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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY MAY 7TH:

We will again be attending the Wheels Week Event in Ashburton. There will only be 1 meeting place for this event at **The Rolly Inn Rolleston at 9am.** There is an entry fee of \$20 per car. Coffee & Cake will be at Robert Harris Ashburton.

THURSDAY MAY 18TH:

Gold Card Cruisers.

Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 10.30am. Picnic Lunch
Weather Permitting.

SUNDAY MAY 21ST:

AGM - Details further down the Newsletter.

SUNDAY MAY 28TH :

FOMC - AGM - Christchurch

10.30am at The Barn Cutler Park McLeans Island

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH:

Another Queen's Birthday run.

THURSDAY JUNE 15TH:

Gold Card Cruisers Meeting Place The Peg
Belfast 10.30am. Cafe Lunch.

June / July Queensland Odyssey:

Alpine: September

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday May 21st 2017

12 noon

Cafe at The Rangiora Showgrounds

This will be followed by a Buffet Lunch at 1pm. There will be a Roast Meal Buffet – Hot Desert – Filter Coffee for \$22 per head. There will also be a Liscenced bar available.

Please advise of your attendance to any of the Committee members listed at the top of the Newsletter. We need numbers for the meal by May 15th.

Come along and support your committee

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.

Julian's Jottings:

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Easter break even though the weather wasn't the greatest. We took an extra couple of days off as we travelled to Masterton for a Stag get together. The car performed as it should with the new suspension getting a good workout on the road to Picton. It took a good seven hours each way between Christchurch and Picton allowing for traffic, road works and a coffee break at Murchison. Those roads were never designed for large truck and trailer units and appear to be rapidly deteriorating, some of those potholes are like craters!

Another busy month ahead, looking forward to the Ashburton run hopefully the weather will be a repeat of last year. Then our AGM just a few weeks away, remember to register for the buffet before the 15th.

REPORT ON NELSON CLUBS APRIL FOOL TOUR



Some of the entrants at the top of the Crown Range.

Some of our club members are also members of the Nelson Club and entered into their bi-ennial April Fool Tour. We began with a delicious breakfast at the Warbirds Museum in Wanaka. A novel idea was to have one long table with all 104 of us sitting in alphabetical order – great for meeting new people. The tour was in a less formal format with the first day a short travelling distance to Te Anau so we had the choice of routes and places to visit. Our favourite was Arrowtown.

Saturday was devoted to a trip to Milford Sound. We were away from Te Anau by 8am and had an uneventful drive up the very dangerous road. The weather was showery so we only got glimpses of Mitre Peak but the trip down the Sound was lovely and we saw plenty of nature's beauty. On the way back up to the tunnel the rain had set in and the waterfalls were a great sight. This was my first trip to Milford Sound.

Sunday was very busy – an early start from Te Anau on to the Southern Scenic route to Tuatapere – Riverton & Invercargill. Some visited the Vehicle

Museums and Hayes Hardware Store and then it was off on the 3 hour drive to Dunedin. The route took us behind the Dunedin Airport and through Outram and over 3 Mile Hill into Dunedin. The final dinner was an outstanding evening at Larnach Castle with “our” Malcolm taking the part of “little John” in the Haggis Ceremony.

Lindsay is a great raconteur and always has a story or joke for us. Thank you Lindsay & Russell and your wives for a great weekend. Gill Peters



Some of the very old cars on display at the Warbirds Museum.

REPORT ON SUNDAY APRIL 2ND

Sunday 2nd April dawned sunny and warm and 21 intrepid Classic motorists arrived to put the lie to the idea that dusty shingle roads are now out for motoring.

Indeed a Saab turned up for a short time and one of our Grahams was suitably impressed. He left convinced we had a number of potential Alpine Marathon participants in the club (evidently the course for this year has just been set out by the two Grahams.)

The day's trip covered North Canterbury back roads a few of which were lacking seal and even had one ford. No one opted for the alternative seal bypass and we all enjoyed some beautiful scenery.

