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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER:

Jim & Gill Milne are organising this outing. We will be lunching at Conniston Gardens Ashburton. 10.30am Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 or at the Rolleston Hotel (Rolly Inn) at 11am. There will be a cost of \$8 per head at the Garden.

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER: GOLD CARD CRUISERS:

Organised by John & Marilyn Gallagher. Meet at the Peg (Belfast Hotel) at 10.30am.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER:

Annual Picnic for Combined Motoring Clubs at Orton Bradley Park Charteris Bay.

2014 MARCH 16TH – 22ND

MARATHON -Book your leave. More details on page 4 of the newsletter.

2015 SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEW SOUTH WALES ODYSSEY:

Graeme Sharp is organising another Australian Odyssey. One highlight will be going to BATHURST!

****SITUATION VACANT****

NEW SECRETARY REQUIRED – Stephanie our long serving Secretary will step down at the next AGM. Job Description: Clear the Mail Box – Minutes of meetings – Name Tags – Running the Data Base. Please contact Julian 03 3591100

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JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

Now that daylight saving is well upon us I had plans (like every year) to make the most of it and get a few jobs done prior to the christmas rush. So far I've managed to review last years list and add a few more things to it, seems to get longer instead of shorter ! I can cross firewood of the list thanks to the windy conditions requiring uprooted and broken trees to be cleaned up down on the farm.

Did anyone grab a bargain at the swapmeet, I stayed away incase I was tempted by something I didn't really need like another Stag in reasonable condition (so I was told) and a bargain for \$10k. Maybe next year. Progress has been slow on 1STAG1 with the gearbox now stripped and waiting on price for rebuild, and the engine is waiting a similar fate, meanwhile as time permits I have been tidying up the engine bay and bits and pieces. I also found a Mini

under a pile of rubble that has somehow accumulated in the garage (better add clean garage to that list) I met a friendly bloke called Joe the other day at Rocky Point Service Station on Port Hills Rd after a tip off from John Gallagher that there was a couple of Stags parked around the back, turns out they belonged to customers in for repairs along with a Rover 90, Fiat Bambinas and a few old motorbikes for good measure. Seems to be the place to go for repairs on your classic.

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE

Each Sunday outing we have a box to collect donations for St. John's Ambulance. We have a receipt for \$305.70 for the last year. **Well done Classic Motorists.**

REPORT ON SUNDAY 6th Oct:



Lunch on a sunny day at Oxford Men's Shed Fund Raiser

The usual members congregated at PMH and we drove directly to Rolleston to meet up with another 10 cars. What a great turn out! Mel took us along the enjoyable Telegraph Road – through Darfield by a devious route and out to the Old West Coast Road on the Kimberley Road. We then went West to the Waimak Gorge and after crossing we turned left to explore View Hill & Coopers Creek. Lunch was at the Oxford Domain where the local “Mens Shed” were having a fund raiser. There was a great collection of Classic & Vintage cars on display. It was a really hot day so the Ice-cream Cart was well patronised. There were various stalls and a few early Christmas presents were bought. The men enjoyed looking in the “Shed”. We sat in Summer

temperatures but the next day Oxford was covered in snow and then big winds. Coffee & Cake was at Coffee Worx Rangiora. Again we had prospective new members on this outing. Gill Peters



Two keen men in the Men's Shed

“GOLD CARD CRUISERS”

Thursday 17th Oct.



Ten cars arrived at Rolly Inn Car Park; it was overcast but a warm day. We proceeded on a leisurely drive through Rolleston Township, past the new McDonalds and the various sub-divisions, including the most recent Faringdon & Stonebrook where we saw a multitude of tradesmen on the building sites, the houses seem to appear like “mushrooms”. After reaching the main Highway through Catherine Fields, we drove over the railway, along Jones Road into the

Izone Industrial Area where we noted more new huge buildings. We then turned South into the Countryside, observing a lot of wind damage; trees down etc along the way to Greendale Domain, a lovely sheltered spot for lunch. From there we went left on to the Bealey Road, on to Te Pirita, along Rakaia Terrace emerging at Bankside where we said farewell to Gill & Mel who were travelling South to join their family for a Special Occasion. The rest of us drove to Dunsandel Store for Coffee & Cake. Thank-you every-one for making this another enjoyable day. Gill Milne

CAR OF THE MONTH:



We became interested in owning a classic after going on a run with Gill and Jim, so we started looking. Jack looked at one at Burnham Garage, but it had a lot of repair work required, which we didn't really want to take on, so we searched on Trade Me, where, in early May 2009, found a good one – 1980 Ford Escort 1.3L !

