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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

Meeting at Princess Margaret Hospital Carpark 3. 10.30am Picnic lunch,
If weather looks inclement lunch will be at Joes Garage Rangiora.
Your hosts David and Susanna Harman

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting Place Belfast Hotel The Peg Carpark. 10 30am Picnic Lunch
Your hosts Kit and Carol Peverill.

End of year lunch will be at the Tai Tapu Hotel on Thursday 12th December.
More details next month.

BARRY'S BANTER: Outwitted by our love of technology

We were having lunch at the Harewood Tavern with a group of friends. Whilst busy in a head to head tussle with a medium rare rib eye steak, I noticed the conversation had turned all high tech.

"I want to watch the cricket but it's now gone to Spark and they do streaming. But what does streaming mean?" Asked Marilyn.

"Get back 'ere, you little bleeder!" I muttered as the steak was clearly too rare and trying to make a fast getaway. I stopped it heading for the exit door for the third time. I nailed it to the table with my fork, wiped my brow and sighed. I then thought about a technical reply for Marilyn.

"Er, dunno. You do need a phone though."

Since then I have thought of nothing else but the fact technology has got the better of us.

And it's not just the likes of us. The youngsters are struggling too. They can only work a mobile phone and are pretty much incapable of managing anything else. Not sure what they're going to do with the planet once we've gone but no doubt it will involve protests and demonstrations. It's all they're good for!

So according to the boffins, live streaming is the broadcasting of real-time, live video to an audience over the internet. All you need to be able to live stream is an internet-enabled device, like a smart phone or tablet, and a platform to broadcast on. i.e. your tv or laptop. I spoke to one of my clients who works for Chorus and asked what is being done about people who do not understand the technology. He said Chorus had started going around to customer's homes to set their systems up because they have recognised the problem. Kay and I were absolutely gutted when our daughter Jasmine dumped her IT savvy boyfriend. He was the only one who could set up the sound around speakers to work with our telly. Come to mention it, a few weeks ago I was heading home along Blenheim Rd and heard someone tooting a horn. When I looked around, there he was, to my left. As we approached the lights I wound the window down and shouted across the three lanes.

"Hey Bonno mate, how you doing? So nice to see you. Looking good. Say, you couldn't come round and sort my telly out could you?" Let's just say he roared off into the distance having run a red light.

All I can suggest is when you go into the Spark shop tell them you want someone to come around and set it all up. But when things go wrong bear in mind that gone are the days when the black and white picture rolled and you had to go behind the telly and twist one of two buttons to settle things down and gone are the days when you had to twiddle with the indoor aerial to get a less fuzzy picture.



Everywhere you go there's high tech gadgetry. It's just so much hard work. The air fat fryer. What's that all about. \$500 for another kitchen utensil to live under the kitchen sink. Actually that's the only thing that hasn't increased in size is the cupboard under the kitchen sink. So now all this high tech kitchen junk is spreading into larders, cupboards and wardrobes. Finally, after you've had enough it gets chucked into the car and transported to the Vintage Car Club Swap meet for us to put up with it all over again.

Every year I swear I'll never go to that swap meet again. And every year, because of my ongoing battle with Alzheimer's I forget the pain of the previous disappointment and head across to McLeans Island with renewed vigour only to return disillusioned once again with yet another box full of rusty parts which don't fit any of my cars. Note: Alzheimer's remains the ONLY word I can never remember how to spell. Scary!

As usual I have been browsing to buy a Range Rover. The spec on this car is endless. Unlike the days when my Dad bought a Ford Cortina MkII 1600E, either it had a radio or it didn't. Now it's all about adaptive cruise control, dynamic stabilisers, continuous variable damping and proximity sensors. Any one of them goes wrong and it's \$6000 a pop and your mechanic will love you.

The other day at work I found myself conversing with one of our young female engineers. She admitted to being totally blown away by modern automotive technology. She had a bone to pick with everything from push-button ignitions to adaptive cruise control. It was a surprising admission from an individual who is planted squarely in the middle of the Millennial age bracket and has no serious interest in cars. Proof they are no smarter than we are..... but at least they can drive and text at the same time.

