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Events Diary 2011

Apr 1-3 Weekend Down South

Weekend away with the Nelson Motoring Society

Sunday, Apr 3 April Adventure

For those that aren't going away for the weekend

Sunday, May 1 May Meander

Explore a collection in North Canterbury

Sunday, Jun 5 June Jaunt

Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Sunday, Jul 3 Unnamed as yet!

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Tuesday, Jul 5 AGM

Your opportunity to have a say in the Club's future

Sunday, Aug 7 Unnamed as yet

Last chance for a shakedown run before the Alpine

August 19-21 Alpine Classic

Woolly wearing weather as we look for snow!

Earthquake Update

Hi all - as you know, its been quite a challenging month or so in Christchurch. I used to be based in the Lyttelton Tunnel Building but as the Feb 22nd quake was centred right under us, I've had to move out into temporary offices. All the club details remain the same though.

Even though everyone in the building was absolutely fine and the building did not fall down, nor is it likely to, it has suffered some damage. As a result it has been red stickered which means that there is no access.

Unfortunately, this means that all the club's archives are still in the building and I have no idea what state they're in, nor when (or if) I'll be able to get them back.

Everyone in Christchurch is starting to get back into the swing of things and, as much as possible, we're trying to get back to normality. You'll have seen on the news the state of some of our roads and the traffic jams we're now experiencing. I have to say, the people that are working on the infrastructure work incredibly quickly and the roads are gradually getting flatter to drive on!

I hope you all are safe and are looking forward to getting out and about in our classic vehicles again.

Stephanie Royds

Cancelled Runs - Farming Day in March

Unfortunately we had to cancel our March run due to the earthquake in Christchurch. Our thanks to Jim Milne and Geoff & Carol Westerby for making their properties available. We hope to have this run some time in the future, maybe even later this year.

The Twin Rivers Classic Car Parade was also cancelled but we've been assured that it will be back in full force next year.

April Weekend

Apr 1-3

Theoretically anyway, this newsletter will get to you just before this weekend and the April Adventure run in Christchurch. For those of you on this combined event with the Nelson Classic Motoring Society, have a great time!

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From Sharpies Dashboard

Well, here we are almost at the end of March, and for those of us who live in Christchurch, we are well and truly over all these aftershocks.

Alpine Classic

At your committee's meeting last week we decided on an entry fee for this year's Alpine to be held in August. The results of our membership survey last year clearly showed that you thought the alpine was getting a bit pricy with the 2009 fee being over \$500 per car. We listened!!!!

This year (2011) the general entry fee will be \$275 per car of two people. with a members discount of \$25:00.

There will be no band at the final dinner which will be a buffet style meal and we have decided against tankards or other gifts for each car. Our aim is to give the best value and a good tour for our members. In brief:

Day One will start at a school south of Christchurch with morning tea and finish in Oamaru.

Day Two will start and finish in Oamaru so you will only need to book accommodation at one

place. We will have a buffet dinner on Saturday night.

Day Three will start in Oamaru and finish at a school south of Christchurch for afternoon tea.

Stephanie will have the entry form out within the next couple of weeks.

Fund raising Quiz

We purchased a quiz pack with a view to using it at the Kaikoura weekend. The venue for dinner and time put paid to that idea.

We have decided to have an inter club pub style quiz later in the year with the objective to raise funds for the earthquake appeal.

Details will be announced once we have an indication of support from the other motoring clubs in Canterbury. There will be an entry fee which will go to support earthquake affected people. It could through St John, Red Cross or like organisations.

If you have any ideas let me know

Other

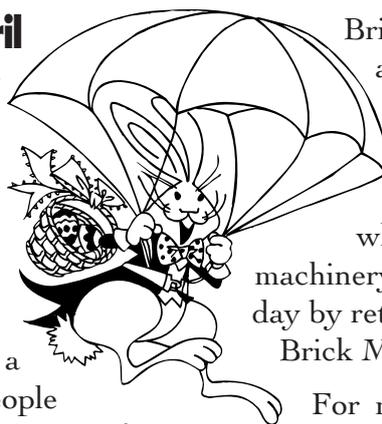
Planning is underway for the 2012 Marathon and Robin Fletcher has developed an itinerary for the South Australian Odyssey. As soon as we can confirm the details we will let you know.

A note of thanks to Mel Peters and Pat Pascoe of the Nelson club who were the driving force behind what was a very good Kaikoura weekend.

April Adventure Sunday, 3rd April

For those of us that aren't going to be down south for the weekend, we will be running our normal first Sunday of the month run.

Julian Barrett has very kindly volunteered to organise this run. If you have a bright idea for a run and wish to have a go, please let us know as it's a lot of fun when a number of different people organise these. Please contact HQ or talk to one of the committee members and make yourself known.



Bring your picnic lunch as we'll be having a break at the historic Cheviot Hills homestead site. If the weather is inclement there is a backup plan!

We'll be visiting Lyndsay Dickson who has a very tidy lifetime collection of machinery and collectibles. We'll round out the day by returning via Cheviot and Gore Bay to the Brick Mill Café at Waikuku on SHW 1.

For more information, please contact Tony Childs on 027 600 6514 or 03 327 2709.

May Meander Sunday, 1st May

Tony Childs, who brought us up to date with "Historic Kaiapoi", is putting together a new venture for us. Meet in the Princess Margaret Hospital car park, Christchurch at 10.30am for an expedition up into North Canterbury.

Sunday, Jun 5th & Jul 3rd

We don't know what these runs will be yet but be reassured, they will happen! If anyone has a bright idea, please feel free to contact Mel Peters or anyone else on the committee (see the panel on the first page).

Apparel

There was an order form for our club branded apparel put out in the January newsletter. If you can't find yours, it is also on our website.