Thrown into the mix were a series of questions to be answered with the clues on the side of the roads and also requiring earnest study of tombstones in a country cemetery. All this was taken very seriously as several bottles of the finest vintage wine were the prizes at the end. Some of the questions were calculated to sort out the winners (For those “in the know” Border Leicester is NOT a breed of cattle). Lunch was at the Ashley reserve and “afters” at the Rangiora Artisan.

After that was the compulsory car washdown.

Roger Hunt

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS APRIL 13TH:

Nine cars arrived at the Meeting Place on a showery morning. After driving through some streets in Rolleston, we turned onto the Main Highway south to Burnham. It was an interesting drive through Burnham Military Camp and we noted Army Recruits training and on a tough run carrying very heavy packs along the roadside some looking a little tired! We passed through Darfield and on to Springfield for an indoor lunch at Yello Shack café. We all sat on the covered verandah enjoying a good lunch and pleasant conversations. Later we motored back to Darfield for another get together at the Bakery and Coffee and Cake. Gill Milne

competition began. We had 12 bowlers who bowled with various success. Our winner on the day was Larry Pockson with 125 – a great effort.

Thanks to Ray & Mel for organising this for us.



The 10 pinbowling teams



REPORT ON CAR CLUB EXCHANGE WITH MX 5 CLUB SUNDAY APRIL 9TH



Intrepid Bowlers ready for a quick run before the tournament.

We met at PMH at 1.30pm with a really good attendance from the MX5 Club – several of the members are also members of our club. Mel organised a short run around the bottom of the hills through Tai Tapu – Motokurara and then over Gebbies Pass to skirt the Lyttelton Harbour. A noisy trip through the tunnel with the top down was followed by a drive through Heathcote and Opawa to arrive at the Garden City Bowl complex. We were early enough to have a delicious snack & coffee before the

2017 ALPINE

15TH TO 18TH SEPTEMBER

The Alpine is now plotted and entry forms will be sent out early May.

The event will run over 4 days starting at 9am on Friday the 15th of September in Fairlie.’

DAY ONE will be a run of 316km through the Lindis Pass with some gravel options to Wanaka where we will stop for the night

DAY TWO will take us through the Haast Pass and finish in Hokitika after 420 km of scenic delights on sealed roads

DAY THREE is a run up the West Coast with some gravel options and will finish at Karamea after 350km for an overnight stop and group dinner.

DAY FOUR is a relatively short run of 165km finishing in Murchison (hopefully for a farewell lunch) before we head home

We have approached the school and netball club to see if they wanted to cater a fund raising lunch but it seems they have sufficient funds and have opted out. We are talking to other community groups and expect a positive outcome.

The tour will be limited to 40 cars. Costs and accommodation details will be in the entry form.



Our plans for the big adventure to Queensland are now complete with just a couple of meal details to sort out. Our costs for 15 days away including accommodation and 3 group meals are \$3575 for two people.

We have plotted a route that takes in many and varied attractions along the way and will be traversing some rain forest areas as well as the dinkum red earth outback, so there will be plenty for everyone.

It is not too late to put in an entry and join what is a very social and friendly group.

Contact G2 (Sharpie) if you want an entry form and/or further information about the Odyssey

Here is our **itinerary**:

21 st June: Day One :	Coolangatta to Warwick 245km
22 nd June Day Two:	Warwick to Kingaroy 303km
23 rd June Day Three:	Kingaroy to Bundaberg 287km
24 th June: Day Four:	Bundaberg to Rockhampton 322km
25 th June Day Five:	Rockhampton to Emerald 270km or 425km
26 th June Day Six;	Emerald to Longreach 417km
27 th June Day Seven;	Longreach
28 th June Day Eight:	Longreach to Cloncurry 528km (real outback)
29 th June Day Nine:	Cloncurry to Normanton 383km (real outback)
30 th June Day Ten:	Normanton
1 st July Day Eleven	Normanton to George town 298km
2 nd July Day Twelve:	Georgetown to Mareeba 353km
3 rd July Day Thirteen:	Mareeba to Cooktown 266km
4 th July Day Fourteen:	Cooktown to Atherton 331km

5th July Day Fifteen: Atherton to Mission Beach
172km

There is plenty to do in and around Longreach on the first lay day and Normanton is not far from the Gulf of Carpentaria, with a side trip to Karumba to dapple your toes in the water.

