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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY AUG 4<sup>TH</sup>

A great drive planned with plenty of views of the snow! Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 10.30am. Alternate meeting place corner of Volkman & Main Road just prior to Leeston Township.

### THURSDAY AUG 15<sup>TH</sup>

**GOLD CARD CRUISERS:** Meet in Tai Tapu on Main Akaroa Road at Memorial prior to entering the township. 10.30am. Picnic Lunch. This outing will be organised by Sue Coleman & Gill Milne.

### FRIDAY AUG 16<sup>TH</sup> *ALPINE*

### SUNDAY SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>

Usual Sunday run – This month organised by the Ladies!

### FRIDAY SEPT 6<sup>TH</sup>

Kaikoura Weekend – Organised by the Blenheim Members of the Nelson Club – More details at the end of the Newsletter.

### SUNDAY SEPT 29<sup>TH</sup>

The 20<sup>th</sup> & final Henry Ford Memorial Rally to be run by Trevor Stanley. Departing Janel Coffee Lounge Car Park New Brighton Mall. Cost \$10 per car. A ½ days motoring is planned with a concert in the afternoon. Non Ford drivers will be welcome at the concert. More details later.

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## JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

It was great to see another good turnout for the monthly run. The perfect venue for Independence Day and everything American from the 50s and 60s, what a nostalgia trip. If you have a penchant towards American cars you may want to look at this website:

[www.vanderbrinkauctions.com/auctions\\_details.php?detail=135](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com/auctions_details.php?detail=135)

- Over 500 vehicles mainly Chevs from a closed dealership, 1967 Impala with 4 miles on the clock.

Continuing from last months thoughts .... I

wonder if today's generation really appreciate the evolution of the motor car or just see it as another commodity like a computer or android phone, for those born in the mid 70 to mid 80s (generation Y) computers were the new technology (remember the microfiche explain that to the grandkids, no it is not a baby goldfish!). We were probably driving around in Holdens, Fords, Chryslers, VDubs and British Leyland. You worked hard and saved until you could afford to buy and then you chose wisely before you parted with your hard earned cash, you took pride and appreciated your wheels. You learnt how to maintain and do basic repairs and sometimes modify your vehicle (didn't really trust anyone else to tamper with your ride)

By the time Gen Y was able to drive the Japanese invasion was here, cars with air conditioning and electric windows was standard. For a dollar down you could have a set of wheels and away you go, no such thing as maintenance maybe check the oil and water or get the garage to do it for you and sadly the love affair with the automobile is slowly in demise.

## JULY AMERICAN OUTING

### The American Café Run

When we left home the weather was nice and mild but by the time we reached PMH a cold wind had sprung up.

We left PMH and headed West, thru Yaldhurst and down the Old West Coast Road as far as Waddington. The weather was getting worse and we could see it was probably snowing thru the mountains, this is a worry for us as we have neither heater or hood on the Morgan.

We left Waddington and crossed the railway line and turned left towards Christchurch about 2 kms down the road we turned right and headed for Glentunnel. The further we drove away from the mountains the better the weather was getting.

After Coalgate we headed for the American Café in Hoskins Road.

What a wonderful set up this is you could almost imagine you were in a café in America back in the 60's. The café was beautifully set up and a wonderfully warm place to have lunch

After lunch we had a look thru John's garage at his cars and more memorabilia.

This was the end of another great run and we look forward to next month's run.

Thank you very much to the Jack and Sue, their daughter and son in law for inviting us in to enjoy this wonderful place.



## “GOLD CARD CRUISERS”



Lunch time at Loburn Domain.

The July outing was organised by John & Marilyn Gallagher. We met at the Belfast Hotel and they took us on a journey of their favourite North Canterbury Roads. We toured the new sub-divisions of Kaiapoi & Rangiora and were amazed at the number of new houses under construction. The country roads were a little muddy after all the rain but we managed to dodge most of the dirt. We lunched at the Loburn Domain & had coffee at The Soda Cafe in Rangiora. 8 Cars came & a great time was had by all. Thanks John & Marilyn.

## **KAIKOURA WEEKEND 6<sup>TH</sup> 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

### ***ALPINE UP-DATE***

We are all organised for the Alpine on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of August and will be producing and sending out your route books and plates in the week before the event.

We are a little down on entries this year and would really like to get some more.

So if you can make it get your entry in and you will be included. We have plotted some really good roads with good quality gravel options for those who wish to use them. The trip into the Cobb will be very interesting and we have another surprise option lined up for you, (all going well) We cannot guarantee snow but you just never know.

Hope you can make it if you have not already entered

### **CAR OF THE MONTH**



This was one of the American Cars that John & Justine have in their American Barn & Diner that we visited on our July outing!

### **ORGANISED BY THE NELSON CLASSIC MOTORING SOCIETY**

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Meet at New Commercial Hotel at 6pm for drinks.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept: Meet along the Esplanade at 10.30am for a 10.45am departure up to Mt Lyford lunch (1 hour drive from Kaikoura). Cost of this is \$15 per head.

After lunch drive back to Kaikoura via the Leader Valley (1 hour 20 drive)

Meet at the New Commercial Hotel 6pm for drinks.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept: We have organised something different for the Sunday morning. At 10.30am we will be meeting at The Point for a Sheep Shearing Show at a cost of \$5 per head. (This is on the way to the seal colony on the way to the Peninsular. This show only takes about ½ hour then we will head to Donegal House for Lunch and depart for home.

**As we need to confirm numbers for the Lyford Lunch (\$15), Donegal House Lunch & the Sheep Shearing show (\$5) could you please email Sonja & Peter Greenhill on [spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz) and let them know if you are going.**

### **ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

New Commercial Hotel 03 319 5087  
\$125 Studio – 2 people

Kaikoura Waterfront Apartments – 0800 000 560

Various options from studio to 2 bedroom apartments  
They have a Sept special pay for 2 nights and get the 3<sup>rd</sup> night free for anyone interested.

The White Morph Motor Inn – 0800 803 666  
\$125 Studio Unit for (2 people)  
\$195 2 Bedroom Unit (4 people)

Norfolk Pine Beachfront Motel – 0800 106 706  
\$100 Studio Unit (2 people)

These Motels have been chosen as they are in walking distance to town and the New Commercial Hotel.