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Hanmer Weekend 2 - 4 October 2009

We have made some changes to this information since the last newsletter so it may pay to reread this!!

It must be about time for the warmer months and a break from home so join us at Hanmer where there is lots to see and do. There is a recommendation that you bring your road map of North Canterbury as some road signs could be missing!

There is a run planned for Saturday 3rd October, meeting on Bath Street, the street down the side of the Top 10 Motor Camp, at 11am. **Please note: this meeting place differs from the one advertised in the September newsletter!**

If you are driving to Hanmer on Saturday you could meet us in Waiau at the Village Green. Look for the toilets sign just off the bridge on your left. We plan to meet you there 11.45ish. Remember to bring your picnic lunch as we are going to a picnic spot beside a river.

We return to the Waiau Museum at 1pm. They are opening early just for us - gold coin donation please, per person. There are some early vehicles, a train? and a collection of everyday life preserved here.

We move on about 2pm for a run overlooking the Waiau - through some farm and irrigation run areas to Rotherham to view Wattas (Waters) cottage - one of the oldest in the area and lived in until the 1960s.

We then return to Hanmer for a plunge in the pools, climb Conical Hill, a round of golf, shopping, biking, horse riding, etc — your choice.

Meet at the Hot Springs Motor Lodge and Hotel, 2 Fraser Close (near the mini golf course) from 6pmish for food and drinks. We'll also be meeting here on the Friday night,

Departure on Sunday is from the same as Saturday — Bath Street, the street down the side of the Top 10 Motor Camp, at 10.30am. For those going north, it is a long and varied trip home. For those going to Christchurch we've mapped out an off the main road run while we explore near the westward mountains.

We will emerge from the back blocks just in time for lunch at Leithfield's Pukeko Restaurant. We enjoyed the amazing scenery of this countryside as we planned it all - hope you like it also.

Mel Peters (ph 021 214 7502)

November Run Sunday, 1st November

Another one of our regular events but this one is being organised by Julian Barrett. We'll have members of the Stag Club joining us for this run.

Once again we're meeting at our usual start point — 10.30am at the carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital (riverside) at the west end. This will be a slightly longer run so the usual suggestions apply i.e. fill your car before you start, bring a picnic lunch, Canterbury map and jackets in case the weather plays up on us. There will be a visit to a museum so there may be an entry fee / donation required as well.

If you want any more information, please feel free to contact Julian on jkbarrett@clear.net.nz or phone 027 445 2219.

Events Diary 2009

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.

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!

6-11 March, 2010 Classic Marathon

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

Stockton Mine Tour 27-29 November

The Classic Motoring Society of Nelson have organised a weekend away in Westport which includes a tour of the Stockton Mine. Space is very limited but there is some room available if members of our club are interested in joining them. The mine tour is by bus and there is a tour on Saturday and another on Sunday - not sure which day has room.

The entry fee for the tour and BBQ (on Saturday night at the Seddonville Hotel) is \$40 on a first come, first in basis. You will need sturdy footwear and your own lunch on the mine tour - STRICTLY NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.

If you are interested in being part of this, please contact Russell Egan on 03-544 2214 or Bill Osborne on 03-544 7693. Discounted motel accommodation is available at Buller Court Motels but please don't book until you are confirmed!

Christmas Brunch Sunday, 6th December

We flagrantly stole this idea from the Motoring Society in Nelson — like all good ideas, it was worth pinching!



Scott showing us all how it should be done - Christmas 2006

Instead of our usual monthly run, we get together for a pre-Christmas barbeque brunch / lunch in pleasant surroundings and with good company. The idea is that everyone brings their barbeque and what they want to drink and we have a massive cookup. The Classic Motoring Society supplies the celebratory Christmas cake and we all sit around and eat far too much!

Sounds good? Meet us at the usual haunt at 10.30am (carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital (riverside) at the west end) for a relatively short drive out to the brunch spot. We will let you know where this is before the 6th in case you want to go straight there but we're just finalising the details at this stage.

Garage Raid Report(Sunday 2nd August)

Is it just good luck or is the first Sunday of each month somehow programmed to be a fine day? Who knows but the plan has worked very well so far! We haven't had a rainy day and the temperatures have been reasonable, even for the open car fans.

There were already a few members waiting when I arrived and by the time we were to set off, many more had joined us. Our first garage of 1 BMW and 7 English classics is rather unique as many of the cars have been owned from new by Anthony's family dating back to 1938.

Lunch time arrived very quickly and many of us met at South City Mall for a sandwich and coffee and a bit of "retail therapy" which went down well for some!

Moving to the next venue and we are viewing 4 more classics parked on a large lawn area surrounded by huge English type trees. Blink — and with this setting we could have been half way round the world in England. Back to reality and we feast our eyes on more English classics in "as new" condition. Anthony does have other classics but chose to show us his favourites.

