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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH

Assemble at Car Park 3 Princess Margaret hospital for a 10:30 am **Sharp** start.

A journey through to Sumner, [with a small detour] Lyttelton and over Gebbies Pass to the White Rabbit Garden Café for lunch. G1 and G2 have checked out the blackboard menu, cabinet food, and it was excellent. After lunch a tour through to Coes Ford, Prebbleton and into Lincoln for optional Coffee/tea at Coffee Culture before heading home.

THURSDAY AUGUST 18TH

Gold Card Cruisers

The run will start from Ruapuna Motorsport park Hasketts road (just inside the main gate) at the usual time ie :- meet at 10.30 for 11am departure.

Destination: the Turkish grill Rolleston.

Your hosts: Graeme & Merle Craig.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mike Furnell Oxford



DAVID'S DIARY

Our 25 year celebration went very well indeed. Around 100 members attended, with two cars from the Nelson region - Max and Marilyn Clarke also Doug and Pam Frost.

The country venue was great, along with catered lunch, Kelvin our musician, coffee cart two large birthday cakes and lots of good company.

Thanks to Barry for a great job organising the day. There were some short speeches from Barry, G2, David and Tony.

G2 talked about why the club was formed back in 1994, to keep entry fees realistic and club financials transparent. These have been strong points of our club.

Tony Childs who is also one of the original 12, spoke of Alpines and other rally adventures in the early days of less reliable cars through to more recent times.

It was a great day. Thank you all for coming.



1. Gathering of the Clan



The after party who missed the message about going home

ps. I am writing this from Melbourne. We came for our daughters 40th birthday. We had planned a full day, train into city, lunch, art gallery, theatre - watch Top Gun then out for dinner which she had booked weeks ago.

I woke on the day with a head cold and took a RAT test. The shock when 2 lines came up was intense.

Realising that I had skittled all plans and put three other people at risk made me a little shaky. Our plans had included going to Noosa for a week too.

Had to cancel everything and move into a 3 star south facing motel. Masks on 24/7. Sore ears. So far Susanna is negative. Wait and see.

Our lovely daughter is bringing us soups, scones, bread rolls and fruit. Counting our blessings in strange times.

Regards,
David Harman

REPORT ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY JULY 3RD

What a fantastic turnout to celebrate the Club's belated 25 anniversary. It was good to catch up with some of our out of town members who made the journey from as far afield as Greymouth and Nelson. Well done to Barry for organising the venue, food and coffee van.

Pam's coffee was a hit with a constant queue and around 112 coffees being served. Thanks to Diane who organised the cakes.



3 minute overview of early tours and places

The Classic Motoring Society was formed because the entry fee for the Pirelli Rally was \$2000 in 1994.

Jeanette and I plotted the route notes with the 3 G's doing meals and accommodation. Tours were 14 days with 60% gravel - this led to a group from Nelson forming their own Classic Motoring Club which only runs on tar seal. Many of us still go on their Lord Nelson 3 day tours.

This all led to Peking to Paris in 2007 and Australian Tours, all 3 weeks long, and North Island Marathons, Alpine Classics which led to Sunday and Gold card runs plus Targa Rally's. In the early days we all carried chains and drove 4 wheel drive roads.

Some highlights are fording rivers, Porters Pass in deep snow, Danseys Pass when it was closed, we just drove past the road closed sign to be stopped by ice and snow, all 60 cars put chains on and got through to Danseys Hotel with a log fire going.

Another Tour had 14 days of rain with the wipers on fast unable to clear the screen at Hastings and a lot of wet convertibles. This reminded me of a recent Tour when rain sloshed through a convertibles computer on an MX5 causing AA assistance, and a trip through the Molesworth Station claimed several punctures and a split fuel line.

The Rainbow Transmission road saw us bellied on a rock with the river flowing through the Saab and Jeanettes handbag floating about.

The early Tours had a flag and fancy dress theme and a lot of pranks were created especially from the Boys from Timaru and the Goliath Team with water balloon fights.

