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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER:

Annual Picnic for Combined Motoring Clubs at Orton Bradley Park Charteris Bay. Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park No 3 at 10.30am or make your own way to the Park. Secret Santa will be there! So a gift of value about \$2. There is a charge to enter the park. \$10 max per car. Sorry no dogs allowed.

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER : GOLD CARD CRUISERS

Meet at the Yaldhurst Hotel Car park at 10.30am for our Christmas Run. We will be Lunching at the Soda Cafe in Rangiora at 1pm.

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY:

Usual meeting place Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30am for a relaxing holiday outing.

THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY: GOLD CARD CRUISERS

Meet at A & P Show Grounds Entrance Curletts Road at 10.30am.

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY CLASSIC CAR RACEING AT RUAPUNA

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY: MONTHLY OUTING.

2014 MARCH 16TH – 22ND

MARATHON - Entries now open. Contact Stephanie or Graeme Sharp for an entry form.

2015 SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEW SOUTH WALES ODYSSEY: Graeme Sharp is organising another Australian Odyssey. One highlight will be going to **BATHURST!**

SITUATION VACANT

NEW SECRETARY REQUIRED – Stephanie our long serving Secretary will step down at the next AGM. Job Description: Clear the Mail Box – Minutes of meetings – Name Tags – Running the Data Base. Please contact Julian 03 3591100

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JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

Hard to believe this is the last newsletter for the year. Santa has come early for me in the form of a new Ford Ranger work horse which I've just taken possession of, however it will need to go back in about 3 weeks to have the deck liner and hardlid fitted, apparently there was a fire in the accessories providers premises and they are not fully operational again. I'm predicting it will coincide with its first service at 3000km.

Hopefully I will be back from Auckland in time for the combined clubs picnic on the 1st, if not I wish you all a very merry christmas and a happy new year. We will be celebrating the new year in Singapore with our friends from WA, so yet again work on the cars gets pushed to the bottom of that ever growing list, the good news is I am half way through completing the garden edging/ mowing strip after spending most of show weekend cutting pavers (would be a lot easier if somebody didn't want soooo many curves!) 300 cuts makes a lot of noise and a pile of concrete dust. I don't really have time to go away at christmas but it's probably the only chance I will get to have a decent break.

Now if you're looking for somewhere to take the kids or grand kids(or you're just a big kid) the MIL will have her christmas display open at 19 Kruse Place, Redwood from the 7th of December from 8.30pm to 11pm with any donations going to SPCA, well worth a visit if you like christmas displays.

Until next time happy and safe motoring over the festive season and remember to avoid drink and driving it would be a shame to spill any!



REPORT ON SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER



Donald & Carol with their dogs

Coniston Gardens - 3rd November 2013

We were looking forward to the Coniston Gardens Trip, and on the day, 15 cars arrived at the Rolly Inn Car Park on a cloudy morning.

We drove along the Main Highway to Rakaia, turning on to Thompsons Track to the Mitcham Road turn off. An interesting drive along the back roads toward Ashburton including many dairy farm conversions and closer to Ashburton, well kept Lifestyle Blocks with lots of beautiful green leafed trees.

Arriving at Coniston, the long driveway led to the Homestead and parking for us on the lawn. Donald & Carol Williamson had tables & chairs out for us in a sheltered spot for lunch among colourful rhododendrons.

After lunch we all went for a wander to the Museum, the quaint ex Flemington Church, the little Lake House which looks out across the man-made lake with rustic bridges. There was also a yesteryear shop and a car collection – mostly Jaguars. The sun came out to add to the enjoyable afternoon.

On leaving Coniston, we drove along the Main Highway back to the Rakaia Salmon Tales Cafe for Coffee & Cake – Gill Milne



The beautiful Coniston Gardens

“GOLD CARD CRUISERS”

Thursday 14th Nov.



John & Marilyn with their Peonies

Again we had a good turn out of members. John Gallagher met us and took us to visit his Peony Growing operation.

Merilyn was busy picking and packing! What a lot of work goes into growing those beautiful flowers. John then took us through the outskirts of Kaiapoi and Ohoka and we had lunch at the delightful Ohoka Domain.

We had to leave after lunch but John was taking the group around his favourite North Canterbury roads before the coffee & cake stop.

Then John was back to work to take the lovely flowers to the Airport for their trip to far off lands!
Gill Peters

GOLD CARD CRUISERS GROUP

Any club member is welcome to join our group – gold card or not!

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The annual subscription of \$25 is now due. Your committee have decided to retain the existing fee. Attached to this newsletter is your renewal form. We require a paper trail so please attach the Renewal Form to Cash or Cheque. If paying via the Internet please email Stephanie a copy of your renewal form.

2014 Marathon

THE WDKHLWA 2014 MARATHON 16TH TO 22ND MARCH 2014

Entry Forms now available from The Classic Motoring Society Web Site or Graeme Sharp sharpish@clear.net.nz. The 2 Graeme's have a wonderful week organised for us. Your friends can also come by paying the \$25 club membership fee. Extra shirts are available at \$40 each. Make sure you have booked your accommodation.



OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:

Classic Motor Racing at Ruapuna:
Fri 31st Jan – Sat 1st Feb – Sun 2nd Feb 2014

Twin Rivers Classic car Parade – A & P
Showgrounds Sunday March 9th 2014.

never had all the bugs ironed out and the development was left for a later generation

CAR OF THE MONTH:



Lisette - our 1973 Citroen SM

"You must be crazy!" - these words of support from my Wife, Zay, greeted my announcement that I was bidding for a white Citroen SM on Ebay USA.

The advert was accompanied by numerous photos and the note that "just a couple of minor jobs had to be done to make this a pristine example of the rare SM" -

Yeah. Right!

Our pride and joy was expelled from compliancing with two pages of "must do" things before she would be allowed to grace New Zealand's roads.

Twelve months of hard labour followed and I learned much of the Citroen hydraulics. Steering, Brakes and suspension all had to be carefully worked over to correct 30 years of lack of service. I took dozens of photos of the system while I dismantled the finely engineered units to help when trying to replace the parts in the order from which they came.

Then there was that fabulous hand built Maserati motor. A lovely V6 design that's

to fix. Lots of newly designed parts were sourced from the States, UK and Europe and the rebuilt motor is now reasonably bullet proof.

The advice from all the members of the Yahoo SM Group is invaluable. Every problem I emailed was rapidly responded to and really I could never have succeeded in re-assembly without their help. It is hard (read nearly impossible) to tune with the oddfire V6 needing dual points set at two separate timings and each cylinder being fed by a single choke of the weber carbs. with no balancing between.

Everything about the SM is different. :- Hydraulic steering is positive to say the least; there is no brake pedal- just a button; the ride is fabulous - the SM is a Grand Tourer and lives up to that name with the suspension wafting you over the Christchurch roads.

There is still a bit to do and new oil seals on the exhaust valves (yes exhaust - not inlet) are high on the list. Anyone who is unfortunate to be behind me after a downhill run will know why.

Hard driving really turns on the adrenaline. - the factory spec'd exhaust along with the four cams thrashing away at 6 or 7 thousand revs produce a sound that is guaranteed to raise the blood pressure! But then I don't drive like that...

RogerH

CAR FOR SALE:

Rare Saab Sonett 3 for sale.

Diane & Graeme need space in their garage so they are reluctantly letting their Sonett Sports car go. If you are interested, or know some-one who maybe please contact Graeme on 021 395 944.