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W I N T E R

Akaroa Escape Weekend

July 30th - August 1

Everything is coming together for this venture whether you are joining us for 1 night, 2 nights or just a few hours in Akaroa.

We will be based at the Wai-iti / Driftwood Motel complex in Rue Jolie. Ph 021 214 7302 for Mel and 021 216 0186 for Gill (home 337 4144). There are 2 options available for meals on Friday night. We will meet at 6pm at the Motel — any later arrivals please phone us for details.

Saturday, 31st July: Time to sleep in or explore the local area. We will meet at the Recreation Ground — Rue Brittan at 1pm for a visit to some of the bays. Dining — the best deal we could find was at L'Hotel with the menu ranging from pizzas & burgers to a full meal. We need to advise the eatery of numbers so please let us know if you will be joining us for the meals by July 21st. We need to be at the Restaurant 6pm-ish as we have a Murder Mystery by Ellen that we just have to fit in!

Sunday, 1st Aug: We will meet at 12 noon for fish and chips on the waterfront 59 Beach Rd. We

will depart about 1pm on a scenic tour back to Christchurch with a coffee stop at the Wheatsheaf Hotel at Teddington.

You are welcome to join us at any stage of the weekend — *Mel P*

Lake Ellesmere Opening

As you may have guessed this was done during a very stormy time which made our plan impossible. Maybe we will try again another time.

Spring Saunter Sunday, 5th September

A drive in the countryside to welcome Spring. We will finish at the Air Force Museum in time for coffee & cake and a look through the FREE ENTRY Museum.

Savouring Daylight Saving

Sunday, 3rd October

First weekend of daylight saving. Let's stretch our legs a little and go to Kaikoura for lunch and back via the Inland Road and Waiau.

Please note: This has changed from what was originally advertised.

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Events Diary 2010

July 30-Aug 1 Akaroa Escape (Weekend)

Winter weekend getaway with your classic car

Sunday, Sep 5 Spring Saunter

A countryside drive to admire the arrival of spring

Sunday, Oct 3 Savouring Daylight Saving

Stretching our legs by going to Kaikoura & back

Sunday, Nov 7

Hmmm - options are being pondered

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

Hmmmmmm! Sunday, 7th November

Still under wraps but you know how they say it's "not all plain sailing" — this may be a case of it's "not all plain motoring".

Christmas BBQ Sunday, 5th December

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.

We know that this event is on the Triumph Club calendar but if you are a member of another club/s, please make sure that it is in their diary — we'd love to have lots of classic vehicles there to celebrate another year of great classic motoring.

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 in the Princess Margaret Hospital carpark at the west end. Note that this has changed but 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.

Remember, some of us go just for the Coffee & Cake part! *Mel Peters*

Questionnaire

Many thanks to everyone that has made the time to have a think about our club and what we'd like to see in the future. Please do take the time to fill and return the questionnaire as it may make a difference to the running of the club and future events.

Events Diary on the Website

We also have an Events Diary on our website (on the right hand side of the home page) which is updated as information comes to hand, often more frequently than the newsletter gets published! Go to www.cmsnz.org.nz

AGM Report

Our AGM was held on the 26th June at the Riccarton Library.

The 2009 year accounts were presented by the Treasurer (Diane Brandish) and were passed unanimously. The Chairman (Graeme Sharp) presented his report, which was followed by a monthly run report from Mel Peters. A vote of

thanks was made to Mel and Gill Peters for their exceptional contribution to the club by continuing to enthusiastically organise these monthly events.

Two additional members were voted onto the existing committee — the committee's contact details are now on the front page of this newsletter.

An acknowledgement was made of the Harman Trophy donated by Brian Wearing in memory of John Harman, that Graeme Matheson and Ellen McCrae won on the Alpine Tour in 2009. A general discussion on the Classic Marathon 2010 was had, particularly with reference to running it in the future.

Roy Hughes presented the case for joining the Federated Motoring Clubs, as he would like to see the CMSNZ join. The committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

After the AGM was closed we adjourned to Coffee Culture at Bush Inn to revive ourselves from the rigours of the meeting with coffee and cake!

Stephanie Royds

Straight As A Die Run Report

As was usual for this year, the day dawned gloomy, cold and overcast for our shortest day run. It was great getting to the Princess Margaret Hospital car park and seeing everyone arriving. We had an unusually good turn out of Saabs this month, plus Max and Marilyn, from Nelson, in their Porsche.

I'd convinced Graeme Matheson months earlier that I really wanted to try a straight line run but looking at the instructions at the drivers' briefing, I was no longer so sure! We were assured that every 5th instruction had a road name on it so that if where we were didn't match up with the road name, we could go back to the last point where we knew where we were and work forwards again. Mmmm, we'll see!

