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Events Diary 2011

Sunday, Jul 3 **Jumping July**
Opportunity to celebrate USA Independence Day

Tuesday, Jul 5 **AGM**
Join us and have a say in the Club's future

Sunday, Aug 7 **Alpinal August**
Last chance for a shakedown run before the Alpine

August 19-21 **Alpine Classic**
Woolly wearing weather as we look for snow!

Sunday, Sept 3 **Springtime September**
Celebration of all things springy (not earthquakes!)

Sunday, Oct 2 **October Outing**
Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Sunday, Nov 6 **Nosing into November**
Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Sunday, Dec 4 **Christmas BBQ**
Combined Clubs Christmas BBQ

Jumping July **Sunday, 3rd July**
Its time to celebrate USA Independence Day!

Let's hope that it stays calm all day. It is as close as we can be to celebrate USA Independence Day. Join us with your car from the USA for a tour of the Plains and visit to some historic places. You don't have to have a car from America just come along even if you have to borrow the Grandchildren's scooter! Anything will do, just come along!

Starting as usual, 10.30am at the southern-most car park of Princess Margaret Hospital. Gold coin entry donation to St Johns Ambulance.

AGM **7pm, Tuesday, 5th July**

Please come and join us for our AGM. Its your opportunity to take part in planning what we're going to get up to over the next year. Formal notification of the club's AGM was included with the June newsletter.

This year we're back at the South Christchurch Library in the Sydenham Room, South Learning Centre. The Library is on Colombo St between the river and the Cashmere Working Mens Club.

Alpinal August **Sunday, 7th August**

A planned Mini Alpine before the BIG EVENT — the ALPINE CLASSIC. With so many of the hill roads closed around Christchurch and surrounds I thought a car park ramp would do! On second thoughts they did not fare so well so this calls for a re-think of the original plan. Come along and be surprised.

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Alpine Classic 2011 **Fri 19 - Sun 21 Aug**

The intention of the Alpine Classic is for everyone to have a fabulous time exploring some of the South Island countryside in convivial company and celebrating classic cars. Hopefully we'll find snow!

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From **Sharpie's Dashboard**

Welcome to the colder weather. On behalf of those of us who did the April Fools Tour, I want to thank our Nelson and Blenheim colleagues for putting together a great tour. All tarmac and a great variety of cars from the new to the old. The motoring was "Classic", the company great, and that is what it is all about.

There are a couple of ideas we want to use, particularly the informal get together at the end of each day. Thanks guys!!

AGM

Our AGM is coming up soon and the details are in the newsletter. Come along and have some input into your club, you could even stand for the committee. If you want to know what is involved give me a call.

August Alpine

Graeme Matheson and I have been away doing the final plot for our Alpine in August. **Have you got your entry in yet? There are still some places left.** It looks like being about two thirds tarmac and, being the Alpine, some gravel. All the gravel roads were in good nick when we plotted despite the stormy, rainy, wild and windy weather. We think we have the balance right but might have to go down south and shorten day 3 a bit if you want to do touristy things.

As in past years, the Alpine Classic will be run over a combination of sealed and well formed gravel roads.

We've taken the Red & Black theme this year because of the events in Canterbury but we're planning to leave the earthquakes behind. Attire appropriate to the theme is always appreciated, particularly at the Saturday night dinner.

A quick summary of the Alpine Classic plan follows:

- Day 1 (Fri 19th): start at small country school near Ashburton, meander through Canterbury with great roads, good scenery and plenty of time for lunch. Finish in Oamaru. Own arrangements for evening meal.

2012 Marathon

Planning is under way for next year's South Island Marathon and as I have indicated, it will be called the TT for Tarmac Tour with alternative gravel routes for those who want them, including SAAB drivers. Thought it might be time to head to Te Anau and Milford regions again with a lay day in that region. Details to follow.

2012 South Australian Odyssey

Robin Fletcher, our Australian member, has started work on the South Australian Odyssey for September 2012. A route and details will come with the next newsletter. It looks great so far. Two of many high lights will be the Adelaide stop over which coincides with the Bay to Birdwood classic car run, (baytobirdwood.com.au) and another to explore the Outback around Broken Hill.

We are still working on the costing and budget accommodation details but including a couple of dinners and a breakfast and other bits and pieces it looks like around the \$400 to \$450 mark plus accommodation and cars. We had a field of 17 for the Victorian event and would love to set a new record.

Membership Challenge

I would like to set a challenge for us all. One new member from each current member by the end of the year. Spread the word because the more entries we have on the major events the lower the cost per car. Besides we should not be the only ones to have fun with "Classic Motoring"

Sharpie

- Day 2 (Sat 20th): interesting roads, hopefully snow, finishing back in Oamaru. (2 nights in one place!) Buffet dinner with Red & Black theme.
- Day 3 (Sun 21st): undulating country roads, finish with afternoon tea in Mid-Canterbury.

You don't have to be a member of the club to participate, but if you are you get a \$25 discount. We still have some places available at the moment but entries are still coming in so we're not sure when we'll fill the tour. If you've sent your entry form in with payment, **YOU'RE IN!!!** If you have friends that would like to join us, the information and entry form are on our website.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Springtime September Sunday, 4th Sept

That date has some huge memories. The original Spring Run was postponed due to the earthquake. This year we will again enjoy our Spring Run to see the new fresh life as it unfolds.

