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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're heading into North Canterbury for this run. Remember to bring your picnic lunch as there's no handy cafe where we're going!

Same starting scenario as normal — 10.30am at the riverside carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital for a day's adventuring! Any questions? Contact Mel Peters on (03) 337 4144 or email petersmg@ihug.co.nz

Nostalgia Tour

May 2nd

This is a run put together by one of our very regular and enthusiastic members (Gill) and there may or may not be special significance in the date!

Why not join us for this tour of Christchurch landmarks that have special meanings for many of us. This clashes with a family gathering so they are coming along for the run SO don't let the family members outnumber the club members.

Meet at the usual place — Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park Riverside at 10.30am. Once again, contact Mel Peters on (03) 337 4144 or email petersmg@ihug.co.nz if you have any questions.

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! Also, as the first Sunday of the month is in Queen's Birthday weekend we thought we'd stick to our routine of having a run on the Sunday closest to the Shortest Day (21st).

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 the Riverside carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30am.

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

Appreciation of American Automobilia Run!

July 4th

USA Independence Day — maybe we will have a "caddy" or something else American show up and fly the flag. At this stage we have ideas for both a long or short run, depending on the weather.

Same start time (10.30am) at the same venue (Riverside carpark opposite Princess Margaret Hospital). Once again, contact Mel Peters on (03) 337 4144 or email petersmg@ihug.co.nz if you have any questions.

Events Diary 2010

Sunday, Apr 11 **Amazing April Run**

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

Sunday, May 2 **Nostalgia Tour**

Very special, celebratory tour by Gill Peters

Sunday, June 20 **Shortest Day Run**

Lets stretch our brains on a winter's day

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



Akaroa Escape (Weekend)

July 30-31, Aug 1

We've talked about a weekend in Akaroa for ages so Mel has stapled our hands to the desk and our feet to the floor, called us on our bluff and declared a date!!!

The idea is for a social, laid back time with some driving in between all the coffee drinking, croissant consuming and chatting. Activities will be planned (note the future tense here) so that you can join us from Christchurch on the day if you wish.

More information will be forthcoming when we have it but do put it in your diary.

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.

Please note: we have had to change the 'first Sunday of every month' rule a little this year as Easter and Queen's Birthday interfere a little. See the calendar to check actual dates of runs.

Time to Renew your Subscription

If you've received an orange Subscription Renewal form with this newsletter, it's your last chance to be reminded to rejoin our club and keep up to date through this scintillating (apparently random lately) newsletter! Please let us know if you think you've paid your subs but haven't been sent a 2010 membership card.

Shortest Month Report

Skope Classic Racing at Ruapuna - 6th Feb

As usual, I attended on Sat 5th and caught up with Nelson members Pam and Doug.

Sunday 6th I left for Ruapuna at 8.30am thinking it had not been such a good idea until I start meeting club members browsing the pits, stands and banks enjoying the non-stop racing.

Warner was keeping things buzzing in his team while further down the track Glyn and Ian are refuelling and changing tyres. Wayne has been busy out on the track enjoying the racing and got some good places. I have not seen so many club members since the last Alpine!

The organisational skills of the Canterbury Car Club makes for non-stop racing of these classic cars – racing at its best.

Mel Peters

PS. There are a few photos from this weekend on the Canterbury Car Club site (http://www.canterburycarclub.co.nz/extras/Images_Skope_10.php)

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

