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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH PARTY TIME

Meet at Spitfire square 544 Memorial Ave 10.30 for an 11am departure to West Eyreton Community Hall and let the Party begin
Your hosts Barry and Kay



THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Gold Card Cruisers

This is the first of our summer picnic cruises, so don't forget your folding chairs and table and grub.

Meet up at Spitfire Square (Harewood airport) at 10.30 am to leave at 11.00am

Our destination is South Rakaia Huts

Your hosts are Kit and Carol. 027 642 1010

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Peter and Sandra Washbourne

Shaun Maloney and Claire Lancaster

John and Judith de Wys



DAVID'S DIARY

V8 engines.

Who does not like the sound of a V8?

I have just come back from the Kaikoura Hop car show and there were very many V8s cruising the streets and at the show.

One of my favourites was a 1958 Ford Thunderbird.

Those were the days. Waiting for the next year's models to come out and then the excitement of seeing one on the street. We got to Kaikoura on the Friday and I actually had a few minutes to sit on the side of the main street and watch the cars going past. I've always wanted to do that. Friday was a beautiful day and Kaikoura looked amazing.



Getting back to the sound of a V8.

Recently I wrote about 6 cylinder engines.

A common firing order is 153624, which gives quite an even smooth sound.

Whether it is a straight 6 or a V6, it fires every 120° which is the ultimate for even firing and smoothness.

However a V8 firing order switches from side to side and front to back, which helps give the unique V8 sound. There are many different firing orders. It almost doesn't matter when there are so many cylinders to jump around.

The other factor is that they use a flat plane crank shaft or a cross plane crankshaft.

The FLAT plane crankshaft has crank journals and counterweights on a 180° plane. These engines are found in high end Euro engines (like Ferrari), they rev higher but do get vibrations which they try to fix with strategic weights. They rev well and have a distinctive scream, but sadly, not so much rumble at idle.

The CROSS plane V8 crankshaft journals are arranged at 90°. This gives a well balanced engine with few vibrations. However, instead of the firing order going alternately from one side to the other, they may go from front to back on the same side before crossing sides.

This is what mainly contributes to the distinctive American V8 sound because the sound of combustion is not coming out in even spacings which disrupts the flow.

The sound has been described as syncopated, which in music means off beat. Especially when the car has twin separate exhaust pipes, it is like stereo sound.

And it seems to bring a smile to our faces and appeals as being throaty, masculine and like a deep powerful heart beat.

So, there it is. Simple really, but you have to agree that driving up a hill in a V8 with the window down is a great experience.



When the mushrooms were having their picnic, one of them asked Sebastian why he was so popular. Sebastian replied, 'it is because I am such a fun guy'

But really it was because he arrived in a V8.

Speaking of picnic season, we are looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday 4th October for the 30th birthday bash!

ps. I was pleased with my photo of the snowy mountain on the Kaikoura Ranges.

If you have an iPhone, ready to take a photo, swipe sideways to get 'Portrait', then touch the screen on the part you want in focus. Take the photo. 😊

The flaxes in the foreground are out of focus which enhances the mountains which are in focus.

I think it is time for me to press 'send' to JB.



REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN SEPTEMBER 6TH

September started off OK with some unusually high temperature's during the week however it had all turned pear shaped when our Oxford venue destination decided to close the restaurant but chose to not let us know, however we heard a rumour that this was the case and we hastily made alternative arrangements at the eleventh hour.

Come Sunday (the day of the run) "The sun didn't shine the grass didn't grizz and the birdies all decided to have a day off and stay out of the rain" however fifteen cars and 32 people braved the weather and set out for "The Oxford club", this was our alternative venue and we simply can not thank Tammy and her staff enough for putting on a Real traditional Sunday roast which was perfect in every way complete with desert, they are not normally open for lunch so that alone deserves a special thank you.

Sometimes when things go wrong they actually turn out better than expected in the first place.
Cheers

Graeme and Merle.



REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS SEPTEMBER 17TH

With a fairly cold damp start we had a good turnout of members for our run. A very pleasant cruise out through Ohoka and the back of Rangiora to arrive at Woodend. From here down the road to Pineacres Resurant for a pleasant lunch. We had not been here before on our winter cruises and we were very pleased with the service and food. It was a good way to spend a rather cold grotty day, lunch with friends. Cheers Kit and Carol



Pics by
Ray



OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Crocodile Dundee Odyssey 5 June – 18 June 2027

Planning is underway for our next Odyssey and we now need to know definite numbers for booking accommodation.

This is our last call.

Could you please get in touch with David and Susanna at dharmar@xtra.co.nz to confirm that you wish to come on this Odyssey and please reconfirm your decision if you have already indicated you would like to come. We need to cap numbers but still have room for one or two more.

We are now asking for a deposit of \$1000.00 for this trip to be deposited in the Classic Motoring Society of NZ bank account by Saturday 31 October 2026. We estimate the cost will be about \$6000.00 per couple which includes accommodation, 3 dinners and 1 or 2 tours.

Bank Account number is: 03-1599-0003236-000 (Ref: NT 2027)

A brief outline of the tour is given below (still being finalized)

Day 1(5 June) - Pick up rental cars and explore Darwin. (Welcome dinner)

Day 2 – Travel to Jabiru and learn about Crocodile Dundee.

Day 3 – Exploring Jabiru

Day 4 – Travel to Katherine

Day 5 – Day trip down to the Bitter Springs at Mataranka and the Never, Never.

Day 6 – Tour – Katherine Gorge

Day 7 - Travel to Timber Creek Travellers Rest

Day 8 – Travel to Kununurra (dinner)

Day 9 – options to go to Lake Argyle, Emma Gorge and the Bungle-Bungles on Day 9 and 10??

Day 10 –

Day 11 – Travel to Timber Creek Travellers Rest

Day 12 – Travel to Katherine

Day 13 (18 June) – Travel back to Darwin, drop off rental cars and final dinner.

Day 14 – Some leaving on the Ghan (Darwin to Adelaide)

David, Susanna, Geoff and Jenny

2026 Swap Meet



9th-10th-11th October

Vintage Car Club Canterbury, 661 Mcleans Island Road.



Hey Folks! It's Party
Time Again!



This Sunday 4th October 2026
West Eyreton Community Hall
From 12.00 p.m.
Live Band
Barbeque
Coffee Cart
And it's all free !!!



You are all cordially invited to join us in celebrating 30 years of the Classic Motoring Society of New Zealand. This is a **free event** for all club members to show our appreciation for making the CMSNZ such a wonderful club.

Our Sunday 4th October Party run will start at Spitfire Square with an 11.00 a.m. departure for a short run to the West Eyreton Community Hall.

The venue will include a live band - Ananda and Ants - who are a local singing duo.

Barbecue will be prepared by Smoke and Barrel and Pam will return with the coffee cart along with her homemade sauces and pickles. Please bring your own drinks. The hall has tables and chairs but if the weather is nice and you want to sit outside feel free to bring your picnic chairs.

We had 112 Members attend our 25th Anniversary party and are hoping we can achieve a similar turnout.

Please RSVP Barry on 021 775 300 or boricketts@yahoo.com by 5.00 pm Friday 2nd October so we can confirm numbers with the caterers.



Sunday 22nd November 2026

Helpet Park, Rolleston 638 Springston Rolleston Road

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

