

WHAT'S BEEN

6th October Drive to Alpine Lodge Lake Rotoiti. 12 cars left Richmond travelled through Upper Moutere over the hills to Dove River through Tapawera and stopped for coffee at Kohatu. Continuing we travelled via Kawatiri Junction arriving to be greeted by the thirty or so Blenheim members who were already queued for the delicious lunch. Later after a lot of gossip and admiring of all the cars we adjourned to the lake front to continue with the gossip while we watched the many huge eels under the jetty waiting for some easy food, and the fools who were water skiing on the frigid water! The weather was fine enough for even a softy like me to have the roof down all day though.



At the lake front, admiring the eels



3rd November 18 Nelson cars left NMIT car park on time, (Nearly missed as I was last to arrive) and we made our way south to Korere junction and then via Top House and the Wairau Valley to the Wairau Valley Hotel where we met the Blenheim members. This was a very well attended (34 cars) event in perfect weather for tops off motoring. The staff at the Tavern did a remarkable job of delivering the huge meals, although some folks did have a very long wait. The meals were worth the wait though. After the usual natter about putting the world to rights, we made our way home by carrying on to Renwick then stopping for coffee at Havelock or Rai Valley. A very enjoyable day's motoring.



*Enjoying lunch in the sunshine at
Wairau Valley Hotel*

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the catalogue description: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

- Eleanor Roosevelt

WHAT'S COMING

8th December Marlborough Christmas Barbeque at Pat Clay's residence 178 Shandon Road, starting at 1:00 pm. Meats will be supplied. Bring your own beverages and a salad etc to share.

15th December Christmas Barbeque at Rabbit Island. Starting 9:00am. Bring your own food and barbeque etc. Cake and wine supplied.

19th January Nelson Hospice display at Richmond racecourse. Open to public from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. Cars to arrive from 9:30 am. As this is a fundraiser there is a fee of \$5;00 per car on display.

9th February AGM at the Trout Hotel Canvastown. **(Please note the date has been changed)**

16th to 22nd March Christchurch are organising the 2014 marathon. Seven days travelling through South Canterbury and Otago. For more info' contact Mel Peters 03 337 4144 or email petersmg@ihug.co.nz

4th 5th & 6th April A weekend in Hanmer, with a visit to car displays in Christchurch. Make your booking now at Alpine Lodge Motel or Garden Motel, Hanmer.

April 6th Broadgreen Society Inc. are holding a "Posh Picnic" on the lawns of Broadgreen House to celebrate Heritage Week. Please dress in the period of your car and bring tables, chairs and your finest picnic ware. Please phone Helen Le Cren 547-6297 to register. Donation of \$5.00 per car. The house and exhibition will be open at a cost of only \$3.00 per person.

20th April The Trout Hotel celebrates 150 years anniversary of Canvastown. (Easter Saturday) They would like some cars to display.

9nd March Blenheim Hospice car display at Waterlea Race Course

Project 64 Supporters Club Raffle Tickets In support of the team who took the 1964 mini to Bonneville Salt Flats and smashed the world record for cars under 1000cc and who are taking the car back again in 2014 to attempt to break their own record of 251km / h, we are selling tickets at \$10.00 each, which gives a 1 in 100 chance to enter the 1 in 64 draw for the main raffle and a chance to win * A Gold supporters club Tee Shirt. * A framed supporter Club Certificate. * 2 invites to the campaign launch function. * 2 invites to the return function. Plus if you win the 1 in 100 draw you have a 1 in 64 chance of winning 2 x return air fares to San Francisco (ex Auckland), 10 days USA car hire and 6 nights accommodation so you can join the Project 64 team on the salt at Bonneville in August 2014. Tickets will be available from Tempus Jewellers 189 Trafalgar Street Nelson (Ash Wells) and from Car Corner 44 Seymour Street Blenheim (Pat Clay) or contact any committee member. The 1 in 100 draw will be in March 2014.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKET YET?



New Members.

We bid a warm welcome to these recently joined members. We look forward to seeing you on our next outing.

Brian & Gloria Pegg, Motueka. Nigel & Catherine Barak, Richmond. Jack & Jenny Shuttleworth, Stoke

A POEM

I have a little GPS, I've had it most my life
It's better than the normal ones my GPS is my wife
It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive
"It's sixty k's an hour", it says "You're doing sixty five"

It tells me when to stop and start and when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake
It tells me when a light is red and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front and all those to the rear
and taking this into account it specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device
for when we leave and lock the car it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things and lets me have a shed.

Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff,
I do wish that once in a while I could turn the damned thing off !

Thank you to Sonya Greenhill, we can all relate to this!



D. I. Y.?

FOR SALE

1962 MGA Series Roadster 1600 Absolutely superb condition. Any maintenance issues always dealt with. No rust anywhere. Restored in 2005. Engine rebuilt 2,250 miles ago. Has been maintained by Garry at Victory Automotive in Nelson. Leather seats. British Racing Green, 121,500 miles
\$39,995 ono Tim 021 2144 700 or email tmboutle@ihug.co.nz

1990 TVR 400 SE 3948cc V8. Only 242 made and this is the only one on the road in NZ. After purchasing it was checked over from bumper to bumper by Garry and Guy at Victory Automotive in Nelson and all maintenance issues dealt with. Extensive maintenance list, I've spent thousands. New stainless headers. Full service history. Fantastic condition, respray and new hood around 2007. Metallic Blue 82,500 miles
\$29,995 ono Tim 021 2144 700 or email tmboutle@ihug.co.nz



FOR SALE

1935 Chevrolet E A Master deluxe sedan, Fisher body, completely restored ground up by vintage restorations Tauranga, 4 new white wall tyres, 12v teardrop grill, suicide doors, workshop manual, twin tail lights, receipts for \$60,000 plus. This car is in mint condition a must see. **\$28,000** ph 0274 368319. John Martyn. 3a Kowhai Ave' Stoke email jonandmarg@gmail.com



This is a 1935 Chevrolet Master.
Probably not the same colour.
Similar to the car for sale?

Interesting warning sign
from Canada



"Get to know you" Meeting

Please don't forget the informal meeting, *now every last Thursday of the month*, 5:30 till 6:30 pm. At the Turf Hotel, Stoke. This is an invite to all members to get to know one and other with a bit of a chat to keep up with the gossip.

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint."- Mark Twain

This being the last newsletter for 2013 may I wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and safe driving for 2014



(What happened to 2013?)



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