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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY May 1ST

Ashburton Plains Rotary Club's Classic, Vintage and Veteran Car Run

Meeting Place: The Selwyn District Council Carpark Norman Kirk drive Rolleston **8.15am**

Destination: Picnic lunch

Entry fee will be \$20/car with profits going to a local organisation. The event will start from the Ashburton Showgrounds at 10.30am and will finish near Mt Somers approximately 1 hour later. Registrations will be from 9.am.

For any further information please contact either:

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THURSDAY May 12TH

Gold Card Cruisers

This is a café run so you wont need to bring your lunch.

Starting at the Yaldhurst pub car park, Meet up at 10.30 to leave 11.00am

The run will finish at the Tai Tapu Hotel for lunch.

Your Hosts: Graeme and Merle Craig

0274 330 511

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Neville Mann & Marilyn Shirley from Dunedin

Adrian Duncan from Canterbury

Gerard & Lynda Van Oosten (Rejoined)

Mike & Carole Lester (Rejoined)



DAVID'S DIARY

I just thought I should mention an event which did not make headlines recently, but was tucked away in the news.

EV lovers may wish to look away now.

A Japanese ship, 'Felicity Ace' picked up 4,000 luxury EVs from Germany.

Some numbers: Porsche (580), Bentley (190), VW (520), Lamborghini (85) and Audi (846).

Plus trucks, tractors etc and some irreplaceable classic cars.

As it headed out on the Atlantic Ocean towards USA, a fire broke out. The fire spread among many cars and the crew were unable to extinguish it.

Captain Joao Mendes Cabecas was of the opinion that the fire started in an EV and kept spreading. He said that the ship was burning from one end to the other. All the crew were rescued.

After two weeks the burning ship and cargo of 4,000 cars sank on the 1st of March this year.

While it is not confirmed that an EV started the fire, the giant shipping line (MOL) has suspended shipping any more used EVs for now. MOL ships up to 80% of cars to NZ.

What we know is that a damaged lithium ion battery can spontaneously combust. Also the fire generated is nearly impossible to extinguish.

Sounds like a slightly awkward phone call to the insurance company though. Close to 3/4 billion NZ dollars. Oops.

Bit of a footprint on the ocean floor to consider too.

I haven't noticed that the greens seem too worried about this one though. It may not quite fit the agenda.

Other similar car carrying ships have come to grief, but not because of fires as far as I can see. Collisions, shifting loads or running aground usually. They are generally salvaged. Unfortunately the Felicity Ace is now 10,000 feet under. Too deep for salvage or investigation.

Speculation of spontaneous combustion of the battery cells



Felicity Ace on Fire carrying 4,000 Volkswagen Group models

Today's generation and all of us to a point are used to instant gratification and results.

Similarly, EVs do seem to have the ultimate answer for the here and now - while in use.

I believe we need to make ourselves consider the manufacture and end life footprint though.

Clothing is similar. The dye used in clothing manufacture is terribly polluting, especially in certain countries where a lot of clothing is made. The idea of buying up a lot of cheap clothing because it is cheap can be gratifying.

However if it is only worn a few times, then the cost per wear may be higher than we think.

Therefore a few people are starting to think that buying fewer / higher quality / locally made clothing items that last much longer is better for the pocket and the environment.

Could it be that I have now constructed a case for classic cars?

Happy motoring. Whatever your leaning.

ps At time of writing our travelling PM has just announced her sudden new interest in hydrogen vehicles !

Woohoo! Good old Toyota!

"This is the way of the future and, perhaps as a petrol head myself, I've come to the reality that this is the technology that we will be using into the future," said Trade Minister Damien O'Connor. (Stuff)

Crikey.

