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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY MAY 5TH

Ashburton Plains Rotary Club's Car Run in conjunction with Ashburton Wheels Week. Meet at the Rolly Inn carpark 8.45am or make your own way to Ashburton Racecourse for registration from 8.30 to 10am. See more details and pre registration form further on in newsletter. Rod Hurst organiser.

THURSDAY MAY 16TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting Place The Peg Hotel Carpark Belfast
10 30am CAFE LUNCH

PLEASE NOTE: JUNE, JULY and AUGUST

will be afternoon tea runs during these Winter months

AGM

When: Sunday May 19TH 11.15am

Where: Harewood Golf Club

371 Mcleans Island Rd

Buffet lunch to follow \$23 per person or \$30 with dessert

As we will need numbers for catering can you please let

Noeline know before May 5TH

BARRY'S BANTER:

Run to Whitecliff Domain

With Mel and Jill away with the April Fools and our back up run master Rod also away, it fell upon my good self to arrange a tour and destination for our April picnic.

The weather forecast suggested cloudy spells with a maximum temperature of 14 degrees. This was borderline picnic conditions and we needed a warm sunny start to the day to stand a chance.

With the clocks going back we had an advantage of an extra hour of heat in the sky. So to wake up and find it raining was a massive blow. I feared the worse and figured no one would show up.

So I went for plan B and called the café closest to Whitecliff domain and warned them there may be a few cars making an impromptu visit.

"That's fine. How many will that be for?" The waitress asked.

I had to think quickly. "Er, lets say nine." A number I pulled out of thin air.

I went outside and chamoised the Stag. With my hands freezing and my pyjamas soaking wet I made a final wipe across the bonnet and stood back to look at her gleaming paintwork..... and then typically it started to rain. It wouldn't let up and either rained or drizzled the entire way to Belfast.

"This is not good. Not good at all. There'll be no one there. No One. I mean, who'd come on out on a day like this. Eh? Eh? Who? Come on, who?" I kept repeating.

"For God's sake, will you SHUT UP." Kay bellowed. Right in my ear too.

As we rocked up at the Peg car park Kay and I were surprised to find 14 cars arrive. I fought back the tears. What a hardy crew of CMSNZ members we are I thought. I was so proud.

We formed the circle and there was a request for a show of hands for the picnic with a healthy response of zero. I called the café and told them we were a 28 strong force of hungry classic car motorists and we should be within striking distance of the café by 12.15.

A minimum cruising speed of 120 kph was set and with a traditional Le Mans start we set off into the bleak and misty hallows of the Inland Scenic Route. Even though we had limited visibility the convoy dealt with overtaking Sunday drivers in fine style and the minimum speed limit was managed with ease. The run went without incident and we arrived at the Willows café ahead of schedule. We fine dined on a variety of breakfasts not realising until we were leaving that there was a lunch menu which we had not seen and had missed out on a really good looking plate of fish and chips.



Whitecliffs domain

However, the highlight to our luncheon was the establishment of the 2019 Alpine Booze Up Committee chaired by HRH Marilyn Gallagher. Marilyn opened the meeting. "Firstly, Great run Barry. Lovely route and no one got lost. Unlike the last one you set which was a complete and utter disaster."

"Thankyou Marilyn." I graciously replied and I was about to provide an explanation for why the convoy ended up in a river but Marilyn had already moved on.

"Right then! What are you all drinking on The Alpine?"

Kay pipes up. "Well I'm bringing three bottle of red. And he's got his bottle of whiskey."

Merilyn replies. "Not enough. I've seen you drink Kay and quite frankly dear you drink like a fish. So you'll need at least six bottles of quality Shiraz plus his bottle of single malt and it had better be cask strength."

"What about Rum and Stones ginger wine. We always get plastered on that." Pipes up Yvonne.

"Yes Yvonne. Good idea, you can bring that. Graham, you're in charge of crushed ice." The chairlady confirmed. "And Dennis, you can go easy on the sauce this year after the mess you got yourself into on the last Alpine."

Dennis grinned and pointed at Yvonne and Graham. "You're not wrong there Merilyn. I must admit I was a little fragile after that all night session on the rum and gingers with them two."

Karen made a suggestion. "I say, I got absolutely ratted on a simply yummy cab sav called 'Angus the Bull'. I was no use to man nor beast after two glasses of that stuff I can tell you. Had a right roaring headache the morning after too. But I've no idea where to find Angus now."

"Liquorland has it on special at the moment for \$19.99 a bottle." Says me, (the King of Procurement!).

Kay tells Karen. "We'll stop off on the way home and see if they have any left at the Rangiora branch."

"Next on the agenda then is the cocktails." Says the Chairlady.

"I've got some Pimms, just need fresh mint." Says Karen in her posh voice.

"Shame. I've just put weedkiller down to get rid of me mint. Bloody stuff was taking over the garden." Said Graham.

I replied with my Jeeves impersonation. "Ah Pimms with mint. Perfect. I still have this delightful apple mint growing in the garden. Also known as a woolly mint. Really fruity aroma with nuances of apple. It actually has less mint flavor compared to other varieties but it is truly splendid with Pimms. Really decorative too with spears of white to pale pink flowers."

"No you bloody well won't." Says Kay. "That's where the cat goes to pee."

"Mmn. OK then, anyone for Margheritas? I can bring the V8 blender and make frozen ones." I suggested,

Merilyn gave the thumbs up. "Ooh yes! I do like your Margherita smoothies. So strong. Really, really scrummy." She said, giggling like a schoolgirl.

