



Classics spruced up with pride

Motor show coming

By STEVE GREEN

Kapiti car enthusiast Dave Peters is one of many local drivers getting their cars polished up for display in next month's Pride and the Passion Motor Show, at the Horowhenua Events Centre in Levin.

His 1947 Buick Convertible is a model 56C and is powered by one of the famous Buick straight eights.

The eight-cylinder, in-line engine, is only 248 cubic inch or 4064cc, but it still has enough horsepower to haul this full-bodied American classic to more than 160kmh and has no trouble keeping up with the flow of traffic on today's highways.

The car has a three-speed man-

ual gearbox, white-wall tyres and hydraulically-operated seats, windows and hood. It was built as a left hand drive, but was converted to right hand drive in Hamilton in 1954. Other than that, it is in original condition, right down to the 113,800 original miles on the speedo and the Buick dashboard clock on the passenger side.

Mr Peters is a former Royal New Zealand Air Force pilot who flew DC3s, Harvards and Andovers and is employed by the Defence Force in Wellington.

This car will be one of about 130 unusual and interesting vehicles at the upcoming show, hosted by the Horowhenua Vintage Car Club.

The theme of the show reflects



Classic: Built in the United States in 1947, this Buick Convertible, will be one of many interesting cars on display at the upcoming Pride and the Passion Motor Show in Levin. **Photo:** sports images.co.nz

the club's pride and passion for their vintage machines. However, it will also include classic, custom, competition, hotrods and motorcycles as well as food stalls

and trade displays.

Proceeds will go to the Arohanui Hospice and the local Health Shuttle.

■ Pride and the Passion Motor Show, 10am to 10pm, Sept 25, 10am to 4pm, Sept 26, Horowhenua Events Centre. \$5, children 5-11 \$3, family \$12, under-5s free.

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The owners of a Kapiti car dealership have been saluted with a national customer service award, after literally going the extra mile.

Waikanae's Peter Venner Motors, owned by husband and wife Peter and Michelle Venner, was nominated for an MYOB Awesome Service Award by Waihi client Gail Edgecombe, who spent weeks searching New Zealand for a special vehicle for her physically disabled daughter.

"My daughter had been given a grant for a vehicle from the New Zealand Lotteries Board but finding one within our budget had become very stressful.

"We then found a van advertised by Peter Venner Motors. Peter arranged for an AA check and over the phone offered to buy our old car. Then, despite there being no obligation on us to buy the vehicle, Peter and Michelle drove the van



Old-fashioned service: Peter and Michelle Venner go the extra mile. All the way from Waikanae to Waihi so we could look at it."

The round trip to Waihi is 1000 kilometres.

The van turned out to be just what the Edgcombes were looking for and they bought it.

"We think this service was quite remarkable and wanted to see it recognised so we nominated them for an Awesome Service Award," says Mrs Edgecombe.

Winning the award was a great surprise for the Venners who say they have built their business on giving "good old-fashioned service and genuine after-sales care".

"We're really delighted to receive this award from a customer. It's a great accolade for our family business and it will take pride of place in the dealership."

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