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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER:

Usual Sunday run – It is Spring and daylight saving so bring the Classic out - PMH Car Park No 3 at 10.30am. Alternate meeting place. Rolleston Hotel Car Park at 11am. \$5 per car entry to Lunch Venue - Picnic Lunch

THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER:

GOLD CARD CRUISERS:

Organised by Jim Milne – meet at Rolleston Hotel Car Park at 10.30am – Picnic Lunch

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER:

Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park No 3 at 10.30am. Jim & Gill Milne are taking us to Coniston Gardens – there will be a charge of \$8 per head entry fee.

2014 MARCH 16TH – 22ND

MARATHON -Book your leave. More details further down the newsletter

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

I trust everyone survived the big blow without too much damage, we lost power for several hours and half a tree. Lucky I took two metres out of the large trees on the road frontage a couple of months ago otherwise the damage could have been a lot worse. Another reminder to never underestimate the power of mother nature.

It's interesting how a boat race on the otherside of the world can bring a nation together and the disappointment of not bringing home the spoils. However I believe NZ was the winner on the day, the technology and graphics all developed by kiwis. I'm sure the result would have been more favourable if both boats were identical and relied on human skills. It is a shame that the biggest cheque book can influence the outcome of a sporting event. If the event is to survive I reckon it will be held in the Southern Hemisphere and they will need to limit the technology and expenditure so that all competitors are on an even keel and rely on their sailing skills.



Gold Card Cruisers enjoying the rocks at Castle Hill

REPORT ON SUNDAY 1st Sept:

It was Fathers Day so the Ladies decided to give the boys a treat! We went to Akaroa via the Summit Road and had our picnic lunch in the Domain. Some had the delicious Akaroa Fish & Chips. We welcomed a new member with an Excalibur. The car created a lot of interest so if you want to know more about it come on our next outing. The girls hit the shops while the men stood around and talked about cars! We left Akaroa at 2.15pm and had an enjoyable afternoon tea at the Raspberry Cafe. About 30 members were at the cafe. A lovely end to a great days motoring. Gill Peters



Coffee & Cake and perhaps a beer or wine at the Raspberry Cafe

“GOLD CARD CRUISERS”

Thursday 12th Sept.

It was only the second day after the “big blow”. We met at Yaldhurst and travelled the Old West Coast Road to Waddington. The country communities were still without power and chain saws were starting to remove the many trees that had been blown over. Up Porters Pass – we were surprised by the number of trucks on the road but both the Haast & Lewis Passes were closed so this was the only way to get to The Coast. At Castle Rock – our picnic spot – there was a group of young people learning skills with parasails – it was very colourful – also there was a young man sitting in his van playing his guitar! After lunch the more mobile of us walked the path to get a closer look at the rocks. We all decided we would not want to be there in an earthquake. It got cold so we headed to Springfield for coffee & cake – luckily the cafe had a generator! Danny has a friend who lives in Waddington so off we went for a visit. The friend is building a ¼ scale traction engine from scratch. He is an engineer and is making all the parts himself. The men were engrossed! The ladies visited the new house being built on the site and finally dragged the men away. Thank-you Danny for taking us there. Gill Peters



Great cars – amazing scenery – Castle Hill Canterbury

CAR OF THE MONTH BLUEBELL

AUSTRALIA EAST TO WEST THE OUTBACK WAY

By Tony Childs

On Byron Bay its eastern shores near Brisbane it did rain. Inland to Texas we did go, not in our classic cars but four wheel drive sand trucks.

Through cotton fields to St George a radiator we did blow, on through road kill, wild emu, pigs and roos.

Through the inland deserts where the oil flows and dingo roam, camped by the Cooper Creek river where the pelicans did play.

South Australia to Innamicka, Burke and Wills country we did stay.

Past the Dig Tree to Birdsville, four wheel drive we go, oh those high inland freezing cold winds and nights.

Six to nine hours of dust a day, Bull Dust, as far as the eye can see, not a cloud in the sky.

The Simpson Desert 200 thousand square kilometers we did cross, past Min Min lights to the Northern Territory, into Tobermoray and Jervois cattle stations for fuel we had to go.

Four by Four our campsites were, ants, flies, swags, wags and red bull dust, oh so remote yet so alive, tinned bull beef, freeze dri food, cereal and bread for three weeks.

Dodging Bush Bulls all the way to Alice Springs via Gem Tree, onto Kings Creek with a camel close encounter.

Past the salt lake plains to Ayers Rock, and The Olga's.

West to the W A Boarder at a crawl over corrugations so deep, past Lassiters cave into Docker River aboriginal camp.

West to Giles on the Gunbarrel highway dirt track past the blue streak rocket site.

Dirt, Dirt and more dirt, across the Gibson Desert, gibber and salt bush plains, sand hill after sand hill.

A pie and a cake at Giles for my birthday, what a treat, on west for fuel at Warburton Roadhouse, security so complete.

