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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY JULY 1ST

Meet at the Peg Belfast for a 10.30am departure.
Cafe Lunch.

THURSDAY JULY 12TH

Gold Card Cruisers

I thought we would do something a little different this month, as it is mid winter. So I have arranged a visit to the Northbrook kiwiana and colonial museum at Rangiora. Basic plan is to meet up at the museum at 10.30am spend two hours looking around and then go to the Station café for lunch, cnr Blacketts and Albert st (also in Rangiora).

There is an admission charge of \$10.00 per head at the museum, but the good side is you won't need to buy petrol to go on a run...

The museum is on Spark Lane off Northbrook rd. (Northbrook rd is on the way into Rangiora, just off the main road, at the S bends)

Organiser Kit Peverill

mob 027 642 1010 home 327 9632

Please keep my mob number in case anybody gets lost

Barry's Banter:

I love shopping. Always have. Pretty much made it into an art form. For sure a gift passed on from my Mother as I cannot recall my Father ever entering a shop. He always sat out in the car. Funnily enough after all these years it was only recently that it dawned on me how I became such a gifted shopper. From the moment I was able to walk and talk Mum would send me to the haberdashers to buy cotton, zips and embroidery for the wedding dresses she used to make. I could make colour and material choices, negotiate price and even spend time promoting my Mother's dressmaking business to other shoppers by the age of 7.

With the onset of the internet my 'shopperholicism' simply exploded. Being hooked on car restoration has only served to fester this chronic disease and each night I burn the midnight oil sniffing around every nook and cranny of eBay for Austin Healey sway bar rubbers or Triumph TR6 windscreen wiper wheelbox assemblies. You name it..... I need it.

The downside to all this is that I also have a touch of Alzheimer's and so my garage is full of duplicated car spares. Of course being a hoarder I see no reason to get rid of them.

Anyway, what do you care about my own personal afflictions. It's time to get to the point. One of my favourite items to hunt down is tyres. I grew up around tyres as Dad used to steal seconds from the skip outside the Tyresole remoulding factory where he worked. He would bring them home, lug them up three flights of stairs and hide them in the attic. On the weekend he would lug them back downstairs and

flog them to his mates or barter with the neighbours for bags of cement or cabbages. Which is the reason I know, having attended so many funerals thanks to those exploding remoulds, why today's cheap Chinese tyres are such a bad choice.

Go to Scobie Tyres on Parkhouse Road. He fitted me up with a set of Maxim tyres for my Golf GTi. Awesome tyres. But that's because Darren Scobie has also been around tyres since he was a kid. His dad started up the company in Christchurch in the 1970's. Not your usual Pikey tyre salesman, Darren gives sound advice and cares about providing a decent product. He reckons that most of the cars smashed up in wreckers yards have cheap Chinese or bald tyres on them. This is backed up by NZTA road casualty data which states that the number one cause of road fatalities in New Zealand is the driver losing control of the vehicle. Tyres imported into NZ should be subjected to a tyre braking test to ensure we maintain a consistent standard. Darren even offered to give the Police a lecture on tyre safety but lo and behold they rejected his kind offer. Aren't the Police supposed to care about road safety. Yeh right!

So the Jaguar XJR went through a warrant last month and the mechanic said the near side front tyre was wearing unevenly. That was all I needed and the hunt for a set of four replacement tyres was initiated with gusto. The Jag is our winter weekend runabout so the tyres had to have good wet weather grip. I visited just about every tyre shop in Christchurch, surfed the internet for shops in Auckland to compare available brands and prices. Went to tyrereview.co.uk to check out summer tyre tests and finally concluded after 500 miles of travel, \$200 worth of phone calls, a surcharge on my internet bill of \$50 for exceeding 100GB of data that the best value for money performance tyre in the world right now isDrum Roll Please.....

The Goodyear Eagle F1 Asymmetric 3. Purchased from KATS in Kaiapoi. They were actually \$35 cheaper than a basic set of Kumho from tyreshoponline.co.nz. The Goodyears cost \$1740 for a set of four when back in 2012 I had purchased four Nexen N1000 for \$535 for a set of four. The rise in tyre prices over this time has been nothing short of spectacular.

The main point of interest here is that the top quality European performance tyres haven't gone up as much as you'd think. Back in 2012 a set of Continentals was quoted at \$1350. It's the cheap and mid range tyres that have had the most dramatic price

increases..... But only in New Zealand. Cheap tyres are still cheap in the UK and Australia but we are paying more for them here. We are being succoured into thinking that a more expensive Chinese tyre must be a better quality tyre. They are death traps and should be avoided at all costs when for a few dollars more you could be driving on a safer premium grade tyre.

Two things I instilled in my kids. Don't drive in anyone else's car as they might be drunk, drugged up or simply a complete idiot and don't put Chinese tyres on your car. My daughter lives in Brisbane and she is a chip off the old block. Drives like Lewis Hamilton in her Kia Rio. When she needed tyres I arranged a set of four Hankook's over the internet. All she had to do was rock up to her local tyre shop and they were waiting for her. I just need to keep her as safe as I possibly can.

If you enjoy surfing the net then here are two web sites you will enjoy.

John Cadogan on tyre safety - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbMti7VQC1k>

NZTA data on road accident statistics. <https://maphub.nzta.govt.nz/cas/> - There is a ton of information on this website. This particular link takes you to a map showing every accident on every street across the country. We all moan about the Police hiding out on long straights but this map actually proves that this is where most of the accidents occur.

By the way, if you need advice on buying anything, be it car parts, flykiller, shoes, tyres, whiskey, curtains, heat pumps, carpets, chrome plating, cookers, plants, woolly jumpers, blouses, cushions, or gravy mix, let me know.

