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EVENTS DIARY

**FRIDAY 31ST JAN – SUNDAY 2ND FEB:
CLASSIC CAR RACING AT
RUAPUNA**

SUNDAY 9TH FEB:
Usual meeting place – Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at 10.30am. Alternative meeting place West Melton Hotel car Park.

THURSDAY 13TH FEB:
Gold Card Cruisers: Meeting place will be emailed or Ph Mel Peters 337 4144

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH:
Regular Monthly outing

**2014 MARCH 16TH – 22ND
MARATHON** - Entries now open. Contact Stephanie or Graeme Sharp for an entry form. Entries close at 31st Jan 2014.

**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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****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.

If any members can recommend a new Secretary for our club your committee will follow up the suggestion.

JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

Happy New year to you all!

I trust everyone had a great festive season and are now back into the swing of things.

We celebrated the new year on the waterfront in Singapore with our friends from Perth and 300 thousand other people, that was a once in a lifetime experience especially when the fireworks show was over and everyone was trying to leave, very intimidating be pushed and shoved around, I thought I was going to end up through a plate glass window, anyhow we managed to find a safe zone and waited almost an hour for the crowd to disperse to a comfortable level before continuing. By the time we caught the last train home 5km away it was after 3am. We left Singapore on the 2nd and headed to Melaka for 3 nights enroute to Kuala Lumpur, an interesting place full of history. In KL we were amazed that there weren't a lot of accidents with traffic going in all directions and the amount of motorbikes and scooters ducking and diving in and out the unmarked lanes and at peak times vehicles travelling past you on the wrong side of the road into the oncoming traffic and then cutting in front of you, complete chaos only wish I got it on video!

All seems like a distant memory now that we are back home and looking forward to another year of motor mania.

GOLD CARD CRUISERS GROUP

Any club member is welcome to join our group – gold card or not!

SUBSCRIPTIONS & MEMBERSHIP

The annual subscription of \$25 is now due. Your committee have decided to retain the existing fee. If you have not renewed your sub this will be your last Newsletter.

Membership cards:

This year we have gone with printed neck hangers to put your membership card into. The plan is to use these for our tours as well so if you're coming on the Classic Marathon this year, please bring them with you.

For people who receive their newsletters by email, we will be posting out your new name tags in the coming week. We will notify you by email when these have been sent.

For everyone, if you don't receive a 2014 membership card, please pay your subscription renewal!

REPORT ON SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER:

This is usually the Annual Picnic for the Combined Motoring Clubs. This year there was quite a low attendance but we were joined by the Wolsely & Sunbeam Clubs. The Sunbeam Club used the event to hold their AGM and also had a BBQ! It was a lovely sunny day and we did enjoy the relaxing atmosphere. Secret Santa was able to make his rounds.

Gill Peters



Combined Car Clubs Picnic – Orton Bradley Park Dec 1

“GOLD CARD CRUISERS” Thursday 16thth Dec.

A great turn out of 11 cars for our pre Christmas event. Although the roads were busy we went for a drive to Sumner – the sea was beautiful – We then headed to South Brighton and cruised Marine Parade to Waimairi Beach then the Beach side suburbs – passed by Burwood Hospital then Marshlands Road and then the most direct route to the Soda Cafe in Rangiora. A really nice lunch and great company.

Gill Peters



REPORT ON JAN 5TH OUTING:

There was a really good turn out for our first outing in the New Year. We decided to again explore Banks peninsula and Le Bons Bay was our destination. A shower of rain passed through while we were gathering at PMH so the hood went up and we drove to the Bay that way! We really missed being able to hear the Bell Birds sing along the way. There is no better sight than Akaroa Harbour on a good day. It was really nice in the Domain and a few of us walked to the beach – the tide was out and it was a long way to the waters edge. The top went down and we headed towards Lincoln for the Coffee & Cake – going down from Hilltop the view of a storm approaching across Lake Ellesmere was beautiful. The wet weather chased us around the Lake and finally caught up with us – it got wetter & wetter and finally Mel pulled over and put the hood up. A further 500 yards down the road the rain had gone!

