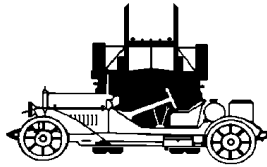


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At the 31st AGM Competitions

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# EDITORIAL

## Vehicle

1. *Any conveyance in or by which people or objects are transported, esp. one fitted with wheels, (2-5 not relevant) 6. A rocket excl. its payload.(OED)*

The objects of the club shall be to:

- a. Promote interest in the hobby of model vehicle collecting.
- b. Promote talks by qualified persons on the design, construction, history and collecting of model vehicles.
- c. Purchase, publish and circulate literature dealing with model vehicle collecting, also model vehicle construction and related subjects, and to that end publish and control a library of such literature for the use of members.  
(N.Z.M.V.C. Constitution)

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Should we turn a prospective member away because he collects Britains farm figures. (Statement at the 31<sup>st</sup> AGM)

The above quotes are made because despite being 32 years old the club does not have its own definition of what constitutes a vehicle. I brought this lack up at the AGM and was most surprised at the sometimes vehement response received, including the statement above. I was somewhat dumbfounded at this as I thought this was merely a minor oversight. After all surely a club that is set up to "promote interest" in a hobby must define what it is promoting interest in.

If we do not make this definition where do we stop? Britains animals?, Coke memorabilia?, Barbie?, Beanie Bears?.

From this issue of MA you will notice a few more changes as I have now taken over all the duties formerly done by Dot Box. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dot for her efforts over the past year. However it became evident at the end of the last financial year that the club could not afford to continue getting MA compiled professionally, so I have now taken over everything except the actual printing and posting out. Because of these constraints MA will also continue to be sent out folded. Sorry folks but sending flat doubles the postage bill.

*Lee Tracey*

# PRESIDENT'S PIECE

## OUTGOING PRESIDENTS REPORT .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people who supported me during my four years as President of the N.Z.M.V.C. The first 3 of them were hugely successful, but sadly, this last year has been spent in damage-control mode, most of the time. Hopefully, for the future survival of the Club, this situation will not happen again. I wish the Club well for this upcoming year.

Bryan Hessey.  
Immediate Past President.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bryan for the work he has put in over the last 4 years as President. I would also like to think that all concerned can put the last 12 months 'politics' behind them and remember Bryan's term of office for the enthusiasm he brought to everything connected with the club. Let this enthusiasm, and in particular his efforts in reviving Canterbury and getting Marlborough started, be his legacy.

Lee



Ferrari Specialist Diorama by Bryan Hessey

# ~~SOUHLAND~~ REPORT

The Novernber monthly meeting was held at our new "Clubrooms" on the 17th. Again a rundown was given by Graeme of the branch's affairs and of what was discussed at the committee meeting. The Branch's proposed bus trip to Mandeville has been put on hold for the meantime. We also discussed at great lengths the remits for the upcoming AGM in Alexandra. Competition Results:

- Kitsets (Small) - 1st: Paul Connell (Mercedes Race Car)  
2nd: Owen Dickson (Ferrari F50)  
3rd: Stephen Kelly (Ferrari Testarossa Pace Car)
- Kitsets (Large) - 1st: Paul Connell (Honda F1 Race Car)
- Readybuilts (Small) - 1st: Ken Glass (Land Rover Rescue Vehicle)  
2nd: Russell Corbett (Queen's State Coach)  
3rd: Russell Corbett (Triumph Dolomite Roadster)
- Readybuilts (Large) - 1st: Russell Corbett (Ford V8 Roadster)  
2nd: Ken Glass (AC Cobra Race Car)  
3rd: Barry McCorkindale (Stakebed Pickup)

December Monthly Meeting: The December meeting was held at Roger Laird's shop in Gore and as there was little to discuss, the meeting was short and sweet. The members present then had a quick browse around the shop, before we had an excellent supper. I would like to thank Roger and Karen for allowing us to hold the meeting at the shop.

Competition Results:

- Kitsets (Small): 1st Allan Graves (Spitfire)  
2nd Fred Hawkes (Stanley Steamer)  
3rd Paul Connell (Mercedes Truck)
- Kitsets (Large): 1st Stephen Kelly (1957 Chev Sport Coupe)  
2nd Paul Connell (two tone 1932 Roadster)
- Readybuilts (Small): 1st Allan Graves (March 701 'STP')  
2nd Graeme Robertson (Rail Dragster)  
3rd Fred Hawkes (Mercedes 300SL)
- Readybuilts (Large): 1st Paul Thompson (Toyota Rally Car)  
2nd Allan Graves (Chev Caprice Taxi)  
3rd Paul Connell (Race Truck)

# ~~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~~

Dear Lee,

A good number of members have just returned to their homes after attending a most extraordinary annual general meeting. I believe that things were said that should not have been said and it was harrowing to sit through some reports and matters where the tone was so negative and damaging. The things which have happened cannot go on, as a small club of only about one hundred members becomes a very fragile entity when under such attack.