If you missed this "Garage Raid" that's a bit sad but we do have a "garage raid" of sorts every month, first Sunday, 10.30am at Princess Margaret Hospital riverside. There is something for everyone in our club so come along and join in. You will find cars from most manufacturers and countries, even Saabs! Remember, if you think its a classic, then its a classic!

Our thanks to Anthony for the opportunity to view this amazing collection.

Mel Peters



Beautiful weather on the West Coast for the Alpine.

2009 ALPINE CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND AUGUST 21-23

The Alpine report is still to come but in the meantime we offer some high class literary endeavours and photos!



At the Kaikoura Marae.

Prize Winning Entries for World's Worst Book Opening

In the mists of the mountain forest a sheer rock face loomed before him, water cascading down into the roaring ferment below. He was doomed in the face of this impenetrable barrier. But then the thought of the lifetime warranty offered by the trolls of Trollhatten flashed into his brain. Could this be my Saviour. With adrenalin cursing through his body Graeme groped for the red booster button labelled emergency only. In a puff of blue smoke the triple carburettor Saab soared into the myths of classic motoring.

Ellen McCrae

Mistaken Identities

The querulous, quality quartet entered the exclusive, elegant Edwardian dining room. Cardinal WOLSEY, robust and radiant in raspberry red; Henry MORGAN, the pugnacious pugilistic pirate, patting his parrot; Jane AUSTEN, demurely delicious in dotted damask; and Gerald FORD, the friendly, footloose fillin President, fondling his football. The chefs, the NASH twins FRASER and LINCOLN had the scrumptious, savoury, saffron soup simmering; standing by for service, in smart



There was a lot of sartorial splendour to be seen on this event! Above left: James and Jonathan Harman; Above right: Scott Dunfooy; Below: Wayne Graves and Glyn Jones (and if you look closely, in the background you can see the Club Treasurer masquerading as Jean Batten!)



satin suits, were the MORRIS triplets MAXI, MINOR and MINI. The Underworld hostess MemSAAB swept in like the shimmering silver surf, "I understand you are car enthusiasts" she said "I need your help to solve a mystery."

Margaret Wearing



Some of the line up of cars in Kaikoura before the drivers' briefing.

Stretching before me as far as the eye could see, the road said "Fords, Fiats, Ferraris, Fiestas, come forth for all, for me, forthwith, forever." So I said to my car, "baby tonight, baby tonight, now you fire, all alone, you and I, forever in the blue Chev" But she said "it's been a hard days night and I've been working like a dog. It's been a hard days night, I should be sleeping like a log. But I will get up for you, it's just what I do and I'll feel alright."

David Harman



Lined up in Arahua on Saturday morning.

Alpine Costs

Unfortunately we made a loss on running the Alpine this year of approximately \$4,600. The Committee made a decision beforehand to underwrite the Alpine to ensure that it went ahead. Even though the club has reserves, the aim is to always have events cover their own costs and that is the plan for our future events.

Silly in September Run Report (6th)

Lucky again as the sun was shining and the birds are singing. Ten cars set off on another neat run skirting parts of the city and out into some country spots. Once



again many of the places that we visit are off the beaten track – but that is what makes these days memorable.

The plan takes us around the bottom of the hills, around the circle road and then North over the Waimak. We then proceed to do a loop through lifestyle blocks displaying their owners dreams of what they see as the ideal "work choice for the weekends". On through lush green paddocks – through Rangiora towards Woodend – past Pegasus Village looking neat & tidy and make a right turn into Preece Rd and the Kaiapohai Pa Monument. This was the first village for Ngai Tahu in the area. We motorwayed back to Belfast and then took the McLeans Island road and skirted the Waimak all the way to the Old West Coast Rd.

We had our picnic in Maddison Park which used to house Templeton Hospital – it was so quiet and peaceful with all the big old trees. It was a good time to get to know our new members from Rangiora who had seen all of our cars parked at Kaikoura while on the Alpine. We headed home about 3pm.

A big thank-you to Warner and Patsy Mauger for this most interesting run and access to the picnic venue.

Mel & Gill Peters

Brands Hatch Visit (16th September)

Our visit to "Brands Hatch" Wed 16th Sept was enjoyed by an interested group of old car owners. Dennis Stanton showed us many of the latest techniques for restoring and preserving the "treasures" that his team are working on. The cars in the workshop varied greatly in value from Rolls Royce & Aston Martin down to a 1930 standard 8. The workshop caters for complete restorations to the little jobs with only a few hours involved. An almost complete restoration of a Jaguar XK120 was so good to look at after looking in, over, under and even through a Jaguar E Type that appeared to be beyond help. Nice Tyres though – almost new!

A huge thanks to Dennis for opening for us.

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