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## **EVENTS DIARY**

### **SUNDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Meeting Place: Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 10.30am  
Destination: Picnic lunch  
Your hosts: Tony & Jeanette Childs  
                 mob 027 298 1445

### **THURSDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **Gold Card Cruisers**

Meeting place: Princess Margaret Hospital, carpark 3, 10.30am  
Destination: picnic lunch at Kaituna Valley  
Your hosts: Kevin and Sue  
                 mob 027 433 5732

### **DAVID'S DIARY**

Good to hear that G2 was on the track at Ruapuna recently at the Scope Classic car racing event. I haven't done anything at Ruapuna for a couple of years, but it is a great experience. I imagine that a lot of people in our club have driven on a race track sometime, but if you haven't then it is something to think about.

A lot of clubs have events where they are happy to have others join in as it helps to cover their costs for the day. They often divide drivers into categories of beginners through to experienced. There may be an opportunity for beginners to go out with an experienced driver before the days racing starts. If you're a first timer, grab that offer.

They can show you what lines to take around corners, which is a great thing to adapt to your road driving for a more comfortable ride for your passengers.

Cornering lines is a good thing to understand. Uncle Google is all over it.

You need to make sure that your car is in good road worthy condition. There will be scrutineering early in the day where they check your car over. Some of the items they check will be:

Steering and suspension

Tyres

Battery hold down/security

Throttle return spring

Fire extinguisher bolted down within easy reach of the driver (often just tucked under the front of the passengers seat) Quite a good thing to have in your car anyway.

Full face helmet

Cotton overalls

Some events require a roll cage, but many don't.

If there is anything that is going to go wrong on your car over the next 12 months, then it may well fast forward to your time on the track.

Good to have a few tools including an accurate tyre pressure gauge as you may want to alter them on the day. Starting off with around 35 psi should be a good start.

Remove anything loose in the car as they become missiles in the car as you fly around corners.

Remove unnecessary weight, like spare wheel, Jack, tools etc.

A few people get car sick and take medication for that.

Wear the smallest, niftiest shoes you have, as your feet get quite busy at times and you need all the room you can get down there.

The excitement and adrenaline is immense as you risk life and limb so many times on a lap. People go out there to have a non competitive run, but the reality is that that all changes once you get going. You see people walking around after a few laps and their overalls are wet down their spine. You may think that they aren't doing much, but not true!

It is that level of concentration which takes your mind out of everything else. A friend who was a solicitor with a very stressful job used to do this as a stress relief for him.

What revs you change gears, how fast you can change gears, how effective your brakes are means you can brake later and achieve a better lap time. Plenty to think about.

Some etiquette on the track:

If another car turns up on your tail then it is most likely faster than you, so at your earliest opportunity, keep over and let them pass.

Don't do anything that puts another car in danger. Follow all instructions on the day.

Like a lot of things in life, it is all about respect. For others.

Do any of you have a little story of a memorable little moment on a track? If so, why not share it with us?

Just email it to Julian.

And then there are the drags.  
One of my better runs





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## REPORT ON SUNDAY FEB 7<sup>TH</sup>

It was a handsome turnout at the Peg and having inspected some very nice vehicles, which included an original VW Golf cabriolet, we formed a circle to receive our instructions. G1 handed out the run sheets which I noticed included a reference to a song by Pete Seegers.

We quickly scanned through the route, preparing ourselves for the Road to Hell, because G1 and G2 have an unrivalled passion for the loose stuff. The convoy set off for a tour of the local hotspots and we thought we had found the RTH as we wandered lonely as a cloud through the Spencerville and Bottle Lake which had been decimated during the Canterbury earthquakes, but it was all very nicely sealed.

Kay was busy fumbling around and swearing at her Samsung as usual. She was trying to find a version of the song 'Little Boxes' that could be heard above the throbbing chorus of Stagzilla's V8.

With the phone against her ear she shouted "You could always slow down you know."

"Just shut up and sing the song!" I yelled.

"Where have all the flowers gone...."

"Wrong! Next."