I do not write this letter to draw attention to, or in any way support what has gone on.

Rather, I write this letter to appeal to all members to forget the character assassination that has occurred, and get back to the core business of the club so that we can all enjoy the benefits of our hobby and membership of the club as we share our common interest in model vehicles. Criticism and dissent must be minimised, so that the positives values of membership are maximised. We must all be supportive of, and loyal to those that we elect to become office bearers, as their election certainly sees them doing the lion's share of the work. Our office bearers are all volunteers, and the rest of us rely on the good grace of these members who willingly give of their time.

I firmly believe that anyone who is not prepared to forget personality issues and get back to models and co-operation should seriously consider the continuation of their membership.

I would also like to thank all those who have worked on our behalf during this last year, and in particular, thank our out-going President, Bryan Hessey, for his four years at the helm. The organisers of the meeting itself also deserve thanks, as we enjoyed our visits around Central Otago, a strongly supported competition, a very pleasant dinner, superb fruit from the orchards and glorious weather.

yours sincerely,  
Carville Stewart

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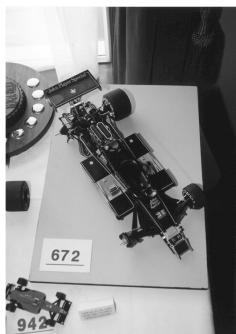
# COMPETITION RESULTS

Enclosed are the full results of the competitions held in conjunction with the 31st. Annual General Meeting weekend in Alexandra over the weekend of 14th. to 16th. January 2000.

1. FIRST PRESIDENT TROPHY.  
Lester Kidd, Cromwell, Focke Wulf 190A5
2. DINKY DIORAMA AWARD.  
1st. Bruce Northway, Christchurch, Cobra Pitstop.  
2nd. Peter Haack, Christchurch, Ruapuna Display.
3. CHEQUERED FLAG AWARD.  
1st. Bryan Hessey, Christchurch, Ferrari.  
2nd. Simon Horrell, Alexandra, John Player Special.  
3rd. Howard Brockie, Dunedin, Sprint Car.
4. BEST COMMERCIAL VEHICLE.  
1st. Keith McLeod, Dunedin, Volvo.  
2nd. Maurice Boyles, Dunedin, Chevrolet.
5. BEST 1/43rd. SCALE WHITE METAL KIT.  
1st. Bruce Northway, Christchurch, M.G. Record Car.
6. BEST MOTORCYCLE TROPHY.  
1st. Robin Austin, Alexandra, Kenny Roberts, Yamaha.  
2nd. Keith McLeod, Dunedin, Yamaha & Rider.  
3rd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, Suzuki Katana.
7. BEST MILITARY VEHICLE.  
1st. Evan Blanch, Clyde, Willys Jeep.  
2nd. Michael Kelly, Dunedin, Bedford & Queen Mary Trailer  
3rd. Michael Kelly, Dunedin, Bedford Refueller.
8. CLASSIC CUP.  
1st. Robin Austin, Alexandra, 1931 Ford Model A Pick-up.  
2nd=.Robin Austin, Alexandra, 34 Ford Five Window Coupe.  
2nd=.Maurice Boyles, Dunedin, 1932 Ford Coupe.
9. UNDER 16 TROPHY.  
1st. Mervyn Kelly, Invercargill, Jaguar MK2.  
2nd. Mervyn Kelly, Invercargill, Boeing 747.
10. A.G.M. 1/25th. SCALE TROPHY  
1st. Lester Kidd, Cromwell, P51D Mustang.  
2nd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, 1948 Ford Woody.  
3rd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, 1957 Ford Fairlane.

