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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Meeting place for December 2nd Sunday Run,  
carpark 3 Princess Margaret Hospital at  
10.30am Picnic Lunch

#### SECRET SANTA



If you wish to partake please bring a gift to the  
value of \$10 per car.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> Gold Card Cruisers

Gold Card Cruisers Thursday 13th December  
2018 Meeting Place West Melton Hotel Carpark  
10.30am. Christmas Lunch Outing at Crate and  
Barrel Hotel Leeston.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

Meeting place for Jan 2019 Sunday Run  
Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.30am  
Picnic Lunch

### THURSDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> Gold Card Cruisers

Gold Card Cruisers Thursday 17th January  
2019 Meeting Place Rolly Inn Carpark 10.30am  
Picnic Lunch .

### Barry's Banter:

I usually arrive home at 10 minutes to six. Just in time to catch the last round of The Chaser. As I drove in I noticed lashings of junk mail hanging out of the post box. So I parked the car, walked back to the postbox, retrieved an armful of totally useless trash and threw it in the rubbish. But as I slammed the lid shut something caught my eye and I rescued the local newspaper and took it into the house. I sat on the couch and gave the paper a quick scan. "Mmmn. They say Christmas is coming. I got you something last year so we should still be good, ay?"

"Quiet. Chaser's on!" Kay replied. She was kneeling in front of the telly so clearly tonight's show was a bit of a cliff-hanger.

"Does that mean you don't want a prezzie then?" I tried to confirm.

She ignored me. Only two contestants were left, both under the age of 18, with a cash builder of 3000 pounds they had guessed their way into the final round and somehow amassed a total score of 14. Mark (aka The Beast) was given some very very difficult questions in the first minute suffering an astonishing five pushbacks. Fortunately, them being pretty dumb, none were executed. But he had lost precious time. He was so flustered he started to ster... ster.... stutter thus losing even more time. With 30 seconds to go he still required five points. Tense indeed.

But The Beast bounced back. He rattled off four questions as though the answers were being fed to him through an earpiece. It was in the bag. But then with 16 seconds remaining he

was asked "What flag is waved to start the 24 Hours Le Mans race?"

Mark wasn't sure, he looked upwards in deep thought but when he opened his mouth he started stuttering again "Ooh, I ner...ner... ner... know this. It wer.... wer....wer....th...th..th!" Bradley was getting impatient. "Need an answer."

"Yep, it was the fer...fer..fer ... Chequered flag." Mark sighed and smiled with relief. "NO! YOU ARE WRONG!" Shouts Bradley. "The answer is Tri-Colour, you ner...ner...ner...numpty!"



Mark lost by that one point and for him the chase was over. The crowd were screaming. The contestants were screaming. Kay was screaming and so Millie the cat was screaming. Mark spat the dummy by throwing his toupee at the ecstatic contestants and stormed off back over the bridge. I find him to be a bit of a sore loser to be brutally honest.

Anyway, I reactivated the conversation. 'Can I get away with not buying you a prezzie this year?' I asked again. "You never like anything I get you anyway."

"Don't be stupid. And no, you can't."

"OK, so what do you want then?"

"You decide."

"Something for the car or the house?"

She spun around in her restored red leather reclining Range Rover TV chair that I bought her two Xmas' ago. "Don't you dare buy me anything for the house."

Strange but weirdly true. Many moons ago, I admit the much needed replacement ironing board with a red ribbon should never have been sprung on Christmas Day. It originally cost \$40 from Farmers. But then after a blazing row add \$300. We needed a new ranchslider glass. So disappointed was I with her negative response I had simply picked it up to throw it out the lounge door into the garden, not realising it was closed at that precise moment in time. Turns out white vinegar and newspaper is the key to sparkingly clear windows.

The next day I returned the ironing board to Farmers. They refused to give me a refund because I had thrown away the receipt. Didn't think I needed it. It was a 'one size fits all'

ironing board after all. In my fury I got flashed by a well known fixed speed camera on the way home. Add another \$160. That's a \$500 unappreciated Xmas gift.

