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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

Meeting Place: The Peg Hotel carpark Belfast  
10.30am  
Picnic Lunch.

### THURSDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting Place: Yaldhurst Hotel Car Park  
10.30am Picnic Lunch.

## BARRY'S BANTER:

Hope you don't mind but since Friday 15<sup>th</sup> it has been difficult to focus on work ..... and play, so I haven't been in a frame of mind to write this months' banter. I can, however, give you a quick run down of two Triumph events Kay and I attended late Feb/ early March.

With these two upcoming runs the Healey restoration went on hold to ensure both cars were of a fit state to go out and return. So on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb we headed out to Methven in "Stagzilla" for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the NZ Stag Owners Club. Three days of festivities and fun runs culminating in a Saturday night buffet and prize giving.

Stagzilla was awesome and didn't miss a beat. Meanwhile of course there were other cars who hadn't been so well prepared and suffered as a result. What was most interesting is that their owners knew the particular item was faulty before they came on the trip and kinda hoped it would be OK. Examples such as two separate cases of failed alternators. One of those cars came from Auckland with a brand new Chinese alternator and packed up before it had got over the Bombay Hills. Then there were noisy wheel bearings, poorly tuned carburettors, broken points, leaky differentials and radiators. Fair to mention that some of these parts were recently replaced which comes back to the questionable quality of pattern parts.

# AGM

**When: Sunday May 19<sup>TH</sup> 11.15 am**

**Where: Harewood Golf Club**

**371 Mcleans Island Rd**

**Buffet lunch to follow \$23 per person**

**or \$30 with dessert**

**As we will need numbers for catering**

**can you please let Noeline know before**

**May 5<sup>TH</sup>**



Photo of the cars parked up at the Wigram Airforce museum.

The other Stag owners boarded a bus and were given a tour of the City. Kay and I stayed back and drank coffee for three hours. That was Saturday. I didn't finally get to sleep until Monday. Seems Air Force caffeine is of a superior grade to keep the pilots awake. Very useful on long haul flights apparently.

Not a lot of people know that!

Stagzilla – Still looking pristine even though it is now five years since it was restored and modified. Really proud how this car has turned out and the wonderful response from people who come up to us and compliment the looks.

**Best compliment of the weekend was. "Triumph Stag? Wow! Is this a new one? The others do look very old don't they!"**



The following weekend we shot over to Greymouth for the Triumph TR nationals. We entered the TR in the pride of Ownership class. Mainly because we have had the car for over 30 years and have travelled a fair bit of Europe and all of New Zealand with it. I packed up a photographic collage which has been on our wall for over twenty years in double skinned

cardboard and rammed it between the folded down soft top and roll cage. When people asked what it was sticking up out of the back of the car I told them it was a flat screen TV because they don't have them on the West Coast.

It was downright dangerous because I couldn't see out of the rear view mirror and those fancy chrome bullet mirrors are only for show. I figured the only way to drive the car was extremely fast to ensure there was no one behind. Terrible job but I managed it.



Pride of ownership display with mural showing our trips to Le Mans .....and the breakdown truck called out due to a blown diff. That gave me my first experience of driving a LHD manual car. A Renault 5. There was buggar all left of that gearbox by the time we reached Boulogne. Other photos showing the UK and NZ restorations and trips across Europe and New Zealand

The TR was awesome for sheer speed and reliability and I didn't even have to top up the engine oil. Next to us in the motel was a chap with a TR3a and a failed water pump. He also knew the pump was on the way out so brought a spare, presumably for company.

Well it took him a day to take the old one out and another day to put the new one in. Only to find the new one was also bugged. He found someone else in the group accompanied by a spare water pump and he spent the third day fitting that. He missed all the runs and nearly the dinners too. I'm sure his wife was livid.

I am no saint and had my fair share of breakdowns and I have learnt that it is far better to fix a leak, rattle or hum in the warmth and comfort of your garage than on the side of the road or in motel car park. If it seems remotely dodgy, just fix it.





