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NELSON-MARLBOROUGH CLASSIC CARS

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Hello Classic Car Members

Wow what a year it has been and its nearly time to start preparing for Christmas but now it's that time of the month that myself and along with Geoff we will keep you informed on what has been happening and what you don't want to miss out on – so read on members..... and be safe.

From Kevin's corner

Hi, the sun is shining, the weather is getting warmer, some days feel like summer, we are out and about in our beloved cars and sports are been played including the All Blacks are playing the Aussies. Life as we know it is almost back to normal.

We welcome the latest new members;
Wayne & Rachel Stott from Christchurch,
Trevar and Louise Shepherd from Nelson
David Oddie & Julie Sowman Waikawa, Picton

Club events have continued to be very well supported by members with great fellowship on all of the latest runs.

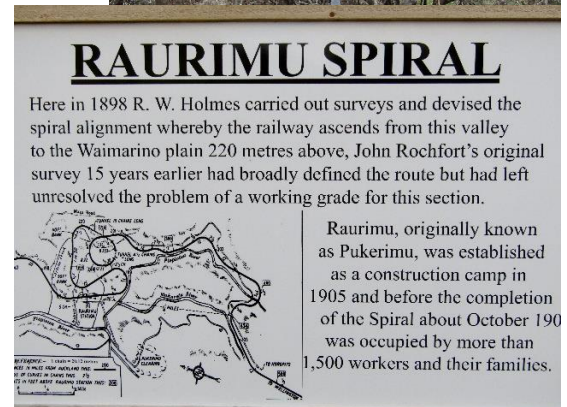
The Sunday 20th September run was Okaramio to look through the Landrover Museum of Richard Peterson's. We arrived mid-day and started with a picnic lunch as above photo.



Then we looked through the very impressive collection of various items as well as the Landrovers, see Jill's report. We had a great turn out of approx. 51 members with a good number from Nelson

On Thursday 24th September we departed Picton by Interislander to Wellington.

The Lord Nelson Tour began with 48 cars plus their drivers and navigators. All had a very enjoyable time with the first night in Whanganui. Day two we set off via Whanganui Gorge Rd (SH 4) and then turned into Whanganui River Rd. A group of us missed this intersection ending up at Raetihi for a coffee stop (the lunch venue for most). Never mind this is all part of the enjoyment of these outings. We continued on alongside Tongariro National Park to Raurimu to look at the Spiral as per the photos. Our breakaway group back tracked to travel along Tongariro National Park to the Turangi pub for a long leisurely lunch and social time. Most of the others went on the planned route up SH 4 to Benneydale and onto Taupo where we all stayed for two nights. The following day was a free day.



Carolyn and I went to the Waipahihi Botanical Reserve.



Next on to the Huka Prawn Park for lunch meeting up with other members enjoying a prawn meal. We then investigated the Huka Bee Hive. Back to our motel then and window shopping.



The next day off to Napier, most via Waiouru with lunch at Taihape then via The Gentle Annie to Napier. A very small number went on the Napier Taupo Highway and had a bit more time in Napier.



The above photos are Napier, Pania of the reef and some of the gardens along Marine Parade. What a hot sunny afternoon with the temperature over 26 degrees.

The sun rise from our motel room Monday morning. After our morning briefing we headed off to Lower Hutt via Porangahau and Pongaroa for lunch put on for us by the publican.



The last night we all stayed at The Angus in Lower Hutt who put on a fabulous meal for the final gathering of this Tour. There was some brief speeches and thanks, and entertainment with skits/tall stories of the happening over the tour by Peter Glue and Lindsay Purvis. At times they both had the room in fits of laughter. A very big thanks to Pat Pascoe and Sonja Greenhill for their work of organizing this tour, a very enjoyable and a memorable one.

Refer to the full report of this tour provided by Sonja Greenhill further through this newsletter.

See you at the next run

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

It has been a strange year with Covid 19 restricting our club activities for most of this year. Sometimes this has been caused indirectly, like the cancellation of Novembers Steam Train trip due to the engine being stuck in Paekakariki where it languishes awaiting a boiler recertification.