We seem to be living in an era where technology has outrun the general public's ability to comprehend it. Yes, it probably feels that way no matter which year you're living in. But when I launched into an extravagantly dull diatribe on driving aids and semi-autonomous vehicles, her eyes widened. "I didn't know about all of that," she said. "It's kind of scary that the car is in charge of so much."

In a recent survey, it was discovered that a significant percentage of drivers did not even

understand the tech within their own vehicles. Using a sampling of 1,500 owners of specific vehicle trims, identified as including three or more relevant technologies, they found that most owners trusted and were satisfied with the systems in their cars — even though they couldn't fully comprehend it.

Going back to the subject of streaming, I have done a bit of research and will try to explain the concept as simply as I can. Now just because I wrote it doesn't mean I understand it. So don't bother quizzing me next time we meet.

Streaming is a technology used to deliver content to computers and mobile devices over the internet. Streaming transmits data — usually audio and video, but increasingly other kinds as well — as a continuous flow, which allows the recipients to begin to watch or listen almost immediately.

There are two ways to download content over the internet: Progressive Downloads and Streaming

Progressive download is what we have been using for years. When you download an app or game or buy music on line, you need to download the entire thing before you can use it. Depending on the size of your computer the download might take seconds or hours. Not so long ago you had to leave the computer running all night to download a movie. The key differences between that progressive download and the latest live streaming is that you can now see streaming straight away. Just click and watch. Streaming is the quickest way to access internet-based content

So streaming allows you to start using the content before the entire file is downloaded. Take music: When you stream a song from Apple Music or Spotify, you can click play and start listening almost immediately. You don't have to wait for the song to download before the music starts. This is one of the major advantages of streaming. It delivers data to you as you need it.

Because it delivers instantaneous programmes you need fibre optic cables running to your door i.e. because streaming requires a relatively fast internet connection. A speed of 2 megabits per second (Mbps) or more is necessary for streaming standard definition video without skips, reductions in quality, or buffering delays. High quality movies with HD and 4K content requires higher speeds for flawless delivery: at least 5 Mbps for HD content and 9 Mbps for 4K content.

If you go the Spark web site <https://help.sparksport.co.nz/what-devices-can-i-watch-spark-sport-on>

Here is an excerpt from the website explaining what you need in order to watch their sports programmes.

Google Chromecast

A Google Chromecast plugs into the HDMI port of your TV and uses your home WiFi to stream sports from your device onto your TV. When watching something on the Spark Sport app, just click the Chromecast icon, at the top right hand side of the screen, to cast the sport to your TV. You can also cast from the player in a Chrome browser.

Apple TV (Apple TV HD and Apple TV 4K)

Laptop and Desktop

You can also catch the action from the Spark Sport website, either on your laptop or desktop computer. Spark Sport is available on Windows 7, 8 and 10 and MacOS X on the following browsers: Chrome, Firefox and Safari. An HDMI cable used to connect a laptop to a screen or TV works fine. However, as with all streaming methods, we do recommend customers to test their set up in advance. An HDMI cable used to connect a phone to a screen or TV will not work.

Mobile Devices

If you're out and about, sometimes you'll want to watch the action from your smartphone. To do this head to the App Store or Google Play Store and download the app.

The Spark Sport app works on iOS 10 and above and Android 5.0 and above.

Spark Sport will use your mobile data for streaming, if you are not connected to WiFi.

See here for more info on Spark Sport data usage.

Samsung Smart TVs

If you have a new 2019 Samsung Smart TV, the Spark Sport app should auto-install when you first set up the TV. If you have a compatible 2017 and 2018 Samsung TV, you can download the Spark Sport app on to your TV.

Sony Android TVs (2017+ models with Android TV operating system)

The Spark Sport app is available on select 2017+ Sony Android TVs. Find out how to download the app here.

