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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST

Meet at Spitfire Square carpark, Memorial ave, Airport end at 10.30 for an 11.00am departure
Coffee and toilets available at the Coffee Club
Destination: View Hill Domain.
The route will take us along some nice out of the way straight roads, for those with a need.
approximately 86km and 1 and a quarter hours
Your hosts: Ray and Barbara ph 021969873

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meet at Wigram museum car park at the usual time of 10.30 for an 11.00am departure
Destination: Chamberlains Ford for a picnic lunch.
Your hosts: Graeme and Merle ph 027 433 0511

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Colin and Liz Woollard

Philip Scot



DAVID'S DIARY

Are you like me when driving through town and seeing that traditional long standing car dealerships now have large billboards advertising unfamiliar, almost unpronounceable car brands?

Here are some:

Omoda, Jaecoo, Dongfeng, MG, GWM, BAIC, BYD, JAC, GAV, LDV, Honqi, Jetour, Geely / Farizon, Chery, Zeekr, Leapmotor and XPeng.

Why?

We all know.

They are cheap and are undercutting the other brands which we have been familiar with for so long, like: VW, BMW, Audi, Alfa, Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Honda, Hyundai etc.

So what will happen to all of these previously known brands? It looks like the writing is on the wall for them.

It feels a bit like our High Streets which are becoming more like ghost towns as people bypass them to buy cheap crap online (as long as they don't mind the ghost towns they are creating).

Meanwhile VW are partnering with XPeng to build VWs.

It looks like other makes are scrambling to come up with ideas to improve efficiency, partnering with a cheaper manufacturing company or trying to offer something different to give them a marketing edge.

On one hand, there is nothing new here, on the other hand it has taken the pressure to deliver to a new level.

Will the traditional brands last?

Will traditional businesses in NZ survive cheap imports?

Change is never easy and the automotive industry has been turned on its head time and time again in my lifetime.

Who will survive?

It might be like the scarecrow that received an award. Why?

Because it was found to be out standing in it's field.



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REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN FEB 1ST

A good turnout of 21 cars for the run organised by the Tin Man and Diane. 98 kilometres over some well used straight flat Canterbury Plains roads. Starting point was Spitfire Square. There was about 1.4km of gravel but luckily an alternative sealed route was provided for those who wanted to use it. It seems that quite a few did.

A pity the Tin Man took a wrong turn not far from Rakaia Huts and took those following him down a lovely little road heading toward Rakaia Island.

Mistake quickly realised and back tracked without too much hassle. Says something about tagging on behind someone assuming that they know where they are going.

The Rakaia Huts Public Recreation area was lovely, and the advance party of Tony and Jeanette Childs picked a perfect sheltered spot for our picnic. The weather was fine and it looked all had a pleasant relaxing time before heading back home through Leeston or Dunsandel.

Thanks to Tony and Jeanette for setting up the picnic area.

Overall, a pleasant relaxing way to spend some time with like-minded friends.



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REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS FEB 12TH

17 cars and crews turned up at the Peg for Greenies meandering run to the Gorge. Off though the red zone at Brooklands, then up through the Tram road, Tuahiwi the back of Rangiroa and some roads I have never been on before. Before heading to the Gorge.

A great run. Although some got a little lost around the Loburn area, we all made to the picnic stop. It was a fantastic day



If you have a story to tell about your favourite auto that you would like to share please let us know.

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

AVID CLASSIC

BRIT & EURO CANTERBURY CAR SHOW

 Air Force Museum, Wigram

 Saturday 7th March 2026

 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.**

I am dissatisfied at the lack of response from our British and European car owners as this would have been a great opportunity to promote our club. I know some of you are displaying your vehicles under other club banners, but come on folks where's the enthusiasm!

We've got 10 months to think about next years event. (Ed)



Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza 2026

Sun, 15 Mar, 10am - 3:30pm

Running for over 20 years, the Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza is a great family day out with music, entertainment, food & refreshments - and an amazing range of vehicles on show!

All makes, models, types, shapes, styles and ages are welcome - if it has wheels, bring it!

\$20 per display & spectator vehicle. Fit as many people in as you like, it's still only \$20 for the vehicle!

The proceeds from this year's event will go to the [Hohepa Canterbury](#).

Location

Canterbury Agricultural Park

102 Curletts Road, Hillmorton, Christchurch 8042, New Zealand

NITSI Marathon 1-7 May 2026

Entries close on the 28th of February;

We have a few spots left for an exciting adventure through the lower half of the North island.

If you would like to join in the fun and comradery get your entry in by the 28th of February when final numbers will be sent to the printers for route books etc

Send your entry form to info@saabclassics.net

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.

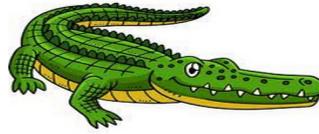
~Even time to take a day down to the Bungle-Bungles at Warmun.

~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.



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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