The "Handbrake" had to go and spoil it. "You've got more than enough drink going on there. Don't forget you lot are driving the next day."

Merilyn makes a final address to the committee. "Before we go, does anyone have any ideas on how to pack the car for an Alpine?"

Graham replies, "Well, with all these cars loaded up like a prohibition bootleggers truck I'd have to say - Bloody Carefully!"

Are we going to have fun on The Alpine,
Or What!

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS APRIL 18TH

We thought we would avoid the Main South Road today as it was the Thursday before Easter so we headed west from Yaldhurst on the Old West Road. It was cruisy and quieter although the day was a bit iffy with rain clouds about. However after arriving at the lunch destination Waimak Gorge Reserve we were pleased to see the sun shining through making the mid Autumn day very pleasant. A lot of us took a stroll down to the waters edge and the water looked clear probably ideal to catch a fish. Later we motored through Oxford, Cust and on to Rangiora taking a side road to the outskirts for Coffee and Cake at Kingsford Kitchen.

Gill Milne.



The picturesque Waimakariri river



Lunch time

2019 ALPINE CLASSIC



With no late scratchings, by the time you read this the 34 jockeys and crews participating will almost be saddled up and rearing to go. We nearly had a false start with a late entry from Barry, lucky the clerk of the course was on hand to allow him into the birdcage. The bookies are at fixed odds that the track will be firm and fast with the weather looking stable.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA ODYSSEY 2019. 4th – 23rd September 2019 .



We have a full field of 21 crews, 15 of whom are making the trip across to Perth on the train from Sydney. Bookings are confirmed for the train. G2 has most of the route sorted and promises a grand journey. Getting accommodation for 43 people [21 rooms] has and is proving to be a challenge in a couple of the more remote regions and is adjusting the route accordingly. He tells us that in one town on his proposed route the total population is 25 so the Odyssey will not be stopping there. Max Clarke has done a brilliant deal for rental cars and has arranged our Perth accommodation with parking almost opposite the train station and only a block or so away from the car hire office. The tour group will be spending two days in Perth with plenty of attractions to visit before they start the grand trek.

FOR SALE

Club Caps only \$15 each
 sew on **Badge** \$8 each
 see Kit & Carol Peverill or Rod Hurst



CMSNZ Branded vehicle registration card holder available at \$2.00 each.

TO GIVEAWAY

FREE

The club has had donated { saved from the tip} about a thousand back issues or car magazines such as

- Performance car
- Wheels
- What car
- Auto car
- Performance cars
- and others dating back some years.

G2 has them in his garage so if you would like to have a browse and help yourself to some feel free to do so. They were donated by Grant and Kate Burgess.



OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

BellaRat's Gas & Gander .

Last Friday of each month about 7pm . Meet at the new NPD gas station on Jones Rd, Rolleston for a catch up and coffee in your rat rods, hotrods customs or what ever you show up in.. good food and coffees. NPD look forward to your visit 740 Jones Road



SPECIAL OFFER TO CMSNZ MEMBERS



SAVING YOUR MEMORIES

If you have videotape, slides or movie film stored, now is the time to have them converted to digital. Most of your memories from yesterday were captured on old analogue formats, which not only degrade fast but the equipment needed to play them has almost vanished.



Videostation are making a special offer to all members of The Classic Motoring Society. Until the end of July 2019 we will give all members a 30% discount on all conversions and services.

As an example: to convert videotape would normally cost \$40.00, but with the discount it would cost \$28.00. In fact if you have 5 tapes or more we will reduce it to \$25.00 per tape. All conversions are transferred using professional equipment to provide high quality images.

Call Larry on 03 327 2784 or 0272 911 837.
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET
NOELINE KNOW YOUR
ATTENDANCE FOR THE AGM**

SUNDAY RUN MAY 5TH

We invite you to our 27th Annual Ashburton Plains Rotary Club's Classic, Vintage and Veteran Car Run, to be held on Sunday the 5th May 2019, in conjunction with Ashburton Wheels Week.

The end venue this year will be "The Mt Somers Domain", situated near the base of Mt Somers. You will have the usual opportunity to have a picnic lunch following the car run, talk to other car enthusiasts and view the vehicles assembled prior to the prizes for each category being presented. Note that the venue offers good shelter in the event of inclement weather with use of the Mount Somers Memorial Hall available.

There will be hot food, cold and hot drinks available at the destination.

Registration will be held at the Ashburton Racecourse, which is located at the northern end of town on Racecourse Road between 8-30 and 10 a.m. The Racecourse entrance will be signposted from State Highway One.

The cost is \$ 20 per car and this includes a personalized certificate, morning tea at the Racecourse and entry for car and passengers into the venue.

The "Extra Interest" display of vehicles this year will be "English manufactured Sports Cars". Owners of these vehicles are being invited to park them together in

an area set aside and "show them off" - talk to others about them, have information - photos of restoration etc.: for a period 11.30am to 1pm.

Each entry to our Car Run will have one vote that they can use for their choice of best English manufactured Sports Car.

There will be prizes awarded for various other vehicle groups by appointed judges.

Funds raised will be donated to the "Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust as well as yet to be approved Ashburton based organizations.

If you have any queries, please phone / email the Convenors who will be only too happy to help.

In order to simplify the registration process please fill in the enclosed pre registration form and present that to the registration desk with your \$20.00 entry

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Pre registration form attached as separate link

