



December 2013



**THE MORRIS 8 TOURER
CLUB
OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)**



The Morris Eight Club of New Zealand was formally incorporated in 1974; the aims are to encourage the sharing of knowledge and fellowship whenever members may meet.

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President's Report



Hello Members

Well, November has been and gone. The sheep have been shorn – a whole six of them – and the wool sold. The seat around our deck is now completed. I started it February three years ago, and had to stop three years ago because of the earthquake. I have also painted the bricks on the garage to match the colour of the new bricks on the house, which certainly didn't match before.

On days when I couldn't paint I dealt to the thistles in the paddock (steep hillside) to keep Diane's sheep happy! The joys of having a life-style block. We had our last event, a photo shoot and picnic with all the other Morris Clubs to end the Centennial celebrations. It was held at Cutler Park – home of the VCC. It was quite sobering to see the damaged trees caused by the recent horrible norwest winds we have had lately.

I look forward to meeting all of you who are coming to our Xmas Rally. Have a safe journey and do drive carefully. Diane and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Those coming to the Rally will have a good time, and to those who are not coming, have a restful holiday wherever it may be.

Keith.

P.S. On behalf of all of us we extend our deepest sympathy to Lindsay & Jillian Crossen on the death of Lindsay's father.

Upcoming Events



February 16

10:00am start. Mini Golf (\$10 per player).

Commencing from the club rooms with a short rally, a game of mini golf and picnic lunch at the club rooms, followed by short quiz and cup presentation.

March 9

Morris/Austin rally. Meet at the Morris Eight clubrooms at 10:00am for a 10:30am start.

March 30

Leeston township celebrates 150 years: County Fair and Vintage Rally

More details in February magazine. Please send numbers to Keith; ph 384 1028.



Profile

Joe Greenaway



In February 1957 I started work in a small suburban garage to serve the term of 5 years as an apprentice mechanic. We carried out all types of repairs, re-bores, valve grinds etc on all makes of cars, Morris 8's, Austin 7's, Vauxhalls, Vanguards, Chevs, For 8-10's, Ford V8's, to name a few.

After 8 years I started a job at a franchise dealer specialising in Rootes Group cars, Chrysler, David Brown Tractors, Dodge and Commer trucks. In the event of the Japanese makes coming the English and



American imports dried up and the dealership changed to Mitsubishi product in the late 1970's. I remained in this position till retirement 42 years later.

I have owned a few Morris 8's, mainly because they were priced right for apprentice wages. However my current ones are a 2 seater sports 1938 and a 2 door sedan 1938. The 2 seater sports was brought as a basket case and put together in 1971. The 2 door sedan was purchased in 1982 and restored chassis up.

I became a member and joined the committee of the M8TC at the 1982 AGM. Thirty one years on I am still on the committee having held the positions of Librarian - 31 years so far, President - 6 years, Editor - 5 years and parts co-ordinator - 6 years and counting.

I have seen the club grow over the years and enjoyed the involvement. I thought I had enough know-how to duck under the hard bits but wasn't quick enough to side step the profile request from the editor!

I sign off acknowledging my wife Val, who has put up with me and my mechanical jargon to which she admits to know nothing about.

Cheers - Joe Greenaway - Parts Co-ordinator and Librarian.

For Sale

Morris 8 - 1937 4 door series 1. reg on hold. Lots of parts. \$4500. Phone John 03 547 3316

Thank you to those members who have sent in stories. These will appear over the next few months. Keep them coming.

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From the past...

At the last club evening one of our club members was talking about replating the front side lights on his Eight. The side lights have the red Lucas badge on the top - and are “crimped” in place. If you look hard (glasses help - or a magnifying glass) the Lucas emblem contains the phrase - “King of the Road” along with a lion. Lucas has been making lights for over 100 years and the lights on the Morris Eight were part of a range of products dating back to early bicycle and car lights, which ran on a range of fuels including oil, carbide rock (acetylene) and electricity. Lucas began making lights in 1872. The first “King of the Road” cycle lamp, for use on the Penny Farthing, was produced in 1878. (From Lucas website). Over the years it aquired numerous competing companies, eventually succumbing itself to a buyout by American interests.



