



JANUARY 2010

As this will be my last newsletter to the Club members as your President, I would like to thank you all for supporting me for the last two years, and for endeavoring to join in the Club runs whenever you have been able. I have appreciated the support of my Committee for their willingness to organize runs and activities and to keep the Club in excellent heart.

As a result of feedback that we have received from Club members, the Lord Nelson Rally this year (yes it is this year!) will be held in September, probably in the Blenheim, Kaikoura, and Reefton area. You will however hear more about this later from your new President.

STOCKTON MINE TOUR

Despite having to cancel the actual mine tour because of the Miner's strike, and the fact that it was pouring with rain, 43 of us still made the trip to Westport. We had a most enjoyable 'happy hour' on Friday late pm then adjourned to various places for dinner. Saturday dawned, very very wet!

Some hardy folk wended their way up to Denniston in the thick mist on Saturday, others waited until Sunday when the sun eventually shone.

Even a trip through to Karamea was halted half way with flood waters covering the road.

We rounded off the day with a magnificent BBQ put on by the Seddonville Hotelier and friends and this was enjoyed by all. The Hotel car park was a 'Classic Site'.

Some of us are going to make the trip again but ensuring first that the weather is going to be fine and strikes are unlikely. If you want to get your own little group together sometime you can book the tour on "Out West Tours" 0800 688 9378

We still believe it will be worth a trip.

There were more than 100 members turned up to the Christmas Champagne Breakfast at Rabbit Island in December. It was good to meet some of the new members to the Club and we hope that they will turn up again to the AGM in February. Wearing of name tags made it easy. It was a pleasantly warm morning and barby breakfasts smelt sooooo good and were washed down with champagne, coffee and followed by Christmas cake.

PRELIMINARY EVENTS DIARY 2010

FEBRUARY 14TH : Annual General Meeting

At the TROUT HOTEL, CANVASTOWN.

Finger food only from 12 noon.

AGM in adjacent hall at 1.00pm.

For catering purposes we need numbers by 8th Feb. to (03) 544 2214 or

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Blenheim members phone Sonja 03 578 9062

MARCH: Charity Parade. Date to be advised.

SEPTEMBER: Lord Nelson Rally

The incoming committee will advise April & May events.

A proposed tour of the Otago Central region will hopefully be organized for early 2011.

The Christchurch Classic Motoring Society has invited us to participate in their 'Classic Marathon' which is to be held March 7th-11th, starting in Petone and ending in Petone. Daily K's about 380 – 420. Entry fee for 2 people \$500. Entry form available from Russell on request.

Anne and I would like to wish you all a very
**HAPPY NEW YEAR, SAFE MOTORING AND
GOOD HEALTH FOR 2010**
Russell Egan
President.