



Since McLaren has been in the news a bit lately here is a whole line-up of them, taken by Kevin York when he visited The Donington Grand Prix Collection recently. His report and more photos are on pages 6 & 7.

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## Club Executive 2007



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**Articles and photo contributions to the newsletter are MOST welcome.**

**Any member who wants more information, has any issues or suggestions please call our Club Captain, Geoff Chilton.**

## Frankly Speaking...



### **The President's Report....**

The Club now has it's own website up and running, which we feel will be of benefit to all who wish to use it. There may be teething problems, however the advantages are numerous as information can be read, up-dated or altered and sent to members at the touch of a button. Colour copies of the newsletter can either be downloaded or just stored which is definitely a time and cost-saving for the club and the people who produce your newsletter.

Technology is the main reason for change. At present Don creates the newsletter and puts it onto a disc which is taken to Haven Realty for printing. We then collect the newsletters, fold and attach pre-printed address labels and stamps before taking them to the post office.

Although Haven Realty print our coloured newsletters at absolute minimum cost, colour is expensive. YOUR FEED BACK would be appreciated on this option for the committee to discuss. Do you still want a full colour newsletter or would you like to help save some trees and just read the newsletter straight from our website? Email or call Don Grant (leave a message if he's not there) and tell him which you prefer. He will keep a tally of votes.

I realise not every one has a computer, but if 50 – 60% of members chose to use our website this would represent a considerable saving in time and money for the club. For people like me who are not really into computers Don will detail a guide on how to access our website, and how to access the pages you wish to view in the correct order (see front page - ed.)

A huge thank you to Peter Lowish and his team from @Web-One for his part in creating our Club Website.

The Classic & Collectables day at the Pigeon Valley Steam Museum was an enjoyable day out and the free rides on the traction engine and jigger were good fun for young and old alike. One elderly gentleman "borrowed" a kiddie from a friend so he didn't have to ride alone. Club support for the day was good, Alison Moores with her Lagonda was a popular drawcard and Dale and Lynette Cook scooped a prize for their beautifully presented 1947 Mercury Club Coupe.

Regards and great motoring.

*Frank Griffith*



## Welcome to New Members.

The club is very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Neil & Lynne Sutton	Richmond	Fiat X19
Murray Brown	Blenheim	MG TF 1500
Ian & Allison Mason	Motueka	Lotus 1989
Bob & Marie McElhinney	Nelson	1957 MGA Coupe
Stuart & Claire Calder	Richmond	4 Classic cars
Brian & Diane Ramsay	Nelson	1975 P6 Rover
Craig & Jackie Cochran	Nelson	Mazda MX5

THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS TO PLEASE WEAR THEIR NAME BADGES WHEN ON CLUB OUTINGS. THIS HELPS NEW MEMBERS TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE BETTER.

**Been anywhere interesting lately? Have you happened to have taken your camera along and snapped some cars somewhere? Want to tell us about a restoration project and can include pics? Then PLEASE help me to keep you informed.**

**I need articles, photos (I can write the articles) or anything you think appropriate that we could publish to let our members know a little bit more about what is happening in Nelson, New Zealand or the big wide world of motoring.**

**I would LOVE to have help so if you think you might have something or an idea then send me an email or pick up the phone - Editor.**

## Tour Report: Railway Info Day



*August 12th saw 24 cars travel the old Nelson to Glenhope railway route. Ann Egan reports...*

Cancelled from the previous Sunday because of inclement weather, 24 cars headed off on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August to follow the very explicit and informative instructions for the route of the original Nelson to Glenhope Railway line.

From the Warehouse in Nelson, which was the site of the original Nelson Railway Station, we progressed through Brightwater to Kohatu and on to Tapawera to visit the Railway Museum and grab a bite for lunch.

Various Railway treasures were disclosed en route such as old railway crossing signs and the old windmill and water tower at Belgrove.

Because of the unstable and messy state of the 'Dry Weather Road' through to Glenhope it was unanimously decided to postpone the Glenhope tunnel walk until the summer.

Coffee at Mapua seemed to be the next attraction with drivers selecting their own route and this was a pleasant way to end a lovely day of country driving.

Our thanks to Geoff Clark for supplying the information to the Club so we could share in some of Nelson's history.

We look forward to stage two in the summer.

*Ann Egan*



## Donington Park Grand Prix Collection

*Kevin & Pam York have been traveling recently. Luckily (for us) Kevin took his camera along ...*

Recently I had an opportunity to visit the largest collection of Grand Prix racing cars in the world.

The collection has been built up by Tom Wheatcroft who purchased the land at Donington Park, Leicestershire, England in the early 70's following its use as a military vehicle depot during the war. Prior to the war Tom had been a spectator watching the car racing on the Donington circuit.



1952 Ferrari



1955 Mercedes W196R

The G P Collection opened to the public in 1973 and racing returned to Donington Park in 1977. Today Tom continues to search world -wide for suitable exhibits to add to his collection.

The collection contains over 130 cars housed in five halls. It in-

cludes the largest collection of McLaren racing cars in the world.

A bonus was three Mercedes cars on loan from Stuttgart. They had been brought to the U K for the Goodwood Festival of Speed

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The most interesting vehicle I saw while overseas was a Tracta (not a very appropriate name) at a North Wales Car Club event in Beaumaris, Anglesey.

This car was a two seater sports built in France in 1929. It was front wheel drive with a 1600cc OHV motor. It looked similar to a Riley Imp of the early 30's.

The most outrageous optional extra – a chrome plated luggage rack fitted to the boot lid of a Fiat Bambina in Italy. Handy if you want to take your laptop while on holiday!