A few revs later a voice on the breeze pops up with. "There's a green one and a pink one and a blue one and a yellow one and they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same."

I laughed. "Get off. Really? Don't be inviting either of them round to our BYO vinyl night."

But then as I looked around at all the ticky tacky houses and the similarly mundane modern SUV's on their driveways I had to take my hat off to G1 and G2 for coming up with a brilliant and original idea. So much so that I drove through Linwood the next day screaming the chorus from "Nutbush city limits".

True to form Stagzilla had to embarrass us with a customary breakdown. This was particularly hard to take after overtaking a stream of slower moving CMSNZ chariots who gave us the customary middle finger wave as they cruised past..... still singing that bleedin' ticky tacky song. Quite a memorable moment.

The Stag mysteriously restarted for no known reason so we cruised into Oxford and parked up on the domain just out of the township. At the Peg it seemed we were set for a cloudy day but this was a great spot and the sun had come out in style. We formed an ever increasing circle and chilled out for a wonderful afternoon of chit chat and dodgy sandwiches.

The second half of the run took a ticky tacky tour along Mount Thomas Rd, winding its way back into Rangiora on very nicely sealed roads for afternoon coffee at the Artisan Bakery.

A very enjoyable day.... and the car is still clean!

Thanks Guys.

Barry



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## REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS FEB 18<sup>TH</sup>

A great turnout of 15 cars left Ferrymead for our picnic run to Tai Tapu.

We were so fortunate to get such a perfect day and we enjoyed some lovely views as we travelled through to Sumner and over Evans Pass Road.

The harbour was looking stunning as we drove through Lyttelton and through to Corsair, Cass, Rapaki and Governors Bay. A great day to be a passenger as we can admire the views along the way while the driver needs to concentrate on the roads and avoiding the cyclists.

We drove through Gebbies Pass and then onto the main ChCh Akaroa Highway back to Rhodes Park Domain at Tai Tapu.



Our numbers were boosted at the park for our picnic lunch as we were joined by Gail Laskewitz and Gill Milne. This brought our number to 30. The park is a beautiful area to relax, enjoy our picnic lunch, and enjoy the company of the club members. After our leisurely lunch break 20 of us travelled through to Cashmere Road where we enjoyed our afternoon tea at Urban Eatery Café located at Oderings Nursery. This café has recently got new owners and is well worth a visit.

Kevin & Lois Thornley

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## 2021 CLASSIC ALPINE 21<sup>ST</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

An entry form will be available soon from Graeme Sharp 021 395 944 [info@saabclassics.net](mailto:info@saabclassics.net).

Accommodation at the following venues is recommend and room have been pencilled in for the Classic Motoring Society. When you book remember to mention Classic Motoring Society group.

**Day One: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May;** The Lodge: Methven 03 303 2000

**Day Two Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May;** Mackenzie Country Hotel: Twizel 03 435 0869 [Group dinner]

**Day Three; Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May;** Brydone Hotel: Oamaru 03 433 0480

**Day Four; Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May;** Hotel Ashburton: Ashburton -03 307 8887 [Group Dinner and awards]

We are planning a school fund raising visit on the first day before a short run to Methven via Porters Pass. Details to follow once the schools are back in action

Day two will head through McKenzie country including Myers Pass and the Haldon Road to reach Twizel for one of their famous buffets

Day three will take us to Oamaru via the Lindis and Dansey passes providing Dansey is not snowed in. It is an Alpine after all [an alternative is available of course]

Day Four will explore the North Otago and South Canterbury regions before a straightforward run to Ashburton and our final night dinner.

The two G's have come out of retirement and have promised some spectacular roads and scenery to keep us all on our toes.

## TASMANIAN ODYSSEY

After discussions with Robin Fletcher in Australia, G2 is looking at running the event in the last 2 weeks of November [13<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>] subject to borders being open. Tasmania has been Covid 19 free for a few months now and if Victoria continues along its current path, we should be OK. There are no direct flights to Tasmania planned at this stage so we will have to transit via Victoria.