"Stuff Christmas!" I said. The Turkey for one turned out alright though.

For you to avoid the pain and frustration of trying to come up with something unique and original, help is at hand. Having given it much thought and research I have come up with a list of gifts which may well get you out of a jamb.

- A Smartphone dash mount kit
- Driving gloves
- Car polishing kit
- A wheel cleaning kit
- Tools (I strongly recommend a set of coil spring compressors)
- A jump start kit
- GPS navigation system (For those days when you're always lost)
- An Andy Williams CD (It's the Best Time of the Year.....)
- A 123 Ignition distributor from the Netherlands ( This is the bees knees for electronic ignition)
- A key finder (Note: Totally useless if you can't remember where you live or what car you own)
- His and hers leather key chains. (I dare you)
- Cordless tyre inflator (That's' more like it)

Well that's the wife sorted.

For hubby, here is my list of Yuletide delights that will keep a grin on his face for at least 12 months.

- A DJI Phantom 4 Drone
- A die cast model kit ( Strongly recommend the full size and fully operational Bugatti Veyron kit)
- Automotive apparel (The white Le Mans shirt bearing the Martini Logo is truly awesome)
- Sheepskin driving loafers (Ugg boots just as good)
- A blue tooth adaptor for the cassette radio (brilliant idea)
- A dash cam (I want one of those)
- Play station 4 - Gran Turismo Sport ( or similar)
- A Track Day voucher ( even better..... a full blown RAC rally stage voucher)
- Car audio system (With big amp and sub woofers for the hard of hearing)
- A classic car branded watch or stop watch.



If you do choose something off these lists, don't mention my name...particularly if it goes pear shaped.

Danny's new full size die cast. Now that's what I call a proper Christmas prezzie.



## REPORT ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY RUN

Again it was good to see more than 20 cars at the Rolly Inn to enjoy a days motoring in the countryside. Scott Dunfoy – who we haven't seen for a while came to greet us but was not able to join us for the run. Danny had another car for us all to drool over – it looked amazing cruising along with the hood down. ( You may wonder what it was – so come along next time and you will find out!)

We left Rolleston and crossed the Main Road and went down Hoskyn's Rd to the Main West Coast Road. A few stopped off in Darfield for an early lunch but the rest of us motored West until we met the Inland Scenic Highway. It was a lovely drive up the valley enjoying all the new growth on the trees – the farms all look amazing. After Glentunnel it was along the foot of the hills to WindWhistle and then on to Lake Coleridge for our lunch stop.

The Picnic area was very peaceful – out of the wind and a relaxing time was had by all. Some chatted the time away some went for a walk and when one of the holiday home owners asked for a hand to move his washing machine there were many hands to help him. As a reward he offered us all a look through his cottage that was built when the Coleridge Power Station was commissioned. It was in a very well maintained original condition.

Coffee & Cake was to be at Terrace Downs but when some of the folk arrived they were disappointed with the food offering so headed

back to the new Cafe at Glentunnel. I apologise to the members as I had phoned Terrace Downs and was assured that they would be able to cater for us.

*Thanks Mel for another interesting day out.*  
*Gill Peters*



*Larry & Yvonne's gleaming red MX5 - photo Mel Peters*

## REPORT ON GOLD CAR. CRUISERS NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

After meeting at Tai Tapu we headed over to Pigeon bay with a wee stop at Little River. The weather could not have been better. hoods off, shirt sleeves, just perfect! Great run up to Hilltop with very little traffic. Fabulous view over Akaroa complete with a cruise boat. Pleasant winding cruise down to the bay for lunch at the domain/camping ground. Some of us enjoyed a walk down to the jetty but most just enjoyed the time and surroundings for a good chin wag. Time passed quickly and then we were headed back to The Store café for afternoon tea or coffee. A good day out. Thank you everyone.

