

## **Recent Events we enjoyed**

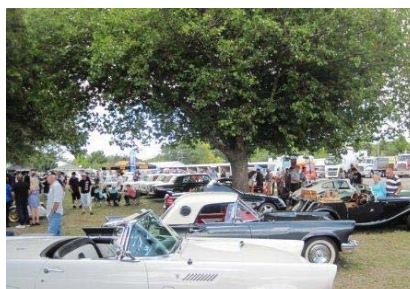
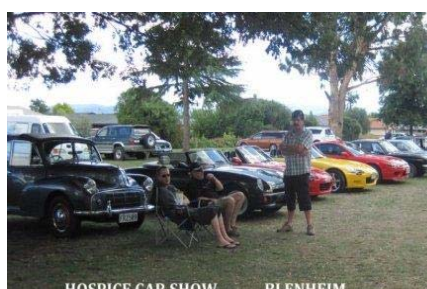
**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 Lake Argyle** Only five cars met at NMIT for the run to meet the Blenheim members at Lake Argyll. After a coffee and natter at Kohatu it was off through Korere and Top House and heading for the lake. The weather stayed pleasant and rain free, so the top stayed down. Our glorious leader (who shall remain nameless) led us off up a gravel road, through clouds of dust, then it was all stop, consult the GPS then return down the gravel road to the turn off we missed on the way up! Unfortunately, the picnic area at Lake Argyll was closed and there were no Blenheim cars there. Never mind, off to the Wairau Valley Hotel. The Blenheim members had given up on us, as we were perhaps a touch late and, unknown to us, were having their lunch at a picnic spot out of sight of the road. We had driven right past them! They, meanwhile, had decided that Nelson weren't coming and that they would stop at the Wairau Valley Hotel. So, after a bit of confusion, everything turned out as it should and a very sociable and enjoyable time was had by all. Shame there weren't a few more members though. *(Thanks to Geoff and Adrienne Chilton for this write up and photo.)*

*We wash the dust out at the  
Wairau Valley Hotel who  
kindly let us use their facilities  
to enjoy our BYO lunch*



## **8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Marlborough Hospice Classic Vehicle Display & Picnic Day**

Hospice Marlborough was again the beneficiary of a very successful charity vehicle display. The eagerly anticipated annual event is a regular under the Classic Motoring Society banner. As with previous years, Waterlea racecourse was the venue. The initiator and event organiser, Waikawa's Pat Pascoe, was thrilled with the response. Three hundred and forty vehicles were on display and record gate takings. Picton and Waikawa residents featured prominently in helping stage the event. Assisting Pat on the day were locals Helen Richards, Brent Cameron, Rex Green, Bill Rogers and Susan Pascoe. There was an even wider spread of locally owned vehicles on display. Among those spotted, helping draw the public in, was the Mini of Pat Pascoe, Barry Mills' Mazda MX5, Brent's Swallow Doretti, the MGB roadster of David Campbell, Kevin Mosdell's Daimler, the Chev Corvette of Gavin Piercy and Bill's Triumph TR3A. Thanks to the helpers and to those displaying their vehicles. And most of all, thanks to the community for giving so generously. The result of the 8th of March event around \$6000 donated to Hospice Marlborough. A worthwhile and most deserving cause and one the Classic Motoring Society is proud to support. *(Thanks to Bill Rogers for this story and photos)*





**APRIL FOOLS RUN.** The third April Fool Tour has come and gone. Once again it was a fantastic success. A credit to Lindsay and Murray for all their hard work, putting together a varied and interesting route. Also the Nelson team that give them the backup needed to run an event like this. The Tour started in Ashburton at Lake Hood, a mighty venue to start the run. The restaurant is on a peninsular on the lake. We all gathered here for breakfast, some got off to an indifferent start one car having to be repaired and two dashing home to pick up their other cars. We were treated to a talk from the owner of the restaurant on the history of the Lake Hood project and where it is heading in the future. It never ceases to amaze the variety of cars that turn out for the rallies.

Fridays tour headed south through back country farm land to Timaru and on to Kurow for lunch break. Then round the back of Lake Aviemore and over the Benmore dam, what a lovely spot if you are into camping. On through the Lindis Pass where the snow was down to road level in places. The day finished at Wanaka with happy hour at the Edgewater Resort.

Saturday. Briefing at 9am was well attended, the joke from Lindsay was well received and of a high standard as usual. The route was through Cardrona where the race to the sky was taking place and on down Crown Range, quite an eye opener if you haven't been down that road, past Kingston and on to Balfour for lunch, back through Alexandra to Cromwell. Some people stopping at Arrowtown and Queenstown rather than do the loop. This is the great thing about these tours, people can go off and do their own thing and rejoin later. Some people went the Highland Park Raceway for some hot laps in the V8 super car, going by the smiles on the faces it went down very well. Happy hour and a meal at Golden Gate Motel that night were very nice.

