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EVENTS DIARY

**NEWS FLASH WE ARE NOW ALLOWED GATHERINGS OF UP TO 100 PEOPLE
so we have been busy doing some last minute organising to find venues that
are able to accommodate us on our Monthly runs.
As we need to give sufficient notice of our intended AGM that is still on hold.**

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

Meeting Place Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark. 10 30am
Destination: Willows Cafe Glentunnel
Your hosts Barry & Kay

If you are planning on joining us, you will need to pre-order your meals! It's makes for much faster service and helps with planning. Your Options are @ \$14.00 per person

Fish & Chips (our handcut Rig Fish freshly battered)
Butcher's Steak Pie with Chips & Gravy (Made on site by our Butcher Baker Jase. Meat braised for 6 hours - no pie thickeners!) Tender. Tasty & Meaty.
Frittata – Roast Veges baked in a frittata served with Fries & Chutney (GF / Vegetarian)
Please send your order to Julian no later than 7pm next Thursday 4th June
email jbkbarrett@gmail.com , phone or text 027 675 2544

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting place Peg Hotel carpark, Belfast, 10.30am
As its now winter, we will do a cafe lunch run to Oxford.
Lunch will be at Main street cafe which has plenty of room (ex Jo Seagers)
Your hosts Kit & Carol Pevrill 027 6421010

BARRY'S BANTER:

Classic Car parts

Prior to the whole lifechanging Covid 19 I had replaced the Triumph TR6 metering unit. Just as I was about to test drive the car we were placed under Level 4 lockdown. Since we moved to level two I have been having a go at road tuning the car. But pouring over the engine bay I was soon reminded of the other issues that have sat rumbling over the past couple of months. The sound of gnashing teeth during start up, A grim reminder that the starter motor needed a service. I have lived with that Russian Roulette graunching noise for the last couple of years but now there is a risk of a breakdown. So time to pull it out. But then I also noticed a water leak near the battery. It is coming from the "Uprated high output" heater control valve. I don't know what can be so 'uprated' about a valve in a water line but I was obviously sold on the concept at the time of purchase. Perhaps it was designed to make the car go faster or, at least produce instant dollops of warm air on demand. Anyway that "go faster" heater valve costs NZ\$106.14. For some unknown reason Rimmers decided that this little item which fits into an envelope should be sent by International Courier at a cost of \$79.17. Total cost delivered NZ\$185.31.



A little research tells me this heater valve comes from a Dodge van or a Ford Falcon. I can buy this unit on Ebay, also landed in NZ, for NZ\$15.13. The valve comes from China. It looks identical to the one Rimmer sells so I have to assume they are from the same Country of origin. I could buy it from the USA. That would cost NZ\$85.18, but it is still made in China. The fact I only bought it five years ago and it's already knackered means it was definitely not hand carved out of brass bits in an

old engineering tool shop in Cowley.

After Covid 19 kicked in, I had to take a 20% cut in salary, my tenant in London couldn't pay the rent and I can't hang with you guys on a Sunday. So, I kinda felt a little aggrieved and decided to boycott all Chinese products. With the exception of spare ribs, noodles, sauces and seasonings. Seems I wasn't the only one thinking the same way. I went to the local veggie shop in Rangiora. In front of me was a little old lady shopping with her daughter. 'Garlic mum?' She asked, whilst holding up a packet of garlic bulbs.

"I don't want anything Chinese, thankyou!" The mother curtly replied.

Ever since then I have been wondering about that anti Chinese sentiment spreading across the globe and how it could play out here in New Zealand. Can I realistically avoid buying Chinese car parts. Very unlikely because the Chinese seem to have the entire world market wrapped up. So whether you buy from the USA, UK, Australia or Italy, chances are the place of origin is China. But then to be fair in the case of my heater valve, the villain isn't China. It's the greedy retailers i.e. Rimmers, Supercheap, Repco, etc, etc, etc.

Even if you buy your modern day car parts from the main dealer there is a chance it was made in a Chinese factory under license. I found out that a foreign car manufacturer is allowed up to 2 joint ventures in China.

