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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY MAY 6TH:

We will be attending the Ashburton Rotary Wheels event. We will leave from the Rolly Inn at 9am or travel independently and we will see you there.

There is an entry fee of \$20 per vehicle. I will have some Registration Forms at the Rolly Inn. The starting venue is The Ashburton Racecourse on the Right as you enter Ashburton.

THURSDAY MAY 17TH:

Gold Card Cruisers Thursday 17th May Meeting

Place West Melton Hotel Carpark 10 30am.

Picnic Lunch if weather suitable.

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 by May 14th.

**The Financial Accounts will be
attached with this Newsletter**

SUNDAY JUNE 3RD

Usual Sunday Run – Queens Birthday Weekend.

THURSDAY JUNE 14TH:

Gold Card Cruisers – Meeting place

Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 10 30am. Cafe Lunch.

Julian's Jottings:

By now all the ODOLO marathoners will be back home recovering. No doubt there will be a few tales to tell judging by the banter when we caught up with them on the Sunday night in Methven!

I'm convinced we don't know how to build decent roads in NZ. I am puzzled as to why they are resurfacing the new motorway overbridge by the airport less than 12 months since it opened, maybe they forgot to allow for the cycle lanes. Seem to coincide with a large circus tent erected nearby, wonder if they're missing any clowns?

However the good news is Christchurch is going to get a new covered stadium! It will be "fast tracked" after a 7 year wait so we might see it in 10 years time. Once again there will be short comings because of funding, so no childcare facilities and carpark to be downsized, which fits in with the Council's plans to discourage motorists to the inner city and their \$262 million cycleways!

Incidentally we recently went to an inner city restaurant, there was no onstreet parking (all taken by cycleways) however a nearby section had been converted to a Wilsons carpark. It was dimly lit and you had to be careful not to break an ankle on the riverbed surface and to add insult to injury they charged you \$5 per hr 24/7, it doesn't really inspire one to support the inner city businesses, which I fear will not be good for

the city we love so dearly.

Anyway, I look forward to next weeks run on country roads with no cycle lanes and if I don't see you there, hopefully we will see you at the AGM on the 20th.



See – Hear – Speak -no evil - Marathon participants having fun in Methven - photo Kathy Barrett

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REPORT ON APRIL SUNDAY RUN.



It was Easter Sunday for our run this month. Your committee voted to gift an Easter Egg to each participant. They were very well received. There was over 20 cars to join us for this event. We drove off from the Peg and travelled through Kaiapoi to find that the Smith Street part of the route became a detour! A straight forward trip to Waipara and then one of the roads was Shingle! Apologies to those with their cars that they do not usually run them on shingle. We headed back to Sefton and then more Shingle! The run was very picturesque and every-one was very gracious about the Shingle. The drive around the foot hills to Ashley Gorge was beautiful in the Autumn colours. We had a long lunch at the Gorge and managed to get the remainder of the Easter Eggs eaten! We had our coffee & Cake at the Oxford Bakery with very good numbers there. A very enjoyable day out for Easter Sunday. Report Gill Peters



Easter Sunday Lunch at Ashley Gorge – photo Mel Peters

OBITUARY

Sadly we report the passing of Bev Dickson. Our kindest thoughts are with Ian, Angela, Nicola & Jason as well as Warren & Carol Burt.

REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS APRIL 12TH:

During the days prior to our Run the weather turned very wintry with heavy rain and cold winds so we thought we had better go to Plan B and change a picnic lunch to a Cafe lunch. Seven cars arrived at the Peg and we drove north along the Main Highway turning at Waipara and on to Waikari. We turned left to travel through Hawarden and it was good to see the sun which made the trip more pleasant. The mountains looked pretty covered in snow. We motored on to Culverden and Red Post Cafe where some of us ordered tasty country style tomato soup and others very yummy toasted sammys all enjoyed over jovial chatter. We said Bye to Mel and Gill after lunch as they were travelling on to join the Marathon. Later we drove back to Pukeko Junction Cafe for Coffee and Cake. Gill Milne



A good start to the Marathon – wheel checking – photo Gill Peters



All eyes on interesting work at Rob Temporo's workshop – Peter had spotted something special – photo Mel Peters

REPORT ON ODOSOLO MARATHON:



Graeme Sharp welcoming us to the Marathon – photo Mel Peters

The Marathon began in Picton on Sat. 14th April in light rain at the Picton Yacht Club car park. We were all presented with re-usable coffee mugs with the Club Logo on the side.

The route took us around Queen Charlotte Drive to Havelock and on into and past Nelson before we took the first of the “Shingle” elements of the tour. After taking the road to Lake Rotoroa we took the Braeburn Track to hopefully emerge near Murchison.

Graeme Sharp's description of his incident is covered further down the Newsletter.

After this it was a steady drive down the Buller Gorge and Brown Creek Road to our overnight stay in Reefton.

I asked folk to tell me of their memorable experiences of the day. Lyn & Val enjoyed the Tapawera Railway Station & The Inangahua Earthquake Museum.

