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The 1st newsletter for the year!

First Event of the New Year

Sunday, 12th February

With a 10.15am start at Jack Hinton Drive in Addington, this is the perfect opportunity to exercise your classic car's legs. Make sure you have a full tank of fuel as we'll be exploring both town and country highways and byways and having a break for a picnic lunch in a picturesque spot so either bring your own picnic lunch or buy something on the way. We expect to finish mid-afternoon.

Classic Boat Show

Sat 4 - Sun 5 March

Once again a group of classic boating and car enthusiasts will be spending their weekend at Lake Rotoiti, smothered in insect repellent and sunscreen, watching people messing about in boats. This is not an official Classic Motoring Society event but there always seems to be a heap of us there so we like to tell others about it.

Those of us doing the Peking to Paris trip will be practising our camping skills again but if sleeping on the ground is not for you, you'll need to book accommodation asap. This event is extremely popular and accommodation is always at a premium, even if you are in a tent!

There is a cover charge to get in to the event and plenty of local fundraising food and drink stalls.

AGM

Sunday, 12th March

Taking place at 2.30pm at Terrace Downs, Rakaia Gorge, followed by afternoon tea. A good opportunity to have a pleasant drive in the country, discuss your club and finish off with coffee and cake — what more could you want?

As we're catering this event, could you confirm your attendance by Friday, March 3rd. Please use the above phone numbers (or stephanie@copyright.co.nz) or phone Brian Reid on 025 421 063.

Classic Marathon

Thu 23 - Sun 26 March

The entry form for this event was mailed out at the beginning of January, with early bird registration closing on Friday, 10th February. We're pleased to report that entries are flowing in with interest from around New Zealand.

We'd like to extend an invitation to members living in the Marlborough region to join us on the evening

of Wednesday, 22nd March for a BYO everything (except the actual barbecue) BBQ at the Blue Anchor Top 10 Holiday Park in Picton. We imagine that entrants will be assembling from about 5pm on.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact either Geoff Ridley (027 433 3243 or geoff.ridley@paradise.net.nz) or Stephanie Royds (03-341 3141 bus, 021 341 315 or stephanie@copyright.co.nz) at any point. Remember, this event is designed to be enjoyable and that the shingle sections are NOT compulsory, just a lot of fun.

Subscription Renewals

It's that time of year again! If you received a membership card with this newsletter, it means that you've already paid. If there was no card, there should be a renewal form (but sometimes the sorting system falls down) for you to return with your membership fee of \$25. Once again, you can pay in advance for up to 4 years to simplify life for yourself.

If you've paid your membership fee with your Marathon entry fee, don't panic — this newsletter and your entry may have crossed in the mail and we will catch up!

Nelson Branch

Sadly we have to report that the Nelson Branch of the Classic Motoring Society have decided to go their own way. We wish them well in the future and hope to keep in close contact with them.

Events Diary 2006

Sunday 12 February	Day Outing
Explore town & country & have a picnic lunch	
March 4-5	Classic Boat Show Weekend
Weekend of boating at Lake Rotoiti, St. Arnaud	
Sunday 12 March	AGM
An opportunity for everyone to help in your club	
March 23-26	Classic Marathon
South Island adventuring over four days	
Sunday 3 December	Christmas Brunch BBQ
Share a relaxing BYO barbecue breakfast	