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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY APRIL 2ND :

This event will be hosted by Roger & Zay Hunt.

ONLY 1 MEETING PLACE

10am at The Peg – Belfast Hotel

The route will include some well formed Shingle Roads and a Ford but you will be able to avoid these. Roger Recommends sturdy shoes. There will be 2 bottles of wine as prizes at the end of the event.

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH:

We will have a combined outing with the MX5 club. Details further down the Newsletter.

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH:

Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting place Rolly Inn Car Park 10 30am
Picnic Lunch.

SUNDAY APRIL 16TH:

Pork Pie run from Kaitaia – Invercargill in Christchurch. See full Itinery further down the Newsletter. Over 60 Minis in this event.

SUNDAY MAY 7TH:

We will again be attending the Wheels Week Event in Ashburton.

THURSDAY MAY 18TH:

Gold Card Cruisers

SUNDAY MAY 21ST:

AGM - Details further down the Newsletter.

SUNDAY MAY 28TH :

FOMC - AGM - Christchurch

10.30am at The Barn Cutler Park McLeans Island

Queensland Odyssey: June / July

Alpine: August

Julian's Jottings:

It's been another busy month. It was great to see so many cars turn out for the monthly run, the weather was definitely in favour of the convertibles.

Sometimes I ponder on having the roof up to stop getting sunburn, but then it defeats the joys of open air motoring.

The Stag suspension has been completed and the new parts for the fuel pump have arrived so that will be the next task.

We had a look at some of the vehicles in Turners Classic car auction, the Mercedes limo was interesting but needed some attention, then there was the 61 Chrysler Newport, a real head turner (if only it was 2 door). Some nice vehicles up for grabs if you've got deep pockets and the garage space.

Speaking of garages, progress has been a bit slow as a few other issues were sorted and soil tests will be done in the next month so hopefully we can get started prior to winter.

Unfortunately I will miss the next run as a thing called work and stock take will require my attention.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday May 21st 2017
12 noon

Cafe at The Rangiora Showgrounds

This will be followed by a Buffet Lunch at 1pm. There will be a Roast Meal Buffet – Hot Desert – Filter Coffee for \$22 per head. There will also be a Liscenced bar available.

Please advise of your attendance to any of the Committee members listed at the top of the Newsletter. We need numbers for the meal by May 15th.

Come along and support your committee

CMSNZ WEB SITE

Your committee has decided to refresh our website and bring it up to date.

We have put the membership application form on line and are exploring having event entry forms there as well. Will keep you posted on this one. G2 will be our site administrator in the meantime and will welcome good quality pictures of your cars and any interesting pieces of news.

The newsletter will go on line each month along with news of coming events.

REPORT ON SUNDAY MARCH 6TH: CMSNZ



10am PMH at the outset of our March Sunday event.

We had 6 cars arrive at PMH and we then proceeded to meet other members at The Rolly Inn in Rolleston. We had 24 cars altogether with a large contingent of open top sports cars for the lovely weather.

Mel likes us to have a good drive before lunch so we headed South to Dunsandel. A long straight road awaited us from Dunsandel to Hororata. A toilet stop in Hororata under an old Oak tree reminded me of my son collecting acorns as a young lad and bringing them home in the tray at the back of his tricycle – so I collected some for him!

It is always an interesting drive from Coalgate to Oxford through good farming country – the Wool Shed at Homebush is a reminder of times a long time ago. Just before Highway 73 we met some really old Vintage Cars on a tour as well. They were using the Shingle roads.

Mel likes to take us through View Hill & Coopers Creek on the way to Oxford – apologies from the typist for missing the Left turn onto Mounseys Road in the instructions. Also the turn to Ashley Gorge should have read High Street. I will try to do better next time.

Ashley Gorge is always a lovely place to stop for a picnic on a hot summer day. It was a relaxing time in the shade for members. After lunch we had an enjoyable drive along the base of the hills through Glentui & Loburn before having Coffee & Cake at the Railway Cafe in Rangiora. Gill Peters



Lunch time at Ashley Gorge.