Regards,

David Harman

REPORT ON SUNDAY APRIL 3RD

A great turnout for our Sunday run! Barry welcomed the new members before handing over to Zac who did a great job organizing the run (run sheets even printed in colour will be a hard act to follow). The fine weather saw the tops down for some enjoyable motoring around the back roads of West Melton and Darfield to eventually arrive at Irwell Domain for a picnic lunch. After lunch we tripped around through Coes Ford, Tai Tapu and Halswell to end up at Ray Drury's Museum. Wow what a collection, as you drive in you are greeted by a very nostalgic looking Carousel. Some of the big kids had to be bribed with candy to get off after their ride was up.

Inside there is an array of cars including a couple of XK Jags, Rileys, Rover, Mercedes, more Jags and Daimlers an Aeroplane a few motorbikes and the biggest and ugliest Aston Martin ever built! Around the walls is collections of clocks and model trains and centre stage is a 1920 Wurlitzer theatre organ that has undergone a major refurbishment and upgrade. Thanks Zac for a great day out!



REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS April 14TH

What a perfect day, weather wise and with a turnout of 24 cars, what could be better..A meander through the back of Rangiora, out over the Ashley river and off to Ashley Gorge. Was great to see some members we haven't seen for a while, and lots of new members plus some guests joining in for the day to have look at our Club.(It was such a good day that even the sandflies came out to play as well !!)

We had an amazing variety of cars on the run, I wont try and list them for you in case I missed some out

The usual picnic lunch and chatter and then a wander around the reserve. Quit a few headed for Oxford for a coffee etc. A great day out..

Cheers Kit and Carol.



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KEEP THIS DATE FREE SUNDAY JUNE 12TH

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when: 11am Sunday June 12th

where: Kaiapoi Workingmens Club, 113 Raven Quay, Kaiapoi

to be followed by lunch at the Club, Noeline will need numbers for this by June 3rd

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CAR RUN ON SUNDAY 5TH JUNE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

If you are unsure if your membership is still valid check the year on your membership card if it is 2022 you are valid until December.

Also when renewing your membership can you please update your contact and vehicle details if they have changed since last renewal.

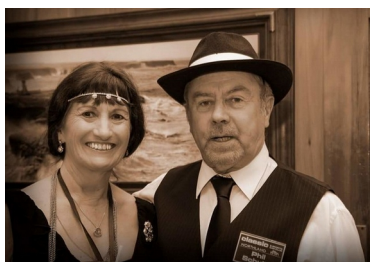
Can you please let Barry know of any updates by email: boricketts@yahoo.com

SOME ADVENTURES FOR YOU.

We are confirming the running of the TO THE TOP AND BACK MARATHON

To be conducted over 12 days between the 4th and 15th of September this year.
It is a real Marathon, Starting in Whanganui, and finishing in Masterton via New Plymouth, Auckland, Whangarei, Kaitaia, North Cape, Auckland, Taupo, Napier and finishing in Masterton.

Our plotting team are experienced Marathon and alpine entrants,
Phil Schultz and Margaret Povey and **Ian and Jenny Sowman**.



Having seen the preliminary route book we can guarantee a great experience which also includes a bus trip from Kaitaia to the Cape and back. All sounds like a lot of fun and an experience not to miss.

Here is the schedule



TO THE TOP AND BACK MARATHON 4-15 SEPTEMBER 2022

DAY	DATE	TOUR ROUTE	Kms	ACCOMODATION
	3rd	Arrive at Whanganui		1. Kingsgate Hotel 2. 151 on London
1	4th	Whanganui - N/Plymouth	360	Devon Hotel
2	5th	Rest & Relax N/Plymouth	0	Devon Hotel
3	6th	N/Plymouth - Cambridge	303	1. Cambrian Lodge 2. Captains Quarters
4	7th	Cambridge - Auckland	230	Rose Park Hotel
5	8th	Auckland - Whangarei	280	Discovery Settlers Motel
6	9th	Whangarei - Kaitaia	250	Orana Motor Inn

7	10th	Kaitaia Bus Tour. BBQ Lunch on the beach.	0	Orana Motor Lodge
8	11th	Kaitaia - Whangarei	330	Discovery settlers Motel
9	12th	Whangarei - Auckland	253	Rose Park Hotel
10	13th	Auckland - Taupo	320	Lakeland Resort
11	14th	Taupo - Napier	322	Kennedy Park
12	15th	Napier - Masterton	277	Solway Park, Copthorn Hotel
	16th	Depart Home		

Entry form will be out early April with Hotel contact details.

