply a complete new zinc coated chassis and this seemed like a very good starting point. I was subsequently proved wrong! The new chassis was only available if collected at the factory door by the buyer, this was a problem as I had no contacts in Europe who I could ask to do this and then arrange the shipping. The alternative was to order and purchase sufficient parts to repair the existing chassis. With the help of Graham White from Artizan Automotive in Beach Haven we drew up a 'first' list of needed parts and sent the order to Der Franzose. Due to the interference by Covid 19 their reply was delayed until January 2021 but for some reason did not include their price to supply and ship. It took another six months to finally get the price and the parts paid for. The parts left Germany at the end of August and were in NZ waters by the end of September.

In the over-all scheme of things, the purchase of these parts will be very helpful in keeping costs down and it is very fortunate to be able to get them. GT Logistics in Auckland took charge of the delivery here and made that aspect much easier. Now to get down to the serious work of dismantling the car so that the chassis and body repairs can be carried out!

## Chris Grove



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ISBN-13: 9781903706442

ISBN-10: 1903706440

Author: Porter, Lindsay

Edition: Illustrated

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Publisher: Veloce Publishing

**Wanted:** BX body. My beloved 1991 BX TZD has been in an accident (due to no fault of my own I might add) and the damage is structural. A write off. Right hand rear corner. The rest of the car is in mint condition. The engine is very sound. Basically I'm potentially after a **new body in good nick**. Needs to be a similar year - phase 2 has different c pillars from phase 1, different electrical architecture etc. It would be good to find someone's project BX they wanted to part with, or one with a blown engine. Or I'd consider a new BX for that matter! Obviously would love a GTi 16v but who's going to give up one of those... Or a good standard GTi or TZD. Contact Jordan Mooney [jowmooney@gmail.com](mailto:jowmooney@gmail.com)



# EVENT REMINDERS

## **Tricolour Trophy Navigation Run**

Sunday 21 November 10am at Soljan's Winery, Kumeu  
Fimishes for lunch at Fishermans Lodge, Shelly Beach, Kaipara

**Bookings essential – [kevinbeeby2@gmail.com](mailto:kevinbeeby2@gmail.com)**

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## **Club Christmas Picnic / Miranda Bird Sanctuary**

Sunday 12 December from 11am at Kaiaua Foreshore  
Fish & Chip / BYO picnic lunch, then on to Pukorokoro Shorebird Centre to see  
the birds

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