



## ***“Classic Chatter”***

March/April 2008

### **The Editor Says:-**

Wow, what a huge responsibility following the efforts of Don Grant as editor. I must say, that the newsletters that I have seen are nothing short of remarkable and in some ways, this credit has to go right back to Dennis Le Cren, as well as Don. Thank you for your efforts Don and the professionalism and modern approach to the newsletter is appreciated.

I cannot say that you will get the same level of editorial excellence during my tenure, but I can assure you that I will give it my best. There are new skills to be learned, mistakes to be made and apologies will be given, but as with Don and Dennis, the contributions from you are probably one of the most important parts of a newsletter. This is your forum and you are not only welcome to make submission (with photos of course), but you are actively encouraged.

Feel free to contact me (Terry Byrne) at [gouby@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gouby@xtra.co.nz) at any time or call me on 03 5444335.

### **What Does the Editor (and his wife Helen) Own?**

We are relative new-comers to the Classic Car world. We brought our first classic (a '69 MBG GT) in 1998, followed by a superb 1974 Rover P6B (manual gearbox), not long after. In 1999, we sold both of these and began motoring in a 1951 Mk VI Bentley. This allowed us to do the Mainland Classic in 2000 and 2002, but we became keen on an “open-topper”. Following an offer for the Mk VI, we purchased our Triumph TR4A. We completed the Mainland Classic in 2004 and 2006 in this car and have travelled almost all of the North and South Islands in it.



On top of all this is “Dorothy”. This is a 1951 Ford Prefect (E493A) 10hp. She is a Nelson car and Helen is only the second owner. Helen brought the Prefect from a Nelson spinster, Dorothy Wineals Moore (hence the name Dorothy), in 1978. Miss Moore was 83 at the time and finally handed in her license. We have not done a lot to “Dorothy”, but had to recondition both the engine and transmission. Having done so, we realized that the paint work was deteriorating quickly, so decided to re-paint her in what we thought was her original colour, blue. When we were “rubbing her down” we kept noticing a metallic green paint below the blue. Out of curiosity, we contacted Ford NZ to determine the correct colour and were surprised to learn that she was one of 10 Prefects trialed in metallic paint before the launch of the Mk I Zephyr. She was Forest Green, with aluminum oxide added, so we returned her to her original colour.

Finally, we have one more car in residence. It is a 1981 Triumph TR7. It is one of the very last ones built (October 1981) and of course production of this car finished in October that year. She was built at Solihull, is a 2 litre DHC and is “Silver Leaf” in colour. It has some work to do to make it more presentable, but will keep me entertained during the weekends.





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## A “Russell” of the pen!...



### The President's Report....

Congratulations to Pat Pascoe for organizing a most enjoyable run to Lake Brunner. The weekend was very relaxed and the beautiful weather added to the enjoyment of open motoring.

By the time this bulletin comes out we could well have done the Cape Campbell run. Thank you Sue Anderson for your organization of this.

It is only with the help of members like Pat and Sue that we manage to arrange a run every month. Unfortunately, after 10 years, the committee is finding it more and more difficult to come up with places to go and things to do. It would be really helpful if members were to make suggestions or even offer to organize a run themselves. A quick phone call to a committee member could set the ball rolling. Phone numbers are listed in the front of the bulletin.

In July we have the mid-winter dinner, but August will require some planning.

The Club Shirts are proving popular, and orders can still be made by phoning Glenys, 03 547 3354. The fact that there is both women's and men's fittings available make these more appealing.

Planning is underway for the Lord Nelson Rally in September and is again in the capable hands of Kevin York. This year it is in the upper Nelson region.

We received a 'thank you' letter from Nelson Hospice for the \$5000 donated from the Charity Run. You can feel proud of your effort. Thank you.

By agreeing to print your bulletin from the web site you are helping with a saving on postage and with the volunteer labour in folding and enveloping. Your copy is in colour, the posted copy is in black and white.

Your email address is really handy for 'S.O.S.' notices so please keep me informed of any changes.

I look forward to meeting up with you at the next event. Please wear your name tags as it helps everyone.

Regards

**Russell Egan**



## **More About the President**

### **PRESIDENT'S PROFILE**

A little bit about your President, Russell Egan.

Russell is an inaugural member of the Nelson Classic Motoring Society which was established 10 years ago.



Born a 'West Coaster' but now an established Nelsonian after 44 years he is now retired after having owned a Paint and Panel business for 37 of those years. During this time he managed 15 staff and trained 28 apprentices.

