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EVENTS DIARY

FRIDAY 2ND – SUNDAY 4TH

Classic Car Racing at Ruapuna

SUNDAY FEB 4TH:

Meet at The Peg (Belfast Hotel) at 10.30am.

Picnic Lunch or Market or Cafe opportunities at the Lunch Venue. Gill Peters will be our host to-day.

THURSDAY FEB 15TH:

GOLD CARD CRUISERS

Meeting Place Belfast Hotel carpark 10 30 Picnic Lunch. Barbara and Murray are hosting this trip.

SUNDAY FEB 25TH:

Twin Rivers – Details further down the Newsletter.

SUNDAY MARCH 4TH:

Mel will have an interesting days driving for us

THURSDAY MARCH 15TH:

GOLD CARD CRUISERS

Cruising Thursday March 15th Meeting Place Rolleston Hotel Carpark 10.30 Picnic Lunch

SUNDAY MARCH 25TH:

Trevor Stanley North Canterbury Event .

Details further down the Newsletter.

ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON.

2018 April 14th – 21st.

Julian's Jottings:

It's been a great summer for topless motoring but not so good for the sunburn!

What a brilliant turnout for the monthly run, unfortunately we had to cut the run short as Kathy still wasn't feeling too well.

I was surprised that there were so many cyclists out and about on those narrow roads around the Port Hills, it's a wonder that there's not more accidents as some of them think it's their right to use all of the road with disregard to other traffic!

Perhaps the Council should be building cycle lanes on these roads instead of screwing around with the City streets. It bemuses me the lack of common sense some of our City Planners seem to possess, why do we need to waste millions of dollars on all these cycleways we are not turning into a nation of cyclists! A simple and cost effective solution would be to widen the footpaths, where necessary, and paint a green cycle lane along it, how many suburban footpaths are that busy that wouldn't cope with both pedestrians and cyclists?

In 2013 the CCC produced a 74 page document on "cycle design guidelines" as part of their 30 year strategy. 30 years from now if we are still around we will be too old to ride bikes, will bikes still be around? Food for thought, long live the classic cars and enjoy them while you can!



We welcome the following new members to our club:

David Young & Joanne Longbottom

Please make them feel welcome.

REPORT ON DECEMBER SUNDAY EVENT:

Thank-you Graeme Sharp & Colin Macdonald who were our hosts for this event. We left Princess Margaret Hospital at about 10.30am for our drive and what an interesting one it was! Up Hackthorne Rd onto Victoria Park Road for a drive through the lovely park – the bird life is always busy in this park.

Then over the Sign of the Kiwi and down into Governores Bay where we could see the Lyttelton Harbour in all it's glory - Over Gebbies Pass to see the vista of Lake Ellesmere. Through Motokurara and down the side of the lake to travel through Springston South then another straight road through Burnham to Aylesbury. Then Highway 73 to Kirwee after a short while we turned right onto the Old West Coast Road and then left to travel around past Orana Park and all the activities that are held on McLeans Island. A short drive through Papanui took us to the Reserve where our Christmas Picnic was to take place.



A relaxing spot for lunch at the Craighead Reserve – photo Mel Peters

Julian & Rod had been and erected the Gazebo's so that we could be sheltered from the hot sun. Thank-you.



Kathy arriving with lunch for Santa! Photo Mel Peters

We all arrived quite early and Kathy had not arrived with Julian's lunch – we all offered to share but he decided to wait! After lunch we enjoyed some Christmas Cake that the Club provided and shared our Secret Santa gifts. Altogether a very nice day out Gill Peters

REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS DEC 14th:



Jim Welcoming us to the Cafe - Photo Mel Peters

Can hardly believe this is the end of year Report for 2017. We arranged to go to Fossil Point Greta Valley for our last trip of the year. Thirty one of us left the meeting place, driving north on the Main Highway to turn off at Waipara. We took a right turn at Waikari Pub corner and travelled through the pretty Scargill Valley, always a popular trip and we were relieved to be on a quiet road for a time. We arrived at Greta Valley Fossil Point Cafe where we were greeted by a welcome sign for our Club and very friendly staff. The meals were scrumptious and the service excellent.

