



Chatty Chatty Bang

November/December 2007



Cars parked at Patons Rock, Golden Bay for a BBQ, October 14th. See report page 4.



Members having a get-together at their Wanaka motel, 3rd November. See Pat Pascoe's report page 8 & photos page 9.



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Frankly Speaking...



The President's Report....

Xmas is virtually here and there is so much to do...

Many thanks to the volunteer drivers who drove the WOW classis cars for the promotional rides during June and August this year. We had the choice of a 1992 Rolls Royce which was absolute luxury, a Studebaker, a Cadillac and the ever popular Excalibur. An added bonus was meeting people from all over NZ and other countries. I really didn't realise WOW attracted so many people from all over the world.

As the drivers were happy to do this "chore" free of charge WOW presented the club with a donation which will be included in a charity total.

Paul Kelly and Simon Adlington worked hard to organise a static car display at the A & P show-grounds and had over 40 vehicle's offered for display. Saturday was disheartening for the organisers as many people declined to show their cars at the last minute. However Sunday was much better with back up from the Military museum, The Vintage car club, Jaguar club, Ford club, two Hot rod clubs, the Dragster club from Motueka and the Rover club.

Our club was conspicuous by it's absence with Winston Williamson's Triumph our only contribution. Public donations from this display will aid the Nelson Hospice.

The newsletter is a bit late this issue as I have been fairly busy and Don and Yoka are absolutely flat out at present with business trips to Europe & Australia, walking the Heaphy track, and after months of hard work their efforts resulted in their business 'Tasman Bay Herbs' **winning** the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Medium business award AND the Primary Manufacturing excellence award for 2007.

Congratulations Don and Yoka, and you still found time to sort out our newsletter & website.

Thanks to Gary Orton and Peter of Victory Automotive for opening up their premises on Sunday afternoon. The many cars on display were great conversation pieces, however the Toyota racing cars in various stages of preparation provided an indication into the technology and dedication this sport demands. Peter's relaxed manner in describing the restoration of the Gordon Keeble in their work shop provided an insight into the pitfalls when restoring a luxury vehicle of which only 99 were ever made, certainly no parts available "off the shelf."

Rod and Carol's efforts to remove all the dust covers from the restored cars, then recovering them at the end of the day was really appreciated. Their willingness to share these vehicles with you is what the club is all about. Thanks to Gary, Peter, Rod and Carol for an interesting afternoon.

A Merry Xmas to all members and their families from your committee.

Please drive carefully and watch your following distances in traffic. Legally the last vehicle in a nose to tail collision is generally at fault. A moments inattention can result in much heartbreak.

Remember the days when we were kids and we played cops and robbers??? - Nowadays the cops are the robbers!!!!!!

See you all at Rabbit Island for the BBQ. Happy memories and safe motoring for the Xmas break.

Frank Griffith



Welcome to New Members.

The club is very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Colin & Lynette Tippet	Stoke.	Ford Zephyr 1955
Paul & Donna Scholfield	Stoke	Jaguar XJ6 Series II
Trevor & Vivien Fisher	Rangiora	Triumph 2500

THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS TO PLEASE WEAR THEIR NAME BADGES WHEN ON CLUB OUTINGS. THIS HELPS NEW MEMBERS TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE BETTER.

October 14th was a club run to Golden Bay. Though the weather wasn't the best 12 hardy souls braved the conditions. Adrianne Chilton reports...

There were twelve cars on the run to Golden Bay. We had a good leisurely run, stopping for coffee when required. Weather was not bad for the event, it just rained cats and dogs when we got there.

The B.B.Q. went under our veranda and cooking went on, undaunted! It was a bit of a squeeze, but everyone fitted inside the house and a good time was had by all, judging by the conversation level.

Those that had time visited Holmwood's Machinery Museum. Although it was not officially open, Harry and his wife welcomed us. It will be worth going again when it is completed and the Devonshire Cream Teas are on offer.

Only one car in trouble, the XJ6 fan came adrift and chewed up the radiator a bit.

Adrianne Chilton

Event Report:



September 23rd saw the Marlborough Vintage Mega Car day held at Brayshaw Park in Blenheim. James McKenzie reports...

The day dawned with the promise of a good day here in Blenheim but unfortunately with the heavy rain experienced in the Nelson area very few people ventured over the hill.

All of Brayshaw Park was alive with plenty to entertain, with the Riverside and miniature railways operating and the Farm Machinery and Tractor displays of interest to many.

Patchets Green was reserved for the Local Car Franchise holders with a great display of the latest cars.

