

## **WHAT'S BEEN**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** We drove through Richmond suburbs to Wakefield via the back roads then through Golden Downs terminating at Kohatu Cafe where we enjoyed the usual chat with coffee and cakes. There were sixteen cars with about 30 people attending this run in fine but cloudy weather.

**16 August Alpine Rally** The Cheviot School Home Economics team and senior students excelled in their hospitality, launching us on our way after a delicious morning tea/lunch. Capes swirled as Batman and Robin swooped in to swell the ranks. In all 59 of us enjoyed the four day event in the "upper south".

As we made our way north to Blenheim exploring oft passed side roads, enjoying the seal pups at Ohau Point and indulging in coffee and cake as the mood took we had little thought of what Sharpie had "arranged" with Mother Nature. First instincts when we all found ourselves close to the epicentre of a 6.6 earthquake were oh b..... a puncture, or were there two punctures? , then "why were those trees and power lines dancing in front of our eyes not to mention the huge green bales of feed being tossed around like balloons". Various groups gathered as we pondered our fate and experienced the aftershocks. The Salt works staff had scrambled to the top of the hill fearing tsunami and it was quickly evident that side road was impassable with huge rock falls across the road. The policeman kicking aside rocks on the main road between the Salt works and Seddon seemed on a hiding to nowhere as we dodged many rock/earth falls on our way through. Arrival at Blenheim provided the chance to hear news from the outside world, communicate with loved ones and then most importantly debrief over a drink or three. Saturday's weather limited the magnificent views that might have been had on the Port Underwood Road between Rarangi and Picton but it proved a great stretch of gravel road. The Queen Charlotte Drive had a little less mizzle and we cruised into Nelson for a two day stopover. Some enjoyed a wine tour while others took the opportunity to explore other parts of Nelson before we regrouped for a "Lords and Ladies" event. Lord Bruce (Keddie) and Lady Carolyn (Houston) had pulled out all stops Bruce in spats, top hat and tails while Carolyn was the fabulous flapper in fur. Definitely deserving winners of the dress award to include a Wine Tour Voucher alongside petrol vouchers donated by Diane Brandish and Graeme Sharp. Close behind were President Julian and Kathy Barrett and never far from the awards and this time third were the mustachio'd Harmens (well Matt and David were) alongside the lovely Sue. Marvellous to see everyone making the effort but amazing that the party finished by 9.30pm – are we getting old or what!

Sunday had plenty to offer with a trip to the Cobb Dam (38km on a windy, fairly narrow and mainly gravel road) and trip into Harwoods Hole. We will not elaborate on what happened to Batman alias Philip Royds but needless to say the Mazda RX7 had an eventful day some of it spent on the side of the Cobb Road then later on a hoist! The Woolshed at the start of the Cannan Road provided a welcome stop with good food, wool products and interesting animals and the choice of Hangar 58 for the evening meal was very popular. This was a super day for following the route and/or taking the opportunity to do other side trips in the Golden Bay. Was it the last day already? We gathered for instructions to take us to Murchison via the Motueka west bank road, the dry weather road from Tadmire to Glenhope then over the Braeburn Track to end 871km of travel with a delicious lunch/afternoon tea provided by the Murchison Golden Oldies. The enthusiasm of Irene Scott and Peter Whyte was definitely deserving of the Spirit of Event Award, David Harmen "rewarded" Richard Horrell with the John Harmen Spanner Award for replacing Matt Opie's generator while the Saab Classics Merit Award went to the Royd's family - yes all six of them

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**1<sup>st</sup> September Classic Car Show** at Steam Museum Wakefield. I only attended in the afternoon and I saw many cars on their way home, but there were still a lot of very interesting vehicles on show. Health and Safety featured? with the traction engine hay ride having a wire netting cage to stop anyone falling off the trailer. Dangerous speeds? The pedestrians were in more danger. A good afternoon though.

**Friday 6th September Trip to Kaikoura** A number of cars from Nelson and Blenheim met on SH 1 outside Montana for 2 pm departure. We travelled to East Coast Inn at Ward and had a drinks break for half an hour, then we made our way to the motels in Kaikoura. Some had afternoon drinks, nibbles and a natter at the Waterfront Apartments. Then we walked to the Commercial Hotel for dinner. A good meal was had by all and a few people got lucky on the pokies machines.



