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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

Usual Meeting Place Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park No3 at 10.30am. Second meeting place Cnr. Leeston & Volkman's Road Leeston at 11.00am. Bring your Lunch with you.

THURSDAY 14th AUGUST GOLD CARD CRUISERS

Meet at Rolleston Countdown Carpark at 10.30am. Travelling South turn Left at Traffic Lights and Countdown is on your left. As it is still Winter we will again lunch at a cafe. Jim & Gill will be our hosts.

AUGUST

We plan to follow the route of the Mainland Steam train to Arthur's Pass. There are 3 Steam Train Excursions on August Sundays & hopefully with Bruce Keddie's help we will choose the best one weather wise. Meeting place will be the Rolly Inn Rolleston. You will be notified date & time by email when it is confirmed. If no email ring Mel Peters 03 337 4144 for details.

SUNDAY SEPT. 7TH

We will meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at 10.30am. More details next newsletter.

THURSDAY SEPT. 18TH

Gold Card Cruisers Details in next newsletter.

2015 SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEW SOUTH WALES ODYSSEY:

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

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REPORT ON AGM

We had an attendance of 35 members at our AGM. Julian chaired the meeting which was concluded in under ½ an hour.

We farewelled Stephanie & Ian as committee people and welcomed John Gallagher and Barry Ricketts.

Your club is in good heart with good attendances at all events.

JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

It was great to see such a good turnout for the AGM. I almost didn't make it as the clutch in the Mini decided to misbehave the wrong side of Gebbes Pass, turned out to be the clutch cylinder so it's now been overhauled and waiting to be refitted. It is pleasing to see the club is in good shape. Welcome John and Barry onto the Committee, also once again a big thank you to Stephanie for her years of secretarial duties and deservedly she was bestowed the first Lifetime Membership.

REPORT ON JULY 6TH OUTING:

It was AGM day. We left PMH with 16 cars starting. It was good to see Tony Childs in his Dad's early model Chevrolet Truck in great condition.

Up Dyers Pass to the top (Gill & Mel had to go home to check if the iron had been left on) – Around the Southern Summit Road then down Gebbies Pass. Mel had a tricky little loop around the Blue Duck Cafe then back over Gebbies Pass to Teddington.

We skirted Lyttelton Harbour and another loop around Lyttelton then back through the tunnel. A bigger loop this time down to Sumner then back along Ferry Road – Ensors Road – Brougham Street then Colombo Street to Filedelfios Restaurant for our lunch and AGM. A delicious lunch – much chatter and laughter and it was difficult to get quiet for the meeting. Gill Peters



“GOLD CARD CRUISERS” 17th JULY

Eight cars arrived at West Melton car park on a very cool morning.

The sky was clear driving along Bealey then Telegraph roads toward Darfield allowing us a view of the alps covered in snow.

We took the Bangor road through Coalgate and Hororata passing the many dairy farms and herds of cows munching on green feed.

At the end of Te Pirita road we crossed Rakaia overbridge to turn toward Leeston where we all enjoyed a good lunch at Hillyers lots to choose from.

After lunch we motored on toward ch ch turning off to travel the back roads to Burnham and Rolleston on to Izone cafe for a pleasant coffee and cake.

Thank you to everyone for making it another great outing.

Gill Milne.



We hope that we don't find roads like this on our outings.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Stephanie Royds - Life Member

Our club has elected it's first Life member.

Stephanie has been involved in our club since it's inception. The first mention of her in the Minute Book is for organising the first event The Mobil Marathon in 1996.

Stephanie has been the administrator for all of the "longer" events that the club has organised. Many a time she has been standing in the cold for the last car to arrive.

In June 2009 Stephanie "officially" became our Secretary but she had been doing much of that work for a long time.

Stephanie has been our "go to" person when we require information on matters pertaining to the club

We hope you continue to enjoy being a member of our club.

So from 1995 - 2014 Well Done Stephanie Royds

2015 New South Wales Odyssey.

Planning: is well ahead and we have a route schedule mapped out for the 14day grand tour of New South Wales in 2015. The tour will again be plotted by Robin and Barbara Fletcher and we know from experience what a fantastic job they do for us in seeking out points of interest for us to enjoy along the way.

Dates: are still to be decided as the Bathurst race date has not been set yet. Apparently the AFL ((Aussie Rules Football) is changing the date for their final because of the cricket world cup dates. Aussie TV will not broadcast both the AFL and Bathurst on the same day. Dates are expected to be finalised by late September this year.

Costs: are likely to be in the vicinity of \$2750 per car for the 14day tour. This includes all motel /hotel costs, route plotting and route book, commemorative rally plates, and 3 tour dinners. We are subsidising the plotting costs by utilising the surplus accrued on the South Australian Odyssey. We have calculated the exchange rate at NZ .88 cents against the Australian dollar. The Bathurst cost will be an extra as will your rental car and air travel.

Rental cars: are being arranged by Max Clarke who negotiated an incredible deal for the SA tour and he expects a similar outcome. We will keep you informed.

Restricted Entry: the tour will be limited to 20 cars at this stage as some of the centres we intend to visit have limited accommodation. We will review this after the plotting run.

Deposit: once again we will be calling for a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per entrant to cover accommodation deposits which are common in Australia for group bookings. Receipt of your deposit will confirm your entry and we will be asking for these in September/ October this year.

Latest info: We are proceeding with our planning for the 2015 NSW Odyssey the tour has been extended by one day so that we can get to spend 2 days at Bathurst or exploring the region around Orange. We are negotiating an **optional** two day at Bathurst with an experienced Tour Provider recommended by one of our members and expect to have details later in the year. They provide transport to and from the meeting each day, grandstand tickets and pit passes. Robin & Barbara Fletcher are again plotting our tour and will provide a full route book complete with tourist information and no doubt a daily activity to keep our minds alert. Those who have done the Victoria & SA Odysseys will be familiar with the quality of the route books. Contact Graeme Sharp

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