

WHAT'S BEEN

Sunday 24th March Drive to Murchison An interesting drive by the 8 cars from Nelson, meeting with the 9 cars from Blenheim. After a coffee we went to visit the museum where we had a talk from a local woman (*sorry I have forgotten her name*) who has a great knowledge of the history of the district. A look around the old stuff and then on to the camping ground (picnic area) where we gathered together for our lunch and a natter.



Here we are enjoying the picnic lunch
and the exaggerations that go with it!
Thanks to Ash Wells for the photos



Are these items yours? They were left
behind at Don and Yokos place after the
barbeque. They are now with Winston
Williamson Phone 546 6823 later in June



Blenheim Hospice Car Show - Sunday March 3rd 2013

After days of sunshine in Blenheim, Sunday 3rd March dawned as a bit overcast and a lot cooler than normal for this time of year. The organisers arrived at the Waterlea Racecourse at 9am to help set up, then the cars started to arrive. We were a bit concerned that the weather forecast would have put a few people off but by 10 am we were happily surprised at the large number of vehicles that had turned up. A count was done and there was at least 280 vehicles and more arrived after this. A good variety of vehicles turned up and we had everything from Austin 7's to Rolls Royce's and everything in between. We even had a couple of trucks on display. In spite of the cool weather we had a large public turnout to view all the vehicles and who brought Raffles, food and drink that was available. We managed to raise just under \$5,000 for the Marlborough Hospice. *Thanks to all the members who supported this event, and made it a very successful day. Thanks also to Sonja Greenhill for this article and photos.*



Sunday 7th April. Twenty five cars took part in this run over the Moutere Hills and down the West Bank of the Motueka River to Riwaka and on to Kaiteriteri. Autumn colour was just starting to come out and made for a picturesque drive finishing up with refreshments in the company of fellow club members. *Thanks to Peter Hoult who organised this run and wrote the report.*



Here is the air cleaner, now how does it get to the tyres? I hope they got home from Kaiteriteri

I didn't see this at Kaiteriteri but I really wish I had!!



April Fools Tour 19th / 20th / 21st April Well, another great April Fools Tour has come and gone very quickly. The tour actually started in Haast, although most of the Nelson and Blenheim contingent arrived in Hokitika a day early. Happy hour and a great meal (and some bad jokes from Lindsay) started things off and next day the big decision was to hood or not to hood. Most started well wrapped up with hoods down. A stop to have a look at the blue pools and the gates of Haast Bridge (with not as much water as usual) then it was coffee time. A stop at the Wanaka airfield to see the Motor Museum and then on to the new motor racing circuit at Cromwell. What a top notch amenity for the area. I hope that they can get the V8 races in there. The trip on the Earnslaw was enjoyed by all and next morning it was off to the morning briefing at the Kingston Railway Station. I pitied the driver of the Kingston Flyer, they must have thought that there were lots of customers for the magnificent steam train. I could have done with standing on the foot plate as it was FREEZING. Even Lindsay's jokes couldn't warm us up. Then through back roads to Tuatapere for blue cod and chips at the Waiau hotel. Yummy!! That night was spent at the Ascot in Invercargill and then next day it was on to Dunedin. We took the wrong road and ended up in Dunedin buying our third windscreen wiper for the trip. I am sure that the back road through Karitane must be beautiful on a nice day, but all we could see was rain and more rain. Oamaru and a bus to take us to the Criterion Hotel for Happy hour and then a short walk to the woolstore for a delicious meal and a talk from Allan Dick about his motor journalism days. How can I get a job like that?? A bit of a sour note was struck when we heard about the floods in Richmond and next day there were a lot of early starts. (I hope that all who had water through their properties are on the right side of clearing up.) Lindsay and committee – you've done it again, many thanks. *(Thanks to Adrienne Chilton for this report.)*

From the President's Desk. I would like to thank all the members who were on the April Fool Tour just completed. With 55 entrants and 112 members on tour we all had a lot of fun and good Classic Motoring. Your participation on these outings makes all the organizing worthwhile to see such an event the success we hoped for. For those who were unable to make it this time, I hope we see you on the next Classic Motoring Tour. *Cheers Geoff Morris*

Sunday May 5th A very enjoyable drive to the Alpine Lodge, Lake Rotoiti where we stopped for coffee and amazing scones, fresh from the oven. Carrying on to Howard Valley the threatening rain still held off until some of us had conquered "Mount Howard", as far as the memorial. Returning to the car park the drizzle started but not enough to spoil lunch as we sheltered under the big tree. After lunch we cruised through some very heavy showers to Tapawera tavern for another coffee and cake or other refreshment.