“KING OF THE ROAD”

Tail Lights.
REGULATION PATTERNS.
WILL NOT BLOW OUT.

These lamps have proved themselves through six years' use, and their users need have no apprehension with regard to the proper illumination of the number plate. The large size lamps are fitted with two white lenses, making them adaptable for British or Continental use.

Telegraph Code Word.	No.	Finish.	PRICE.
TRIUMPH	630	Japanised (Plated Parts)	£1 8 0 each.
TRIUMPH	632	“ (Brass Parts)	1 8 0 “
TELEMETER	634	All Brass	1 11 0 “
TELEMETER	636	All Plated	1 15 0 “

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Height, 10 in. (Ball adds 1½ in.) Barner, ½ in. Petroleum.
Burns 15 hours. Fits Standard Brackets.
With 4 in. red back light and 2½ in. white lenses for number plate and indicating light.

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TABERN	429	Japanised (Plated Parts)	£1 12 0 each.
TABERN	430	“ (Brass Parts)	1 12 0 “
TABERN	434	All Brass	2 4 0 “
TABERN	436	All Plated	2 8 0 “

Use GOOD Petroleum and Clean Dry Wicks.
Remove Lamp when washing Car.

In 2013 the “King of the Road” name has been relaunched by Lucas (now an American company) with the introduction of a new range of LED bike lights.



Club night

Second Wednesday of each month

The Committee welcomes everybody to join us to help with getting the magazine off to our members! **Folding starts around 7.30pm**

It's a good opportunity to meet others and have the extra chance to buy spare parts, this gives you the opportunity to hide away in the garage at the weekend, and see that long project get closer to being finished. Also we have tea, coffee and nice things to eat. So get off the couch and give us a hand.

Club Name Badges

We are updating the M8TCNZ Name Badges to these styles.

Also tear-drop customised Key Rings are available.

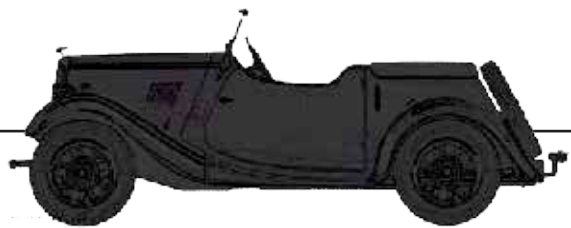
Cost: Name Badge \$10.00
Key Ring \$5.00

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Lindsay – 03 359 0000

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Provide details for back of Key Ring
Send cheque to PO Box 10 386
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Items will be posted to you within a week of ordering.



New members



Noel Finnerty & Joanne Williams (Chch)
1939 two door Series E – under restoration

Bill & Lorraine Mosen (Waitoa)
1948 four door Series E

Out youngest members – Matt & Kim Fraser

Car in original condition, needs work, enthusiastic owner – hopefully warranted for Christmas Rally!!!!





Morris Eight Tourer Club of New Zealand (Inc)

Christmas Rally – 2013/14

Hello Everybody

Well, we are but four weeks away from congregating in **Christchurch** for the **2013/14 M8TCNZ Christmas Rally**. Organisation is going along smoothly and we have a full week of activity planned.

We currently have 36 Registrations – 26 of those from outside Christchurch (but some more local members will be helping out or participating on the odd day).

A Daily Program is shown adjacent. We have planned both organised and freelance opportunities so that attendees can take in the many attractions in Christchurch at their leisure or in smaller collective groups. Brochures for a lot of activities will be available in your Rally Bag.

There are only three organised social evenings – Meet and Greet on the first day, New Year's Eve and the Rally Dinner on the last night of the Rally – **Theme “the 60's Era”**.

