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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY FEB 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Meet at SPITFIRE SQUARE from 10:30am for an 11am departure.**

The run is around 98 kilometres and finishes at the Public Recreation Area at the Rakaia Huts. Not able to reserve this space but it was quite large should others want to use it. Bring your picnic gear and supplies as there are no facilities other than toilets available. Good roads. There is a 1.4 kilometre piece of good straight gravel road but if you don't want to use it we have put in an alternative route for you.

Your hosts Tinman and Diane 021 395 944

### THURSDAY FEB 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### Gold Card Cruisers

Meet at the Peg Hotel, 10.30 for 11 o'clock start, picnic at Ashley Gorge, weather permitting.

Your hosts Janet and Greeny 0275328360

## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



## DAVID'S DIARY

It was great to see so many members of the Gold Card Cruisers at The Peg in Rangiora for the Christmas lunch in December.

They seem to really enjoy each others company and their Thursday cruises.

Meanwhile, another year, another good drive or two.

The North Island Marathon is very close now, especially for those of us driving cars well over 50 years old. The risk of a wee issue grows exponentially with every year.

The rally starts on 1st of May in Wellington and finishes on 7th May, back in Wellington.

It includes Masterton, Napier and Wanganui with no doubt many interesting roads and points of interest along the way.

The other day I asked our good members Phil and Margaret in Whangarei if they had a story to share about a recent road trip in the far North.

Within a week, they sent this:

## SUMMER TRIP AWAY

Our local car club, The Classic and Sports Car Club Northland have been attending the Ngatea Van & Car Show for a few years now, so 15 members kept up the tradition and headed off just after Christmas. The traffic was mild – everyone else was going to Northland.

The takeaway shop was the only eatery open in Morrinsville on Boxing Day, so we dodged the showers under the eaves of the motel together eating our fish and chips dinners.

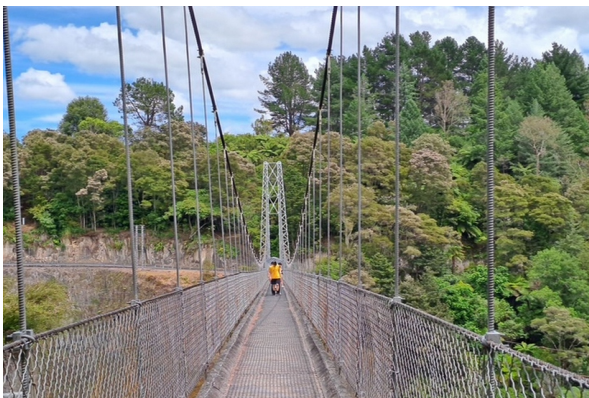
It was an early start on Saturday for the 45-minute drive to Ngatea where we were a part of a show of 200-300 vehicles. As we were leaving a mid-60s Falcon Station wagon burst into flames under the bonnet and spread to the grass underneath. There was a scurry to grab fire extinguishers from neighbouring cars. That would have delayed their trip home.

On our way to Cambridge, we had a stop at a lavender farm and all consumed lavender flavoured blueberry ice-creams in a cone.

Sunday, we travelled south to the NZ Timber Museum near Putaruru where an extra two large sheds have been built to house a classic log truck display and for a large working model train display (some of which came from Napier).



On route to Otorohanga we walked over the 100-year-old Arapuni Suspension Bridge.



We visited the Kiwi House in Otorohanga where they have all the NZ native birds.

Monday, we travelled up SH39 through Pirongia and Temple View to the Classics Museum in Hamilton, then across the Huntly Bridge and up the west side of the Waikato River, through Tuakau to Waiuku. The weather was stormy with strong winds, and we chartered

a bus to take us on the windy road to Phil's son's home at Pollok, Manukau Heads, where he dished up slow cooked brisket, chicken, sausages and salad, and we finished off with birthday cake for one of the guy's 70<sup>th</sup>.

Next morning we rode the Glenbrook Vintage Rail Steam train. A tree had fallen over the track but on board was a 'train saw' to clear the way.

We made a short detour to Waiau Pa to visit a bloke we met at the Ngatea Show, with a collection of Ford Escorts, Capris, Cortinas and Falcons, most with little on the clock, including a 2005 Falcon ute with delivery kms only and never even been washed.

Then it was on the road again to home.

Marg & Phil

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## REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS JAN 15<sup>TH</sup>

Our crazy weather put paid to our run to Pigeon Bay, " AGAIN " So we look forward to February's run.

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## NITSI MARATHON 1-7 MAY NORTH ISLAND



|            |                                |                            |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Day one;   | Wellington to Masterton        | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May |
| Day two:   | Masterton to Napier            | Saturday 2nd               |
| Day three; | Napier to Napier               | Sunday 3rd                 |
| Day four;  | REST DAY with SPECIAL ACTIVITY | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>     |
|            | Group dinner                   |                            |
| Day five : | Napier to Whanganui            | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Day six:   | Whanganui to Masterton         | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>  |

All is in place for our North Island adventure in May.

