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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY SEPT 4TH

Assemble at Car Park 3 Princess Margaret hospital at 10:30 am for 11am start.
a short run for **picnic lunch** towards North Canterbury area, Coffee and Cake in Kaiapoi to finish. **Remember to bring your chairs tables, drinks etc and food**
Your host; Zac Haywood 02041349423

THURSDAY SEPT 15TH

Gold Card Cruisers THE GREAT PIE RUN !

This is the first of our spring picnic runs.
Meet up at Yaldhurst pub carpark at 10.30 to leave 11.00am
We will pick up our pies etc from the Sheffield Pie shop and then a short hop onto the Kowai pass domain for lunch (just before Springfield)
If the weather is a bit iffy, we will have the use of the hall
Don't forget to pack your chairs, tables, drinks etc and any other food you may want
Your hosts: Kit and Carol 027 642 1010

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John and Karen Craig Christchurch



DAVID'S DIARY

Our sojourn in Melbourne finished up ok.
Covid was the easiest part, changing all our arrangements, flights, accomodation, hire car took some doing - and paying for!
The week in Noosa was just what the doctor ordered though, warm, sunny and healing.



We are looking forward to heading off on the North Island Marathon in a few days now.

It makes me remember a few things:

Back in 1977 when I was a motor mechanic at Wrightcars in CHCH, the company paid for a Defensive Driving course instructor to come several times after work.

We know when someone gives us good advise, we instantly know it is good, we just hadn't thought of it quite like that before.

This course was like that.

Some things I remember are:

- following distance, two seconds minimum. Three is better and on the open road, or bad weather, four seconds is safer and more relaxing, especially for passengers.
 - Indicate in good time.
 - Constantly check mirrors
 - Look ahead to see what the traffic is doing. Adjust accordingly.
 - Be extra cautious in poor light. Pedestrians think that we will be able to see them. However ambulance crew say that when they attend a pedestrian accident, the driver always says that they 'did not see' the pedestrian.
 - If we need to get there in a hurry, just leave home 10 minutes earlier.
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- Do all of the above and drive a 'perfect trip' Then next time do the same.
 - Make every trip a perfect trip.
 - No accidents. That is the aim.

Regards,
David Harman

REPORT ON SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH

It was great to see 21 cars turn out for the run organised by G2 ably assisted as usual by G!. Their Car Trialling pedigree shone through with an incredibly detailed set of instructions designed to cover, a jaunt from PMH through to Heathcote before detouring to take in the spectacular view from the top of Maffey's Road, reported to be the steepest in ChCh. It was then a run through Redcliffs to Sumner before heading over the hills to Lyttelton and Governors Bay where sadly the coffee shop had closed only 4 days before. So, it was onto Teddington and Gebbies pass to reach the popular White Rabbit Garden Café for lunch. We overwhelmed them a little despite having arranged to meet there 3 weeks prior and giving a reminder on the 7th and confirmation of numbers at 10:30 on Sunday morning. They do great food but seemed to get a little flustered when trying to get the right meals in the right order to

us. G2 suggested after the lunch that perhaps having order numbers like many other places would have helped a lot.

After lunch there was a little bit of country and a late detour to by-pass Coes Ford where the original route was planned to go. It was badly flooded so our journey to Coffee Culture in Lincoln for refreshment and chat was amended.

Not a bad day weather wise until the cold wind came up in the afternoon and a route just a little different than usual.

Anona Mouse.



REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS AUGUST 18TH

Well another forecast of rain for the gold card run , depressing ,thought on Wednesday evening maybe eight or ten cars might endure the weather but the rain stopped about 8.30 am and to our delight eighteen entrants arrived at our Ruapuna raceway starting point , we all had a good natter and eventually took off on the run which was a bit of a country meander, noticed a gaggle of cars heading the wrong way on Maddison's roadI think they missed the Dawsons road turn off which (as it turned out) was a bit of an unintentional red herring. The destination was the popular Turkish grill in Rolleston and although they had several staff away with Covid and the Flu they did a Stirling job of serving us “ Turkish delightful food “. Cheers.
Graeme and Merle.



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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.

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.

