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# December 2010



## **Christmas BBQ Sunday, 5th December Combined Car Clubs Picnic at Orton Bradley Park**

This is a Christmas brunch BBQ with combined car clubs at Orton Bradley Park. We had a great turnout last year and hope to have another fabulous day this year. This will be an opportunity to mix and mingle with other car club people and a wide variety of classic cars.

### **Where, What to Bring, Cost**

As usual, we'll be meeting at 10.30am in the Princess Margaret Hospital carpark at the west end so there should be lots of room for all the cars but feel free to just meet us at Orton Bradley Park (Charteris Bay) if you prefer.

Orton Bradley Park has an entry fee of \$3/adult, \$1/child, up to a maximum of \$8/car. There is more information on their website ([www.ortonbradley.co.nz](http://www.ortonbradley.co.nz)). We have been allocated areas 3A and 3B. To make it faster for the people collecting money at the gate, could you please have your money ready when you arrive there.

There are some barbecues there but it is probably easiest if you bring everything you need to cook on and with, as well as your food and drink. Remember, this is a great opportunity to show off your barbecuing and picnicing skills, as well as your classic vehicle. Don't forget your sunscreen, a hat and your camera!

### **Secret Santa**

Once again the Secret Santa will be operating. Please bring a \$2 gift (wrapped) for the number of people in your car and Santa Claus will disperse these at random amongst the participants.

A quick update on the Santa front — Santa will be present (ha ha) but he has had an altercation with a tree and would prefer not to be hugged this year!!

### **Please Invite Other Clubs**

We know that this event is on the Triumph Club calendar but if you are a member of another club/s,

## **cmsnz Who's Who**

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## **Events Diary 2010**

**Sunday, Dec 5**

**Christmas BBQ**

Combined car clubs picnic at Orton Bradley Park

**Sunday, Jan 2, 2011**

**Primo Run**

The first run of the year for the club

**Sun, Feb 13 North Canterbury Ramble**

2nd weekend due to Skope Racing on 1st weekend

**Feb 18-20**

**Kaikoura Weekend**

Weekend away with the Nelson Motoring Society

**Sunday, Mar 6**

Yet to be named or organised but put into diary!

**Apr 1-3**

**Weekend Down South**

Weekend away with the Nelson Motoring Society

**Sunday, Apr 3**

**April Adventure**

For those that aren't going away for the weekend

**Sunday, May 1**

**May Meander**

Explore a collection in North Canterbury

please make sure that it is in their diary. This event is open to all classic vehicles, not just classic cars, so please extend the invitation widely — we'd love to have lots of classic vehicles there to celebrate another year of great classic motoring.

## **Primo Run Sunday, 2nd January, 2011**

All set and ready to go over an area never ventured to before. Quite close to the city yet it seems the area doesn't get many strangers on their roads.

Same time, same bat channel: 10.30am in the Princess Margaret Hospital carpark at the west end.

## **Classic Motor Racing, Ruapuna Sat 5th & Sun 6th February**

Obviously this isn't a club event but its well worth going to. Full day of racing on Sunday but lots happening on the Saturday as well.

## **North Canterbury Ramble Sun, 13 Feb NOTE CHANGE OF DAY FOR THIS RUN**

As most of us enjoy a bit of classic motor racing, particularly when its in our home town, we've moved our monthly event to the second week in February so we can attend/participate in the Skope Classic. This month is going to be a fairly full-on month of classic cars one way or another!

David Beer is taking us over some fun roads and to places with names that will leave you wondering if you have guessed correctly. David is taking us somewhere that we've been trying to go for quite a while so it should be an excellent day out!

We'll meet at the usual time and place.

## **Kaikoura Weekend Feb 18-20**

February is turning into an excellent month for classic car events! This is an additional adventure that is happening with our friends, the Nelson Classic Motoring Society.

Everyone enjoyed October's day run so much that there was much talk of having a weekend adventure in and around Kaikoura. Pat Pascoe from Nelson, along with our man Mel, took the concept and ran with it.

The plan is still being worked on at the moment but Saturday night will be dinner and entertainment. The original plan was to hold it all at the Pier Hotel but they can only cater for limited numbers so an alternative is being worked on.

Pat is putting together a list of motels and accommodation in that vicinity so that no-one will have to travel far that night and we'll include it in an upcoming newsletter.

At this stage its just a case of making a note on your calendar to keep that weekend free so you can spend time with like minded individuals exploring our fabulous countryside. More information in the next newsletter, hopefully!

## **Sunday 6th March**

This does not have a name yet and with the interruption from our earthquake — progress has ground to a halt for now. But never fear, we'll come up with something entertaining.

If anyone would like to take on organising this run, please contact HQ — we'd love to have someone else organise a run!

## **April Weekend**

**Apr 1-3**

Pat Pascoe is on a roll and is organising another weekend outing. The invitation for this weekend is initially going out to Lord Nelson participants BUT he will be running a wait list (or at least, he is now that I've mentioned it!) in case it fills up quickly.

I only have a sketchy outline of the weekend at the moment but it starts with breakfast in Oamaru on Friday, 1st April, goes through the Catlins and finishes in Omarama on Sunday.

If you would like to go on this weekend and you weren't on the Lord Nelson, please email Pat ([p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz)) and indicate your enthusiasm.