Gill Peters



Lunch at Le Bons Bay

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS JAN 16TH:

The forecasted bad weather again caused us to change our plans! We met at the A&P Showgrounds and went West. Through the Motorway – Templeton – West Melton – Aylesbury – Hororata – Rakaia Gorge and eventually arrived at Alford Forst for our Lunch stop. The drive across the plains was very blustery but under the lea of the mountains our lunch place was very calm and a relaxing place to be. The Domain area was quite close to the Scenic Highway and we were surprised how much traffic used that road. After a long stop in the shade we got back in the car to see the temperature was 32.5c! The Coffee stop was at Dunsandel – another enjoyable day out with Motoring Friends. Gill Peters



Alford Forest – Domain by the Highway

2015 NEW SOUTH WALES ODYSSEY

We are proceeding with our next 14 day adventure in Australia. The final dates are to be confirmed, but it will be late September /early October 2015. The route plotting is underway and it is intended that we circumnavigate the State with a stop- over in Orange so we can go to the Bathurst race meeting. As with the South Australian Odyssey we will be asking for a non- refundable deposit to cover the organising expenses and motel booking deposits.

We will let you know the details once we have the dates confirmed.

If you wish to or are interested in joining us can you please send your details to Graeme Sharp so he can put together a mailing list specific to the tour. We will also give updates in the News- letter.

Graeme's email address for the tour is info@saabclassics.net and his contact details are 03 3278991 or 021 395944.



2014 Marathon

THE WDKHLWA 2014 MARATHON 16TH TO 22ND MARCH 2014

Thank you for your entries. They have been rolling in and we have people from as far afield as Liverpool in England, Whangarei, Wellington and from all over the mainland.

Just a reminder that the tour will start in Rakaia in the side road opposite the big Salmon.

Accommodation has been stretched to almost the limit and several crews will be staying in the overflow venues.

If you do want to enter get your entry in now and get on the phone and book your accommodation before it is completely full.

The Graemes' have finished the route book and once entries close on the 31st we will order the clothing and tour plates and these have been promised for delivery before the end of Feb which means that we can get the tour packs out at the beginning of March.

The Graemes' have told us that there will be plenty of opportunities for some great pictures if you are so inclined.

We are looking forward to another fun but challenging tour



ST PATRICKS DAY.

Hopefully it has not escaped your attention that St Paddy's day falls on day two of the WDKHLWA Marathon on the run from Waimate to Twizel. It is the shortest day to allow sufficient time to celebrate. If you are inclined to be just a little bit silly you could dress or adorn your car accordingly. Not compulsory of course but definitely encouraged

CAR REQUIRED

GLENYS and ROGER ARDEN are coming down from England and while here have entered our Marathon Tour in March.

Sensibly they are not shipping a car down so we would like to organise one for them.

In England Roger has spent 12 years fully restoring a DB Mk 3 to use in a major tour later this year.

Is there anyone out there who can lend or hire a car to Roger and Glenys for our Marathon. They both have clean licences and are in an age group that we are quite familiar with in CMSNZ.

Give Graeme Sharp a call or text (021 395 944) and he can put you in touch with the Ardens' so that the necessary arrangements and agreement can be made. Or if you prefer Graeme will act as the middle man on your behalf.

OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:

**Classic Motor Racing at Ruapuna:
Fri 31st Jan – Sat 1st Feb – Sun 2nd Feb 2014**

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

This event has been held by the Avonhead Rotary Group for the last 10 years. Picnic lunch and then a parade of the cars. \$10 per car entry.

Trevor Stanley's North Canterbury tour – March 31st
This years event will be South of the Waimakariri. The starting point will be Russley Portables 656 Wairakei Road Bryndwr. Time to be advised.

CAR OF THE MONTH:



This lovely Cadillac has been owned by Russell Woods in Christchurch for over 30 years. Sadly it has been sold to Auckland. Many Brides have travelled to their weddings in this car.

CAR FOR SALE:

SAAB SONNET for sale.

Diane and Graeme have decided to part with their All Black 1971 SAAB Sonett 3 sports car.

It is powered by a reliable 1700cc V4 Motor and drives through the front wheels. The body is in great condition and being mainly fibreglass is rust free.

It is valued at \$25,000.

Talk to Graeme if you are interested and let your friends who might like unique classic cars know it is available...Graeme's numbers are 033278991 or 021 395944



Stolen



1966 white Ford
Thunderbird Convertible.
Number plate ELVIS 1
Please help us locate this car. Stolen from Auckland in November 2013. Has been sighted heading South. This car was not insured and had been lovingly restored by an elderly man who is a very generous friend to many in West Auckland.

A reward is offered.

We suspect it may be in the South Island. Any information would be appreciated.

Please Phone **09 833 7142**
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