11. STREET MACHINE TROPHY.  
1st. Robin Austin, Alexandra, 57 Corvette Street Machine.  
2nd. Mike Kelly, Dunedin, 57 Ford Coupe.
12. 45/55 TROPHY.  
1st. Bryan Hessey, Christchurch, 1954 Ferraris.  
2nd. Graham Patterson, Dunedin, Porsche & Ferrari.  
3rd. Eric Brockie, Dunedin, Austin Healey & Alfa Romeo.
13. DINKUM & SHUNT DIORAMA AWARD.  
1st. Lester Kidd, Cromwell, Messerschmitt B/109E  
2nd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, Fix-it Shop.  
3rd. Bryan Hessey, Christchurch, Ferrari Garage.
14. 10th. ANNIVERSARY TROPHY.  
1st. Howard Brockie, Dunedin, Sprintcar.  
2nd=.Mike Kelly, Dunedin, Ford Coupe.  
2nd= Howard Brockie, Dunedin, Toyota Celica.
15. COMPETITION TROPHY.  
1st. Maurice Boyles, Dunedin, 1949 Mercury.  
2nd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, Porsche G.T.  
3rd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, Nissan Skyline.
16. TITAN PLANT SERVICES LTD. CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE TROPHY  
1st. Mac Scott, Pukerau, Menk M500H Ditch Digger.  
2nd. Roger Bacon, Christchurch, Caterpillar Excavator.  
3rd. Eric Brockie, Dunedin, Catapillar ITI8F Loader.
17. SOUTHWARDS VINTAGE TROPHY.  
1st. Evan Blanch, Clyde, Wolseley.  
2nd. Evan Blanch, Clyde, Di Dion.  
3rd. Peter Haack, Christchurch, 1930 Packard Phaeton.
18. TODD MOTORS TROPHY.  
1st. Bruce Northway, Christchurch, Landrover SIII AA  
2nd. Bryan Hessey, Christchurch, FORD F 100.  
3rd. Peter Haack, Christchurch, Scammell Low Loader.
19. TOYWORLD CHAMPTON OF CHAMPIONS TROPHY.  
Lester Kidd, Cromwell, Focke Wulf 190AS.
20. BEST COMMERCIAL KITSET 2.  
1st. Keith McLeod, Dunedin, Kenworth.  
2nd. Roger Bacon, Scammell Junior Contractor & Trailer  
3rd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, Landrover.
21. BEST KITSET FIRE APPLIANCE.  
1st. Evan Blanch, Clyde, Willys Jeep
22. BALLANTYNES TROPHY.  
1st. Robin Austin, Alexandra, 1964 Chevy Fleetside  
2nd. Robin Austin, Alexandra, 1995 Chevy Blazer

- 3rd. Maurice Boyles, Dunedin, 1979 Ford Bronco
23. SHIPS TROPHY.  
1st. Keith McLeod, Dunedin, Santa Maria.  
2nd. Peter Haack, Christchurch, Aircraft Carrier.
24. AIRCRAFT TROPHY. L  
1st. Lester Kidd, Cromwell, Focke Wulf 190A5.  
2nd. Lester Kidd, Cromwell, Focke Wulf 190A7.  
3rd. Lester Kidd, Cromwell, P51-B Mustang.
25. RESTORED DIECAST TROPHY.  
1st. Alan Graves, Invercargill, Dodge Challenger.
26. BEST DIECAST FIRE ENGINE.  
1st. Bruce Northway, Christchurch, Landrover Rescue.  
2nd. Mac Scott, Pukerau, A.E.C. Turntable Ladder.  
3rd. Mac Scott, Pukerau, Westpac Helicopter.
27. DIECAST TROPHY.  
1st. Bruce Northway, Christchurch, 63 Corvette Gran Sport  
2nd. Bryan Hessey, Christchurch, Ferrari F1.  
3rd. Bryan Hessey, Christchurch Ferrari 360 Modena.
28. VINTAGE OR VETERAN TROPHY.  
1st. Roger Bacon, Christchurch, Fowler Showmans Engine.  
2nd. Rosemary Kelly, Invercargill, 1910 Benz.  
3rd. Eric Brockie, Dunedin, Di Dion Bouton.
29. AUTOWAY UNDER 16 YEARS TROPHY.  
1st. Sonia Kelly, Invercargill, Rover Stirling.  
2nd. Mervyn Kelly, Invercargill, Porsche 911.  
3rd. Joanna Kelly, Invercargill. Breakdown Truck.
30. ALTERED DIECAST CLYDE WRIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY.  
1st. Roger Bacon, Christchurch, Scammell Contractor.  
2nd. Evan Blanch, Clyde, 1950 Cheyrollet.  
3rd. Evan Blanch, Clyde, Landrover.



The class 3  
2nd place get-  
ting Lotus 78  
from Simon  
Horrell of  
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# 31st AGM REPORT

## THE WEEKEND OF THE 31st. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

When the Otago Branch were appointed as the Host Branch for the 31st Annual General Meeting the Otago Branch Executive decided to host the event in Alexandra as we had several Otago Branch members living in the Central Otago area. As is normal for this time of the year, the weather was outstanding while we were there with temperatures of 28 to 30 degrees.

