

**We wish all members a late happy New Year for 2014,
and safe classic motoring.**

WHAT'S BEEN

8th December Blenheim Christmas Barbeque

Just 2 cars assembled at the QEII car park at 11am on Sunday 8th December, a day that dawned cloudy and looking decidedly iffy weatherwise. As we took off, a phone call from a late arrival increased our number by 50%; we reassembled at Rai and proceeded through at times heavy rain to Pat and Patricia Clay's property in the Waihopai Valley, where we were joined by about 25 cars from Marlborough and one more from this side of the hill.

The weather was kind and a most convivial time was shared by all, with a range of salads beyond all expectations. Very many thanks to Pat and Patricia for their excellent hospitality - for us Nelsonians the day was well worth the trip across, a good time to share with our fellow enthusiasts from Marlborough. Thanks to Roger Cole for this report and photo.



A good turnout but still
room for more Nelsonians

Annual Christmas Champagne Breakfast 15th December 2013

As usual this event was attended by many of our members, some of whom we only see at this time. I counted 44 cars. This is down on last years numbers even though the weather was fine. Still a good time to catch up with other members over burnt bacon and hardened eggs. (*Ours were as I was cooking*) All washed down with the club supplied bubbly and Christmas cake.



What a
variety of
vehicles
attending the
barbeque!



WHAT'S COMING

19th January 2014 Nelson Hospice display at Richmond racecourse. Open to public from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. Cars on display please arrive from 9:30 am. As this is a fundraiser there is a fee of \$5.00 per car on display and a gold coin donation for general public entry. Encourage all your friends and acquaintances to come!

February 9th 2014 *Please note this date is different to that first notified.* The Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Trout Hotel Canvastown. We need some new committee members with fresh ideas as falling numbers attending most of our day trips mean we really need some more ideas Any one willing to take on being on the committee please contact a present committee member. We only meet once every two months so it is not a time consuming task. Can all those attending please notify Peter Hoult 544 5085 or email thehoult@xtra.co.nz Blenheim members please notify Peter Greenhill 578 9062 or email spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz We need to know the numbers attending for the catering of the free lunch.

16th to 22nd March 2014 Christchurch Classic Motoring Society 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 based in Hanmer. We will be visiting some car displays in Christchurch while the women visit the shops and malls of Christchurch. *(Only if they don't want to visit the interesting displays)* Make your booking now at Alpine Lodge Motel 03 315 7311 or Garden Motel, 03 315 7332

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 2014 The Trout Hotel celebrates 150 years anniversary of Canvastown. (Easter Saturday) They would like some cars to display. If you are not going away for Easter then bring the classic here for the day.

9nd March 2014 Marlborough Hospice Classic Vehicle Display & Picnic Day At the Waterlea Racecourse on McLauchlan Street in Blenheim. The venue will be open at 9.30am for the cars to be displayed, with public viewing from 11am. It is expected cars will be on display until 3pm. Because the event is a fundraiser for The Marlborough Hospice, the cost is \$5.00 per car and all of this money will be donated to them. General public entry will be at the McLauchlan Street entrance by gold coin donation, and we hope many will take the opportunity to come and view the cars on display. Entrants are encouraged to bring a picnic for lunch. Food & coffee will be available to purchase.

Remember, annual subscriptions are due NOW!!

Only \$25.00 double or \$20.00 single (How reasonable is that?) Please post your cheque to P.O.Box 2416 Stoke Nelson 7011 or preferably pay by direct credit to bank account 12-3165-0158467-00 using your surname then initial as the reference.

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 wish a very warm welcome to these recently joined members. We look forward to seeing you at the A.G.M. and at our next outings.

Nigel & Catherine Barak, Richmond

Pete & Jude Glue, Richmond

Ian & Diane Gridley, Richmond

Brent & Fay Silcock, Blenheim

Some questions you may be able to answer.

Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Now for the dreamers amongst us



1931 DuPont Model H Merrimac Sport



1933 Hispano Siza Deletren Freres Cabriolet



1937 Delahaye 135 Fioni et Falashi Torpedo
Cabriolet



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Cabriolet

My missus packed my bags and as I walked out of the front door she screamed...

"I wish you a slow and painful death you b*!"**

"Oh" I replied, "so you want me to stay now!"

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