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MARCH 2014

EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH:

Jim Milne is taking us inland towards the Mountains. Usual meeting Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 At 10.30am or 11am at the Rolly Inn Rolleston.

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH GOLD CARD CRUISERS

We will meet at the Rolly Inn Rolleston at 10.30am for a shortish day out before the Marathon at the weekend

$2014 \text{ MARCH } 16^{\text{TH}} - 22^{\text{ND}}$ MARATHON

Starts Rakaia.

SUNDAY APRIL 6TH:

Usual Sunday outing. Jim Milne will take us to Ashburton where we will lunch at the Plains Museum Timwald. PMH Car Park 3 at 10.30am then Rolly Inn Rolleston at 11am.

THURSDAY APRIL 17TH:

Gold Card Cruisers: More details next month.

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

Feb Report 2014

I hope you are all enjoying the hot weather, would be nice to have the Stag up and running to cruise in these conditions, mind you the modern comforts of air conditioning is great! I missed last months run due to cruising with the Stag Owners and will be in Taupo this weekend celebrating 30 years of the Stag Club.

We worked out the other day it is 34 years since we were last in Taupo, The International Vintage Car Rally held in Rotorua 1980 (how time flies!). A few cars have been bought and sold over that time, some I wished I still had. Amazingly enough I still have 1954 Francis Barnett motorbike which was a box of bits when purchased in the late seventies and, thanks to the late Father in law, is rideable but still needs some finishing touchs (project number 101) might be finished before the end of the decade! Anyway look forward to seeing you all on the next run, until then safe motoring.



REPORT ON FEB 9TH OUTING:



Lunch at the Cass Railway Station

We were a week later than usual as many of our members attend the Classic Racing at Ruapuna on the first Sunday. Ellen placed an Advertisement for us in the "Go" section of the Friday's Press which resulted in 4 people (& cars) arrived at the PMH starting point. 15 Cars were on this outing to Cass. There was a variety of cars which makes the day interesting. The weather in the city was doubtful but as we crossed the plains we were hopeful of some sunshine. Climbing Porters Pass showed a glimpse of the blue sky that was waiting for us. We picnicked by the Cass Railway Station and a train went through while we were there. The colours and the beauty of the mountains without snow was a sight to behold. The coffee stop was in Springfield and the North Canterbury members were able to leave us at Sheffield for a quick trip home. Gill Peters



The Polden family - We enjoy having family groups on our

"GOLD CARD CRUISERS"

Thursday 13thth Feb.

This has become a popular mid-week event. 9 cars met at the A & P Showgrounds for a very pleasant day of driving our favourite cars. Down the Motorway – onto Brougham St – Opawa Rd – Tunnel Road and then through the Lyttelton tunnel. We drove around the edge of the harbour to Teddington then crossed Gebbies Pass and onto Motokurara. We then drove around the edge of Lake Ellesmere and had our Picnic lunch at the Timber Yard Domain. Great company the only draw back was the "midges" that kept flying into our faces. A short sfternoon drive to Leeston for c&c at Hillyiers Cafe. Some took home the delicious pies for tea! Gill Peters



Gold Card Cruisers enjoying lunch at Timberyard Reserve.

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 well 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.

There has to be reasonable interest to make it worthwhile to do the planning. 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

We have 29 entries ready to depart am Sunday 16th March.

We will leave from Rakaia opposite the Big Salmon at 9.30am.

All members are most welcome to come and wave us off

CAR OF THE MONTH:



This Classic Car has been a much loved and used as a "builders" car for over 20 years! It is now available for sale for possible restoration or spare parts. Listed on Trade Me. Or ring Glenda Burt (03) 260 1700

OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:

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.

GOLD CARD CRUISERS GROUP

All Club members are welcome to attend these events. Last month we had a member on her own as "hubby" is still working. Please come along and join with us.

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 is 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





Classic Car Racing at Ruapuna 2nd Feb 2014