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NELSON-MARLBOROUGH CLASSIC CARS

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Hello & Merry Christmas Classic Car Members

It's that time of the month again to keep you informed on what has been happening and what you don't want to miss out on – so read on members.....

Presidents Report: November 2019 Report

Don't you just love it when daylight saving kicks in and the weather warms up as the days draw out. It certainly makes you want to get out in your classic, with the wind in your hair, either by dropping to soft top or opening the windows. We are so lucky with the roads we have at our disposal and the stunning scenic spots that we can visit in the Nelson / Marlborough region on largely quiet roads. The only blot on the horizon is the bizarre talk of reducing the entire speed limit between Nelson and Blenheim to 80 km per hour. To express our thoughts against this crazy law change we all need to go online and sign the petition to express our opposition to this plan. Details on where to make a submission or sign the petition are in this newsletter. We are becoming so nanny state. It's obvious that the temporary restrictions between Nelson and Christchurch that were in place when all transport south had to pass through Murchison will remain in place. Frustrating to say the least.

Jude and I have been away in France and spent 6 weeks canal boating the Rivers and canals of the Nervanais, until they ran low on water and were closed. We shifted to the Alsace region and continued boating from Lutzelbourg up through parts of Germany, Luxembourg and western France. Both canal systems are stunning with their quaint, often deserted villages, ancient history and stunning forested areas. Our boat was a new, 11 m electric powered Locaboat that was pleasure to cruise in being quiet, economical and self-contained. Some of the locks are up to 16m deep and the engineering marvel, Arzviller lift, replaces 17 staircase locks. We covered over 1000 miles and navigated over 250 locks. Surprises me though that all the waste from all boats is still pumped directly into the canals. Certainly, doesn't make swimming very enticing unless you keep your mouth and all other fundamental orifices firmly clamped shut.

The local WOF station where I took Choyse to for her annual check-up says that he has seen heaps of classics coming through for testing. A large number however have been failing their WOF due mainly to unbalanced braking tests. His advice. "Get out and drive your classic over the winter months. Leaving them idle in the garage for months at a time is only going to lead to tears, frustration and cost you money."

As a club we have been really well served by our members and your committee with the number of longer tours that have been organised over the past three months. Special thanks to Pat Pascoe and Russell Egan for the well organised and very varied trip to revisit the club's origins with the Westport run. Great feedback from the 20 cars that attended. Read the full report in this newsletter. Also, many thanks once again to Kevin York for yet another year of interesting Thursday runs here in Nelson.

Next event is the combined Christmas Party at Mike and Judy Edridge's property up the Mangatapu Valley Rd in Pelorus. Their stunning site on the banks above the Pelorus River under the shade of the trees is an ideal spot for the event and we thank Mike and Judy for sharing their beautiful garden setting with us. After the popularity of combining the event we are anticipating another good turnout. More information in this newsletter. For the (fool) hardy amongst you with a penchant for getting bloody and lost; after the BBQ I will LEAD? a group of those interested to try to discover the ancient Argillite Quarry in the Collins Valley. Stout footwear, long trousers and sticking plasters recommended after last years "follow the leader on a path to nowhere debacle".

There will be no Classic car run in January but make a note in your diary for our AGM which once again will be held at The Alpine Lodge, Lake Rotoiti, at 11.30am on Sunday 9th February.

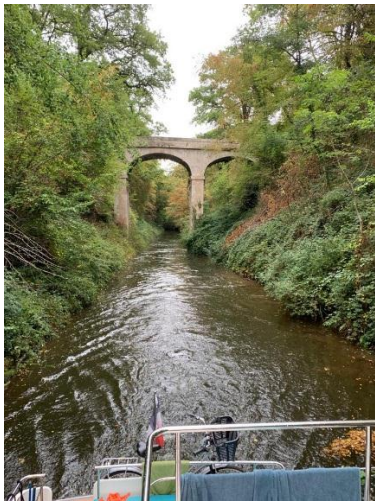
Don't quite know where the past year has gone to. Must be part of the ageing process that the year seems to fly by. I look forward to catching up with many of you at the upcoming events we have planned.

Safe motoring and best wishes for the Festive season with family and friends.

Pete Glue

Check out the holiday snaps on the next pages.....





Recent Events

Lake Brunner Trip: On the weekend of 10/12 August a group of 6 cars from Nelson, 4 from Blenheim and 1 from Christchurch met at Murchison for morning tea then travelled to Lake Brunner to stay 2 nights.

After a lovely lunch at Dawson's in Reefton, we travelled on to Joe Gilman's property at Candlelight. A crusty fellow who didn't encourage visitors and his trusty fume sniffing terrier dog was a very interesting visit. (well we weren't too sure about the very excitable dog)

I'm sure people have noticed the Jaguars buried upside down at his gate as they have driven past.

The collection of Ford Coupes from 1935-1939 was amazing and he told us that these vehicles were his love since the age of 14, and all of these were registered and beautifully painted

He had one that he had raced on the beach at Tahuna

He had a Kenworth truck in his collection, two other Ford pickups and many old Motorbikes including restored Triumphs

Joe has a wide collection of other vehicles including bulldozers and trucks and it was a very enjoyable visit.

On leaving Joe's and in the rain we travelled on to Lake Brunner and booked in for the weekend.

There was doubt that the planned excursion to Arthur's Pass would go ahead following the heavy rain and snow on our arrival, on Saturday, however, the Sunday morning although still raining we were told the road was open so away we went.