So here is a list of all the foreign vehicle companies manufacturing cars or parts in China. Ford and Fiat are on that list which means Aston Martin and Ferrari parts are being made there too.

I found an article on line dated Feb 2014 titled. "Aston Martin recall highlights risk of China parts supply." Here is an excerpt.

"The British maker of the exotic sports cars featured in a string of James Bond spy movies was forced last week to recall most of the vehicles it has built since 2007. It discovered Chinese subcontractors were using counterfeit plastic material in parts supplied to Aston Martin."

To think I was about to buy one of those. Reckon my next car will be a Trabant!

Foreign Auto Manufacturer	Joint Ventures or Factories
BOSCH	Ningbo, Zhejiang
<u>BMW</u>	<u>Brilliance Auto</u> (BMW-Brilliance), <u>BAIC</u> (BAIC - BMW)
<u>Fiat</u>	<u>GAC</u> , <u>BAIC</u> (BAIC FCA Automobile Co. Ltd)
<u>Ford</u>	<u>Changan</u> <u>FAW</u>
<u>General Motors</u> (GM)	<u>SAIC</u> , <u>FAW</u> , <u>GAC</u> (GAC Chevrolet Opel Motors Co.Ltd)
<u>Honda</u>	<u>GAC</u> (Guangqi Honda), <u>Dongfeng Motor Group</u> (<u>Dongfeng Honda</u>)
<u>Hyundai</u>	<u>BAIC</u> , <u>Great Wall</u> (Great Wall-Hyundai Motors Co.Ltd)
<u>Isuzu</u>	<u>JMCG</u> , <u>JIM</u> , <u>GAC</u>
<u>Jaguar Land Rover</u>	<u>Chery</u> (<u>Chery Jaguar Land Rover</u>)
<u>Kia</u>	<u>Dongfeng Motor Corporation</u> (<u>Dongfeng Yueda Kia</u>) <u>GAC</u> (GAC Hafei Kia Motors Co Ltd.)
<u>Luxgen</u>	<u>Dongfeng Motor</u> , <u>Soueast</u>
Lucas	Ningbo, Zhejiang
<u>Mazda</u>	<u>FAW</u> , <u>Changan</u>
<u>Mercedes-Benz</u>	<u>BAIC</u> (Beijing-Benz), <u>BYD</u> (Denza)
<u>Mitsubishi</u>	<u>Soueast</u> , <u>GAC</u> (<u>GAC-Mitsubishi</u>)
<u>Nissan</u>	<u>Dongfeng Motor Group</u> (<u>Dongfeng Motor Co., Ltd.</u>) , <u>BAIC Group</u> (BAIC Nissan)
Motorcraft	Jinhua, Zhejiang
<u>Peugeot</u>	<u>Dongfeng Motor Group</u> , <u>Great.Wall</u> (Great Wall Peugeot Citroën Co. Ltd)
<u>Renault</u>	<u>Dongfeng Motor Group</u> , <u>FAW</u> (FAW Renault Nissan Motors Co. Ltd)
<u>Suzuki</u>	<u>Changan</u> , <u>Dongfeng Motor Group</u>
<u>Toyota</u>	<u>GAC</u> (GAC-Toyota), <u>FAW</u>
<u>Volkswagen</u>	<u>SAIC</u> , <u>FAW</u> , <u>GAC</u>



M&M'S IOARA MARATHON 1st November to 7th November

We now have 29 entrants for Max and Merilyn's Marathon that are rearing to go on the new start date of 1st November.

Max and Merilyn at atmore.towers@extra.co.nz or G2 at info@saabclassics.net

This will be our last extended NZ tour until August/Sept 2021

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LOOKING BACK



Pie run to sheffield June 2016

Glentunnel Domain 2013



Purple Patch Marathon April 2016



Scargill Domain 2015

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AGM

The AGM is postponed until such time that we are able to congregate safely.

As per the CMSNZ constitution the present committee is able to continue managing the Club's affairs through to the next AGM.

Jim Milne has stepped down from his position on the committee and we thank him and Gill for their dedication and input into the club, especially the organizing of the Gold Card Cruisers.

FOR SALE

The Club now has **new car badges**. These are of the soft peel and stick type, designed to fit on curves as in body panels or windscreens. They are 100mm long by 50mm high.



