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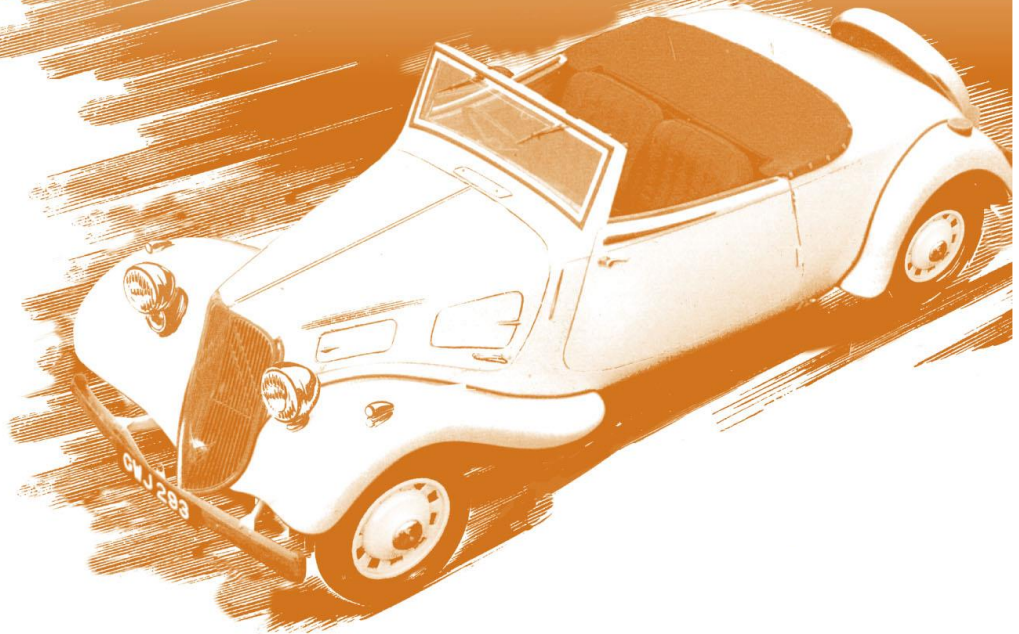
Kevin Beeby with his 1956 2CV – photo Sandy Hall

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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.

Coffee & Cars: An informal get together for those interested in cars, Maurice Road entrance of Mt Smart Stadium, the last Sunday of every month from 9am.

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

EDITORIAL

By Susan Jones

As the easing of "COVID" restriction is welcomed by us all, I am enjoying the sight of absent friends and catching up with their family news and additions, changes etc all of which is truly lovely.

We have recently added a Citroen C5 Aircross Shine 2019 to our "family". This proving to be a positive move. Easier to hop in and out of as we age....vision all round is much improved too. Our model is petrol 95. Its confusing to accept "electrical" or "electrical/petrol" as we travel on various roads and "out of the way" places.

I'm sure we all wonder "WOT" is the answer to our modern transportation problem.....

We decided not to attend this years national rally.....but we wish it to be a FANTASTIC and memorable event...

Take care and travel safely.

RECENT EVENTS

ALL CITS AND SIZZLES

Club Night - Citroën and Sausage Sizzle

Graham Pilgrim



A very respectable number of around 30 members made it to the February Club Night sausage sizzle. The front garden of the Auckland Veteran and Vintage Car Club rooms was alive with chattering patrons, and clattering 2CVs!

Members' cars ranged from Laurie and Judy Newhook's stunning DS21 Decapotable to Kevin and Bridgitte Beeby's 1956 2CV. Kevin Beeby and Geoff Tyler soon had the barbecues at full throttle, and it wasn't long before we were offered delicious sausages, served on bread lovingly buttered by Peter Ackeroyd, and accompanied by a delicious French salad from the gourmet kitchens of Sandy Hall.

Kevin's lovely old 2CV attracted considerable interest from the assembled gentry, and it wasn't long before Kevin was offering demonstration runs on Fairfax Avenue. Who needs "boompity boompity" music to accompany an

event when one can listen to the unmistakable sound of a 2CV grinding and popping its way up the street?

