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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

**AGM at Two Fat Possums West Melton 11am
followed by lunch (\$30 per person)**

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meet up at Wigram Air Force Museum car park at 10.30 to leave at 11.00am.
This is a winter lunch run to the Valley Inn Pub in Heathcote Valley.
We will be ordering off the menu
Your hosts, Kit and Carol. 027 642 1010 03 327 9362

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Brent & Ellen Nuttall



DAVID'S DIARY

NITSI Lower North Island Marathon.

As we waited in the queue to board the Bluebridge at Picton, Susanna was intrigued to read across the back of a camper van 'Adventure before Dementia'

That was funny, but wait, there's more...

As their queue began to move, the dementia camper van started driving backwards!

Fortunately muscle memory or something must have kicked in before making contact with the camper behind him.

Phew.

That next camper back took some time (I think finding his heart pills and a towel to sit on) before moving and then he maintained a very safe distance back.

We just hope he hadn't left too much havoc in the SI before taking on the hilly NI.

It has been years since we have been to Wellington, so we drove out to Lyall Bay to have lunch at the Maranui SLSC. As healthy and good as ever.

Arriving at Petone was great as all 25 cars had turned up!

REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN MAY 3RD

9 cars and 15 people joined us for Barry's return to the Bower Pub.

The weather put on a fine day.

A prospective new member joined us for the day, in a nice looking Audi TT Quattro.

Zac has another car.

The Bower was very accommodating. And the meals were spot-on plentiful as well.

Another trip maybe in order sometime.



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REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS May14TH

Sometimes it's hard to get all those ducks in a row but the May gold card run was one such occasion where everything just seemed to fall into place,

Although the day dawned a little chilly (ZERO DEGREES) we had a fabulous turnout of 22 cars at the Wigram museum start with another 6 joining us at the venue.

At the eleventh hour we had to change the venue to another local eatery the "Iroha Cafe/Restaurant" as the Cust pub couldn't accommodate us.

Well what a fantastic place, we squeezed 54 people into this Japanese style cafe and were

treated to fabulous food and excellent service, Yoshi and his staff could not be faulted and we give them Five stars for their effort.

We will be back.

Thank you everyone for your attendance.

Graeme and Merle.

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Our BITS! of the NITSI.

NAPIER – A DAY ON THE WAY.

Report by Ian & Jenny Sowman

As those that took part in the NITSI Tour will have discovered, NITSI was an acronym for Not In The South Island, and was the subject of G2's 'What does it stand for?' tour guess question. Obvious really, but so many of us overthought it with some weird interpretations.

So back to the Napier rest day with the option of visiting Lex & Angie Severensen's Medieval Museum an hour and a bit drive into the country at Sherwood. Jenny & I had plotted the out and return route which became part of the official Tour Route Book, along with a short newspaper review of the private museum's eclectic display and charitable function added by the Tin Man.

The morning's briefing time was open to some interpretation but eventually participants were informed of details including a route instruction correction, a suspension shattering bridge repair if taken at more than walking speed and lunch stop suggestions for the return route.

We set off under a cloudless sky heading south through the suburbs toward our destination, except a certain SAAB that took a left at a straight ahead due to a seemingly inaccurate route instruction (in our defence, no-one else did). It was pretty straight forward from then on. However, when following a VW with the top down nearing the earlier corrected instruction, both Jenny and I missed the turnoff and followed said VW for a couple of Km until they turned off on the wrong road and we were able to lead them back.

Some of the group had arrived at the Museum by the time we did and were being looked after by Angie and Lex with tea, coffee and cakes while taking a look around the weird and wonderful collection these two had amassed over many years. We were then seated in the Big Shed surrounded by stuffed animals from Grizzly Bears to Mice. The floor was covered in many varieties of animal skins that seemed to have worn well after many years of visitor foot traffic. Overlooking us were many trophy animals subject of the taxidermist's skill, two Tiger heads that were shot in India years ago after they had eaten a few villages, plus a Grizzly Bear that was being photographed by Lex until he realised that it was advancing and closer than it looked through the lens. He dropped the camera and managed to shoot it as it made its final charge. Both Lex and Angie continued to give us details of all manner of STUFF that they had collected during their adventures; from many and varied dinosaur bones including the thigh bone from a Moa about 2 meters long, to Pieces of Eight recovered from diving expeditions on ancient shipwrecks. They also had Māori artifacts; with many recovered from the local area. Lex holds a Gun Dealers license and has imported hundreds for sale and to swap with other collectors. Currently displayed are dozens of unique swords, knives, canons, pistols and rifles; items such as an ancient .22 calibre mouse trap along with a .44 cal rat trap, serious pest control back in the day.

