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EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

Meeting Place: The Yaldhurst Hotel carpark 10.30am

Destination: **Picnic Lunch**

Your hosts: Tony and Jeanette
mob 027 298 1445

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH

Gold Card Cruisers

Meeting Place: Rolleston Community centre, Rolleston Drive next to Newworld Supermarket

Arrive at 10.30 ish to leave at 11am

Cafe lunch at the Dunsandel pub. Famous for their pies.

Your host: Graeme and Merle Craig
mob 0274330511

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

David and Julia Mackie from Napier

John and Rae Hanson from Kaiapoi

Keith and Robyn Anderson from Christchurch



DAVID'S DIARY

I hope that everyone is getting on OK.
Levels, lockdowns, masks, announcements, rules.
Pretty weird eh?

COVID-19

Where did that name come from?

Co corona

Vi virus

Disease

19 the year they first knew about it.



I can't help worry though, how much debt is NZ in now? So, I looked it up.

Net debt was \$49.3 billion in 2020, up \$20.6 billion from 2019, increasing for the first time since 2016. (Stats NZ)

With all the govt. wage subsidies, I thought it may have been more, but government hand outs are a funny thing:

Each employee who receives \$600 pw subsidy, quickly learns that this is actually 'before' tax, so at 30% tax (\$48,00 to \$70,000 income pa) \$180 is paid back to the government as PAYE tax.

The employee now has \$420 pw to spend.

They go to the supermarket and very carefully spend \$160. The supermarket then pays \$20.87 to the government for GST collected on the sale.

The employee then spends \$70 on power, insurance etc.

The government has now clawed back \$210 in tax from the \$600.

The employee puts their remaining \$190 towards rent - which is exempt from GST. However the landlord will pay income tax on any profit.

So that \$420 keeps getting passed around as each person or business uses it to pay bills and buy stuff. And every time that happens, chi ching. They pass GO and pay \$200! Actually 15% in GST plus income tax.

It reminds me of when Andy Capp sold a homing pigeon, he knew that later in the day it would return to him! Bit of an old drug dealer at heart was Andy. Whoops, did I just liken the government to a drug dealer? Maybe I should just put the shovel away for today.

Further to my thoughts on EVs, fuels etc. I am still receiving interesting ideas and info from members - thank you. I need to catch up with a couple of our members yet, to get their input. It is just a discussion. I don't have all the answers. I just like to see information presented in a way that we can all give it some balanced consideration.

Without pushing it too much more this month, I will just mention that Glyn Jones sent me some info regarding Porsche beginning to develop an alternative fuel for the owners of their marque.

Porsche are setting up a synthetic methanol gasoline production plant to produce an alternative fuel to petrol. It's eFuels will "permit the almost climate-neutral operation of combustion-engine vehicles." The carmaker recently said its electrofuels could cut CO2 emissions by 85%. The fuel will burn the same as petrol made from crude oil, but without the huge greenhouse gas emissions. It can be sold at the existing network of filling stations globally and Porsche owners will not need to get their engines modified. It makes their cars cleaner than an electric vehicle when factoring in the environmental impact of EV battery production and disposal.

It is interesting that Porsche estimate that around 70% of all vehicles they have ever made, are still on the road. Sounds very sustainable.

Google 'Porsche synthetic fuel' for more info.

Meanwhile, enjoy the spring from cafes to picnics along with daylight saving.

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Our EV editorial ... an early adopter EV owner responds!

I suggest we explore the reality of a relentlessly changing world and what it might mean for our members and their motoring passions over the next 20 years and beyond. And ... what it might mean for our children and grandchildren who will likely understand little of the motoring world we know and love

I agree with David when he says we should explore all the options and thoroughly check the facts about EV's as there are a number of conflicting views being popularised through social media

I believe that we have much bigger issues here and that current Hybrid and EV vehicles in our market are only early transitional phases in a transport future toward a time we may have significantly fewer or no private vehicles on our roads as resources diminish over a longer (or shorter) period of time.

We each have different motivations, resources and capabilities as we make our personal decisions as to where and how we join this somewhat unexpected but unavoidable new journey.

As a long time, motoring enthusiast, I will still enjoy exploring and experiencing the old and the new options and technologies as they come and go, hopefully with robust discussion but without judgment or censure among friends!

Geoff Ridley ... CMSNZ 1008

PS ... If you would like to know what I think about owning a 7-year-old Nissan Leaf (or a 60 year old 2-stroke SAAB for that matter) you are welcome to give me a call!!
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TASMANIAN ODYSSEY

The Committee have reluctantly decided to postpone the tour until the 21st February to 7th of March 2022. Uncertainty about continuing travel and border restrictions are factors in the decision.