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS MARCH 16TH:

A perfect day for a drive to the Peninsula, Wainui to be exact. After the meet and greet at Tai Tapu and a special welcome to two new members and their Classics which attracted a lot of attention, we set off on the Main Akaroa Highway through Little River up to the Hilltop taking special note of the beautiful view. Winding on down we turned right to Wainui passing French Farm. The tide was a little low and the water was calm as we arrived at the Picnic Area a lovely spot for Lunch. We returned the way we came the twisty turns of the road always a favourite with the drivers. We went to Raspberry Café at Tai Tapu, sat outside in the courtyard and enjoyed scrumptious desserts with our Coffee Tea and Cool Drinks. Gill Milne.



Lunch time at Wainui with the Gold Card Cruisers

CAR CLUB EXCHANGE WITH MX 5 CLUB SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

We will have a relatively short car run and then go Ten Pin Bowling at AMF Garden City Bowl Iverson Terrace at 3.30pm. The cost will be \$14.50 per person or \$12.50 per person with a Gold Card.

We will meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at 1.30pm. AMF Garden City Bowl Iverson Tce (off Moorhouse Ave @ Fitzgerald Ave end) @ 3.30. Cost is \$14.50 pp (but \$12.50 on production of Super Gold card)

Game should take approx. 1 hour and bowling shoes are provided. For those who do not feel confident, or feel the ball may be too heavy, a bowling ramp with pop up guide lanes are available.

To make it easier on the day they recommend we have mixed teams of 6 and we need to have the names to AMF in advance and they will have the names set up on the screen for us on arrival. Food & drinks are also available including toasted sandwiches

Ray Thomas
President MX-5



An interesting Vehicle at the Timaru Rock & Hop

2017 ALPINE *Announcing The 2017 Alpine 11th to 14th of August*

By the time you read this the two Graeme's, G1 and G2 will have finished plotting the 2017 Alpine Tour.

They intend to start in Fairlie on the Friday morning and meander their way through to Wanaka, Franz Joseph, Karamea and finish in Reefton.

The tour will again be a mixture of tarmac and good surfaced gravel roads with plenty of things to see and do along the way

The plan is to have a fund raising lunch or afternoon tea at a country school on day one.

We usually have a theme for the Alpine with costumes for those keen enough on the final night with appropriate prizes for the best outfit.

G2 thought that being our favourite cartoon or nursery rhyme character might be a bit of fun.

Not sure if he is serious or not. If you have any ideas let him know, but don't leave it too long.

Entry form will go on our website in April



Our plans for the big adventure to Queensland are now complete with just a couple of meal details to sort out. Our costs for 15 days away including accommodation and 3 group meals are \$3575 for two people.

We have plotted a route that takes in many and varied attractions along the way and will be traversing some rain forest areas as well as the dinkum red earth outback, so there will be plenty for everyone.

It is not too late to put in an entry and join what is a very social and friendly group.

Contact G2 (Sharpie) if you want an entry form and/or further information about the Odyssey

Here is our **itinerary:**

21st June: Day One : Coolangatta to Warwick
245km
22nd June Day Two: Warwick to Kingaroy
303km
23rd June Day Three: Kingaroy to Bundaberg
287km

24th June: Day Four: Bundaberg to Rockhampton
322km
25th June Day Five: Rockhampton to Emerald
270km or 425km
26th June Day Six: Emerald to Longreach
417km
27th June Day Seven: Longreach
28th June Day Eight: Longreach to Cloncurry
528km (real outback)
29th June Day Nine: Cloncurry to Normanton
383km (real outback)
30th June Day Ten: Normanton
1st July Day Eleven: Normanton to George town
298km
2nd July Day Twelve: Georgetown to Mareeba
353km
3rd July Day Thirteen: Mareeba to Cooktown
266km
4th July Day Fourteen: Cooktown to Atherton
331km
5th July Day Fifteen: Atherton to Mission Beach
172km

There is plenty to do in and around Longreach on the first lay day and Normanton is not far from the Gulf of Carpentaria, with a side trip to Karumba to dapple your toes in the water.

Max Clarke has looked at rental cars and Avis are dearer than last Odyssey but they do a one way hire. Alfa, who are cheaper require the cars to be returned to the hire site.

For those who want to stay on and visit the Townsviller Supercar meeting. It is one of the best tracks in the series and is held on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of July

Mission Beach is approximately 140km from Cairns and 245km from Townsville.

