



Winter is really upon us and it wasn't surprising to see hoods up during the 'Great Southern Tour' two weekends ago. I don't think one particular hood had been up for years!

Thank you Kevin York for organizing what turned out to be a great four days. Forty four cars made their way south, down the west coast and over Arthur's Pass as Paul Heywood tell you in his report.

The mid-winter dinner is now organized for Saturday 11th July, with numbers being required by Wednesday 8th July. Tickets are now available by sending your cheque to 5 Cresswell Place, Richmond, but please make cheques out to the 'Classic Motoring Society Nelson Inc.' We have kept the price at \$30 per head.

The day tour of Moutere/Motueka on August 9th has a slight alteration to it. Please note it is \$3 per person not \$3 per car as advertised in the May newsletter.

In November we were hoping for a trip to Blenheim and a river cruise, but unfortunately this is not available. HOWEVER! Watch this space! Something is being organized.

We are still looking at the feasibility of organizing a tour of the Stockton Mine before the end of the year. It may mean that one group go up Saturday and one group on the Sunday because of the limited transport. However, this is still in the planning stage.

The web site is up and running again so by clicking on to www.classicmotoringnelson.org.nz you should be able to pick up the latest news and coming events. Photos from the Southern Tour are also on the web for viewing.

If anyone wishes to contribute to the web site or put cars or parts for sale etc. please forward the information to Bill Osborne at b-p.osborne@xtra.co.nz

Safe Motoring. See you at the dinner in July

Russell

The Southern Tour 2009 --- 22nd to 26th May

A report from Paul.

Organised by Kevin York

'A wet car trial is like a wet weddingbad weather brings out the best in participants.'

Cars from Motueka, Nelson, and Blenheim met up at Murchison before moving onto Stillwater where several cars from the Coast joined the Tour. Others from Omarama, Kurow and Lyttelton joined up at various stages to make up the 44 car tour group.

The sunshine was left behind as we climbed up Arthur's Pass for lunch and ran into rain, wind, sleet and some snow. It was to be the last glimpse of sun until arriving back to Nelson.

The run down from the pass was a glorious mix of light and shade with fresh snow on the tops of the mountains. The over-night stay at Methven began with a combined meal - the first opportunity to catch-up with old and new friends alike. We awoke to very heavy rain that forced the real hardy folk to raise their canopies. One, who shall be nameless, raised his canopy with difficulty, for the second time in 10 years.

It was an easy run down to Geraldine for morning team before heading back up to Ashburton to visit Bruce McIroy Ltd, the Rolls Royce and Bentley Agents for NZ. They also rebuild cars and we were privileged to witness the unbelievable skill required to completely rebuild from next to nothing ---- a 1933 Rolls Royce Phantom 2 complete with crystal decanter and glasses. The workshop contained a wide range of beautiful cars of all ages in various stages of repairs including a 1920 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. We were all astounded at the extreme cleanliness; the floor was good enough to eat off. This visit was undoubtedly the highlight of the tour.

The next visit was to the Aviation Museum which contained an interesting array of planes from a Vampire Jet to some very old planes and memorabilia from the war years. The museum is entirely operated by keen volunteers who are delighted to have receptive ears for the huge knowledge and many stories that are there for the telling.

The trip to Akaroa was through driving rain that lasted for most of our time there. The spirit was not dampened and all arrangements went smoothly as planned. On Sunday a number of local classic car owners joined many of us for lunch at the famous French Farm Restaurant. The final evening get-together was the Tour Dinner held in Gaiety Hall, the beautiful Community Hall of Akaroa. Speaking at the Dinner, President Russell expressed thanks to Kevin York, who having organised the Tour, had to return home on Saturday because of a family bereavement. On Monday some headed home while the rest headed to Waiau for lunch before driving onto Kaikoura. That road is a lot of fun.

The final night at Kaikoura saw most dining at the Pub down the road. The sea pounding in the bay, the mist settling down, the cold seeping through every crack, could not compete with the warmth, fellowship and good wine shared amongst friends to conclude the 2009 Southern Tour.

Where are we going next year?



French Farm



Someone's fingerprints



Are your shoes clean?



2nd time in 10 years Pat!



A floor to eat off!



A Bentley under restoration



Final dinner fellowship



Complete in all its glory

COMING CLUB EVENTS

JUNE 14TH OR 28TH (Dependant on the weather) **‘Challenge mini golf match’** Nelson v Marlborough will be held in Picton. Nelson cars leave QE11 car park at 9.30am travelling via Queen Charlotte Drive. Please bring your own lunch.

*For Cancellation listen to Classic Hits 89.8 at 8.00am.
or phone 544 2214*

Blenheim members ring Suzanne on 03 577 7655

Organiser: Suzanne Anderson.

JULY Saturday 11th July we are holding our **‘Mid-Winter Dinner’** at the Maitai Bowling Club rooms, 1 Kinzett Tce (very bottom of Trafalgar St., off QE11 Drive.) \$30 per person. Tickets now available from **Russell Egan , 5 Cresswell Pl. Richmond.** Please make cheques out to **‘Classic Motoring Society of Nelson.’**

Organisers: The Committee.

AUGUST 9TH A day tour of Moutere/Motueka area. Nelson members meet at NMIT car park, Queen St, Richmond at 11am. Bring your own lunch. **\$3 per person** to cover entry to lunch venue.

Organisers: Frank Davidson and Geoff Morris.

SEPTEMBER 13TH **A sports afternoon,** pool, cards, darts, fellowship at the Suburban Club, Tahunanui Drive. The Bistro will be open for an evening meal. Organiser: Geoff Chilton.

OCTOBER 4TH. **A trip to Golden Bay.** Lunch with the local Machinery Collectors Group.

Organiser: Frank Griffith. More details later.

NOVEMBER **Watch this space.**

The **Christchurch Classic Motoring Club** is having their Alpine Classic Rally ‘A weekend in the snow’ from 21-23rd August. They are also holding a Tasmania Tour starting in Melbourne and visiting Stanley, Cradle Mountain, Strahan, Hobart 3 nights, St. Helens, Launceston, and finishing back in Melbourne.

For more information contact Graeme Sharp, 021395944 or Max Clarke 03 5483899.

The committee encourages you all to participate in as many of the organized events as you can to receive the full benefit of belonging to the Classic Motoring Society. It is an opportunity to meet up with like minded people and enjoy the fellowship as well as motoring through some of NZ’s finest scenic areas.

If you have any ideas for a Sunday run that you think may be of interest, please let one of the committee know, or better still, organize it!



Akaroa on a very bleak day!