

WHAT'S BEEN

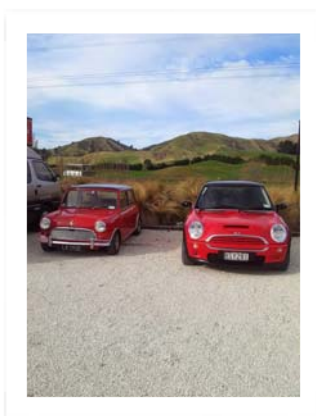
8th June run to Golden Bay

The forecast was fairly bleak and I probably wouldn't have gone either, however as I was the organiser----- Departure time in the newsletter was 9.30 am, and the reminder e mail said 10 am so 5 cars arrived at 9.30 and we had a good old chat under the veranda until 10. By then we had decided on "plan B" and drove over the Dovedale hilltop to Kohatu for morning tea. We then decided on "plan C" and carried on to top house which was closed, so thru the gravel by pass onto the main road and onto the new restaurant at St Arnaud. The men had a look thru the boat museum and the ladies checked out the gift shop which was thankfully a bit expensive. The Restaurant was busy but the staff happily made us up a table for 10 and I thought the prices were good value for money and the food good. We then returned home via Golden Downs. INCIDENTLY 80% of the day we had dry roads and very little rain. How many times have we been influenced by a poor weather forecast? *Thanks to Frank Griffith for this.*

14-15 June 2014 Mid-Winter Christmas in Blenheim

14th June was the date set for the mid-winter dinner and this year it was decided to combine it with a weekend in Blenheim. Half a dozen of cars from Nelson came over for the trip. 45 people meet for pre-dinner drinks at the Scenic Circle Hotel from 6pm followed by a nice meal which was organised by Pat Clay. On the Sunday morning we assembled at Seymour Square at 10am then cruised to Yealands winery in Seddon. We watched the movie presentation about Peter Yealands and the winery and then some of us partook in some wine tasting. We left there about 11.30 and headed to The East Coast Inn at Ward for a lunch. After a leisurely lunch, some of us headed to the Slip Inn in Havelock for a afternoon coffee to end a very enjoyable weekend. Thanks to all who joined us for making this a great weekend.

Thanks to Peter and Sonja Greenhill for this write up and pictures.



6th July run to the Gowan Valley

22 cars (a great turnout) left the NMIT Richmond on a perfect winter's day. Some of us travelled over the hills via Dovedale and the rest went straight to the Kohatu Cafe. We who went the long way stopped at Tapawera for morning tea. The Kohatu Cafe had been warned of our coming and kindly offered a discount on all purchases. Travelling on to the Gowan Valley, Ladd had the barbeques set out and outdoor fire burning to keep away the chill. We were then joined by a contingent from Blenheim members. Everyone tucked into their food with some lovely smells from every one else's BBQs. We were then treated to an informative and humorous talk from Ladd Robinson, John and Alex Smith (the owners of the property)

about their experiences growing up, living and working in the Gowan. They bred them tough in those early days. We were invited to look around the many buildings and their "hidden treasures". Thanks go to Ladd for organising this very interesting day and pleasing to have such a good number attend.



Gowan Valley, amongst the cabins



Where old Vauxhalls go to rust in peace



Ladd and the Smith brothers recall earlier days.

WHAT'S COMING

10th August. A drive to the source of the Riwaka River / Kaiteriteri. Leaves NMIT Richmond 1:30pm
Peter Hoult, phone 03 544 5085 email thehoult25@gmail.com is organizing this run.

7th September The Rover Car Club annual Classic and Collectibles show day at Higgins Park Wakefield.
For more information contact Chris Clark 547 9363 evenings

14th September. Drive to Rai Valley for afternoon tea. Contact Ash Wells phone 03 548 3166 email cws@xtra.co.nz for more information

5th October. A drive to Lake Rotoiti for lunch. Chris Rhodes phone 03 578 5943 email 1960cr@gmail.com is the organizer for this event.

2nd November is open for suggestions from members. Please contact a committee member with your suggestion.

New Members.

We wish a very warm welcome to these recently joined members. We are looking forward to meeting you at our coming events.

Nigel & Karen Hutchby Blenheim

Kevin & Bronwyn Cresswell Blenheim

Lyn & Val Scott Christchurch

Ding (Alan) & Sue Bell Richmond

The Russian way.

How to stop accidents at railway crossings.

Well it avoids crashing into the train.



FOR SALE

1972 MGB Roadster This is a very straight and very original unrestored Roadster that has been owned by the present owner for the past 15 Years. The car is harvest gold on chrome wire wheels. It has only travelled 122,000 miles and has overdrive and personalised plates (MK11 MG) Plus dust cover. The asking price is \$18,000. *Phone: Doug Frost on 03 545 1703 Email: pamndoug@xtra.co.nz*



An English Dentist (James Hull) has a few cars for sale as well, for the bargain price of only "offers over 100 million English Pounds" for the whole collection. There are over 450 cars in his collection including some famous ones owned by Winston Churchill and Elton John. With no room to park them all near his home in Kensington, west London, he garages them in vast warehouses in Herefordshire, but has now decided to sell up because of health reasons. *Thanks to Jim Fry for this article.*



Also For Sale one slightly used Chevrolet Corvette.

Would suit handyman with panel beating friend!

The tail lights should be ok.

(The driver still had his cell phone in his hand!!)



Update on the Project 64 Raffle Tickets

The difficulties with getting motor parts for the record attempt Mini have delayed the attempt for another year, it has been decided we will request our investment be returned and we will repay all ticket holders.



Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, "It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.

Babe Ruth

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"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."