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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY OCT 5TH Make a day of it!!

Meet at the Peg Hotel car park AT 10AM FOR A 10:30 START

The run is to the Blue Pub in Methven for lunch via both the Waimakariri and Rakaia Gorges. After lunch you could INDULGE yourself at the Opuke Thermal Pools and make a day of it..

We have booked the Blue Pub Dining room for arrival between 12:30 and 1pm. The run is about 125km long, hence the 10:30 start and the Tin Man (Sharpie) has promised there is no gravel.

A gentle drive through some rather interesting Canterbury country

The pub require numbers for catering purposes so please e mail Sharpie at info@saabclassics.net by midday on Friday the 3rd if you are joining the team for an excellent lunch in a now famous and busy Pub.

Just 2 minutes from the Blue Pub, Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa is the perfect place to relax in glacial fed mountain water, warmed by the sun.(solar heating) to a pleasant relaxing 36 degrees. Comes highly recommended.

The [Discovery Pools](#) are an all-ages experience, offering a combination of relaxation pools and aqua play zones such as our lazy river and 'leap of faith' jump pool. Standard rates for Discovery 2-hr session: Adult (16+): \$33

The [Tranquillity Pools](#) are a premium adult-only offering where you can experience our iconic swim-up bar. Admission into these pools includes robes, towels, lockers, and access to the Discovery Pools. Standard rates for Tranquillity 2-hr session: \$67 (adults only).

-You will need to book -Use this link to access web site and make your booking
[Soak - Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa](#) or phone 03 2616800

See you all on the 5th for an enjoyable day out.
Your hosts the Tin Man (Sharpie) and Diane

THURSDAY Oct 16TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meet up at the Peg Hotel at 10.30am to leave at 11.00am.

This is the first of our summer runs so don't forget to bring your picnic lunch and chairs etc. We will be heading north to Cheviot Hills Domain, this is a historic site in north Cant'y once owned by 'Ready Money' Robinson.

Your hosts Kit and Carol,

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A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Nick and Rinay Bentley

Ross Moultrie and Adele Carter



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DAVID'S DIARY

The Classic Motoring Society of NZ, Alpine Rally

5th September 2025

As cars turned up at the start line breakfast, the owners of older classic cars couldn't help doing a quick scoot around their cars, checking that there was nothing leaking or flapping which needed a tweak.



Inside the Hornby Club it was a buzz as 62 people anticipated this adventure together.

The breakfast was great and after a pep talk from chief organiser Graeme Craig, we were let loose.

The days drive was pretty straight forward, to Hororata, Geraldine for a coffee and a bite, to Tekapo where we turned

right into Bremer Road. We did the shingle loop coming back down beside Lake Pukaki and under the pipe lines to Lake Pukaki power station.

On to Omarama for the night and an evening meal together.

At breakfast time we looked out on a beautiful very crisp morning. When I went to the car, it looked like it had rained in the night and the rain drops had frozen into ice balls. Please forgive me for telling this again, but I had heard that a credit card was good for scraping ice off the screen, so I opened my wallet and got a card out, but for all my scraping, it was not working very well.

Then I looked closer (always a good idea) and noticed that it was actually only a loyalty card. That's why I was only getting 10% off.

A great days driving, snow on the side of the road at Lindis Pass. ✓

Lunch stop

I wondered if our 1965 Daimler 2.5 was the oldest car on this Alpine, but no, Brian Grace had his 1957 MG Magnet there, so he takes that prize. Talking to Brian, he said that he drove this car on the first Alpine in 1993, 32 years ago when the MG was only 36 years old.

Well done Brian.



The Saturday run took us over the Crown Range, we deviated a little into Arrowtown, then back to Cromwell for the night. The Central Otago scenery was as stunning as ever with plenty of snow on the tops.



On Sunday we drove through Ida Valley along some great roads, saw interesting little settlements and landscapes.

We all stopped for some time at St Bathans, looked through the old Colonial house, the Gold Office and the Blue Lake.

Quite a number of us had a bite to eat at the old pub. There were only 2 or 3 staff on, so when 62 of us descend on these small places, we do tend to overwhelm them. We had time on our side though, so all good.

The final night's dinner was good too. This has been big for Sharpie as I think that this must be a rare occasion when he was not heavily involved.