Additional costs for attendees will be \$15pp for the Bus Trip to Ashburton and \$45pp for the Rally Dinner. There may be entry fees to attractions of your choice on freelance days.

Meet & Greet

Day 1 – Friday 27th December

This will be held at the

M8TCNZ Clubrooms, 140c Waterloo Road, Hornby.

Assembly time is from **5pm onwards**. We will cater a BBQ meal with tea/coffee & OJ (Bring your own alcohol)

At this event we will have formal welcomes and particularly we will hand out Rally Packs and hold an Instruction / Q&A Session to set the scene for the week and get to know everybody. If you can't make it to that event then we will catch up with you as soon as you arrive and ensure you are informed.

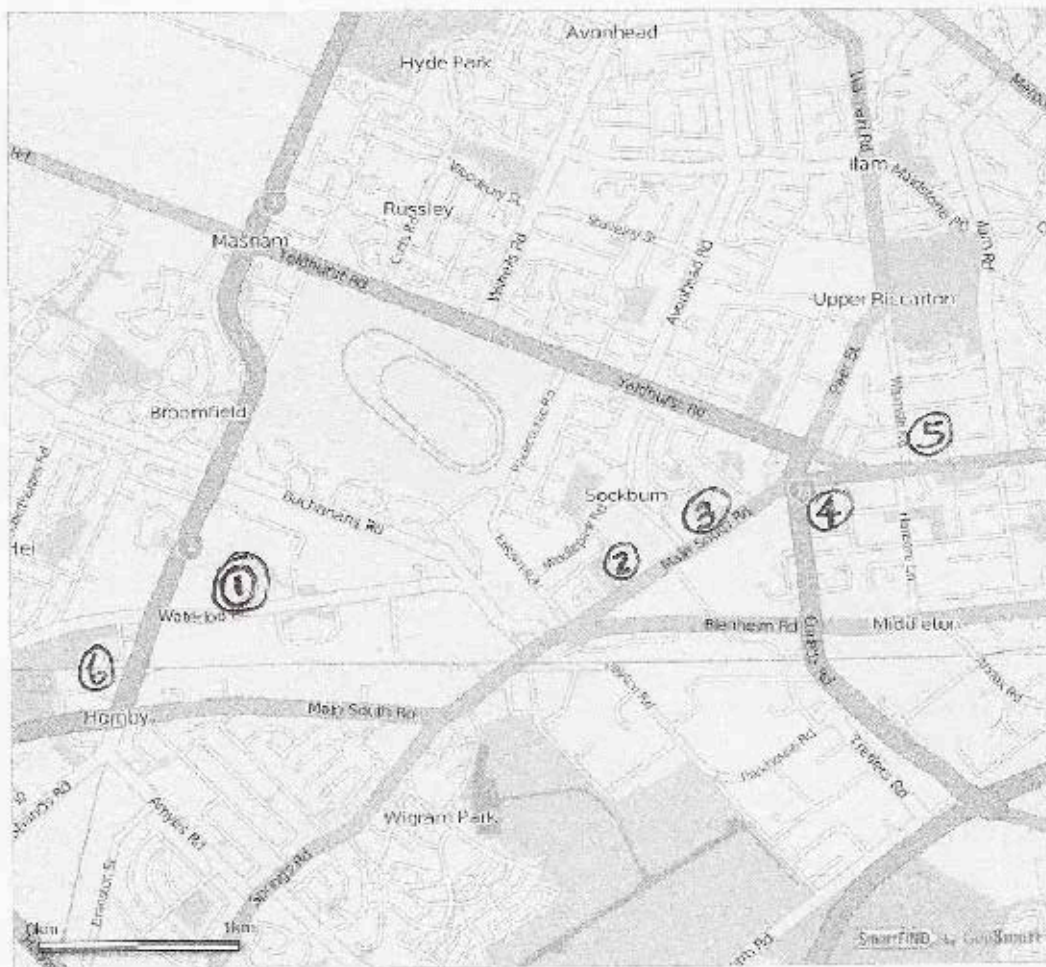
Rally Contact; Lindsay Crossen, Ph 0274 328 464

