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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER:

It may be Father's Day but the Ladies are the organisers to-day! So Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park No 3 at 10.30am or Tai Tapu near the corner of Michael's Rd at 11 am. Picnic lunch or buy Fish & Chips - Special venue for coffee & cake!

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH:

Kaikoura Weekend organised by the Nelson Classic Motoring Society - all details were in the last Newsletter or contact Peter Greenhill
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH:

GOLD CARD CRUISERS: We will meet at the Yaldhurst Hotel car Park at 10.30am or at Waddington junction with Highway 73 at 11am.

SUNDAY SEPT 29TH

The 20th & final Henry Ford Memorial Rally to be run by Trevor Stanley. Departing Janel Coffee Lounge Car Park New Brighton Mall. Cost \$10 per car. A ½ days motoring is planned with a concert in the afternoon. Non Ford drivers will be welcome at the concert. The entertainer will be Ali Harper For details of the venue. stancar_nzcc@hotmail.com

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH:

Usual Sunday run – It is Spring and daylight saving so bring the Classic out - PMH Car Park No 3 at 10.30am.

2014 MARCH 16TH – 22ND

MARATHON - Details on last page of this newsletter

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JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

Not sure where the days have disappeared to, it seems like only yesterday we were on our monthly run and now we have just completed the Alpine. Fortunately everyone made it home albeit a little shaken but not stirred after experiencing the Seddon earthquake and after shocks, no doubt there will be a few tales to tell. As a precaution we had the Mercedes serviced prior to the Alpine as 6 months ago they told us the diff seal needed replacing, however this time they checked it and said it will be fine until next warrant, but still charged us an exhorbant price to service the transmission and engine, for the prices they charge I could have bought another car! I am waiting a response from their customer survey that I filled in to see if they can justify their over the top prices. Well that's all from me this month as I need to get ready for work trip to Dunedin and Invercargill before the monthly run next Sunday(yes I do work in between car runs!!

REPORT ON SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST:

The object of to-day's run was to enjoy the vistas of the Winter snow on the Southern Alps. We proceeded via Prebbleton – Lincoln and picked up some other members in Tai Tapu. Off through Rakaia and followed the River to the Mt Hutt area. From there we went over the Rakaia Gorge Bridge to Hororata for our picnic lunch. The Polden's had bought their young sons who enjoyed the play equipment. (It was great to have some younger members with us).



These were the mountains that we enjoyed on Aug 4th.

After lunch we headed North through Waddington – Waimk Gorge -Oxford - Cust and on to Rangiora for the all essential coffee & cake. The young lads joined with us and had a “fluffy”. Thanks Mel for a great day out.

“GOLD CARD CRUISERS”

AUGUST 15TH This day out was organised by Gill Milne & Sue Coleman & what a good job they did for us. 7 cars met at Tai Tapu and off we went to Motokurara – then over Gebbies Pass – around the beautiful Lyttleton Harbour to the domain Diamond Harbour. A lovely relaxing picnic lunch and a walk down to the jetty to see the Ferry arrive.



Lunch time at Diamond Harbour – notice Danny's sunshade!

As some of us were going on the Alpine the next day we left early and returned to Lincoln for the coffee treat.

A TIMELY REMINDER

From one of our members. Trade Me will never ask you for your password. The circulating email is a scam.

CAR OF THE MONTH:



Colin & Jenny Poynton's MG

MG “Y”TYPE

Born 1948 Abingdon Oxfordshire England
Goes by the name of BERT
Spent his first 2 years in Hong Kong, arriving in Taumaruni, New Zealand, in 1951. Staying in the area had 6 owners until 1993 when he ended up in a wrecker's yard. Fortunately Sydney Cook late of Hawera, saved him and brought Bert back to the condition you see today. We have looked after him since April 2010, with lots of TLC. He has a sister BETTY, a 1949 MG TC.

ALPINE 2013:



Our Alpine Adventure 2013

The Cheviot School Home Economics team and senior students excelled in their hospitality, launching us on our way after a delicious morning tea/lunch. Capes swirled as Batman and Robin swooped in to swell the ranks. In all 59 of us enjoyed the four day event in the “upper south” and we welcomed newcomers Colin and Jenny Poynton in their 1948 MGY type and Matt Opie in his GT Cortina .