The big shelter tree which kept us dry at lunch time.

The monument at the top of the hill climb



WHAT'S COMING

Sunday 2nd June Marlborough Mystery Tour, in support of Friends of Cancer Society. Check in at 9:00 am at Geisen Sports Stadium Renwick. More information www.mysterytour.org.nz

Sunday 9th June Lunch at Havelock Hotel, Nelson cars leave from QE2 at 10:30 am, Blenheim cars leave from Renwick High St. 11:00 am. Please ring Geoff Morris 547 4494 or Pat Clay 572 4022, who need the numbers attending by 4th June at the latest.

Please note. In the last newsletter I had the wrong Pat, and the wrong phone number.

Sunday 1st September Classic & Collectable Show Day, hosted by the Rover Car Club Nelson (Inc) at Higgins Park, Pigeon Valley Steam Museum, Wakefield. All Classic vehicles welcome and usually over 300 catered for. \$5 entry for car and occupants. 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. Contact Chris Clark Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Rover Car Club Nelson (Inc)

Sunday 7th July A local Nelson run. Being organized by Ash Wells Phone 548 3166 or email cws@xtra.co.nz Leaving from NMIT Queen St Richmond 1:30pm.

Sunday August 4th A local afternoon run also leaving from NMIT at 1:30 pm. Being organised by Bruce Welsford 544 6818 email sota@slingshot.co.nz

8th September Weekend in Kaikoura to meet with our Christchurch members. Being organized by Peter and Sonya Greenhill. Phone 578 9062 or email spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz

6th October Drive to Lake Rotoiti for lunch at the Alpine Lodge followed by watching or participating in the gliding? More details will follow.

3rd November A drive being organised by Frank Griffith. No details yet

Once upon a time there was a member of the Classic Motoring Society whose enthusiasm for adventure knew no limits. One day he was invited to join a group of quad bike owners on a trip to the Kahurangi Light house. He did not own a bike so off to town he went and hired one for the weekend. Not to be outdone he acquired a big 600cc model complete with all the bells and whistles. The big day finally arrived and our member was up at the crack of dawn, ready to leave on this great adventure. There are four rivers to cross and at each crossing the rule is follow the leader. They duly set off and our new recruit demonstrated his prowess by doing broadsides as they head up the first part of the journey, unfortunately in doing so he lost his special hat, which he was not aware of this at the time. The first river crossing appears and all bikes follow the leader without problems. Our happy member is beside himself with excitement and continues to display his newfound skills as they proceed along the beach to the next river. Leader crosses safely followed by two more bikes, our member decides to take a line straight across the river. What he didn't understand was that his quad bike was not submersible. He undid the tow rope and hitched on to one of the remaining bikes, to be towed out. The rope breaks, big bike, big man, deep water take a lot to shift. New rope and two bikes together pull him out. One can of "Start ya Bastard" later a very subdued member is on his way again. Fortunately he learned a few lessons about river crossings and completed the rest of the trip successfully. Two weeks later I went on a trip to the light house and just after we started I found a hat on the side of the road. It will cost him a beer to get it back, I won't mention his name as he would be most embarrassed by his over exuberance but the hat monogram says "Frank's Lid".

Thanks to "Conrod" for this story.

For Sale 2003 Mercedes Benz Convertible, Silver (CLK) 2.3 Kompressor Avantgarde, 95671 K, Passenger and Driver Air Bags, ABS Locking, Alloy Wheels, Power Steering, Leather interior in excellent order, C.D. Player and Radio, Cruise Control, Electric Seat Adjustment and windows. On the April Fools Tour South Island trip we achieved just over 8ltrs per 100ks and drove beautifully. Asking \$18,500.00 Please phone Tom Turner **03 52 89629**

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"



"My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants."

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak

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