

## ***WHAT'S BEEN***

**5<sup>th</sup> October.** A drive to Lake Rotoiti for lunch. I didn't attend this run but I have heard it was a successful event with a very good meal.

**9<sup>th</sup> November.** We enjoyed some remarkable weather for a relaxed cruise to Okiwi Bay. With tops down all day we negotiated the twisting road over the hills. This was classic motoring at its finest.



Sweltering behind the hall with no breeze



In the cool of the car park with a gentle breeze.

## ***WHAT'S COMING***

**7<sup>th</sup> December** Blenheim Christmas Barbeque. Venue for this event is yet to be decided and will be advised later.

**14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Barbeque at Rabbit Island. Starting about 9:00am. Bring your own food, barbeque etc. It has been decided that the club will only supply non alcoholic beverages for these events.

**20<sup>th</sup> February** Mel Peters is organising a "Summer Sojourn" Feb 20<sup>th</sup> travel from Christchurch to Blenheim. Overnight at the Top 10 Holiday Park. Top 10 have several different accommodation options. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> travel down Wairau Valley and Buller Gorge to Westport and then Greymouth, staying once again at the Top 10 Holiday Park at South Beach. We will dine at The Australasian Hotel at a cost of \$35 per head for 2 courses. Sunday 22nd Feb we will visit the Hokitika region before heading home after lunch. Our Nelson & Blenheim friends are invited to join with us. So book your accommodation and for catering purposes let Mel Peters know 03 3374144

**8<sup>th</sup> March Marlborough Hospice Vehicle Display** at Waterlea Race Course Blenheim. Gates open at 9:30 am for display vehicles and at 11:00 am for the public. Only \$5.00 per vehicle to display. Last year attracted more than 300 vehicles; can we beat that this time? Also The Classic Fighters Air Show at Easter has an ANZAC theme. The car display for this will be Australian and New Zealand vehicles. McLarens, Trekkas, Fords, Holden's, P76, some Minis and lots more. Your vehicle will be required for at least two of the three days Air Show. Please register at [p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz) to get two 3 day passes

**April 17<sup>th</sup> The April Fools** are touring again. This time it starts at Lake Hood, 6 km's east of Ashburton with breakfast at 8:00am. You will need to organize your own accommodation for April 16<sup>th</sup> at Ashburton. For those who wish to join us we are going to meet in the Hotel Ashburton car park at 3:00pm for a visit to Bruce McIroy's Bentley/Rolls Royce workshop. Just looking!

**FRIDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>: LAKE HOOD TO WANAKA** This day begins with breakfast at Lake Hood/ past Clandeboye cheese factory through Temuka / Waimate / Kurow up the Waitaki Valley over the Lindis Pass onto Edgewater Resort in Wanaka where your accommodation has been arranged. Dinner is your own arrangement.

**SATURDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>: WANAKA TO CROMWELL** This day co-insides with the Cardrona Race to the Sky for those who wish to spend the day there. The rest of us will travel down south for lunch provided at Balfour then Tapanui, Roxburgh, Alexandra to Cromwell, your accommodation has been arranged. Dinner is your own arrangement.

**SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>: CROMWELL TO OAMARU** Today we are off for a drive through Clyde then up the Ida Valley through the old goldfields of Central Otago to Moeraki Boulders for a Blue Cod lunch then on to Maheno for a look through the Historic Clarks Flour Mill. Then on to your accommodation, which has been booked on your behalf at a motel. We will be picked up by bus for our final night dinner. Lunch and Final Dinner provided. It's all coming together again, so keep your eye out for the entry forms before Xmas. Due to accommodation this Tour is definitely restricted to 55 cars.

Cheers, Lindsay & Bev Purvis Omarama 03 4389 630 (evenings) 03 4389 844 (business)  
Murray & Helen Russell Kurow 03 4360 551 (evenings)

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## The missing Picnic Bag

During the 9<sup>th</sup> Lord Nelson rally, which we only joined for the last day round Geraldine, we stopped for lunch at the dairy in Cave. Bought a pie, sausage +chips. I got the bag & flask out the car and had that lot on the seats out front. Felt very relaxed + happy looked at some signs etc, and slowly proceeded on our way. But we forgot our bag. Got to the motel at night and I got told to get the bag out of the car.

What.....? no bag, then we realized where we left it.

So rang the dairy, no, no bag had been handed in. So we gave that up and thought that one is history. A bit of a lean supper that night, but it must have been found by some other members, who took it to the dinner etc. that night and Barry Walker eventually got it and passed it on to us .

So a very BIG THANK YOU to the kind members that got our bag We are absolutely delighted to have it back again From Puck and Case Tabak in the yellow Peugeot 403

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## New Members

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

Pat & Susanne Clay, Howick, Auckland. John & Judy Cross, Tahunanui Nelson.

Colin & Lilian Francois, Stoke Nelson.

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## LIFE TIME MEMBERS

At an earlier committee meeting it was decided we would honour Pat Pascoe and Winston Williamson with life membership. In recognition of the sterling efforts they both contributed to the starting and organisation of our club. I apologise for the long time it has taken to report this. Bruce Welsford (secretary / editor)

## Advice from NZTA

“On 1 July 2015, the ACC levy component of the motor vehicle licence (rego) is being reduced by an average of 45% (excluding motorcycles). To minimise the number of months your vehicle is licensed at the ‘old’ levy rate, you should consider the different licensing periods available, such as three or six months.”

Contrary to the advice in a widely circulated email, re-licensing fees will fall in July not April. For some petrol cars the drop is about \$132, or \$11 a month with the cost of re-licensing virtually halved.

If a vehicle becomes due for re-licensing between now and June 30, 2015, you can take fuller advantage of the decrease, by not paying the full current fee for 12 months. Re license only for the number of months from when your current licence expires, up to and including June next year. Make sure the renewal expires in July, not June, because if you re-license again in June, you will still be charged the current higher levy rates, not the much lower new fee.

While the re-licensing form invites you to select from 3 months, 6 months and 12months, you can in fact apply to relicense your vehicle for any period you choose from one day to one year.

If it is your intention to use a heritage vehicle for a one-off special event it is possible to relicense it for only two or three days at a cost of just a few dollars, by using a “change the date of expiry” form. But if it is less than 40 years old and subject to continuous licensing, an application to put it back on hold must be lodged before the license expires or else an automatic three month fee is charged.

With the reduction in levies the ACC is introducing risk-ratings for the passenger vehicle fleet aged less than 40 years. That means levy reductions will depend on a car’s safety rating as determined by New Zealand and Australian crash data. For owners of the safest cars the ACC levy reduction will be 66 per cent from the current standard \$198.65 down to \$66.71.

But the majority of heritage vehicles aged less than 40 years will most probably be classified in Band One of the risk ratings and be charged a levy of \$156.71, little more than a \$40 annual saving.

Risk rating does not apply to vintage cars (aged 40 years and over), but they will enjoy a fixed cut in ACC levies from \$69.53 to \$37.42.

Cheers Roy Hughes. Secretary. NZFOMC.

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## FOR SALE

### Triumph Vitesse 2L 1968

Very tidy condition. \$10,000 o.n.o.

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**1972 MGB Roadster** 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@extra.co.nz](mailto:pamndoug@extra.co.nz)



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