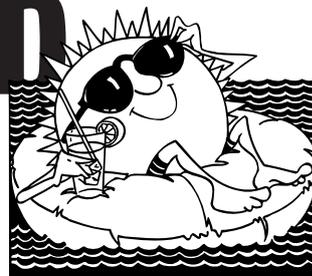




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Short Month Run February 6th

As this is the same day as the Skope Classic Car Racing at Ruapuna, we have a slight change of plan. Instead of our monthly run, we're going to go watch some classic cars blasting around Ruapuna at the Skope weekend.

In order to get seating at the racing one has to get there early so there will be a group of people leaving our normal meeting place (riverside car park by Princess Margaret Hospital) at 8.30am. This time frame should enable you to get a seat in the McCrae stand.

If you can't bear to get up that early, there'll probably be another group of people meeting at the normal time (10.30am) at the same place to head over to the racing. The Skope racing is always worth while going to and there will probably be a number of familiar faces out racing. We know of at least one of our members that will be out on the track - Wayne Graves will be racing his Porsche with other club members, Glyn Jones and Ian Langham, working with a race team.



March 6 - 11, 2010

This is a reminder / invitation that its not too late to join us on our Classic Marathon in March. We would love to have more people join us — the more the merrier as far as we're concerned.

The event has been designed to give ourselves time to have a look at the areas we're travelling through, as well as driving on some of the more interesting roads that the North Island has to offer. Even though the route plotted does include some gravel roads, there are always good alternative routes available if you prefer. Often these alternate routes offer more time to spend in the local cafes and galleries!!

For those of you that are on the Classic Marathon, remember that on Saturday night (6th) there is a chance to get together informally over dinner in Petone before we start. This information will be in your tour pack.

March Madness March 7th

Not everyone has chosen to join us on the Classic Marathon (don't understand that at all really!) so for those of you still in Christchurch, our regularly scheduled monthly Sunday outings continue. Normal start time (10.30am), normal start venue (riverside car park by Princess Margaret Hospital), remember to bring your picnic lunch or be prepared to buy on the way. Julian Barrett is organising this run and can be contacted on jkbarrett@clear.net.nz

Campout March 20th

During the Peking to Paris preparation, a number of us participated in campouts to prepare for the rigours (and fun) of the trip. It turns out that we miss these and have decided to have another one. Initially we'd plan to have it in February but the date chosen clashed with the classic car racing at Levels, Timaru so we moved it back a month to after the Classic Marathon.

Events Diary 2009

Sunday, Feb 6 Shortest Month Run

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

Sunday, Mar 7 March Madness Run

Regular Sunday outing to an unknown destination

6-11 March Classic Marathon

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

Saturday, Mar 20 Campout

Surprising option for a classic car club isn't it?

Sunday, Apr 11 Amazing April Run

This is the second Sunday in April (for a change)

Once again, Geoff Ridley's friends have offered up their farm up the north side of the Hurunui as a venue. We've been here before and its lovely. If the weather is inclement we've even got somewhere to retreat to. We're only planning on staying one night (we don't want to stretch ourselves here) but its well worth the effort of trying to fit your camping gear into your classic car. Its also worth seeing what amazing food combinations Geoff will come up with for himself this time!

If you're interested in coming, please contact Geoff on 03-351 8451, 027 433 3243 or email geoff.ridley@paradise.net.nz

Amazing April Run

April 11th

We've decided to move the April Sunday run to one week later than normal to avoid having our regular monthly run in the middle of Easter. We don't have a plan yet, hence the name "amazing"! If anyone is interested in taking on organising this run, please contact Stephanie (contact details at beginning of newsletter) or Mel Peters on (03) 337 4144 or email petersmg@ihug.co.nz — normal start time and venue!

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.

Time to Renew your Subscription

Its come around to that time of the year again! If you received a membership card with your newsletter, you don't need to pay any money because you've already done that.

If you've received a subscription renewal form, its now time to decide whether you want to renew for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years. We offer this as many people cannot be bothered writing a cheque for \$25 every year and it is easier having your membership roll over without having to remember if you've done it or not!

If you wish to pay your membership subscription directly into our bank account, could you please ensure that you make it VERY clear who the

payment is from (surname and membership number maybe), plus send the form back to us indicating the date that you paid it. Our bank account number is on the form.

Tasmanian Tour

Report by Tony & Jeanette Childs (continued from last month)

Swansea on the east coast had beautiful white sandy beaches with water dams in every gully. At St Marys we stumbled onto a private collection of model aeroplanes. We then travelled along the sandy beach to St Helens, then north up the fire coast. It was named this in 1773 because the aboriginals had lots of lit fires all along the coast line.

Beautiful white sandy beaches and calm harbours, then inland to Colombia Falls in yet another National Park. From here the Aussies went out on tarseal to a pub in a paddock while the kiwis rallied through the dust on a dirt road through the hilly forest to Legerwood, which has memorials of locals killed in the wars carved into old trees on their main street.

Derby is a derelict tin town with a railway and shops closed down. West through very good dairy farms to Scottsdale, Lilydale and into the city of Launceston to our accommodation for the next three days. It is a very old english building with stable doors to rooms and shutters on windows and shingles on roof, a dutch windmill out the back and a large wooden water wheel. The port is inland from the sea on the Tamar River with a wetland fed from Cataract Gorge. This is a steep, large jumbled rock area that has walkways for 15km to a power dam with the longest single span chair lift in the world, all very spectacular.

Tasman National auto museum was a lot like Fazzaz in Christchurch. The day saw us at an old umbrella shop, waverley old woollen mills, antiques and collectables and tas wines, then for tea which was Fish @ Chips or (Fush @ Chups)!!!! as the Aussies say!.

Day thirteen saw us at the sea horse world and platypus house then over the harbour through George Town Low Head to the light houses to watch whales just playing on the sea surface.

Our next stop over was Beaconsfield mine where the 2008 disaster was. There is a reconstruction of

where the two trapped miners were for 14 days, also a great museum set from 1880 to todays mining operation. Central north area had hops, poppies, grapes, apples and very fertile soil. In



Longford (where they have street racing) this area has a very English feel. Deloraine had a great tractor and steam museum, then past aluminium cliffs to Sheffield, just like our like our Sheffield near our Darfield with sheep, veges and grain cropping in very fertile soil. Leven Canon was another lovely bush walk to look out, then on to Gunns Plain Cave. This is 1k underground with stalacmites and stalactites plus amazing limestone curtains – this was a real highlight.

Sixteen days, 2600km very well organised classic tour of Tassie.

Thank you Graeme Lemin and Lindsay Elliott and team members from Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club.

Jeanette & Tony Childs

Early Bird Run Report



We were pleasantly surprised to have 9 cars start on the run on Sunday 3rd Jan but somehow we soon lost Scott, partner and 3 dogs. Oh, and the car they were in. We started off with flexibility in mind due to the weather but on crossing the Waimak the day became a cracker.

We headed out through Rangiora, Loburn and on to Ashley Gorge where we sat under the trees for our lunch. Next to us was a group of farmers from Hororata with their classic cars

Next stop was Oxford where we spent time at the Arts and Crafts outlets. The most popular was Emilys(?) and they have a large array of goodies which had our group spending the dollars. We all met up again at Darfield for coffee and from there we headed home. A most enjoyable day on back country roads with little other traffic.

Mel Peters

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