



Events Diary 2011

Sunday, Jun 5 **Jittery June**

Time away relaxing in your classic car

Sunday, Jul 3 **Jumping July**

Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Tuesday, Jul 5 **AGM**

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

Sunday, Aug 7 **Alpinal August**

Last chance for a shakedown run before the Alpine

August 19-21 **Alpine Classic**

Woolly wearing weather as we look for snow!

Sunday, Jul 3 **Springtime September**

Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Sunday, Oct 2 **October Outing**

Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Sunday, Nov 6 **Nosing into November**

Regular monthly run so pop it into your diary

Jittery June Run **Sunday, 5th June**

Want to get over the jitters! Come out for a relaxing run in your classic car with us. (You know that we're into alliteration with our monthly runs, hence the name!)

As with all our winter runs, come prepared for the cold and possibly wet. We always have a backup plan for lunch if the weather is not good.

See you at the southern carpark of Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30am. (Remember to bring a gold coin donation for St Johns Ambulance as the entry fee.)

Jumping July **Sunday, 3rd July** **Its time to celebrate USA Independence Day!**

Keeping with the theme of alliteration and moving ground phenomenon, we're up for a lively monthly run!

Our focus for this run is cars, trucks and motorbikes from the USA. So you don't get left out we are including any make or model that made it to the "States", which covers just about anything else.

If you have an American vehicle we'd love you to bring it on this run so we can admire it.

Starting as usual at the southern-most car park of Princess Margaret Hospital. Gold coin entry donation to St Johns Ambulance.

AGM **7pm, Tuesday, 5th July**

Please find enclosed with this newsletter your formal notification of the club's AGM.

This year we're back at the South Christchurch Library in the Sydenham Room, South Learning Centre. The Library is on Colombo St between the river and the Cashmere Working Mens Club.

Alpinal August **Sunday, 7th August**

The traditional Alpine is later in the month but we will still have our 1st of the month run and it will be a mini Alpine! This could be an opportunity to take your Alpine Classic car out for a shakedown run.

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2 mechanics have obviously been given permission to have some time off work! Photo courtesy Mel Peters

Alpine Classic 2011 Fri 19 - Sun 21 Aug

You should have received a copy of the Alpine Classic information and entry form with your April newsletter. If you didn't, it's all available on our website or contact HQ and we'll post the information out.

We intend for everyone to have a fabulous time exploring some of the South Island countryside in convivial company and celebrating classic cars. Hopefully we'll find snow!

As in past years, the Alpine Classic will be run over a combination of sealed and well formed gravel roads.



Function at the Kaikoura Marae, Alpine Classic 2009. Look at that fabulous sky! Photo courtesy Mel Peters

We've taken the Red & Black theme this year because of the events in Canterbury but we're planning to leave the earthquakes behind. Attire appropriate to the theme is always appreciated, particularly at the Saturday night dinner.

A quick summary of the Alpine Classic plan follows:

- Day 1 (Fri 19th): start at small country school near Ashburton, meander through Canterbury with great roads, good scenery and plenty of time for lunch. Finish in Oamaru. Own arrangements for evening meal.
- Day 2 (Sat 20th): interesting roads, hopefully snow, finishing back in Oamaru. (2 nights in one place!) Buffet dinner with Red & Black theme.
- Day 3 (Sun 21st): undulating country roads, finish with afternoon tea in Mid-Canterbury.



Beautiful day on the West Coast, Alpine Classic 2009. Photo courtesy Bruce Keddie

You don't have to be a member of the club to participate, but if you are you get a \$25 discount. We still have some places available at the moment but entries are still coming in so we're not sure when we'll fill the tour. If you've sent your entry form in with payment, **YOU'RE IN!!!** If you have friends that would like to join us, the information and entry form are on our website.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Springtime September Sunday, 4th Sept

That date has some huge memories. The original Spring Run was postponed due to the earthquake. This year we will again enjoy our Spring Run to see the new fresh life as it unfolds.

Upcoming Events!

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. In 2012 we'll be running it in the South Island!

Nothing definite yet as the Alpine Classic is taking up our time at the moment but ideas are starting to be thrown around.

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. Lots of adventures to be had in this country!

The Classic Motoring Society is running this tour but once again Robin Fletcher is doing the route planning on our behalf. We will be inviting the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club to join us. They have hosted us before and were the organisers of the Tassie Tour a few of our members joined last year.

We're looking forward to a fabulous Odyssey!

Monthly Runs

Winter Conditions

We will stay with the picnic lunch option and will find a sheltered place for lunch if the weather turns bad on us. If it is really bad weather and you feel like an outing, come to Princess Margaret Hospital southern car park at 10.30am and we will go for coffee.

Run Suggestions

As you know, we're always keen for people to take on organising one of our monthly runs. They're not arduous to do and everyone is always very appreciative of your efforts. Even if you don't feel up to organising it, suggestions are gratefully received.

One suggestion we've had is that we have a "Women's Run". We're not entirely sure what that would involve – is it a 'no men' run, a women's interest run, a women-as-the-driver-only run? Who knows?

