

Recent Events we enjoyed

18th September: Kumara Run. 25 of our members travelled to Kumara township on the West Coast for 2 nights after stops at Murchison and Reefton we arrived at the Theatre Royal Hotel in a rain shower and that was the last we saw of the rain, the rest of the weekend was near perfect. The hotel was first built in 1876, in the 90s it was closed and in bad repair. Kerie and Mark Fitzgibbon purchased it and set about the restoration back to its near original condition complete with 4 poster beds, a quite unbelievable job. Also they brought other buildings including the old BNZ and turned these into accommodation units. Total 30 beds all rooms with ensuites. Saturday was to Hokitika, lunch at Stumpers with our Coast members then options of 2 runs, one to the tree top walk and the other to Hokitika Gorge and Lake Kaniere. Back to Kumara for the evening meal with 36 people even the Greymouth Mayor was there. Sunday a beautiful frosty morning and after a great breakfast off to Punakaiki for a look and more coffee then the trip through the beautiful Buller Gorge back home. The Hotel certainly couldn't do enough for us and so much history in the area to see, great accommodation, great food and great company.

Because of the lack of accommodation we thought it best to run this event in 2 parts. I have all the information to pass on for someone in Nelson to pick up, I am only too happy to help with it.

Thanks Pat Pascoe



20th September: Only 6 cars arrived to start this adventure in near perfect spring conditions, we shared the start venue with the local Porche club who were going to Golden Bay. A pleasant drive to coffee at the Flat Rock Cafe at Kohatu, then continued on to Lake Rotoiti and a visit to the Historic Boat Museum. By this time hunger was creeping up again so we adjourned to the Alpine Lodge for lunch. After a very nice meal and lots more putting the world to right we made our own way home.



They just don't make them like this anymore

The Visit to Ugbrooke Country Estate

Written by Bill Rogers, Picton

There was a good response to the Oct 4th run to Ugbrooke Country Estate. The Classic Motoring Society had arranged the visit. \$15 per head for afternoon tea, a look around the estate, and a talk by the owners.



Despite dire predictions of damaging storm force winds, and authorities urging all non-essential road travel be postponed, conditions were not too bad. A bit breezy, but nothing out of the ordinary.



Nelson, Blenheim and Picton were well represented, each fielding a strong showing of classic vehicles. After the Blenheim Railway car park briefing, we departed. A nice easy drive. Our destination lay tucked away off state highway 1, some fifty kilometres distant, on Marlborough's east coast. Ugbrooke House dates back to 1885. It's a grand design, and gracious, boasting stunning architecture and

superb construction. It remains a survivor of the colonial settlement era, when the privileged elite built imposing mansions along the lines of those on the estates of the "Old Country". And, as arranged, the current owners gave an interesting talk, outlining the history, and touching on the hands the property had passed through over the years. And yes, we were treated to afternoon tea. Devonshire tea, of scones, strawberry jam, and cream. Yum! In my case, one scone, jam and cream. (**Note to self** - - - - get in quickly next time if you'd like a second scone!)

In summary, an enjoyable and interesting day out, and an opportunity to visit an imposing property unseen by many. And it was great catching up with our Nelson colleagues. We're glad you made the effort. Your company was indeed appreciated. Commiserations, however, to our local stalwarts, Sonja and Peter Greenhill, who missed out. They were busy in Akaroa, sussing out accommodation, and attractions and finalising plans for a three day tour late in October.



21st October A very interesting Wednesday drive to Motueka for a splendid lunch at "Up The Garden Path", we stopped briefly at Richard Horrell's to view his collection of many varieties of Fords. A great turn out of 10 cars participated in this event.

Thanks go to Kevin York who organized this great event.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak

Hammer / Akaroa Weekend

Friday 30 October 2015 was a lovely sunny day and we all cruised from different parts of the South Island to meet up in Hanmer for pre-dinner drinks at the Alpine lodge.



The next morning we meet on the main road out of Hanmer at 9.30 then cruised into Christchurch to go and see Retro Car in Garlands Road Woolston (a car restoration place where we had a look around). Lunch was just down the road at The Tannery which was nice.

After lunch we cruised to Akaroa through Gebbies Pass and meet up at The Grand at 6pm. A few more cars joined us at this stage. There were 22 cars in total from all around the South Island. It was great to catch up with everyone.



It was an early start the next morning as it was the final of the World Rugby Cup. The Grand's bar was great place to watch the All Blacks win the cup. Orange juice and coffee was had by most, but a few had to have a drink to celebrate the win. Good on the All Blacks.

We meet at 9.30 for the cruise around the peninsular. We drove down to Le Bons Bay where we had a walk on the beach, then on to Okains Bay then through to Little Akaloa. Spectacular views and great driving on sealed roads. Lunch was at The Hilltop cafe which was really nice and relaxing then we cruised back to Akaroa and we heard that a few people had a nana nap (us included). We all meet at The Grand for drinks as the evening meal was here. We got presented with a couple of lovely baa lamb caps by Lindsay Purvis (thanks very much). The next morning we went our separate ways home.



Thank you all for joining us on this run and making it an enjoyable weekend. Good weather, good driving, good roads and great people.

Thanks to Sonja and Peter Greenhill

COMING EVENTS (Please note these in your diary)

15th November: A garden visit to the incredible gardens of Paul and Jean Woods. Leaving the NMIT car park at 9:30 am Travel to the Motueka Aerodrome to see Frank Frost's restored Tiger Moth aircraft. Continue up the Motueka Valley to Kohatu for lunch. At 1:30 pm meet at the Glenhope Railway station to look at the time warp interior which is largely as it was when the station was closed in the 1960s, then drive 1km along the abandoned railway line to the gardens of Paul and Jean Woods. Returning to Nelson and Blenheim via Lake Rotoiti for afternoon tea. Contact Peter Glue email p.j.glue@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 544 6758

6th December: Blenheim Christmas Barbeque at Onamalutu reserve.

13th December: Rabbit Island Barbeque, BYO barbeques, food and drinks. Starts about 9.00am

January 2016: Trip to Kaikoura, more details later.

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

16th April 2016: Pat Pascoe (03 573 8964 p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz) is organizing a 4 day tour of the North Island, entry forms will be posted out. Because of a communication problem this conflicts with the Canterbury club who are also having a 7 day tour of the North Island at the same time. *(I hope the North Island is big enough to accommodate both groups.)*

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

Neil and Joan Thompson. Stoke.

Don and Sandy Webster. Richmond

Hugh and June Clarke. Alexandra



This is how to transport a SLK Mercedes



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