Sunday. Another good joke to start the day, and off down past the Clyde dam and down through the Gold fields of Central Otago to Ranfurly for a snack and beer (low alcohol of course) then to Moeraki for lunch, got to be the biggest and best blue cod you can get anywhere, seafood chowder wasn't too bad ether. The day finished at Oamaru. Everyone was picked up by bus and taken to the old area of town for drinks and a lovely meal. The Guest speaker was Samantha Martin who gave us an interesting and informative talk on her experiences dealing with people that have been forced into prostitution and how the group she was with are dealing with getting these girls back to a normal life.

Monday. We woke to a rainy morning with every one heading back home. Once again a big thank you to the organizing committee, a great weekend of touring, catching up with old friend and making new friends.



*Thanks to Jeff Pascoe for  
this informative write up  
and pictures*



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Rod Griffith organised a most interesting tour thru Talley's factory in Ashburton, which is situated on a 370ha intensive cropping farm. We all had to don hats, hair nets and wear gumboots which really was a lot of fun just getting ready for the tour. Talley's contract grow 1,250ha of potatoes mainly for the French fry, wedge and hash brown markets. Planting commences at the start of October and ends in early March. Harvest begins in February and continues till the end of May. They also contract grow 250ha of sweet corn and approximately 2,000ha of peas. The factory employs around 280 people and a few robots as well, and operates 24/7. The potatoes are trucked in and carefully stored in about 10 tunnel warehouses each holding around 5,500 tonnes (quite big spuds at that) the factory was spotless and I was surprised at how many processes the finished products went thru. This was a good start to an awesome April Fool Tour. Thanks to Talleys for a very interesting afternoon. *(Thanks to Frank Griffith for this.)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> May Visit to New Zealand Motorcycles** A small number of members attended the lunch, then 15 members arrived to view the incredible collection of motorcycles. A trip down memory lane for the reminiscing motorcyclists amongst us. There are no Japanese bikes on display, only British, American and European from the early 1900s to the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. What an interesting afternoon!



*Brightly coloured  
Harley*

*Motor Bicycle  
built for two*



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## ***COMING EVENTS (Note these in your diary)***

**17th May:** We will leave from NMIT Queen St. Richmond at 1:30 pm for an Autumn Colours Drive. Contact Peter Hoult 544 5085 or email [thehoult25@gmail.com](mailto:thehoult25@gmail.com) for any information.

**21st June:** Soup and Toast lunch at Trout Hotel, Canvastown . Nelson cars leaving QE2 drive at 11:00 am. Blenheim cars will be leaving from Renwick at the same time.

**19th July:** A visit to WOW museum organized by Geoff Morris. We will meet at the WOW car park at 1:30 pm wearing our name tags to qualify for the concession price of \$18.00 per person. Those members not wearing their name tag will pay the full price of \$24.00.

**16th August:** Yet to be decided. (Suggestions welcome)

**20th September:** Yet to be decided. (Suggestions welcome)

**18th October:** A Garden Visit at Kohatu (Peter Glue will organize with the owners)

**15th November:** A weekend at Akaroa? (Still to be confirmed)

**13th December:** Rabbit Island barbeque

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**When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.**

**If it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.**

## **New Members.**

We wish a very warm welcome to these recently joined members. We look forward to seeing you on our monthly runs.

Chris & Linda Cooney, Picton

Iain Rogers & Margaret Richards, Blenheim

Graeme & Gaynor Young, Blenheim

Bob Kamstra, Blenheim

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## **Is your insurance coming due?**

**Don't forget we are now aligned with Swann Insurance.**

## **Benefits for our Members**

20% premium discount and reduced premiums for additional Classic vehicles with agreed value.

Full glass cover (includes all glass and lenses)

Unlimited mileage (policy is not designed for cars driven every day)

Name your own repairer and or painter

Guarantee on repairs. Total Loss salvage rights (first option to buy back the vehicle)

Emergency repairs and accommodation

Club event/track cover (If the club has a day at Ruapuna etc you are covered)

7 day car hire following theft. 24/7 Roadside Assistance. \$20 million legal liability

## **Benefits for our Club**

Club receives 5% commission on all policies taken out by members and 10% whenever the policy is renewed with Swann.

Club can also receive help with club rallies and events in the form of prize packs and sponsorship by negotiation.

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*Peter Coombe Automotive Product Manager, Swann, Niche Motor Insurance.*

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Difference*