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**JUNE 2018**

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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

Usual Sunday Run – Queens Birthday Weekend.  
Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park 3 at  
10.30am. Picnic Lunch but there will be Cafe  
options.

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

Gold Card Cruisers – Meeting place  
Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 10 30am. Cafe Lunch.

### Barry's Banter:

Classic cars have always been an influential part of my life. As a child growing up in London I remember Mum and Dad make up a picnic, round up the troops and head out on convoy runs with friends and family. Usually to Brighton where the kids could wear themselves out on the beach or at the fairground whilst the parents went to the pub.

My first car was a classic. A two tone (lilac and purple) Morris 1100 which my dad purchased off an illegal African chap for 99 pounds. It came with a history of unpaid parking tickets and as the new owner I was inundated with reminders and threats from the courts until it was finally resolved down at the local police station. The Ford Cortina Mk 2 GT which followed was the love of my life. At least 7 of us would jam into this two door motor and go clubbing for the weekend.

One day I broke a leaf spring and my father was horrified. "In all my years I have never seen anyone break a leaf spring. You must have had 8 people in the car!" suffice to say he refused to lend me his own

car come the weekend. We had an Italian family living two doors down and they had a Fiat 124 Sports coupe. A red 1800 twin cam version. We would admire the sound of that twin cam starting up in the morning. Mr Tagliatelle always wore a suit and we figured he must be the general manager of some huge corporation, but one day while walking back from school I spotted him through a café side window smoking a fag, wearing a string vest and doing the washing up. Turned out he ran a London Transport bus café.

Before starting Uni I went to New York for a three month sabbatical. It changed my life because there I met a young guy who was dating my cousin. His name was Ronnie. He had just rebuilt the engine on his Triumph TR5. The yanks call it blue printing when they tune an engine. Very much into detail he had clearly bored the pants off all his mates and was so excited I took an interest that we went for a spin down the turnpike. It was truly awesome and my first experience in an open top car. Within a couple of years I had my first TR6. Bought with the insurance pay-out from my short accident prone spell with motorbikes. It turned out to be a nightmare of a car with a broken chassis. Most weekends were spent ripping out the front suspension so a mobile welder could repair the bottom trunnion mounts. Kay and I met around that time and we joined the TR register in 1983 and have been members of classic car clubs ever since.

In 1995 we decided to give New Zealand a try and moved out to Auckland. In June 2011 we moved to Christchurch. I had an incident one day whilst driving the Triumph Stag along Fitzgerald Ave. I stopped at the St Asaph set of traffic lights and could hear a screeching and tapping noise. I revved the

engine and the noise went away. I started to drive off and the tapping noise and screeching reappeared but it was only when I looked in the rear view mirror I could see a lady in high heels running after me, shouting and waving frantically. I figured she may have broken down and needed help so I slowed down to a walking pace. I wound the window down and when she caught up, puffing and panting by this time, the lady grabbed onto the top of my door with her left hand.

Whilst keeping up the pace she rummaged around in her handbag and flicked a business card into the car with the other. As the Stag accidentally sped up she let go the door and shouted that I should give her a ring sometime. Maybe even have a chat with her husband. Weird folk these Cantabrians I thought.

And that was how I met Kathy and then Julian. The rest is history and I could not be more excited than to be given the opportunity to take on the position of Chairman. Compared to the other clubs I have yet to meet a more dedicated couple and on behalf of all CMSNZ club members would like to acknowledge their friendship and comradery. Taking over the baton from Julian will be a tough act to follow but I am up for the challenge.

My dad taught me how to be a petrolhead. He would be so proud if he could see me now.

I look forward to some great times together.

Cheers and happy motoring.

## REPORT ON AGM MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018

The meeting was convened at 11.36am on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Kaiapoi Golf Club Rooms. 34 Members were in attendance.

Julian welcomed every-one and there was 27 apologies.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and there were no matter arising from them.

Julian's Reported that the Club is in good heart and sincerely thanked the Committee members for all their work on behalf of the Society. He also acknowledged those members who had passed away during the year. He thanked members for helping "to promote Classic Car Driving & Fellowship amongst Classic Car Enthusiasts.

Diane presented the Clubs Accounts which had been circulated to all members.

Graeme Sharp reported on the Alpine – 38 cars – Queensland Odyssey – 10 cars – Marathon -30 cars. The West Australian Odyssey in 2019 will be the last Australian Odyssey. The 2019 Alpine will be run over 5 days.

Mel Peters reported continuing strong support for the Sunday Runs.

Jim Milne is also happy with the attendance on the Gold Card Cruiser Runs

Graeme Sharp reported that we have 116 couples, 23 single, 3 life and 5 Honorary Members.

New committee: Barry Ricketts Chairman / Julian Barrett Vice- Chairman / Noeline Hurst Secretary / Diane Brandish Treasurer / Committee Kit Peverill / Graeme Sharp / Mel Peters / Rod Hurst / Jim Milne.

Julian Thanked the retiring committee members and then Graeme Sharp made both Gill & Mel Peters Life Members of the Club (very humbling indeed).