But, as is often the case, it wasn't a Citroën which especially attracted my interest. It was Lawrence Nicholson's Fiat Panda! I have a soft spot for the Fiat Panda. Back in 1980, when the Panda was launched, I was employed as a salesman with a well regarded Fiat, Lancia, and Alfa Romeo dealership in Hampshire, UK. I volunteered, willingly, to run our first Panda as my Company car, graphics and all. No one else was keen! But I loved it. I recall the toffee-nosed wife of a British MP, coming in to pick up her Mercedes S Class after a service, commenting that the Panda looked "rather plarstik, but great fun". She was right.

I think everyone enjoyed the gathering. With tasty food, a great array of cars, excellent company, and a goodly amount of gossip, what more could one ask of an evening?



Lindsay Johnston's 15/6 in the foreground (above) and Steve Wotton's DS3 (below) with



Graham Pilgrim's C3 Aircross and Scotty Pearson's CX behind it.



*Laurie & Judy Newhook arrive in the Decapotable (above)
And talking to Allan Lennard in front of his B15 (below)*





Kevin Beeby on the barbecue (above) & Robert Jenkins with Steve Wotton's DS3 (below)





George Begg Festival Invercargill 30 March – 2 April 2023

About Our Festival

Invercargill's Classic Car Show in NZ

Dust off your retro threads and transport yourself to a golden age in Kiwi motorsport!

Wondering what's on in Invercargill? The George Begg Festival will bring the party vibes of the 1960s and 1970s to Invercargill for petrolheads, party people and families alike.

Full race programme at Teretonga Park. Retro motorsport event racing classes include: Formula Pacific/Atlantic. Historic Formula Ford. Formula Junior. Historic Touring Cars (1982 – 2000). Modern Touring Cars (post-2000). Pre-1978 Classic Saloons. Vintage Racing Car (VCC). Historic OSCA & Shellsport. HVRA FIA/SCCA/Historic Cars (1960 – 1970). Historic GT, pre-2012 FIA GT Cars (including Porsche 996 and 997, Ferrari 458, and older GT Cars). Ford only race. Porsche only race. TCR vs 1990 Supertourer challenge (grudge match). Expect an experience that will fire up all the senses. With plenty of action-packed racing, and Invercargill entertainment for the whole family, our retro motorsport event right here in Invercargill is racing like the good old days.

Off Track Events include:

George Begg Long Lunch, Begg's Barmy Rally, Porsche Car Display, Studio GB, Kids Zone, Toot Sweets Pop-Up, Retail precinct, Food and beverage, Vintage beauty parlour, Live music and entertainment, Trends On The Track.

And there are attractions to visit, such as Bill Richardson's Transport World and Classic Motorcycle Mecca.

The debut of what will become a biennial event.

For full details and purchase of tickets, check out website at:
<https://www.georgebeggfestival.nz/>

Coming Events

Brit & Euro Car Show

Sunday 5 March

Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

The Club has been allocated its usual prime spot alongside the access road through the park, and we hope to display about 35 cars, representing as wide a range of models as possible. If you haven't registered with Kevin to be part of it, at least come along for a look during the day.

National Rally

10, 11, 12 March 2023

Rangiora Show Grounds, Canterbury

Day trip to Matakana

Sunday 16 April

Take in the Market in the morning then have lunch at one of the great choice of eateries in the area.

In the afternoon a visit to the Mortimer Motorsport Museum is being arranged for those interested, otherwise the Morris & James Pottery is always worth a look. An ideal outing to include the grandchildren.

Club Night

Wednesday 19 April, 8pm, VVCC Rooms, 39 Fairfax Avenue Penrose

National Rally Debrief

If you went to the National Rally, bring along your photos to show others. If you didn't go, come and see who was there and what cars they brought with them.

Read magazines from other Clubs, usual supper and chat after.

Ellerslie Classic Car Show

Ellerslie Racecourse, Sunday 23 April, 10am – 4pm
(postponed from 12 February because of Cyclone Gabrielle)

The Club will be showing a selection of Citroens. Members may like to come along for a look.

Suggestion for Sunday 21 May

Cruise on the Kaipara Harbour?

