



## Phil Ornstien

It is with great sadness that I report Phil Ornstien died on October 28th in Auckland. Phil has been a very enthusiastic member of the Classic Motoring Society of New Zealand right from the start and has been on a great number of our events over the years.

The first time I got an inkling of his enthusiasm for car events was in 1998 when he drove down in his fabulous Mercedes for a day run through Lees Valley with the club. I think that one of the main attractions was the river crossing that was involved!

We will all miss his enthusiasm and joy on our adventures.

## Stockton Mine Tour 27-29 November

The Classic Motoring Society of Nelson have organised this weekend away in Westport which includes a tour of the Stockton Mine. Please see the October newsletter for details (its on the website now) if you're interested in joining them for the weekend.

## Christmas Brunch Sunday, 6th December

We've been invited to join the Triumph Club, Rover Car Club, Daimler Enthusiasts Club, Armstrong Siddeley Club, Wolseley Car Club and various others for a Christmas Barbecue at Orton Bradley Park. They're making it easy for us by joining us at our usual haunt of the carpark opposite Princess

Margaret Hospital (riverside) at the west end at 10.30am for the leisurely run to the park. If you prefer, feel free to drive directly there. As we mentioned in the October newsletter, if you have an easily transportable BBQ it could be handy.

Also, as this is Christmas, bring wrapped parcels from the \$2 shop equal to the number of people in your party for Father Christmas to distribute. Admission to the park is \$3 per adult \$1 per child or \$8 per carload.

See you there.

## General Information on the Monthly Runs

Following on from the efforts of the "Sunday Run" group we are staying with the same plan – 1st Sunday of EVERY month – 10.30am at the riverside car park by Princess Margaret Hospital. Hopefully this will make it easy to remember. So if you haven't had the "classic" out lately and you want to socialise with a really neat bunch of classic enthusiasts, come along – you will be most welcome.

## Early Bird Run

**Jan 3rd 2010**

This is the earliest we've ever held an event. As usual 10.30am at PMH Car Park. We have a nice sunny day on order and plans for a laid back run and picnic lunch. All will be revealed then.

## Events Diary 2009

**27-29 Nov**

**Stockton Mine Tour**

Run by the Classic Motoring Society of Nelson

**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!

**Sunday, Feb 6**

**Shortest Month Run**

Would you like to go to the Skope Classic this year?

**6-11 March**

**Classic Marathon**

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

## Short Month Run

**Feb 6th**

We are always looking for something different to do but still connected to our Classic Motoring. I have enjoyed the Skope Classic Racing at Ruapuna for many years and I know that many of our members also attend. We could maybe congregate at the McCrae Stand or erect a Gazebo out on the grass bank –or – how about your ideas or wishes. Please contact Mel (03) 337 4144 or email: [petersmg@ihug.co.nz](mailto:petersmg@ihug.co.nz) with your thoughts. If this does not suit we will arrange a “run” for the day.

## Hanmer Weekend Report



On the afternoon of Friday 1st October we drove to Hanmer Springs with the hood down until we reached Marble Point. During the evening we met up with Ash & Sandra who had travelled from Nelson to join us. Four cars left Hanmer and followed a route plotted for us by Bruce Keddie to Waiau. In Waiau we met up with another 3 cars. The 7 of us then went and had lunch on the banks of the Lottery River. We were back in Waiau by 1pm and the Museum had been opened early for us. Well worth a visit. Bruce then took us on another tour of the Waiau River and surrounding area through Rotherham and back to Hanmer. We had an early meal at “Robbies”.

Sunday with the weather still threatening we headed off through the plains behind Culverden and up the Hurunui Valley and into the Waipara Gorge to finish with lunch. Thanks to Tony for his knowledge of this area.

Only a small attendance, but we really enjoyed the weekend.

*Gill Peters*

## Alpine Classic Report

With Scandinavian cars ... SAABs (5) and Volvos (2) ... making up 25% of the Alpine Classic field this year, this was surely an event where we might have deserved a little snow on the roads, but the old man/woman

upstairs did not oblige and we had to view the spectacular snowy mountain tops from a distance!!

However, we were richly educated and entertained throughout the weekend with visits to Kaikoura and Arahura Marae and a stunning dinner and exhibition of cars and costumes in Nelson on the Saturday night at the WOW Museum in Nelson, in between good spells of scenic “push-on” driving.

There were a number of highlights for me —

.... Waking to a spectacular view of the new snow on Mount Fyffe dazzling into our motel lounge on Friday morning!

... That glorious run down through the Rahu on Friday afternoon with a setting sun and dust from grit on the road demanding full driver concentration!

.... Sitting in the sun with a group of the locals outside the Arahura Marae on Saturday morning ... getting the real story on local issues, especially on prospects for the whitebait season due to open the following week but seemingly already well underway!

.... A ride on the top deck of a London double-decker down to our WOW dinner venue and then the stunning costumes and cars on display!

.... And of course, a night in the Youth Hostel in Nelson, where even early middle-aged lotharios like Burtie and myself can feel young again for a few hours!

To commemorate the special themes of this event, all participants were presented with a pounamu pendant at dinner on Saturday night and at the Sunday afternoon final function at the Mud House winery in Waipara, Graeme Matheson and Ellen McRae (SAAB 96) were presented with the new John Harman trophy for “spirit of the event”.

Thanks to the organizers — another great event. See you all on the Marathon in the North Island next year!!

.... And despite any insinuating rumours, Jenny and I did drive most of the gravel roads!!

*Geoff Ridley*

## 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](http://www.cmsnz.org.nz)

