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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH:

We will meet in Rangiora at the Reserve in Ashley Street just prior to crossing the River going towards Loburn. **10.30am departure – Picnic Lunch**

From now on Sunday Runs will only have 1 point of departure – The Location chosen by the direction the route will take.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16TH:

Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting place West Melton Tavern at 10.30am. Picnic Lunch.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH:

Selwyn Motor Fest - Rolleston College Rolleston
10.00am - 3 pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD:

A special Christmas Run organised by Colin Macdonald & Graeme Sharp – more details next month.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH:

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.

ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON.

2018 April 14th – 21st.

We welcome the following new members to our club:

Dennis & Karen Anderson

Peter & Robyn Hassan

Please make them feel welcome.

Julian's Jottings:

It was with great sadness we farewelled a friend and fellow club member earlier this month. Wayne was one of those genuine all round good buggers, taken way too soon. I only wish I had met him 30 years earlier.

It's been another chaotic month, with organising and participating in a major Civil Defence exercise and completing 2 more CD training courses, arranging a Stag owners visit to Colin Sweetman's collection in Ashburton (thoroughly recommended). Labour Weekend was spent pulling out the fireplace and redecorating prior to the new burner going in later in the week (thanks to ECAN bureaucracy).

November is less than a week away and that means it will be time to think about dusting off the Xmas lights for the MIL's display and I still haven't repaired last years faulty decorations!

OBITUARY

Sadly we have lost 2 members recently.

Barry McFedries & Wayne Jerard have both passed away after illnesses.

Our kindest thoughts are with Jeanette McFedries and her family and Suzanne Jerard and the Jerard family.

Both of these members were never ending Car Enthusiasts.

REPORT ON OCTOBER SUNDAY EVENT:



A lovely place for a lunch stop.

A good selection of cars arrived at the Rolly Inn for our Sunday run - some older – some sporty – some modern - all enjoyed by their owners. We explored West Melton and then took the Halkett Rd out to The Old West Coast Rd. A little wander through Sheffield and then a stop at the Pie Shop to meet up with others and for some to buy their lunch! The Main Road to the West Coast was quite busy and we were amazed to see a Rental Car pass a line of 6 cars on Porters Pass around blind bends! I guess the Summer driving with the Tourists has begun!

Cass was our lunch stop – a few too many sandflies this time but we were able to wander around and enjoy the surroundings – a healthy poultry farm – a small Railway Depot and the starting point for Walks in the area. Carol brought along Oranges grown on her tree in Tai Tapu – they were delicious and we were surprised that you could grow Oranges in Canterbury. Paul had brought along an older model Jaguar on it's first outing – he bought it off the side of the road - He was not sure about the oil consumption but we did not pass him stranded on the way home. Coffee & Cake was at Darfield and altogether a good day out. Gill Peters



A happy gathering at Cass - photo Mel Peters

REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS SEPT 14TH:



Lunch time at Little Akaloa – photo Jim Milne

We met at Tai Tapu with a good number of cars attending. We motored along the Main Highway through Little River towards Akaroa to turn left at the Hilltop onto the Summit Road. The views from this road are really lovely especially so on clear sunny day. We took a left turn to Little Akaloa Bay a steep narrow windy road to the holiday home settlement and our picnic spot for lunch. We watched a boatee and water skier having fun on the water and some also saw a dolphin or seal surfacing from time to time. A group decided to go for a walk along the road leading to Okains Bay and enjoyed the views from up the hill. Nobody seemed in a rush to move on and finally we made the return trip to Little River Cafe where we enjoyed Coffee and Cake in the Courtyard.

This months trip was a very scenic one. Gill Milne.



Looking over Little Akaloa – photo Jim Milne



GOOD AS GOLD ALPINE CLASSIC 15TH TO 18TH SEPTEMBER

Some more recollections from the event.

Monday was the big day. We knew we were in for a big drive as we departed Karamea for the final lunch at Murchison and then the drive home to Christchurch. Departing Murchison for home, after a very excellent lunch that included speeches (short ones) and prizes, we were followed down to Springs Junction by the guys from Timaru in the Austin 1800 Rally Car. We stopped at Springs Junction for a quick "comfort" break and headed after them. I remarked to Carolyn at Springs Junction that it was "cold enough to snow" and by the Lake Daniels picnic area it was starting to. By the Maruia Springs hotel it was snowing heavily, a Police Car was parked across the road and we were informed by a rather apologetic Policeman that they had "just closed the road". No sign of the Austin 1800!!!. Ralph Roden and Leona Murahidy turned up in their 911, so we had a conference about what to do. It was just before 4:00pm and the road crew guys said they would not be even reviewing the road closed until at least 6:00pm with no guarantee it would be opening then. The Policeman had called up the police at Arthurs Pass for me and it was OK there, just raining. Team Porsche (911 + Boxster) decided to go that way!! Fingers crossed as we went back through Reefton and Moana and thankfully there was just a little rain on Arthurs and Porters Passes with no problem getting over. We arrived home about 9:00pm having done 670Km for the day!

Later the next day (Tuesday) I was telling one of our drivers at CityLine, who had just done a trip to Hanmer for the day, about our trip home. He said he passed the Austin 1800 Rally Car at Culverden that morning at around 10:30 as he was heading North. Maybe they had planned to stay at Hanmer overnight??? Maybe they ended up stranded somewhere??? I guess we will have to do another Rally sometime to catch up and find out?

