

WHAT'S BEEN

Run to Kaiteriteri 27th March

Ten cars participated in a very entertaining day out, not spoiled by the rainy weather. A welcome stop at the Riverside Cafe for coffee and cake (breakfast?) and escape the rain for a while. We continued on to Kaiteriteri via an interesting, circuitous route for lunch and the golf challenge. The weather controllers were very kind and the rain held off while we attempted mini golf through the puddles, a lot of fun was had by all who took part. We finished by returning to Mapua Wharf to enjoy another coffee or other refreshment.

Thanks to Ladd Robinson and helpers for this entertaining run.



Some of the cars at Kaiteriteri

The others sensibly parked
closer to the shelter?



One of the challenges was to compose a limerick, using the first line of "There was a Benz driver named Geoff". Highlighting the talents of our club members here are a few samples

There was a benz driver named Geoff -- Who dreamed of becoming a ref -- He trained really hard -- ran yard after yard -- But found that he ran out of breath.

There was a benz driver named Geoff -- who was more than a little bit deaf -- didn't hear the turn right -- 'twas a horrendous sight -- sorry I thought you said left.

There was a benz driver named Geoff - who's name you don't have to guess - his wife's name was Venus - to match the size of his penis - a big car says for the best.

There was a benz driver named Geoff -- who fancied a girl called Steph' -- she loved him to bits -- and had him in fits -- but he only fancied her tits.

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

Day one started with a very social breakfast and a briefing in Oamaru. Then it was off, through the historic part of the town and out to the coast. That's the beauty of Tours like this. You see country that you usually whiz past on the main highway and miss the attractions of the quiet parts. Then it was on to Macraes mine at Middlemarch. Now that is a BIG hole in the ground. Lunch was at Mosgiel, where I think we all stopped at the same cafe and had the waiting staff run off their feet. A run round the coast to Taieri Mouth, through Waiholā and on to Gabriels Gully, finishing at Balclutha. Next day, after a briefing and a joke???? From Lindsay we were off along the coast to Owaka, where there was a tunnel walk. A torch was recommended, we didn't have a torch, but we did it anyway. It was VERY dark and spooky!!! On through the Catlins, where we veered off to view one of the most photographed falls in N.Z., the Purakanui Falls, which are spectacular. On to Bluff, where the lunch was delicious and the weather was kind so the stupendous views from the restaurant were of a quiet and smooth Foveaux Strait. So, of course it was a photo under the signpost. The Stag has had its photo taken at the signposts at both ends of the country.

After an interesting tour of Bill Richardson's Truck Museum it was on to Gore. For reasons yet to be unearthed, Ian Bovey's number plate was changed to CUPCAKE. Ask him why!! It was Karaoke night at Gore and Susan and Lindsay made the most of it by singing a duet. Then Lindsay sang a solo about an Irish Ladies knickers, which went down well. (The song, not the knickers!). We know where to go for entertainment at the Christmas function, eh guys? Next day, after a briefing by two Arabs on a balcony (and a joke???) it was off through Central Otago. After waving at Jack and Jean, who had made a wrong turn and were going in the opposite direction, a Jimmys Pie in Roxburgh was the order of the day. Then across the dam and on to Clyde for lunch. After lunch Lindsay had arranged for us to see through the historic Morven Hills stone woolshed. A lovely old place that still has that unmistakable sheep aroma. Continue through the rain to Omarama. The last night was a very sociable and very tasty buffet meal. After dinner the speaker was John Perriam who told us the backstage story of Shrek the Sheep. I think I know what a lot of grandchildren are getting as a book, written by the school children, was for sale. Although there were no prizes, a special award went to Jack and Jean for being the most prompt in putting their names down for the tour. It couldn't have happened to a nicer couple. Next morning was goodbyes, as people wended their merry way home.

Thanks to Adrienne C. (Mrs President)

Someone must know about "CUPCAKE". What 's the story here?



Trip to Stockton Mine 6th & 7th May.

The Nelson contingent mostly made their own way to Westport while the Blenheim team travelled in convoy, arriving at Murchison in the convertibles with the hoods folded away. I think maybe they stopped and lowered the hoods at the speed limit sign for Murchison. An enjoyable social gathering on the lawn of the motel later that afternoon made the most of the Westport sunshine. The next day dawned fine but slipped back to "wet coast" weather by the time the buses came to take all 37 of us to the mine where we enjoyed a look at the very big machinery and workings, mostly through the windows of the bus. Of course the sun came out while we ate our lunch, but the rain returned later. There was enough fine weather to allow some clear photos to be taken and to get close to some of the non-working vehicles etc. A quiet night and then home in the rain on Sunday. A very interesting visit, worth more than the \$15.00 dollar donation to the rescue helicopter trust.