Panasonic Smart TVs (2017+ models)

The Spark Sport app is available on 2017+ Panasonic Smart TVs. Find out how to download the app here.

LG Smart TVs (2019 models)

The Spark Sport app can be downloaded on 2019 LG Smart TVs. Find out how to download the app here.

Freeview SmartVU streaming device

You can download and watch Spark Sport on your Freeview SmartVU streaming device. Check out here for more details on how to do this.

Freeview A2 recorder

Follow the steps on their website and you can download Spark Sport onto your Freeview A2 Recorder.

I hope this info has been of help.

Cheers for now.

CONGRATULATIONS Danny and Sharon O'Malley for winning 1st prize with their FJ Holden at the recent All Oz Car show



REPORT ON SUNDAY OCT 6TH

Run to Ashley Gorge reserve via Waimak Gorge.

After watching the weather on Saturday evening with rain coming in about bed time, I was thinking this might have to turn into a café run to Oxford,

But Sunday morning turned out clear and sunny. (phew). With a good turnout of cars we cruised off on our run, basically a loop around the Waimak river, thru Oxford then onto the Ashley gorge reserve for lunch. Later we all cruised to a café at the newish Silverstream subdivision just before Kaiapio for afternoon tea. Thanks everybody for a good social day out.
Cheers Kit .



REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS OCT 17TH

We welcome new members Selwyn and Patsy Mazda MX-5 Jeff and Judy Nissan 350z and Ivan and Carol VW Combi .Jim and Gill must have a direct line upstairs with rain on Wednesday and rain due on Friday Thursday was overcast and not too cool. After our usual prerun chat up seventeen cars left the Rolly Inn on a Milne inspired country run we saw roads we had not been on before and once off the Main Roads at a nice steady pace the countryside looked lush and green most pleasant. Lunch picnic style was at Glentunnel Domain another new spot for us its surprising what is tucked away in the countryside. After lunch and a good chin wag afternoon tea waited for us at Darfield Bakery .Thanks Jim and Gill for another most enjoyable day exploring the countryside.

Murray and Barbara Bugler.

REPORT ON WESTERN AUSTRALIA ODYSSEY 4th - 23rd September

G2 would like to thank all those who helped with the planning of the Odyssey and the enthusiasm of the participants that helped make it a huge success. Rumour has it that Tasmania could be on the list in 2021!

Odyssey as seen by Max and Merilyn Clarke

Again we would like to thank G2 on behalf of everyone who came on this fab trip for the time he put into making it happen. For me I crossed 3 to do's of my "bucket" list!!

We trained up from Shell Harbour to central station arriving at the next platform to the Indian Pacific train that was going to be our home for the next 3 nights. On checking our luggage through we joined the rest of the Classic Motoring group who were being served with drinks & nibbles & entertained by the train staff.

On board we had a comfortable cabin with an ensuite, bunk beds which were set up for sleeping (with a chocolate left on your pillow)while you were at dinner & returned to the sitting position while you were at breakfast. Each carriage had tea/coffee making facilities.

There was a comfortable lounge for our use & the dining car provided fabulous meals.

We had off train excursions in Broken Hill & Adelaide & were able to stretch our legs in Cook & Rawlinna. We travelled 4,352km from Sydney to Perth across the Nullabor. On our arrival in Perth a courtesy bus had been organized to take us to the Comfort Inn our home for the next 2 days. A great location with the rental car pick up just around the corner & a bus stop a few metres down the road which allowed us to sightsee around Perth by jumping on & off.



Rental cars lined up ready to go
Photo David Harman

Our car tour began on Tuesday taking us to Margaret River. Leaving Perth proved a little challenging with some participants getting a little lost (thank heavens for GPS's). We were lucky & found a bus/train station with a large map so were able to reconcile our notes with it. The route took us down State route 2, Kwinana Freeway &

South Western Highway through Harvey into Bunbury, & through Busselton. Then taking the Bussel highway into Margaret River. Participants took time to visit attractions like Gnomesville, which is true to its name, walk the Busselton Jetty – 1,841metres long & the great wineries of Margaret River.