Upcoming Events!

Classic Marathon 2012 Sat 18 - Sat 25 February

As with the Alpine Classic, we've set the Classic Marathon date as the third full week in February in every even year. In 2012 we'll be running it in the South Island!

Nothing definite yet as the Alpine Classic is taking up our time at the moment but ideas are starting to be thrown around.

Odyssey 2012 Wed 26 Sept - Sun 7 Oct

This Australian Odyssey is starting near Melbourne, passes through Adelaide and back to Melbourne. We cover Victoria, South Australia and outback New South Wales. Lots of adventures to be had in this country!

The Classic Motoring Society is running this tour but once again Robin Fletcher is doing the route planning on our behalf. We will be inviting the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club to join us. They have hosted us before and were the organisers of the Tassie Tour a few of our members joined last year.

We're looking forward to a fabulous Odyssey!

Monthly Runs

Winter Conditions

We will stay with the picnic lunch option and will find a sheltered place for lunch if the weather turns bad on us. If it is really bad weather and you feel like an outing, come to Princess Margaret Hospital southern car park at 10.30am and we will go for coffee.

Run Suggestions

As you know, we're always keen for people to take on organising one of our monthly runs. They're not arduous to do and everyone is always very appreciative of your efforts. Even if you don't feel up to organising it, suggestions are gratefully received.

Jittery June Report

It was a cloudy June morning when we met at Princess Margaret Hospital for another great trip, thanks to Mel and Gill. Twelve cars arrived and after everyone collected the instruction sheets, we set off.

After leaving, we drove through Halswell, on to Shands Road, passing through Springston and Leeston, onto S.H.1, turning right to cross the Rakaia overhead bridge, then left on to North Rakaia Road. This road took us into dairy farm country, driving carefully past a herd of several hundred cows, avoiding any "pancakes" (!) and onwards to Hororata Domain for lunch.

The tennis pavilion verandah provided us some shelter from the drizzly rain that had developed along the way.

After lots of friendly chatting, we then proceeded through Greendale and Aylesbury and on to a Rolleston cafe for coffee and cake.

Thanks to all who took part in this enjoyable day.

Gill Milne

FOMC

As the Classic Motoring Society is a member of the Federation of Motoring Clubs, we thought we take advantage of their newsletter and reprint some information that could be of interest to our own members!

Legislation Article from FOMC (Federation of Motoring Clubs)

Demerits introduced for vehicle registration and licence offences

From May 1 2011, it will be possible for drivers to receive up to 20 demerit points on their licence for driving an unregistered or unlicensed motor vehicle.

The introduction of demerits, in conjunction with lower fines, is designed to crack down on vehicle owners who deliberately avoid paying their vehicle licence fees. With the cost of licensing some vehicles at over \$600 a year, some owners prefer to risk the maximum \$200 fine rather than re-licence it. With the bulk of the licence fee being compulsory ACC levies, the Minister of Transport, Steven Joyce, says its unreasonable for the majority of motorists to subsidise the accident insurance costs of a minority.

“There is a segment of drivers and motorcyclists who put their vehicle license on hold while continuing to drive their vehicle as a way of avoiding payment. That’s unfair to other law-abiding motorists. Demerit points can act as a stronger deterrent than fines as repeat offenders will face the loss of their drivers licence,” says Mr Joyce.

The fine for one of the more common offences - failing to display a current licence label, even though the owner may have renewed it but forgot to replace it - reduces from \$200 to \$75, with no demerits.

The new penalties apply only to those tickets served personally by a Police officer. The standard \$200 fine still applies to infringements issued by parking wardens, who don’t have the power to issue driver licence demerits. Police will also continue to give a person ticketed for the first time with an unlicensed car a two week grace period to license their vehicle, meaning no penalties will apply if they do so within that timeframe.

In another change, owners caught driving a vehicle with its registration on hold will be required to hand in their number plates if they have abused this right in the past. This is to stop owners driving a unlicensed vehicle, in theory because it will be obvious without any plates. Alternatively, the NZTA could refuse the application to put the rego on hold, meaning they will have to pay. And if they don’t, they will incur backdated charges and risk the registration being cancelled after two years.

This new penalty caused some upset in the classic car community when the Ministers’ press release was issued in early April, with some people (including the media) misinterpreting this as applying to everyone who puts their rego on hold. However, it only applies to those who tell NZTA they don’t plan to use the vehicle for at least 3 months, and are then caught doing so more than once.

The changes to penalties are:

Offence	Current penalty <i>Will continue to apply to offences enforced by parking wardens</i>	New penalty <i>only for tickets personally served by a police officer</i>
Unregistered	\$200	\$150 plus 20 demerit points
No plates affixed	\$200	\$150 plus 20 demerit points
Driving while licence on hold	\$200	\$150 plus 20 demerit points
Unlicensed vehicle	\$200	\$100 plus 15 demerit points
Current licence label not affixed	\$200	\$75