As you can see from the photo taken in Shantytown we won the Pride of Ownership Trophy. And chuffed to blazes we are too. The Trophy has now taken pride of place in the lounge directly in front of the real flat screen TV. It can stay there for a year by which time I will engrave it and maybe give it back.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

It was a busy Sunday for Car Club Runs with the MX5 Club also meeting at PMH and other groups of cars going by while we were there. A good turn out of 15+ cars already for a day in the country. We left PMH and took a route down Sparkes Rd to experience the new Cycle Lanes which have overtaken the roadway. We headed out to Leeston so we could do one of our favourite drives around the edge of Lake Ellesmere.

We joined the Main Akaroa Highway at Motokurara and began a slow drive through to Little River and up over the hill. Mel and I had a relaxing drive over the hill but others were hindered by slow inept drivers crawling up and down the hill.

At the bottom of the hill we turned Right and proceeded around the Akaroa Harbour to Wainui where we had a relaxing lunch time. After quite a while the MX5 club arrived to also have their picnic at Wainui.

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ATTENDANCE FOR THE AGM**



## Lunch time at Wainui – photo Mel Peters

The drive back was slower as we were behind a Ute pulling a large boat and he had no manners as he could have pulled over at the top of the hill to let the 6 cars behind to go through - as we reached the bottom of the hill he pulled over – probably to answer his phone!



## Graeme & Yvonne bought their older car today - photo Gill Peters

Coffee & Cake was at Robert Harris in Lincoln. Altogether an enjoyable day out with friends.  
Gill Peters

## REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

A good variety of cars met at Rolly Carpark on a cool cloudy morning so different from the previous very hot days. We set off on the busy Highway to Rakaia turning to link up with the Barrhill Methven Road. It was good to get on to the quieter country roads and turning onto



Mitcham Road noticed cropping farms and dairying also an aeroplane flying low spraying some sort of crop.

After passing through Ashburton we motored on to Tinwald Domain for our lunch stop where we sat under a large tree. After lunch a few of us walked around the duck pond and after lots more conversations set off back along the super busy Main Highway to Salmon Tales Rakaia for Coffee and Cake.

Gill Milne.



G1 and G2 have finished plotting our Alpine and tell us that they have used a great range of roads between Timaru and Timaru. They have made a few changes to their original plans to stop duplication with Nelsons April Fool Tour and to try and moderate costs.

#### DAY ONE: TIMARU TO WANAKA:

A loop around the back of Timaru on some rally roads and then down to Waimate and Kurow before going to Omarama and then over the Lindis Pass to Wanaka where we will spend the night at the Mt Aspiring Holiday Park [used to be the Top 10] **Distance 260km.**

#### DAY TWO: WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN

A short trip of about 60km for the day over the Crown Range, through Arrowtown and on to the Arthurs Point Top 10 for the night. A day to explore, perhaps a trip to Glenorchy or Kinloch, or the Gondola, Jet boating or whatever takes your fancy. At 5:45 pm we board the Earnslaw for a trip to Walter Peak Station for a deluxe BBQ before catching the Earnslaw back to Queenstown.

This little adventure will take up about 50% of your entry fee. **Distance 60KM**



#### DAY THREE: QUEENSTOWN TO GORE:

Hoping for a nice day as we drive down the lakeside before heading inland to use the famous Switzers Road which is a favourite of the GG's. Then down through Waikoikoi [known locally as the kui] before heading to Gore for a night at the Croydon Lodge. Good dining room there. **Distance 261km**

#### DAY FOUR: GORE TO DUNEDIN:

Opportunity to visit Mandeville Train and Aviation Museum en route this morning before a loop to Maitland and back to Waikoikoi. [Ask G2] Across country to Lawrence before heading into the excellent Waipori Falls Road through

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stunning country on the way to the Top Ten in Dunedin for the night. **Distance 247km**

#### DAY FIVE: DUNEDIN TO TIMARU:

We head out of Dunedin to Mosgiel [great sandwich shop to buy lunch] before heading toward Middlemarch and tackling the magnificent Moonlight and Ramrock ikouati. Its then off to Palmerston and Oamaru via the coast road to visit the recently restored old mill water wheel. A straight forward run to Timaru and a final dinner at the Timaru Town and Country Club. **Distance 330km.**