On a positive note tho thanks must go to Pat Pascoe and Sonya Greenhill for organising a magnificent 2020 Lord Nelson Tour around the country roads of central and southern North Island. 48 cars with the accompanying banshee of well-tuned (mostly) engines made for a spectacle of colour and a variety of breeds that were a pleasure to be amongst. The camaraderie that exists on these tours has to be experienced as new friendships are made and old ones renewed. A lot of fun is had by all . A few minor breakdowns are par for the Classic car fraternity, but club members are always on hand to rally round and get things going again. The next tour will be the 2021 April Fools Tour based around Oamaru.

In the meantime, let's hope that the weather is kind to us as we get out and about on the runs organised for the remainder of the year.

Pete Glue



Obituary:

On the 27th September 2020 it is with regret to advise the sad passing of Paul Vercoe.

Paul was a long-term member and committee member. Last year he helped with the Lord Nelson on several occasions.

Willys Car Service Sign ...

Quite a popular make in their day!!! Designer Black too!!!



It was a very popular auto then, but I don't think these signs would pass muster today.

They were metal with an enamel finish, and on display at garages.

We reckon we are liberated today, but this just shows that freedom of speech and humour have been replaced by litigation from princesses both male and female:



HELP NEEDED - Do you have an idea for a run, want to see something or do something that maybe of interest to others – please talk to a committee member or bring it up at the AGM in February...

Start thinking everyone



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IT'S ON 15th NOVEMBER

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Written instructions for the Long & Short **FUN RUNS.**

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\$10 Rally Entry per Vehicle, all proceeds to Cancer Society
Public inspection of Rally Vehicles by Donation

Contact: Ph. 03 544 9998, Email, jimnkyra@xtra.co.nz

 **NBS**



Nothing for sale this month.....

Recent Events

Thursday 27th AUGUST

Frank arranged our visit to the villa and gardens of a local Tapawera family – the Rogans at 297 Tadmores Valley Road. This was an Alzheimer's Awareness fundraiser they were supporting and included craft stalls. Thirty-two members enjoyed a picnic lunch in the gardens and were told about the history of the villa and gardens. A coffee stop was made at the Flat Rock Café on the way home by a number of participants.

Sunday 20th September: Landrovers:

After having to be postponed because of weather, a very successful run was held to see Richard Patersons collection of Land Rovers.

Marlborough cars met at The Runway for coffee first and Nelson met at Pelorus Bridge.

It was a stunning sunny day for the over 30 cars and occupants to enjoy a picnic lunch and catch up.



Thursday 24th September

Frank organised a trip to Golden Bay and eighteen vehicles took part.

Lunch was enjoyed at the School House Café, Pakawau. Glenis was annoyed that Frank was the last vehicle to arrive and she missed out on the whitebait, but the blue cod was a good substitute. Classic vehicles were seen all around the bay during the afternoon as participants visited their favourite locations before heading home.

Thanks to Frank for these this event.

Lord Nelson goes North - October 2020

Final number for the tour was 48 cars and 95 participants. On Thursday 1st October, the majority of the touring team arrived at the Picton ferry terminal by 10 for an 11am departure. It was a sunny day and it was great catching up with everyone while we waited to board the ferry. Earlier in the week I had an email from the Interislander warning us about how the weather was going to be bad, but thank goodness it was a nice crossing. When we arrived in Wellington, we drove to Whanganui for our first night. We had a lovely meal and catchup at the Kingsgate. (A bottle of



Oyster Bay Sauvignon cost me \$59.)

We had an early briefing on Friday morning, as we had a long drive ahead. The drive took us up The Whanganui River Road which is all sealed. There were lots of interesting things to see along the way including a stop to check out the church and convent at Jerusalem. James K Baxter, one of NZ best known poets lived there. Lunch stop was at Raetihi and then an ice cream stop at Benneydale. (We even made the local paper - Ruapehu Bulletin.).

From there, we cruised to Taupo for a 2 night stay. We had a free day on Saturday and there is lots to see and do in Taupo. Some went to a machinery display in Hamilton, visited Huka Falls,



Aratiatia dam, a cruise on the lake to see the Maori carvings, and to the shrimp farm to name a few. One brave lady even went Parasailing.

After breakfast and briefing on Sunday, a few of us went to the craft market across the road and spent some money. We then cruised along The Desert Road to Taihape for a lunch stop and then had a lovely drive to Napier via The Gentle Annie. The motels in Napier were along Marine Parade and we arrived to 26 degrees which was nice. The sunrise at 6.40am was amazing and a couple of us were up early to take heaps of sunrise photos.