For more information please get in touch with G2. info@saabclassics.net or ph 021 395 944

Weekend run to Oamaru and Duntroon

CHANGE OF DATE:

We have had to change the date of our Oamaru excursion in November as our original dates clash with the Oamaru Heritage Celebrations.

The run will now take place from the **26th to 28th of November**.

Our schedule is likely to be as follows,

Friday the 26th Drive to Oamaru, with an optional stop at the Moeraki Boulders and café. Travel in your own time to your accommodation which you will need to book.

Saturday 27th. Assemble on the South side of Oamaru for a run to Duntroon via the vanished world trail. At Duntroon have lunch and then visit the Museum and Forge which will be open for us to view.

We are organising a group dinner for Saturday night.

Sunday 28th Own time to visit Oamaru attractions like Steam Punk or the old quarter before returning home in your own time.

Cost per couple including the dinner and fees for the Museum and Forge at Duntroon is likely to be \$140.



More details next month.

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A LOOK BACK



I was going through some old society papers and was reflecting on why CMSNZ came into being around 25 years ago.

A number of us were entering “classic car” events organised by others including one make Marque Clubs. After one event in 1994 [if my memory serves me correctly] a group of us got together to pursue the idea of establishing a not-for-profit club for people who enjoy getting out in their cars and exploring roads less travelled.

A common thought was that the important aspects of such a club were firstly that the enjoyment of getting out and exploring our country [and as it turns out Australia] was paramount and secondly that it did not matter what sort of vehicle you used.

And so, the Classic MOTORING Society was born, and a constitution developed. We thought having a formal Constitution was important as it established accountability for the use of members funds. Any surpluses generated were to go back to the members by way of covering organising expenses for our major events and allowing the initial Sunday runs to be free of entry costs. We then expanded to introduce the Gold Card Cruisers mid-week runs. It was not too many years after establishment that the Nelson Marlborough sister club was established, again with aims similar to ours. Many of us are members of both Societies. Early on it was established that “concourse de-elegance” was not for us and it did not matter if your vehicle was original, modified and the age did not matter.

The important things were that we socialised and that we could bring to an event any type or model of vehicle we wanted without recriminations of them not being of standard spec, of a

certain age and condition. As long as they had a WOF we were, and still are happy. Some of us even bring two stroke SAAB's.

As they develop I am sure we will see more Hybrids, Phev's and EV's. It has been fun thinking back on some of the adventures we have had over the last 25 years. The successes, the breakdowns, the fancy-dress nights, the friends we have made and the amount of country we have covered in our CLASSIC MOTORING. Somebody asked why I had 007 as a number on the major tours, so I hasten to add that there are no pretentious thoughts to be likened to James Bond. As one of the original twelve my membership number was and is 007

Graeme Sharp [G2}



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WEBSITE AND MEMBERSHIP DATA BASE

Unfortunately our website developer left an incorrect "clear" email address in the membership application form. This has meant that online membership applications have been going to a redundant email address.

A number of people have applied for membership, paid their fees which we have received through on line banking but their membership has never been recognised as the form has never reached us.

We have managed to track down some and now have them in the data base. If you know of any friends who have applied to join CMSNZ on line and have never heard back can you ask them to contact Graeme Sharp on 021 395944 or by email at info@saabclassics.net so we can correct this unfortunate situation.

We are working on membership cards as these have in the past been issued once a year with a couple of catch up runs from time to time. Our printer has relocated, and this has put an involuntary pause on cards.

CMSNZ is investigating purchasing a card printing machine on which we will be able to produce credit card size plastic cards on an ad hoc basis. The cards will need to be redesigned and we may only be able to print on one side. We are doing a cost comparison and if it is viable the committee will decide.

We print on both sides now specifically at the request of you as members, let us know what you think about one side printing as this will influence any decision the Committee makes. Flick Graeme (G2) an email with any thoughts you have on the matter.



OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Canterbury Branch VCC

HAVE YOU COME OUT FOR COFFEE YET?
Next event is **Sunday 17th October** Start time is 9am (ish)
OLD CARS, BIKES AND COFFEE
9am-11am.

On the third sunday of the month we invite all members and any interested members of the public to join us at Cutler Park from 9am-11am for coffee and a catch-up. Turn up in your club eligible vehicle and meet other club members - if enough interest is shown we might head out for a run. Partners and children encourage to join in but please no dogs.

All OZ Car Show 2021

Sunday 17th October
A&P Showgrounds on Curletts Road.
Show from 10am-2pm
Open to All Australian cars and the public
Gold coin donation for Spectators; \$10 per display vehicle

Selwyn Motor Fest 2021

Sat, 20 – Sun, 21 Nov Springston Rolleston Rd