We do know that the Nelson Classic Motoring Society ran one of these a few years ago where it was women only – they lunched, shopped and drove and apparently had an excellent time.

So, what do you think? Any takers? Any suggestions?

Donations

After the Canterbury earthquake on Feb 22nd, we were contacted by St John's to see if we could take our donation box in as they needed all the funds they could raise. We duly did and have since received a letter from them saying that we raised \$236.10, with their thanks. Well done everyone!

Newsletters

If you prepaid your subs for this year, you did not get notification that you could now receive your newsletters by email. We are offering this as it saves the club time and money but another advantage is that you get your newsletters more promptly than by snail mail. We are happy to continue to post newsletters out if that's what you would prefer.

If you would like to change to receiving an email newsletter, could you please send an email to: info@cmsnz.org.nz confirming this.

Also, the intention for the newsletters is that they are posted out 1 week before the monthly run. Obviously that didn't happen this month but that is our intention in the future. What this means is that there will now be a deadline for information, reports and photos to get into the next newsletter of the 20th of the month.

It makes producing the newsletters a lot of fun when people send in reports and photos of runs they've been on or even what they've been doing with their classic vehicles. If you're unsure if what you want to send in is suitable, please email or phone.

April Fools Tour Report

This event was put together by Southern Members of the Classic Motoring Society of Nelson.

Day 1 (1st April) Oamaru - Balclutha

After a welcome from the organisers at a Group Breakfast we explored Oamaru and then motored the Coastal route and Trotters Gorge to Palmerston for a coffee stop. Next inland to see THE BIG HOLE at McCrae's Mine and to see how the land is rehabilitated.

We then ran alongside some of the Otago Rail Trail and met some local cyclists out for the sights. Through Mosgiel over the Motorway for more Coastal driving. Back to Highway 1 at Lake Waihola then up the Central Road as far as Lawrence. Some visited Gabriell's Gully before following the Clutha River to Balclutha. We enjoyed visiting the Tuapeka ferry and talking with the ferryman (a relic from the past).

Day 2 (2nd April) Balclutha - Gore

Cool and misty views made for amazing views as we toured the Catlins – the Petrified Forest with a lonely Penguin on the beach and the long vistas from Curio Bay. Next to Bluff for lunch to top up the human tanks and then dodged the radar cop on the way to Invercargill.

We soon found Bill Richardson's truck museum. I've seen a few collections and this takes 1st place for BIG toys. On our way again through more country areas to Hedgehope and Gore. Happy Hour and great dining.

Day 3 (3rd April) Gore - Omarama

A fun briefing by 2 "Oil Tycoon Arabs" on the balcony and we are off to Mandeville Airport to visit a new Museum and explore the workshops where an ongoing operation sees classic aircraft restored to fly again. Over the hill and down into Ettrick and through the Central wonderland of Roxborough – lunch at Clyde and then up the Middle Road through the Lindis. On the way we visited to Historic Morven Hills Woolshed a majestic site.

We finished at the Omarama Countrytime Resort where we had a neat evening and a farewell dinner. Our surprise Guest Speaker was John Perriam from Bendigo Hills Station who told us the story of his life at Bendigo Station and Shrek the woolly sheep found on his property. John was an amazing speaker – we were very lucky to have him. A really neat evening and farewell dinner. The weather had stayed cool but fine over the 3 day tour time, we were so lucky and didn't mind so much with increasing rain on the way home – I even had to put the lid up.

The scenery – nothing much beats autumn in Southland and Otago. The colours in the trees the landscapes, the mountains, lakes and rivers, we travel this area often and we are always enthralled by our countryside.

A wonderful tour, great roads and company. Our congratulations to Lindsay and Bev, Helen and Murray, Allan and Lois for a wonderful fun filled three days.

Mel Peters

May Meander Report

We met as usual at Princess Margaret Hospital then went directly to Waikuku to meet the 5 cars from North Canterbury. Good plotting Tony as the exit from the city was quick and uneventful.

Arriving at Cheviot we then went on to The Cheviot Hills Property. We lunched at the Old Homestead site on the edge of the Cricket Ground under old English trees which were gently dropping their leaves on to us.

After lunch we travelled through the property returning to Highway 1 south of Cheviot. We then headed north to Spotswood and off down Waiau West Road to the farm of Jill and Lyndsay Dickson.

Lyndsay has a great collection. He has a working WW2 Bren Gun Carrier!! He also collects "jacks" – among the list was a locomotive jack and a tram jack. He also had sets of scales – one was similar to the one the butcher used when I was a child. We then drove past his 104 year old farm house built on a base of river boulders. He had a paddock of pumpkins ready to harvest.

Lindsay gave us directions back towards Cheviot on a back road that included a Ford! Sadly it was dry. We travelled south via Gore Bay past the farm that the Childs family farmed from 1889 until Tony left it in 1988. Coffee and cake concluded our very enjoyable day. Thanks Tony.

Gill Peters