The tour will also include 3 group dinners for two and a couple of very interesting visits. [TBA]

G2 is negotiating with Interislander and Bluebridge about group discounts on their Ferries.

More to come on this.

Send your expression of interest to G2 [Graeme Sharp] at info@saabclassics.net and he will send you an entry form when they are available.

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. The following info sheet provides a good precis of the Odyssey, which could be our last.

We are contemplating a tour following the mighty Murray River along its full length at some time but that is yet to be confirmed.

G2 has started negotiations with accommodation and service providers as it is likely that some prices will have changed since our initial planned dates. We are currently holding \$800 deposits from a number of members intending to join us. If others would like to come with us get hold of G2 and pay the deposit into the clubs account to ensure your place.

Deposit monies are used as booking confirmation fees for providers in Tassie



Tasmania Odyssey Tour 2023



13th March 2023 – 28th March 2023

After several false starts (courtesy of our respective governments), the much anticipated and long awaited Odyssey Tasmania Tour is set to be green flagged on Monday March 13th, 2023 at 9:00 am in Hobart, Tasmania, and will conclude 16 days later with a Final Tour Dinner in Hobart on Tuesday March 28th.

This Odyssey Tour is not to be missed. As potentially the last Odyssey Tour to be run by the CMSNZ (unless the 16 day, 3,870 kilometre Murray Odyssey is green lighted by the CMSNZ Committee), this could be your last opportunity to experience the delights of Australia in the relaxed and friendly environment of a CMSNZ Odyssey Tour.



Encompassing more than 3,200 kilometres of touring, the Odyssey Tasmania will range far and wide across Tasmania; from Dover, Strahan and Stanley in the west to St Helens, Bicheno and Swansea in the east and from Hobart and Port Arthur in the south to Burnie, Devonport and Launceston in the north.

The Odyssey will take you to many of Tasmania's historic villages, including Richmond, New Norfolk, Sheffield, Deloraine, Westbury, Evandale, Longford, Campbell Town, Ross, Oatlands and Sorell.

You will have the opportunity to explore many of Tasmania's natural wonders, including Macquarie Harbour, Hells Gates, the Gordon River, the Tarkine Forest Reserve, Cradle Mountain, Lake St Clair, the Great Lake, Wineglass Bay and the Bay of Fires.



You will travel through the west coast's cool temperate rainforest, ascending steep wilderness mountains under the power of the revolutionary ABT rack and pinion system – the only operating ABT rack and pinion railway in the Southern Hemisphere.



And along the way we take the opportunity to drive thirteen of the famous Targa Tasmania special stages (Tasmanian road rules apply).

Places on the tour are limited, so act now to secure your spots. All enquiries are to be directed to the

CMSNZ Tour Director, Graeme Sharp, on 021 395 944.

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU



INVITES YOU TO

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
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October, 2022
(Scrutineering, Documentation and Briefing Friday 28th October)

Refer: www.targa.nz for details Contact: Rod Corbett rod.corbett88@gmail.com 027 433 8772

DESIGN: NZ CLASSIC DRIVER

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CAPTURE THAT



I'm not **yolking**! We were playing **chicken** when I fell and **cracked** up big time. There was a rumour of **fowl** play, felt like a right **Humpty**!

Thought I was toasted, but they all **scrambled** to help save my bacon. We were almost **beaten** by the **timer**. Cost them **megga** bucks but they did an **eggcelent** job of re **shelling** me. I lay in my **aubergine** while I recovered from shell shock, I'm all **white** now!

I wonder if this qualifys for the **Pulletzer** prize.