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Shortest Day Run 'Straight as a Die!'

June 20th

We're moving away from the Dawnbreaker event this year to allow everyone a chance to sleep in!

What does the subtitle mean? Well, we're all going to be introduced to the concept of a 'straight line' map run by Graeme Matheson. Triallists will be familiar with this concept but this isn't a competitive version — it's a fun one so we can all see what it's like.

Instead of the more familiar tulip diagrams, all the instructions are given as though you're travelling in a straight line e.g. if you were to turn right at a crossroads, the diagram would show 2 roads going off on the left with the arrow that you follow pointing straight ahead! Confused? I expect we all will be at some point during the run.

So, it's not competitive, it's not an intelligence test, it's a bit of fun for a winter's day. We're starting, as normal, at Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30am (see note at the end of this item).

Any questions about the "how to" of the run will be answered at the briefing, otherwise contact Graeme Matheson (03) 355 4391 or email ellenandgraeme-m@clear.net.nz

NB: There's lots of road works outside PMH at the moment and we're not sure when they'll be over so we're moving the meeting spot to the on-site carpark at Princess Margaret Hospital at the west end (basically over the road from where we've met in the past).

AGM

Tuesday, June 22

Our AGM is being held at the Upper Riccarton Library meeting room (in front of Riccarton High School), 71 Main South Road, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch at 7pm. The financial report for last year and the agenda are included with this newsletter. Come along and have your say. See you there.

Events Diary 2010

Sunday, June 20 Shortest Day Run

Lets stretch our brains on a winter's day

Tuesday, June 22 AGM

Come along and be a part of your club!

Sunday, July 4 AAA Run!

Celebrate all that is American on this day

July 30-Aug 1 Akaroa Escape (Weekend)

Winter weekend getaway with your classic car

TBA Lake Ellesmere Opening

Will be a spur of the moment outing so short notice

Sunday, Sep 5 Spring Saunter

A countryside drive to admire the arrival of spring

Sunday, Oct 3

Sightseeing around Banks Peninsula valleys

Sunday, Nov 7

Hmmm - options are being pondered

Sunday, Dec 5 Christmas BBQ

Combined car club event at Orton Bradley Park

In Memorium — Kerry Howman

It is with great sorrow that I report Kerry died unexpectedly on Saturday, 12th June. Both she and Martin were enthusiastic members of the Classic Motoring Society over the years and participated on the Peking to Paris expedition in 2007. Kerry's grace, charm and companionship will be sorely missed.



Her funeral is being held at 2pm, Friday 18th June at Lamb & Hayward, Wairakei Road, Christchurch.

Appreciation of American Automobilia

Sunday, July 4th

Besides the two immaculate USA classics we've had along to our runs lately, we are sure there must be some others just waiting for 4th July. We have an invitation to view some cars in "the shed" of some US collectors. So the challenge is to bring your cars and compare — yes, we need to admire all makes and models.

Same start time (10.30am) with a slight change to the start venue. (See the note at the end of the Shortest Day Run item.)

We will go exploring on our way to view the US of A automobiles. This run, bring your picnic lunch as our hosts have a large restoration barn that we can use. Please bring your AMERICAN CAR for us all to enjoy. Once again, contact Mel Peters on (03) 337 4144 or email petersmg@ihug.co.nz if you have any questions.

Akaroa Escape Weekend

July 30th - August 1

A weekend away with your navigator and classic for a sunny break, which is on order. This weekend can be as long or as short as you wish to make it. Some participants are heading over to Akaroa on Friday 30th. Please call Mel or Gill for the venue for an evening meal on Friday. Phone numbers on June 6th report

Starting at 1pm Saturday we are going for a run to visit a bay or two so plenty of time to zap over the hills to join us. We will dine together on Saturday night from about 6pm. Its not too far to walk back to your lodgings.

No rush Sunday morning so we will meet at 12pm-ish for fish and chips on the waterfront, 59 Beach Road. Following the food we will take a scenic tour back toward Christchurch with a stop at the Wheatsheaf at Teddington for a coffee and cake.

Again you are invited to join us in Akaroa for lunch and the run back to Christchurch but if you or the car can't manage all that, why not join us at Teddington.

There will be a further update/additions/changes/times in the next newsletter. So do join us for the weekend or just a few hours.

Lake Ellesmere Opening

The lake is filling up and will be opened to the sea but after all the rain we have had, perhaps it has overflowed without us knowing. Danny and Sharon are keeping us informed on this so we can make a visit. Notification will be quite short so if you wish to visit, please contact Mel and Gill on 337 4144.

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.

Shortest Month Extra Run Report

Yes, some of us tried to do our normal first Sunday of the Month Run but it was a bit miserable so the run was shelved for another day. Over the last 18 months we have had magnificent weather to indulge our passion but Sunday the 6th was a reminder that picnics in the rain do not appeal to every-one.

If it is rainy we will still attempt the monthly run but will make for a café for the lunch stop. Always remember that you can ring Mel 337 4144 home, 021 214 7302 cell or Gill cell 021 216 0186.

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.

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 due to the development of bus lanes! 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*