After Monday morning briefing we hit the road and cruised to Waipukurau then onto Pongaroa Pub for lunch. They put on a very nice lunch for us which was great.



After that it was on to Lower Hutt for the final night of the tour. The meal was at The Angus and was very nice. We had a lot of laughs with Peter Glue (The Club Captain) telling tales on some of the antics people got up to on tour. Thanks Peter for my lovely flowers but I am sorry I had to leave them there as my Pete said they

wouldn't fit in the S2000 😊. Thanks to Lindsay Purvis for all your jokes and entertainment over the trip. To the North Island members, Philip and Julie Hoffman and Ron and Diane Gray, for all the work they did.



Pat and I would like to thank everyone who joined us on this trip, as it is the people who make the trip memorable.

Sonja Greenhill

A few Photos from the trip ☺





Steve and Margaret Whitson from Alexandra check out a classic 1997 Toyota Century in the main street of Raetihi recently. They were visiting the town as part of the Nelson Marlborough Classic Car Society's Lord Nelson goes North rally, from Nelson up to Taupo via Whangarei and Raetihi, across to Napier and back to Wellington for the Picton Ferry. The car enthusiasts were driving Jaguars, Ferraris, Morgans (Jaguar) and classic Hondas. They were taken with the Toyota - also a classic that was built for luxury for diplomats and government officials in Japan. It was parked outside the Coach Cafe, where waiter Anne Jones was working.





Warning.....Rant

For those of you who are placing Christmas lights/decorations in your garden, can you please avoid anything that has Red or Blue flashing lights together?

Every time I come around the corner, I think it's the police and I have a panic attack.

I have to brake hard, toss my wine out the window, hide the weed, fasten my seat belt, throw my phone on the floor, turn the radio down and push the gun under the seat, all while trying to drive.

It's just too much drama, even for Christmas.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding....

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Every loaf of bread is a tragic story of a group of grains that could have become whiskey but didn't

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Convid-19 Home Test

1. Open a can of beer and try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the beer, drink it to see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste it and smell it, this confirms you don't have Convid,

Last night, I did the test 19 times, and all were negative.

Tonight, I am going to do the test again because this morning I woke up with a headache and feeling like I'm coming down with something.

I am so nervous.



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I trained my dog to fetch beer. It may not sound too impressive but he gets them from the neighbor's fridge.



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ADMISSION

Adults (15 years old and over).....\$15.00
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That's all for this time - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

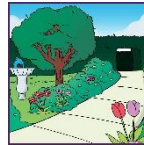


Anne-Marie ☺





Events List for Classic Motoring Society / Nelson-Marlborough



8th November – NELSON GARDEN TOUR

An opportunity to visit 3 committee members gardens in Stoke and Richmond and have a look at what treasures lurk in their garage. Meet at the carpark NMIT Richmond at 10.00am to pick up your address directions and recommended visit order, which will be varied to spread the numbers at each property. Recommended lunch will be DIY at The Grape Escape between 12.00 -1.30. After the visits its proposed to meet at the Mapua Wharf for a DIY fish and chip meal washed down with a beer or wine in a stunning setting. If weather forces a cancellation you will be notified on Sunday at 8 am by email.



Pete Glue 021 420 220

26th November – Thursday Run – leaving WOW at 10.30am sharp

Organizers: Kevin York – Phone 03 5287942 / Frank Griffith – Phone 03 5473354

6th December – Willowbank Valley – Wakefield - Organizer: A Wells

Blenheim Members meet SH6 Raparua Road Intersection 8.30am

Nelson members at NMIT Richmond (Queen Street) at 11am

Bring chairs -food available on site.



24th January 2021 – Combined New Year BBQ outing – Organizer: Committee
 Venue: Mt Richmond Forest Park, Rai Valley - (11.30am) Wet or Fine
 Bring salad / chairs / drinks - BBQ by Club



21st February 2021 - AGM at St Arnaud

Committee members are required so think about joining



8th - 13th April 2021 - Aprils Fools Tour

Organizers: G Morris & P Hoult

Hub Rally out of Oamaru

Entries out early December so watch the letterbox and your inbox.