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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY MAY 5TH

Mel has an enjoyable outing in store for us. PMH Car Park No 3 10.30am with a Picnic Lunch.

SUNDAY JUNE 2ND

A right royal occasion – Queens Birthday Weekend
So bring out those British cars (and others) for a winter run. Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at 10.30am.

JUNE – ANNUAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held on Monday 17th June at the Upper Riccarton Library Main South Road at 7pm.

AUGUST 16TH - ALPINE

Full details **attached** to the Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

Well Easter is a mere memory, however it was a time to celebrate not only for religious reasons but we shifted the MIL into her own home. After 6 months with us we still have our sanity and I'm not completely alcoholic, but I'm working on it! What a good turnout for our monthly run to Homebush, it is amazing what gems lurk in our own backyard just waiting to be discovered. I chose to be navigator in Kathy's car as the Brit cars are still headless, however I've had the word they should be ready to pick up and re assemble next week and I still haven't done all the other bits and pieces in preparation. Still no hurry now that I have space back in the garage to accommodate the Mini. We seem to have a number of boxes marked "Garage sale stuff", will people really buy that or should we just dump it? It is strange what one accumulates over the years with good intentions of putting it to use (better keep that it might come in handy one day!) Funny the day after you dispose of it is the exact day you have found a use for it.

Well duck shooting season is nearly upon us so "May the 4th be with you" and look forward to seeing you on the 5th for our monthly run!



Julian, Kathy & others enjoying the day at Homebush

REPORT OF APR 7TH OUTING



The Cars lined up in Jones Road ready for our outing to Homebush.

Julian had some great straight roads for us to make our way to Homebush near Darfield. Homebush is where the Deans Family Homestead stood until the Sept 2010 earthquake. The House was destroyed but the Historic Out buildings and Museum were spared. John was our Host for the day and he explained that when the Deans family first went there the “run” was from the Selwyn to Rakaia Rivers. Many generations have lived there but the Museum and Barn have now been placed in a Trust and a group from Darfield are the main supporters. It was a great Museum – some of us could even remember using some of the items in our life time.



There were photos of the Homestead before and after the earthquake. There is also a room with All Black memorabilia as many of the Deans family were players. We were also welcome to wander through the gardens- sadly they need a visit from the gardener – hopefully they will be restored when the new house is completed.

The day was a bit drizzly Maryon had 2 visitors from Thailand who were finding it very cold.

At 2.15pm we headed to Dunsandel via Te Pirita the coffee was very welcome and as usual the company was outstanding.
Thanks Julian & Kathy for another great day out.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING

The AGM of our club will be held at the Upper Riccarton Library Main South Rd at 7pm on Monday 17th June 2013.

Please come along and support your committee and perhaps you may like to join us.

A copy of the annual accounts is attached with this newsletter.

CAR OF THE MONTH



Why A Morgan?

The idea was born in a West Coast pub over a few beers between a friend Phil (Panel beater) and myself (builder) after we had done some work on a early sixties Moggie. Unfortunately Phil and family decided to head across the ditch and I was on my own. This was early 80's. Not having panel beating skills the decision was made to carry on with the wooden buck but to clad it so a fibreglass mould could be taken off. By this stage i had countless car mags with articles and information about Morgan's as I built the buck off photos, drawing grid patterns over them and scaling the information to full size on plywood.

Eventually I had a body minus the bonnet and doors where were later made from panel steel. A dead 13/60 herald was purchased for the front suspension, steering rack and whatever else was needed. The chassis is a box section ladder frame with a Nissan diff and Escort rear spring. The engine is an old Celica 78-79 model with Yamaha Twin Cam head and Twin Side draught Webbers producing 138 BHP at the rear wheels. At the time of purchase the motor and gearbox were only a few years old although mileage was unknown but we had a good 40,000 KS of fun before giving the motor a freshen up in 2011.

The whole project took about 10 years with many interruptions and I honestly don't know how I stuck at it but I'm glad i did.

Since joining up with the Classic Motoring Society we have enjoyed 'Millie' the Morgan on a regular basis and we have been to parts of Canterbury we didn't know existed and hope to carry on as long as we can clamber in and out of the car.

Stewart Ramsay

FUTURE EVENTS

KUSTOM CAR CLUB CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The Event will be held over Labour Weekend Oct 25th -28th at the Kustom Car Club Rooms McLeans Island.

Daily visits \$10 per head – note park & display is free for the driver.

Registration for the whole weekend is required by 31st July. Ph 352 0532 for details.

IF You belong to another Motoring or Historical Society and wish to advertise the event please contact the Newsletter Editor.



A Treasure waiting to be restored! Photo by Mel Peters while travelling by train in USA 2012