Max Clarke has looked at rental cars and Avis are dearer than last Odyssey but they do a one way hire. Alfa, who are cheaper require the cars to be returned to the hire site.

For those who want to stay on and visit the Townsviller Supercar meeting. It is one of the best tracks in the series and is held on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of July

Mission Beach is approximately 140km from Cairns and 245km from Townsville.

Graeme (G2)

OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:

Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains Classic Car Run 7th May 2017

This event is part of the Ashburton Wheels Week festivities, following the swap meet to be held the previous day. This is the 25th running of this hugely popular event and we ask you for your participation. Entry fee will be \$20/car with profits going to a local organisation (yet to be confirmed.)

The event will start at the Ashburton Showground's at 10.15am and will finish in the Hinds area approximately 4 hours later. Registrations will be from 8.30am.

You will be given instructions like a car trial, and carry on the designated route to finish. There will be no shingle roads and the instructions will be very straight forward.

We are returning to the original venue “Coldstream”, which was hosted by Sue and the Late Joe Studholme. We are fortunate that the next generation Annie & Alistair Studholme have agreed to offer their property for this Anniversary year.

Contact either: Owen Moore – owen@moorepark.net.nz, 033083442 or Alan Sim - sim.family@xtra.co.nz 03 308 8835

THIS WILL BE OUR CLUBS EVENT FOR MAY

TOURIST CAR PARKING ARROWTOWN



We found this example of parking in Arrowtown - Note the back left wheel well off the ground - also note embarrassed wife trying to pretend it was not hers!

PORK PIE CHARITY RUN

Society members Phil Schultz and Margaret Povey from Whangarei have now completed and epic drive in aid of KidsCan. Some 60 cars had the challenge to drive from Kaitaia in the north to Invercargill in six long days. Car 60 managed the run with no dramas but some were not so lucky



Five cars needed replacement windscreens and the car above was lucky to get away with only needing a replacement fan. Brake cylinders and front wheel bearings were also needed by other cars.

59 cars made it to Invercargill and a side trip to Bluff. The days were long, with a 600km run on Day One from Kaitaia to Taupo. The next 5 days saw the cars visit Wellington, Christchurch, Franz Joseph, Alexandra for stop overs and then on to Invercargill.

Car 60 made the run without drama and is now safely back in Whangarei. The run was good practice for the Queensland Odyssey.



This year the run raised over \$200,000 for the KidsCan charity with Margaret and Phil contributing over \$8000 through there fund raising activities.



The amazing part of the trip was that along the way various activities were also included, making for very long days but plenty of fund raising opportunities. Our congratulations to Margaret and Phil for their significant contribution to a worthy cause,



RESTORATION COMPLETE

Society member Bryan Williamson has his Rover back on the road after 2 years.

Here is Bryan's story



This 1963 P4 Rover 95 which I have owned since 1989 is an original Christchurch car which spent a few years of its life in Hanmer Springs.

I am the fourth private owner, the car has travelled approximately 165,000 miles and is largely mechanically original.

The car had a colour change earlier in its life, but is now back to its original colours, stone grey over burgundy.



The '95 and its sister the 110 were the swansong of the P4 range, affectionately known as 'Aunty Rovers', which ran from 1949 to 1964, with many styling changes over the years

Classed as a luxury family saloon, the P4s were popular with professional people and the farming community and were known for their solid reliability and superb comfort.

This car is perfectly comfortable at motorway speeds, but struggles in modern busy traffic. Still a very useable classic car.

No doubt we will see the Rover and the Williamson clan out in the Rover on our runs.

WEDDING CARS

We have received, through our Web site an enquiry for wedding cars:

Hi there!

I wondered if anyone in your club hires out their car for weddings, or offers a driver/car service.

I'm currently looking at our options for our January (12th) wedding so thought It couldn't hurt to get in touch :)

We're not picky about what model car, and are open to suggestions

We are having the wedding in Christchurch at Westhaven Gardens, and would need the car for about 3 hours.

Any help you could give would be fantastic!

Many thanks, Jessica and Aric

If you are able to help please contact Graeme Sharp (G2) and he will pass you details onto Jessica and Aric