The route has been replotted to start and finish in Hobart and it sounds varied and exciting. Because some of the centres we will be visiting have limited accommodation the number of entrants will be restricted to twenty. We have a few spaces available.

Robin Fletcher who has plotted the tour for us has prepared a 16-page bulletin describing our itinerary and the extra activities planned. Refer to the Link labelled **Tasmania Activities** below newsletter link in your email.

Apologies to those who receive newsletter by post, if you would like a copy let me know and I can email it to you. Julian classicmotoringstetynzinc@gmail.com

G2 is currently confirming the accommodation and booking the ferries and train. This will all be in place by the end of September and a final costing arrived at.

So if you are keen please let him know to avoid disappointment info@saabclassics.net

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**TO THE TOP AND
BACK MARATHON
4-15 SEPTEMBER 2022**



Happy to report that 22 crews are away off on the 12 day **TTTAB Marathon** starting in Whanganui on the 4th of September. We look forward to a full report and photo's for you in the next newsletter.



Retro

ALPINE CLASSIC

Dates confirmed

AUGUST 11 to 14 , 2023

..... Based in and out of Christchurch or thereabouts.

In November 1993 a small group of Christchurch classic drivers who had enjoyed the previous year's inaugural Pirelli Mainland Classic Tour, got together and organised a two day reunion for Pirelli entrants ... called the Alpine Classic ... named more for the steepness of the passes than ice and snow (although that was to change in later years!)

We have tracked down most of the original paperwork for that tour and we will use some of this to re-create aspects of 1990s classic motoring ... over 4 days and over significantly the same route from Friday August 11 to Monday August 14 next year.

This Retro Alpine Classic Tour is being organised for members under the rules of the CMSNZ but others involved in the early Pirelli tours will be most welcome to join us!

CMSNZ members will get regular updates through their monthly newsletter but others need to register their interest with me at ridleykiwi@gmail.com to go on the Alpine mailing list.

In the meantime, we also have a number of other tours to enjoy over the next 12 months ... in the Deep South, the Far North and round Tasmania. Our style of classic motoring has come and gone a long way since those early tours 30 years ago!!

Geoff Ridley (and team) ... 027433324

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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



OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU



CANTERBURY BRANCH



BOOK NOW

October 7, 8, 9 2022

Cutler Park – McLeans Island Road
Friday/Saturday 9am-4.30pm,
Sunday 9am-2pm

Join us on this fun weekend and
visit the Mecca of Vintage Motoring
of New Zealand

Admission Friday, Saturday and Sunday
\$5 per day or \$10 for a three day pass
Accompanied school children free

For information email swapmeetsites@gmail.com

www.theswapmeet.org.nz

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MILITARY VEHICLES

AND EQUIPMENT

AT THE

HORSE POWER

- RALLY -

LEVELS RACEWAY TIMARU

1ST & 2ND OCTOBER 2022

8:30 - 4:00pm

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Static displays of military equipment
- Walk through trench system fitted out in period equipment
- Field artillery gun display
- One mock battle each day
- Loads of fun for the kids
- Have a look in a scorpion tank or play on a bofors gun
- Equipment from WWI to modern day



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 South Canterbury Traction Engine & Transport Museum

HORORATA MECHANICAL SWAPMEET

Saturday 24th September 2022 Hororata Domain

A true mechanical swap meet catering for vintage, veteran, classic, cars, motorcycles, parts, tools and mechanical-related stuff.

Site Holders

- Gates Open 7am
- \$20 single site fee, \$30 for a double site, includes entry for one person
- Pay cash at the gate, and park as directed. No need to pre-book a site

The Hororata Mechanical Swap Meet has a **NO BRIC-A-BRAC and HOUSEHOLD JUNK** policy. If you bring china and soft toys to this event you will be told to go home

General Public – buyers/browsers

- Gates open 8am
- Entry is \$5 per person, Kids are free

Vintage/Classic Cars? We have special parking for you



FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER COUNTRY

Car Show

1ST OCTOBER 2022
10AM - 2.30PM



Register On-Line Via Facebook or
Email to: glaciercountrycarshow@gmail.com

Located at Franz Josef TOP10 Holiday Park

Admission by gold coin donation

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