

## WHAT'S BEEN

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** Lunch at Havelock Hotel was attended by a lot of enthusiastic members, I think the total from both Nelson and Blenheim was nearly fifty. The meals were good and the hotel staff coped very well with the crowds (a Pool competition was on at the same time) *I forgot my camera.*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** An entertaining visit to the Upper Moutere hotel where we all enjoyed shelter from the cold winds and a refreshing coffee or other beverages. The weather was mostly fine but it had rained in the morning causing one of our Triumph Stag owners to take his everyday car, he had just washed the wire wheels on the Stag, didn't want to do it again! Good one Geoff.



*Enjoying the  
hospitality at the  
Upper Moutere*



**On the 20<sup>th</sup> July** we had our Mid winter Christmas dinner at Hangar 58, ably organised by Past Pres. Geoff, assisted by Adrienne. There was a great turnout of 40 plus people who had a great time eating, drinking and reminiscing. The food was excellent, all arriving at the same time which was a good effort as they were flat out. There was a short interlude for the ceremonial return of a special hat lost in a recent odd club event. Then Santa appeared and proceeded to hand out a great selection of high class gifts to all the assembled multitude. It was great to see all the members new and old enjoying each others company, and we look forward to many more such get togethers in the future. *Thanks to Ash Wells for this report.*

## WHAT'S COMING

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** A local drive in the countryside leaving NMIT at 1:30 pm. Travelling through the Richmond suburbs and countryside to the Kohatu Cafe. About 60k.

**16 August Alpine Rally** Organised by the Christchurch CMSNZ. Starts in Cheviot; Day one Cheviot to Blenheim with detours off the main road. Day two Blenheim to Nelson via Port Underwood. Day three Nelson to Nelson visiting the Cobb reservoir and other places. Day four Nelson to Murchison, leaving time to return home after lunch and farewells.

**1<sup>st</sup> September** Classic & Collectables day at Steam Museum Wakefield. \$5.00 per car including occupants, Motorcycles \$2.00. Swap meet from 10.30 am. Phone Chris Clark 5479 363 or email [cgclark@ihug.co.nz](mailto:cgclark@ihug.co.nz)

**8<sup>th</sup> September** Weekend in Kaikoura. *See next page.*

**6<sup>th</sup> October** Drive to Alpine Lodge, Lake Rotoiti and a chance to watch the gliders. Please contact Chris Rhodes 03 578 5943 email [1960cr@gmail.com](mailto:1960cr@gmail.com) as the Alpine Lodge require numbers attending

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** run leaving NMIT Queen St at 9:30 am (organized by Frank Griffith)

**8<sup>th</sup> December** Marlborough Christmas Barbeque more details later

**15<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Barbeque at Rabbit Island

**19<sup>th</sup> January** Nelson Hospice display at Richmond racecourse. Open from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. Cars to arrive from 9:30 am.

## **Classic Motoring Society**

### **Kaikoura Weekend – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

#### **Itinerary**

##### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet at the New Commercial Hotel at 6pm for drinks

##### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet along The Esplanade at 10.30 for a 10.45 departure up to Mt Lyford lunch (1 hour drive from Kaikoura). Cost of this is \$15.00 per head.

After lunch drive back to Kaikoura via Waiau and the Leader Valley (1 hour 20 drive)

Meet at the New Commercial Hotel 6pm for drinks

##### **Sunday 8th September**

We have organised something different for the Sunday morning. At 10.30 we will be meeting at The Point for a Sheep Shearing Show at a cost of \$5 per head. (This is on the way to the seal colony on the peninsula) This show only takes about ½ hour then we will head to Donegal House for lunch and depart for home.

**As we need to confirm numbers for the Lyford Lodge lunch (\$15), Donegal House lunch and the sheep sharing show (\$5) could you please email Sonja and Peter Greenhill on [spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz) and let them know if you are going.**

#### **Accommodation** Book your own

##### **New Commercial Hotel – 03 319 5087**

\$125 Studio (2 People)

##### **Kaikoura Waterfront Apartments – 0800 000 560**

2 Bedroom Apartments - \$210 per night (4 people)

1 Bedroom Apartment - \$179 per night (2 people)

Studio Room - \$110/\$120 per night (2 people)

(They have a September special pay for 2 nights and get the 3<sup>rd</sup> night free for anyone interested)

##### **The White Morph Motor Inn - 0800 803 666**

\$125 Studio Unit per night (2 people)

\$195 Two Bedroom Unit (4 People)

##### **Norfolk Pine Beachfront Motel - 0800 106 706**

\$100 Studio Unit (2 people)

These motels have been chosen as they are in walking distance to town and the New Commercial Hotel

**Highlands Motorsport Park** Cromwell will present their inaugural race meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November. This comprises the final of Australian G.T. series. The final round of the South Island Endurance racing. The first round of Toyota 86 championship featuring the new Toyota TR 86 developed by Toyota racing. And the Highlands 101 which is New Zealand's version of the Bathurst 12 hour race.



