



## *Chatty Chatty Bang Bang*

January / February 2008



Ray & Judy Minchin showed off their new-improved Triumph Stag at the Christmas BBQ at Rabbit Island. Due to "peak oil" issues and Ray having sold the 'oil' part of his empire he decided to switch the Stag to coal fired. You can see the removable chimney stack on the port side. Good on ya Ray!



Over 250 cars turned up for the annual Nelson Regional Hospice charity parade held on Waitangi Day. These two cars are around 50 years difference in age. That's progress!

## Club Executive 2007



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**This newsletter has been compiled by Don Grant, retiring editor who would like to thank the many members who have helped him by providing articles and photos over the last two years.**

## Frankly Speaking...for the last time

### **The President's Report....**

The last two years have been really enjoyable, and I feel we have had another successful year of classic motoring and events, if you chose to participate.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Blackball Hilton Weekend, April 1<sup>st</sup> Day run to Okiwi Bay, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Omaka air show, April 13<sup>th</sup> Bay of Islands 7 day tour, April 15<sup>th</sup> Mystery run around Blenheim and District, April 20<sup>th</sup> Lake Brunner weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Kaikoura weekend, May 27<sup>th</sup> Omaka Aircraft museum and workshop, June 10<sup>th</sup> day run to Murchison, June 14<sup>th</sup> Mid – winter Xmas dinner, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Glenhope – Nelson railway run, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Golden bay run to Patons Rock, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Haast Wanaka 4 day tour, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Xmas Barbeque, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Hospice Charity run (raised \$4567.20)

When I say we have had a good year, success is participation, friendship and people who enjoy sharing common interests.

This years Hospice Charity run had plusses and minuses, which will be analysed and followed through for next years run. In hindsight we chose the wrong day however by not holding this run on a normal week day it enabled people to attend in a more relaxed manner.

My apologies to Pat Dodson for the abuse he received from motorists in Queen St. We were not aware of this at the time and without the agreed Police support Pat had a really difficult job on his own.

Yes the parade did have a few hassles and the Fire Brigades and some committee members have already offered some positive input. Despite the dramas, if you have ever had cause to visit anyone in a hospice, you will realise all of our efforts are really appreciated and very worthwhile.

Special thanks to my committee, without whom we would not be able to function, and to Don Grant our retiring Editor who has done most of the work creating the club website which is now up and running successfully. He has done a superb job with the newsletter and if 50 – 60% of members chose to use our web- site to view the newsletter, this would represent a considerable saving in time and money for the club.

I also wish to acknowledge commitment, to the club from our retiring committee members. Graeme & Anne Fryer, our joint secretaries, Helen Le Cren, Ross Atkinson, and Frank Davidson. Peter & Sonia Greenhill, although not committee members, have been our Marlborough co-ordinators, keeping the Eastern members up dated with e-mails etc.

Also Patrick & Susan Pascoe, Winston & Natalie Williamson and Denis & Helen Le Cren, who have all been foundation committee members since 1998, which is 10 years of service. Well done all of you.

Thanks to you all for being part of this Club and supporting the activities when you can, and your contributions to the newsletter. Finally thank you to my wonderful wife Glenys for doing so many of the jobs I should have done.

I wish Russell well in his new role, and as a very experienced committee person, the club should be in good hands.

*Frank Griffith*

## Welcome to New Members.

The club is very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Shorty & Heather Tyson	Richmond	Mazda MX5
Tim Evill	Richmond	Aston Martin
Terry & Heather Byrne	Richmond	Triumph TR4A 1966
Colin & Roxy Marsden	Blenheim	MGTF
Julian & Lesley Gray	Nelson	Fiat 500D
James Hardy	Nelson	Austin Healey

THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS TO PLEASE WEAR THEIR NAME BADGES WHEN ON CLUB OUTINGS. THIS HELPS NEW MEMBERS TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE BETTER.



Rabbit Island BBQ folk enjoying themselves.



## Christmas BBQ - Rabbit Island

*December 9th saw around 60 cars converge on Rabbit Island for our annual Christmas breakfast. Don Grant reports...*

Breakfast is always something to treasure. Whether it be a full cooked "English" or a light healthy continental, we all usually rush this most important of meals down, head out the door and into the busy world we live in.

