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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>:

Graeme Sharp & Colin Macdonald are our Hosts. Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car park 3 at 10am. The run will finish at The Craighead Reserve in Papanui at 1pm where we will have a picnic lunch. Would each car please bring a "Secret Santa" gift to the value of \$10. We will provide shelter from either the sun or the rain. Picnic Lunch.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>:

#### Gold Card Cruisers

Christmas End of Year Lunch is at Fossil Point Cafe Greta Valley. Meet at Belfast Hotel Carpark at 10 30am .Cafe Lunch.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>

Mel has a New Year run ready for us. Meet Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park No 3 at 10am for a 10.30 departure. Picnic Lunch

### THURSDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>:

Gold Card Cruisers Thursday 18th January 2018. Meeting place Yaldhurst Hotel car park 10 30am Picnic Lunch.

## ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON.

2018 April 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

Entry forms will be available before Christmas.

Contact Graeme Sharp at [info@saabclassic.net](mailto:info@saabclassic.net)



### Julian's Jottings:

The Festive season is upon us and I still haven't got all the MIL's xmas stuff sorted, it's like a work in progress with a number of new bits and pieces added.

It will be well worth a visit and this years donations will be going to "Go Baby Go" organised by Rotary to raise funds for small electric cars for mobility challenged kids.

We had a brilliant Christchurch Show weekend away with the Stag Owners down to Ophir in Central Otago. Famous for being the coldest place in NZ, we stayed at Blacks Hotel where the hospitality was exceptional, food excellent and a whisky selection to satisfy the most finicky connoisseur!

We all enjoyed it that much it may become an annual pilgrimage.

Meanwhile I look forward to the Sunday run to see what Graeme and Colin have conjured up, and if I don't see you then, please have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and travel safe wherever you go.

## We welcome the following new members to our club:

Mike & Sonya Winter

Please make them feel welcome.

## REPORT ON NOVEMBER SUNDAY EVENT:



Lunch time in Waiau - Photo Mel Peters

Our meeting place was beside the Ashley River in Rangiora. What a wonderful turn out – Newer cars – older cars - newer members and older members.

We even had Graeme & Geoff who were foundation members of our club. The driving was again long straight roads in the morning up through Sefton & Balcairn and onto Highway 1 at Waipara – Through The Weka Pass –through Hurunui and Culverden to turn North at the Red Post Junction.

Lunch was in Waiau where 50 of us enjoyed Picnic time in the Reserve. One of the Locals came out and opened the Old Jail for us to look into. Some enjoyed an ice-cream at the shop. Ray brought along a Banner to advertise the up coming Classic Car event in Rolleston.



Geoff outside the Jail – yarning to a local – photo Mel Peters



Macy Rose our youngest participant at Waiau - photo Mel Peters

After lunch it was off up the hill and through the beautiful Leader Road to Highway 1 – here we turned north for a while so that we could drive the Old Hawkeswood Road – a favourite of the past. Coffee & Cake was very relaxing at Pukeko Junction in Leithfield - too many Peter's was confusing for the staff!

## REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS Nov 16<sup>th</sup>:

A good number of cars arrived at the Meeting place on a pleasant sunny day. It was Show week so we planned a quieter run along country roads once we had turned off the Main Highway. The paddocks looked green with an abundance of grass for the mainly Dairy cows along the way. We made our way across to Southbridge and on to the Rakaia huts for our picnic lunch stop. Later we returned through Leeston to Lincoln for Coffee and Cake at Coffee Culture. Gill Milne.



Already for a day's cruising to Rakaia Huts – photo Mel Peters

## 2018 Classic Marathon

### CLUB MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS PETER FLEWELLEN

For the Canterbury Car club season of June 16 to June 17.

Peter won the overall club champs in 4 disciplines, Circuit sprints, Motorkhanas, Autocross and Car Trials.

He was also 1st interclub trophy.  
1st in Class Hill Climb,  
1st in Motorkhana in over 1600cc class.

3rd overall speed champs circuit sprints,  
2nd in 1600 to 2 litre class speed champs.

Certificates for several other events.



### WELL DONE PETER

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewal invoices have been posted. Membership Cards will be posted in the New Year. Membership Cards are only printed once a year – so late payment will mean a temporary card will be issued.

#### E MAIL ADDRESS

Please advise us if your email address is about to or has already changed.

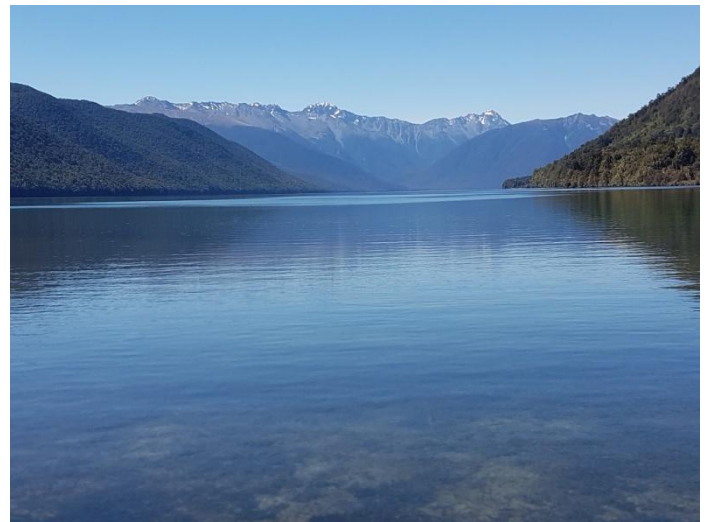


A scene that you will enjoy on the 2018 Marathon

It will be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2018, two weeks after Easter and before ANZAC day.