Crossing the mighty Clutha river on the Tuapeka ferry was a highlight, also the Earnslaw Steam boat to Walter Peak Station, Sounds mail boat, Anura and Kaikoura Māori Pa's, Maruia Saddle, Thomsons Mountain Pass, Moonlite Rally Road, Backline Road, Caitlin's when it was gravel, oh what a treat going sideways. The North Island highlights were Jerusalem, Waitimo Caves, Moto Rally road, Whangamomona Tunnels and of course the ferry crossing through the Sounds.

I have driven many different makes of cars on these Tours, and that's what I like about the Classic Motoring Society. It doesn't matter what you drive as long as you the owner thinks it's a Classic

The people are the club not the cars and it's the best way to see New Zealand.

Tony Childs



REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS JULY 14TH

We all met up at TaiTapu and headed off to cruise over Gebbies Pass, then around the bays to Lyttelton. Up Evans pass then onto the summit rd, finally arriving back down at the estuary just before Ferrymead bridge. With a short hop up the valley we arrived at the Valley Inn tavern for lunch.

We had a good turn out of 19 cars and with the weather being kind to us we got some great views from the summit rd, all which made for a good day out

Cheers Kit

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LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

At the AGM it was suggested that we run one or two weekend runs. They are:

1. A trip to Dunedin with a visit to the Albatross Colony during the day [either self-drive or by chartered bus] and a dinner on Saturday night before heading home on Sunday.

The intention is that you make your own way to Dunedin and get together on Saturday morning for planned activities finishing with a dinner, possibly at Larnachs Castle, or closer to the city if that is preferred

Make our own way home on Sunday or whenever you choose.

2.

- a. A trip to Greymouth via Reefton to visit the coal mine on Friday afternoon and overnighing in Greymouth. Perhaps a small round trip to Blackball on Saturday morning or whatever else takes your fancy before heading to Shanty Town mid to late afternoon for a look round and dinner. Make own way home on Sunday or whenever you choose.
- b. Alternatively, we could head to Reefton on a Saturday morning for a mine visit and then onto Greymouth for a Shanty town visit and dinner. Again, heading home Sunday?

Let us know what you think. What we would like to get is expressions of interest for either or both of the proposed runs. They will be loosely structured so you can choose what you want to do without being tied to a route book.

So could you please send some feedback to Graeme Sharp [info@saabclassics.net] so he can start to plan on your behalf.

Suggestions regarding timing are welcome but as we have our major Marathon in September 2022, 2023 is suggested. Our Tasmanian jaunt is scheduled for March 2023 and our Alpine around mid-year. We do not necessarily need to run both in 2023 but will be guided by what you, as members, think and prefer.

NOTE; Could the recipients of the Saab Trophy from the last Marathon please return it to Sharpie by end of August (poor old bugger can't remember who He awarded it to!)

TASMANIA HERE WE COME.

We can also confirm that we will be off on the **TASMANIAN ODYSSEY** in March 2023.

The Odyssey will run over 16 days between the 13th and 28th March.

We have made a few changes which include starting and finishing in Hobart which will be better for rental cars and air travel, but more on that later.

G2 is seeking expressions of interest as there will be limited numbers, so if you are keen please let him know to avoid disappointment info@saabclassics.net

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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS





Thanks to Mike Kelly, David Harman and Kathy for the photos

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Join Lyn and Val Scott and G2 on the two day Targa. With other CMSNZ we could enter the team classification. It is great fun.



INVITES YOU TO

The Ultimate Road Race
Targa
NEW ZEALAND

"TOP OF THE SOUTH 2022"



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JOIN US FOR THE DRIVE OF A LIFETIME!

Not a race, but a test of precise driving and time keeping. No special car mods (roll cage etc), required.