Entry form will be available from Sharpie (Tin Man) at [info@saabclassics.net](mailto:info@saabclassics.net)

Thanks to our co plotters, Lynn Scott and Greeny we will be using some great scenic routes over our six touring days. The dreadful events in the far north have not, as far as we can tell, affected our route, but we will be keeping across any road issues

( as I type this we are experiencing thunder bolts and lightning ( very very frightening) in Christchurch)

The accommodation details etc are in the entry form with instructions.

*Will be good to have a good turnout and if expressions of interest are anything to go by we should have a great group*



## **FOR SALE**    1970 Buick Riviera

Selling on behalf. Circumstances have changed for the owner, and it must be sold. One USA owner before being imported into NZ in 2008. One previous NZ owner (importer). Has travelled all over the country without any dramas. 455cu in motor and Auto trans. These were the top of the Buick range. Only 60,300 miles. Front seat needs re-trim, but comes with the correct material to do it. Looking for offers around \$50k. Questions may take a little time to answer. The car is in Whangarei.

Contact Geoff Penn 0211393007

For more photos copy and paste link into your browser

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/762674879673642>



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## **OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU**





**Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains**  
**Annual Classic & Vintage Car Run**  
**Sunday, 26 April 2026**  
**Please save the date!**



The Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains is delighted to once again host our annual Classic and Vintage Car Run as part of the Ashburton Wheels Week2026 celebrations.

This will be the 33rd running of this much-loved event, and we warmly invite you to take part. The entry fee is \$20 per car, with all proceeds going to a local charity (to be confirmed).

**The run will start from the Ashburton Showgrounds at 10:30 am**, finishing approximately one hour later at a mystery local destination. **Registrations open from 9:00 am.**

Participants will follow simple, car-trial-style instructions along a clearly marked route. Please note that there may be a short section of gravel road.

A variety of prizes will be awarded, with vehicles judged by our independent panel.

*For a relaxed and enjoyable day out, please remember to bring your own chair and a picnic lunch.*

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The organisers are looking for some older classic cars to display at this event. If interested please let me know by 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and I will pass details on.

**Julian**  
**ph 021359117**

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## BRIT & EURO CANTERBURY CAR SHOW

📍 Air Force Museum, Wigram

📅 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

🌐 [www.canterburybriteuro.nz](http://www.canterburybriteuro.nz)

### What the new event offers your Club/group:

1. Opportunity to 'show case' your unique marque and your club/group's activities to the interested public – and recruit new members. We are expecting a public attendance of about 5,000+ people.
2. Celebrate Canterbury (and South Island) motoring history - at the historic site of the Lady Wigram races.
3. A unifying gathering of British and European marques and their people with likely 600 to 750 cars - we are all in the classic car movement together.
4. Provide the British and European car fraternity with a well-organised and free community event for Canterbury/South Canterbury and the South Island.
5. The new Avid Classic Canterbury Brit & Euro Car Show will be a prominent annual event - and at no cost to clubs/groups/car owners.

***We are considering a display stand, If you are interested in displaying your British or European car under the CMSNZ banner please let us know. Your car does not need to be concourse condition.***

### FOR SALE

The Club has **caps and badges**.

These are of the soft peel and stick type, designed to fit on curves as in body panels or windscreens. They are 100mm long by 50mm high.



**Club Caps** only \$15 each  
sew on **Badge** \$8 each  
**Badges only \$9.00 each.**

see Kit & Carol Peverill



Will anyone drive the "CROCODILE DUNDEE" with us in 2027??  
A small group of our classic motoring enthusiasts has been exploring options for another Odyssey ... this time in the outback of the Northern Territory in Australia!

We are looking for your feedback if you are curious or interested , and we will welcome .... comments, suggestions and perhaps an initial desire to participate?

Some vague details ...

~Approx 14 days

~Fly in and out of Darwin

~Mid to late June 2027

~Bargain rental cars

~Mostly hubbed from Jabiru, Katherine and Kununurra in good motel or Hotel accommodation for 2-3 nights at each place.

~Highlights could include ...

~Kakadu and Lichfield National Parks

Katherine Gorge cruise

~The Never-Never and Bitter Springs at Mataranka

~Timber Creek and Victoria River swim with the Crocodiles!

~Lake Argyle and Emma Gorge.

~Even time to take a day down to the Bungle-Bungles at Warmun.

~Total Ks ...2500-3000km ... depending on your choices each day.

And plenty of time for rest and relaxation!

Let us know what you think!!!

***David "Croc" Harman, Susanna, Jenny and Geoff.***

