

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> April Waihopai Valley Car Run.** The day in northern Marlborough dawned with vestiges of an early season frost. Chilling mist shrouded the hills and some of the highway south. The drive to the Blenheim Railway Station rendezvous was a fairly cold one reminding those with rag tops it was time for the padded jackets, hats and gloves. After meeting with the other cars and drivers it was off to Grovetown to look at the magnificent classic car collection of Mike Beavon. A very impressive display of original classics with some replicas as well. Amongst those under Mike's ownership, a 1938 Morris 8, a 1937 Jag SS100 replica, a 1962 Morris 1000, a 1971 MGB roadster, a 1973 Beetle 1303s, a 1988 Daimler 3.6, a Mercedes 230 E55V8, a custom hand made Jag XK130, a 1990 Bentley Turbo R, a 2005 replica MGTD as well as many others. We then left in convoy and brilliant sunshine to Pat Clay's property in the Waihopai Valley. Pat has some classics under restoration including a rare 1936 Caterpillar 22 tractor. A good look at Pat's projects, and a chance to talk about his various undertakings was greatly appreciated. It was then time to share the hospitality of Pat and his wife, the barbeque fired up, salads unpacked and 3 dozen happy visitors from the 20 cars taking part sat in magnificent surroundings enjoying the great meal and company.

Thanks to Bill Rogers for this report from Triumph T. R. Register.

**27<sup>th</sup> May** Drive to East Coast Inn for lunch. I was not able to attend this run but from what I have gleaned it was another very enjoyable day. Sorry I missed it.

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June** Drive to Hanmer via Blenheim and East Coast unfortunately snow storms and closed roads prevented this from happening.

**24<sup>th</sup> June Drive to Mapua.** Twelve cars wound their way through the back roads of the area finishing at the Mapua Wharf for coffee and cake. A drive that I think was enjoyed by all. A motor cycle club who had arrived first at the Cafe Bar were using the tables so our small group was separated into two groups.

**1<sup>st</sup> July Top of the South Dawn Breaker.** Disappointingly, only six cars turned up on a clear but very frosty morning to participate in this very interesting and challenging excursion. We travelled through Stoke, Richmond and the countryside behind Moutere to finish at the Flat Rock Cafe, Kohatu. The drive along the Motueka valley with the haw frost in the trees was spectacular and the wonderful log fire at the cafe was even better. The breakfast provided was most enjoyable and would easily have fed more than twice the participants. Many thanks must go to Richard Erdman for all the effort he must have put in to this run, he deserved much more support.



Frosty morning in the  
Motueka Valley



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

**29<sup>th</sup> July** Nelson members please be at QE2 car park ready to leave at 9.30 am. Blenheim members will leave from the railway station, all meeting at the Forresters Cafe at the foot of the Rai hill for morning tea. Leaving from here proceed with caution to Penzance for lunch. Bring your own BBQ or sandwiches etc. Hot water will be provided. If wet we will go to the Trout Hotel at Canvastown. Organised by Ladd Robinson 03 544 6728.

Blenheim contact is Sonia Greenhill 03 578 9062. This run is approximately 70k each way

**12<sup>th</sup> August** A drive to St Arnaud. Blenheim cars leaving the railway station at 10.30 am. Nelson cars leaving from NMIT Richmond also at 10.30 am. As we will be going to Alpine Lodge for lunch (Reasonable prices) if you are attending please contact Chris Rhodes 03 578 5943 or email [1960cr@gmail.com](mailto:1960cr@gmail.com) with numbers to arrange for meals.

**2<sup>nd</sup> September** (Father's day) Classic & Collectable Show Day at Wakefield Steam Museum & swap meet. Only \$5.00 per car includes occupants or \$2.00 for motor cycles. Swap meet from 10.30 am and judging from after lunch till mid afternoon. Could you please plan to arrive about 10.30 am to allow time to organise parking etc. Please be prepared to leave your car on show till after the presentation of trophies, approx' 3.00 pm. Any enquiries to Chris Clark 547 9363 email [cgclark@ihug.co.nz](mailto:cgclark@ihug.co.nz)

**21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September** Lord Nelson Run. There is still room for more cars on this excellent run, there is an entry fee of \$200.00 for this event. Organised by Geoff Morris phone 547 4494 email [geoffmorris@clearnet.nz](mailto:geoffmorris@clearnet.nz)

**7<sup>th</sup> October** A short drive in the Nelson area. (Organiser Bill Osborne 544 7693)

**12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October** Canterbury Vintage car club swap meet Mc Leans Island Road, Christchurch.

**14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October** National Classic Car Rally based in Christchurch. (Details available from the co-ordinator Roy Hughes 03 332 7500 or [royhsyncom@xtra.co.nz](mailto:royhsyncom@xtra.co.nz))

**4<sup>th</sup> November** A short drive in the Nelson area (Organiser Geoff Chilton 547 4446)

**16<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Champagne Breakfast Barbeque. To be held at the usual venue, Rabbit Island, starting about 9.00am. Bring your own breakfast and barbeques. The club will supply Christmas cake and bubbly.

**25<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas day no event planned!!

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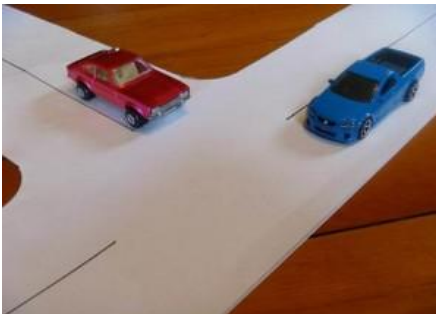
Want to know what the Christchurch club is doing?

Look at [www.cmsnz.org.nz](http://www.cmsnz.org.nz)

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Sincerity is the key, once you can fake that, you've got it made!

## A GUIDE TO THE NEW GIVE WAY RULES



Red Ford gives way to Holden



Holden's never give way to Fords



Big Trucks always have right of way



No one gives way to buses



Classics always have right of way



Citroen D S has right of way but it's French so no one gives way



Real classics have right of way over not really classics eg Morris Marina



Police have right of way over everyone else



Real Police have right of way over Traffic Patrol Police



Police give way to ambulances



Ambulances have to fight it out



Japanese or Korean cars, who cares!

**Please remember these simple rules and make the roads much safer for classic cars**



## **President's Report**

Since our last newsletter we have had quite a few new members join our club. New members will receive a name badge in due course and we welcome them to our Motoring Club and look forward to seeing you all on our outings. Thanks to Bruce Welsford for the good motoring through the Brightwater / Moutere area and good coffee venue at Mapua Wharf. This is a good place to go if you want a short drive if there is no organised Classic Car Run and I am sure you will meet up with other club members doing the same.

The Lord Nelson Tour has 53 entries and we all can't wait for the 4 days motoring and social activities planned for Sept 21- 24. (If you twist my arm before end of July I will take your late entry) Phone 03 5474494.

Our Marlborough members are organising the Hospice run again next year. I would like to take a day tour to the Lake and down to Blenheim to support them on the day with all the other motoring clubs from around Nelson with us.

Take the "EVENTS LIST" out of the newsletter and put it on your calendar now so you won't miss out on the good Classic Motoring events planned for you.

See you all soon and enjoy your Classic Motoring.

Cheers Geoff Morris.



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