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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD:

Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 for a **10.30 am departure**. For a Springtime Car Run. Bring a 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 SEPTEMBER 14TH:

Meeting Place Thursday September 14th Rolleston Hotel Carpark 10.30am - Some of us will have a cruise then head off to Fairlie to begin the Alpine. Picnic Lunch today because its Springtime.

Alpine: September 15th – 18th

SUNDAY SEPT 24TH:

A Trevor Stanley Run

Details further down the Newsletter

SUNDAY OCT 1ST:

Usual Sunday Run

THURSDAY OCT 12TH:

Gold Card Cruisers

MARATHON EARLY 2018

Julian's Jottings:

It's been a busy month both workwise and socially. Our son Karl got engaged and we've just helped him and Sarah shift into their new home on a 2Ha lifestyle block on the outskirts of town. It has been a bit run down so no doubt the Dads are going to be kept busy helping to get things into shape over the next few years!

The new garage plans have been in hibernation, I am hoping to have them ready for council mid September so we can get started once the weather is more settled. Meanwhile, I need to sort vehicle and gold costume for the Alpine which is only a couple of weekends away, where does the time go! Look forward to seeing you on the Sunday run, till then keep safe and warm.

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.

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REPORT ON AUGUST SUNDAY EVENT:



Ashley Gorge on a Summers Day!

There were 25 cars ready at the Peg for this event. The day was looking great when we headed off along the Motorway towards Rangiora. Rangiora has really grown now and it is a large town to negotiate. Out over the Ashley River and through Loburn. It was getting colder and cloudier. As we neared Ashley Gorge the rain came down! Sadly quite a few decided at this stage to have a cafe lunch and head home.



The beautiful Waimak Gorge

Once through the Waimak Gorge the clouds began to clear and by the time we reached Hororata the sun was out again! Some chose to have the cafe lunch and some had their picnic. After lunch it was across the Rakaia Gorge bridge and down the side of the Rakaia River to have our Coffee & Cake at Rakaia. Mel always likes to take us to see the snow in August – there was plenty of snow but the clouds meant we could not see it in all of it's glory. Gill Peters



The Rakaia Gorge Bridge – and the snow on the mountains

REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS AUG 17TH:



A popular activity along the route we travelled to-day

We decided to drive through the Inland Scenic Route to Geraldine for this trip a little longer than usual. We met at Darfield on Bangor Road ten cars arriving. We set off passing through Glentunnel Windwhistle and Rakaia Gorge. It was a norwest day and most of the rain was confined to the hills. The paddocks along the flats were quite waterlogged with streams and big pools of water plus muddy areas the cattle seemed to enjoy standing in! We drove on through Mt Somers and Mayfield and arrived at the Farm Shop Café in Geraldine for lunch. Lovely food and excellent friendly service. On leaving the Café a couple from Timaru had their Aston Marton 6litre V12 parked near us which created a lot of interest when the bonnet went up. Our return trip was along the same route but by then the weather had worsened with strong gusts and heavy showers. A campervan had been blown off the road into a paddock so was very bad in places. We arrived back in Darfield and went to the Bakery for our always very enjoyable second get together for Coffee and Cake. Gill Milne.



The beautiful Geradine in it's winter glory



GOOD AS GOLD ALPINE CLASSIC 15TH TO 18TH SEPTEMBER

34 Cars have registered for this event. G2 advises that the tour packs will be sent out two weeks prior to event starting. Packs for those cars with more than two people will receive a Route Book for each passenger.

2017 Classic Marathon

Just a note to advise that the 2017 Classic Marathon will be held in late April 2017.

(date to be confirmed)

The route will be based on the 50th Anniversary of Rallying Tour plotted by G1 and G2 and run earlier this year.

It will be a mixed surface tour and will use some of the South Islands iconic Rally Special Stages.

The event will start in Picton or Nelson and at this stage we plan to finish in Dunedin or Oamaru.

The organisers want to run the tour over 8 days instead of the usual 7 and seek your feedback on this.

The final plotting run will be held after the Alpine has finished. Let a committee member know what you think about the slightly extended duration.

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

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

Trevor Stanley's Spring Run

The date this time will be Sunday **September 24th**. Start venue is once again at the Hurunui Council car park/Saint John's Ambulance Headquarters. (Behind the public toilets on State Highway One, Amberley).

Just remember though, this is **not** strictly a classic car event although all will receive a New Zealand Classic Car magazine. As there are two unsealed sections, you may participate in any vehicle you wish to bring just as the case was last year. (I was surprised to see last year that about 80% of the 76 vehicles participating last year were in fact classic vehicles).

As the unsealed sections are twisty and undulating in some sections, there is no need to travel over 30/40kph. We plan to lunch at a country motor camp, so it's a 'bring your own lunch' day, although we plan to have a coffee car at the start and lunch venues. At the start venue I will be issuing free biscuits to all those who purchase tea or coffee (while stocks last). A group from the area will be putting on a sausage sizzle at the lunch venue.

Entry fee will, once again, be only \$10 as per 2016. We hope you can make it. (In any vehicle). More info and details in the week before the event.

Have you looked up our Facebook page yet? (North Canterbury Classic Tour), over 360 people have to date.

More Odyssey Photos to tempt you to come to W A



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.

We welcome the following new members to our club:

Peter & Jenny McConnell

Katie Vile & Emma Simpson



Ferry Crossing to Cape Tribulation –our most Northern point.
Photo Margaret Povey



Three fellows off for an adventure in Queensland Nelson – Lyn – Allan Photo Phil Schultz



Phil Schultz in the motor of a jet plane at the Qantas Museum at Longreach Photo Margaret Povey