



# January 2012

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## Events Diary 2012

### JANUARY DAY RUN – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2012:

Starting the runs for this year, Julian Barrett is planning on another of his very interesting country runs. Usual time & meeting place – Princess Margaret Hospital – West End Car Park in time to leave at 10.30am.

### FEBRUARY FUN – SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB:

We are planning – hoping for a calm day to complete the second half of the “Lake Ellesmere Journey”.

### FEBRUARY MARATHON - SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> FEB:

### MARCH MAYHEM – SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:

Planning for this days run is almost complete – more info later.

### APRIL FOOLS RUN – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL:

Tempting fate or what! This is the second Sunday run on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month this year and as well it's April Fools Day. We promise not to Fool you on the run!!

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### REPORT ON THE COMBINED CAR CLUBS BBQ & PICNIC – SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:

The Classic Motoring Society of New Zealand had a very good turn out of members and a great assortment of cars of various makes. Julian's folding tent with our club banner and a new banner advertising the 2012 Marathon attached to the sides drew a lot of attention from the one make club members.

There was a great variety of cars with Triumph, Sunbeam and Jaguar well represented. It is great to see the clubs get together and have a day like this. Our thanks to them for organising the day.

Overall attendance was down a little due no doubt to the scary weather forecast broadcast all day Saturday. The 9am forecast on Sunday changed all that with the 4 letter word rain not getting a mention.

The temperature was in the top 20's – the sun hot and bright and burning so we sat under the Willow trees for our Picnic lunch – nice and cool. Orton Bradley Park (with the baby ducks) is a beautiful sheltered park – trees & bushes for shelter – walking tracks & lots of room for more cars.

Santa had a busy day distributing gifts to everyone.

All the best for the festive season



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We have found it necessary to change the dates for the first two Sunday runs of the year. The January run will now be held on the 8th for obvious reasons and the Feb run so people can attend The Historic Meeting at Ruapuna on the first weekend. Meeting place of PMH car park remains Unchanged. Catch you there. January run. Bring your picnic lunch, walking shoes and \$10 per person and be prepared for something different from this hidden gem of nature at Washpen Falls.

Meet at Princess Margaret Carpark 10.30am or those from the southern side of town meet on Jones Rd, Rolleston industrial area between Hoskyns Rd and Izone Drive at 11.10am.

If wet we may decide to an alternative run, meeting places will remain the same.

## From Sharpies Dashboard



It is a bit strange writing this as it is the January newsletter and it is still only Mid December.

So, I hope you all have had or are having a great break and you are looking forward to some great motoring in 2012.

We have a lot on starting with our regular Sunday runs. You will note that we have changed the dates for January and February. Later in February we have the 7 day TT Marathon around the mid and south of the South Island. You will remember that it is called the TT because we have, in response to member wishes, plotted the event on Tarmac roads and we have used some beauties. There are plenty of gravel options built in for those who prefer that. Distances have been recorded in both kilometres and whole miles as requested.

We have done our bit; all we need is a few more entries so we can reach a financial break even point. It is over to you as members now.

Our northern colleagues are planning a weekend over on the West Coast and have asked if you would like to go along. We have said yes so you can expect some more details about that.

Then there is the BIG ONE , a 14 day jaunt through Western Victoria, South Australia and the outback of New South Wales starting at the end of September

We are offering it as a package with all accommodation pre booked . We have included a couple of dinners and a pre tour breakfast on day one. Stephanie has been putting the details in the last few newsletters., and we will include them in the entry form which will be out and on the website.

Max Clarke has been checking out rental cars for us and it looks as though models like Z4's and Saab convertibles will be a bit pricy compared to last time. We will provide those details on the entry confirmation data sheet as well. All you will need to do is get yourself to and from Melbourne and arrange your rental. But more on that later.

Now to the important part, how much will it cost. The all up fee is NZ \$2,300 and includes 13 nights accommodation, 2 dinners for two, 1 breakfast for two and entry into the National Car Museum at Birdswood for two.

The club has already committed over \$4500 to costs and we expect to need to do more as Motels insist on deposits well before the event .We will require a \$500 non refundable deposit from each entrant (2 people) by the end of February so we can continue to fund the event. Let's make this another great success for CMSNZ and get those entries in

If you have a copy of the annual Subs form attached to the newsletter it means your Subs are due.You can pay more than one year at once if you like. I will be.

That's all for now

Sharpie

## Introduction of your new Editor

*There have been some changes made. Stephanie has managed the newsletter, the secretarial responsibilities, the route books/rally plates/ apparel/ and entries for events, the web site and our new face book page. AND, I should mention that she also manages her own graphic design and production business. So thanks to Mel and a couple of others, MG owner Sylvia has agreed to take the newsletter on. I have told Sylvia that it is OK to hassle people for articles about events and to encourage you to provide her with news that can be included each month.*

*So a very special thank you to Stephanie who has accepted the responsibility for all our admin and the newsletter since the club was formed about 14 years ago. I am pleased to say that she is continuing as Secretary and Web master (or should that be web person) Sylvia has put together a mini biography for us and that is reproduced below.*

Sharpie

Now to introduce myself, I have been in the country for two years having emigrated from the mother land, I am married to Larry and have one son living in Rangiora. In my earlier years my hobbies were keeping and riding horses and driving around in my MGB, (I have a story about that later), with my trustee companion Pacer the Spaniel, but now I enjoy walking my dog Amber, learning to play the piano and driving around in our MGF on various car outings and learning about this wonderful country, with new friends and like minded people.

The story that I mentioned earlier was a time when I was in my twenties driving my friend to the beach, we were both scantily dressed in bikini tops and shorts with the MGB's top down (as you do when you are going to the beach), well I took the wrong turning and found myself driving the wrong way up



a one way street the only other car coming the correct way was, yes you've guessed a police car, we stopped opposite each other to exchange words (as you do) and my word was "oops" the police officer asked if I was lost and suggested that I make a U and exit the road on the correct side. I still now wonder whether it was my friend's and my scantily dressed apparel or whether the warm barmy English day had got to the officer's head and he didn't have the heart to book me, no one can tell.

Anyway that's me your new Editor. You can contact me at [syljam@me.com](mailto:syljam@me.com) or by phoning 021 599554.

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