Inaugural event - Nelson and Tasman Districts

First time ever to the Upper South Island

New Dates: Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October, 2022

(Scrutineering, Documentation & Briefing Friday 14th October, 2022)

Refer: www.targa.nz for details

Contact: Rod Corbett

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South Canterbury

**ALL AUSTRALIAN
CAR SHOW**



SUN 4TH SEPT 2022

All proceeds to the Westpac Helicopter Appeal

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Daffodil Rally for Cancer

✿ **SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022** ✿

JOIN IN AT ONE OF THESE FOUR STARTING POINTS

**Rangiora - Southbrook Park Car Park,
South Belt**

**New Brighton Club,
Cnr Marine Parade and Hawke St**

**Cashmere Club,
Colombo Street, Beckenham**

**Rolleston, Selwyn District Council Car Park
Norman Kirk Drive**

**A series of short & long runs starting at 4 locations,
all finishing at the VCC grounds at McLeans Island.**

Runs leave each location between 10.00 and 10.30am

Afternoon Public display at VCC Grounds, McLeans Island from 12.00pm.

Coffee available at start points, BBQ lunch can be purchased at VCC grounds.

Enquiries to Colin Hey - email: heywolseley699@gmail.com

\$10

vehicle entry
fee - all fees
donated to the
Cancer Society

**To find out more about your local
Daffodil Rally for Cancer, visit www.vcc.org.nz**

THE PRICE OF PACKAGING

We are all concerned at the astronomical cost of international air freight.

One of the reasons it is so high is the Classic Car parts retailers are using excessively large packaging. The couriers charge by the size and weight so naturally the shipping costs will increase. I love a good conspiracy theory but would hate to think this is an arrangement between couriers and suppliers to extort more money from their international customers and share the spoils.

Fortunately, most of the parts for my Healey rebuild were purchased pre covid. But every now and again I still need to purchase something from the UK..... and it is truly shocking what we are now being charged. I recently purchased two rear aluminium shroud repair sections (4" wide x 12" long) for my BJ8 light cluster. They weigh no more than an egg. The parts cost NZ\$400 and the shipping was another NZ\$320. Pre covid the postage would only have been around 40 bucks.

I reluctantly went ahead because the labour cost of fabricating these intricate sections would have been higher and very time consuming for the coachbuilder.

When it arrived I thought it was half a trunk lid. The box was massive (3ft x 2ft x 1ft) and was stuffed full of polystyrene peanuts that goes everywhere when you go in search of the contents. It could have been sent in a plastic envelope with the two items protected with bubble wrap.

Surely it would be in the retailers best interest to address this issue. Many of my Classic car buddies are now fed up and either putting their rebuilds on hold or refusing to take on new projects until international courier costs return to a more realistic level.

So in future, I will be asking the retailers for the size and estimated weight of packaging before I agree to pay any more of these extortionate courier fees.

Pretty certain the same is being felt amongst our members so lets put pressure on the retailers to do a better job of protecting their overseas customers.

Barry



FOR SALE

The Club has **caps and badges**. These are of the soft peel and stick type, designed to fit on curves as in body panels or windscreens. They are 100mm long by 50mm high.



Badges as above only \$9.00 each.
Club Caps only \$15 each
 sew on **Badge** \$8 each
 see Kit & Carol Peverill or Rod Hurst

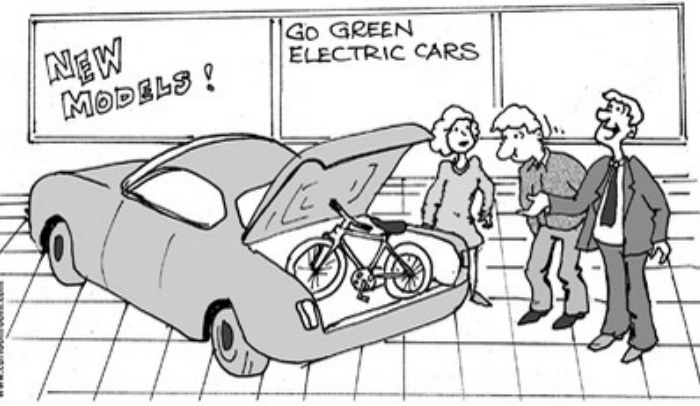


Auto Repair



If your car sounds like:

"ping-click-ping"	\$10.00
"click-whine-click"	\$25.00
"clunk-whine-clunk"	\$50.00
"thud-clunk-thud"	\$100.00
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