On leaving Margaret River there was the opportunity to visit Augusta, the Jewel caves, Cape Leeuwin, the Pioneer Village at Northcliffe to name a few on our way to Albany our stop over for 2 nights. The next day some retraced their steps back to the Tree top walk in the Walpole/Nornalup National Park (600metres long & 40metres above ground) certainly worth a visit if you go to WA. I restocked with Sandalwood products from Mt Romance. From Albany we continued east on National route 1 to Esperance where we also spent 2 nights. A flu bug had taken hold of some so it was a good to have time out. At Lucky Bay a short drive from Esperance some were lucky to have a close up with a Kangaroo family & walk the “squeaky” sandy beach. Along the coast the sea has been so clear & amazing colours of blue.

Our next day's drive is a 388km tour inland to Kalgoorlie/Boulder. Along the Coolgardie- Esperance Highway the scenery was ever changing, wheat fields, cattle & sheep stations, Mallee wood & shrublands & sandflats. In Norseman there was a large corrugated tin Camel Memorial – a tribute to the “Afghan Trains” that transported goods in the late 1800 – 1920's.

The KCGM Super Pit at Kalgoorlie is huge – around 3.5kms long by 1.5kms wide & around 700mtrs deep. 800,000 ounces of gold are produced from it annually. The Super Pit can be seen from space!

Day 10 took us along Highway 94 with numerous off shoot roads into other mines to Southern Cross. We passed through the Woodlands Conservation Area – 16million hectares- Australia is BIG.

From Southern Cross our journey took us to Hayden & Wave Rock & yes it does look like a wave. A granite cliff 15 metres high & 110 metres long. Its shape has been caused by weather & water erosion.

The colouring by water from minerals dissolved in springs running down it during the wet season. A few metres along the track from Wave Rock is another formation The Hippos yawn & again yes it could be said to look just like that.

Along this drive we also passed through the “Rabbit /Vermin Proof fence built between 1901 & 1907 to try & stop the spread of rabbits from Victoria.



Wave Rock

Photo Marilyn Clarke

It was 1,827kms long from Starvation Bay to Ninety Mile Beach. Longer than from Nelson to Invercargill. Can you ever stop a rabbit? Hayden also has the most amazing Lace Museum with laces dating back to the 1600's. Our overnight stay was in Narrogin which was one of the largest rail yards in WA. From Narrogin we drove north to Moora along route 120 with the verges covered in wildflowers passing through Pingelly, Brookton, Beverly, York, Toodyay, & Bindoon. The highlight of this day was probably the York Motor museum. Now owned by a group of the townsfolk. A tribute to Peter Briggs who along with James Harwood opened the museum in 1979.

September 19 saw us heading further north toward Geraldton. The weather had been great maybe a little cooler than we expected but today we got rain so we opted not to walk the wild flower trail at Coorow where we had been told we would definitely see the Wreath flower but about 2km passed 3 Springs turn off we came across some on the roadside.

An amazing flower – one central stalk, green leaves in the middle with a ring of red flowers around the edge. The flowers along the roads were really lovely & if you wandered in beyond the road side the patches were spectacular. (we were very mindful that the warmer weather was bringing the snakes out).



Wildflower



Wreathflower

Photos Marilyn Clarke

3 nights were spent in Geraldton – day 2 we drove the round trip to Kalbarrie & back via the coastal & inland routes. The coast had some spectacular formations like Island Rock & the Natural Bridge plus many more. Also in the distance we saw whales breaching.

Day 3 was a lay day some relaxed & shopped , others explored the country more.

The old Goal was interesting . Each of the cells now housed a craft person showing their craft & selling to the public.

As we continued our journey back towards Perth we again used Moora as a stop over. This drive took us into the Nambung National Park & the Pinnacles.

