

## **Recent Events we enjoyed**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON RUN 17<sup>th</sup> May** It was a sunny calm autumn day and 38 cars, including a good contingent from Blenheim, arrived at the Richmond NMIT car park for the 1.30pm start. The run took in some good country motoring roads with the last of the autumn colours still on the trees. The route went via Upper Moutere and across Rosedale Rd which was unsealed for 8k but had a good hard surface to Ngatimoti, then across the Peninsular swing bridge over the Motueka River and along the West Bank Road before returning over the Baton Bridge to the Motueka Valley Highway. After travelling up the valley and through Tapawera the majority of members called into the Kohatu Café for refreshments and socialising. From there the route went via Valley Road through the Golden Downs to the Lake Rotoiti Highway where Blenheim members turned towards Top House to return home via the Wairau Valley. Nelson members turned left and travelled over the Reay Saddle then down 88 Valley to Wakefield and on home. *Thanks to Peter Hoult for the write up and organizing this great day.*



*38 Cars line up at  
N.M.I.T.*

*Enjoying the  
refreshments at the  
conclusion of run*



**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.** This run travelled up the Takaka hill to Hawkes lookout where a short walk provided a really good birds eye view of the source of Riwaka river and valley. The Woolshed Cafe on the Canaan downs Rd opened especially for an enjoyable light lunch. In case you were wondering, the chooks in the yard that resembled something out of a Dr Suess book were Chinese Silkys. The 300 odd orange road cones placed between the lime works and Riwaka ensured our safety from road works .....I suppose. Next run Wednesday June 24th. *Thanks Frank for organizing this run and for the report.*



*Destination Hawkes Lookout.*

*Thanks to Peter Hoult for this  
photo.*

*At the Trout*



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** Soup and Toast at the Trout Hotel Canvastown was another well attended event with 21 cars at the venue. Some delicious soups were provided by the hotelkeeper but not enough for seconds sadly. The weather was a perfect winters day, cold but sunny.

*I have kleptomania, when it gets  
too bad I take something for it!*

*Enjoying the hospitality  
at the Trout Hotel*



**Alpine Run 2015** This bi-annual event is organised by the Christchurch Classic Motoring Society and is open to our club members. 36 cars took part including 18 cars from our club members – some of the 18 were members of both clubs. The event was based in Hanmer with the first day travelling to Murchison for lunch via the Lewis Pass (that had been closed by snow the previous day), Reefton and the Upper Buller Gorge. The weather was wet and stormy in Murchison when we set off to Hanmer via the Maruia Saddle with 6 fords to negotiate. All went well apart from one car that approached a ford too quick and flooded the engine. The water levels in the fords were higher than normal and the road was littered with windblown debris. Saturday was good weather and we travelled 250km on good country roads, mainly shingle including a 'paper' road through farmland to Spotswood on SH1. Fortunately most of the farm gates were open. Lunch for many of us was at Cheviot. We then proceeded to Rotherham via a shingle road with fords over the Lowry Peaks Range. The land in the area where we motored on Saturday and Sunday was very dry for this time of year with most fords empty and farmers using the roadside verges to feed their stock. From Rotherham we travelled good back country roads to Culverden then back to Hanmer. Saturday evening included a dinner at the Heritage Hotel with the dress theme, Saloon Girls and Woodsmen. A great variety of costumes were worn and our club member Carolyn Keddie won the best dressed Saloon Girl. Sunday was again good weather and we explored some interesting country with fords, cattle stops and shingle roads on a 126km run to Lake Taylor for a picnic lunch. We then travelled 110km to the Waikari Hotel for afternoon tea and presentations. Overall a good weekend was enjoyed by all on a variety of good motoring roads with some challenges not normally experienced. Pat and Patricia Clay received a floppy liquorice prize for their saga of events with flat battery, locking their keys in the boot etc. *Thanks Peter Hoult for this and the pictures.*



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Around 10-12 cars met at WOW for Wednesdays run which meandered thru Dovedale and over Jacobs Ladder, thru Waiwero and Harleys road and finishing at the Jesters. The open fire was very welcome and food and prompt service was spot on. We all managed to get home by 3ish.