Graeme very sensibly got us to drive out of town to behind the Burnham Military Camp before he started the instructions. Trying to do this in town with inexperienced practitioners would have been a nightmare and may have involved more than one divorce.

As it was, the second instruction was a doozy — at least 5 roads met, plus there was a railway line! It turns out that the railway line was a blessing as the driver in my car (Ian) ignored my whimpering and said "We go that way" and did. He was right (I can't believe I just said that) so we didn't lose as much time at that intersection as some other teams (not naming names!). Some participants were doing



this solo — at least it would have meant that there were no arguments about who's fault it was when they got it wrong!

It was interesting driving around on the plains on this run as we had to absolutely trust that the organiser knew what he was doing (he did) and that we would get to the finish OK (we did). We'd been told where we were finishing so that if we got lost, we could just drive straight there. Some people chose to do this as we did drive on a lot of shingle roads.

What I'm getting to is that because of the very low cloud, we couldn't see the mountains, Port Hills or any other landmarks. We actually had to work out which way to go at every intersection and not assume anything. If we got it right and followed the instructions, we got to the end fairly promptly. If we didn't, there were arguments/discussions and it took longer!

In summary, this was a lot of fun and something different from our usual shortest day run. Thanks to Graeme and Ellen for all the effort they put in to creating this run. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I'm sure everyone else did too.

Stephanie Royds

PS. Max and Marilyn joined us from Nelson especially for this run. They're thinking that will run one for the Nelson Classic Motoring Society. We'll let you know the date when they do so we can all go up there and get lost.

Celebration of American Independence Day Report

The day dawned sunny and calm and from there, only got better. Our CMSNZ members contributed 4 USA vehicles to the days magnificent display —



Not a very good panorama of some of the cars at the finish of the Straight As A Die run on June 20th.

1939 Chevrolet Master 85, 1966 Ford Mustang, a late model Chev Camaro and that bright yellow Studebaker truck. Our tour visited several places where things are happening: the construction of the new Southern Motorway; the destruction of Wigram Airfield to make way for more houses; a visit to the Papanui Bus Lanes (not a bus in sight). We then went towards the Airport and through McLeans Island and it's various clubs to our destination.

John and Justine were our hosts and they have a spectacular USA barn with really neat cars — the Chev soft top was my favourite there. There was also a magical display of memorabilia from their time in the States. The US bar style dining tables with plates of Red, White & Blue Cup Cakes was a nice change from our camp chairs in the park. We finished the day with Coffee & Cake in Rolleston.

Our warmest thanks to John and Justine and their friends for their hospitality and a chance to be immersed into a slice of life in the USA.

Mel & Gill Peters

Belated Report on the Nostalgia Ramble Sunday, 2nd May, 2010

I'm afraid to say that I completely overlooked writing a report on this run which was of special significance as it was a celebration of Gill Peters' birthday. She tried to disguise this by calling it a Nostalgia Run but we all knew better!

We were running late for the start of this run and by the time we'd arrived there were NO classic cars

Another (not very good) panorama of the picnic spot at Waikuku Domain for Gill's birthday picnic.



As you can see from the above photo, we were serenaded by Mel and Gill's granddaughter on the bagpipes.

waiting on the side of the road at Princess Margaret Hospital. But as we parked and dithered about what we were going to do now, Mel and Gill's daughter arrived at our car with a copy of the run notes! So having been saved we were able to participate.

It was a magnificent day, if a trifle windy (blinkin' easterly), as we set off to see some of the significant locations of Gill's life. These included her high school (Hagley), the site of the house she lived in as a child, the site of the church where she and Mel were married, places where she holidayed with her family as she grew up and so on.

The run notes were extremely interesting as Gill had put quite a bit of background in with them about growing up in Christchurch. Funnily enough, one of the significant sites in her and Mel's life is now a car yard, which was very appropriate considering what we were now doing!

We ended up for lunch at a family holiday site which turned out to be Waikuku Domain (on Rotten Row!) where we were able to picnic in the sun and out of that wicked Christchurch easterly. I'd never been to this domain before and it was the perfect spot to mix and mingle and celebrate Gill's birthday.

As is usual on these Sunday runs, the plan was to move on with a bit more exploring before finishing with coffee and cake but it was such a beautiful day there, everyone was very reluctant to move on. Eventually people starting making a move and we found ourselves driving around the new Pegasus town.

I'd always meant to have an explore here but had never made the time to do so, so it was great to have a chance to wander around and have a look at what has been created. Unfortunately we were very exposed to the easterly here so it wasn't all that pleasant. Most people did a quick drive and then adjourned to the coffee stop for a chance to have another chat to everyone else.

Once again our thanks go to Mel and Gill for organising this run and for including us all in the celebration of Gill's birthday — Happy Belated Birthday Gill. We hope there will be many more.

Stephanie Royds