The Lamborghini Academy visiting  
Highlands Motorsport Park

## FOR SALE

### **1976 Triumph 2500 TC automatic HU8414**

Owned since March 1982, bought at 62,302 miles from original owner, First registered in Christchurch 19 Feb.1976; Current WOF 27 May 2013; Registered to 20 August 2013; New battery Nov.2012; Mileage 252,000; Insured with AA Vintage for \$5000, expires 20 Jan. 2014.

The car has always been garaged at our home; is unmodified; and we have it serviced by Gordon Dacomb of Autofocus. I would like to sell it for **\$3,200** ono. Please contact Allan Carson 03-548 6076 or email [carsons@ts.co.nz](mailto:carsons@ts.co.nz)

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### **Ethanol A Clear and Present Danger To Heritage Motoring**

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newsletter. A Morris Eight owner thought he would take advantage of the lower cost of topping up his tank with cheaper 91 octane petrol provided by Gull to the Auckland region. Being a touch pernickety about keeping his motor tuned to perfection, he uses the traditional combination of spark plug colour, exhaust pipe colour, and fuel consumption to assess correct mixture. During one of his regular inspections he was a bit horrified to find the spark plugs almost white with a glaze akin to that of porcelain on the electrodes. Prior to his next long run he filled with B P 91, when he rechecked back home again he found their appearance normal again. Aware of the damage ethanol can do to older cars he has avoided the blue ethanol blend 98 octane pumps at Gull stations, but he did not realise ethanol blended 91 octane branded "Gull Regular Plus" was being sold at 15 service stations in the Auckland Waikato regions. Our Morris owner should be grateful it was only his plugs that became glazed and not his eyes as he contemplated the cost of repairing the damage a taste of ethanol might have wreaked on his prized classic. While most modern cars are built to run on ethanol blends, it is not recommended for older vehicles, or any engine with a carburettor. Likely damage to the fuel lines and carburettors of older vehicles built before 1986 can include corrosion, leaks and blockages causing fuel starvation, weak mixtures and engine damage. Ethanol can cause seals and gaskets used in earlier cars to shrink or swell and leak, it also has acidic corrosive effects on zinc, brass, copper, lead/tin coated steel and even aluminium in sufficient strength. In hot weather older vehicles can prove hard to start, or running roughly after a long run due to vapour lock or carburettor foaming making the engine run too rich or too lean. While any fuel sold with more than 1% ethanol is required to be clearly labelled at the pump so owners of older vehicles should be extra vigilant checking the pump labelling when filling up. The FOMC has received unconfirmed reports that ethanol has been found in petrol in other parts of the country, so if your car is not running right, check if the quality of the fuel is a factor. The A A's advice is to check ethanol compatibility in the owners manual or with the agent, and if unsure avoid those fuel brands which sell bio-fuels.

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**The Best Of Classic Driver Collectors edition** has been recommended to me by more than one member (2) as a very good read. I am a pensioner, too mean to buy a copy and no one will lend me one, so this is not my personal recommendation. The cost is only \$29.95 and can be ordered by ringing 0800 535 635 with your credit card details. Maybe next pension day I will have sufficient funds? You have probably seen the advert in the Classic Driver magazine.



This woman does seem to have found the answer in alcohol.



A blond driving the wrong way down a one way street is stopped by a friendly policeman. "Miss do you have any idea where you are going?" He asks. No says the young woman but it must be a horrible place because everyone is leaving!

A boy is walking along the side of the road when a car stops beside him. "If you get into the car I will give you a bag of lollies," says the driver. The boy ignores him. Ok, I will give you two bags of lollies and \$5.00. The boy still ignores him. Listen says the man I will give you all the lollies you want and \$20.00. The boy turns to the man and says "Dad for the last time I am not getting into that Lada"

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