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CHANGES TO ROAD RULES,

You probably don't need reminding but the **Give Way rules change at 5am on Sunday the 25th of March.**

Essentially they have reverted to the old rule where if you are turning right you give way to left turning traffic and if you are turning from the leg of a T you give way to traffic turning right from the top of the T.

Mind you that one should be easy to remember as a fair number of motorists have never understood the current rule anyway.

I remember when they made the change many years ago because it *would reduce the number of accidents and be much safer*. You will not be surprised that they are changing it back because it will *reduce the number of accidents and be much safer*,

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Events Diary 2012

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

Twin Rivers fund raising parade organised by Avonhead Rotary Club

Assemble at A&P Show grounds, Curletts Rd from 10am.
Run (Parade) starts at 12:15.

Because of earthquake damage run will follow a new route this year. Entry \$15 per car, spectator cars \$10.
Awards for best American, Australian, British and European cars

Proceeds to The Child Cancer Foundation

APRIL FOOLS RUN - SUNDAY 1ST APRIL:

No tricks just join us at Princess Margaret Hospital West End Car Park by 10.30am. Don't forget your picnic lunch as we will not see any shops along the way!

MAY MADNESS- SUNDAY 6TH MAY:

This interesting run is being organised by Jack Coleman and will have two meeting points. Either at PMH car park 3 ready to go at 10:30 as usual or at 11:15 am at the West Melton Hotel car park. Bring the usual things

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ODYSSEY 26TH SEPT TO 8TH OCTOBER

See website for details or get entry form and details from sharpish@clear.net.nz





Well, the Marathon is done and dusted for another year. I understand a report will come out in the next newsletter. It looks as though we have broken even financially and a good time was had by all with no major breakdowns. Weather was pretty awful. The Top Ten camps worked out well so we will probably use again.

Your committee met on the 19th of March and set a firm date for the AGM in June. It will be held on the 19th of June. Venue to be advised. Like all committees we need reinventing every now and then and whilst most are prepared to stand again there will be a vacancy for a new Chairman/President this year.

We have pushed the date of the marathon back to the end of the second week of March 2014. February seemed like a good idea but clashed with the peak tourist season making accommodation a bit tight.

We are aware that some members find the Marathon and to a lesser extent the Alpine to focused on long distance driving and we have taken that on board. We are planning a couple of weekend runs over the next year where the distances will be shorter and the opportunity to do touristy things and socialise a bit more. We even have an evening activity or two in mind, but more on that later.

If there is enough interest the Saab Classics crew are going to organise a hub tour based in Hamner with a run through the Molesworth one day and the Rainbow via Murchison a day or perhaps two later. It will need to run before the end of March 2013 while the Molesworth is open. Both roads are extraordinary and the rainbow in particular can be a bit challenging. So if you are interested, contact me or Graeme Matheson

Mel will be away for a few months but we have the Sunday runs covered so there is no change there. We have had a few problems with the membership list and hope to get the 2012 membership cards out this week. The committee has decided that people who join the club to do the alpine will retain their membership for the following year,

Our membership the Federated Motoring Clubs of NZ has been renewed for another year. FOMC make representations to the Pollies in Wgt as well as NZLTA, the AA and other organisations to safe guard the interests of those who like to play with Vintage and Classic Cars

Well that's about it for now. Safe and happy motoring

Coming Events Continued:

TENTH NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CLASSIC CAR RALLY – 14TH – 20TH OCTOBER 2012:

The event is a hub rally based at McLean's Island the home of the Vintage Car Club. Run by Roy Hughes & his team this event is always an interesting week for you, your classic car & like minded folks from all over New Zealand. These rallies have been running since 1995 with the first event here in Christchurch & every 2nd year (at least) in some other city. If you are interested contact Mel (337 4144) or Roy Hughes on royhsyncom@xtra.co.nz.

MG Track Day

Unfortunately the MG track day at Levels was cancelled due to the risk of wet weather and a number of entrants pulling out making it not economical to run. We had 5 people contact Steve which was a few less than I thought might like to have a go. Maybe next time!! We have written to the MG Club thanking them for their generous invitation.

Report on MARCH SUNDAY RUN

It started out as another 2012 summer day, overcast, showers, and a good keen breeze.

We had a reasonable turnout with two meeting places. At the Waimak Mel and Gill were presented with flowers for their 50th wedding anniversary before we set off through Eyreton to reach Oxford where we rugged up and had a picnic lunch. What hardy souls we are.

After lunch we headed through the Waimak Gorge, Waddington and on through the scenic route to The Rakaia Gorge twin bridges. Some of us had done this route in reverse on the marathon so we knew what to expect.

The weather improved a bit as we meandered our way to Rolleston and a very nice tea, coffee and cakes.

Special thanks to Mel (and Gill) who took the time out of a hectic and special weekend to organise our run and join us on the day. Congratulations on your 50th and enjoy your holiday

In Next Month's Issue

A full marathon Report with illustrations.

An update on the South Australian Odyssey

You contributions (if you send them in to:

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