



**Christmas 2008**

**Nov/Dec 2008**



Hello Society Members!

Just to spoil your bank balance, I thought it appropriate to remind you that “the Big Fella” arrives in 45 days from the time of print and needless to say, there will be demands on you all.

More importantly, is the reminder that Christmas holiday’s are a time for enjoyment, family and often travel. It is sad when the Christmas holiday period is in fact the time that we tend to have more accidents and deaths from road traffic accidents. Please do your part as responsible citizens and ensure that when you drive, you keep to the speed limit, ensure that the space between cars is maintained, show courtesy to all, do not drink and drive and take adequate rest to avoid drowsiness and inattention.

May you all have an enjoyable, peaceful and joyous Christmas and a prosperous and rewarding 2009.

The Editor!



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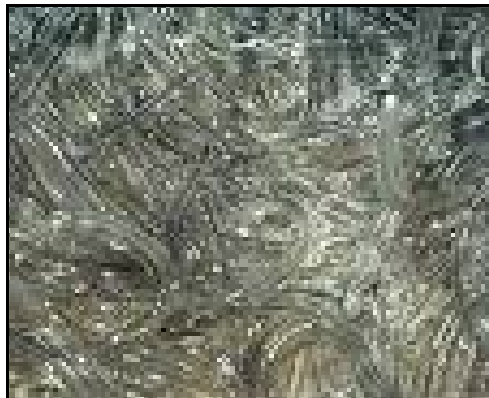
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## The President's Report.....



*Hello Everyone!*



I thought that I should include this in the newsletter, as I know that our President has been pursuing these little critters for some time and as I understand it, the bucket has not been that full. The fact that we do not have a report from him is perhaps indicative as to where he might be!

Needless to say, in the photo are “Whitebait” and this is here to remind the President just what it is that he is seeking!

If he is the “Gentleman” that we know he is, no doubt he will be willing to share his “booty” with those not in a position to experience the thrill of catching them.

***A Deprived Ex-Bullerite! (or  
maybe the Editor)***



## Lord Nelson Classic—2008

Eight years ago the Classic Motoring Society of Nelson held a three day touring rally. Called the 'Lord Nelson Classic' it was such a success that we decided to make it a biennial event. With a limit of about 60 entrants the rally was oversubscribed within about a week from entry forms going out.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> this year we held our fifth 'Lord Nelson' this time mostly in the Nelson district with 61 entrants from Omarama to Dannevirke and all points in between. Some from further south were held up by snow on Arthur's Pass and turned back to try the inland route, only to be stopped again by snow on the Lewis pass, necessitating a night stop at Hanmer and an early start next day to get to the starting point. Just getting to the start was an event in itself!

The Rally began at midday at Lake Rotoiti where cars gathered for a hot lunch at the local hall. Many of the entrants are regulars and there was much talk about old times as friends chatted or introduced themselves to the newcomers. Starting in their own time, entrants headed towards Top House, the last remaining of many old droving stops between the West Coast and Marlborough. The 'dry weather road' to Tapawera provided deeper water-courses than usual, and the opportunity to meet a local identity in his horse drawn cart. Then on down the beautiful Motueka Valley on the west bank, bypassing Motueka township, through Riwaka and over the hill to Takaka. This twisting road of 24 kms reaches a height of 972 metres and affords amazing views on both sides, it is a delight to drive in a sporty car.

**I was really enjoying myself with no car in front until I smelt an unpleasant smell. This soon turned out to be a well known driver in his 1962 Saab Sport! I had to back off.**

Friday evening we all gathered at the Junction Hotel for an evening meal and talk. Fresh whitebait fritters went down really well, but many other choices were available. Drivers and crew then either stayed on at the pub for the evening or retired to their motels to entertain friends.

Saturday dawned fine and sunny – much to the relief of the organisers – and after the usual briefing we all visited places of interest in the district, like the amazing Waikoropupu (Pupu) springs where 14,000 litres a second of the purest water in the world bubble up from a hole in the ground, and the new Steam Museum with a handsome old Fowler traction engine just recently restored. Some went on to Collingwood and others went back over the hill, through the Sandy Bay road to lunch at Kaiteriteri.

As is our custom, the final evening which was held in the Conference Centre at Tahunanui Holiday Park was a fancy dress affair – this time with a theme of 'Lord Nelson comes ashore'. Entrants went to great trouble over costumes and pirates partnered beautiful ladies, sailors and Lord Nelsons escorted comely wenches, King Neptune partnered a mermaid with silver-blond tresses. The battle of Trafalgar, a teams quiz was contested and the winning table rewarded. A happy and hilarious time was had by all.

Sunday was also gloriously sunny and after a start at "The World of Wearable Art and Collectable Cars Museum" we drove to Wakefield via Mt Heslington road with its amazingly green hills and delightful rolling roads for a leisurely coffee in the sun before continuing on to 88 Valley, returning to Wakefield then on past the Steam Museum to arrive in Tapawera again for the final lunch and farewells - before entrants headed for home.

