



August 2009

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Alpine Classic 21-23 August

The Alpine Classic is only a couple of weeks away now and everything is in full swing. The first thing to note for those joining us on the Alpine is that the start on Friday morning is at 8.30am (yes, that's right — bright and early) in Kaikoura with a drivers' briefing at the Kaikoura Town Hall on the Esplanade. We are then spending the morning and having lunch on the marae which is an opportunity that most of us don't normally get.

Our first night is in Hokitika where a local school is having a small fundraiser by looking after our cars on their school grounds. This school is not far from the Beachfront Hotel and will give us peace of mind. Its only going to cost \$5/car and we believe its worth it.

So even though the weather has been excellent in Canterbury and the mountains look fantastic in all their snowy wonderfulness, remember that this is a winter tour and come prepared for inclement weather, cold starts and breakdowns at inopportune moments. If you pack your chains you probably won't need them and if you have a spanner, it means you can offer it to some other poor unfortunate who is stranded on the side of the road!

Silly in September

Sunday, 6th September

Another one of our regular Sunday jaunts around the Christchurch area. Don't have many details yet other than to meet at the usual location: 10.30am at the carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital (riverside) at the west end. Plan to bring a picnic lunch (unless we get more information) and remember to wrap up warmly as we will have only just broken into Spring!

Note from Editor

My apologies for such a brief newsletter this month. Don't forget, I'd love to get some articles or photos from members to put in the newsletter to make it more interesting for everyone.

Hanmer Weekend 2 - 4 October 2009

Time to welcome the warmer months and a break from home, a good excuse for a weekend at Hanmer.

Besides catching up with old friends there is much to enjoy, dining, hot pools, walks, shopping, mountain biking, horse riding etc.

We are planning a run on Saturday 3rd starting 1100ish for those driving to Hanmer on the Saturday. About 1030ish on Sunday 4th we have a planned run back toward Christchurch and a lunch stop along the way.

Events Diary on the Website

Don't forget that there is also an Events Diary on our website (on the right hand side of the home page) which is updated as information comes to hand, which is usually more often than the newsletter gets published! Go to www.cmsnz.org.nz

Events Diary 2009

August 21-23 Alpine Classic

Our weekend event where we look for SNOW!

Sunday, Sep 6 Silly in September!

One of our regular Sunday expeditions.

October 2 - 4 Hanmer Weekend

A weekend based around the metropolis of Hanmer

Oct 30 - Nov 15 Tassie Tour

Opportunity to explore Tasmania

Sunday, Nov 1 November Run

One of our regular Sunday expeditions.

Sunday, Dec 6 Christmas Brunch

Bring your barbecue for a picnic Christmas brunch

Sunday, Jan 3, 2010 January Run

Starting the year of classic car jaunts off early!

6-11 March, 2010 Classic Marathon

Its on again and its in the North Island. Woo hoo!