So I always look forward to our club breakfast BBQ, held annually at Rabbit Island. This is a chance to really relax, catch up on people I sometimes have not seen since the previous BBQ, take a leisurely stroll and close-up look around members cars and imbibe in a glass of bubbly or two, compliments of the club.

2007 proved to be another very successful BBQ, with around 120 members showing up on a warm sunny December morning. Denis & Helen Le Cren and Pat & Doris Dodson once again proved the epitome of good hosts, making sure everyone who wanted a couple of glasses of bubbly were well provided for. Many committee members modeled the new club polo and a number of orders were received for these fine looking shirts.

As usual a contingent of regular Blenheim members made the journey over the hill and this is always greatly appreciated by Tasman Bay members.

*Don Grant*

### A word from our new President...

It is my pleasure to accept the nomination as President and I will endeavour to maintain the high standard set by previous Presidents over the last 10 years.

I congratulate Frank Griffith on his leadership and also thank Glenys for the numerous hours spent emailing members and folding bulletins.

Thank you also to Anne and Graeme Fryer for your secretarial duties and Frank Davidson and Ross Atkinson who did not seek re-election. My thanks go to Ross and his team for a very successful Charity Run.

Denis and Helen Le Cren must also be acknowledged for their untiring work of 10 years as committee members. The committee is open to ideas for future activities and events. This is your club - be involved.

*Russell Egan*

## Hospice Charity Run

*February 6th saw around 250 cars meet at Richmond A&P Show-ground for the Nelson Hospice Charity run. Ross Atkinson reports...*

Another successful hospice charity run was held on Waitangi Day, the change to February being made from previous years when the event was in January. A grand total of \$4567.20 was raised for the Nelson Hospice and special thanks must go to both the Richmond and Stoke Fire Brigades who helped with collecting from members of the public.

I strongly recommend the route be altered to a free left turn at the Queen Street/ Gladstone Road lights and the run start in Stoke and finish in Richmond. Overall there were some more lessons to learn (like last year's run) but it was nice to see both run participants and members of the public so relaxed while watching the parade.

*Ross Atkinson*



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## Club Events & Happenings

- **April 11th - 13th.** A run leaving Murchison at 1pm on Friday 11th and heading to Lake Brunner Resort and Hotel at Moana. Please phone and make your own reservations (rooms reserved under the name Pascoe) for the Friday and Saturday nights. 0800 525 327. The two room units have 2 ensuite and can sleep up to 6 people, cost is \$240 a night and the single units are \$145 per night. If the Hotel is full you can try the Lake Brunner Country Motel about 2km's up the road, rooms have not been reserved there. **Phone Pat Pascoe on 548 1093** or email him on [j.pascoe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.pascoe@xtra.co.nz) for more details.
- **May 4th (if wet May 11th) Cape Campbell Run** This is an awesome trip and thoroughly enjoyed by every-one last time. Arthur and Sue Anderson are our contacts. I think a gold coin donation will be collected with all proceeds going to the Ward School as a fundraiser. More details closer to the time but mark your calendars.
- **June 22nd Club Run.** To be advised.
- **July 5th Mid-winter Dinner**
- **Sept 5 - 7th Lord Nelson Rally**
- **Sept 7th Rover Car Club's Classic and Collectable Show** - if you can't make the Lord Nelson then this is the next best thing. For further details email Chris Clark on [cgclark@ihug.co.nz](mailto:cgclark@ihug.co.nz)

### For Sale

1973 Mercedes 350slc coupe. Excellent original order 112,000 miles. Electric windows and sunroof, automatic. \$13,500ono. A beautiful car to drive, she just glides along. Phone



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Spotted recently while I was on holiday in Northland, an extremely rare Bristol 404 (only 52 were built). The owner was one of 18 Bristol owners of England who had shipped their cars out and were touring NZ. I tried to talk them into stopping briefly in Nelson to view Peter Tally's 403 and Gordon Keeble. Does anyone know if they visited? - Don

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