Cheers Kit and Carol



## REST HOME VISIT

A big thanks to Kit for organising this as we were struggling to get enough cars to partake. Thank you to all who turned up and put a smile on the face of the Avonlea Resthome residents, special mention to Ian Smith who arranged 3 of the seven vehicles.

## REPORT ON HANMER WEEKEND:

Doug Frost from the Nelson Classic Motoring Society organised a weekend event based in Hanmer.

We arrived Friday Afternoon in the pouring rain and the Nelsonians had had a slow drive South through Fog and very heavy rain.

On Saturday several of the group headed off to the Hawkeswood Hill Climb – just as well that the rain had finished. A few of the ladies lazed around Hanmer enjoying the crisp clear air. The Hill Climb is run over 2 days the with different classes on each day. Mel & I returned to Christchurch on Sunday for the Armistice Day Remembrance ceremony. It was a good break away with great company.

Thanks Doug & Pam. Gill Peters.



Cars lined up ready to go - photo Peter Hoult

## TREVOR'S NORTH CANTERBURY RUN

I decided to ride shotgun with my mate Dean in his Chrysler Charger. As we arrived at the registration and starting point we were greeted by a few familiar faces from the CMSNZ who had also decided to attend.

There was an interesting array of vehicles including an early 1930s Vauxhall, a Purvis Eureka, a stunning red Fiat Bambina and even a Triumph Stag, I also spied a Ford Corsair which is a rare sight these days. In total there was around 79 cars.

Our first stop was just out the back of Amberley at the Mingle Mangle craft emporium where there was all sorts of interesting signs, arts and crafts from recycled materials, next stop was at Waipara which was a treasure trove of mainly british carparts, I see someone came away with a grille for Mk1 Cortina. Out the back yard was an array of wrecked vehicles including Austin , Anglia , Consul and a fairly complete Borgward.



Back end of Consul 315

Next stop was at Scotts Garage in Hawarden where there was a collection of mainly car chassis being restored including a Model T and a 1928 Buick.

Lunch stop was behind the historic Hurunui hotel which has been restored after the earthquakes and will be due to reopen soon. We were able to wander through the place and spoke to the owner who said that it took over 10,000 man hours to refurbish.

We were lucky the rain stayed away making it a great day out.

Julian Barrett





Charger with steam train in background at Waipara



Austin Flowers!



**FOR SALE**  
**Club Caps**  
 only \$15 each  
 sew on **Badge**  
 \$8 each  
 see Kit & Carol Peverill  
 or Rod Hurst

## 2019 ALPINE CLASSIC

May 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>



### The G G's Last Ride

We have finalised the dates for the 2019 Alpine. Planning is still at the early stages but at this stage we plan the following  
 Day 1: Timaru to Cromwell  
 Day 2: **Morning** visit to Highland Park  
**.Afternoon** winery tour by bus and  
**Evening/night**, bus to Queenstown, Earnslaw to Walter Peak for Dinner and then back to Cromwell by bus  
 Day 3; Cromwell to Gore  
 Day 4 Gore to Dunedin  
 Day 5 Dunedin to Timaru and final Dinner.  
 We understand the dates do not clash with school holidays or Easter and is just after peak tourist season.  
 Once G1 and G2 have finished the plotting and negotiating with venues, costs will be announced.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA ODYSSEY 2019. 4<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 .

G2 has planning underway for the last of the State odyssey's in Australia.  
 The plan is to take the sleeper train from Sydney to Perth from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Car pick up/rest day will be Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> with the road trip commencing on the 9<sup>th</sup> and finishing on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. The basic route is to travel south to Busselton, south east and east to Esperance before heading north to Kalgoorlie and Leinster. From there it is west to Geraldton and south back to Perth. A day trip to Rotness Island of the coast of Perth is planned.  
**Train Travel:** G2 advises that he has already started talks with Railway Australia to ensure that we can travel as a group and not be spread over many carriages.  
 Regular updates will be send to all those who register their intention to join the Odyssey.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Hylke and Gail Laskewitz

