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## Events Diary 2012

### MAY B MADNESS --- Sunday 6th MAY.

Bring usual things ~ie~ vehicle ,navigator,. picnic lunch, The run contains a small amount of well groomed gravel road, and Jack promises that it will pose no problems Report to PMH car park 3 ready to go at 10.30 or West Melton tavern car park 11. 15

### JUNE CAPERS --- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Queens birthday weekend)

Normal Sunday run so just bring the usual to PMH Car Park 3 ready to go by 10:30. Hoping for fine weather for a mid year picnic, alternative arrangements being made . See next news letter.

### TENTH NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CLASSIC CAR RALLY – 14<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year (at least) in some other city. If you are interested contact Mel (337 4144) or Roy Hughes on [royhsyncom@xtra.co.nz](mailto:royhsyncom@xtra.co.nz).

### Notice of Annual General Meeting.

The Classic Motoring Society of New Zealand Incorporated advises that its' 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held at 7: 00 pm on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 at the Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Rd Upper Riccarton in the Learning Centre, Room 3.

Annual Accounts for 2011 will be presented and an election of officers will be conducted in addition to general business. A full agenda will be available prior to the meeting  
Stephanie Royds Secretary      Graeme Sharp      Chairman  
Dated:19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

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### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ODYSSEY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPT TO 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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 high lights and he will send you all 9 pages.

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



## From Sharpies Dashboard



A reasonably quiet time for us with just the Sunday runs in the immediate future, but we have the South Australian Odyssey to in September/October and yes there are just a few spaces left if you would like to join the 16 entrants from

New Zealand we have so far.

The SAAB crew are going ahead with an adventurous run over a 3 day weekend in March 2013.: a trip through the Molesworth and the Rainbow using Hanmer as a hub point. Thanks to those who have expressed an interest. More details later in the year.

Good to see some new faces on the April Sunday run and thanks to Bruce Keddie for the report and photographs. We took the donation box to St John and we had \$308 dollars to donate. Thanks for your contributions. Aiming for even more next time for this worthy charity organization.

The new Give Way rules seem to have settled in rather well and the predictors of doom and gloom would appear to have misjudged our ability to adjust to a couple of minor changes.

Of major importance is the AGM coming up in June ( see notice in newsletter) and provides you with the opportunity to help set the future direction of the Society.

As reported last month we have had some great feedback on our major events. We have taken on board that sometimes we have too much driving in a day and not enough time to explore, socialise and picnic. As the plotter (along with Graeme Matheson) of most of the major events it is sometimes just a bit too easy to add in a road because it looks like fun, and before you know it we have another longish day. The marathon will most likely still be a "marathon" but there are alternatives.

In response your committee is planning some other weekend runs similar to those that went to Akaroa and Kaikoura and we will keep you informed about that. The first will most likely be in the spring. We will have updated brochures available soon and these will be available to members to give to friends and acquaintances.

The Twin Rivers run organised by Rotary Avonhead had about 470 cars turn out. I don't know if you are aware that this run was an initiative of your club and the first 5 years (as I recall) were run by the club before we handed it to Rotary Avonhead. It might be simplistic of me but the owners of those 470 cars are all potential members. We also had a good turnout for the run. Thank you.

That's all folks

Sharpie

## CONGRATULATIONS

**\$308**

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## ST JOHN AMBULANCE

**From members contributions  
made on the Sunday Runs  
A great result so thank you all on  
behalf of St John.  
A great effort.**



Mother Nature decided to commence April 1<sup>st</sup> with low cloud and cool temperature. However by the time about 17 cars had assembled at the PMH. Car park Mother Nature had decided she was only joking and turned it into a warm day with little or no cloud. Among the 17 vehicles were some regulars plus some who are not so regular cars (plus crew) and a group calling themselves the Old School Group who came along to see what a CMS run was all about. The Old School group were maybe a little younger than the average CMS regular and although some drove cars familiar to us all. (A Cortina and a Valiant etc.) there was also a Nissan and a Subaru to add some variety.

After the usual natter and catch-up we departed for a run through familiar outskirts of South West Christchurch and on past Tai Tapu and Motukarara

to then climb up over Gebbies Pass to Teddington. For me it was a perfect morning to blast up Gebbies Pass in my MG Midget with it's 1275cc BMC "A" series motor making all the right noises both going up the Pass and then down the other side, with all that "Snap, Crackle & Pop" from the exhaust that these little motors make on the over-run when everything is tuned just right. At the Wheatsheaf Tavern we turned right and more perfect MG Motoring through to Diamond Harbour and on to our lunch spot at Port Levy. A little confusion here as the sign says your going to Pigeon Bay before we had arrived at the wee settlement and wharf for our lunch location at Port Levy.



Time for lunch and the usual circle of seats, tables and chilli bins followed by more nattering and a little exploring around the outskirts of the parking area including the wharf. Then about mid afternoon someone suggested we head back to the Blue Duck tea-rooms on the Motukarara side of Gebbies Pass. Some went back via Gebbies Pass and others via Little River and we all arrived at the Blue Duck within a few minuets of each other. More coffee. More natter and then it was time to final MG experience and head home. One small break on the way home to check out a left hand drive MGCGT for sale on the side of the road (asking \$22,000) before home to unpack the boot and park the MG away in it's wee house to wait for another day.

Thanks of course to the organisers, without who of course nothing would have happened.

Bruce Keddie