Scarab - USA



1963 Lotus Climax 25

*Kevin York*



BRM V16



## A Cautionary Tale

If you are thinking of importing a motor vehicle into NZ, you are **STRONGLY** advised to have the correct paper work before the vehicle is shipped to NZ.

A member recently purchased a Cadillac convertible which had been in NZ for about 18 months and had passed NZ MAF inspections and had all the necessary paper work to establish ownership e.g. USA bill of sale, customs and border checks.

However the owner was moving to Australia and selling this beautiful car on Trade Me with all relevant paper work.

If a person imports a vehicle into NZ, **THEY** are the ones who have to get the vehicle compliance certificate and when this is done own and use the vehicle for a further six months.

If the vehicle is not registered within 2 years its entry certification will lapse and require inspection again.

There are many beautiful cars in NZ which cannot be legally driven on NZ roads, therefore please do your homework before you purchase a vehicle which is not registered in NZ.

For more information visit [www.landtransport.govt.nz](http://www.landtransport.govt.nz)

Our member only managed to get out of the deal after great difficulty and many phone calls.

*Frank Griffith*

## Classifieds



**For all your classic motoring needs from servicing to restoration.**

**Come in and discuss your requirements with a company that takes an interest in your classic.**

**Behind the WOW Museum (Entry through WOW car park)**

**Garry 0274498598 • Guy 0272855115**

**Workshop 03 5470858.**

**[www.victoryautomotive.co.nz](http://www.victoryautomotive.co.nz)**

### FOR SALE:

MGBGT Manual with overdrive & rebuilt engine. Very good condition, has been repainted a few years ago.

Has a Wabasco sunroof.

Contact Margot Rowling on (03) 548 2568



## Club Events & Happenings

*Club Runs or Events - Why not have some fun and join us for one of the following?*

- **September 23rd Blenheim Vintage Mega Car** hosted by the Marlborough Vintage Car Club at Brayshaw Park in Blenheim. The show is to help raise funds to double the size of the Car Museum at Brayshaw Park. **ALL CLASSIC CAR SOCIETY MEMBERS are welcome to come along and display your car or motorcycle.** Please be there by 10am for display entrants. The theme is road safety and the show is sponsored by the Road Safety Council. The Life Flight Trust helicopter will be there as well as plenty of new car displays, good food, entertainment and competitions. **THIS IS A MUST SEE EVENT** if you are a car nut! Entry fee is \$2 per person for all display cars. All enquiries phone James McKenzie on (03) 577 6191.
- **September 29/30th NZ National Rally Championship.** Hosted by the Nelson Car Club. On the Saturday afternoon the Rally Cars will be on display at WOW and our club has been asked to help. This is your chance to get amongst the action. Russell Egan has asked if there would be 5 or 6 members to assist with marshalling the rally cars into position from 1.30pm to 4pm. If you can help please phone Russell on (03) 544 2214.
- **October 13/14th - McLeans Island Vintage Swap Meet - Christchurch**
- **October 14th - Golden Bay Day Run.** Our Club Captain Geoff Chilton and his wife Adrienne have invited members to their holiday home at Patons Rock for a BBQ lunch. Please bring your own food and eating utensils. Adrienne will whip up a salad of sorts. Meet at the NMIT car park, lower Queen St Richmond for a 9.30am start. Phone Geoff Chilton on (03) 547 4446 for more details.

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- **November 2nd - 5th Summer Special Tour.** Nelson to Hari Hari; to Wanaka; via Omarama to Methven. Entries have closed but Pat has been able to get a couple of extra rooms so phone Pat Pascoe on (03) 548 1093 and he will see if he can fit you in.
- **November 24/25th Nelson A & P Show.** The club has been approached by Paul Kelly & Simon Adlington who are trying to raise funds for the Nelson Hospice and have come up with a great idea. **To offer the public of Nelson the opportunity to view and ride in/on vintage/classic cars and motorcycles.** They need **YOUR HELP** to make this fundraiser work. So if you want to show off your prize possession (and we all love to do that) then this is an ideal way to have fun and help the hospice. You bring your car to the A & P show grounds by 9am on either day and place it on display. There is a gold coin charge to view the vehicles. They will also sell tickets for a ride in the car at \$5 per person. You drive the ticket holders down lower Queen St - South on Swamp Road, East on Appleby Straight and North on McShane Road back to the display area. All money raised goes to the hospice. Phone Paul on (03) 546 7230 if you would like to help.
- **November 25th - Victory Automotive Shed Visit.** From 3.30pm onwards. Come along and have a look at the many cars that are not on display at the WOW museum. They may well have landed a Ferrari 308 and a De Lorean due in from the USA. Meet at the long shed at the far end of Mitre 10 Mega store, behind the WOW museum. Hopefully we may be able to view some of Victory's race cars - what a way to end the weekend! Phone Frank Griffith on (03) 547 3354 for more info.
- **December 9th - Christmas BBQ breakfast** at Rabbit Island. 9am onwards, BYO food and we'll supply some Christmas cheer. Hosted by Helen & Denis Le Cren and Pat & Doris Dodson.
- **February 6th 2008 - Waitangi Day Hospice Charity Run.** Hopefully February will have better weather as this year we have decided to change the Charity Run. Start will be at the Richmond A & P show-grounds at 4pm. There will be two routes around Richmond and Stoke to help ease congestion and unnecessary waiting around. Finish back at the show-grounds for a BBQ tea and public display of cars. This will allow everyone to have more time to look at the cars. All inquiries please phone Russell Egan on (03) 544 2214 or Ross Atkinson on (03) 544 2032.