From this day forth the event will be known as the

### ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON.



One of the views you will see on the Marathon!

If you would like an entry form when they become available contact G2 at [info@saabclassic.net](mailto:info@saabclassic.net).

G2, ably assisted by John Rapley and G1 have plotted the route. The entry form will be out before Xmas.

The tour will start in Picton and finish in Oamaru, the rest is still in the mind of G2 but it will be a good mix of sealed and gravel roads.



Another stunning sight you will see on the Marathon.

### **2019 WA Odyssey**

We don't want G2 to get bored so we have asked him to explore the possibility of an Odyssey in Western Australia in 2019.

It has been suggested that we make it really worthwhile by providing an option of taking the train to Perth from Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide. This could add a week to the journey resulting in a 3 week Odyssey.

G2 intends that the train journey will be optional so you can fly straight to Perth.

The current thinking is to explore the area south and east of Perth finishing with an inland run up to Kalgoolie and then looping back to Perth.

Could you let G2 know ([info@saabclassics.net](mailto:info@saabclassics.net)) if you are interested as we need at least 10 cars not looking for firm commitments yet, just a heads up of those interested

### **MIKE MITCHELL & ELLEN OWEN**



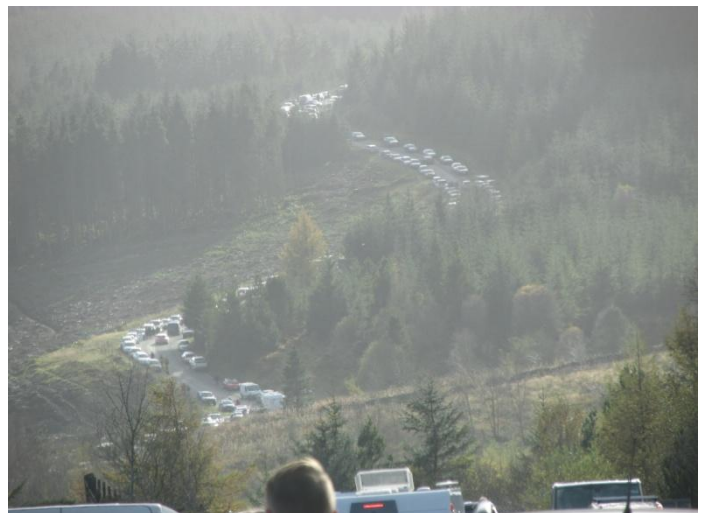
Are touring the UK and Europe for a year in the Motor Home that they pre-ordered in New Zealand.



Haydon Patton racing in Wales - photo Ellen Owen

Hi Team

We are about to head over to France early this week. Recently we attended the WRC GB held in Wales. Frosts, fog and cold breezes were the norm. This was quite an experience and rules to spectators aren't seriously observed. The Rally was held in Cumbria District of Wales. 1st photo is on Day 1 with Haydon Paddon in the Sweet Lamb Stage and the second photo is after final day all the cars parked up for about 5miles both sides of the forest road when we drove out. There were plenty of notices on sides of roads driving in about no fires to be lit, we must have been the only ones not having a bbq breakfast and sit around the campfire. (Many were still smoldering after campsite vacated) and fireworks not to be taken in, every night fireworks were going off in all directions and by the noise they weren't tom thumbs.



Heavy traffic at the FIA Rally in Wales - photo Ellen Owen

Then on the 2nd day FIA officials were going to cancel one stage as the spectators wouldn't keep off the circuit regardless of what marshals were telling them. Great memories , till next time Ellen and Michael

## SECRETARY & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Gill Peters has decided to retire from the committee at the AGM in May 2018.

Please offer your name or any-one you know to take on these 2 interesting rolls in the club.

Gill has a Job Description for both rolls.

Gill 03 2619166 or 021 216 0186

## MORE ALPINE 2017 STORIES



A Snowy Lewis Pass - photo Brian Grace

Some photos of coming through the Lewis pass after the Alpine Rally. Bruce was right we probably were the last car through before they closed the road because of the snow, made it an interesting trip. We had planned to break the trip home with a night in Hamner Springs, hence being seen Tuesday morning going through Culver den. Brian Grace



Nearing the Top of the Lewis - photo Brian Grace

## OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU: TRANSMISSION GULLY MOTOR SHOW

Hi, I am with Plimmerton Rotary Club and we are planning to hold a Motor Show in conjunction with the Transmission Gully motorway developers in April next year. The aim is to exhibit everything to do with motoring including vintage cars, classic cars, hot rods, fire engines, bikes, police vehicles, motorway construction equipment, etc. It will also include a presentation of the motorway development progress to-date. It is to be a family day with activities for all the family including helicopter rides, children's rides, food, bike rides, games, etc. It is a fund raising event with proceeds to go to a charity yet to be confirmed.. So we are hoping that you may be interested in exhibiting your cars as a major part of the show. We don't expect there to be a charge for exhibitors. If you could just indicate at this planning stage your possible involvement in the show it would be gratefully received. Regards  
Les Callear Planning Team Leader  
Email [les.callear@orcon.net.nz](mailto:les.callear@orcon.net.nz)

## 2018 TWIN RIVERS

To advise that the Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza will be held on 25 February 2018 with a wet day the weekend after.

We would be very pleased to welcome as many of your members as possible!

The principal sponsor is, once again, the Paul Kelly Motor Company.

This years charity will be Chomondley Childrens home, with the hope to raise sufficient funds to buy them a preplacement van.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries suggestions or requests.

We always appreciate the publicity you give us in your excellent newsletter, thank-you. Looking forward to welcoming plenty of your members,