Happy Motoring!

REPORT ON JUNE SUNDAY RUN.



Akaroa Lighthouse

We were back to PMH for our meeting place. The weather was not kind so we were surprised when 12 cars arrived. The next generation of the Gurney family were late arriving due to road closures for the Christchurch Marathon – but it was great to see them when they did arrive in their lovely Mark 1 Cortina.

Mel made it a route of choices – Akaroa was our destination but the Navigator could choose which way to travel. Some drove the Main Road – some drove Dyers Pass and the Southern Summit Road (No bicycles – due to the weather) – some drove Dyers Pass – Gebbies Pass and some drove the Summit Road around Akaroa Harbour. Some chose Bully Hayes for lunch– some had the traditional Fish & Chips and some found other cafes.



An Akaroa sight for Classic Car Enthusiasts – Mini with tow-bar – trailer & roof rack! Photo Gill Peters

At about 1.30pm we left Akaroa for a direct drive back to The Raspberry Cafe in Tai Tapu for our coffee and cake - we half filled the Cafe and it is wonderful to hear the chatter and look at all the different delights that folk chose to eat. Kathy Purcell presented Gill Peters with a lovely bunch of Peninsular Flowers showing appreciation for service to our club (very much appreciated). We drove home having enjoyed a great day out with friends. Gill Peters

REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS June 14TH

It has been a very wet winter so far and the week prior to this run was no exception. Everyone felt well overdue for an outing so we left Yaldhurst and travelled along the Main West Road to Aylesbury turning to join up with Kivers Road Grange and Telegraph Roads to bring us out onto the Main Highway. At Rakaia we turned on to Thompsons Track and on to Pannetts Road. Paddocks often looked

muddy and waterlogged after all the rain miserable for animals and humans. As we approached Methveni it was partly blue skies and we were greeted by some welcome sunshine.

We lunched at Cafe 131 and they managed to cater well for all thirty of us the food was very good. We drove back over the Rakaia Gorge and on to Darfield for Coffee and Cake at the Bakery.

Gill Milne.

The modern day cars came out for a cold wet drive by the Gold Card Cruisers - photo Gill Peters



2019 Alpine Classic

As we are proceeding with the WA odyssey in August/September next year the Alpine will be run in April.

It will be a four day event but G2 is keen to extend it to 5 days, running from a Thursday to Monday. So we need some feedback on this. Please let your committee members know or flick G2 and email at info@saabclassics.net and tell him what you think.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA ODYSSEY 2019.

Pleased 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 Rottnest 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



Hi Team

After spending 9 months driving 31,500 klms touring UK, Ireland, Scotland and Wales then over to Western Europe we decided it was time to come home via United Arab Emirates. We dropped the Motorhome off at Southampton Western Docks and spent a night in Southampton then caught a coach to London where we had 4 nights staying in the Hyde Park area and toured around London quite extensively before being driven to Gatwick Airport where we then flew out to Dubai for 4 nights.

United Arab Emirates is an experience we will not forget. The wealth of the developments absolutely a eye opener, monetary value not an issue. Dubai is hosting World Expo in 2020 and its just a massive construction domain.

Whist in Dubai we enjoyed a Desert Safari with Camel riding, Falcon Demonstration and dinner. As Michael says we saw the Camel, we rode the Camel and we eat the Camel. (no we didn't kill the Kill) Camel meat was very similar to lamb in texture and flavour.

Another day we adventured out with a private guide and drove up to Abu Dhabi which was 2 hr drive. This was a very busy day, among the highlights we visited the Formula 1 Race Circuit, visited Ferrari World Fun Park, a Date Market and this massive Marble Mosque which was absolutely beautiful. On Friday afternoons they have a full Prayer session which could accommodate 41,000 persons in a single session. We just loved the Mosque architecture

with all the crystal chandiliers and inlayed marble floral designs. I felt like royalty when we visited a Carpet Dealer and decided on a 16" wall hanging version of the Red/goldwork as shown in the photo.

We highly recommend visiting U.A.E as a stop over destination.

We arrived back home in Picton on 7th May and have been experiencing our 3rd winter in a row, great to be home again.

This Wednesday 20th, we are flying to Auckland to collect our motorhome to drive back home.

We are so glad we have done our big trip while we are both physically and mentally able to do so as one doesn't know what the future holds for anyone.

Probably wont be going to far now until the Alpine and WA Tour with others in the club.

Cheers Ellen and Michael





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 , and we can get things back to where they should be.

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

CLASSIC MOTORING SOCIETY NELSON LORD NELSON RALLY. SEPT. Lord Nelson tour 14th Sept to 16th 2018.

Contact Brent Cameron
brentcms@xtra.co.nz for details.

Rural Ramble

Just a short update on our third annual Rural Ramble on Sunday September 30th.

Confirming we are to start from the Hurunui District Council Car Park, Amberley. (Between public toilets and Council HQ) SH1, Amberley, on left if coming from southern end. **Look for classic car sign.** As per the last two years, owing to the fact that there is some gravel, you may bring your modern if you prefer. There are two sections of gravel, but they only represent about one third of our total kms travelled on the route. Registrations in the St. John's hall, free NZCC magazine and a chance to win one year's subscription to New Zealand Classic Car magazine valued at \$132. It's not a vehicle related quiz, so all ages have an equal chance of winning. Even the children. Coffee car booked for both the start and lunch venues. (Which, all going to plan , is at historic back country homestead. As this is daylight saving weekend, we plan to start one hour later than normal. Further details closer to the event date. See you all on the North side of winter. In the meantime keep warm.

Regards to all
Trevor & Lorraine

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