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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY 4TH MAY:

Usual Meeting Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park No3 at 10.30am or The Peg (Belfast Hotel) at 11am. Roger Hunt has a route for us to-day with a question sheet – so bring a pen. Roger has organised an undercover place for lunch if the weather is not kind. Don't forget the picnic lunch.

THURSDAY 15th MAY: GOLD CARD CRUISERS

Jim Milne will lead us to-day. The Peg (Belfast Hotel) at 10.30am.

SUNDAY JUNE 1st :

Usual Sunday outing. It is Queen's Birthday weekend but Mel will have an interesting drive for you.

THURSDAY JUNE 12TH

Gold Card Cruisers Details in next newsletter.

2015 SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER NEW SOUTH WALES ODYSSEY:

Graeme Sharp is organising another Australian Odyssey. One highlight will be going to BATHURST!

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AGM

The Annual General Meeting of our Club will be held
at
Filedelfios Gourmet Pizza Restaurant & Bar
150 Colombo Street
Christchurch

At 2pm Sunday 6th July 2014

The usual Sunday run will begin at 10.30am and go for lunch at Filedelfios at 1pm. Please come and show your support for your club.

JULIAN'S JOTTINGS

April Report

What a great turnout considering the weather wasn't looking the brightest, fortunately it held out for the monthly run to Plains Museum in Ashburton. A few members took the opportunity to ride the steam train. An interesting array of memrobilia, I never realised that Triumph made sewing machines so I did a little research and found that back in 1885 a 20 year old by the name of Siegfried Bettmann emigrated from Germany to Coventry England and set up a company importing sewing machines and bicycles. The company became known as the Triumph Cycle Company and evolved to produce their own bicycles and eventually in 1902 produced their first motorcycle, the rest they say is history!!

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Easter, I was down Central Otago prior to the break and would have loved to stayed for the motorsport and warbirds (did get a few flyover in a practice run) maybe next time.

CAR FOR SALE:

SAAB SONNET for sale.

Diane and Graeme have decided to part with their All Black 1971 SAAB Sonett 3 sports car.

It is powered by a reliable 1700cc V4 Motor and drives through the front wheels. The body is in great condition and being mainly fibreglass is rust free. It is valued at \$25,000.

Talk to Graeme is you are interested and let your friends who might like unique classic cars know it is available...Graeme's numbers are 033278991 or 021 395944



CAR OF THE MONTH:



This Lovely Rolls Royce Silver Shadow is owned by Viv Barrett who is Julian's Dad. When we visited Methven Wendy McGovern was given a real treat with a ride around the town.

2015 NEW SOUTH WALES ODYSSEY

We are proceeding with our next 14 day adventure in Australia. The final dates are to be confirmed, but it will be late September /early October 2015. The route plotting is underway and it is intended that we circumnavigate the State with a stop- over in Orange so we can go to the Bathurst race meeting. As with the South Australian Odyssey we will be asking for a non- refundable deposit to cover the organising expenses and motel booking deposits.

We will let you know the details once we have the dates confirmed.

If you wish to or are interested in joining us can you please send your details to Graeme Sharp so he can put together a mailing list specific to the tour.

We will also give updates in the News- letter.

There has to be reasonable interest to make it worthwhile to do the planning.

Graeme's email address for the tour is info@saabclassics.net and his contact details are 03 3278991 or 021 395944.

REPORT ON APRIL 6TH OUTING:



Lunch on a cold day at the Tinwald Domain

We left Rolleston after arrival of members from first meeting place. The weather was a little damp but hadn't deterred 14 cars, with participants turning up for a days motoring, and sightseeing together.

The trip took us through to Rakaia, onto Thompsons Track, turning left after a few kms, and travelling down to cross the Main South Road. We travelled on roads South East of Ashburton, passing a Turkey farm, vegetable stall, plant stall and of course dairy farming – into Ashburton Business Estate – a large area beautifully landscaped, with quite a few businesses already established. From there we drove through Netherby to the Main South Road again and through Tinwald to the Domain, making use of the sheltered area for lunch.

The trees in the domain were admired for their beautiful Autumn colours and we took note of the multitude of ducks on the pond – taking refuge, no doubt, as duck shooting season nearly happening.

With lunch over and lots of catching up with each other, some went over to the Museum and Heritage Park, to take in some history. The Pioneer cottage was worth looking through and another building was a home for an old printing press, vintage typewriters and

other various forms of machinery used for communication by print, in years gone by.

Further along sitting outside a shed was a stationery steam engine and inside, vintage tractors and farm implements and an old steam engine which is shown it's workings on open days at the park. A few people even had a steam train ride, 2kms up the rail track and back (thank you carol). Julian remarked about "Dennis" – a vintage fire engine – perhaps making a good conversion as a camper!!!

Thank you Jim and Gill for a great run, through country roads, not travelled before by some, and the visit to the Tinwald Domain and Heritage Park.

(Gill – one other member thought there was a vintage car shed also?)

Happy Motoring Sue Coleman



A cross section of the cars that came with us to Tinwald.

“GOLD CARD CRUISERS”

Thursday 17th April.

The day was cold and damp so the cruise was called off. Come for an adventure with Jim & Gill next month.