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	September, November, December 2022
Bow Tie	July, August, October 2022
Roverdom	December/January, February/March 2023
Victoria	November 2022, January, February 2023
Waikato Chevrons	December 2022, January, February 2023
Taranaki CCC	October/November 22, December/January 23
Cit Bits	December 2021
Citroenesque	December 2022, January, February 2023
Citroenian (UK)	September, October, November, December 2022, January 2023

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

In addition, the following are available by email only. Bill will forward them to you on request:

ACE WA	November, December 2022, January 2023
Avant Garde (Queensland)	October - December 2022



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Karaka Vintage Day

Karaka Sports Park, cnr Linwood & Blackbridge Roads, Karaka

Sunday 19 March, from 9.30am

Stationary engines, tractors, trucks, farm machinery, tools, aircraft, military vehicles, veteran, vintage & classic cars, motorbikes, Vikings, food & drinks, vendor stalls, kids activities, live music & entertainment

Show Off Your Citroen & Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 15th February

By Kevin Beeby

After panicking about being blown off the road by a she-devil with wind



problems, we were treated to a very balmy summers' evening on the front lawn of the VCC Clubrooms in salubrious Fairfax Avenue, Penrose.

There gathered to the surprise of the organisers were 24 enthusiastic Citroeneans determined to enjoy a rare summer evening out. Peter Akeroyd had followed orders to the letter and visited the Ellerslie

Butchery for the required smallgoods. Sandy Hall very generously arrived with a great salad to enhance our very blokey cuisine. Gwen Poole helped Peter with the buttering and also provided a rocky road slice. Geoff Tyler and I manned the BBQs.



People and their associated cars attending were; Lawrence Nicholson in a red Fiat Panda, Allan Lennard with Bridgette the Big 15, Lindsay Johnston and Ruth Luketina with their 15/6, Hasita Wimalchandra with a 2CV Dolly, Steve Wotton and Peter Cooper arrived in a hot yellow DS3, Sue Jones and Terry



Brown with a newly acquired C5 Aircross and Robert Jenkins with his brand new version of the White and Black car. Graham Pilgrim in the orange C3, Laurie and Judy Newhook with the glorious DS Chapron, Peter Akeroyd C5 Break, Alan & Gwen Poole in their C6,

Sven Brandsma and Steve Doell C5, Scotty Pearson and Sandy Hall with their CX, Simon Moodie and Shia in a very nice green BX. Geoff Tyler had practical reasons to bring a Nissan NV200, he brought a BBQ and his 2CV was at the doctor. A '56 2CV "Probleme" arrived with me at the wheel.



As usual, there was no shortage of conversation, lifting of bonnets and discussions on repairs and restorations and then we talked about the cars. Lindsay had his first ride in a 2CV since 1988, Sandy Hall had her first ride in a 2CV and Laurie Newhook looked forward to going home in the DS after his "Blat" around the block in the '56 ripple bonnet.

It was encouraging to see such a good turn-out and I hope that this augurs well for other club events through the year.



The two black & white C5 Aircrosses

New Citroen C3 Aircross: all-new model spied testing for first time

Citroen's entry-level SUV will return in 2024 with an all-electric variant

by: [Alastair Crooks](#) 16 Feb 2023



PF1 architecture underpins the outgoing [C3](#) Aircross but this didn't allow for electrification - we'd expect a new platform from parent company Stellantis to be used with this new C3 Aircross.

It's most likely that the CMP architecture, found on the Citroën [C4](#) and [e-C4](#) models, will be used - accommodating a 50kWh unit shared with the [Peugeot e-2008](#) and [Vauxhall Mokka-e](#). This means a power output of 134bhp and a range of around 217 miles should be on the cards. We expect it to be named e-C3 Aircross as well, following the naming style of the current e-C4.

Stellantis also has the EMP2 platform which is used by the [Astra Electric](#). This can allow for a larger 54kWh battery pack with 152bhp and 270Nm of torque, and more importantly a longer range of 258 miles. However, given the C3 Aircross will still be pitched as a cheaper alternative to the C4 and C5 Aircross, it'll probably use the smaller battery.

There will still be internal combustion engine variants of the C3 Aircross available too. These will be made up of the 1.2-litre, three-cylinder petrol PureTech units seen in models across the Stellantis Group.

As for the new images of this test car, it may be heavily covered in camouflage but we can make out plenty of design details already. The overall size will grow over the outgoing C3 Aircross with a longer wheelbase to create extra cabin space. Citroen will take an evolutionary approach to the styling, with a headlight signature influenced by the C4. The third pillar will feature a curve that wraps around the rear passenger window. To mark it out from the C4 as a more practical offering, the C3 Aircross will have plenty of ground clearance and increased boot space.