Graeme (G2)



A vehicle from yesteryear at the Timaru Rock & Hop

CAR OF THE MONTH:



The 1960 Alexander - Turner Mark1

I have owned this car (60-336) for nearly a year. It is, according to Turner registry, one of the most original examples of the 83 existing Mark 1s (there were about 150 made)

It comes with complete documentation from the original typed and handwritten letters of the original owner dated 17/12/59 to the present day

The Alexander Turner is an even rarer form of the Mark 1 Turner and arose from the racing successes Turner had in 1959, winning the Autosport Championship (won by a Turner, winning the 1 litre class and Team prize) The Alexander Conversions Company supplied Turner with race tested crossflow aluminum heads to fit to the BMC 950cc Series A engine. The main feature of the Alexander head was the transfer of the 4 separate inlet ports to the opposite side of the head to avoid heat build up in the mixture. Wedge shaped combustion chambers, larger valves, 9.5 :1 compression and a super sports cam and twin SUs all gave extra performance. (increase in acceleration by 40% and dropping the time for 0-60 from 25.9 sec to 15.6 sec. with a standing ¼ mile of 19.6 seconds) There are now only 2 Alexander Turners left in Britain

The basis of the car is a turner designed cross-braced twin-tube chassis, with double wishbone-type front suspension and a live rear axle. This rear axle is located by trailing links and a Panhard rod, and sprung by laminated torsion bars. Rack and pinion steering gear is used. It is fitted with the BMC "A" series gearbox, as used in the A35

My car was originally ordered as a kit (£895) although the NZ registration records it as being factory built (?) It has spent a considerable amount of its life in car museums here and in Britain so the mileage (72000) is possibly original. I do not intend to restore the car as I believe that part of its charm is its originality.

Owners: David Richardson and Kathy Anderson
Oxford

PORK PIE FUNDRAISER

One of our members Phil Shultz from Whangarei is organising and supporting a Fund Raising Event in April 2017 – Driving his Pork Pie Mini from Whangarei to Invercargill. Listed below are details of the event and how you can contribute to the Kids Can Charity.

www.givealittle.co.nz/event/porkpiecharityrun2017

Phil & Margaret have been enthusiastic participants in some of our longer events and hopefully there will be an opportunity for us to meet with the group when they travel through Christchurch.

Itinerary for Pork Pie Charity Run 2017

Thursday 13th April 2017

Arrive Kaitaia 2pm onwards

Friday 14th April 2017

Depart Kaitaia -Warkworth

Auckland stop for lunch at MININZ

Via Pokeno to Hamilton

Arrive Taupo

Saturday 15th April 2017

Depart Taupo

Horopito via National Park

Wanganui

Wellington

Sunday 16th April 2017

Ferry crossing

Depart Picton

Arrive Christchurch

Monday 17th April 2017

Depart Christchurch

Via Arthur's

Pass/Lewis/Greymouth/Hokitika/Harihari

Arrive Franz Josef

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Depart Franz Josef

Via glaciers, Haast Pass to Alexandra

Arrive Alexandra

Wednesday 19th April 2017

Depart Alexandra

Via Octagon Dunedin

Arrive Invercargill

Dinner and prize giving

For more details contact Phil at
schultzie@windowslive.com



OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:

Rotary Club of Ashburton

Plains Classic Car Run 7th May 2017

This event is part of the Ashburton Wheels Week festivities, following the swap meet to be held the previous day. This is the 25th running of this hugely popular event and we ask you for your participation. Entry fee will be \$20/car with profits going to a local organisation (yet to be confirmed.)

The event will start at the Ashburton Showground's at 10.15am and will finish in the Hinds area approximately 4 hours later. Registrations will be from 8.30am.

You will be given instructions like a car trial, and carry on the designated route to finish. There will be no shingle roads and the instructions will be very straight forward.

We are returning to the original venue "Coldstream", which was hosted by Sue and the Late Joe Studholme. We are fortunate that the next generation Annie & Alistair Studholme have agreed to offer their property for this Anniversary year.

Contact either: Owen Moore – owen@moorepark.net.nz, 033083442 or Alan Sim - sim.family@xtra.co.nz 03 308 8835

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