

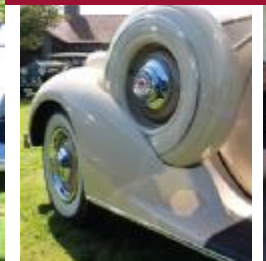
SPP DAY TRIP TO WAIKATO

Theo & Michelle de Leeuw's lovely property





Nigel & Judith Browning's lovely property





Above: Photos of the 833 of Theo & Michelle de Leeuw. An exciting project - we look forward to seeing progress
Below: Photos of the 1912 Calthorpe of Nigel & Judith Browning. Lovely glass Frog mascot and beautiful ali' body.



Does anyone know if this Packard is still in NZ?

It is thought to be 233 series, 6 cylinder sedan. Please email Michael Taylor on miketaylor.ortho@paradise.net.nz



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The day dawned a stunner, as we wrapped up with the hood down and headed off to rendezvous with the Auckland Packards just south of the city at 9am. All eyes were on our cars as they were parked, and we enjoyed a coffee break before heading south. We met John Rayner and partner Diane, who are new members of SPP, and it wasn't long before they were excitedly telling us of their new purchase — a 1937 120C Convertible Coupe, which would arrive from the USA in a few weeks.



We had 7 cars head off down the southern motorway towards Cambridge. We drove along at our pace, which was faster than some of the earlier models, but we had a plan..... we were the photographers for the day, so we took off, then parked and waited to take photos as each car motored past. The day was 'one out of the bag' perfect sunshine and perfect temperatures for the cars to travel in.

After about an hour or so, we met up with Bob Pennycook and Steve Cochrane in their recently restored Clipper with Dennis Mitchell as a passenger, who had come up from Napier for a couple of days in the Waikato, and was able to join us. After a line up for photos, we made our way to Theo and Michelle de Leeuw's for morning tea. We were met there by Nigel Browning with his 1927 426 roadster. We were all parked ready for an official photo and enjoyed much chatter and a lovely morning tea. We all went into the shed to look at the next restoration project of Theo's 1931 833 Convertible Coupe (see photos on page 10).



We all then headed off to our lunch stop following a little 'tiki tour' of the back roads—lovely to drive past many lovely houses and lifestyle blocks. Another line-up as we parked for lunch, and of course, the cars created quite some interest!



Time to head off again to Nigel and Judith Browning's property in Hamilton for the afternoon. Nigel and Judith have restored a beautiful 1911 villa and produced wonderful gardens over the years, and we were all in awe as we wandered around the property, appreciating just what a huge job they had undertaken. Of course many of us ended up also in Nigel's shed to view his restoration project of a 1912 Calthorpe followed by a great afternoon tea and still, much chatter.

Well, by now it was late afternoon and sadly, we had to start our drive back to Auckland, so it was thanks to our lovely hosts for the day, into our cars and off home.

I know I speak for everyone who came, that it was a fabulous day, and it WILL be something that we will do again before too long. As I watched the sun set from our open car, I thought just how lucky we are all to be enjoying such wonderful motoring with such wonderful motor-cars!!

Once again thanks to our hosts: Theo & Michelle de Leeuw, and Nigel & Judith Browning. Thanks also to Jonathon de Leeuw for many of the great photos.



.....Terry Dean

See colour photos on pages 8 & 9