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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY APRIL 1ST:

It's Easter Sunday. Mel will have an Easter themed drive for us. Meet at The Peg Belfast at 10.30am

THURSDAY APRIL 12TH:

Gold Card Cruisers Thursday 12th April Meeting
Place Belfast Hotel Carpark 10 30am. Picnic Lunch.

ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON.

2018 April 14th – 21st.

SUNDAY MAY 6TH:

We will be attending the Ashburton Rotary Wheels event.

THURSDAY MAY 12TH:

Gold Card Cruisers Thursday 17th May Meeting
Place West Melton Hotel Carpark 10 30am.
Picnic Lunch.

SUNDAY MAY 20TH: AGM

Kaiapoi Golf Club

Williams Street

Kaiapoi

at 11.30 am.

**To be followed by a Set Menu lunch
at a cost of \$25 per head.**

Numbers to Gill Peters

Julian's Jottings:

No doubt you've seen the latest add from Mercury Energy with the 1957 Ford Fairlane that they've converted to electric, they say it's the way of the future, but I'm not totally convinced.

It is dissappointing that they picked on a low production vehicle (only 20,766 built) instead of something more common like a Saab 96 (547,221 built).

What does it cost to produce electricity? Research shows that Nuclear Power is the most economical followed by Fossil Fuels, both are frowned upon which leaves us renewable sources.

Hydro power produces 60% of our power needs, so what happens when we are all running around in our EVs (electric vehicles), the demand for power will increase. We are already struggling to keep the hydro dams full of water, might as well blame the Dairy industry for this!

Winter comes and the demand for electricity goes up, because they made us get rid of the open fires and log burners suddenly there's not enough power to go around.

So the EV doesn't get charged up and we have to jump on the pushbike, **now all these cycleways make sense!**

61% of tax on fuel goes to NZTA for roading, so why are our roads in such a mess? This means that when we've all been hoodwinked into EVs the roads will deteriorate even further as the funding decreases or the price of electricity and car registration will increase dramatically to compensate, either way we are screwed!

Lets enjoy our classics while we still can.

REPORT ON MARCH SUNDAY RUN.



Picnic time at Le Bons Bay - photo Mel Peters

We met at the Rolly Inn and the first turn was Left at Burnham – Mel and I were chatting and missed the turn – luckily there was a Left not too far down the road and we were soon back on track. (Main Road to busy for a U turn) .

On our way to travel through Lincoln we were passed by some very old Vintage cars out enjoying the 1st Sunday of Autumn.

Further along we passed the Big American Cars also out for a Sunday Drive.

We joined the Main Akaroa Highway at Tai Tapu and had an interesting drive to Little River – sometimes quite slow and then all of a sudden the traffic would speed up and then after a while it all slowed down again! Autumn driving with the tourists on the road!

A good drive up to Hilltop where we took the Summit Road to drive around the top of all the bays. Our Lunch stop was at Le Bons Bay in a very pleasant Domain. Lots of good chatting and some wandered off to the beach for a paddle. We returned via the Summit Road to Hilltop and had an uneventful drive to Lincoln for our Coffee & Cake.

A lovely day out Thank-you Mel.

Gill Peters

REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS MARCH 15th:



A line up of Classic cars At Hakatere Huts - photo Mel Peters

Today was a good day for a drive pleasant and warm. Eighteen cars arrived at the Rolly and we set off onto a very busy Main Highway. We were pleased to turn onto the quieter country roads to Leeston onto Rakaia then Pendarves on through Wakanui to Hakatere Huts which is situated on the seaside of Ashburton , for our lunch stop. Many of us enjoyed a leisurely walk after eating. One resident was fascinated to see all the fabulous cars parked up, she said it made her day! We gradually moved off to drive homeward stopping off at Dunsandal Store for Coffee and Cake. Gill Milne.



Fungus growing at the Hakatere Huts - photo Lois Thornley

2018 Classic Marathon

ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON

We have a full field of 30 cars for the tour starting on the 14th of April in Picton

The route books are printed and by the time you read this the entrants will have their tour packs. During the tour we have arranged visits to Rod Temporo's workshop in Oamaru, Curling in Naseby and a visit to Richardson's Transport Museum in Invercargill. We are looking forward to another friendly social event where a little bit of silliness is encouraged.

I want to thank my fellow organisers who do not always get the recognition they deserve.

Graeme Matheson [G1] and **John Rapley** [who came down from Wellington at his own expense] to help with the plotting.

Robin Fletcher, in Melbourne, for his work on the route book tulips and google checking of our route notes.

Diane Brandish for her support in keeping me focused which has been particularly difficult at times.

Ken Logan of Logan Signs, **Gwen Hindmarsh** of Bizprint and **Michelle Neate** of Kaiapoi Monograms who meet all our deadlines, and help with the design of artwork and the like.

Thank you all.

Graeme Sharp [G2], Tour Coordinator

How to pronounce **ODOSOLO**.

Oh-dos-ah-low.

What is an *ODOSOLO.G2* is not saying!

WESTERN AUSTRALIA ODYSSEY 2019.

Please to report that we have sufficient interest to proceed with our 2019 adventure.

We are looking at timing it to coincide with the Wild Flower season, probably in August or early September.

Plan is to train from Sydney to Perth, 14 days touring in southern WA, and a visit to Rotnest Island. We will have to book reasonably early to ensure train reservations and the like.

More details as they come available.

MIKE MITCHELL & ELLEN OWEN



Are touring the UK and Europe for a year in the Motor Home that they pre-ordered in New Zealand.

No news this month – Hopefully they are not snowed in anywhere!

