



September 2011

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Events Diary 2011

Sunday, Sept 3 Springtime September

Celebration of all things springy (note earthquakes!)

Sunday, Oct 2 October Outing

A real country feel to the run this month

Sunday, Nov 6 Nosing into November

Mountainous run to Castle Hill

Sunday, Dec 4 Christmas BBQ

Combined Clubs Christmas BBQ

Sunday, Jan 1, 2012 New Year Run

1st run of the year on the 1st day of the year!

Sunday, Feb 5 February Fun

Regular 1st Sunday of the month run



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Springtime September Sunday, 4th Sept

That date has so many memories for us all. Last year's run was postponed and a quick change of direction saw us enjoying spring the next week. The original run is still on hold due to damage so John Gallagher is taking us to an area he knows well.

We are heading off around the lower North Canterbury area with a picnic lunch at Cust Reserve at approximately 12.30pm and finishing with tea and cake at the Brickmill Café, Waikuku. Everyone is welcome.

Meet at 10.30am at Princess Margaret Hospital south car park. For those of you that live to the north, meet up at the Challenge garage by the old Waimakariri River bridge at 11am. As usual, gold coin donation to St Johns as the entry fee.

October Outing Sunday, 2nd Oct

Animal time for all. Race horses, dairy cows, sheep with a difference and the dogs that will go with all these operations. Picnic lunch after we have been to the horses, then we will arrive in time for milking at Carol and Geoff's farm in Tai Tapu. Please bring a "plate" for afternoon tea. Why not round up the Grandchildren? Usual start at 10.30am at the southern car park of Princess Margaret Hospital.

Nosing into November Sunday, 6th Nov Castle Hill Run

Have you ever been to this area and marvelled at the awesome looking rocks. More details later

Christmas BBQ Sunday, 4th Dec Combined Car Clubs BBQ & Picnic

Meet usual time and place with your picnic Christmas lunch and a \$2 Christmas present to go into Santa's bag for distribution to all participants. More details on the run closer to the time so please put into your diary and invite your friends and family along.

So that's the end of the Day Runs for 2011 – but don't despair, we kick off Sunday 1st January for lots of sunny day runs all through 2012.

Upcoming Events!

Classic Marathon 2012 'TT' Sat 18 - Sat 25 February (Tarmac Tour)

Having just finished the 2011 Alpine Classic, your committee has taken a deep breath and started thinking and planning the Classic Marathon. Truth be told, we've been thinking about it for a while but wanted to concentrate on the Alpine, before we started playing with the Classic Marathon.

Below is an outline of the proposed plan for the Marathon so you can start to think about what car you'd like to bring along. Once the route has been plotted and the tour planned, we'll be opening entries.

Proposed route outline

Day one: Christchurch, Banks Peninsula, Hanmer

Day two: Hanmer, Murchison, Greymouth

Day Three: Greymouth, Arthurs' Pass, Ohau

Day Four: Ohau, Te Anau (Mid Tour Dinner)

Day Five: Lay Day: Chance to go to Milford, Manapouri, Wilmot Pass

Day Six: Te Anau, Invercargill, Catlins, Dunedin

Day Seven: Dunedin, Oamaru, Ashburton (Final Dinner)

Plotting will be completed by the end of September by the two Graemes and will include good alternative gravel linking routes for those who wish to use them

Odyssey 2012 Wed 26 Sept - Sun 7 Oct

As our tour planner in Australia (Robin Fletcher) has planned and plotted the Odyssey, we thought it was high time we filled you in on the action.

Day ONE:

Starting on the north-western fringe of Melbourne, the route crosses the 1850's gold trail going through notorious bushranger country at Bacchus Marsh and passing the extinct volcanic region near Colac, before joining the Great Ocean Road. Our destination is Warrnambool where we will sample the delights of one of the food baskets of Australia.

Day TWO:

Today's final destination is Mount Gambier, South Australia's second largest city, based on the slopes of a (hopefully still) dormant volcano. Highlights on the way are the old whaling station of Port Fairy, now

a rambling fishing port with more than 50 buildings classified by the National Trust, Portland, also with examples of colonial architecture, Mount Gambier's famous Blue Lake and the magnificent Umpherston and Cave Gardens sinkholes. Well worth a visit is the Portland Powerhouse Motor & Car Museum.

Day THREE:

Our route passes Penola, the town prominent in the life of Mary McKillop (St Mary of the Cross) Australia's first citizen to gain Roman Catholic sainthood and we farewell the coast at Meningie before discovering the old railway workshop town of Tailem Bend on the banks of the Murray River. Final destination today is the largest Murray town in South Australia, Murray Bridge.

Day FOUR:

The beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula is our focus today with much to explore in this historic area before reaching our destination of Adelaide where we will stay for 3 nights

We'll have more on the Odyssey in October's newsletter. This information will go up on the website as well if you want to check out the rest of the details.



Lotus enjoying the hoar frost near Ranfurly on Saturday.

Alpine Classic 2011

You know how we go looking for snow? Well, we found some!

It's the first year we've actually been stopped by too much snow. Some of the roads we'd planned to travel over were closed and we didn't even try them, e.g. Danseys Pass had 1.5m of snow on it. Taller than some of the cars on the tour!

A full report on the Alpine will be in the next newsletter but some photos are up on the website and on our Facebook page.



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