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What's Been

Lord Nelson Rally

September 17-18-19 proved to be a weekend of all weathers on our coast to coast tour. Starting on Friday 17th, after an excellent lunch by the Havelock Preschool groups, in pouring rain with lots of wind we left from Havelock, heading for Kaikoura via Queen Charlotte drive and some back roads of Blenheim, Redwood Pass into sunny weather down the coast. The evening was free to spend with friends, most arriving at the hotel around the corner for drinks and a meal. As usual some were very late returning to their motels. Saturday morning was fine but cold with lots of snow on the Kaikoura Mountains.

Saturday 18th, off towards Cheviot at 9.30am passing the big slip on the coast road of a few days earlier. A coffee stop at Cheviot, then on to Gore Bay loop road taking in the beautiful East Coast scenery, out to Parnassus and over the Waiau for lunch, a stop at the cafe and hotel. Snow on the Lewis Pass was a worry for Pat Pascoe but a call to the A. A. gave us the all clear, so on we went through the snowy conditions of the pass to Reefton via the Rahu saddle arriving 3.30pm to 5.00pm. A few drinks then on to the Working Men's Club for dinner, drinks and some very good entertainment arranged by Ladd Robinson and Ian Bovey. Lots of participants dressed as miners, we played bingo, had a sing-along and an excellent buffet meal to complete an enjoyable evening with 108 friends.

Sunday 19th Morning briefing was interrupted by heavy rain again so we took off to Murchison travelling via Blackball, Greymouth coffee stop, to Pancake rocks and then a fast drive to Westport junction, through the gorge to Murchison. Most of us were late arriving for lunch provided by the Netball club of Murchison in the new Recreation Centre. Everyone got their hamburger and chips on arrival making for a hassle free lunch from 1.30pm onwards. Final farewells and gift presentations were over by 2.45pm and we were all on our way home by 3.00pm.

The tour provided 56 entrants with a full on 3 day event of fun and enjoyable driving with sun, rain, snow and good food and company at all stops along the way. Thanks to all entrants for making the Lord Nelson 2010 Coast to Coast such an easy rally to organise and I enjoyed being "Lord Nelson" all weekend. Thanks to Pat Pascoe and Pat Clay for their assistance through out the weekend and the weeks before, planning the event.

Cheers to you all, safe driving, look forward to seeing you all at the next Lord Nelson Rally in 2012. Regards Geoff Morris (Club Captain alias "Lord Nelson")

Lunch in Kaikoura 03 October 2010

While on the Lord Nelson Coast to Coast run in September a few people were talking about the Christchurch Classic car club going to Kaikoura for lunch on the 3rd October to celebrate the start of day light saving. A few Nelson and Blenheim members thought it would be a good idea if we joined them down there. So the email was sent.

The day was fine but there was a cool wind. We meet at the Blenheim Railway station car park and when the group from Nelson arrived we departed for Kaikoura. It was great to see a large number of cars. We even picked up a couple who weren't in the club who decided to come for a ride. Before we left Blenheim it was decided that we would stop off to see the baby seals playing in the waterfall pond at Ohau point. (This is a must when you are driving down there)

Most of us had a picnic lunch on the foreshore where we meet the Christchurch members. Once lunch was finished a suggestion was that we should do a photo shoot, so we went around to the Fyffe house on the peninsular and parked up. As you can see from the photos we had a heap of cars, over 35 of all makes and models. A great day was had by all who attended.

Thanks to Sonja Greenhill for this excellent write up.



Whangamoa Challenge. Nelson versus Marlborough

Sunday 17 October was a very enjoyable and entertaining day. The very wet conditions were not a problem because the Rai Valley Tavern was warm and dry. A hearty meal at a very reasonable price had all 16 participants ready for a round robin competition of Darts, Pool, Table-tennis and Indoor-bowls. There did not appear to be any stand out sportsmen, so everyone seemed to be equally incompetent at some of the challenges and everyone could shine at something, missing the dartboard, sending the bowls off the end of the mat etc. Scoring was done by the honesty system with the losers marking the scores thus eliminating bribery and corruption. Nelson still managed to win a closely fought competition and is now the holders of the Trophy.



Thanks to Ladd Robinson for the trophy.

I like deadlines, especially the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

WHAT'S COMING

21st November A run to French Pass. Meet at Q.E.2 Drive at 9.00 am with a full tank and don't forget to bring a barbeque or sandwiches for your lunch. We have wet weather facilities available should the rain interfere.

12th December The annual Christmas Champagne Breakfast is to be held at the usual venue, Rabbit Island, starting about 9.00am.

April Fool's Tour April 1 – 3 2011

This tour is being organised by Lyndsay Purvis & Co from Omarama (down south). Lord Nelson participants will receive an entry form direct and are limited to 50 entries maximum.

Starting at Oamaru on Friday 1st April for breakfast, goes through the Catlins with nights at Balcultha and Gore, finishing at Omarama on the 3rd April. Entry is set at \$250 per car with 2 persons. (Entries close 10 December 2010.)

Members who would like to participate in the tour are asked to contact Geoff Morris on 03 547 4494 to register their intention and a waiting list will be held. You will be advised after the 10 December and an entry form will be sent to you to complete and make payment.

Kaikoura Weekend February 18 – 20 2011

Last month's day run to Kaikoura was enjoyed so much that it has been decided to have a weekend adventure in and around Kaikoura. Pat Pascoe from Picton, along with Mel Peters from Christchurch have done the ground work.

The plan at the moment is for Saturday night at the Pier Hotel for dinner and entertainment. Pat is putting together a list of motels and accommodation in that vicinity so no one will have to travel far that night.

At this stage, it's just a case of making a note on your calendar to keep that weekend free so you can spend time with like minded individuals exploring our fabulous countryside.

More information in the next newsletter, hopefully!

27th February 2011

Annual General Meeting.

Subject to confirmation will be held at Havelock.

6th March 2011

A combined car clubs charity display will be held at Richmond Showgrounds.

This also is subject to confirmation so pencil it in on the calendar

We often get requests for suitable cars to use for weddings, if your car is available please contact our secretary Bill Osborne 03 544 7693 who is making up a register.

FOR SALE

1973 Mk IV Triumph Spitfire. In lovely condition, has hard top and soft top.

Please phone Graham Baker 03 522 4909 Tapawera

1963 V8 Daimler. President's cherished 1963 V8 Daimler. Has to go to make room in garage. Restored from ground up. No bog! Good reliable classic.

Please phone Geoff Chilton 547 4446

Something for sale? Please e-mail editor at sota@slingshot.co.nz

They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.

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With the AGM on the horizon, please consider what *YOU* want next year

The present committee is

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We need *your* suggestions as to how we can benefit *our* club

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