



# NEWSLETTER January 2012

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**Happy New Year to all**

**Remember, annual subscriptions are due in January.**

## ***WHAT'S BEEN***

### **Annual Christmas Champagne Breakfast 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Well, once again we were very lucky with the weather for our Christmas Breakfast B.B.Q. We managed to have a great morning, not too hot and not raining!!! Not then. It was a very good turn out of cars as usual. Father Christmas was there, handing out Christmas cake and bubbly. It is amazing what delicious looking breakfasts can be turned out on a B.B.Q. everything from pancakes to good old bacon and eggs! Everyone seemed to have a really good time and it was really great to see Don and Yoka again.

*(Thanks to Adrienne Chilton for this report and Geoff for the panorama photo)*



Not a lot has happened since the Christmas Barbeque so not a lot to report in this newsletter.

### **Drive to Top House and Lake Rotoiti January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

The rains started just as we arrived at the NMIT to start the day. It was very slight at this stage but increased when we arrived at Top House. The staff coped very well with the shambles of us all arriving earlier than expected, and fed us with some very nice meals. After we had dined and coffee'd we visited the lake and village where the market had been shifted from the waterfront to the hall. The weather by now had fined up so it was tops down and a pleasant return home. 14 cars assembled at Nelson and another 12 from Blenheim meant this was a well attended event. Shame about the weather!

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## ***WHAT'S COMING***

### **Annual General Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Will be held at Rai Valley Tavern, Nelson cars leaving from Q.E.2 Drive at 10.30 am. Start time of the meeting is 11.30. After a finger food luncheon we will continue on to Omaka and visit the recently established Classic Car Museum. Please ring Geoff Morris 547-4494 with numbers for the catering and Blenheim folks please ring Pat Clay 572-4022

## **We need new ideas which means we need "YOU" on the committee**

### **Blenheim Charity for Hospice Car Show Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Gates at the Waterlea Racecourse will open 10.00 am to prepare for a combined charity car show similar to the Richmond Racecourse car show last year. Entry is \$5.00 per car. The gates will open to the public at 12.00 noon. Take your barbeque or a packed lunch and please be prepared to leave your car on display till 4.00pm. All profits from this event will be donated to the Blenheim Hospice.

### **Drive To Westport 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March**

Travel to Westport Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Stay overnight at the Buller Court Motels. Phone 0800 832 437 (Please make your own accommodation arrangements). On Saturday morning visit Denniston coal mine. In the afternoon a visit to Coal Town, then drive to Karamea and stay overnight at the Last Resort Motels phone 0800 505 042 (again make your own arrangements) Return home Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Lord Nelson Rally September 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Details are still being finalized but mark these dates on your calendar. More info' later.

### **10<sup>th</sup> N.Z. National Classic Car Rally October 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

This rally will be based at Mc Leans Island, Christchurch is open to any vehicles of any age considered by their owner to be a classic. While there are competitive elements to this rally, it is a relaxed touring event for those seeking the company of other classic car fans. The entry fee is \$385.00 per car and two adults, a deposit of \$50.00 is to accompany the entry form, which is available from Russell Egan (Phone 03 544 2214)

### **FOR SALE**

**1978 Citroen Pallas:** One owner and only travelled 123000 miles, freshly repainted in sparkling white, with an all leather interior. Please phone Geraldine or Dick Dawson, 03 5402641 who are asking \$10000.



*Photo of similar car*

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I would like to share an experience with you about drinking and driving. As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd social session over the years. Well, I have done something about it:

A couple of nights ago I was out for a few drinks with some pals and had a few too many whiskeys as well as beers and some rather nice claret; but knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before - I took a bus home.

I arrived back safely and without incident which was a real surprise, since I had never driven a bus before and am not even sure where I got this one.

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