Bruce & Carolyn Keddie



Alpine cars at Wanaka – photo Bruce Keddie

FOUR DAY WEEKEND?

We would like to gauge the interest for a 4 day weekend run to Dunedin. The idea is to drive down to Dunedin on a Friday and do a bus tour out to the albatross colony, visit Larnach Castle for lunch and then tour some interesting parts of Dunedin on Saturday. On Sunday we could do the Taieri Gorge Train Excursion (4 hours) before meandering our way back to Oamaru for the night. On Monday morning do the Steam Punk look around before heading back home.

There will be a rudimentary route book. We will need around 40 people to justify the tour coach on Saturday. No idea of cost yet but if there is enough interest we will get G2 to investigate. We are looking at late August/early September before the Albatross fledglings depart the Sanctuary

Please email G2 at info@saabclassics.net if you are keen.

2018 Classic Marathon



Starting point

It will be held from the 14th to 21st 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.

If you would like an entry form when they become available contact G2 at info@saabclassic.net.

G2, ably assisted by John Rapley and G1 will be finalising the route starting on the 19th of November so 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.



Finishing spot

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) 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.

After the past few weeks, we realise NZ really has little history of age. We managed to get to John o Croats (northern point of Scotland) then came down to Cairnryan where we crossed over to Larne. I highly recommend in the larger cities the hop on hop off sightseeing buses are the way to get around. We are in the south at the present touring the Ring of Kerry.

1st photo is at John o Croats
Best wishes to all members Ellen

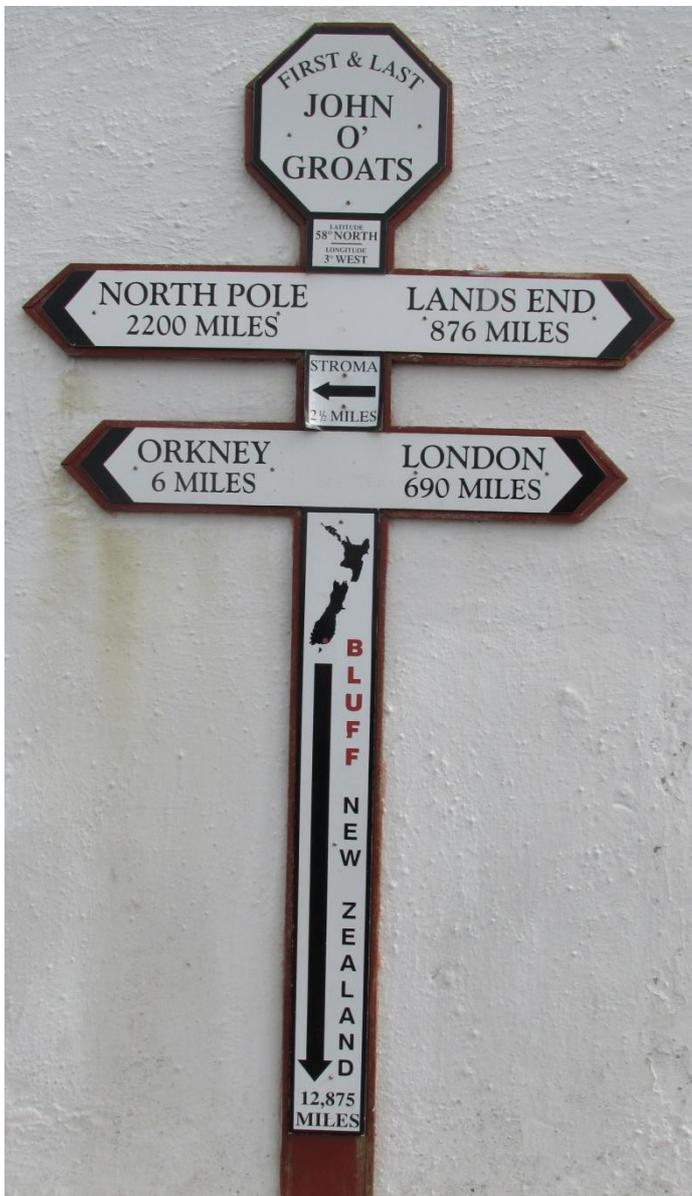


Photo Ellen Owen

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewal invoices will be posted at the end of October for those members with an expiry date of 2017.

Please check your details and advise Graeme (G2) of any changes you wish to make, including an update of your vehicles.

Payment is due by the end of December and membership fees have been held at \$25 per year. You are encouraged to pay a sub for multiple years.

Membership cards are printed once a year by the end of January so cards will be printed for members financial at the beginning of January 2018.

E MAIL ADDRESS

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

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 photos by Bruce Keddie



Joe Gillmans workshop at Stillwater



Nine Mile Historic Reserve – Old Faithful Road – Lindis Pass

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

Selwyn Motor Fest Sunday 26th November 2017.

They're hoping to attract 1,000 vehicles for display as a fund-raising family fun day event for Selwyn St John Ambulance.

Registration is only \$10 per vehicle & it's a very worthy cause.

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

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 Cholmondley 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,



Stone Cairn Memorial to the stock rustler James Mckenzie – 3 sided tribute in 3 languages – McKenzie Pass photo Bruce Keddie.