Vintage Car Restoration became part of the business and he got immense satisfaction in bringing the Classics back to their former glory.

His personal fleet include a 1954 MGTF, a 1973 Morris Utility, a shortened Riley Elf (now in Founders) and a 1979 MGB Roadster. This could change!

Since retirement Russell's days are fully occupied with family, including making things for his 4 little grandsons, voluntary work for 3 organizations, his interest in classic motoring, a little golf and wife Anne's huge job jar.

Between the months of September-November he can be found on the banks of the Mokihiui River catching the ever elusive white-bait.

Russell is looking forward to his two years as your Club President.

Welcome to New Members.

**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.**

***The Hospice Cavalcade was run on Waitangi Day  
(6th February) and proved very successful:-***

*Terry Byrne reports...*

Once again there was a fabulous turn-out of vehicles for the cavalcade and the Club is delighted to be in a position to report that a total of \$5,000.00 was able to be presented to the Hospice.

The funds collected were “topped up” by the Club and congratulations must go to both the organizers and the Stoke and Richmond members of the Fire Service, who once again provided the “collectors”.

The run finished with a wonderful gathering at the Richmond Showgrounds and with BBQ’s, hampers and the occasional beverages seen, it proved to be an event to remember.

As with all events, there were some areas that require review and the Executive is considering minor changes to the route and the day, to ensure that we do not have the congestion issue that was evident with traffic on Queen Street when exiting the Showgrounds.

*Terry Byrne*

Photograph Right:-

Ross Atkinson presents a cheque for \$5,000 to Bev Parkes at the Nelson Hospice.



**P.S.**

A lovely letter has been received from Bev Parkes which states: *“Please pass on again, our heartfelt thanks to your members for managing to raise another fantastic amount for the Nelson Hospice.....we appreciate that lots of time and effort is required to organize this event and we are grateful to again be the recipient of your fundraising.”*



## Event Report:

*Early March saw Terry & Helen Byrne, along with Brent Cameron & Paula McKendry and Laurie & David North, all of this region, attend the **National TR Rally** in Napier.*

*Terry Byrne reports:-*

What an amazing weekend! 55 TR's of all types and from all parts of NZ, wonderful weather and fabulous company. The theme was naturally "Deco" and this was evident at the final function where dress-up was optional, but very much embraced (see Editor & Helen in photo).



To top this all off, was the presence of 3 Swallow Doretti's. These are a unique vehicle, built on a TR2 chassis and running gear, but very much their own car. Brent Cameron from Blenheim owns one and was part of the three present. Well done Brent and it was great to see them, in particular yours.



This photograph shows the three Doretti's at a gorgeous beach to the south of Napier and Hastings. It was our morning tea stop prior to motoring to lunch and concours at Onga Onga, in central Hawkes Bay.

Helen and I took the TR4A and had a very good run in it despite a stop at the beach to tighten a loose RR shock absorber mount. It was "top-down" all the way and a pleasure to drive some wonderful Hawkes Bay roads. If you ever get the opportunity to drive this region, I would recommend it. The back roads are in great condition and the scenery a delight (despite the drought conditions).

Naturally, Napier itself has a character of its own and an "Art Deco Tour" of the city is a must.. The views are awesome and the re-creation of Napier following the earthquake is



a testament to the vision and persistence of the Local Government Officials at the time. It is a pity that such vision and commitment



is not able to be applied today!

## **Motoring Tales!**



***The policeman couldn't believe his eyes as he saw the woman drive past him, busily knitting. Quickly, he pulled along side the woman's car, wound down his window and shouted "Pull Over!"***

***"No!" she replied, "they are socks"***

The policeman pulled over a car and strolled up to the drivers window. "Excuse me sir, but do you know that you are driving without a rear light?"

The driver jumped out of the car, raced to the rear of his vehicle and let out a loud whimpering groan. The policeman was concerned at the genuineness of the driver and took a sympathetic view. "Don't take it so hard sir, it is not all that serious of an offence.

"Isn't it," cried the driver. "Where has my bl..dy caravan gone then?"