REPORT ON JANUARY SUNDAY RUN



Lyn & Val Scott with their lovely old Chevy – photo Mel Peters

They opened especially for us on the day and by now we do hope the road being open through to Picton has allowed the Cafe to open 7 days. We travelled back along the Main Highway to Waikuku to Brick Mill Cafe for Coffee and Cake and a browse in the interesting shops there. Thankyou all for making the opening worthwhile for Fossil .Gill Milne.



Lunch time at Port Levy Photo Bruce Keddie

We were pleasantly surprised with the large number of members who decided to make the first run of the year. We left PMH and travelled along the Heathcote River until we reached Colombo St where we turned right and climbed the Port Hills to the Sign of the Kiwi. Negotiating cyclists was the challenge for the day. The drive along the Southern Summit Road is a favourite with varying views of the City, The Harbour, and Lake Ellesmere. At the summit of Gebbies Pass we turned Left to head towards Teddington and then Right to go around the edge of Lyttelton Harbour – through Diamond Harbour and Purau. Then the windy drive over the hill to Port Levy. After a relaxing lunch stop we again skirted the Harbour to Lyttelton and through the tunnel to our Coffee & Cake stop at Ferrymead. A very enjoyable day out. Gill Peters



Members enjoying lunch at the Fossil Point Cafe – photo Mel Peters

INTERESTING FIND

Keryn Reynolds has contacted us through our website to tell us that she has a **1938 Straight 8 Buick Special** that her late father had stored in his weathertight garage for 40 years.

What an opportunity for someone. If you are interested or know someone who might be you can e mail Keryn direct at kerynreynolds@xtra.co.nz



Time for a yarn Photo Bruce Keddie

Gold Card Cruisers Report Thursday January 18th 2018



The brains trust sorting out the world! Photo Mel Peters

We left the meeting place on a warm sunny morning 16 cars in total. We drove toward the Old West Road through West Melton enjoying the countryside. We turned at Minchins to cross the Waimak Bridge through Oxford and on to Cust Domain for the lunch stop. We sorted out a shady spot under a big tree and enjoyed our usual friendly get together over lunch. The temperature was predicted to be 30 degrees this day so we were happy to move on to Soda Cafe for Coffee and Cake indoors. Gill Milne.



A good way to keep the car cool photo Mel Peters

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewal invoices have been posted. Membership Cards will be posted in the New Year. Membership Cards are only printed once a year – so late payment will mean a temporary card will be issued.

2018 Classic Marathon

G2 tells us that everything is in place for a great tour. A few hiccups with accommodation but unfortunately out of our control. Route book adjusted. If you have not entered but wish to G2 advises that the first thing to do is arrange some accommodation. The recommended sites are all pretty much filled but they may be able to recommend alternatives.

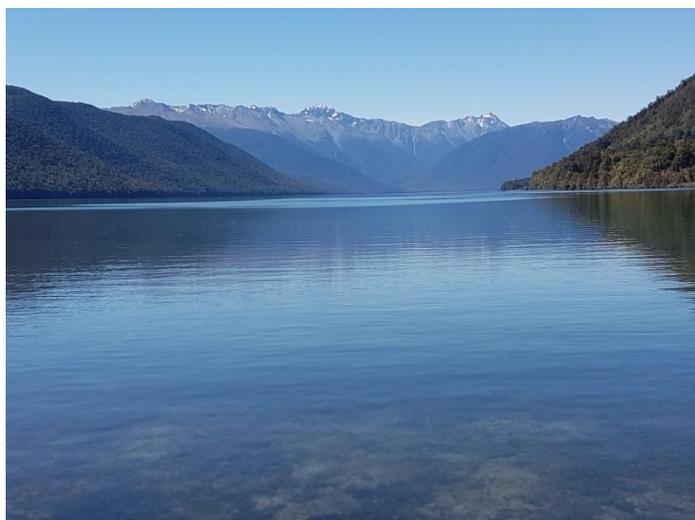
Once you have done that send in your entry, but please do so before mid-February because we have to get plates and numbered door flashes done as well as name tags, route books and other printing done.