Climbing up through the Otira behind a grader clearing the way we reached Arthur's Pass to lunch and enjoy the picturesque township covered in snow.

And thank you to our gallant men who saw us over the river to get to the Wobbly Kia for lunch and helped a damsel in distress who was stuck in the snow.

On our return to Lake Brunner we stopped off at the Otira Hotel and an invitation from the owner to look through this very different hotel. There is an amazing collection of almost anything you could think of and mostly bought off Trademe, that the owner said he spends many hours looking at.

Following this visit we headed for Kumara for afternoon refreshments then found our way back to Lake Brunner Hotel for dinner and a lightening display.

On Monday following a briefing from Geoff we headed off to Blackball for coffee and scones at Formally The Blackball Hilton.

Great to see this old pub with its old photos and history all over the walls.

Many visited the Salami butchery and came away with purchases.

A few of us stopped at the Pike River Memorial, and then stopped at Reefton at the new Gin Distillery for a tasting and purchases.

Following lunch at the Reef Café (which was very good) we found our way home to Nelson and Blenheim.

This was a really good weekend of laughs, good company and excitement for some to have a snow fight.

Thank you, Geoff Morris and Doug Frost, for our well organised trip.

The snow and rain didn't dampen the spirits.

Jill Adams

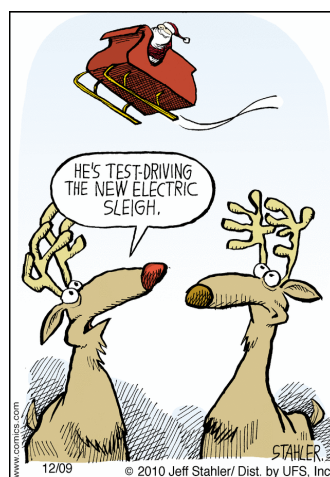


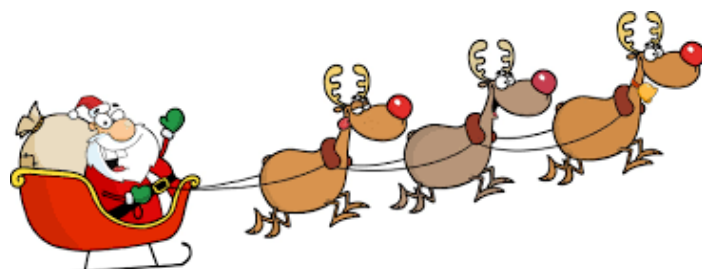


Westport Trip - October 2019



This is all I have for that trip no report







2008 MINI COOPER S JCW \$11,500 ono

Genuine John Cooper Works. 145,000 Km. Double overhead cam. 4 Valves per cylinder. Turbo Charged 208 BHP (155 Kw). 280 Nm Torque. 148 MPH (238 KPH) 0-100 6.5 secs. Averages 6.9 lts / 100 Km.

Beautiful condition inside and out, Massive 316 mm front disc brakes, Aerodynamic factory spoiler kit, Tinted glass, Dynamic traction control, ABS, Alloy front suspension cross member brace, Sport mode to sharpen steering and throttle response, Big bore sports exhaust, unreal performance and a fun car to drive.

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ADMISSION

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That's all for this time see you on the next run.

Anne-Marie 😊

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Events List for Classic Motoring Society / Nelson-Marlborough

23rd-25th November - Club Captains Tour to Hanmer Springs/Amberley

23rd Saturday travel to Hanmer. Happy hour is at 5.30pm at Village Inn 10 Jacks Pass Road.

24th Sunday - Join the North Canterbury Christmas Picnic Tour starting venue is the Hurunui District Council Carpark SH1 Amberley. \$15 per vehicle. All Sealed route. Registrations taken from 9 am until 10.50am, in the adjacent St Johns Lounge, behind the public toilets. Look for a statue of Captain Charles Upham.

Suggest we leave Hanmer 8.45am as it is about an hour's drive to Amberley.

Happy Hour is around 6 pm at Village Inn Sunday evening.

Head for Home Monday 25th at your leisure.

Don't forget to Book accommodation for nights 23 and 24 November

Contact Geoff Morris if you are intending to go - geoffreymorris17@gmail.com or phone 03 5474494

Cheers Geoff Morris - Club Captain

Thursday 28th November 2019 - Thursday Run – NO RUN THIS MONTH

Sunday 8th Decembers 2019 - CMS XMAS BBQ



The combined Christmas BBQ will be held under the trees at 11.30am up the Maungatapu Valley at Mike and Judy Edridge's stunning rural property. The Richmond Rotary Emergency Kitchen will once again be there for us to cook the stunning sausages and patties provided by your club from the impressive Renwick Butchery. Please bring a salad or dessert to share with fellow club members. Bring your own plates and utensils.

There will be an opportunity after the BBQ for the intrepid explorers and trail blazers amongst us to lose a bit of blood in pursuit of an ancient tool making quarry in the hills the Collins Valley. (Long trouser/Dimp/Garden Gloves/Overalls - maybe for this??)



Organizer: Geoff Chilton

2020 COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday 9th 2020: LAKE ROTOITI - Meet 11.30 for lunch at 12.30 and meeting at 1.30pm

Sunday 16th February 2020:



Sunday 15th March 2020: Hospice Blenheim Car Show