With Milne's as our "support crew" off we went to Methven, to look before buying. On arrival at the storage yard, we were surprised to discover that the guy selling, was a son of a farming neighbour of ours in West Melton. He had owned the Escort for 26 years, the last four years of which it had been stored in a container.

Once we had seen it and driven it, the only thing we had to do was win the auction. We won the auction on the 5th May and on the 13th

May, off we went again, with Gill and Jim's assistance, to Methven, with a hired car carrier, and brought it home.

During the next fortnight, we did an oil change and filter, new anti freeze, replaced diff. oil and gear box oil and took it to local garage for warrant. In the glove box we found the original Hutchinson Motors, "For Sale" window A1 sign, the AA test report and the yellow ownership papers. The Escort has interesting previous ownership, 1st owner a Mrs Hutchinson, 2nd Thomas Williams then Glen Watson and now the Colemans. It was really great for us to get a vehicle that all we had to do was a little maintenance etc. and have it ready for our first Sunday run with the Car Club.



Gold Card Cruisers lunching at Greendale Domain

OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:

Oxford Country Garden Fete 2 & 3 November
10am – 4pm. Ribblesdale Gardens Cnr Oxford & Barracks Rd Oxford. www.OxfordFete.co.nz.

Classic & Vintage car display Pleasant Point Sth Canterbury 9th Nov 10am – 2pm On grass near Railway Line.

Twin Rivers Classic car Parade – A & P Showgrounds Sunday March 9th 2014.

2014 Marathon

THE WDKHLWA 2014 MARATHON 16TH TO 22ND MARCH 2014

The two Graemes have just returned from plotting what they assure us will be another event that explores some spectacular country and provides a feast for those who enjoy classic motoring.

We are not sure what the name means and the boys are not saying. (must be an in house joke)

*Day One Sunday 16th March: Rakaia to Waimate: 257 km
Accommodation: Kingswood Motel
16 Timaru Road 03 689 8022*

*Day Two Monday 17th March: Waimate to Twizel 218km
Accommodation: McKenzie Country Inn
08000 500 869 Breakfast is included in the room rate.*

*Day Three Tuesday 18th March: Twizel to Cromwell 377km (the longest day before the rest day via two inland passes)
Accommodation: Top 10 Cromwell 0800 10 7275*

Day Four Wednesday 19th March: Rest day at Cromwell

*Day Five Thursday 20th March: Cromwell - Mosgiel 302km
Accommodation: Bella Vista Motel 85 Gordon Road Mosgiel 0800 235 528*

*Day Six Friday 21st March: Mosgiel to Oamaru 276km
Accommodation: North Star Motel 495a Thames Highway 03 437 1190*

*Day Seven Saturday 22nd March: Oamaru to Ashburton 310km.
Accommodation: Hotel Ashburton
Racecourse Road 0800 330 880*

Important Note: ACCOMODATION WILL BE TIGHT AT SOME LOCATIONS so it will need to be confirmed as soon as possible. When booking tell them that you are part of the Classic Motoring Society Group.

***E mail Graeme at sharpish@clear.net.nz
And he will send you an entry form when they are available early November or Ph 021 395 944.***

There will be an opportunity to drive “the track” behind a pace car at the new Motor Sport Venue Highland Park in Cromwell. The cost will be \$50 per car.

The entry fee will be \$420 for 2 people & \$185 for each extra person. The cost includes 3 Dinners & a Breakfast at Oamaru.