Another amazing formation. It reminds me of a moonscape. Columns of limestone rock sticking up out of sandy ground. You are able to drive around through these formations, park up & wander through them, touch, cuddle but not climb. Scientists are not quite certain as to how these were formed . Some rise to 4mtrs out of the ground.

23rd September – our last driving day. Back to the Comfort Inn in Perth. We detoured from the route to visit New Norcia – the only Monastic town in Australia. Set up in 1847 by a Spanish monk Rosendo Salvado. The building have been built to reflect his Spanish ancestry. It is a totally self supporting farm. The Benedictine Community of New Norcia does not rate well in a report released by the Royal Commission into Institutional Child sex abuse. Survivors say “we were little slaves”. So sad.

In around 200kms we say goodbye to our cars.

They have served us well in reasonable comfort & no problems, most will have over 4,000 more kilometres on the mileage. Tomorrow we catch the ferry from Perth to Rottnest Island, 18kms from the mainland the home of the Quokka, a small marsupial with a back half like a Kangaroo & Rat like head. They are quite cute!

The trip down the Swan River was great – seeing multi million dollars homes & Freemantle shipping as was the bus trip around Rottnest. During holiday times it is seething with people, 100's of boats are moored in the harbours & the ferries bring 100's each trip. For such a small island it must have a huge impact.





Our visit to Rottnest & touching a Quokka ticked of another entry on my bucket list! All in all Max & I had a fabulous holiday. Thank you everyone for your company & we hope you have all shaken off the flu bug. I hope this gives other members an over view of our trip.

Regards Marilyn

Quokkas on Rottnest Island

Next month we will have David Harman's diary report of the odyssey.

MEMBERSHIP

G2 is busy working on the membership renewals and hopes to have new cards out to those who haven't received theirs yet by the end of November.

FOR SALE

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

ENDORSEMENT

Recently, I had our family movies transferred from reels to a USB stick by the Videostation Company. These movies were 16 mm and super 8 formats, some dating back a generation to the 1940's. I came home with a shopping bag full of reels and 1 small USB stick, Amazing.

It is great to see these old movies again. Brings back memories of people and places from long ago. The quality is superb and the service was quick and professional. If you have old movies or videos, remember, they don't last forever. I thoroughly recommend Larry and Sylvia - www.videostation.co.nz



Val Scott

Call Larry on 03 327 2784 or 0272 911 837. www.videostation.co.nz

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

RUAPUNA TRACK DAY Saturday 9th November

CMSNZ MARATHON 2020 starting Sunday 29th March 2020 From Hanmer.

We are proposing to run the Marathon starting Sunday 29th March for a 7 day event on roads North of Christchurch.

Day 1 Hanmer to Hanmer on interesting roads

Day 2 Hanmer to Golden bay

Day 3 roads around Golden bay

Day 4 Various roads taking us to Nelson

Day 5 An early start to Havelock for a day on the Pelorous Sound or Nelson tour before travelling on to Blenheim for the night

Day 6 Returning to Hanmer via the Molesworth Station

Day 7 Interesting set of roads to the east finishing back at Hanmer for the final dinner

We need a reply from all that are interested in this event that would like to do the Mail Boat trip as they are holding all seats for us on the Pelorous Mail Boat at this stage..

The first 50 will be on the boat .This is their permitted number

We need this indication by 20th Nov

I will advise you of the motels in the next newsletter

contact Max Clarke email : atmore.towers@xtra.co.nz

Or phone 021548389 (Max)

The 2019 Christmas Picnic tour will be held on Sunday November 24th. Start venue is the Hurunui District Council car park SH1 Amberley. \$15 per vehicle. All sealed route. Registrations taken from 9am until 10.50am, in the adjacent St. John's Lounge, behind the public toilets. Look for a statue of Captain Charles Upham.

First 70 to register receive NZ Classic Car magazine (most still in plastic wrapper).

We have members of the Nelson Branch of the Classic Motoring Society, driving down to partake in the outing this year.

Further update and details to be sent closer to event day.

Regards to all

Trevor Stanley-Joblin

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