Daily Program

Date	Day	Suggested Activity
Friday 27 th Dec	1	Arrival in Chch - Meet and Greet Clubrooms (5pm) – BBQ (catered)
Saturday 28 th Dec	2	Short Run – with photo stop at Isaac Historic Village Lunch Stop then individual choice to visit any of 4 places of interest.
Sunday 29 th Dec	3	Rally Run – North Canterbury – full day event Lunch at Ashley Gorge
Monday 30 th Dec	4	Bus Trip to Ashburton (\$15pp) (Leave the cars at home)
Tuesday 31 st Dec	5	Organised Visit in Morning then lunch. Afternoon available for individual choice to visit city attractions (Pop Up Mall, Boat on Avon, etc) New Year's Eve – at clubrooms (pot luck dinner) 7pm start – Quiz nite/BBQ available.
Wednesday 1 st Jan	6	Rally Run – EQ sights of Chch and Lyttelton to Diamond Harbour for lunch then tour home through Lincoln area.
Thursday 2 nd Jan	7	Rally Run - Ellesmere and Hororata areas. 3pm finish to rest up for Rally Dinner
Evening 2 nd Jan		Rally Dinner – “THE BRIDGE” Theme – “the 60's Era”
Friday 3 rd Jan	8	Farewells and Go Home

Middlepark Motels will be the start point on many days.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU ALL ON
27th DECEMBER. SAFE MOTORING ON YOUR
JOURNEY TO CHRISTCHURCH**



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- ① M8TCNZ Clubrooms - Waterloo Rd - Rally HQ
- ② Middlepark Motels
- ③ Amalfi Motor Lodge
- ④ Riccarton Park Holiday Park
- ⑤ Bush Inn Shopping Centre
Shops, Restaurants, etc.

Recent Outings

Morris Centenary



The centennial of the first Morris car was celebrated at events organised by the combined Morris Clubs in Chch throughout 2013. These were well attended and helped foster relationships between the clubs and their members. We also travelled widely throughout Canterbury and to many interesting destinations.

Thank you to Tony Becker and his committee for their fine organisation. John Lester and Richard Rowe represented M8TCNZ on the combined committee.

The final event on 24th November was a picnic/photo shoot at the VCC Cutler Park. About 60 cars turned up ranging from an early Bullnose to the last Morris – a Marina. A good spectacle of them all lined up and an appreciation of what Morris contributed to the affordable family automobile through the decades.

Lindsay Crossan

I finally cleaned out the cobwebs from the series E and Ann and I went on the last rally for the 100 years centenary. Ye gods there were Morris Minors everywhere they were like rats coming out of the woodwork – ten sedans of differing years, 5 convertibles, two low lights and a woody at one stage. I thought Series Es were a dime a dozen but my old dunger was the only one there.

Roughly thirty cars present which I thought was disappointing but perhaps the thought of no rally turned people away. For me I was quite happy to drive to McLeans Island lay back in the sun and drink coffee. Sometimes some of us older – sorry more mature people do find long

runs in these fine cars tiring. Perhaps we just don't look weary. I went to the swimming pool at Northlands – as I do twice a week and struck a new girl at the counter who went to charge me the full price. When I said to her I am seventy four and have a gold card she looked at me as much as to say “well that's not my fault” but she did reduce it. Just no respect for age these days.

Anyway the rest of the cars present were, 1 Marina, two 1100, 1 mini, 1 Worsley, 1 early overhead cam minor, 1 Morris 14, 2 Oxfords, 1 Cowley, and a small Morris truck which looked like a biscuit tin with a tray on the back. They say beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and each to his own.

Our club members totalled a bakers dozen and two of our more influential couples apparently were coming back from Bendigo loaded up with Holden parts (don't think so) and missed the action here.