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

**11<sup>th</sup> July:** Visit to Woodbourne Airbase to see an Hercules Aircraft being refurbished. This is limited to only 30 persons, first in etc. Contact Peter Greenhill to register. Ph 03 578 9062 [spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz)

**19<sup>th</sup> July:** A visit to WOW museum organized by Geoff Morris. We are to meet at the WOW car park at 1:30 pm wearing 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.

**8<sup>th</sup> August:** An evening at the Gate Shed Movie Theatre. Theatre capacity is only 35 so once again first in get the tickets. Contact Pat Clay 03 572 4022 [pat.clay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pat.clay@xtra.co.nz) or Peter Greenhill see above.

**16<sup>th</sup> August** A drive to Lake Rotoiti to look at the Boat Museum. Take your own lunch or buy it there. We will leave from NMIT car park at 10:30 am stopping at the Kohatu Cafe for a cuppa.

**6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** Classic & Collectable Show Day, hosted by the Rover Car Club Nelson (Inc) at Higgins Park, Pigeon Valley Steam Museum, Wakefield from 10am. All Classic vehicles welcome and usually over 300 catered for. \$5 entry for car incl' occupants. Morning and afternoon tea and a BBQ lunch available. Steam Museum rides, Transport Museum, Farming Museum, Saw Mill and of course many interesting

vehicles. A great social meeting and a good time for the first run after the winter for many Classic Cars.  
*Contact Chris Clark, Rover Car Club Nelson (inc) email [cgclark@ihug.co.nz](mailto:cgclark@ihug.co.nz) or ph 03 547 9363*

**18<sup>th</sup> September:** A weekend on the West Coast (Kumara) Being arranged by Pat Pascoe 03 573 8964  
[p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz) More details to come.

**4<sup>th</sup> October:** Afternoon Tea at Ugbrooke Country Estate, a big homestead in the Awatere Valley. We will leave from the Railway Station at 2:00 pm. Afternoon tea with scones and jam costs \$15.00 per head. Please contact Sonja Greenhill with numbers attending. Ph 03 578 9062 [spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spgreenhill@xtra.co.nz)

**18<sup>th</sup> October:** A Garden Visit at Kohatu (Peter Glue is organizing, details later)

**31<sup>st</sup> October:** A 3 day visit to Akaroa. Suggested plans are, Friday afternoon leave from Blenheim, drive to Hanmer via Kaikoura. Saturday, maybe a visit Waimak' Classic Cars then carry on to Akaroa. Sunday drive about the peninsula then have a final meal at the Grand Hotel. Monday make your own way home.

Book your own accommodation 31<sup>st</sup> Asure Hanmer Inn Motel 0800 114 511

Aspen Lodge Motel 03 315 7224

Hanmer Resort Motel 03 315 7362

Sat / Sun Akaroa 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> The Grand Hotel 03 304 7011

La Rochelle Motel 0800 452 762

Akaroa Criterion Motel 0800 252 762

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**6<sup>th</sup> December:** Blenheim Christmas barbeque at Pat Clay's residence, to be confirmed

**13<sup>th</sup> December:** Rabbit Island barbeque BYO Barbeques and food and drinks. Starts about 9:00am

**January 2016:** a trip to Kaikoura, more details later.

**February 2016:** A visit to Tennyson Inlet, more details later.

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** Pat Pascoe is organizing a 4 day tour of the North Island, more details later.

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## **New Members.**

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

Morgan & Marie Price. Blenheim.

Warren & Carol Burt. Timaru

Ian & Averill Smith. Christchurch

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**Obituary** It is with great regret we record the passing of *John Gallagher*, member of both Nelson and Canterbury clubs. We send our sympathies to John's wife Marilyn, as we remember their participation in many of our clubs events.

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

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



### My travel plans for 2015 / 16

I have been in many places but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone else.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport - you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to get to Conclusions but you have to jump and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart!

I may have been in Continent but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

**BUT MOST OF ALL I MUST DO THE 2016 APRIL MARATHON RUN, because I could never run a marathon**

*Plagiarised from the July newsletter of the Christchurch Classic Motoring Society.*

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