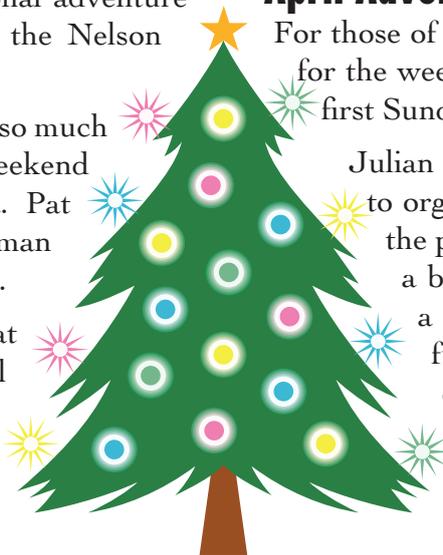
NB: This is a new email address for Pat as the last one didn't seem to work.

## **April Adventure**

**Sunday, 3rd April**

For those of us that aren't going to be down south for the weekend, we will be running our normal first Sunday of the month run.

Julian Barrett has very kindly volunteered to organise this run and we'll let you know the plan in another newsletter. If you have a bright idea for a run and wish to have a go, please let us know as its a lot of fun when a number of different people organise these. Please contact HQ or talk to one of the committee members and make yourself known.



## **May Meander**                      **Sunday, 1st May**

Tony Childs, who brought us up to date with "Historic Kaiapoi", is putting together a new venture for us. Meet in the Princess Margaret Hospital car park, Christchurch at 10.30am for an expedition up into North Canterbury.

Bring your picnic lunch as we'll be having a break at the historic Cheviot Hills homestead site. If the weather is inclement there is a backup plan!

We'll be visiting Lyndsay Dickson who has a very tidy lifetime collection of machinery and collectibles. We'll round out the day by returning via Cheviot and Gore Bay to the Brick Mill Café at Waikuku on SHW 1.

For more information, please contact Tony Childs on 027 600 6514 or 03 327 2709.

## **Upcoming Events!**

We're trying to be a bit more organised so you can plan your holidays and come on our tours! We're very pleased to announce:

### **Alpine Classic 2011**                      **Fri 19 - Sun 21 August**

We are now planning to regularly have the Alpine Classic every odd year on the third weekend in August.

### **Classic Marathon 2012**                      **Sat 18 - Sat 25 February**

As with the Alpine Classic, we've set the Classic Marathon date as the third full week in February in every even year.

### **Odyssey 2012**                      **Wed 26 Sept - Sun 7 Oct**

This Australian Odyssey is starting near Melbourne, passes through Adelaide and back to Melbourne. We cover Victoria, South Australia and outback New South Wales.

The tour has been carefully timed so we have an opportunity to view the amazing Bay to Birdwood event ([www.baytobirdwood.com.au](http://www.baytobirdwood.com.au)), which has a vintage and a classic run. It is only held every two years and when it was run in 2009, they had approximately 1500 participants! This will be a fabulous spectacle.

*Picnic lineup at West Melton Domain where times and answers were collated and winners announced.*



## **Apparel**

The committee has been putting together some branded apparel options and we've come up with a cotton polo shirt and a soft shell jacket. More information (photo and prices) and an order sheet will go out with the January 2011 newsletter.

## **Navigating November Report - 7th Nov**

There's something about getting ready to go on one of the monthly runs — they start at a respectable hour, at a regular spot and it SEEMS as though it should be easy to get to. But every time I think I've got way more time to do stuff before we have to leave, than I do in reality!

Surprisingly, we made it to the start at a respectable time but there didn't seem to be many cars there. In particular, there were no organisers there! But never fear, the main organiser (Graeme Sharp) had been and gone to check the route before we started and Graeme Matheson arrived to get us started.

A few words of instructions and we had to then choose what time we would start. Starting to look a bit serious.

We set off at our nominated time and did well for the first half hour or so. Found some check boards and our confidence grew which was a fatal mistake.

Continued to blat around the countryside, noting down check boards and not seeing anyone else until we came to a hand written board. Knowing who had organised the tour, we made a completely erroneous assumption that he was out to trick us. Not true. In a navigating trial, you strictly follow the boards as there are no tricks, just a lot of very detailed instructions that you MUST follow to the letter.

This was the point at which we started to see other participants as we tried to follow the instructions, which were wrong. After quite some time (not telling

how much 'cos I'm writing the story), we decided that really, we had to go back to the handwritten board and do what it said.

But by this time, Graeme M had decided that everyone would be well past this point and had been quietly collecting up the boards. We arrived back to give it one more go and there was nothing there! All I can say is, thank goodness for cellphones.

We caught up with Graeme M again and he set us off to the last part to the lunch spot. Surprisingly, when you follow the instructions it doesn't take all that long!

Quite obviously we didn't win but we had a lot of fun and learnt a lot about trusting the organisers. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and trust that everyone else that joined us for the day did as well. I'm not even put off having another go!

One of the best parts of a run like this is, of course, the opportunity for swapping stories at lunchtime. We were lucky in having a good day and were able to picnic at the West Melton Domain, swap war stories and admire the vehicles that had turned out.

Thanks go to Graeme Sharp in particular for taking on setting a navigation trial for all us "newbies". He assures me that it was very simple and nowhere near as pedantic as an official trial! I look forward to another attempt soon.

*Stephanie Royds*



## Mystery Photos

I found these photos on my computer and even though I recognise some of the people, I have no idea where we were or what we were doing! The photos are dated December 2006 but I don't know if that was the date of the event or the date they got onto my computer. Does anyone recognise these?



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