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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH Easter Sunday

Remember to put your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night as **DAYLIGHT SAVING** ends

Meet at Spitfire Square at 10.30 to leave at 11.00
Coffee Club at Spitfire Square will be open
Destination is Amberley. All sealed roads
Nor' Wester Cafe will be open for our after lunch coffee meet up.
They will be making an extra batch of cheese scones for us.
Your hosts David & Susanna . 027 343 8700
Susanna will be handing out Easter eggs for good behaviour.

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meet up at Peg Hotel belfast at 10.30am to leave at 11.00
This is a run through Weka pass to finish at Scargill Domain
Your host Kit and Carol 027 6421010 03 327 9362

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Claude Lewenz



DAVID'S DIARY

Is there anyone who isn't slightly terrified by what is happening in the Middle East?
Is it more than a slight coincidence that countries with oil are attracting attention from certain quarters?

Where does that leave us? Stage 1, 2, 3, 4.... it all sounds a bit familiar.

EV owners will be feeling pretty smug and understandably so. They will have skipped to the next bit of news here.

People are rushing out and buying EVs while the rest of us contemplate the short term future at least.

I suspect that those people who are buying EVs are not suddenly concerned about saving the planet, they just want to keep on driving.

EVs may not save the planet, they just deplete other elements of the world's resources, but at the moment EVs may be the way to keep moving.

In a few weeks I expect that we will know more, whether things are getting better or worse.

Meanwhile it all feels rather fragile.

The committee are having discussions about our Sunday runs, Gold Card Cruises, Marathon etc. We need to monitor the bigger picture and adjust our activities with all things considered.

At least, driving our cars is all we have to worry about. Some are not so lucky.

I think that it is good to meet up still, as our social contact is important and the part that we enjoy the most, especially as we have such good people in our club. Maybe our runs will be short, but we include another activity on the day.

If you have any thoughts, let me or the committee know.

Something to keep thinking about.

This situation can change daily.

Meanwhile, chins up, we have a lot to be thankful for.



REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN MARCH 1ST

Sunday's run to View Hill Domain.

Or, How we dodged the weather.

18 cars and crews dropped in to Spitfire Square to start the run, although one was late as they went to Wigram. Probably thinking the Harvard was identifying as a Spitfire. But no names, no packdrill as they say: Eh Danny.

It was interesting to see that we had two cars turn that are 70 years apart. A 1935 Chev and a 2025 Yaris GR hot hatch.

Briefing done with the alternative given if the sheep were still there all set off for the drive down forgotten roads.

We beat the rain and managed to have our rolls and sandwiches before the weather turned nasty. The coffee stop was going to be the Oxford pie shop, but it appeared that the rest of Canterbury had the same idea. So off to one down the road.

Cafe 51 in Oxford. A very nice place with room for us all. Great staff and excellent coffee and hot chocolates.

WE think that Cafe 51 will be our go to in Oxford in future.

Thanks to everyone that came out for the day. It was fabulous to see you all.

Ray and Barbara



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REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS MARCH 12TH

This was a run organised by Graeme and Merle, but unfortunately they could not attend, so Barbara and Ray organised the start for them. A pleasant cruise around farm roads to arrive in the Leeston area with lunch at Chamberlains Ford. A very pleasant spot for a picnic lunch. We had a lovely teal blue Holden Kingswood on our run, who came as guests of one of our members, which I think we are going to see again. The weather was perfect with about 17 cars attending.

Cheers Kit.



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



HOT ROD SHOW

2026 PRE 409

HOT ROD NATIONALS

PRESENTED BY ROD BENDERS INC.

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EASTER SATURDAY | APRIL 4TH
ONE DAY ONLY!

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\$10 Entry fee - Under 12 free | Eftpos available

OPEN 10.00am - 4.00pm

GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN!
Double passes to 'ITM Christchurch Super 440 2026' and 'Skoep Classic 2027' events.

*PAID ENTRANTS ONLY

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.

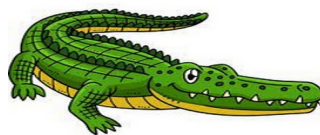
~Even time to take a day down to the Bungle-Bungles at Warmun.

~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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OLD CARS, BIKES AND COFFEE **9am-12pm.**



On the third sunday of the month we invite all members and any interested members of the public to join us at Cutler Park from 9am-12pm for coffee and a catch-up. Turn up in your club eligible vehicle and meet other club members - if enough interest is shown we might head out for a run. Partners and children encourage to join in but please no dogs.

Next event is Sunday 19th April

Someone complimented me on my driving the other day. They left a note on the windscreen -
Parking Fine!

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



What we do outside of Classic Motoring

Super Truck event held at Euromarque Ruapuna.

" I was volunteered to be the Safety Truck observer by the Safety car team. Obviously they didn't want the job. Maybe something to do with the height from the ground? Or the fact that the driver was a young lady about half our ages.

I found my driver, Ahsha only to be told that she had never driven on a race track before and I am supposed to show her the way around. And it was in the Boss's truck as well. Can you imagine what was racing through my head at this stage?

Off we head to do three sighting laps before the trucks came out to play. It was hard trying to stop her braking for the corners and getting Asha to follow the racing lines early on.

By the time we were leading the third race out she managed to get it nailed. Apparently it's very hard to change from automatically braking for corners, to being able to turn in and boot it. But we got there. And had a blast of the two days."

Ray Hunton



Bill Gates once said that "if cars evolved as much as computers, Ford could build a car that costs \$100 and gets 1000 miles to the gallon". The CEO of Ford said "yeah, but nobody wants to drive a car that crashes four times a day."