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*There were 3 bees, a squirrel and a man in a car. They were driving down a country lane and the car broke down. The first bee said "don't worry, I'll pee into the tank and that should get us a few miles down the road". It worked, but a few miles down the road, the car stopped again. The second bee decided to do the same and the car ran for another few miles, but stopped. Again, the third bee did the same as well, but the car once again stopped after a few miles.*

*With that, the squirrel jumped out and offered to pee into the tank. The man stopped him and said "sorry mate, that won't do. It only runs on BP"*

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### **For Sale**



1960 Sunbeam Alpine, fitted

with 1275cc Hillman Hinder

engine.

Twin Throat Weber Carb, Chrome artificial wire wheels (very realistic). Over-drive, hard top, soft top, rear screen. Re-sprayed and re-upholstered since purchase 14 years ago. I would like \$15,000 (negotiable). Includes plate "REDSUN".

Bruce Welsford, 03 5446818 or [welsford@ts.co.nz](mailto:welsford@ts.co.nz)



## Tour Report:

### Lake Brunner

**11-13 April 2008**

On Friday 11th April 2008, a group of 17 vehicles from the Club met at Murchison on our way to Moana (Lake Brunner) for the weekend. The weather was perfect throughout and our first stop was morning tea at the blackball Hilton. From there, we made our way to Hokitika in perfect conditions and indulged in more food and drinks at Stumpers Bar. Following this, we then made our way back to our accommodation and watched the Crusaders win the rugby whilst having our dinner at the Railway Café.



Sunday dawned with low fog over the Lake, but what a picturesque sight. We then departed, with some going home via the Coast Road, others over the Rahu Saddle and three couples ventured over Arthurs Pass.

It was nice to see the new members there and we trust they enjoyed our company. A special thanks to the Blenheim members for their support, but it was disappointing to see such a poor turnout from the Nelson members.

Weekend runs are what members have asked for, so it would be good to see greater support in the future. In saying that, it was a great group and we hope that everyone enjoyed the weekend.

Cheers,

**Pat Pascoe**





## Event Report

### Ashburton Wheels Week

The annual Ashburton Wheels Week commenced on 3 May 2008 with over 10,000 people expected to attend. More than 30 events were planned for the 9-day event with the Annual Swap Meet being held at the Tinwald site of the Vintage Car Club being one of the highlights.

This is a “must visit” event and should you ever get the opportunity to be in the Ashburton area at this time of the year (normally the first week of May or thereabouts), there is certainly something for everyone.

The Wheels Week is unique in that it also incorporates features and displays at the Ashburton Aviation Museum, located at the Ashburton Airport. The museum features a Harrier Jump Jet, a Tiger Moth, a Vampire and a Harvard.

There is an annual run for vintage veteran and classic cars held in conjunction with the Wheels Week. This is organized by Rotary and the funds collected are donated to various volunteer organizations throughout the district.

Significant other activities held during the festival include a night car trial and the annual Ashburton Car Club street sprint.

A full calendar of events can be found at:-  
[www.wheelsweek.co.nz](http://www.wheelsweek.co.nz).

## Club Events & Happenings



### **May 4th (if wet May 11th) - Cape Campbell Run.**

This is an awesome trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all, last time it was run. Arthur and Sue Anderson are the organisers (03 5777655) and a Gold Coin will be collected, with all proceeds going to the Ward School as a fundraiser. If Cancelled, it will be announced on 89.90FM, Classic Hits (Nelson) or 92.9 FM Blenheim) at 7.00am.

Blenheim members to meet at the Montana Winery Carpark before 10.30am. Nelson members to depart from the QE II Drive Carpark at 8.45am. Coffee is available at the Winery (and toilets). We will leave for the Cape Campbell Lighthouse at 11.00am and it is available for viewing all day. Toilets are limited at the Lighthouse.....

Bring a packed lunch and thermos.

### **June 22nd Club Run**

Organised by Bruce Welsford and Frank Griffiths, this is an afternoon run to Ruby Bat where we will see a restored Austin Healey 100/4 and an "E" Type Jaguar.

Meet at NMIT (Lower Queen St, Richmond) at 1.30pm. Bring a thermos as afternoon tea will either be "in the open" or if wet, at a Café. Contact Bruce on 03 5446818 for further details.

### **5th July—Mid-Winter Dinner**

This is being confirmed at present and the location and cost will be advised as soon as possible. Put it in your diary!!

### **5-7th Sep—Lord Nelson Rally**

Kevin York is once again organising this and entry forms will be sent out shortly. Kevin has indicated that entries will **only** be accepted on the "BLUE" Entry Form. Should you wish to receive a form or require further details, please contact Kevin York on:-

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