Inside the C3 Aircross we're likely to see an evolution of the interior design seen in current models. We expect a softer, more rounded approach than [Peugeot](#)'s i-Cockpit, although technology like a 10-inch central screen and digital display could be lifted from the car's Stellantis siblings.



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Pierre Leclercq, Citroen's design boss, previously told Auto Express that the French firm will avoid the temptation to move upmarket. "I am so happy to be working for a brand that is not shooting to be premium. This is a popular brand and something I love."

With that in mind, we expect pricing to undercut rivals from [Vauxhall](#) and [Peugeot](#), reaffirming Citroën's position as a more budget-friendly brand. With this in mind, expect prices to kick off around the £30,000 mark.

Thierry Koskas Is Appointed Citroën Brand CEO and Stellantis Chief Sales & Marketing Officer



The Stellantis press release from 23-Feb-2023:

AMSTERDAM – In light of the growing challenges related to the accessibility of electrified mobility for customers and the arrival of new entrants to the automotive market, Thierry Koskas is appointed Citroën brand CEO and Stellantis Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, effective March 1, 2023.

Building on previous experience as a brand commercial director, Thierry Koskas will take responsibility for the Citroën brand to leverage the potential of the Citroën brand in Europe and in the world.

Thierry Koskas keeps his Chief Sales & Marketing Officer role and remains in direct reporting to the CEO Carlos Tavares. Vincent Cobée has decided to pursue personal projects outside the company.

Carlos Tavares, CEO of Stellantis, said: "I have full confidence in Thierry Koskas to carry out these strategic and valuable missions for our company, so that Stellantis can lead the way the market moves, while developing the iconic Citroën brand. Thierry's dual responsibility is part of a logic of cross-functionality, as is already the case for other EVPs within the Stellantis leadership team. I would like to thank Vincent Cobée for having set the positioning of Citroën within the Stellantis brand portfolio and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

The ACI also thanked Vincent Cobée for his years of collaboration, and congratulated Thierry Koskas on his new position.

Trading Post

Trading Post ads are free, but because people too often forget to let us know when no longer required, will run for only three issues unless you ask for a repeat.

For Sale: 1995 ZX Aura turbo diesel estate, metallic grey. 2 owners new NZ. 193k in very good running order. Very reluctant sale due to new EV in the family. Great handling car, thrifty on diesel, expect 7l per 100k. Has been garaged most of its life, and serviced by me. Based in Kerikeri. \$1990 ono. Call Neil 021 231 5502.

For Sale: 2007 Citroen C6 2.7 HDi Turbo diesel auto. Reg No PFN669 Speedo 104,178 MLS. A chance to buy a classic Citroen in the making. The C6 was introduced in 2006 and was produced until 2012. The cost to buy New in NZ was approx. \$109,000. With self-levelling hydro-pneumatic suspension which is electronically controlled. Automatic rear spoiler, alloy wheels, heads up display, lots of airbags, air conditioning, am/fm stereo, leather seats plus many many more. Power full V6 / 2.7 litre turbo diesel engine coupled to a six speed Tip Tronic transmission. Driving is believing. I purchased this vehicle six months ago from the original owner who had brought it new in the U.K. (First registered in NZ 1/12/2015) It has been my "pet project" since then but still has two things to complete i.e. the EGR valve at the front of the engine needs replacing and the passenger's door doesn't stay central locked. Along with the electronic key not working. (These parts must be sourced from overseas). I have priced the C6 to allow for these to be completed by its new owner. Would consider a tidy vehicle in part exchange. MTF finance is available to an approved purchaser. WOF expires 11/11/2023, Registration expires 31/08/2023 RUC current to 106,271 MLS. Price \$14,440 Firm. Call Peter Akeroyd on 029-5250800 to view and test drive.



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EVENT REMINDERS

Brit & Euro Car Show

Sunday 5 March 2023

Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

CCCNZ National Rally, Rangiora, Christchurch

10, 11, 12 March 2023

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 22 March, 7.30pm,

Carrell Electrade, 661 Great South Road, Penrose

Matakana

Sunday 16 April

Matakana Market in the morning, Mortimer's Motor Sport Museum in the afternoon

Club Night

National Rally Debrief

Wednesday 19 April 8pm, VVCC Rooms 39 Fairfax Avenue Penrose

Ellerslie Classic Car Show

Sunday 23 April 2023

Ellerslie Race Course

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17 May, 7.30pm, VVCC Rooms 39 Fairfax Avenue Penrose

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