



EARTH QUAKE

As you all know, Christchurch and Canterbury was rocked by a 7.1 earthquake on Saturday, 4th September at 4.35am, which is currently being followed up by a seemingly never-ending series of after-shocks. Our thoughts go out to everyone that has or is experiencing devastation, whether its major or minor, as a result.

HQ is based in the incredibly robust Lyttelton Tunnel Building. Aside from a few broken windows and teetering boulders above us from Castle Rock, its business as usual here.

General Information on the Monthly Runs

Although we do not charge an entry fee for our monthly runs, at this year's AGM it was decided to have a donation box to support a local charity. This year we are supporting St Johns Ambulance Service and ask that people be generous!



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Savouring Daylight Saving Sun, 3rd Oct We're starting at 10am as its a longer day!

Get your car tuned in for the longer Summer Days with this lunch / picnic trip to Kaikoura. We are meeting with members from the Nelson Classic Motoring Club at "Dolphin Encounter", 96 The Esplanade for lunch OR if you want to have a picnic lunch there is an excellent beach across the road from the restaurant. Please meet at 9.30am and be ready to depart PMH at 10am to meet with our North Canterbury Group at the Kowhai River Bridge at 10.30am, then on to Kaikoura to mix with our friends from Nelson, Blenheim & Picton for lunch and coffee.

VCC Swap Meet

8-10 October

Held annually at McLeans Island, this is one of the most remarkable events. Friday is for VCC members only, with Saturday and Sunday being open to the general public. Car clubs are invited to have 6 cars on display on the public days. We hadn't thought about doing this but if members are particularly enthusiastic about having their car on display, could you please contact Ellen McCrae or Graeme Sharp about getting this organised (see panel on this page).

Events Diary 2010

Sunday, Oct 3 Savouring Daylight Saving

Stretching our legs by going to Kaikoura & back

Sunday, Nov 7 Navigating November

We're having an introduction to car trialing

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

Sunday, Feb 13, 2011

February Fun

2nd weekend due to Skope Racing on 1st weekend

Sunday, Mar 6, 2011

Yet to be named or organised but put into diary!

Simply Classics Car Club Challenge

Sunday, 17th October

This is also not a Classic Motoring Society event but we are now including some other events in the newsletters so everyone has more opportunity to do more things in their classic cars!

The aim of this event is to provide clubs with a fun day out participating in an event together to win club trophies, as well as to highlight some amazing individual cars. It is being held at Pegasus Town with car assembly from 9.30am and judging will start at 11am. There is a gate fee of \$6 per car, with all proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House and CanTeen.

If you're interested in being part of a Classic Motoring Society team and waving the flag en masse, please contact Graeme Sharp or Ellen McCrae (details on front panel).

Navigating November

Sun, 7th Nov

A Trialling Time!

Our November run will introduce you to another aspect of car trialling. You have already had the straight line map and for the November run we will have navigational instructions.

Basically a car trial is about following an accurate set of written instructions whilst maintaining an average speed for the duration of the run.


For November, the average speed will be 60 kilometres per hour (1 km per minute overall) or for those of us in older cars .62 of a mile each minute. (If you prefer you make it 1 mile in 1 minute and 37 seconds).

The instructions will be accurate and each one must be completed before you start the next as each one is separate.

In the instructions, words and/or letters/numbers in CAPITALS refer to signs and will contain the exact spelling of the sign referred to (numbers are always considered to be capitals). If the sign you encounter is not as quoted, you just follow the road of least deviation until you find it or a CHECK board, which will tell you what to do next.

Some Sample Instructions

1. go right at LINCOLN ROAD
means you are looking for a sign that has ROAD spelt in full. RD will not do, so if that is what it is — ignore the sign and keep going straight ahead.

2. go right at crossroads
means go right at a junction of 4 roads. Not 3 or 5.
3. proceed ahead at McLEANS RD
means look for a sign that says MLEANS RD as the c was not a capital.
4. go left at SOUTHBRIDGE 5 KM
means just that.
5. go right at 
means you are to go right at a sign the same as the pictogram.