Badges as above only \$9.00 each.
Club Caps only \$15 each
sew on **Badge** \$8 each
see Kit & Carol Peverill or Rod Hurst

2021 TASMANIAN ODYSSEY

We can confirm that subject to Australia opening its borders [which we understand will be pre-Xmas] that the Tasmanian Odyssey will proceed.

The Odyssey has been physically plotted by members Robin Fletcher and Barbara Lloyd and will run between the 22nd of February and 9th of March 2021. It will start and finish in Launceston. **We now have 27 confirmed entrants!**

If you are interested contact G2 info@saabclassics.net He may be able to squeeze you in, but accommodation is tight and you might have to top and tail.

As the distances are not as great as the mainland, the Odyssey will have more of a tourist flavour to it with plenty of opportunity to visit some of the interesting features of the Island State. It is certainly a beautiful place to visit with plenty to see and do.

Costs are not yet finalised but we anticipate that they will be similar to other pre tour Odysseys.

Max Clarke has agreed to sort out rental cars for us.

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TAKE A TARGA

Targa New Zealand is running again in mid-October, clear of the Labour Day weekend. Thanks to a collaboration between Rod Corbett of VCC and CMSNZ and Peter Martin of the Ultimate Rally Group there will be a VCC class in this years Targa rally. This is ideally suited to the type of 30year old plus vehicles that we run on our tours and is a huge amount of fun.



Essentially Targa is an all Tarmac special stage Rally which runs over 5 days, this year starting in Albany, going as far north as Whangarei across to Whitianga and finishes at Pukekohe.

There are 3 primary groups of Competitors which are.

1. Open class where the big boys play, with full safety equipment and all that goes with it.
2. The Tour class where entrants follow a lead car through at high speed but cannot overtake
3. The VCC class where cars registered with VCC that are over 30 years old drive to an average speed but are not to exceed 130kph, roll cages, helmets etc not required unless you are in an open car. Allowed to overtake.

Achieving the average speeds on some of the Special Stages can be challenging without being dangerous, on others not so challenging. Being able to use all the road with confidence that there is no one coming the opposite direction is a huge factor and adds to the "fun" factor.

John Rapley and I have entered the two stroke 850cc Saab 96 again. Even though we crapped out last year with 2 stages ago when a \$1.00 pin came loose from the gear shift the whole event was a great adventure both socially and from a driving point of view.

Some are towing their cars up north but I will be putting the SAAB on a car transporter and flying to Auckland.

I cannot commend the VCC Targa enough, great fun, great experience well worth having a go.

Give Rod Corbett a ring on 0274 338 772 or e mail him at rod.corbett88@gmail.com and he will put you on his mailing list for the regular updates.

Come on, give it a go.

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PLANNING AHEAD



Some thoughts for 2021 and 2022 we would like to get your feedback on.

1. **2021 ALPINE** G2's thinking ideas for a 4 or 5 day Alpine to be conducted around Canterbury and South Canterbury with stops at Akaroa, Methven, Timaru, Twizel or Lake Ohau. He proposes having the event at the end of winter /early spring which is a return to our traditional Alpine [and snow] dates. Let you committee members know what you think or get hold of Sharpie [G2} **He is also looking for an organising team** so if you would like to help could you let him know. [Info @saabclassics.net](mailto:Info@saabclassics.net)
2. He will guide you through the process and admin details.
3. **2022 MARATHON.** Quite a number of years back our marathons ran for about two weeks and G2 is recommending a return to this format for the first time in 18 years. His reason is simple; we are due for a North island tour again and he wants to go to the far north once again. An event possibly starting in Napier, heading north to the Coromandel before heading up to Whangarei and to the North Cape lighthouse.

From the north we would head back down the west coast to finish in Palmerston North or even Wellington.

The marathon would run over 10/11 days with a 3/4-day allowance for those who will need to travel from the South Island. Sharpie has in mind late Summer or Autumn and suggests we could include either ANZAC weekend or Easter.

Let us know what you think so he can sort out some organisers in plenty of time. Again contact your committee members with feedback or let G2 know at info@saabclassics.net

