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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY DEC 7TH PICNIC TIME

Meet at Spitfire Square, Memorial Ave, 10am for 10.30 start.
Destination Lake Coleridge Village picnic area, different route from last time but same good roads at the end.
Come prepared with glasses and plates for Juice of the grape and Xmas cake.



Your Hosts Greeny and Janet

THURSDAY DEC 18TH

Gold Card Cruisers

This is our Xmas luncheon at the Plough Hotel in Rangiora. (We will be ordering off the menu so you can have what ever you want.)
Meet up at the Peg Hotel at Belfast [10.30.am](#), leave at 11.00am

I have booked for 40-ish people and will give the pub a call at the start to confirm numbers so if you are going straight to the pub please let me know.

Your hosts Kit and Carol 027 642 1010 03 327 9362

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS



The committee wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.
The next newsletter will be February

DAVID'S DIARY

In the month of November a few things have happened which have stopped me in my tracks. The shocking news that Carolyn Keddy passed away suddenly. Such a fit and vibrant lady was taken in a few days at 73.

Our thoughts go out to Bruce who must still be in shock.

Also a close younger family member of ours was recently diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease.

Then I had my 70th birthday.

Meanwhile Susanna (mainly) and I are working with Geoff and Jenny to plan an Odyssey to Northern Territory.

I think to myself that I am lucky to make it this far.

So, we need to do this.

It will be in the winter of 2027.

Apologies to Ian Smith and those who wanted to do this earlier, but some of us had plans for 2026, so unless we have volunteers to plan and make this happen in seven months, at this stage it looks like it will be in 2027.

Geoff has written up some details here and signed in my new name. Thank you Geoff.

It has been challenging to make it work in the Northern Territory, but I think that this looks good. There is the option to travel back to Adelaide on the Ghan at the end if you want.

I encourage you to think about doing this if you can and take the plunge (not literally - it is called Crocodile Dundee for a reason)

These Odysseys are a great way to get to know each other and we will be following where the films were shot along with the theme of Paul Hogan (Mick) and crocodiles.

Meanwhile you may want to watch the Crocodile Dundee movies which I believe are still the highest grossing Australian movies of all time.

The committee have a final meeting for the year along with a BBQ tea to celebrate Christmas together and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN NOV 2ND

Firstly, we would like to welcome back Sylvia, Larry (and the Saab convertible). Larry has been recovering from a broken shoulder so it was nice to see him back fit as a fiddle.

It was great to have such a magnificent turn out for our first spring picnic run. We had 22 cars attend the run but the Yaldhurst Tavern car park has been split into two having been divided by a chain link security fence.

An American/V8 car club had also decided to start their run from the Tavern and so we struggled to accommodate the two groups.

Despite the melee, we departed in an orderly fashion and headed for Oxford with a route taking us through Hororata, Coalgate and Coopers Creek. The Picnic was held at the Men's Shed side of the Oxford Showgrounds and after the havoc of the start venue it was nice to have the park to ourselves.

The Oxford Pie Shop were kind enough to offer us an alternative wet weather venue for our lunch so it was only fitting that a group of us visit the cafe for coffee and cake before heading home.

Thanks to everyone for coming. It was a lovely day.

Note: It appears that the days of meeting at the Yaldhurst Tavern may be over. The site is now part of the Yaldhurst Park Redevelopment and will become a residential and commercial complex.

Alternative meeting venues for this area would be Spitfire Square, Airport Bunnings or the NPD at Yaldhurst.

Cheers Barry and kay



REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS NOV 13TH

Well, should I mention the weather ..?.. It just rained all day ! But we are a tough lot. About 30 plus adventurers braved the rain in search of Pigeon Bay but sensibly decided that lunch at the Little River Cafe was a far better prospect. And thats as far as we went.. Thank you to those who ventured out in the rain. We all had a good time eh?

Cheers Kit and Carol



PLANNING AHEAD



THE 2026 NITSI MARATHON 1ST – 8TH MAY 2026

The tour will start in Wellington on the 1st of May 2026. finishing in Wellington on the 7th of May

Day One: Wellington to Masterton
Day Two: Masterton to Napier
Day Three: Napier to Napier
Day Four: Rest day in Napier
Day Five: Napier to Whanganui
Day Six: Whanganui to Masterton
Day Seven: Masterton to Wellington

Plenty of great roads, thanks to Lyn and Greeny; mainly Tarmac and with scenery to marvel at. Entry forms etc will out in January but we would like expressions of interest now so we can coordinate with accommodation providers and ferries

Let Sharpie (Tin Man) know on info@saabclassics.net or 021 395944

Good times ahead



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.

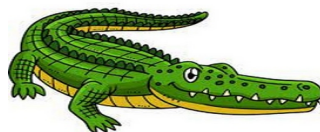
~Even time to take a day down to the Bungle-Bungles at Warmun.

~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.



OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

AVID CLASSIC

BRIT & EURO CANTERBURY CAR SHOW

📍 Air Force Museum, Wigram

📅 Saturday 7th March 2026

🌐 www.canterburybriteuro.nz

What the new event offers your Club/group:

1. Opportunity to 'show case' your unique marque and your club/group's activities to the interested public – and recruit new members. We are expecting a public attendance of about 5,000+ people.
2. Celebrate Canterbury (and South Island) motoring history - at the historic site of the Lady Wigram races.
3. A unifying gathering of British and European marques and their people with likely 600 to 750 cars - we are all in the classic car movement together.
4. Provide the British and European car fraternity with a well-organised and free community event for Canterbury/South Canterbury and the South Island.
5. The new Avid Classic Canterbury Brit & Euro Car Show will be a prominent annual event - and at no cost to clubs/groups/car owners.

We are considering a display stand, If you are interested in displaying your British or European car under the CMSNZ banner please let us know. Your car does not need to be concourse condition.



Five Englishmen in an Audi Quattro arrive at the Italian border.

The Italian Customs agent stops them and says, "It's illegal to put 5 people in a Quattro."

"What do you mean it's illegal?" ask the Englishmen.

"Quattro means four," replies the Italian official.

"Quattro is just the name of the automobile," the Englishmen retort disbelievingly. "Look at the papers: this car is designed to carry 5 persons."

"You can't pull that one on me," replies the Italian customs agent. "Quattro means four. You have five people in your car and you are therefore breaking the law."

The Englishmen replies angrily, "You idiot! Call your supervisor over—I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"

"Sorry," responds the Italian official, "he can't come. He's busy with 2 guys in a Fiat Uno."



If you have a story to tell about your favourite auto that you would like to share please let us know.

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

