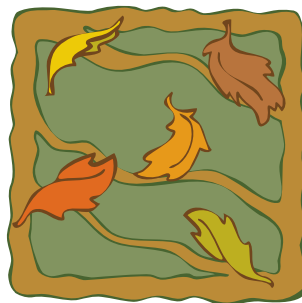




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April 2007

Peking to Paris Update

We haven't had much to say about this trip for a while as it's always been so far away but it's now upon us. The 7 cars making the journey are being loaded into containers for their sea voyage THIS Saturday so up and down the country are 7 teams doing frantic last minute checks and road tests of their cars.

At the time of writing (Wednesday) one of the Fiats out of Wellington has still to be put together and test driven and the Saab V4 from Christchurch is round at the mechanics with its engine out! Nothing like a deadline to focus the mind. Both the Fiats from the North Island are being put on the overnight ferry on Friday night to be driven to Christchurch by lunchtime Saturday.

The team has had confirmed that there is a function for them at the New Zealand embassy in Beijing before they leave. So now they're having to establish how formal this will be in case they have to pack their party frocks in the cars before they go.

There is a small group of us that are planning to meet the intrepid travellers in Paris when they get in on July 17th (Tuesday). We haven't finalised the actual location in Paris yet, but if any Classic Motoring members are going to be in Paris at that time and would like to be part of the mayhem, contact HQ. Equally, if anyone is going to be in Beijing on the 10th June and would like to wave their hankies at the departing cars, please let us know.



The combi wagon formed part of the Peking to Paris display at the Classic Car Show at Pioneer Stadium in Christchurch, August 2006. There are four adventurers travelling in this vehicle but we hear that there are tents being packed as well. Presumably so they have a chance to get away from each other!

Southern Run

Sunday, 29th April

This is an opportunity to meet the enthusiasts from the Continental Car Club and have a bit of an explore of the Mid-Canterbury region.

We're going to meet under the salmon at Rakaia at 11am but if the weather is cold or inclement, then we'll have adjourned to the new cafe just across the road for the meet up. Please bring a picnic lunch but there will be opportunities to purchase food in Ashburton.

If you have any queries please contact Stephanie Royds on email stephanie@castlerockdesign.co.nz or phone 341 3141 (business hours).

Kaikoura Weekender

11th-13th May

This is a casual weekend away in our classic cars. There will be tour notes but it's not a formal tour like the Alpine.

We will be staying at Donegal House in Kaikoura. For those of you unfamiliar with it, it is an Irish Pub and Restaurant with some motel accommodation. We ask you to make your own accommodation reservations directly with Donegal House as soon as you can as they're not holding rooms for us and it's a case of first in, best sleep! If they run out of room, there is plenty of alternative accommodation in the Kaikoura region including some very good camp grounds if you're keen on tenting!

Events Diary 2007

April 29

Southern Run

Get together with Continental Car Club in Mid-Canterbury

May 11-13

Kaikoura Weekender

Two days driving adventures in your classic vehicle

June 24

Dawnbreaker

Annual extremely early morning run

June 24

AGM

Follows on after breakfast from the Dawnbreaker

July - tba

We'll think of something to keep you warm

August 24-26

Alpine Classic

The hunt for snow is on again!

Branches Events Diary

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The current plan is that everyone is to make their own way to Kaikoura after work on Friday 11th. The weekend HQ will, of course, be at Donegal House. On Saturday (12th) we will have devised some fiendishly obtuse route that will take us out and about for the day. Hmmm, maybe not obtuse or fiendish but just adventurous.

Saturday night will be dinner at Donegal House (let them know you'll be eating in that night) and then everyone can have a leisurely departure on Sunday morning and make their own way home.

So, nothing too formal or organised. Just a casual weekend away with fellow classic car enthusiasts and the opportunity to have some adventures and tell lots of lies at night in pleasant surroundings. Any questions or queries: Stephanie Royds, ph 03-341 3141, email stephanie@castlerockdesign.co.nz or Mel Peters, ph 337 4144, petersmg@ihug.co.nz.

If you're planning on coming, could you let one of the organisers know so we know how many copies of the route notes we need!

Contact details:

Donegal House

www.donegalhouse.co.nz

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Kaikoura Information Centre

www.kaikoura.co.nz, ph 03-319 5641

Dawnbreaker

Sunday, 24th June

Our annual jaunt on the Sunday closest to the shortest day of the year is on again and for those of you that are unfamiliar with the concept — yes, you see dawn break! Once again we'll be trekking around and about trying to find our way in the dark and frosty morning and cursing our classic heaters and demisters that don't.

This year the start is timed for 0500 hours (a whole half hour later than other years — we must be getting soft!) from the through road in New Brighton Mall, Christchurch. The entry fee is canned food goods that will be donated to the Christchurch City Mission, maybe a can per person per car as a way of getting the second half of the year off to a virtuous start.

The Dawnbreaker is finishing where a hot buffet breakfast can be

purchased for a mere \$17 per person and is available from 0830 hours. If you have any questions please contact Scott Dunfoy by email: alpineralliest@hotmail.com or phone 027 233 5655.

AGM

Sunday, 24th June

We're returning to our normally scheduled programme by having our AGM on the same day as our Dawnbreaker run. You don't have to do the Dawnbreaker to attend the AGM but we thoroughly recommend it. The Dawnbreaker will be finishing at a venue where attendees can get a good breakfast and where we can hold our AGM (we don't like to move too far on full tummies!). In the past, people that haven't wanted to do the Dawnbreaker have joined us for breakfast (not compulsory but is available from 8.30am — see the Dawnbreaker information) and the AGM, which works well. Formal notification of the AGM will come out with a later issue of the newsletter.

Alpine Classic

24-26 August

As you can tell, at long last the Alpine entry form is out. If you are interested in joining us for this event, it pays to remember that we usually end up with a waiting list of people that would like to come on it. What I mean to say is, don't delay on returning the form with the entry fee in full if you wish to be an alpinist this year.

The entry fee this year is higher than the last one, partly because we kept the entry fee lower last time because of the cost of accommodation in Mt Cook but also because we're including more on this Alpine.

We have, of course, planned on giving you some interesting roads but are slightly limited on the Saturday as we don't have too many options down the West Coast. What we do have is unlimited scenery and also the possibility of a lot of rain so it is a good idea to check for leaks before leaving home.

We've said it before but we'll say it again, good preparation helps make the trip more enjoyable but the best aspect of the event are the participants. We all look forward to enjoying your company over the weekend.



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