

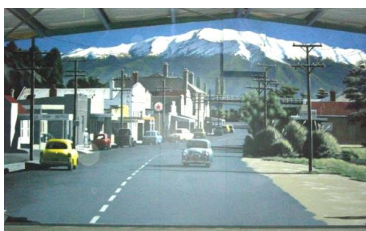
WHAT'S BEEN

Kaikoura Weekend February 18 – 20

Sunny weather forecast for the next few days and we're off. Between 6 & 8 cars left QE2 for Kaikoura. The traffic was light and our first stop was lunch at the East Coast Café, which is the last place on the right as you leave Ward, where we meet up with the cars from Blenheim, and had a lovely lunch. The interior was a pleasant surprise with a menu that would put a few restaurants to shame. I do hope our smiling host does well with her business.

After lunch we all trundled off down to Kaikoura with a following wind and counted the umpteen shades of blue in the sea. After unpacking at the Motel and a chat we had a couple of drinks with bikkies and dips, then off to the Pier Hotel where Pat Pasco had booked us in for a very memorable meal [mainly because the cook was having a hissy fit and chucked his toys out of the cot] however, the bar staff did their best under the circumstances. Watching the rugby was akin to taking a step back to the days of silent movies in the 1920's as the sound was turned way down. Back to the Motels to watch the rest of the rugby.

Saturday morning we all did our own thing until 12.30. After a briefing we had the choice of two "runs." We chose going up the Blue Duck Valley which was really pretty and opened up more farmland than I had thought, but I won't bother doing a 2nd trip. We stopped at the old Hapuka Dairy factory which is first left over the Hapuka Bridge when heading south. The dairy factory has now been converted to a B&B and the owners kindly showed us through. The accommodation is definitely up-market and certainly different and worth a peep if you are passing thru. The other run was South Bay, up the Mt Lyford highway to the Kowhai Ford and then getting confused or lost and eventually arriving at Geoff Harman's shed to look at a "few cars."



A mural on the wall at Geoff Harman's shed

Willie and Robyn O'Donnell give the school kids a ride.



The shed is situated in a farm yard and houses around 22 cars, British and American in very original condition. This huge shed had lined walls with painted murals covering every inch, from fighter planes to wild horses galloping across prairies, Kaikoura scenes with trains emerging from tunnels to the Main St. of Kaikoura then, lakes with swans, Marilyn Monroe etc. I think the murals may have been just as interesting as the cars. Geoff said people have been seen trying to put their hands up inside the ripples of the flags as they looked so realistic. Marilyn Monroe must have had a real thrill when Frank Davidson had his photo taken with his head in her cleavage.

Saturday night's meal at the Green Dolphin was very busy for their staff. We had a charming European waitress and no complaints with our meal or service. Return to the Motel to see yet more rugby. Sunday briefing at 10.am then off to the Homewood Art Gallery and a private car display. At mid-day we crossed the Main Road to the Hapuka School of 26 pupils for lunch. After a speech from the principal and a

welcome song from the pupils we had an excellent lunch with tea or coffee included for \$5.00 a head. \$490.00 was eventually collected, so thanks to those who donated a little bit more towards school travel funds. For a tiny school of only two rooms the grounds are neat and very well kept. The kids were all taken for rides in the school grounds and you should have seen the smiles on their faces. Probably it is the first time that they had no booster seats or seat belts in their lives. Off home after lunch, stopping for a milk shake at Blenheim then up thru the Wairau Valley and the millions of grape vines to Tophouse and home. I am not sure who the main organiser of the weekend was, but thanks to Mel, Pat, and Graham for a great weekend.

Thanks to Frank Griffith for this excellent review of the weekend.

Annual General Meeting was held at the Rai Valley Tavern on the 27th February, attended by 49 members, who enjoyed a fine finger food lunch provided by the Tavern.