Saturday morning was sunny and 23 cars (47 people) met on The Esplanade outside the motels at 10.30 am. Geoff Morris welcomed everyone and we then had a briefing. We drove via the inland route to Mt Lyford Lodge for lunch. Lunch had been pre-arranged and most people were surprised with the amount food we received. I know that a few people went home with a doggie bag as they couldn't eat it all. After lunch we drove through to Waiau where some

had a drink at the pub and others had an ice cream. Then we made our way back to Kaikoura through the Leader Valley and over the Hundelies. That evening a few met at the Commercial at 6.00 and others went to Pier for tea. At the Commercial we watched the All Blacks vs. Pumas game of rugby and then listened to the karaoke. Helen Richards got up and sung and



we all enjoyed her rendition off Harper Valley PTA. Sunday morning we met on The Esplanade at 10.30 then drove to The Point Farm on the Kaikoura Peninsular and were entertained by Peter and Gwenda Smith with the sheep shearing show.



I didn't realise how much wool comes off a Drysdale sheep. Lynn took the opportunity to feed the 2 week old lamb. After this we all headed to Donagal House for lunch. Once lunch was finished we all said our goodbyes and headed for way home. Peter and I would like to thank everyone who joined us on this run as we had a great time. It is the people who participate that make a run successful. Also, glad to have a few of the Christchurch club members join us in the weekend activities. We look forward to the next weekend away.

*Regards, Sonja and Peter Greenhill.*

### **NEW "Get to know you" MEETING**

It has been decided to have an informal meeting every last Wednesday of the month at the Turf Hotel, Stoke. At 7:30 pm. This is an invite to all members to get to know one and other and make suggestions on the running of our club. Really it is just a bit of a chat to keep up with the gossip.



# WHAT'S COMING

**6<sup>th</sup> October** Drive to Alpine Lodge, Lake Rotoiti and a chance to watch the gliders. Please contact Chris Rhodes 03 578 5943 email [1960cr@gmail.com](mailto:1960cr@gmail.com) as the Alpine Lodge require numbers attending

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** run Leaving NMIT at 9.30 am, and travelling to the Wairau Valley Tavern for lunch. We need numbers for catering, please ring Frank Griffith 547 3354, email [fggriffith@xnet.co.nz](mailto:fggriffith@xnet.co.nz) .  
Blenheim ring Peter Greenhill 578 9062, email [spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz) (Organized by Frank Griffith)

**8<sup>th</sup> December** Marlborough Christmas Barbeque at Pat Clay's residence 178 Sharden Road. Bring a salad etc

**15<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Barbeque at Rabbit Island

**19<sup>th</sup> January** Nelson Hospice display at Richmond racecourse. Open from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. Cars arriving from 9:30 am.

**16<sup>th</sup> February** AGM at the Trout Hotel Canvastown.

**16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Christchurch are organising the 2014 marathon. Seven days travelling through South Canterbury and Otago. For more info' contact Mel Peters 03 337 4144 or email [petersmg@ihug.co.nz](mailto:petersmg@ihug.co.nz)

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April** A weekend in Hanmer

**20<sup>th</sup> April** The Trout Hotel celebrates 150 years anniversary of Canvastown. (Easter Saturday) They would like some cars on display.

**9<sup>nd</sup> March** Blenheim Hospice car display at Waterlea Race Course

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**Project 64 Supporters Club Raffle Tickets** To support the team who took the 1964 mini to Bonneville Salt Flats and smashed world record for cars under 1000cc and who are taking the car back again in 2014 to attempt to break their own record of 251km / h.

We are selling tickets at \$10.00 each, which gives a 1 in 100 chance to enter the 1 in 64 draw for the main raffle and a chance to win \* A Gold supporters club Tee Shirt. \* A framed supporter Club Certificate.  
\* 2 invites to the campaign launch function. \* 2 invites to the return function. Plus if you win the 1 in 100 draw you have a 1 in 64 chance of winning 2 x return air fares to San Francisco (ex Auckland), 10 days USA car hire and 6 nights accommodation so you can join the Project 64 team on the salt at Bonneville in August 2014. Tickets will be available from Tempus Jewellers 189 Trafalgar Street Nelson (Ash Wells) and from Car Corner 44 Seymour Street Blenheim (Pat Clay) or contact any committee member. The 1 in 100 draw will be in March 2014.



**FOR SALE** 2001 Mercedes-Benz SLK 320 - NEW ZEALAND NEW.

3.2 Litre V6 impressive performance, Immaculate condition, Black metallic with black leather, Tiptronic, ABS, Climate Air, Alloy wheels, Central Locking, Air bags, power steering. \$20,000 AMG sports package fitted from new, included in package exhaust, wheels, front and rear bumpers, side skirts. This car is immaculate with a very low genuine 68,000km. Car is in Blenheim. You will go a long way before finding another in this condition. The only reason I am selling is I have upgraded to a SLK 350 Carlsson. Asking Price \$22,800 o.n.o. Phone Bruce on 021 504 376



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**My neighbour was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.**

**He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."**

**"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore."**

**"You don't need a driver's license anymore?!?"**

**"That's right! The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him 'yes' and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore'. So I thanked him and left!"**

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