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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY FEB 3RD

CLASSIC CAR RACING AT RUAPUNA.

SUNDAY FEB 10TH

FEBRUARY FIESTA - Mel has another of his interesting routes for us to try. Meet Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 @ 10.30am

FRIDAY FEB 15TH

SAAB DOWNUNDER TOUR – More details further down the newsletter.

SUNDAY MAR 3RD

Usual meeting place for an Ides of March surprise.

SUNDAY APR 7TH

APRIL ANTICS – Details next month.

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JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

Welcome to 2013.

It was great to see so many cars turn out for the monthly run, just a pity the rain didn't stay away, however I don't think it dampened too many kindled spirits!

A bit of excitement as we arrived at the Methven Heritage Centre for coffee at the same time as the Fire Brigade, however it turned out to be a false alarm and the coffee wasn't burnt after all!

We were treated to a tour of the museum which is more like an education centre, it is the only facility in Australasia that has a dedicated area to a skifield and the ski industry. With working models it covers everything farming from seeds to dairying and irrigation.

Peter showed off his skills as a digger operator on the virtual computer and Sue is also contemplating a career change.

February is going to be a busy month with the Scope Classic at Ruapuna on the first weekend which means our monthly run for Feb is the second Sunday, then the Hanmer/Molesworth expedition and the Great British Car Rally will see the month out. Until next time ... happy and safe motoring.

TIME TO GET THE CLASSIC OUT

AND ENJOY THE SUMMER

DRIVING

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JANUARY JAUNT REPORT: What a great turn out – Julian ran out of running sheets – altogether 15 cars made the journey to Sharplin Falls near Staverley in Mid-Canterbury. Lovely straight Canterbury roads again. We were pleased to see Bruce & Caroline after Bruce's recent traffic accident – get well soon Bruce. The weather was not so kind to us and it was beginning to drizzle by the time we stopped for lunch on a grassy area close to the Staverly Store. After lunch we headed towards the Sharplin Falls area but the rain settled in – a few hardy motorists took to their feet and made the climb to the falls. Some stayed at the shelter and fought off the sandflies – luckily Jill Milne had some insect repellent. Julian & Cathy had arranged for coffee & cake in Methven – Mel & I headed home as Mel was a bit wet! Thanks once again Julian. Gill Peters.

CHRISTMAS PICNIC REPORT: Our club was the Host Club for this event. We had a really good turn out of members with warm temperatures making for a great day in the out-doors. Stephanie was our Secret Santa and it is always a nice surprise to see how resourceful people are with their gifts. Not so many youngsters this year as the date clashed with the Christchurch Santa Parade. Orton Bradley Park is a great venue for a picnic. 15 Cars attended. Sadly one participant (luckily not one of our members) had his car catch fire after a short in the wiring – many helpful hands arrived plus the all important fire extinguisher!



NEW WOF REGULATIONS:

The NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs has done an intensive survey on the impact of Vehicle Licensing Reform. The survey is 4 pages long so if you wish to view the document it will be on their website www.fomc.co.nz/current.html. There will be a copy available at the Feb outing.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Thank-you to all members who have paid their subs. If you are not sure please contact Stephanie to obtain your status.

APRIL FOOLS RUN – An event held by the Nelson Classic Motoring Society April 19 -21 2013. Beginning in Haast & ending in Oamaru. You need to be a financial member of the Nelson Club to participate. Sooooo if you want to go contact Geoff Morris 17 McMahan St Stoke Nelson 7011. Entry is limited to 50 cars and entries close at the end of Feb

SAAB CLASSICS DOWNUNDER TOUR FEB15TH – 17TH

RAINBOW & MOLESWORTH



To confirm that we are proceeding with a start at Hanmer at 9am on Friday the 15th of February. Start point to be confirmed.

Day One will be a run up to Murchison via Maruia Saddle where Beula Taplin is putting on a light lunch of sandwiches etc. We will meet our northern colleagues at this point.

From here we will use the Braeburn Track through to Lake Rotoroa and then across to the Rainbow Road and so to Hanmer

Day Two will be optional with a proposed run around the Leader loop and back to Hanmer or you may wish to go jet boating, or relax at the hot pools before we get together for a meal.

Day Three (Sunday) will be a run up through the Moleworth where our Northern colleagues will leave us as we head back to ChCh in our own time.

Accommodation

This is your responsibility. We had intended using the Top Ten Holiday Park but it has been fully booked by a corporate. The Hanmer Forest Park have a number of cabins and I have attached their details.

Costs

There will be a nominal entry fee of \$10 per car to cover some basic expenses. Beula Taplin is putting on lunch and although she wishes to provide it at her cost I think we could contribute to that as well. Beula is happy if we make a suitable donation to a charity. There is likely to be a charge to use the rainbow but we cannot confirm that yet.

Entering

This run is a bit like the Sunday runs we have at CMSNZ where you just turn up on the day.

In this case we would like you to e mail Graeme at info@saabclassics.net by the end of January to confirm if you are going to join us. We will then send out an email to you confirming start point and meal arrangements etc by the end of the first week of February.

Roads

We have spoken to the appropriate people and expect both the Rainbow and Molesworth to be open. We have been advised the only chance of them being closed is if the fire danger is too high. We will update this the best we can at the end of the month and again a few days before the run.

Vehicles,

You don't need to have a **SAAB**. We do have three 4WD's coming with us just in case one or more of the SAAB's needs a tow (lol).

Safety.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle is registered, warranted and has at least third party insurance. We are required to obey the road rules and we expect that as usual you will drive to the conditions.

That's all for now. We look forward to hearing from you by the end of the month.

Graeme and Graeme

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Hello Graeme,

I just wanted to inform you that the Mountain Beech Cabins are now available for the dates of February 15-18, 2013. Those are the largest of our cabins and each have 1 Double Bed and 1 or 2 sets of Single Bunks (sleeps 4-6 people).

I have availability in our Forestry Cabins as well.

They each have 2 single beds and we would have 18-20 of these.

Our Larch Wing of the Ensor Lodge (bunk beds) which would sleep a maximum of 24 people

Regards, Carrie