The vehicle display was extensive ranging from Mobility Scooters, early 1900's cars through to the latest \$260,000 Maserati.

The Road Safety Council conducted seminars and the Motor Trade Assn ran competitions.

Single make Car clubs also supported the show, with displays from Ford, Holden, Jaguar, Rover and street cars.

Local Fire Brigade displayed Fire engines from early to the latest appliances.

This was a great day for car crazy people being very well supported by the Public and V.C.C. members and contributed something like \$8,000 towards the extension of our Car Museum.

James McKenzie

For Sale:

1990 MGTF Replica, low mileage of only 2340km since built. Datsun 1400cc motor, paintwork is immaculate. Offers please. Phone Paul on (03) 528 7069





Danube River Cruise - Eastern Europe

Four of our members have been cruising the Danube recently. Winston wrote this article and snapped the 'auto' photos while Frank captured some of the 'spirit' of life in Eastern Europe. Natalie & Glenys kept the boys out of trouble...

At the end of September President Frank and wife Glenys headed off with Winston and Natalie Williamson who were escorting a group tour to Eastern Europe. This tour of nearly a month had many highlights with the main feature being a 14 day Danube Riverboat cruise from Nuremberg to the Black Sea.

Countries visited included Singapore (as a stop-over each way) Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, also



An extremely tidy Trabant.

tough the communist rule was.

In Romania there is a Dacia company making cars and this is now owned by Renault. The latest model is a Dacia Logan but in communist days there was a Dacia 1100 which was based on the Renault 12 and 20 models.

A local kind enough to let Frank snap her shop .



Four peasants about to steal a luxury car - they couldn't start it!

passing through Slovakia and Croatia while on the river cruise.

Most of these countries were of course under Communist rule for over 50 years and this can still be seen in the type of buildings built during that time and also cars that we know as absolute rubbish. Well especially the Trabant but perhaps not so much the Lada. In some places it was necessary to wait from 8 to 10 years to be privileged to buy a Trabant, that's how



Danube River Cruise - Eastern Europe



Interesting transport in Serbia.

We visited Prague for 3 days at the beginning of the tour and this is a wonderful city with such great history. An interesting feature here was a Beer Walk we took as a group one evening and this turned out to be a highlight with an excellent guide talking about places in the Old City. Czech Republic

(formerly Czechoslovakia but now split into two countries; Czech Republic and Slova-

kia) is renowned for their beer and of course we enjoyed partaking of this during the beer walk!

The tour ended with 3 days in Bucharest, Romania, and this is probably the most impoverished of the countries we visited but now having joined the EU (as most of the others have also) it should prosper but it will surely take time.

We thoroughly recommend a river cruise in Europe as it very relaxing and virtually everything is included, even several glasses of wine at dinner. One of the big advantages is being able to unpack once and then have 14 days cruising the river and not worry about living out of a suitcase. *Winston & Natalie*

Frank & Glenys



Street wiring in Romania - anyone heard of OSH?



Typical Police car in Serbia. Luckily they don't have boy racers!



Parking is at a premium - so why not knock over some roadwork signs and park here!



Tour Report: Haast Run

November 2nd club members toured the south. Pat Pascoe reports on a marvelous trip...

On Friday the 2nd November 25 cars from our club met at Murchison to start what turned out to be a wonderful weekend of motoring, traveling in the sun for the whole trip.

From Murchison we toured through to Hari Hari for our first night's stay at the Motor Inn. The accommodation in this small west coast town is top class and the hosts did a great job looking after us with a fantastic evening meal and breakfast.

We awoke to a beautiful West Coast morning and headed south for a leisurely drive through the rain forest to Jacksons Bay where I had arranged to have the old pie cart opened for lunch. So much to see with the Glaciers and the white baiters in full swing and all the wee side roads along the way.

I did wonder what sort of lunch we would get but in true West Coast fashion our host Meg Ede put on a superb lunch with white bait, venison and freshly caught fish. Meg said it was the first fine weekend there in 2 months.

Then it was on our way back out of Haast and on to the Wanaka where I had booked out a Motel. We had a great evening on the lawn with a few ales and the odd story.

Sunday was another fine day and an I I am start after seeing the Wanaka Transport Museum, an amazing display of model cars, trucks, fire engines, aeroplanes etc. We then set off to Omarama to have lunch at Lindsay & Bev Purvis' tearooms.

On leaving Lindsay explained a by-pass down the canal road. He led the way and though the sign said 70kph I think the speed was forgotten as we cruised on towards Tekapo.

We then continued via Geraldine down those great back roads to Methven. Another great evening, another great meal and we had our own lounge at the Motel.

