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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY MAR 3RD

Change of plan! Twin Rivers event – more details in body of newsletter

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

We love to have a Sunday Run so meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at 10.30 for a trip around Central Canterbury & lunch on the Peninsular. 2nd meeting place at Springston heading towards Leeston.

SUNDAY APR 7TH

APRIL ANTICS – Usual meeting place & time. More details next month.

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JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

It's hard to believe that we are already two months into the year, so much has happened seems that time is relative to age and workload...the older you get the busier you get and the quicker the time goes, or is it you get older and it takes longer to do things because you're not as quick... now I'm really confused!!

Anyway by the time you read this the second anniversary of the big shake will have past, a time to reflect on what is important and precious in ones life.

It was great to meet new and potential new members on our February run, also some new cars to look over, yes I have been forced to hospitalise the Stag with head problems. It is 17years since I last had the heads off and surprisingly they came apart without too much grief. Opportune time to get the Mini on the road after being in hibernation for the last 5years.

A bit of petrol in the tank a new battery, turn the key and the mighty 850cc bursts into life! Amazing, that's a great start(literally speaking), new cv and wheel bearing, new wheel cylinders and brakes all round and off for a WOF the day before our monthly run(lucky it was a week later this month). Unfortunately we had a bit of overheating on the run so am now in the process of

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refurbishing the cooling system and fitting a temperature gauge as they weren't standard feature back in 65 unless you had the deluxe model. Sadly it won't be completed in time for the British Link rally, but you can't say I didn't try. Hopefully we will be up and running for the next outing on the 10th.

TWIN RIVERS EVENT MAR 3RD

Your committee have decided to attend this annual event run by Avonhead Rotary to raise funds for Child Cancer. The organisers have given our club a specific place to park our cars – A good time to socialise & advertise our club. We will be at PMH at 10.30am to meet any cars there but you can travel directly to the A & P Showgrounds Curletts Road from 10.30am. Please tell the “gate marshal” that you are with our group. There is a cost to the event. \$15 per entrant or \$10 if you are just going to be a spectator.

Please support this event.

REPORT OF FEB FIESTA!



The day was sunny & warm. There were 18 cars – some meeting at PMH – others at the Ashley River Reserve on the outskirts of Rangiora. We welcomed new members and trust they enjoyed the day. After all meeting up together and chatting we crossed the Ashley Bridge & proceeded up the Inland Scenic Route through Sefton & Balcairn arriving at State Highway 1 at Amberley.

Followed the highway to Waipara – left towards Waikari – right at the hotel – onward to enjoy the

lovely scenic drive through the Waikari & Scargill Valleys, turning right to travel past the Scargill Domain arriving at State Highway 1 at Greta Valley.

A short trip North on the busy road to turn at Motanau Beach Rd & enjoy a leisurely scenic drive up hills & down dales to the beach Domain for a relaxed lunch with friendly company.

A little later the men had the usual discussion & viewing of cars while the ladies enjoyed chatting under the shade of the trees; some ventured to the sea shore, picking up stones – rocks & fluffy tipped plants for art work – Fun.

Later on the journey home, we called at Soda Café, Rangiora for coffee, cake & cool drinks. Gill Milne.



We found this classic tractor at Motanau

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Thank-you to all members who have paid their subs. If you are not sure please contact Stephanie to obtain your status.

AUGUST IS ALPINE TIME

Going North this year over 4 days – more news soon!

MONTHLY RUNS:

If you would like to organise one of our outings please ring Mel 337 4144

SAAB DOWN UNDER REPORT

RAINBOW & MOLESWORTH



Travelling the Rainbow & Molesworth Roads
Although this was a Saab weekend, I think they were outnumbered by 4 wheel drives & definitely by other make classics

The Christchurch group overnighted on Thursday night in Hanmer ready for an early start on Friday to meet up with a group of Classic motorists from Nelson. They travelled up to Murchison via the Six Mile & met up at Beulah & Ross Taplin's in Murchison for a lovely lunch.

Our thanks to Beulah & Ross.

From Murchison the group made their way through the Braeburn Track & down the Rainbow Road where Alison in her Model A from Havelock joined the group along with another couple of Nelson cars.

The Rainbow was quite rough in places, but all cars made it through - a couple needing some assistance but made it to Hanmer under their own steam.

Friday night stopover was in Hanmer.

Saturday morning was free for those that wanted to shop, swim, walk, bike or just sleep in. In the afternoon we were invited to Jeannette & Tony Childs home at Claverley for afternoon tea.

Claverley is not a place that we were familiar with but for others like us who were unaware of the location it is on the east coast between Kaikoura & Cheviot. The turn off is at the Conway River bridge Christchurch side of the Hundalee Hill.

Thanks to Jeanette & Tony for their hospitality we had a lovely afternoon on their deck & saw the train pass by.

On the return trip to Hanmer some chose to go via the Greta Valley, we chose the St Leonards Road which turns inland at Spotswood & winds over a pass coming out in Culverden. Again dusty but scenic & yummy blackberries. Our memories of this road the last time we travelled it was of Mel holding his shoes high while the Midget filled with water in one of the

creeks we had to cross. Not so this time all creeks were dry.



Saturday evening was lovely – we met at the Rustic Café & had Tapas together & Graeme briefed us on Sundays plans.

We woke to a drizzly overcast morning & a few of the soft top hoods went up but by the time we crossed the Passes – some taking Jacks & some taking Jollies the cloud was burning off & the sun beginning to shine.

The Molesworth road was in a much better condition than the Rainbow but the scenery on both quite amazing. When driving the main roads we forget just how much land there is between State Highway 1 & State Highways 6/65.

Everyone met at the Molesworth Homestead picnic ground for a picnic lunch & photo shoot & goodbyes were said as on leaving the Awater Valley the Nelson folk continued over Taylors Pass & homeward & the Christchurch folk turned south towards home.

For those that didn't come you missed another fantastic weekend organized by the 2 Graemes. Our 3 grandboys - 15, 14, 11 enjoyed themselves even though the 11 year old did need to get rid of his breakkie on the road on Sunday morning.

Thank you to the organizers from us all Marilyn



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NEW MEMBER

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COMING EVENT

MG Track Day at Ruapuna 6th April. Once again the Canterbury MG Club have invited us to their track day. Entry \$50 (they hire the track)

Make a weekend of it Ruapuna Saturday, CMZLNZ Club run Sunday. Full details next month. Graeme Sharp 021 395 944 or 327 8991