On Monday morning about a dozen of our cars did 3 laps of Highlands Motorsport Park, behind a pace car which started off at a sedate pace and gathered momentum. Nothing too outrageous but good fun.

Well done and thank you to Graeme and Merle Craig.



Big thanks to Ray Hunton for photos

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REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN SEPT 7TH

Given the number of alternative venues all happening on this particular Sunday we knew the turnout would be lower than normal. But the show must go on..... and five extremely loyal CMSNZ motors rocked up at Yaldhurst Tavern for a Pub Crawl.



The route took us up SH1 where we turned off at Tram Road and headed in an Easterly

direction to Kainga and Spencerville. It was surprising how much housing development has been done since my last journey through this area.

The Bower Tavern is a pub Kay and I first visited after the Canterbury Earthquakes. The food was quite spectacular and when I gave a glowing report to the waitress she said it was because they have a Michelin Star Chef.

I thought "why would a Michelin Star chef work out of a 60ft container in an earthquake ravaged part of little old Christchurch" and simply dismissed it as fake news. Haven't been back since.

On arrival the tavern was just how I left it some thirteen years ago although the menu had changed! As we sat chatting at our table it was like a step back in time listening to a string of tall tales recalling wild nights at The Bower back in the good old days when beer was only 20 cents a pint and before the birth of breathalyzers.

When I told my own tall tale about the Tavern having a 'so called Michelin Star chef' I was astonished to learn that it was in fact TRUE.

The chef had been working at a restaurant in the CBD which had succumbed to the 2011 earthquake and suddenly he was out of work. The Bower Tavern had also been demolished but the owners quickly rebuilt the pub using 18 shipping containers. I suppose the owners heard he was available and gave him a job. What a slice of luck for their business and a great story.

Opened in the 1860's The Bower would have to be one of the oldest drinking establishments in Canterbury. Definitely worth visiting with friends and family.

Just click on the following links for some historical information and a trip down memory lane.

[Bower Hotel | Christchurch City Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi](#)

<https://www.nzlii.org/nz/>

Cheers

Barry and Kay

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REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS SEPT 18TH

This month we met up at the Peg Pub and headed off for a country cruise around the Ohoka area. Then we drove around the back of Rangiora to come out at Pegasus town, Lots of roundabouts on this run !

Lunch was at the Good home restaurant. The weather started very nice and fortunately stayed that way but was looking like it could do anything at home time. However we did get home with the hood off.

Cheers Kit and Carol

PLANNING AHEAD

THE 2026 NITSI MARATHON 30TH APRIL – 8TH MAY 2026

Planning is underway for our next Marathon which will be held in the lower half of the North Island

The plotting crew of Lyn Scott, Greeny and the Tin Man will be venturing north in November to get things organised for us.

We are told that there will be 7 days of touring with a break in the middle for a day.

They have allowed one day to get to the North Island and one day to get back.

So put the dates in your diary for the NITSI Marathon 2026.

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FOR SALE

Convertible Saab 93, 1999 NZ new, 2 litre turbo, 5 speed with leather interior. 87,000 kilometers, dark blue, excellent condition. Phone Malcolm 022 313 7941

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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



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It will be auctioned during the MG Car Club Auckland AGM, with all proceeds being shared between I Have a Dream and Tikipunga High School to support education, mentorship, and brighter futures for youth.

Auction Details

Tuesday 30 September

Remuera Club

27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

6.15pm drinks, 6.45 auction, 7.15 Dinner
(dinner \$40 - contact mgparts.nz@outlook.com)

Auctioneering support to be provided by Webb's Auctions Collectors' Cars, Motorcycles & Automobilia department.

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jodie@ihaveadream.org.nz to register

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Advance Notice of The Last Canterbury All British Day Sunday 2nd November 2025

After 35 years, this will be the final VCC- organised All British Day, as next year another organisation will commence running a British and Euro Display (without a run), similar to those held in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

The Last All British Day will commence at 10am at the VCC grounds with morning tea, followed by a run to a domain just north of Christchurch. An indoor venue will be available if needed. Please bring a picnic lunch with you or buy it on the way. Any British vehicle is welcome to take part – if it is British and roadworthy, please come. No need to pre-enter – just come on the day. Entry fee \$10 per vehicle, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Society, South Island.

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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



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*OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Colin MacDonald who passed away earlier this month
and also to Sandra on the sudden loss of her husband Alex Dunlop*