It was a nice sunny day and there were still souvenirs for sale so I finally bought a hat and while the Morris anniversary book looked a really good quality production I gave it a miss at this stage.

All in all a good day.

John Henderson.

My friend celebrated his birthday this year by buying an all-terrain 4 wheeler. This is a picture of him playing with it in his back yard. I'm thinking about getting me one. Life is fleeting by. Enjoy it while you can.

Getting old is easy... having fun at it is the real trick





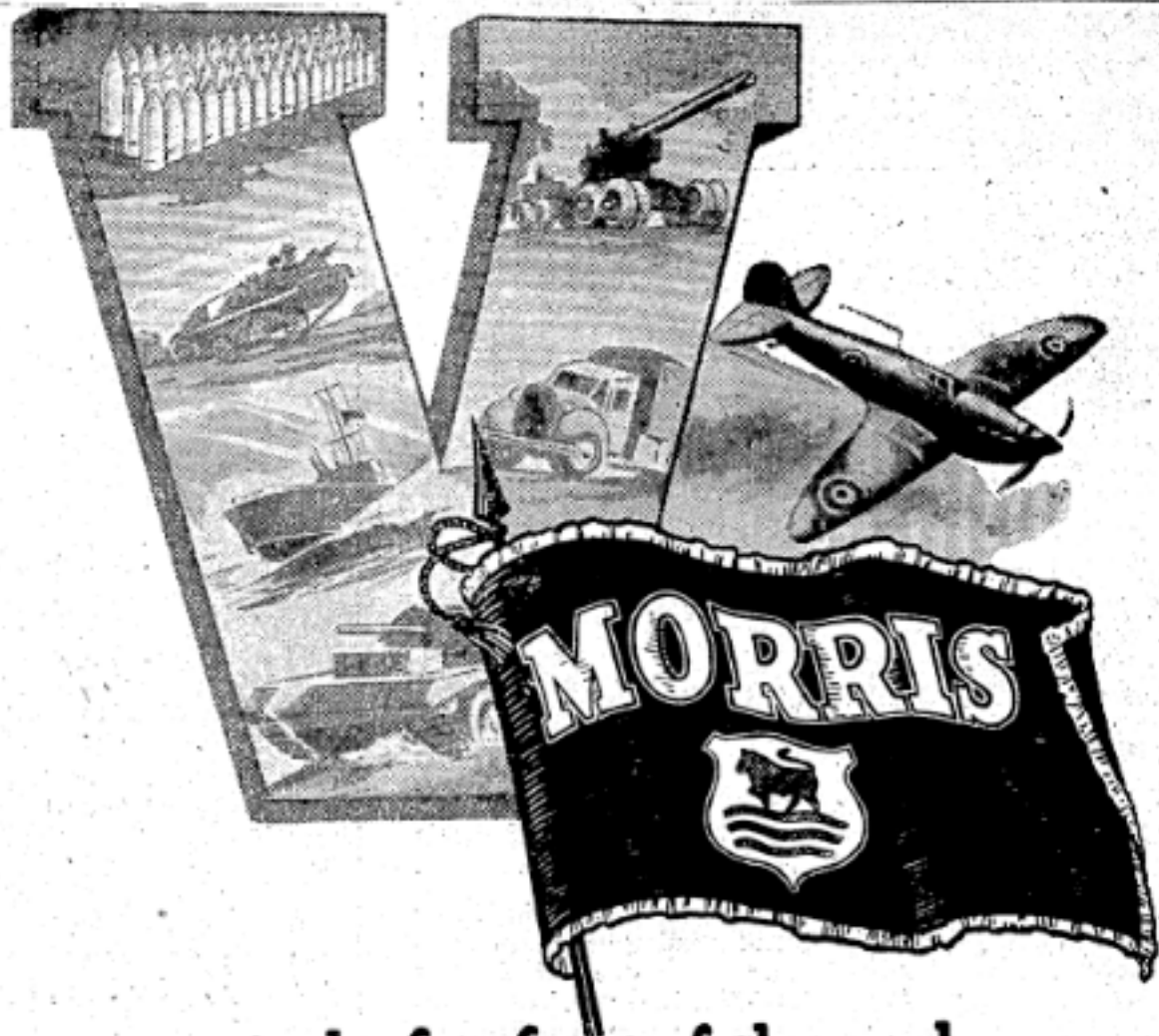
From Secretary Lindsay

1. We now have 10% of our membership receiving the e-newsletter. They like the photos in colour. Printing costs are prohibitive for colour to be included in the printed option (although there will be the occasional exception like this Christmas edition).
