



NEWSLETTER

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A belated Happy New Year to all members and a reminder to get those sub's in now. Those who are not financial members will not be receiving any more newsletters, and cannot vote at the AGM. Please return the yellow slip enclosed with the November newsletter.

What's Been

Run to French Pass 21st November 2010

After a night of rain, the day was fining up as we met at QE11 Park. We set off shortly after nine to drive to Rai Valley for coffee and to meet the Blenheim contingent. After the usual natter and catch up, the day having turned quite hot, down came the top and we started for French Pass. After Okiwi Bay the road opens up to some very lovely views over the sea to Durville Island and back towards Nelson. Unfortunately, after Elaine Bay the precipitation returned and the road being narrow and winding we couldn't get enough speed to beat the raindrops and had to stop to put up the hood again. At least the road wasn't dusty. After the rain came the fog. I'm sure that the view from the road to French Pass is breathtaking. It took my breath away for quite different reasons as occasionally the fog parted and if you ran off the narrow road you wouldn't stop bouncing until the sea was reached, which seemed an awful long way down! Luckily Ian and Ladd had ordered fine weather at French Pass itself, so we were able to see the water racing in full detail. Certainly scary boating if you didn't know what you were doing! Ian and Ladd had also promised us blue cod, but the fish weren't co-operating so we sat for our picnic lunch in the very well maintained French Pass Campground. It was great catching up with everyone. The safari boat owner had a D.V.D. going for us to watch about the history and sea life of the Pass. The whole day was a great outing and congratulations must go to Ian and Ladd for the organisation even if they didn't provide the fish that had been promised!

Thanks to President-in-law Adrienne.



Thanks Ladd for these shots of
the Barbeque at French Pass



Annual Christmas Champagne Breakfast 12th December 2010

This event never fails to bring out a very good muster of vehicles, some we don't see very often. This year I counted over 42, not the most we have ever had but an excellent turn out all the same. Breakfast is an interesting time for a meeting, with the smell of cooking bacon and eggs the full cooked English, which seemed to be the majority compared to the Continental (cold toast?) all enhanced with a glass or two of "Bubbly" (complements of the club) and Christmas cake (baked by President-in-Law Adrienne) made it a most enjoyable event. This was a great opportunity to view and compare the many different types of vehicle, and chat with fellow enthusiasts.



The large & the small!



Some of the variety.



All these barbeques and no smoke?

WHAT'S COMING

Kaikoura Weekend February 18 – 20 2011

Come and meet the members of our sister club from Christchurch

Leaving Nelson 10.00 AM 18th Feb' from Q.E.2 drive. Lunch at Blenheim then proceed with Blenheim members to Kaikoura. Saturday in and around Kaikoura. All dine together Saturday night. Return home Sunday 20th Feb 2011

Please email p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz when you have made your bookings

He needs to know numbers for Saturday meal.

Panorama Motels
(30 units)
0800 288 299

Admiral Court
(9 units)
088 555 525

Y. H. A.
03 319 5931

Pier Hotel
(12 rooms
shared facilities)
03 319 5037

27th February 2011

Annual General Meeting To be held at RAI Valley Tavern 11.00 am, with lunch to follow. Leaving from Q.E.2 drive at 9.45 AM.

6th March 2011

A combined car clubs charity display will be held at Richmond Showgrounds. If you have anything of interest in your garage, be it car, boat, motorcycle or sewing machine bring it to display at this picnic day. Please assemble between 1.00 pm and 2.00pm.

April Fool's Tour 1st-3rd April 2011

Late entries are now being accepted, please ring Geoff Morris 03 547 4494

Classic Motor Racing at Ruapuna 5th & 6th February.

Obviously this is not a club event, but well worth going to. A full day's racing on Sunday, with lots happening on Saturday as well.

Omaka Classic Fighters Airshow 22nd/24th April

We have been invited to show "English only cars" at this year's Easter show. If you would like to display your "English" car please contact Pat Pascoe (p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz) to arrange for your two free entry tickets per car. If you only want to be there for one day Pat will arrange to swap tickets with someone for another day.

Kaiteriteri Picnic Drive. 27th March

Leaving N.M.I.T. Richmond at 11.00am driving a circuitous route to mini golfing at Kaiteriteri. Bring your own picnic lunch etc.

Did you know?

In 1950 James Martin, an American, designed a car called a "Martin Stationette"

The bizarre micro car is unique in the automotive world in that it is an all wooden monocoque; it has no axles, springs, shock absorbers, clutch or differential. It uses a Martin Magnetic fluid drive to transmit power from its four cylinder 24 H. P. Hercules engine. It has a reported top speed of 107 mph (yeah right?)

Thanks to "Conrod" for this interesting snippet

(This car can be viewed at Lane Motor Museum, Nashville Tennessee. next time you are passing!)

Martin Stationette 1950



For last Christmas I gave my mother-in-law a cemetery plot. This year I gave her nothing. When she asked why I replied that she hadn't used last year's present yet.

Need a Name Badge?

Please contact President Geoff at concretex.nelson@clear.net.nz or phone at 03 5474446

He has a lot of incorrect email addresses, so by emailing him your correct address is supplied. Thanks.

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Alison Moore on the Lord Nelson Rally 2010