Upcoming Events!



Alpine Classic 2011 **Fri 19 - Sun 21 August**

We are now planning to regularly have the Alpine Classic every odd year on the third weekend in August. The entry form for this year's Alpine Classic should be out before the Weekend Down South event.

There are some photos from previous Alpine Classic tours on our website.

Classic Marathon 2012 **Sat 18 - Sat 25 February**

As with the Alpine Classic, we've set the Classic Marathon date as the third full week in February in every even year.

Odyssey 2012 **Wed 26 Sept - Sun 7 Oct**

This Australian Odyssey is starting near Melbourne, passes through Adelaide and back to Melbourne. We cover Victoria, South Australia and outback New South Wales.

The tour has been carefully timed so we have an opportunity to view the amazing Bay to Birdwood event (www.baytobirdwood.com.au), which has a vintage and a classic run. It is only held every two years and when it was run in 2009, they had approximately 1500 participants! This will be a fabulous spectacle.

Monthly Runs

As you know, there is no charge for coming on our monthly runs. Instead, we have a donation box for St John's Ambulance Service and we would appreciate you making a donation to a great cause each time you join us on a run. Hopefully we never need them!

Also, if you belong to another car club that is looking for a run some time, please feel free to invite them to join us. The more the merrier.

North Canterbury Ramble Report

Sunday, 13th February

A big turnout on a really neat day and a number of cars we don't usually see. We set off to North Canterbury with lots of visits and things to see – especially God's Marbles. We travelled via the Marshlands and Main North Roads to the Northern Motorway. Then Sefton, Balcairn, Leithfield and on to Amberley Beach and the Waipara River Estuary. Amazing views from the beach of Pegasus Bay and the rugged coastline to the North. We returned through the little settlement of neat and tidy beach baches. Onward through Waipara to our lunch stop at the Scargill Domain and a chance to check out a few cars as well as to eat.

Foxdown Museum was our next stop and one well worth seeing. The Fox Family have been here for approx 150 years so the usual "life discards" that often go to the dump are all here for inspection. Lots of "I remember those" or "we used to have them" comments. The car collection alone was worth the trip.

Coffee time was fast approaching and Waikari was the obvious choice tho not all stopped. I was intent on a date with "God's Marbles". Getting there is through spectacular country – limestone cliffs and hills and tree lined waterways, as well as the road names; Pyramid Valley Rd, McDonald Downs Rd, Ram Paddock Rd – good "old days" names!

We find the car park and set off hiking and meet Graeme, Diane and their friends. They had not found the marbles but had felt that they must have been close after a 20 min. walk.

As it turned out the objective was a good 35 min. away. As I slid down a shingle bank there they were – gleaming Persil white – about 12 of them, maybe more but not enough time to explore. Up the hill I can see 4 more embedded in the ground. This is so fascinating – it's getting late – I'm going back one day when I have more time available.

Headed for Brew Moon and home (all the coffee drinkers were gone). David Beer – thank you for such a full and interesting day. Firsts for me: Amberley Beach, Waipara Estuary, Foxdown Museum and God's Marbles.

Mel Peters

Kaikoura Weekend Report

February 18 - 20

The planning is about set, the weather is looking good so it's off to Kaikoura for a weekend with our Nelson Club friends. We arrive to greetings and drinks overlooking the beach and gleaming sea at the Panorama Motel. Then to the Pier Hotel for something to eat.

The staff were run off their feet but we enjoyed our selection when it finally arrived. The rest of the evening was spent with others from Christchurch and Nelson. Saturday morning was "free time" until 11.30am when Sharpie handed out the sheets for his 2 runs and suggestions for those wanting a change from driving!

The selection of runs was hilly & shingle or flat and sealed with plenty of viewing points to stop off at. A visit to the seal colony — checking the number of tourists in town. Everyone was due at the Geoffrey Harman farm and car collection at 3pm to view the mostly American cars or other models with mighty H.P. motors. A huge 1950's mural on the wall of this jumbo sized garage was really popular and used to put yourself on the footpath for photos — a step back in time.

Dining on Saturday night at the Green Dolphin was very good — great variety of food and a price range to suit everyone and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new folks as well.

Sunday's visit was not until 10.30am so some go to town and a number drove the other of the 2 runs from Saturday.

Karen James is the Artist at Homewood Hills Art Gallery and Bob Bell collects model cars as well as regular collectors cars and this is our Sunday morning browse. Bob buys and sells cars and bits & bobs on occasions but today it was Karen's art works that swapped owners.

The view from their property perched on a hill is 360 degrees — spectacular which ever way you look. One view is of the Hapuku Primary School across the road. This is our BBQ lunch venue at a country school where everyone helps to create a feast which all enjoyed.

Dianne, the Principal, and her crew were thrilled to receive \$500 for the children's travel fund — quite a bit more than she had suggested. I am not sure who got the most out of the collection — Principal Dianne receiving or Sharpie collecting! After a run around the school grounds for the local children — the smiles were wonderfully wide — that is always good to see.

Soon Farewells are made — some head North and some South after a very enjoyable get together. Most of those South bound met at the Hayshed for tea and cold drinks. Thanks to all those involved in the weekend.

Mel Peters

A Sad Loss

We are sad to report that in late February Stephanie's dad, Ian Royds, passed away after a long illness.

Many of you will remember Ian from our visits to the Ashburton Aviation Museum which has developed to what it is today, a world class display and venue, thanks to his enormous enthusiasm, energy and drive. Ian's enthusiasm was such that he was at a committee meeting the night before his passing.

Ian always made the Classic Motoring Society welcome. Your club was represented at the memorial service and we witnessed first hand the love and respect with which Ian was held.

Our condolences to the Royds family.