And so on. All you need is be accurate and trust that the plotter has got it right. Most of the instructions are very straight forward but the plotter will try and trap you with instructions like 1 and 3. He will reward you with a CHECK that you will write down and we will find a winner by working out who has recorded most CHECKS and is closest to the average speed.

Most of the trial will be on sealed roads but we may have to use a very small bit of gravel to make the route work. We will be going south of Christchurch and will finish part one at a domain. The trial will finish here. Bring your own lunch. We will then head back to Christchurch via a nice little coffee shop.

So there you have it.

If you want to bring a map with you, all of the route will be covered by KIWI MAPS 250 series map 13 of 18. Or 90% of the route will be on Land Information maps 260 M36 and M37 (1 map) and 260 L36. The other 10% is on the edge of the maps and will pose no problems.

See you there. Any queries contact Graeme Sharp or Graeme Matheson (see front panel).

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 & a wide variety of cars.

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 if you prefer.

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.

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.

February Fun Sunday, 13th February 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. We'll meet at the usual time and place.

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 Run

Yet to be organised but if you've got a good idea and want to try organising an outing, please contact us.

May Meander Sunday 3rd May

Tony Childs who brought us up to date with "Historic Kaiapoi" is putting together a new venture for us.

Meet us in the Princess Margaret Hospital car park, Christchurch at 10.30am for an expedition up into North Canterbury. We'll be going up through

Weka Pass, Waiau and the Leander Road for a picnic lunch stop at Spotswood. There are no cafes or shops here so you will need to be prepared!

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.

Spring Run Report (Sun, 12th September)

Finally we managed to do a Spring Run of sorts. Now a week after the horrendous earthquake, much repair work has been done but conditions to the East of the city still need much more time. As this was to be the main route for the run some changes were needed. With checks on the not so good weather forecast, road closures, and other problems around the city we headed for the Botanic Gardens.

We had to have a Spring theme somewhere and the gardens were safe and in prime welcoming mode with the daffodil and snowdrop display covering many areas. Also, there is the river through the Gardens lined with many trees in delicate blossom supported by many magnificent Magnolia's in full flower. The whole scene was so beautiful and had drawn many visitors – maybe looking for something to soothe twitchy nerves.

Then off to our picnic place for lunch at Coe's Ford carefully navigating some areas of uneven broken road with liquefaction on the sides. Coe's Ford is usually a trickle of water but now flowing fast and full. The birds are singing and plenty of room to sit eat and talk.

After lunch we set off to the Air Force Museum for coffee and a look at the displays. The Aircraft represent the latest and greatest of their era from Peace to Wartime. Also a great history of the Air Force Personnel and their heroism. This is an excellent museum well worth the time.

A neat days outing comparing earthquake experiences and admiring Spring's arrival.

Mel Peters

Plea from a Member

CMS members AnneMarie & Peter Baldwin have had a rather unpleasant experience with having work done on their Oldsmobile at BrandsHatch in

Christchurch. This company has now disappeared and they had to retrieve their car from storage where it was left without their knowledge. But, and this is the most infuriating thing, their car is now no longer complete and is undriveable which is not the condition that it started in! They ask that anyone knowing the whereabouts of parts for an 1941 Oldsmobile (e.g. driveshaft) to please get in contact with them as they could well have come off their car! Also, they have been left with a Buick handbook that isn't theirs. Please contact them directly on 03-318 0733 or by email petann@extra.co.nz

A Blast from the Past

Once again, because there's some room in this newsletter, I've had a rummage through some of the older newsletters and found these photos, with their original captions — enjoy!

Classic Marathon 1998



The start in Wanganui on Thursday morning with everyone looking up to their leader (???) - Geoff Ridley.

The intrepid Americans, Ole Anderson & his daughter Dea, who travelled in Geoff Ridley's 2-stroke Saab.



Classic Marathon 2000



This was part of the line up of cars at the start of the Marathon at the Antarctic Centre.



A line-up of some rather dusty looking cars at the lunch break at Mandeville Airport.



Lloyd and Glenda Millar leading a convoy of cars across the Gates of Haast in their Ford Cortina.



Part of the line up of cars at the final drivers' briefing at Hokitika.

Ray Donnell sporting the infamous shark hat at the start of the Classic Marathon 2000 in Christchurch (not the original caption).



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