\$1,000,000 of very large truck.



Dressed for the occasion



One of the "smaller" toys

WHAT'S COMING

29th May Drive to Tapawera

Was to be the "Autumn Colours" run but now will be the "Naked Trees" run, Leave N.M.I.T Queen Street Richmond at 11.00 am. Lunch at Tapawera (Bring your own or dine at cafe)

On the same day Blenheim have organised a drive to Ward for lunch.

Drive to Havelock 19th June

Meet at Q.E.2 Drive at 11.00 am for a drive to the Slip Inn Cafe for lunch and another chance to catch up with our Blenheim members. A nice drive across the hills for some excellent coffee. Please contact Pat Pascoe (email p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz) to confirm numbers for the Slip Inn as we have a private room booked.

Mid Winter Dinner 9th July

Don't forget, if you want to attend you must contact President Geoff. This will be a "Pay Your Own" social evening at Plan B, Buxton Square. A three course meal for only \$25.00 should make this a good night. Remember seats are limited to 30 so get in quick!

Please ring Geoff 035474446 or email concretex.nelson@xtra.co.nz

Drive to Lake Rotoitoe July 24th

Leaving N.M.I.T. Queen Street at 11.00 am. To again meet with the team from Blenheim.

Alpine Classic 19th & 20th August

Organised by the Canterbury branch of C.M.S.N.Z. Leaves from somewhere south of Christchurch, stays 2 nights at Oamaru then finishes somewhere south of Christchurch. Costs are \$275.00 or \$250 for members. Please contact Graeme Sharp, 021 395 944 or Stephanie Royds, 03 324 3202

Classic & Collectable Show Day 4th September

Hosted by the Rover Car Club Nelson (Inc) at Higgins Park, Pigeon Valley Steam Museum, Wakefield. All Classic vehicles welcome with usually over 300 catered for. A \$5 entry per car with all occupants free. Morning and afternoon tea and a BBQ lunch available. Steam Museum rides, Transport Museum, Farming Museum, Saw Mill and of course many interesting vehicles. A great social meeting and a good time for the first run after the winter for many Classic Cars.

For more information please contact Chris Clark, Secretary Treasurer Editor Rover Car Club Nelson (inc) Phone 547 9363 Email cgclark@ihug.co.nz

The Future Beckons?



The Air Car The world's first commercial compressed air-powered vehicle is rolling towards the production line. The Air Car, developed by ex-Formula One engineer Guy Nègre, will be built by India's largest automaker, Tata Motors. The Air Car uses compressed air to move its pistons. It is anticipated that approximately 6000 Air Cars will be cruising the streets of India by next year? If the manufacturers have no surprises up their exhaust pipes the car will be practical and reasonably priced. The "City Cat" model will clock out at 68 mph with a driving range of 125 miles. Refueling is simple and will only take a few minutes. That is, if you live nearby a gas station with custom air compressor units. The cost of a fill up is approximately \$2.00. If a driver doesn't have access to a compressor station, they will be able to plug into the electrical grid and use the car's built-in compressor to refill the tank in about 4 hours

The Electric Cars These Chinese concept cars were shown at the Detroit Auto Show 2008.



Tang Hua Detroit Fish.

An odd name for a car if it weren't for the fact that this fish can evidently swim. Yes indeed, this is amphibious. Surely smooth waters only.

Tang Hua Book of Songs

Not an I.Pod_ A fully enclosed electric microcar

Tang Hua Piece of Cloud.

An open electric microcar, what else could be said?

THE LORD NELSON RALLY 2012

With the extra day decided on, we now need suggestions about

1. Where to start from.
2. Where to travel to on Saturday & Sunday
3. Where to finish rally
4. Which month is preferred to hold rally.

Please contact Russell Egan by email Catherine.a.egan@gmail.com Phone 03 544 2214 or write to 5 Cresswell Place Richmond 7020

A recent comprehensive survey by the Department of Statistics shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the population.

Have something for the newsletter, or any suggestions.

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