Suppliers are on standby.

How to pronounce **ODOSOLO**.

Oh-dos-ah-low.

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



One of the views you will see on the Marathon!

2019 WA Odyssey

We don't want G2 to get bored so we have asked him to explore the possibility of an Odyssey in Western Australia in 2019.

It has been suggested that we make it really worthwhile by providing an option of taking the train to Perth from Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide.

This could add a week to the journey resulting in a 3 week Odyssey.

G2 intends that the train journey will be optional so you can fly straight to Perth.

The current thinking is to explore the area south and east of Perth finishing with an inland run up to Kalgoolie and then looping back to Perth.

Could you let G2 know (info@saabclassics.net) if you are interested as we need at least 10 cars not looking for firm commitments yet, just a heads up of those interested

MIKE MITCHELL & ELLEN OWEN



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

Hi all

We have been really busy touring. Been to see most of France where we visited the Millau Viaduct. Tallest viaduct in the world and when in Rome visited a tour of Colosseum, we paid for a guided tour which past all people lining up to see and took you right down underneath the stage area and all the info about how the events took place. Well worth the extra euros.

Today we are catching bus into Firenze (Florence). Loved Portugal especially a walled castle and village called Mavaro, Spain had the Catalina Race Circuit where I was allowed to stand on the podium in 1st place position. Felt rather good!

I don't think we have ever seen so many olive, cork and eucalyptus trees before and Xmas was quite special for us this time. We had Spit Roast Pork in Monte Carlo.

Ladies, you need the gold plus visa to do any shopping there.

Mille Miglia is a definite stop for motoring enthusiasts. Mike thought that G2 would have loved it.

We are staying the head of Lago do Iseo for a couple of nights. Very much like Queenstown but not over exploited.

Best wishes to all
Ellen and Mike.



From Millie Miglia photo Ellen Owen

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.

Gill has a Job Description for both rolls.

Gill 03 2619166 or 021 216 0186

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.

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

TRANSMISSION GULLY MOTOR SHOW

Hi, I am with Plimmerton Rotary Club and we are planning to hold a Motor Show in conjunction with the Transmission Gully motorway developers in April next year. The aim is to exhibit everything to do with motoring including vintage cars, classic cars, hot rods, fire engines, bikes, police vehicles, motorway construction equipment, etc. It will also include a presentation of the motorway development progress to-date. It is to be a family day with activities for all the family including helicopter rides, children's rides, food, bike rides, games, etc. It is a fund raising event with proceeds to go to a charity yet to be confirmed.. So we are hoping that you may be interested in exhibiting your cars as a major part of the show. We don't expect there to be a charge for exhibitors. If you could just indicate at this planning stage your possible involvement in the show it would

be gratefully received. Regards
Les Callear Planning Team Leader
Email les.callear@orcon.net.nz

2018 TWIN RIVERS

To advise that the Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza will be held on 25 February 2018 with a wet day the weekend after.

We would be very pleased to welcome as many of your members as possible!

The principal sponsor is, once again, the Paul Kelly Motor Company.

This years charity will be Cholmondley Childrens home, with the hope to raise sufficient funds to buy them a preplacement van.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries suggestions or requests.

We always appreciate the publicity you give us in your excellent newsletter, thank-you. Looking forward to welcoming plenty of your members,

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

North Canterbury Classic Tour 2018

Well, thanks to everybody that participated in any one of our three tours during 2017. While we are still living in Amberley and have reasonably good health we will carry on in the meantime. That's 44 years now. Will we make it to 50? I very much doubt it!

We hereby give advanced notice of the 16th North Canterbury Classic Tour 2018. (One-make car club secretaries please note). NO, it's not the first Sunday of the month. We've learnt not to run an event on the first Sunday of any month!

Start venue is once again at the Woodlands Café in Leithfield. This time to add a little more interest to the day, we have come up with a 26 question, vehicle related quiz. You will have up to lunch break to fill in. (It's optional, not compulsory)



Mike & Ellen visited Millie Miglia on their year long journey

Photo Ellen Owen.