We will keep you up to date with developments as they occur and G2 will directly email those already registered. There are still some spots available if you want a great scenic late spring break.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership card data for all who have paid their subs is currently at the printer and will be posted out shortly. All members will receive a mail out containing a CMSNZ car Rego sticker for their use.

We are having the membership data base revised and will, later in the year, be able to provide everyone with a list of members, general locations, and cars [one or two].

All members will be provided with the opportunity to opt out of the general list for members if they wish. We propose to include mobile phone numbers on the list but will not provide email or street addresses for privacy reasons. It is expected that all members will recognise that such a listing must not be used for commercial or promotional purposes

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### AGM AGM AGM

We are looking at Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> for our AGM.  
Time and venue to be confirmed.

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### 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



# OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU



# Rotary

Club of Avonhead



# TWIN RIVERS

## MOTORING EXTRAVAGANZA

### SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021

A&P SHOWGROUND, CURLETT'S ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH, FROM 10.30AM



- NEW PARADE
- ELECTRIC CARS
- UC ELECTRIC RACES
- PEDAL MANIA
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- TRUCKS

EXHIBITORS & SPECTATORS \$20 PER CAR

EFTPOS AVAILABLE PRE PURCHASE ON FACEBOOK  
ALL MAKES, MODELS, TYPES, SHAPES, STYLES AND AGES  
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## New Zealand Land Speed Record Documentary Coming Soon

One Man's Trash is another Man's Treasure When your goal and dream is to be the fastest man in New Zealand setting a new Land Speed Record, One Man's Trash really is another Man's Treasure. When you don't have much money and your will is never to quit at any cost, that gut determination grows stronger by the day to succeed. Trash 2 Dash is a journey following Sargent Dean Hart over six years as he builds a Jet Powered car basically out of second hand parts to achieve that dream of being New Zealand's fastest man. Fail to prepare, prepare to fail, where failure is not an option. Triumph and success, against the calculated odds, is lesson for all of never quitting to fulfil your dreams in Trash 2 Dash.

click the YouTube trailer link for Trash 2 Dash [https://youtu.be/RIPb\\_hwMKZE](https://youtu.be/RIPb_hwMKZE)

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**CUTLER PARK**

**3rd Sunday of the month from the  
new (and incredibly civilised)  
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**Enquiries to Colin Hey Ph 359 8738**



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**Wheels AT  
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EASTER WEEKEND 2021



**Three Parks**  
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**IF IT'S GOT WHEELS OR TRACKS IT'LL BE ON DISPLAY!**



**50 ACRES OF ENTERTAINMENT  
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- Terra CAT Earthmoving Extravaganza
- Southpac Truck Show
- Tractor & Truck Pulling Comp
- Action Sports Dirt Pit – ATVs, Enduro Cross, 4WD Demos
- Steam Engines & Vintage Farm Fair
- Vintage, Classics and Modern Cars & Bikes
- Highlands Parade Ground all-wheels, history-in-motion, non-stop show

**Plus so much more!**

**EASTER WEEKEND  
2-4 APRIL 2021**

**Terra CAT Mega Earthmoving ONLY Day:**  
10am-4pm Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Wheels at Wanaka:**

9am-4.30pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Kids 12 years and under enter for FREE



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# Targa NZ & the Vintage Car Club

invite you to

## “The Ultimate Time Trial 2021”

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Central North Island – starting in Taranaki & finishing in the Hawkes Bay



Ash Price & Grant Simpson in their 1968 Volvo 131



Fraser Kear & Daniel Steel in their 1987 VW Golf

Outstanding opportunity for some spirited driving to match set times on all tarmac closed road special stages. Not a race, but a test of precise driving & time keeping.

No special car modifications (roll cage etc) required.

5 Day Time Trial: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October (with Documentation Monday 25<sup>th</sup>)

2 Day Time Trial: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October (Last 2 days of the 5 day event)

New members to VCC are very welcome.

Contact VCC member Rod Corbett for more details: [rod.corbett88@gmail.com](mailto:rod.corbett88@gmail.com)

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