Day 2: Sunday we were all away bright and early heading South and onto the Stillwater – Jacksons Highway – some more shingle for drivers to enjoy before an always interesting crossing into Arthur's Pass (this time in the fog). The drive down the Braided River Valley was enjoyed and then the interesting Lake Lyndon Road – a dry weather road. The evening was spent in Methven .

Memory of the day: Otira Hotel – Frank & Glenys Griffith. Mick Purtill was puzzled by the Road Closed Sign.



Lake Lyndon Rd - photo Barbara Vercoe

Day 3: We were off to Oamaru. Many made a stop at the very popular Fairlie Pie Shop before tackling the McKenzie Pass – Hakataramea Pass & Myers Pass. Graeme & Diane joined us again in Oamaru – it was good to see them. **Memory of the day: Rainbow's - Barbara Vercoe. A very nice meal was arranged for us at The Star & Garter Restaurant in the Historic Area of the town.**

Day 4: Was a rest day in Oamaru – Graeme had arranged for us to visit Rod Temporo's workshop where he builds unusual cars for customers. Some visited the shops and others just had a relaxing day.

Day 5: We were off on a relatively short days motoring to Naesby or Ranfurley via Danseys Pass. Curling had been organised for the afternoon and was really enjoyed by those who participated. **Memory of the day: Driving the Crest of the Hills outside Oamaru and the Colours of the trees in Danseys Pass – Carol Burt.**



John Rapleys car Danseys Pass – photo Graeme Sharp



Good fun at the curling - photo Mel Peters

Day 6: Was a long day's driving to Invercargill – around some interesting roads and following the Clutha River for a while – the long drive up the Ida Valley Road is always enjoyed. **Memory of the day Many Red & Yellow Apples - Val Scott.** Another really nice meal arranged for us tonight at The Ascot Hotel.

Day 7: Another rainy day – we began the day with breakfast at Richardson's Transport Museum which was well presented and served to us in a timely manner. Some then returned to town to visit the Motorcycle Museum or some shops. The drive around the Catlins is always interesting and even more so on a cold and blustery day. An enjoyable Coffee Stop was at the Niagara Cafe. **Memory of the day "Breakfast" – Merilyn Clarke - 30kms of new seal at 30kph – Graeme Matheson.** Our overnight stop was at Balclutha.



The Wild Headland at Curio Bay – photo Gill Peters

Day 8: Balclutha to Oamaru vis some lovely Coastal Roads – Trotters Gorge and Kakanui. We had our Final Dinner at the Heritage Court Motel and reluctantly had to say farewell to friends old & new. **Memory of the day: View from the top of the hills around Otago Harbour – Margaret Povey.**

Report by Gill Peters.

Odosolo Marathon

On behalf of our organising team, G1, John Rapley, and Robin Fletcher I want to thank the 29 crews who took part in the 2018 Odosolo Marathon.

From our perspective the event went well with an amazing group of people who all got into the spirit of Classic Motoring.

It was a pleasure to have Di and Mick Purtil from Victoria join as part of Tony and Jeanette Child's crew. Di and Mick generously donated 8 Hanging Rock tee shirts that were awarded by G1. Thank you both.

The meaning of ODOSOLO was finally revealed on the last night in Oamaru. We received over 30 entries into the Odosolo quiz with **Bev and Peter Hoult taking the 1st place trophy.** They rightly said that Odosolo was really a figment of my imagination and that is certainly how it started out.

The literal meaning was **Only Driven On Sundays One Lady Owner.**

2nd were Bryan Taylor and Geoff Ridley for a wonderful musical interpretation.

3rd went to Frank Griffiths who thought that **Older Drivers Often Slide Over Ledges Once** Rod McKenzie received special mention for his innovative entry

The **Spirit of Event Award** was deservedly won by Max and Marilyn Clarke

My thanks to Diane Brandish and all who made the Odosolo Marathon a success.

G2

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.

Saab Car Safety

For those who are not aware G2 managed to put the SAAB TX down a bank 5.3km into the Braeburn Track.

He said that in the 59 years he has been driving it is the first car he has written off. Two cars going in opposite directions were passing each other very slowly (about 10kph) when the road edge decided it had had enough and gave way and the SAAB went with it. The first 4 or so metres on all 4 wheels, then they hit a tree, snapped it and rolled one and a half times.



Thanks to the strength of the car and seatbelts both G2 and Diane escaped unhurt.

The passing driver managed to get Diane out as she was on the high side. G2 claims to have a foot shaped bruise on his chest where Diane used him as a support while being helped from the car. G2 was in there on the downside for 20 minutes or so.

Sadly no one got a picture of Diane sitting on the car doing a crossword while waiting for help.

They thank everybody for their help and support. Needless to say they got back to ChCh and collected Diane's SAAB 900 and continued the tour.



The SAAB was written off by the insurance company after it was extracted by a crane two days after the accident. As G1 said the SAAB did its job.

From Graeme and Diane

Sometimes words are simply not enough and this is one of those occasions.