The trip wire operated Grave Robbers gun would have been a serious deterrent to those of criminal intent. To appreciate the huge collection, you really had to be there: and that was only the inside stuff.

Outside in the sun again I took a call from a couple of our Lads who had missed the morning briefing and were now lost. They were now looking for a fuel top up and were too far away to easily redirect them, sorry guys.

This was Lex's happy place surrounded by replica large medieval weaponry, canons, gunpowder and other ancient scary stuff. He proceeded to demonstrate a full-size Trebuchet that hurled a huge load into the next paddock, a weird giant cross bow arrangement that shot a fencepost size flaming spear to the same place. Six of us were then pressed into service to man the ropes on a smaller Trebuchet that resulted in a bit of merriment followed by eight of us geriatrics manning the ropes on a huge suspended Battering Ram in an effort to smash open huge castle doors. That effort was unsuccessful but produced much cheering and mirth from the sidelines and eight old blokes with raised blood pressure. Next was a large bucket of Bangy Stuff that exploded in the centre of the paddock with a huge flash, smoke, heat, shock wave and noise that created many shouted expletives from the stunned audience.....such fun. This was followed by noisy live demonstrations of a big ship's cannon. A 36 barrel cannon, 12 of which could be fired in rapid succession from one fuse, a cannon commonly once used around the UK coast to fire a rescue line out to a stricken vessel on the rocks. A couple of smaller siege weapons that fired broomstick sized arrows were demonstrated then loaded for any of us to try, which some did.

The final act was a replica Dragon Figurehead from a 15th century Phoenician warship that sprayed out a flaming tongue of fire like a modern flame thrower to set enemy wooden ships on fire, and was the most fearsome weapon of the time as the fuel used would float, with fire spreading across the water.

\$800 was raised from our group and given to Lex and Angie which they donate to the Fred Hollows Foundation. Morning tea and all other expenses including \$250 for gunpowder were provided by our generous hosts who were thanked by David for providing their time and venue for such an interesting and pleasant event.

The route home was variable with suggested alternatives to Hastings, Havelock North and Clive for a lunchtime visit. As a rest day event it was quite relaxed and seemed to be enjoyed by all attending on a warm sunny Hawkes Bay day.



This photo of Lex firing the 36er was taken from a single frame of a video. It shows a pole that was fired from one of the 6 loaded barrels. Using cannon balls would be far too dangerous and probably kill the neighbour's livestock. You can see how the 36 barrels are arranged in a triangular fashion so roll it forward for the next 12 already loaded and so on. High tech stuff back then.....dangerous? Yeah, Nah!

More NITSI Pics



clearing the road



the road to Cape Palliser



254 steps to the Lighthouse



Sowman's winners of the Saab Merit Award



Margie Galland winner of Spirit of the Event



Stotts roadside Assistance award for helping out the Reids with their MX5 breakdown

Day 6 Whanganui to Masterton

report by Tony Childs

Only 282 ks today, starting over the River to climb up into high views of Whanganui then down into storm damaged narrow valleys with trees blown over and signs of flood damage along with logging trucks carting from Pine forest harvesting. We passed an airstrip with 3 super spreading planes working the steep hills, then onto gravel one lane winding narrow roads for 50ks and then up high through snow tussock fertile hills with great views over the bottom half of the North Island. One farm had been planted in Manuka trees for Honey Bees to harvest. We passed by the 100 wind turbines with giant blades out to Pahiatua for a lunch stop and then on to Eketahuna and Carterton to stay the night at Masterton. The memory for the day was all the Poplar trees, splendid in their Autumn colours and planted on the hills for ground stabilisation.



Tangiwai Disaster Memorial



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OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

GERALDINE

Matariki Motor Muster

Head to Geraldine Motor Muster FB page for information

KENNEDY PARK	Friday Rego & cruise Sat 10 am - 2 pm Public car show All proceeds to St John Ambulance	Entry by donation 10-11 JULY 2026
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see Kit & Carol Peverill



Finally "The Seal of Approval"

Cape Palliser