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

To paraphrase John F Kennedy:

Ask not what your club can do for you but ask what you can do for your club,

Our AGM is coming up and we have hardly been swamped for offers to take on the roles of Newsletter Editor and Society Secretary. Gill Peters has earned and deserves a break from the work she has willingly done for us all.

As your major tour coordinator I can tell you how much I would like just to fill out an entry form and do an Alpine or a Marathon. This year's marathon will be my last as organiser.

So my fellow Society members: my question to you is this. Surely there must be some of you who can give a little time and effort to help the society to continue to run smoothly.

Come to the AGM and put your hand up, bring your fresh ideas to our committee and give some of us a break.

(This is a personal message from me as a member)

GRAEME SHARP [G2]

WEBSITE: Help wanted.

We really need someone to take over the management of the Website from G2.

With the membership data base and plotting/coordinating the major tours G2 is feeling the strain. The task that gets left behind is the website. Is there anybody out there with the right experience? G2 says that someone talked to him at the AGM but the silly bugger can't remember who. Contact G2, Julian or Gill and we can get things back to where they should be.

SECRETARY & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Gill Peters has decided to retire from the committee at the AGM in May 2018.

Please offer your name or any-one you know to take on these 2 interesting rolls in the club.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SECRETARY

Arrange dates for Committee Meetings in Conjunction with the Chairman.

Compile Agenda for Committee Meetings and circulate to the Committee.

Compile Minutes from Committee Meeting and promptly circulate to Committee

Arrange date for AGM in May of each year.

Prepare Agenda – Take Minutes – and circulate to Committee.

Clear Post Office Box in Phillipstown – P.O. will advise when there is mail to collect.

Bank any money and forward documents to appropriate person. - email is acceptable.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

During the month prepare the outline of the Newsletter – deleting items no longer current.

2 weeks before the Sunday Run email committee members for their input. Final cut-off is the next Thursday at 12 noon to allow time to get the printed copies done and in the post on the Friday.

When information is received from Committee Members “Copy & Paste” into the Newsletter.

When printed we get “Black & White – Double Sided & Stapled in the top corner”

Keep receipt for the cost of the printing and present to the Treasurer at the Committee meeting.

The Newsletter for those who require a “posted” edition – this needs to be posted by 5pm on the Friday about 9 days before the Sunday Run.

Email editions are despatched on the Monday before the Sunday Run.

Gill 03 2619166 or 021 216 0186

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

TARGA 2018

This looks like an exciting opportunity to drive our cars over closed sealed roads.

It is not the fastest wins arrangement, as it says it is about meeting a nominated time for each of the 20 closed road stages.

It will be run in conjunction with the URG Targa in late October.

Contact ROD CORBET if you are interested or know someone who might be. Spread the word!!

Targa NZ-Vintage Car Club South Island Time Trial 2018

Targa NZ is known as “The Ultimate NZ Road Race” & for the second time only is returning to mainland lower South Island for 2018!!

With your support an entirely new event to be run in conjunction with Targa NZ South Island Rally may become known as “The Ultimate NZ Time Trial!”

Open to all Vintage Car Club members & those of affiliated clubs with VCC eligible vehicles.

Why-: To create a unique motoring spectacle of older vehicles being driven & displayed to encourage younger people to join VCC & existing members to use their classic & vintage cars as intended.

When-: Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th October 2018 (5 days of driving closed tarmac roads!).

Where-: Otago/Southland/Central Otago (Start/finish to be confirmed, but some significant stages include Otago Harbour hill roads, the Catlins, Teretonga, Highland Park, the Crown Range, Queenstown-Glenorchy return etc).

How-: Time trial competitors will have a unique opportunity to drive all closed Targa stages with the safety of knowing that all participants have staggered start times, drive in the same direction, on the same road, with nothing coming towards them!!

This is not a balls-out speed event, but rather an exercise in precise driving & time-keeping to maintain a set average speed over iconic lower South Island roads.

Entry fee will be significantly discounted from standard Targa competitor fee of \$7,280 + gst, but will still cover all essentials including timing, tracking, medical & recovery as for Targa competitors & Targa tour. (Current discussions with Targa NZ management suggest \$2-2,500 + gst).

We need a minimum 20 registrations of interest to make this work.

Please email Rod Corbett rcorbett@xtra.co.nz to register your interest or call Rod on 03 423 1551 or 027 433 8772 for further information.

We're also seeking a major sponsor for naming rights to this unique event to help minimise the entry fee for participants. Please email suggestions to Rod Corbett rcorbett@xtra.co.nz

PS. Look out for full page colour adverts & info in April editions of VCC Beaded Wheels & NZ Classic Car magazines.

We have received a Classic Targa update from Rod Corbett. Rod has over 60 expressions of interest in the Classic part of Targa 2018.

Our ODOSOLO Marathon entrants will miss the Highland Park discussion but there will be another later on.

Hi Everyone - A quick update & progress report.

Planning for the Targa-VCC South Island Time Trial is well underway with rules/regulations etc. to be finalized within the next 2-3 weeks.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - SAVE THE DATE –
SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018 – HIGHLANDS PARK**

*Peter Martin has booked Highlands Park at Cromwell especially for Targa 2018 entrants, & all potential Targa-VCC Time Trial participants are also very welcome to join us there.
(Times to be confirmed, but most likely between 10am - 3pm, Saturday 21st April).*

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Targa & our Time Trial, ask questions & have practical demo's of route books etc.

More details will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks, along with a request for you to confirm your attendance at Highlands Park Saturday 21st April.

(For those unable to attend Highlands Park, another similar meeting & practical demo is being planned for Christchurch in the next few months).

In the meantime please email or call me with any queries.

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