



MAY NEWSLETTER

Greetings Club Members.

It seems a long time since we had a Club run but we have plenty of activity coming up so mark your calendars and arrange to join in wherever you can.

We extend a welcome to new members Dave Donaldson, Chris Rhodes, Brent Cameron, Nick & Val Martin, Brent & Sue Beloe, Ross Carter, Dave Brunt, Jeff & Samantha Welch, John & Janis Fensom and John & Margaret Martyn.

Make sure that you make yourself known to other members and if we all remember to wear our name plates then it will be easier for everyone.

The trip to Lake Rotoiti for the Classic Boat Show was well attended, the numbers swelling due to the Touring Triumph Stag Club joining the run. It was disappointing to find that many of the boats were not competing on the Sunday and had in fact departed. Due to the fact that admission prices have risen to \$15 per person your Committee has decided to delete this event from the calendar for next year and it will be entirely up to the individuals to go if they wish.

The Committee and I were also disappointed that the planned tour to Golden Bay had to be cancelled owing to lack of interest. Out of a membership of 240 we only had 5 registrations. Pat Pascoe had put a lot of effort into planning, arranging discounts rates to Farewell Spit, organizing that places of interest be open and for a BBQ with the local Machinery Collectors Club.

If we want runs organized for us then we must be prepared to support them.

With April including Easter and Anzac Day we decided not to organize a Club event.

Geoff Chilton's impromptu run to the Woollestone Winery Festival attracted a small group and they all enjoyed a good time. Unfortunately the weather was uncertain that day which probably was the reason that many decided against making the run. Thanks Geoff for making members aware of this.

The run to Portage and Sandy Bay organized by Peter and Sonia Greenhill from Blenheim was a great success. It was a lovely day for motoring and 24 cars met up at Linkwater then drove through to Portage and on to Sandy Bay for lunch. Thanks Peter and Sonia.
Unfortunately if you are not on email you will have missed notification of the last two events as they were organized at short notice. If you know a member who is not on email please endeavour to let them know about impromptu runs.

The final amount collected at the Charity Parade was \$2717. The Committee agreed to put in the balance bringing the donation the Hospice to \$3700. A letter of thanks has since been received. Thank you to all who participated. We were disappointed that information given to the local Mail was not advertised, especially that pertaining to the proposed route for the parade. This led to frustration with the public and I was inundated with phone calls from people wanting to know where to watch the parade. We can only hope for more cooperation next year.

We are unfortunately back to square one with our plans to update the web site. We did have an offer but that person has now apparently gone overseas. A lady from Wellington also offered after we thought we had it sorted and I have mislaid her email. If you are that lady I would love to hear from you again. In the meantime it is newsletter by email or mail.

COMING EVENTS:

Kevin York has received 44 entries (now closed) for the Southern Tour. Kevin has worked extremely hard putting this together and we have the makings of a great trip. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

We will leave the WOW car park at 9am sharp on Friday 22nd May and will meet up with the Marlborough contingent at Murchison by 10.30am for morning tea. The West Coast cars will meet with us at Stillwater. More precise information will be sent to those registered within the next few days.

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

JULY Again we are holding our mid-winter dinner at the Maitai Bowling Club. We are hoping to keep the price at \$30 per head. It will be 6.30pm for pre-dinner drinks and 7.30pm for dinner. You will be required to register and pre-pay and tickets will be issued. Further notification closer to the time.

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 car to cover entry to lunch venue. Bring your own lunch. 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.

NOVEMBER. Trip to Blenheim for River Cruise. More details later in the year. This may require an overnight stop.

Organiser: Suzanne Anderson.

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!

Your committee for 2009 are: Russell Egan, 03 5442214: Bill Osborne, 03 544 7693; Geoff Chilton, 03 547 4446: Winston Williamson, 03 546 6823: Frank Griffith, 03 547 3354: Bruce Welsford, 03 544 6818: Arthur & Sue Anderson, 03 577 7655: Terry Byrne, 03 544 4335: Geoff Morris, 03 547 4494: Frank Davidson, 03 5402514:

Safe Motoring to you all.

Kind regards

Russell Egan
Chairperson.

Lunch at Sandy Bay