We awoke to damp cars and made our way homewards.

It was a pleasure to organise the trip for such a good bunch of motoring people.

Pat Pascoe

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Morning tea at the Tarris store



Lunch at Lindsay & Bev Purvis' place - Omarama



Ross & Beulah Taplin can't believe their eyes! Dinner Methven style.

Looks like all they did was eat all weekend! - Ed.



Victory Automotive Shed Visit

On November 25th over 70 club members took the opportunity for a behind the scenes look at the many cars that are not on display at WOW. The outside shots are of club members'

cars.



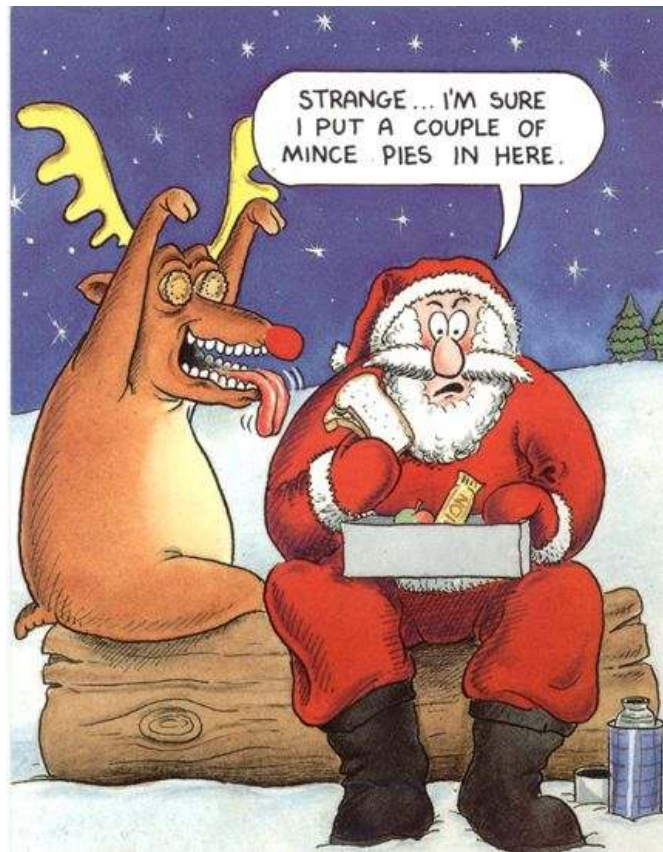
Club Events & Happenings



- **December 9th - Christmas BBQ breakfast** at Rabbit Island. 9am onwards, BYO food and we'll supply some Christmas cheer. Hosted by Helen & Denis Le Cren and Pat & Doris Dodson.
- **January 13th** - A run to Lake Rotoiti for a cuppa and then thru to Blenheim for lunch. Maybe a stop at Havelock on the way back. We leave NMIT car park Richmond 9.00 sharp, Blenheim folk leave the Railway Station 9.00 also. Ph Sheldon or Arthur & Sue if you require more info. See page 2 for their contact details.
- **February 6th 2008 - Waitangi Day Hospice Charity Run.** Hopefully February will have better weather as this year we have decided to change the Charity Run. Start will be at the Richmond A & P show-grounds at 4pm. There will be two routes around Richmond and Stoke to help ease congestion and unnecessary waiting around. Finish back at the show-grounds for a BBQ tea and public display of cars. This will allow everyone to have more time to look at the cars. All inquiries please phone Russell Egan on (03) 544 2214 or Ross Atkinson on (03) 544 2032.
- **February 10th - AGM** at The Trout Hotel Canvastown 12.30 for lunch and meeting at 1.30pm. Depart QE2 Drive at 10.30am sharp. Why not become a committee member??? A new point of view is healthy and always welcome. Please let someone on the committee know if you would be willing to assist your club.
- **March 1st & 2nd - Lake Rotoiti Classic Boat Show.** There is a huge support for this meet from all over NZ and well worth the trip to the Lake. Leave NMIT car-park Richmond at 9am Sat and Sunday if you wish to travel with other club members.
- **April 18th to 20th Hamilton Super Cars** if it is your thing.
- **April - Lake Brunner weekend.** To be advised Pat Pascoe is organising this again.
- **May 4th (if wet May 11th) Cape Campbell Run** This is an awesome trip and thoroughly enjoyed by every-one last time. Arthur and Sue Anderson are our contacts. I think a gold coin donation will be collected with all proceeds going to the Ward School as a fundraiser. More details closer to the time but mark your calendars.



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