A wide cross section of cars took part with the usual MGs and Austin Healeys, two Saabs, a P1800 Volvo, Borgward Isabella, Panther Kallista, various Mercedes Benz, a couple of Triumph Stags, Sunbeam Tiger, Morgan Plus 8, Lotus Seven, Mini Ute, Daimler V8, Porsche, BMW Z4, Citroen light 15, Lotus Cortina, VW Beetle soft top, Fiat 124 Sport, Ford Mustang, Alfa Romeo Spider plus many more totaling just over 60 cars.

The weekend was over too quickly and we're all looking forward to the next "Lord Nelson" in 2010. As one who was not involved with running this event I can safely say "Well done" to the organizers.

Denis Le Cren

*There are more photos further on in the Newsletter*

## **New Members**



We would like to welcome the following new members to the Classic Car Society. Please make yourself known to the new members and offer them the hospitality and friendship that the Society is known for:-

### **Tim BOUTLE**

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### **Willem (Bill) & Nicola STAPPERS**

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### **Deborah McCARTHY**

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**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.**

### **A CHRISTMAS GIFT OPTION**

We have been advised that there is a 3 hour DVD available of the 2007 Peking to Paris Rally. This DVD costs \$49.95 plus \$5.00 p&p.

This would be an ideal gift for that "Motoring Head" Husband or Partner. Details of the DVD may be obtained by accessing the following website

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## **Another Golf Match!**

### **Sunday 19th October Founders Park to Nelson**

From Your “On the Spot” Roving Reporter....**Geoff Chilton**

24 Cars congregated at Founders Park between 3.30pm and 4.00pm on Sunday afternoon, 19 October 2008.

The route set was a “tricky little number” and required a knowledge of Nelson, to complete it effectively. Despite this little “challenge”, all cars completed the route and ended up at “Challenge Golf” on the Main South Road at Richmond.

Although the weather turning very cold as the evening progressed, there was some hilarious golf, made even more challenging by the course layout. If St Andrews is a challenge to the golf purist, then Richmond is the challenge of the Mini-Golfers!

Technique and skill was no help and the course layout and elements provided for some interesting (and high) scores.

The clubhouse provided a warm and inviting shelter from the elements and the day was concluded with a BBQ of scrumptious proportions.

This was popular outing and we were delighted to have a strong contingent from Blenheim come over. Such is the popularity of this type of event, we should consider it for future events. A Blenheim “Golf Challenge” would be a very good option and if someone from Blenheim would be willing to set up a similar type run with a golfing finish at Picton.....it could be a goer!

## A New Editor Is Required!



I guess that this is an  
advertisement!

Regrettably, due to work commitments, I am unable to continue as the Editor of the Newsletter.

I have been assigned to complete a project at the Northern Gateway Alliance (NGA) (this is the tunnel toll-road north of Orewa) and will be cataloguing the left over assets and then disposing of them.

At this stage I will be there until at least February or March 2009 and what will happen then...who knows!

If you are interested in the role and are willing to learn the skills (they are not onerous or difficult), contact Terry at home on the weekends on 03 5444335.

Thanks!



## An Asian Tour (in the fast lane)

Helen and I had the pleasure of being able to tour Japan (we had been there before), South Korea and China during September/October this year.

Of interest to us was the transportation options. We chose to travel in Japan using the JR Rail Pass. This is highly recommended and we used the Shinkansen (Hikari) as our primary option. Osaka to Tokyo is 620 km, but it took only 3 hours. That is an average of over 206 km/hr. If you think that was good, how about Osaka to Fukuoka on the Rail-Star? That was 646 km in 2 hr 56min.



**It gets better!** We travelled from Busan in the south of Korea to Seoul. Although it was over 600km and took 3 hours plus, we had periods where we reached over 310km/hr (it was shown on the digital read-out in the carriage).



**But wait, there's more!** When we travelled from Shanghai to Pudong airport in China, we decided to use the Maglev. This is a train that runs on magnetic levitation, thereby reducing the resistance. It is claimed to be the fastest train in the world and reached a speed of 435km/hr. Can you imagine travelling 47 km in less than 7 minutes....we recommend it!





## More from The Lord Nelson



He Has an Eye on Everything Really! (maybe looking for whitebait?)



There's something cute about these Vee Dubs!

I suspect that these gentlemen are looking for an alternative fuel supply?



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## Club Events & Happenings



### **30th November 2008**

A run and visit to the Taplins in Murchison is planned. The run will conclude with a BBQ. If you have not heard anything before the date, contact Russell or Geoff.

### **14th December 2008**

Christmas BBQ at Rabbit Island. 9am start.

### **February 2009 Date TBA**

Charity Car Parade. Date and times to follow.

### **22nd February 2009**

AGM—Trout Hotel

### **28th Feb– 7th Mar 2009**

WOW Classic Motoring Award Rally. Entry forms from WOW.

### **9th March 2009**

Classic Boat Show—Lake Rotoiti.

### **14th March 2009**

Weekend in Golden Bay. Visit Farewell Spit, Steam museum, and other interesting places.

### **22nd May 2009**

Four day tour to cover Kaikoura, Akaroa, Ashburton is in the planning phase.

***Check your next newsletters for confirmation of dates  
and details of various trips as they get closer.***



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