The Friday night saw members and families gather for an informal get together and refreshments in the Older Citizens Club in Alexandra.

On Saturday morning members started to arrive from 9a.m. to put their models out ready for the Annual General Meeting competitions or for the two additional displays we had arranged. While we left our judges to their task the remainder of the members left for Wanaka for our visit to the Wanaka Transport Museum and to Cromwell. All in all we spent over three hours at the Transport Museum viewing the many vehicles and the thousands of models that are on display. During the time at the Museum we managed to feed everyone with a barbecue lunch and left for the return trip to Alexandra with a couple of stops in Cromwell on the way.

Transport for the visit to Wanaka was supplied by members of the Otago Branch so we were able to work to our own timetable which we were able to keep pretty much to our planned itinerary. On the return trip we called in to visit Lester Kidd's shop in Cromwell and then on to view the working Traction Engine model of Earnie Bell. Earnie who is a retired carpenter built the Traction Engine from scratch using metal from any source that he could including brass fire fighting parts. A great model which was all steamed up and working for us, and caused members of the public to stop and look as it was steaming along the footpath. After the visit to Earnie it was back to Alexandra for the evening meal at Conference Centre at Centennial Court Motels.

The Conference Centre was a great venue as the models were all round the tables at the perimeter of the room and the tables were set for our evening meal up the middle. For the following day the table were to be removed and theatre seating supplied for the Annual General Meeting. During the evening meal Carville Stewart gave us an impromptu speech and reminded us about the prices we used to pay for models many years ago.

All members who had registered for the weekend activities were presented with small

trophies to remind them of the Annual General Meeting weekend in Alexandra and the evening finished off with the presentation of Trophies and Certificates for the Competitions. The meal was first class and certainly no one had anything except good comments about the quality and quantity of the food. Sunday morning saw the 31st. Annual General Meeting get under way, with a break about 12.30 for lunch and the meeting concluding at 3.15.p.m.

*Eric Brookie*

### **The 31<sup>st</sup> AGM**

After the events of the past 12 months many people expected a pretty torrid AGM. They were not to be disappointed. This was a pity as many of the members from Central Otago are relatively new to the club and had put on such a great weekend. Despite a barrage of personal attacks against certain members of the previous executive, the mechanics of the meeting went fairly smoothly with all but the subscription and trophy remits being approved, albeit some in much modified form.

The remits causing most debate were probably No 8 which was finally settled with the decision that the President is a spokesperson not a figurehead and his other duties are to be agreed to not authorised by the executive.

The need for a Privacy Officer and an Honorary Solicitor were both hotly debated but approved in the end.

I hope that all the blood has now been let, and that those who were too gutless to front up and make their attacks, relying instead on rumour to do their dirty work, will now either apologise to their targets or find a club more suitable to their liking, as we do not require a repeat performance at Marlborough next year. Let the club now move forward with everybody working towards the same goals of promoting the hobby. Finding a way to improve the clubs financial position should also be a high priority for the upcoming year.

*Lee Tracey*



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# MODELLING WITH MAURICE

Here's to a happy and prosperous year for modellers of the new millennium!

Towards Xmas I pondered how I could see a way of constructing a diorama to enable it to be transported 190kms to enter into our 31<sup>st</sup> AGM competitions. There were two major hurdles, one being that dioramas are usually awkward and hard to pack into limited space due to their shape; and that space is needed on the return journey again. I didn't want to take one of my finished dioramas, having to keep some space for it.

My idea to overcome this problem was to design and construct a portable or collapsible diorama. And, if one wishes, use it for one competition then destroy it. I had a theme in mind, and wished to use one new model, however a plastic kit needs special packing also, so I chose to use a diecast model. They do have their uses! The only packing needed is a parcel of clothing.

The model is a 1/25 Maisto '48 Ford pickup, which I'd personally reworked giving it the weathered look. I constructed a cage from cardboard to fit the deck, in which is supposed to be a fictitious model car club member. The theme for this diorama being loosely based on our 31<sup>st</sup> AGM in Alexandra.

Cardboard, I figured, would be ideal for the base board, suitable to hold everything and flexible enough to sustain any rough handling. For transportation purposes I envisaged the diorama needed to rest beneath the luggage in the boot.

So herein began the collapsible diorama structure. Base size was minimal at 450mm x 350mm. Two outer walls of the supposed building venue plus one free standing sign. Four figures and accessories.

