



# August 2012

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## Events Diary 2012

### **Sunday, Aug 5** **Trying to Trial**

Our 2nd navigational run! Come and have fun

### **Sunday, Sep 2** **Spring into September**

Normal Sunday run, probably with a daffodil theme.

### **Sep 26-Oct 7** **South Australian Odyssey**

Offshore adventure in the wilds of Australia

### **Sunday, Oct 7** **Ode to October**

Normal Sunday run

### **Sunday, Nov 4** **Nosing into November**

Normal Sunday run

### **Sunday, Dec 2** **Christmas Picnic**

Combined Christmas Picnic with all classic vehicle clubs in Christchurch & Canterbury invited

### **Mid/late Feb 2013** **Weekend Event**

Adventurous weekend by Saab Classics Downunder

### **Navigating August Sun, 5th August** **A Trialling Time to the West**

Due to repeated requests for another, the August run will consist of a navigational car trial. We're finishing at a domain, so bring your picnic lunch, and after lunch a run back to town, stopping at Rolleston for tea and coffee. Just in case it is too wet for outdoor dining there is a great café, not far from the domain

The trial will be conducted over mainly sealed roads (there is about 3.4km of good gravel). You will understand why when you get there. Remember that trials are organised by people who are a bit pedantic so you will need to follow the guide below. You may see cars going a slightly different way to you but that is normal.

You will be provided with a set of rules when you arrive at the Princess Margaret car park so be good and early so we can get the first car away at 10:30 on the dot. We will have someone there at 10am. Always good fun, so come along and have a go.

#### **Guide**

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 August the average speed will be 55 kilometres per hour (1 km every 1 minute and 5 seconds overall) or for those of us in older cars .62 of a mile. (If you prefer make it 1 mile in 1 minute and 45 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

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## Julian's Jottings

As newly elected Chairman I would like to thank those present at the AGM for their vote of confidence and Graeme for his dedication over the past 3 years. I look forward to the challenge of maintaining and building the club's reputation going forward and welcome any suggestions or ideas from you the members.

### About Me:

born in Mid Canterbury, married to Kathy

### Occupation:

Electrician, currently in cable sales[sic]

### Favourite Car:

58 – 59 Corvette Roadster

### Presently own:

73 Triumph Stag, 65 Mini plus a few other projects!

### Would like to own (beside the Corvette):

57 -60 Mopar coupe the bigger the fins the better!

### Favourite saying:

You can never have too many vehicles

More next month.

*Julian Barrett*

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 to 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 if you get it right and we will find a winner by working out who has recorded most CHECKS and is closest to the average speed.

This is what a **CHECK** board looks like: They have a white reflective border and CMSNZ on the bottom

**CHECK**

They are always on the left hand side of the road and will have a **code on the top which you write down**, and a **number on the bottom which is your next instruction number**

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

## Some Comments on a Navigation Car Trial from a Newbie

Last November Ian and I did the first navigation car trial that the Graemes organised for CMSNZ and I thoroughly enjoyed it! This was despite doubting the instructions and trying to outwit the plotting, thereby getting thoroughly lost and confused.

So a word of warning from someone who was trying to be a smarty pants — trust the plotters and do what they say. They're not trying to outwit you. If you do exactly what's written down, you'll be able to do the whole thing without any problems.

I intend to be on this run and have another go at a navigation car trial as it was lots of fun, even though we were last!

*Stephanie Royds*

## Spring into September Sunday, 2nd Sept

Organised by Stephanie and Ian. Promises to be a visual delight. Take some time out to stop and enjoy the flowers. Details to follow.



## South Australian Odyssey

**September 25th to October 8th**

Max Clarke has arranged a great deal on rental cars for us and for pre-tour accommodation. Still a few spots left if you want to have a great holiday with plenty of time to see the touristy things each day.

Contact Graeme Sharp if you want a copy of the tourist highlights and he will send you all 24 pages!

See website for details or get entry form and details from [sharpish@clear.net.nz](mailto:sharpish@clear.net.nz)

## **Ode to October Sunday 7th Oct**

Normal Sunday run to welcome an early summer (hopefully) ending at an interesting venue. More details to come.

## **10th NZ Classic Car Rally 14-20 October This is NOT a CMSNZ event**

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

## **Nosing into November Sunday, 4th Nov**

Usual Sunday run more details to follow.

## **Annual Combined Clubs Christmas Picnic Sunday, 2nd Dec**

This has become an annual event for us and many other Christchurch clubs. If you belong to another club, could you please invite them to put it into their event diary?

At this stage, we will be at Orton Bradley again. The CMSNZ is organising the picnic this year and yes, Santa will be there!! More details will be provided as the year progresses.

## **Saab Classics Downunder Tour Mid to late Feb, 2013**

The Rainbow and Molesworth Hanmer hub tour organised by Saab Classics Downunder will be in mid to late February. They are waiting on confirmation from DOC on road opening dates. Details will follow.

## **Twin Rivers Charity Parade Sunday, 3 March 2013**

We've received advance notice that the Twin Rivers Charity Parade is on again so reserve this date.

## **New Members**

A big welcome to Neil Teika. Neil drives a 1972 PI TR6.



## **North Canterbury Run Report**

It was a cold bleak day that greeted us but that did not stop 22 enthusiasts bringing their cars out for John Gallagher's North Canterbury run. We headed off and traversed some great roads on the way to Motunau. A cruise through the badly damaged Brooklands area, now zoned red, was interesting as most of the houses still looked OK. However, the officials have decided that the land is pretty bad. Apparently a lot of the residents have appealed their zoning so good luck to them.



Out through Lineside Road to have a look at Rangiora town centre which was also earthquake damaged with many empty shops and a container wall along the main street just in case the buildings collapse. Good clear instructions took us out to the Main North Rd via Tulls Rd and then up north to reach Motunau Beach and a lunch break. What hardy souls we are as the weather was only average but the view was great and the company good.







It was just as well John had his referees whistle to summons us to start the second leg which took us through Waikari, Hawarden via some good driving roads before heading through Balcairn and Ashley to reach the Soda Café in Lehman's Road at the back of Rangiora. What a wonderful surprise that was as it is not visible from the road and John had us wondering as we went up a long farm drive to reach the café.



Not sure who was most surprised, us at finding this great little café or the owners who had 30 enthusiastic customers descend on them on an already busy Sunday.



It was a great day out so our thanks go to John Gallagher for organising it and his clear and precise directions, and, of course, the whistle.

*Kemo Sabe*

## June Car Run Report

The day started off sunny and bright but slowly

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deteriorated — fortunately the rain stayed away. We met at the usual time and place before heading off via Prebbleton to meet with the others at Rolleston. From Rolleston we headed south stopping at Rakaia for coffee and pit stop and to pick up the Westobys in the Daimler and the O'Malleys driving a beamer.



From Rakaia it was inland along Thompsons Track to Ashburton Forks, where we veered right and ended at Mt Somers stopping at the old Mt Somers General Store. Walking into the store was like stepping back in time 50 years, a real living gem!



Leaving Mt Somers we drove to Mayfield via Anama Settlement Rd where we congregated at the local domain for lunch and viewed some of America's finest Buick, Chev and T'Bird belonging to potential new members. With lunch over it was time to browse through Jan Howden's treasure trove of odds and sods from books and clothing, tools and trinkets to junkyard art, something for everyone.

Departing Mayfield we headed back to Rakaia via Valetta and Thompsons Track to stop for coffee at Salmon Tales before making our way home. A great day out in the country with a total of 17 vehicles in attendance.

*Julian Barrett*