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



We have a full field of 21 crews, 15 of whom are making the trip across to Perth on the train from Sydney. Bookings are confirmed for the train. G2 has most of the route sorted and promises a grand journey. Getting accommodation for 43 people [21 rooms] has and is proving to be a challenge in a couple of the more remote regions and is adjusting the route accordingly. He tells us that in one town on his proposed route the total population is 25 so the Odyssey will not be stopping there. Max Clarke has done a brilliant deal for rental cars and has arranged our Perth accommodation with parking almost opposite the train station and only a block or so away from the car hire office. The tour group will be spending two days in Perth with plenty of attractions to visit before they start the grand trek.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Since Posting out new Membership cards we have received a new bank statement showing several membership payments.

It is possible there may be more on our next bank statement so when this arrives, we will do a final print run. If you have not paid your sub yet could you please do so, so we can get the last new cards printed.

Also, can you let Graeme Sharp [G2] know by email to [info@saabclassics.net](mailto:info@saabclassics.net).

Similarly, if you have paid your sub but not received a new membership card, contact Graeme so he can get it sorted for you.

[In the mail out you will receive a CMSNZ Branded vehicle registration card holder. We have stock so if you want more, they are available at \\$2.00 each.](#)

TO GIVEAWAY

FREE

The club has had donated { saved from the tip} about a thousand back issues or car magazines such as

- Performance car
- Wheels
- What car
- Auto car
- Performance cars
- and others dating back some years.

G2 has them in his garage so if you would like to have a browse and help yourself to some feel free to do so. They were donated by Grant and Kate Burgess who have a rather nice restored TR in their garage.

Safe and happy motoring





## FOR SALE

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



## OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

### BellaRat's Gas & Gander .

Last Friday of each month about 7pm . Meet at the new NPD gas station on Jones Rd, Rolleston for a catch up and coffee in your rat rods, hotrods customs or what ever you show up in.. good food and coffees. NPD look forward to your visit 740 Jones Road

### Making ABS for motorcycles compulsory

The government is proposing a law change to make:

- anti-lock braking systems (ABS) compulsory for motorcycles entering the fleet that are over 125cc, and
- ABS or a combined braking system compulsory for motorcycles entering the fleet that are over 50cc, up to and including 125cc.

ABS is a proven technology that gives you better control on the road. It will help save lives.

International studies suggest ABS could reduce crashes by more than a third. As crashes involving motorcyclists often result in death or serious injury this will have an immediate

and significant safety benefit.

If approved, the law change would apply to all new-model new motorcycles entering the fleet from 1 November 2019. Current-model new motorcycles and imported used motorcycles entering the fleet would need to have ABS from 1 November 2021.

Several exceptions are proposed including for classic and collectable motorcycles. There would be no requirement to retrofit ABS to existing motorcycles already in use.

Many countries already have or will be introducing compulsory fitting of ABS on motorcycles.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

You are invited to provide feedback via the public consultation on the proposed changes set out in the Land Transport Rule: Light-vehicle Brakes 2019. All feedback will be taken

in to account before a final decision is made.

Consultation runs from Thursday 21 March to 5pm Friday 26 April 2019.

Go to

[www.nzta.govt.nz/light-vehicle-brakes-2019](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/light-vehicle-brakes-2019) to find out more and make a submission.

## SPECIAL OFFER TO CMSNZ MEMBERS



### SAVING YOUR MEMORIES

If you have videotape, slides or movie film stored, now is the time to have them converted to digital. Most of your memories from yesterday were captured on old analogue formats, which not only degrade fast but the equipment needed to play them has almost vanished.



**Videostation are making a special offer to all members of The Classic Motoring Society. Until the end of July 2019 we will give all members a 30% discount on all conversions and services.**

As an example: to convert videotape would normally cost \$40.00, but with the discount it would cost \$28.00. In fact if you have 5 tapes or more we will reduce it to \$25.00 per tape. All conversions are transferred using professional equipment to provide high quality images.

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