2. Members are reminded the Parts are available for sale to Members ONLY. Some parts are becoming difficult to source and we are required to buy a minimum quantity when we restock.
3. A copy of the PARTS LIST can be emailed to Members – m8tcnz@gmail.com
4. The Club is researching a source for 16” and 17” tyres where Members can direct purchase from – rather than source from India!!
5. Thank you to Members for their courteous enquiries by email and phone during the year. I hope I have been able to help to your satisfaction. Merry Christmas everybody and happy, safe motoring in 2014.



Morris trivia...

Evening Post - August 14th, 1942



... in the forefront of those who serve

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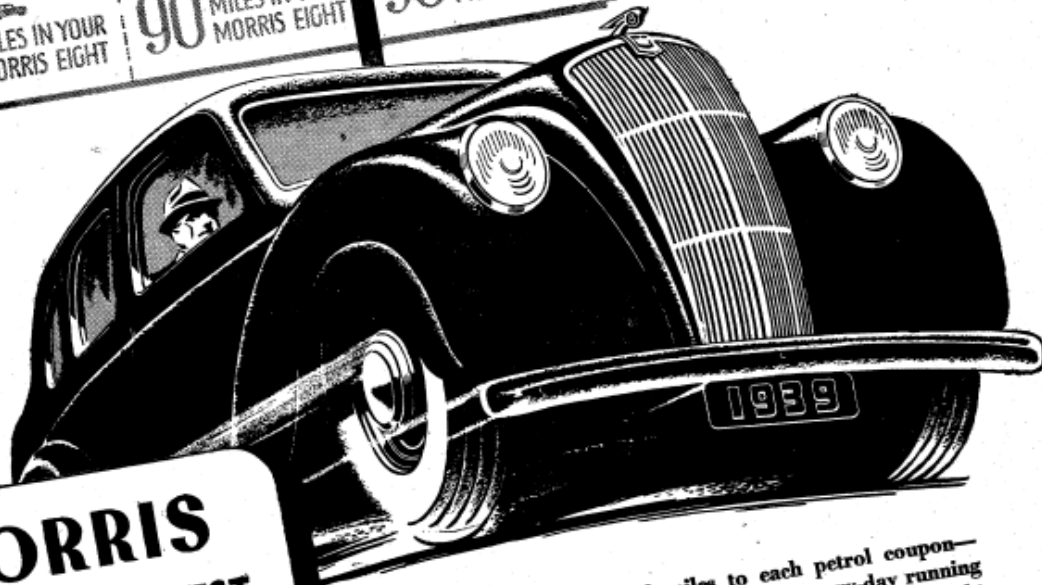
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1015 LAPEL BADGE: Series1 and 2 sedan
\$6.00 Each

