



PO Box 10331, Christchurch 8145. Ph 021 359 117

Email: classicmotoringocietynzinc@gmail.com cmsnz.org.nz **JULY 2026**

Chairman: David Harman 027 343 8700 Vice-Chairman: Julian Barrett 021 359 117
Secretary: Barbara Hunton 021 144 1274 Treasurer: Diane Brandish 03 327 8991
Committee: Ray Hunton 021 969 873 Kit Peverill 03 327 9362 Barry Ricketts 021 775 300
Allan Green (Greeny) 027 532 8360 Tour Coordinator: Graeme Sharp: 021 395 944

EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY JULY 5TH

Meet up at Spitfire Square car park at 10.30 to leave at 11.00am.
Restaurant lunch
Your Host Zac Haywood 021 718 038

THURSDAY JULY 16TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meet up at Spitfire Square (harewood) at 10.30 am to leave at 11.00 am
This is a lunch cruise to the Tai tapu Hotel.
Your hosts , Kit and Carol. 027 642 1010 03 327 9362.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



DAVID'S DIARY

Two, four, six, eight.

Who do you appreciate?

Actually 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12....

What do you appreciate? And why?

Internal combustion engines come in all sorts and sizes, numbers of cylinders, straight, V etc. design.

They all have their own distinctive traits too.

For instance when I was an apprentice on Toyotas in the 70s, the Land Cruiser 6 cylinder petrol engine ran so smoothly, that you (I) could slow the idle speed right down to under 300 revs per minute and it still ran quite well.

Why?

Because it has 6 cylinders.

You definitely can't do that to a 4 cylinder or anything else that I can think of.

(After WW2, USA helped Japan with recovery and the Japanese became well known for copying things.

That Land Cruiser F engine was a copy of the Chev Blue Flame 235 ci engine.)

Why are 6 cylinders the smoothest?

Back to basics. It takes 2 full turns of the crankshaft before the camshaft completes a full cycle (one full turn). In that cycle, the lobes of the camshaft open and close every valve once. That means that another piston completes its 4 strokes every 120° .

Therefore one full cycle = 2 turns = 720°

Divide that by 6 cylinders, means that for all 6 cylinders to get through their full cycle, the next one fires every 120° of crankshaft revolution.

And that is the smoothest engine. (It just seems to be the sweet spot.)

Low compression helps too.

Apart from a 12 cylinder which enjoys similar maths except it has 12 cylinders, so it is smoother still. It is just much bigger, more expensive to produce and run, so it is a nice if you can afford it engine.

So, 120° and 60° are the best.

A V8 fires every 90° . You would think that it would be smoother than a 6 cylinder, but it is not.

A V8 has its own very distinctive exhaust note which has won over the hearts of many of us.

I know there are many very clever members who will fact check me. Yes, let me know if I got something wrong, but I would really love you to give a similar write up on another engine configuration.

Maybe rotary engines. Great on paper, but why did they never really catch on?

Why do most car engines have 4 cylinders?

Why does a V8 have that lovely sound?

I await your response.

The Thinker
Two heads are better than one.
Maybe that's why I like a V8.



REPORT ON SUNDAY AGM JUNE 7TH

43 members attended the AGM at Two Fat Possums

Welcome Allan Green (Greeny) to the committee

We all had a very nice roast meal at the conclusion of the meeting.

It was noted that several of us stayed quite later into the afternoon where much laughter and conversation kept us entertained



+++++

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS JUNE 18TH

Today's run was a cruise up the port hills, over the top and down to Governors Bay. Then around to Lyttleton, from here it was up Evans pass and taking a left at the top into the Summit rd. We cruised around the hills to turn down Mt Pleasant rd and then around to the Valley Inn pub for lunch. A great venue with good food. We had a great turnout of cars and with a very nice winters day made for a great day out.

16 cars and crew met at Wigram for a trip around the hills and through some new subdivisions before descending on the Valley Inn.

Where once again they looked after everybody excellently and provided good food at a reasonable pace considering the 30 odd people arriving all at the same time.

A great day. Thanks to Kit and Carol.



As the latest recruit to our committee, I suggested that Allan may like to share a bit about his involvement in cars

Hello,

I was lucky enough to serve my apprenticeship as a tractor mechanic at Palmer & Doak, Rangiora, a well know Ford dealership known for tinkering with various Ford cars, Anglia's, Cortina's, Escort's and many more were to be seen in their workshop. This was also the era of Ford Capris, Falcon GTs and other interesting new cars {now expensive classic's} that came through the dealership, so like any young fella, fast Ford's were the fuel of dreams and schemes.

Prefect's, Anglia's, Cortina's and Falcon's were the staples of my early car ownership with the odd trip to the dark side (Holden and Mini}

This was also at the height of rallying in New Zealand and many a cold, frosty night was spent spectating in Ashley Forest accompanied by the magic sounds of BDA Escorts, Mazda Rotary's, Audi Quattro's and the like.

Eventually I discovered Japanese cars and their reliability and went on to own Mitsubishi's, Nissan's and many Subaru's, all of which I wish I still had looking at their worth now.

These days Janet and I have, three Volvo's, a Skoda Yeti, a Mazda MX5 and a Falcon XR8 ute, all aged before technology became intrusive and annoying.

There is nothing better than getting out of your car after a fantastic drive somewhere, with a grin on your face and the urge to turn around and do it all again.

Cheers Greeny.

We would love more members to share their experiences

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

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 ...

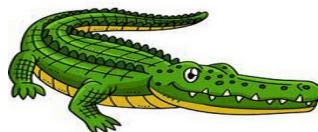
~Approx 14 days

~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.

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

