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FEBRUARY SUNDAY REPORT:

Some new parts of Banks Peninsula most of us have not ventured to before. The sheltered Okuti Valley was our lunch time venue and then we headed off to explore the Kaitoreke Spit. We drove most of the way South till a shut gate and a fire in the distance stopped us but we were only about 1km from the end. We retrace our route to Birdlings Flat and Lake Forsythe for a look at the beach and surrounds.

Many made a visit to a recently opened museum to see an amazing selection of polished and natural stone – petrified wood and crystals with beautiful colours. Worth a look if you are in the area.

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Events Diary 2012

Coming Events

MARCH MAYHEM – SUNDAY 4TH MARCH - CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

To avoid some members driving over the same area 2 weeks in a row! Instead we are going on a North Canterbury Ramble. 2 meeting / starting places, the usual PMH West car park @ 10.30am or just past the petrol station on the North side of the Waimak over the old bridge. We will depart from here 11.15am approx.

MARCH 3 AND 4TH IS THE MG TRACK WEEKEND

At Levels Raceway. This gives you a choice of two different events on the same weekend. If you have an inclination to trying your track skills or re discovering them then head down to Levels on either Friday night or early Saturday morning. Camping is in order or stay in a Motel. The details are in the February Newsletter so **If you intend to go contact Steve on 3271689 or 0272296865 and he will give you the arrangements for payment)** It will be great to see a good turnout.

APRIL FOOL'S RUN – 1ST APRIL

Is this tempting fate or what! Just joking – we promise we'll behave on this run. Details next month

MAY MADNESS – SUNDAY 6TH MAY:

Now is your chance to stamp your ideas on the Sunday runs. Mel & Gill will be absent for the next 4 monthly runs – give or take a week or two. If you want to share your ideas or organise an outing please contact any committee member.

From Sharpies Dashboard



We are away on the marathon with another 13 keen crews on Sunday the 19th and will arrive back in Christchurch on the 26th.

This month's newsletter is a quickie as we rush to finish preparation for the tour. A busy time coming up with two

events at the beginning of March. There is the regular Sunday run on the 4th for those who prefer that and for others who want to do something a bit different there is the MG Canterbury track weekend at Levels Raceway. Your committee members, mainly through Ellen and Julian do a thoroughly good job to encourage good relationships between the various Marque Clubs and CNSNZ.

Your participation in the Levels weekend will be a great reward for them and give you the chance to learn or practice some special driving skills. As they say, we are never too old to learn.

The details were in the Feb news letter and Steve's contact details are in this month's coming events section.

Some of us have our entries in for South Australia and air fares confirmed. We are really looking forward to exploring new country with enough time for the touristy things most days. The Bay to Birdswood classic/vintage car run is on a lay day so we can have a good gander and also visit the Birdswood National Museum. Ticket price included in the entry fee.

They usually get between 1200 and 1500 cars turning out and no, these numbers are not typos.

We will have a marathon report next month

Safe motoring

Sharpie.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ODYSSEY 26TH SEPTEMBER – 8TH OCTOBER

Entries are coming in which is great. We will be opening up to other clubs and our Australian friends from the Macedon Ranges Club at the beginning of March so get your entry form and deposit in to ensure a spot. A great opportunity to explore South Australia and lower New South Wales. Enjoy the relaxed social experience of touring with others.



This is your editor in a red and black moment of madness taken on the Alpine Tour, more photos next month, but we can be bribed.