1016 LAPEL BADGE: Series 1 and 2 Sports
\$6.00 Each

1017 LAPEL BADGE : Series E
Car Lapel Badge colours Blue, Green and Maroon
\$6.00 Each

1001 CLUB BUMPER BADGE OR GRILLE BADGE : Same design as 1014 Club Lapel Badge only 3" diameter
\$18 Each

1018 Cloth BADGE : The Club Emblem on a cloth badge: approx 3" diameter
\$8.50 Each

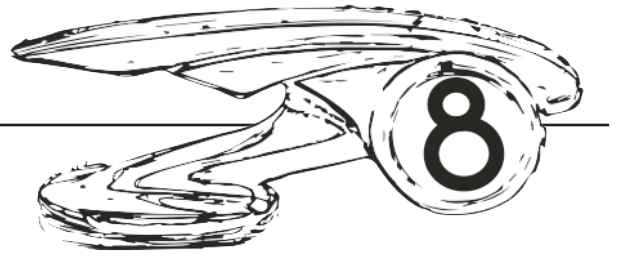
1003 SERVICE INFO BOOKLET For Series 1 and 2
\$8.50 Each

Information manual Booklet For S1 and S2, E and Z
\$20.00 Each

Club Name Badges \$10.00 Each. Please send a clearly printed version of your name, as you want it to appear, along with your payment to:

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P.O. BOX 10 386, PHILLIPSTOWN
CHRISTCHURCH 8145

Parts Shed



Parts Shed will be open at specified times during the Rally.

Our Parts Shed is open last Saturday of the month for current financial club members.

Parts also available on Club night (2nd Wednesday of Month)

Out of stock

2327 Fuel filler pipe rubber

Price Change

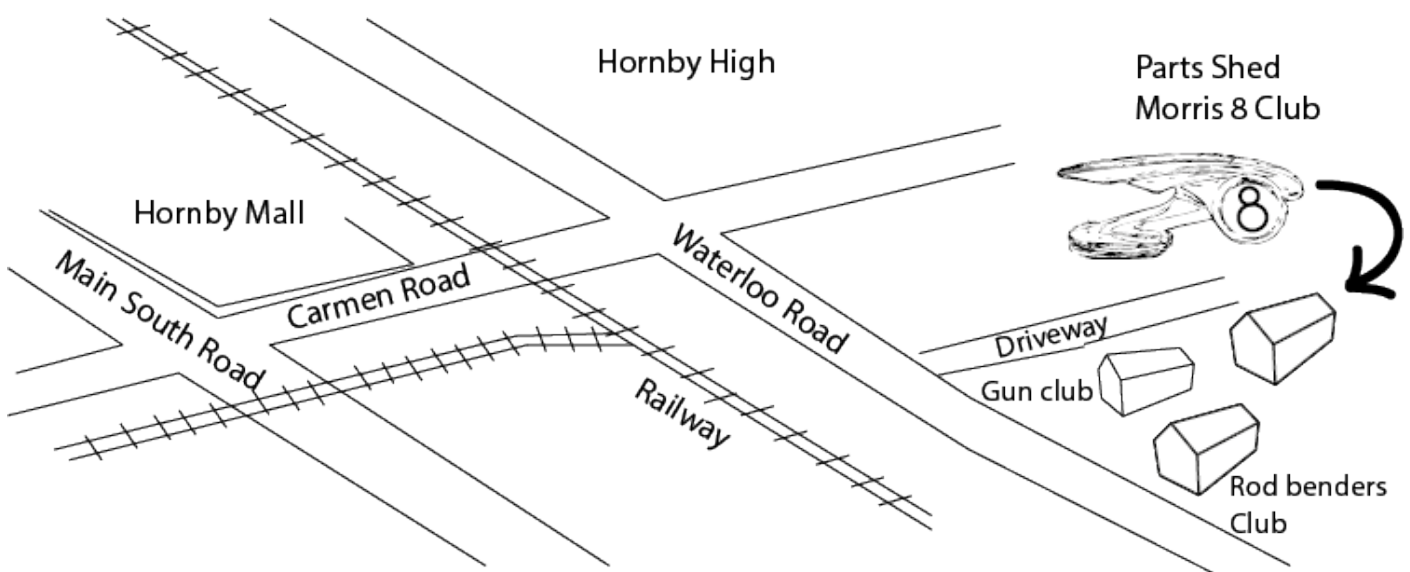
2312 Windscreen rubber \$10.50m

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EACH MONTH (see inside for dates)

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