



NEWSLETTER

May 2010

WHAT'S BEEN

On Anzac Day, 25 April 2010 approximately twenty cars left from the Suburban Club for an interesting and challenging run testing the patience of driver and navigator (in some cars!) finishing at Snowden's Bush, Brightwater, for a lovely afternoon tea provided by Ladd Robinson and Ian Bovey, and prize giving. The judge's decision was final after some healthy debate. Thanks for a great afternoon.



The chef's preparing afternoon tea at Snowden's Bush

Also on Anzac Day, the Blenheim member's held a run to the "Barnes Bach" at Anakiwa for lunch. About 20 cars took part with some members we haven't seen for awhile, which was great. Weather was a bit overcast but an enjoyable afternoon.

At the Gold Mine in the new car club uniforms! Hi vis-vest & hard hat.



Saturday 8th May a great turn out of cars headed to Reefton to visit Oceana's Gold Mine. Unfortunately the weather lived up to the Coast's reputation, very wet and cold. The mine trip was very informative although a few of us were disappointed not to have a "gold" souvenir to take home. The bearded miners provided a much welcome hot cup of black billy tea and scones for those who braved the damp conditions. The group then made their way to Karamea still in torrential rain to the Last Resort for the night. An enjoyable evening meal and social time was had by all, enhanced by the friendly staff. Sunday morning dawned sunny and everyone departed in different directions for different activities.

WHAT'S COMING

A trip to Lake Rotoiti May 23rd for lunch, to meet with the Blenheim members. Leaving NMIT Richmond at 10 am.

"Dawn Breaker" Richard Erdman is organising a run departing WOW Centre 7.30am on Sunday 20 June 2010.

Annual Mid Winter Dinner 24th July is to be held at the Saxton's Field Stadium. \$25.00 a head. Seats are limited to 50 persons so please contact Geoff Chilton on 547 4446 to make your reservation.

Classic & Collectables Show Day 5th September hosted by the Rover Car Club of Nelson (Inc) at Higgin's Park, Pigeon Valley, Wakefield

Lord Nelson Run 17, 18 and 19 September is limited to 60 cars with a suggested entry fee of \$220.00.

Please contact Geoff Morris 547 4494 or Pat Pascoe 027 442 1786.

Akaroa Escape Weekend 30th & 31st July

Please contact Mel Peters Christchurch 03 337 4144. This run sounds like a lot of fun with a murder mystery for entertainment on Saturday night.

FOR SALE

1970 Cortina GTE (genuine) phone Ladd Robinson 544 6728

Personalised number plate "JUULEE" phone Bruce Welsford 544 6818 \$600 o.n.o.

Did you know: -

The Itala Car Company existed from 1903 – 1933. They built big 4 cylinder racing cars ranging from 12,045cc to 16,666cc. Production cars ranged from 1942cc to 12,924cc. New models appeared in 1920: 2,612cc and a 6 cylinder 4,423cc. In 1926 they produced a works racer with 1094cc and 1450cc motors. These were V 12 engines with roots type superchargers.

The Lancia Stratos (1976) was one of the most "exciting" cars ever made with unbelievable handling qualities. It won the Monte Carlo Rally 5 times. Few drivers were ever able to drive it to its limit.

Thanks to "Conrod" for this article.

A leader who keeps his ear to the ground allows his rear end to become a target.