After lunch the meeting elected the following office holders and committee:

President	Geoff Chilton	547 4446
Treasurer	Winston Williamson	546 6823
Secretary	Bill Osborne	544 7693
Past President	Russell Egan	544 2214
Club Captain	Geoff Morris	547 4494
Committee	Bruce Welsford	544 6818
	Ladd Robinson	544 6728
	Ian Bovey	544 9920
	Pat Pascoe	573 8964
	Pat Clay (Blenheim)	572 4022
Blenheim Coordinators Peter & Sonia Greenhill		578 9062



Club President celebrates successful entry into Lotus Elise but can't find steering wheel.

Club Captain receives instructions how to get right leg in.



It was moved that the club will donate \$1000 to the Christchurch Earthquake appeal.

Charity Picnic Display 6 March

Despite the inclement weather 125 cars and motorcycles were displayed with many people trying to picnic until the showers came and sent all the convertible owners scurrying to raise the tops, and the others seeking shelter to continue the picnic. A great sausage sizzle, and some really nice coffee and other foods were available and enjoyed by all I spoke to. Luckily the rains didn't dampen the enthusiasm even though some retired early, the public came and generously donated to this good cause. Takings donated to the Nelson Hospice amounted to \$1500.00



Before

&

After

The rain



Apology last newsletter I had the wrong email address for this item. Senior moment??

Need a Name Badge? Please contact President Geoff at concretex.nelson@xtra.co.nz. or phone at 03 5474446. He has a lot of incorrect email addresses, so by emailing your address will be corrected. Thanks and sorry for any inconvenience.

WHAT'S COMING

Run to Kaiteriteri 27th March

Leaving Waimea College car park Salisbury Road Richmond at 9.45 am. Stop for morning tea at Riverside Cafe, continuing to Kaiteriteri for lunch and mini golf challenge at 1.00 pm. Suggested stop at Mapua Wharf for a late afternoon tea at Golden Bear Brewery or Hamish's Cafe on homeward journey. (Bring a pen and a sense of humour)

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

Sadly some Christchurch members have had to withdraw so late entries will now be accepted. Please ring Geoff Morris 03 547 4494

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.

Mid Winter Dinner 9th July

Because of the poor response to last year mid winter dinner, we would like to know who is likely to attend. Those who attended last year enjoyed the night at 623 Tahuna Bar & Grill but this venue can only cater for a smaller number. We will need to book elsewhere if more attend.

Please ring or email Geoff 03547446 or concretex.nelson@xtra.co.nz

Drive to Havelock 19th June

Meet at Q.E.2 Drive at 10 am for a drive to the Slip Inn Cafe for lunch and a chance to catch up with our Blenheim members. Some of us carried on to the Slip Inn after the AGM and an excellent venue it is.

Lord Nelson Run 2012

This run has not been organised yet but if you are thinking of participating be prepared for an extra day and allow for a bit more distance. It will now start on a Friday at lunch time and finish Monday at lunch time.

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BEFORE**

Did You Know?

In 1960 the Canterbury Sidecar Factory in England built a boat shaped sidecar to attach to a motorcycle. It had an 80cc J.A.P. with a rope pull start driving a small propeller. It slotted onto the chassis and was held by a locking bolt so it was easily detached, could be carried by two adults with handles provided. With a length of 7'7"(3.5m) beam 33" (83cm) it could carry the same two adults.



Shown here fitted to an Ariel Square 4.

Being very expensive only 5 were made

Thanks to "Conrod for this article



For Sale

1965 Sunbeam Tiger. New Zealand new low mileage (50,000m approx) One of only four imported that year, 260cu in V8 ford motor with Holley carb'. Mint white paint. Red upholstery. 14in minilite wheels. An economical V8 for today's fuel prices. \$50,000 ono.

Please phone Michael McCann 03 9601830 or 021 186 3246



1963 V8 Daimler. President's cherished 1963 V8 Daimler. Has to go to make room in garage. Restored from ground up. No bog! Good reliable classic and only \$16,000 ono

Please phone Geoff Chilton 547 4446

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