As we made our way north to the destination of Blenheim exploring oft passed side roads, enjoying the seal pups at Ohau Point and indulging in coffee and cake as the mood took we had little thought of what Sharpie had “arranged” with Mother Nature. First instincts when we all found ourselves close to the epicentre of a 6.6 earthquake were oh b..... a puncture, or were there two punctures? , then “why were those trees and power lines dancing in front of our eyes not to mention the huge green bales of feed being tossed around like balloons”. Various groups gathered as we pondered our fate and experienced the aftershocks. The salt works staff had scrambled to the top of the hill fearing tsunami and it was quickly evident that side road was impassable with huge rock falls across the road. The policeman kicking aside rocks on the main road between the salt works and Seddon seemed on a hiding to nowhere as we dodged many rock/earth falls on our way through. Arrival at Blenheim provided the chance to hear news from the outside world, communicate with loved ones and then most importantly debrief over a drink or three. Saturday’s weather limited the magnificent views that might have been had on the Port Underwood Road between Rarangi and Picton but it proved a great stretch of gravel road. The Queen Charlotte Drive had a little less mizzle and we cruised into Nelson for a two day stopover. Some enjoyed a wine tour while

others took the opportunity to explore other parts of Nelson before we regrouped for a “Lords and Ladies” event. Lord Bruce (Keddie) and Lady Carolyn (Houston) had pulled out all stops Bruce in spats, top hat and tails while Carolyn was the fabulous flapper in fur. Definitely deserving winners of the dress award to include a Wine Tour Voucher alongside petrol vouchers donated by Diane Brandish and Graeme Sharp. Close behind were President Julian and Kathy Barrett and never far from the awards and this time third were the mustachio’d Harmens (well Matt and David were) alongside the lovely Sue. Marvellous to see everyone making the effort but amazing that the party finished by 9.30pm – are we getting old or what!

Sunday had plenty to offer with a trip to the Cobb Dam (38km on a windy, fairly narrow and mainly gravel road) and trip into Harwoods Hole. We will not elaborate on what happened to Batman alias Philip Royds but needless to say the Mazda RX7 had an eventful day some of it spent on the side of the Cobb Road then later on a hoist.! The Woolshed at the start of the Cannan Road provided a welcome stop with good food, wool products and interesting animals and the choice of Hangar 58 for the evening meal was very popular. This was a super day for following the route and/or taking the opportunity to do other side trips in the Golden Bay.



The Lake at Cobb Dam

Was it the last day already? We gathered for instructions to take us to Murchison via the Motueka west bank road, the dry weather road from Tadmore to Glenhope then over the Braeburn Track to end 871km of travel with a delicious lunch/afternoon tea provided by the Murchison Golden Oldies. The enthusiasm of Irene Scott and Peter Whyte was definitely deserving of the Spirit of Event Award, David Harmen “rewarded” Richard Horrell with the John Harmen Spanner Award for replacing Matt

Opie’s generator while the Saab Classics Merit Award went to the Royd’s family - yes all six of them

2014 Marathon,

The 2014 Marathon will be run over 7 days with a lay day midway through. We have penciled in the 16th to the 22nd of March 2014 so pop these in your diary now. The tour will start on Sunday morning and finish on Saturday night allowing for our distant friends to travel on the weekends.

We intend spending at least two nights in Cromwell so we can have a look around the new race track and give you the chance to spend some money enjoying what it has to offer. We will provide full details of this in an upcoming newsletter.

We are going south again and this year will be plotting on both gravel and seal. For the 2012 tour we plotted entirely on seal after feedback from some members (who did not do the tour as it turns out) and provided map only gravel alternatives. Interestingly everyone used the gravel alternatives so we will include them in the main route and provide map only sealed alternatives just in case.

The tour will be focused mainly on the South Canterbury, North and South Otago regions with the first night in Waimate, the second in Twizel and at least two nights in Cromwell. Other overnight stops will be determined when plotting and subject to accommodation availability.



Graeme & Graeme our longer event organisers – are looking for a new recruit to assist with this.

Graeme and Graeme will be off the plot the route sometime soon and want to offer someone the chance to help with this. They have plotted the last 9 long distance events and feel it is time to inject some new blood.

As they say, “we are not getting any younger but one day we will be too old so we need someone to pick up the mantle. We are not out to pasture yet but it will be great to have some backup”

So if you can take 4 days or so in the back of the SAAB and don't mind longish days give either Graeme S (021 395944) or Graeme M (021 2622300) a call. Dates are flexible but would like to have it done by the end of September if possible.