West, West, West 2000kms accross the Great Victorian Desert to Laverton, Mulga bush all the way. Town of Sandston was the goal we followed the ten mile water bores all the way, the rain turned the dirt to liquid mud.

One of the team was bitten by a dingo, the other blown off the thunder bucket, oh those desert winds.

Mt Magnet gold tour of workings so big, onto the Indian ocean West coast at Gerdadton, south to the pinnacles and Perth.

Five states, July 2013 6,786kms, 21 days, four sand trucks, one flat tyre, one dingo bite, one hole in radiator, one aboriginal camp.

East to West across three major deserts straight through the middle, Australias longest shortcut.

Guided by the stars and paper maps what an adventure, call of the outback we are modern day explorers searching for the next outback experience.

By Jove mate we knocked it off!



Tales of an MG

When Barbara and I started with the CMSNZ we did a few events in my Cortina race car, not that comfy but man was it great on the gravel roads around South Canterbury during the Alpine. A few days after the event; The Wife said the dreaded words ‘ Maybe we should look for a better car’

Well what am I to say but ‘Yes dear’ all the while dreaming of that lovely Ford Mustang in my sons car yard. But not to be. So we starting talking around and looking at all makes and models, Till an afternoon visit with Shelly and Kevin Jenkins. Checked out their two MGs and made a choice: MGBGT for us. Sporty and english that I could work on. So the Cortina was sold and the hunt began. Looked in all the mags, joined the MG Car Club (and a lovely bunch as well. Much like the CMSNZ.)

Finally found Bluebell (as Barbara named it as soon as was seen) Home and then away on our first big excursion: The Classic Marathon. Kevin helped with the prep as in what spares to take as he would take other parts and we would give each other moral and mechanical support. Never needed the mechanical sort.

Since those first days we have been on just about all the long runs and Bluebell has never given any trouble. Quite unlike a BMC product at all. Mind you a decent spray job would help, we have quite a bit of gravel rash on the old girl, but have loved every minute of it.

Our bodies are starting have trouble getting in the lovely wee thing, being so low to the ground BUT we will still be out there doing it.

Hope to see you all out there.

Ray and Barbara Hunton

September 2013 Trip to Kaikoura

On Friday 6th September a number of cars from Nelson and Blenheim met on SH 1 outside Montana for 2 pm departure. We travelled to East Coast Inn at Ward and had a drinks break for half an hour, then we made our way to the motels in Kaikoura. Some had afternoon drinks, nibbles and a natter at the Waterfront Apartments. Then we walked to the Commercial Hotel for dinner. A good meal was had by all and a few people got lucky on the pokies machines.

Saturday morning was sunny and 23 cars (47 people) met on The Esplanade outside the motels at 10.30 am. Geoff Morris welcomed everyone and we then had a briefing. We drove via the inland route to Mt Lyford Lodge for lunch. Lunch had been pre-arranged and most people were surprised with the amount food we received. I know that a few people went home with a doggie bag as they couldn't eat it all. After lunch we drove through to Waiau where some had a drink at the pub and others had an ice cream. Then we made our way back to Kaikoura through the Leader Valley and over the Hunderies. That evening a few met at the Commercial at 6.00 and others went to Pier for tea. At the Commercial we watched the All Blacks vs. Pumas game of rugby and then listened to the karaoke. Helen Richards got up and sung and we all enjoyed her

rendition off
Harper Valley
PTA.



Sunday
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10.30 then
drove to The

Point Farm on the Kaikoura Peninsular and were entertained by Peter and Gwenda Smith with the sheep shearing show. I didn't realise how much wool comes off a Drysdale sheep. Lynn took the opportunity to feed the 2 week old lamb. After this we all headed to Donagal House for lunch. Once lunch was finished we all said our goodbyes and headed for way home.

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We look forward to the next weekend away.

Regards, Sonja and Peter Greenhill



2014 Marathon

THE WDKHLWA 2014 MARATHON 16TH TO 22ND MARCH 2014

The two Graemes have just returned from plotting what they assure us will be another event that explores some spectacular country and provides a feast for those who enjoy classic motoring.

We are not sure what the name means and the boys are not saying. (must be an in house joke)

As the newsletter was going to print on the day they returned full details will be in the next newsletter. Here is a brief outline.

Day One: Rakaia to Waimate: 257 km

Day Two: Waimate to Twizel 218km

Day Three: Twizel to Cromwell 377km (the longest day before the rest day via two inland passes))

Day Four : Rest day at Cromwell

Day Five: Cromwell to Mosgiel 302km

Day Six : Mosgiel to Oamaru 276km

Day Seven: Oamaru to Ashburton 310km.

Important Note: ACCOMODATION WILL BE TIGHT AT SOME LOCATIONS so it will need to be confirmed as soon as possible.

Contact Graeme Sharp for an accommodation schedule so you can confirm your bookings now. E mail Graeme at sharpish@clear.net.nz and he will send you details. (not available as newsletter completed)

Full details of tour including entry fee and rest day activities will be out in the next newsletter. For enquiries contact Graeme Sharp 021 395944 or Graeme Matheson 021 2622300