

All entrants will be kept fully informed of details and are advised to contact me personally re any enquiries. This is a non-competitive rally over roads very suitable for our vehicles, through very pleasant country and should provide memories of a hectic day, fun and laughter, trials and tribulations and a feeling of comradeship. It has taken many hours of planning and negotiating, letter writing and interviews, but if it acts as a spur to the restoration and the use of our 'Horseless Carriages', plus giving pleasure to those who enjoy the most delightful hobby known to man, then the first ever Auckland to Hamilton Rally for Horseless Carriages will be a great success.

Regards and smooth down-changes.

Address to the Mayor of Hamilton
& His Citizens
From the Mayor of Auckland & His Citizens

The Members of the Auckland (New Zealand) Regional Group of the
Horseless Carriage Club of America,
have chosen to carry this message of greeting
linking our two cities.

It is their endeavour to honour their early counterparts
who blazed the trail South in what today would be
called appalling conditions, by conducting
this tour in their antique automobiles.

All automobiles participating were manufactured before
31st December 1916.

It is truly a mark of progress that these same automobiles can now
complete the journey in a few brief hours instead of two or three days
because of the advances in roading and facilities.

This tour is the first of what it is hoped will be an
Annual event, one that will grow to be a
feature for both cities.

It will enable the citizens to have a glimpse of a
bygone era and provide the participants with an opportunity to
experience the companionship
of their fellow enthusiasts.

This message has been carried to its
destination in the oldest vehicle
to complete the tour.

AUCKLAND to HAMILTON TOUR

8th & 9th March 1975

By Bryan Belcher

This is going to be the GREATEST EVENT EVER in the North for Veteran Automobile enthusiasts! The response has been overwhelming as we have an impressive list of entries and are still expecting more.

The starting place now, is in front of the Chief Post Office in Queen Street. The Traffic Department will be there and the whole area will be ours. We want all cars there by nine o'clock to give television cameras, and the public, ample time to view our treasures. His Worship the Mayor, Sir Dove-Meyer Robinson will be present to start us on our journey.

On the starting grid will be Ross Jones' 1910 Locomobile Steamer, from Kimbolton; Bill Miller's Buick from Ashburton; John Stewart's early Cadillac from St Heliers; Les Keys' Peugeot from Howick; Roy Cope in the International Auto Buggy from the Museum of Transport and Technology; 'Sir' Charles Edwards in his 1912 Austin; twelve rebels in the Renault Charabanc; several relics from Henry Fords fifteen million model T's; Len Elliott in a 1913 Star; the 1907 Brush, probably driven by its former owners Orin and Theresa Campion, who, along with fellow members Bill and Kathy Small and Harold Walters, are coming all the way from America for our rally. There will also be various other Horseless Carriages on the day.

Pat Wood, an enthusiast of long standing, will be mounted on his 1913 Triumph Motorcycle and, we hope, a few other veteran two wheelers will be with us to share the fun of our first Horseless Carriage Rally. Also several members, who do not have a roadworthy veteran, plan to motor vintage-wise to Hamilton to cheer the antiques on their arrival and enjoy the evening festivities.

Past President and Foundation Member, John Stewart, wishes to present a trophy for the most desirable vehicle to be judged by the competing drivers. The Auckland's Museum of Transport and Technology are donating a Cup for the oldest vehicle to complete the rally and also a Trophy for the Rally.

Our keen and capable movie director, Ross Crook, has his camera loaded and is keen to start filming on this our first ever "Auckland to Hamilton" which could well become one of Auckland City's annual feature attractions.

Well qualified Members, Noel and Eileen Newsome, will barbeque our lunch at the gracious old Hukenui homestead at Gordonton and two comely 'serving wenches' have been carefully selected to serve at our "Drury Coffee Break".



Many entrants have expressed their desire to wear period dress, which is most encouraging and should add much to the colour and charm of the event. I have a contact with originals for sale to anyone interested. An evening of viewing could be arranged, if so desired, and in the near future patterns and materials will be made available to anyone wishing to 'come out dressed in the proper manner' to our events.