The walls are complete with windows and a door. The walls are at a slight angle to one another, fixed to the far edge of the base. These walls are stapled to the base and can be folded flat for storage. After drawing in the windows I felt they needed more impact so I cut out the openings and added "glass". A clear plastic biscuit tray was cut up to make the glass panes. To give extra effect pictures of people were cut from magazines and attached behind the windows. Another layer of cardboard was then stapled at the rear to sandwich the glass panes in place.

A banner hangs over the doorway welcoming members to the 31<sup>st</sup> AGM. A table folded from cardboard sits to the left of the entranceway with a "Registrations" sign.



Four figures, one a female who is standing at the table is , by way of written visual sentences, talking to a male seated in an armchair reading a copy of “Petrolhead”. Kneeling nearby is a second male holding a kitset box above another one on the ground. A cake can and a copy of “Scale Auto Enthusiast” lay on the ground also. Labels on the items are all photo-reduced aftermarket items.

On the table along with a membership roll form is a raffle for a model of a 1932 Ford in appropriate scale.

Situated at the front of the diorama is the Ford pickup with the driver, Henry, about to open the cage rear doors. A sign sitting to the right of the entrance is headed with the words “Security Check. These items banned from meeting: Water Pistols, Angry Words, Whoopee Cushions, Childish Behaviour, Stink Bombs.”

Last but not least, is the title for this little scene – “Judgement Day”

*Maurice Boyles*



One of Maurice's 'Bigfoot' creations utilising a Monogram '55 Ford Panel Delivery van

# ~~THATS NEWS?THATS NEW!~~

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92288 40 BMW 328

92299 58 Edsel Citation H/T  
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Toyota MR Spyder 3 Vers Feb00      Toyota MR Spyder Showcar Mar 00 Toy-  
ota Celica 1600GT 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Mar 00      Nissan Prince R380 Jan00  
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42001 Queen Mary DL op – Southdown	44355 Blackpool Balloon Tram – Michelin
44004 Blackpool Brush Tram – Zoo	43612 Palatine II – Notts City Transport
44705 Dennis Dart SLF – Barton Buses	44105 Optare Solo – Travel London
43912 Bristol K Utility Bus – Chatham	43711 BUT 9641 T Trolley – Huddersfield
43013 Leyland Olympian/ECW – Ribble	44204 Neoplan Cityliner – Supreme Travel
43913 Guy Arab Utility – W. Alexander Glasgow	43412 Plaxton Beaver 2 – First
43914 Daimler CW Utility – Chester	42728 Van Hool Alizee – Parks of Ham.
43317 Plaxton Premiere – Jetlink	40703 Bristol K/ECW – Premier

ERTL 1/43 Diecast USA ( “Coming Soon”)

32244 '49 Mercury Custom	32245 '70 Chevelle 454
32246 '71 Cuda	32248 '40 Ford Custom
32249 '64 Impala SS	32250 '66 Pontiac GTO
32251 '69 Mustang Mach 1	32252 '55 Chev Bel Air

ERTL 1/18 Diecast USA (Coming Soon)

'69 AMC AMX 8 colours	'67 Corvette Coupe 7 cols
'58 Impala Hardtop 8 cols	32397 35 Auburn 351 Silver/Burgundy
32158 '37 Cord 812 Conv. Maroon	32159 '37 Cord 812 Conv Cream

#### VITESSE 1/43 Diecast Portugal Due Feb 00

VCC033 Nash Metropolitan Red/white	vcc037 Messerschmitt K200
VCC052 Porsche 904GTS LM 64 #33	VCC055 Renault 5 "Le Car"
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#### SKID 1/43 Diecast Portugal (Vitesse's new range for all Rally models)

SKC016 Lancia Stratos "L'Equipe"	SKM015 Mitsubishi L200 GALP Dakar 99
SKM042 Toyota Corolla WRC CEPSA	SKM076 Peugeot 206WRC G. Panizzi
SKM081 Peugeot 206 WRC Delecour	SKM084 Beetle "YACCO-FLY" Andros 99
SKW002 Lancer Evo VI T. Makinen MC	SKW003 Lancer Evo VI Makinen Swe- den

#### QUARTZO 1/43 Diecast Portugal

QFC051 Brabham BT52 Piquet QFC052 Brabham BT52 Patrese

#### ONYX 1/43 Diecast Portugal

XLM019 BMW V12 LMR #15 LM99	XTC016 Honda Accord Brookes BTCC 99
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