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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH:

To-day we are going to support **CHEVIOT**
We will have lunch at The Two Rivers Cafe.
We will meet at Princess Margaret Hospital car Park
3 at 10.am or The Peg Belfast at 10.30am.

THURSDAY JUNE 15TH:

Gold Card Cruisers Meeting Place
The Peg Belfast at 10 30am café lunch.

SUNDAY JULY 2ND:

Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at
10.00 am. Julian Barrett will be our host to-day.
If the weather is bad we will have a cafe lunch.

THURSDAY JULY 13TH:

Gold Card Cruisers Meeting Place West Melton
Tavern Car Park 10 30am Café Lunch.

June / July Queensland Odyssey:

Alpine: September

Julian's Jottings:

Thank you to all who made the effort and attended the AGM, congratulations to our re elected committee members and welcome to our new recruit Rod Hurst. Judging by the turnout and the number of apologies that we had, I would have to say that the club is in excellent health.

One of our members has taken the plunge and invested in an electric car, but he assures me he still has a Saab as a back up, well done Geoff.

While on a Stag car club outing recently I was appalled at the lack of customer service experienced. Our group of 17 had pre booked a coffee stop at the Blue Duck and patiently waited for over 45minutes for everyones order, apparently takeaway customers are a priority, when approached by our run organiser the manager said to him "Well don't bother coming back". With that attitude he shouldn't be in business.

We have been looking at replacing the log burner, thanks to Ecan bureaucracy (don't get me started). That was another interesting customer service experience, needless to say we will be going where we got the best service as they also knew their products.

Well that's enough ranting from me, look forward to seeing you on the next run.



Have a drive in your classic and enjoy winter

REPORT ON SUNDAY MAY 7TH:



A selection of the cars and People at the Wheels Event

We again decided to attend the Ashburton Wheels event. This is a very well attended event organised by the Rotary Club of Ashburton. There were about 300 cars there! All sorts from some of the oldest cars still on the road to the very modern. There was a really old Ford and I asked the owner was it difficult to obtain the narrow tyres that the car required. He replies that they were readily available but were now made in Vietnam and were quite expensive! We had 10 cars leave from The Rolly Inn but many more of our members were already there with their "one make" clubs. The tour began on the suburban roads of Ashburton but we were soon out in the country driving those long straight Canterbury Roads. We were surprised at the number of water storage facilities that have been installed especially around Mayfield. The lunch venue was at "Coldstream" a very old Mid-Canterbury property farmed by the Studholme family. We were permitted to walk through the gardens which were badly in need of a passionate gardener. Coffee & Cake was enjoyed at Robert Harris in Ashburton on the way home. Gill Peters



The MX5 Club which includes quite a few of our members had a special display at the event.

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS MAY 18TH:



One of Oxford's interesting Galleries

Another wintry day but a good number of cars arrived for a days outing. We motored from Yaldhurst and on reaching West Melton turned left into Weedons Ross Road and another turn left into a new subdivision interesting with building in progress and houses already completed on large sections. On passing through West Melton Village we noticed a Shopping Centre had been developed good for the locals. Turning into Halkett Road we then veered left to follow the Old West Road to turn at Minchins Road over the Waimak Gorge to Oxford Bakery for the Lunch stop. Amazing food selection and plenty of seatng for us all. In spite of the chilly day we noticed the pretty Autumn leaves on all the trees along the way. After lunch and the usual look in the shops we drove on to Rangiora for Coffee and Cake at Kingsford Kitchen. Gill Milne.

REPORT ON THE AGM HELD Sunday May 21st 2017 AT 12 NOON

The meeting was held at the A & P Showgrounds in Rangiora. It was attended by 35 members and we received 25 apologies. Your committee was all re- elected plus Rod Hurst who has agreed to join with us. We look forward to Rod's input. Graeme Sharp asked if any-one has expertise in managing a Web Site or Data Base and be willing to help to please contact him. Julian, Diane, Mel, & Jim gave their appropriate reports. Members congratulated the committee on the 21st birthday celebrations last year. All of this only took 30 minutes - so next year come along. The meeting was followed by a Buffet Lunch. Gill Peters



Alpine entries are now open with a limit of 40 cars. The field is filling quickly but there are some spaces still available.

If you are going to join us on this run we recommend that you get your entry in. Please do so promptly to ensure a spot as G2 will be away on the Queensland Odyssey on the 20th of June.

Dates: **15th to 18th of September**

Just a reminder of where the tour is going.

Day one: Fairlie to Wanaka Starting at 9:30 am

Day two: Wanaka to Hokitika

Day three: Hokitika to Karamea

Day four: Karamea to Murchison, arriving at 1pm.

Entry forms have been sent out but if you do need one contact G2 at info@saabclassics.net or contact Gill Peters (also away on the Odyssey)



Our plans for the big adventure to Queensland are now complete. 12 Cars will leave from Coolangatta on June 21st and conclude the tour at Mission Beach On July 5th.

CMSNZ WEB SITE

Your committee has had the Society website updated. G2 is coming to grips with keeping it current and will consider news stories about your cars and motoring adventures.

Other topical motoring news will also appear from time to time.

The new committee will be asked to consider whether we should make the site available to members for buying or selling cars and/or parts.

We have received several requests from other parties wishing to provide services etc. to members. Your committee will consider this as well

Your thoughts are welcomed: send G2 your feedback and he will take it to the committee