There are so many people to thank for coming to our rescue. Curtis Bush, the driver of the other car who clambered down the bank and checked to see if we were OK before helping Diane out of the car.

To Doug Frost, Frank Griffiths, John Rapley and others who helped push the car onto all four wheels, helping Graeme out and then getting the gear out of the car.

To the 4WD driver, Ricky Hamilton, who used his winch and other gear to get access to the boot.

To the volunteer Fire Brigade who got Graeme up the hill and the St John crew who took us both to Nelson Hospital where we were checked over by a great team and released after about 90 minutes with an all clear.

To our SAAB that did its job in protecting us. All four doors opened and closed after the roll and the passenger cell was essentially intact.

To all the other tour participants who helped at the accident site and gave us so much support when we re-joined the tour in Oamaru.

Last but certainly not least, Max and Marilyn Clarke.

They abandoned the tour and drove back to Nelson where they collected us from the hospital. Next, we were invited to stay the night with them, an offer we willingly accepted. The next morning it was breakfast before loading their 4WD and heading to Christchurch via the Braeburn track.



Here Max clambered up and down the hill to the SAAB, removing the plates, and recovering a few important things left behind the day before including the plates.

It was quite a way down.



Max and Marilyn then took us home to Kaiapoi before heading to Methven to re-join the tour.

Merilyn and Max, there are no words that describe the overwhelming gratitude we have toward you. Thank you, Thank you. Thank you.
Graeme and Diane

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.



Happy motorists at morning briefing – 2018 Marathon – photo Mel Peters

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 team I believe our last news got lost in cyberspace but we are still alive and kicking. We survived Rally Sweden just. It was cold snowy and icy, can't understand why anybody would want to live in those conditions. We were lucky to be given a personal guided tour through Hyundai Rally HQ in Alzenau Germany with the VIP lady hoping to catch Hayden Paddon but they were testing in Sweden. Since then we moved into Germany through the Black Forest area and onto Berlin for a few days. Then it was onto Hamburg where it was really freezing, the city harbour had ice floating on the saltwater.

Denmark and Sweden were both lovely winter wonderland and very expensive to eat out, groceries double normal pricing. Michael enjoyed Rally Sweden but was happy to head south towards warmer temperatures. Unfortunately the snow followed us for another month. Friday 23rd Feb we saw the sun first time in about 5 weeks.



Concord – photo Ellen Owen

Finally starting to get some warmer days. London had a record for April since 1949 it got to high of 29.1° out came the shorts and tshirt.

There are so many aviation and motoring museum's to visit we found 2 good ones. One was just north of Worcester called Aerospace, where they have housed the last Concorde that flew out of Filton on its

maiden flight and returned to its home after its final flight. They built a special shed to house the concorde

Near where we stayed in a little village called Callow End is a place called Malvern where they build Morgan Motor cars. I took several photos there and the one shown was their 1st car built. It was a few years later that they started building 4 wheel cars and of late are building 3 wheeled vehicles again. Off to Southampton and London next so will write again soon. Ellen and Michael.



An early Morgan – photo Ellen Owen

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.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACK JONES:

Hi and welcome to My Vintage

www.myvintage.co.nz is a new online marketplace devoted to all those people who are passionate and enthusiastic about Old Cars and other old vehicles. Our state of the art online marketplace has classified advertising dedicated solely to vintage vehicles and enthusiasts along with an amazing growing archive of articles on vehicles and historic events plus a growing library of sales brochures and information. We cover all types of vehicles from cars and motorcycles to trucks, tractors, farm machinery and more. With over 1100 categories we offer a very flexible platform for you to advertise your spare parts and vehicles.

One of our aims to encourage car clubs to "open their doors" to their spare parts sheds. Many have items that have been there for 20 or more years. There are restorers out in the world that want those parts, so now you can let them know you have them.

To facilitate this, we are offering free advertising to your club. You can list as many items as you want, from 1 to 100,000 plus, it's entirely up to you. Obviously, the more you list the more your club will earn from sales! We charge absolutely no fees for this club facility. What we ask in return is that you have a dedicated person/people who have a basic knowledge of computers to regularly list items on My Vintage. Basically if you can list an item on

Trade Me, you can sure list an item on My Vintage! We have purposely designed our listing procedure to be very simple!

We also have a club directory where you can advertise your club, free of charge and an events diary for all your events.

Club members can also join My Vintage for free and list up to 10 items. However, for \$14.99 per month (limited time only) they can list as many items as they like, again without any listing or selling fees! You can also advertise for parts you may require for your projects.

Attached is a booklet explaining more about My Vintage and the advantages for your club. Have a read of it and sit down with your committee, discuss our proposal and give us a try. You have absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain!

If you have any question feel free to contact us by return email or call me on 0204 303 500.

PLEASE GO TO THE MY VINTAGE WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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.

Your Classic Motoring Society NZ (Inc) subscription covers you for this event.

2018 TARGA
October 22nd – 27th.
Contact Rob Corbett
rcorbett@xtra.co.nz for details.

You need to be a member of the Vintage Car Club to participate in this event.