**As there was no General Business the meeting closed at 12 noon and lunch was served by the Kaiapoi Golf Club.**

## REPORT ON MAY SUNDAY RUN.



Suzanne bought herself a genuine Classic Car - photo Gill Peters

Mel decided to again attend the Ashburton Rotary Wheels Event in Ashburton. Some members met at the Rolly Inn and travelled to a new Ashburton destination – The Ashburton Raceway. Other members attended with their "one make" club and others just made their way there. The Rotary Club had an interesting drive for us along long straight Mid-Canterbury roads. Stewart enjoyed giving his car a good run. On the way we called into the Village of

Barhill. In the early days it was a busy village styled on the villages in England. A Church and Hall remain – beautiful English trees and the odd house or two. Our destination was a cropping farm on the banks of the Rakaia River near Highbank – it was a bit of a challenge to get all 225 cars parked! It was great to see the variety of cars both older and newer. After the prize giving we headed to Rakaia for our coffee & cake and it was good to have Norm Fisher join with us. Gill Peters



A good cross section of the cars and sheds at the Ashburton Rotary Event – photo Mel Peters

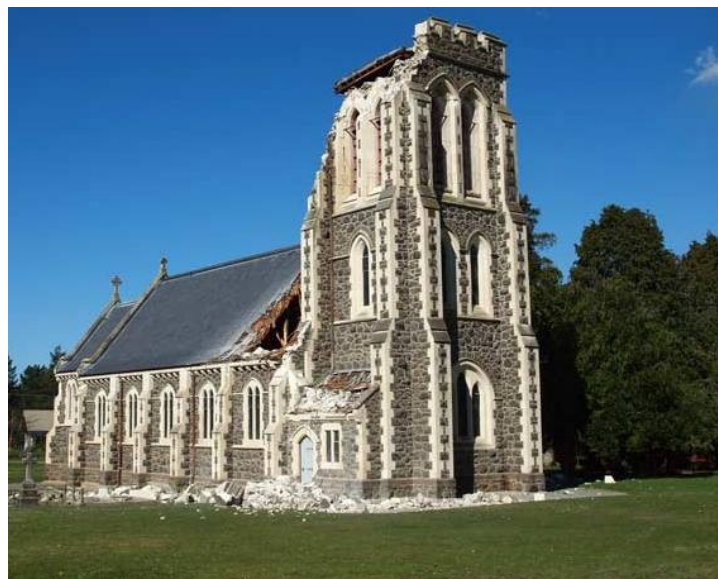
## REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>:



A glorious day for farming in Mid-Canterbury

The day for the Run was surprisingly pleasant with some much needed sun after a very dull and murky week. We decided on Plan B once again because of this. Ten cars arrived and we drove to Darfield through Coalgate and Hororata and on to Substation

Road which took us to Dunsandal. Everyone enjoyed the quieter country roads where they could put the pedal down a little! After crossing the Main Highway we drove on to Leeston to Hillyers for a nice indoor lunch. Later we left to drive the back roads to Rolleston for Coffee and Cake at Coffee Culture. Gill Milne.



The still un-repaired Church in Hororata.

## RE ODOSOLO MARATHON NEWS

At the Final Dinner in Oamaru Geoff Ridley won a prize which was an ornament in the shape of some sort of car!

Geoff decided to make good use of the gift by turning it into a collection box to collect funds for St. Johns Ambulance.

People were very generous and \$158.70 was collected and delivered to the Association.

### *2019 Alpine Classic*

As we are proceeding with the WA odyssey in August/September next year the Alpine will be run in April.

It will be a four day event but G2 is keen to extend it to 5 days, running from a Thursday to Monday. So we need some feedback on this. Please let your committee members know or flick G2 and email at [info@saabclassics.net](mailto:info@saabclassics.net) and tell him what you think.

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA ODYSSEY 2019.**

Pleased to report that we have sufficient interest to proceed with our 2019 adventure.

We are looking at timing it to coincide with the Wild Flower season, probably in August or early September.

Plan is to train from Sydney to Perth, 14 days touring in southern WA, and a visit to Rotnest Island. We will have to book reasonably early to ensure train reservations and the like.

More details as they come available.

## **MIKE MITCHELL & ELLEN OWEN**



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

## **WEBSITE: Help wanted.**

We really need someone to take over the management of the Website from G2.

With the membership data base and plotting/coordinating the major tours G2 is feeling the strain. The task that gets left behind is the website. Is there anybody out there with the right experience? G2 says that someone talked to him at the AGM but the silly bugger can't remember who. Contact G2 , and we can get things back to where they should be.

## **OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:**

### **CLASSIC MOTORING SOCIETY NELSON LORD NELSON RALLY.**

**SEPT. Lord Nelson tour 14th Sept to 16th 2018.**

Contact **Brent Cameron**  
[brentems@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brentems@xtra.co.nz) for details.

**Your Classic Motoring Society NZ (Inc) subscription covers you for this event.**

**2018 TARGA**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Entries now open.**

Contact **Rob Corbett**  
[rcorbett@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rcorbett@xtra.co.nz) for details.

**You need to be a member of the Vintage Car Club to participate in this event.**