

Classic Motoring Society of Nelson Inc

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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Hello Classic Car Members.

It's time for another newsletter hopefully this one is better than the last one. So what's been happening in your club?? what have you missed????

Notes from Pat's Shed

Spring has sprung, the days are warmer, the daffodils are out, and daylight saving is only a few weeks away. Spring clean your cars and get them ready to enjoy some motoring and places to visit.

Sunday 3rd July was an afternoon run around Nelson Richmond organised by Geoff and Phyllis Morris, we did not attend unfortunately as we were helping youngest daughter move house to Picton.

August 7th visit to the Ron Heberd Motor Museum was interesting, the day was fine and lunch at the East Coast Inn was enjoyed by all, organised by Chris Rhodes.

A few members attended The Steam Museum, Rover Car Club car display at Wakefield last weekend, unfortunately the weather was not the best.

The Lord Nelson Tour is set to start on Friday 9th September, by now our cars will be all shiny and ready to go.

Welcome to our new members Malcolm Adams and Colin Taylor we look forward to meeting you at an event soon.

Report by Pat Clay

Recent Events:

Wednesday 27th July Run

A fine winters day saw a great turnout of 15 cars depart WOW for the Coastal Highway. At Gardner Valley Rd we motored through to the Moutere Highway and continued to Lower Moutere. A left turn at Central Road took us on to Chamberlain Street via McBrydie Road to end up at Whakarewa Street. John Kerse's car collection was the next stop where we viewed various models of Chryslers from the 60's and 70's. John explained where he located the cars and their history. He obviously has a very understanding wife when it comes to purchasing motor vehicles and building new sheds to house them, 'almost unbelievable'. As one of our members quipped "you're not telling us Porkies are you"? John operates Tasman Soda Blasting and has a steady number of vintage and classic vehicles in for paint stripping. The next directions took us around the outskirts of Motueka then through Tasman and Ruby Bay to the Mapua wharf. The Jellyfish Café and the fish and chip shop was a welcome stop to finish off the morning excursion.

Enjoy the motoring and travel safe.

Report by Kevin York

On Sunday 7th August about 26 cars arrived at the Blenheim Railway station carpark for the trip to visit Ron Hebberts collection at Seddon. Ron was the local Yamaha motorcycle dealer and has a large collection of motorcycles. Other items on display were sewing machines and irons which the ladies enjoyed look at. Ron is a very interesting man and gave us a guided tour and told many interesting stories about the collection. Once we had finished there, we cruised out to the East coast inn at Ward for lunch. Over 50 people arrived so there was a bit of wait for the food but the staff were excellent and



coped well with the numbers. It was a beautiful winters day with fresh dumping of snow on the surrounding hills around Marlborough.

It was a great day out and thanks to all that came and to Chris Rhodes for organising this event.

Report by Pete and Sonja Greenhill

Wednesday 31st August Run

The clouds lifted and 13 cars headed off at 10.30 sharp to Pelorus, where Kit Brydon had arranged with Mike Edridge for our group to view his restored WW2 light trucks. Mike is currently rebuilding a 1944 Bedford which when discovered in a paddock was only a chassis and mechanicals. The painstaking job of rebuilding the cab and body parts is all one from photos. The only non-standard item will be a comfortable seat as next August Mike will drive in a MUPA convoy of military vehicles on Route 66 from Chicago to California.

Mike is desperate for some 900 X 16 tyres, preferably with a military tread pattern as they are currently unavailable ... can anyone help????? We then carried on to Havelock for lunch at the Slip Inn and a natter. Another enjoyable day of motoring with friends.

Report by Glenys Griffith

In Memorium – Rod Griffith

Rod passed away in June this year after an interesting life spent around motors.

He built his own jet boat and was the first person to own one in Nelson, becoming the founder member of the Nelson Jet boat association. He then became the Nelson agent for Hamilton Jet Boats operating from his premises at Nelson South Services, which is now the Challenge garage. His major jet-boating events were the World Marathon Rio Balsis race in Mexico in 1979 and in Alberta 1981, also the NZ north and South Island marathons in 1980 and 1983.

Rod's introduction to classic cars began with a 1963 MG midget, followed by the familiar red and black Fiat Abarth 124, then a couple of Ferrari's and finally a Lancia Intergrale.

Rod was an extremely capable engineer who enjoyed a challenge, particularly when converting the Ferrari and Lancia to right hand drive, a job not for the faint hearted. The sectionalised motors in the WOW museum also were mainly his doing. He also assisted Victory Auto with the marathon task of preparing the Mini for the speed record attempt at Bonneville Salt Lake.

Rod and Carol travelled extensively during the last 10 years - twice to America and Canada, also to England, Scotland, Italy, and the Channel Islands catching up with Carol's Family.

He was a great role model, rarely swore and didn't speak unkindly of people. We could still have a beer, eat the odd oyster and repeat old stories many times and still find them interesting.He will be sadly missed.

(Thanks to Frank Griffith for this tribute to Rod).

Now for an update from:

Bonneville records fall to 52-year old New Zealand Mini. (17 August 2016, Bonneville, Utah)

The Kiwi land speed record team running a 1964 Mini Cooper S at Bonneville Speed Week are celebrating success having claimed two world records so far at Bonneville Speed Week in Utah, USA.

The first record was set on tuning runs for the little Mini that has gained a great deal of attention at the iconic Speed Week event. In the I/BGALT class they set a speed of 144.033mph (231.799kph) on a 133.896mph (215.485kph) record.

The team then switched classes to I/BFALT - a change from petrol to methanol, and on a tuning run for methanol broke the 140.458mph (226.045kph) class record with a speed of 158.039mph (254.339kph). They were unable to back this up due to a hose fault on their next run. Once the problem was solved they went out again and qualified at 153.710mph (247.372kph), and backed it up the next morning for a record result of 156.006mph (251.067kph)

Check out the following site if you want more information Website: project64mini.com

Facebook: @project64mini / Twitter: @project64mini / Instagram: @project64mini /

YouTube: Search project 64 mini

Motor Trade Association turns 100 as is hosting the country's biggest ever vehicle show in Wellington 28-30 April 2017. If you are interested and want more information, please go to the website www.mta.org.nz/mta100.

Anything for the newsletter please send to Geoff Morris
(email:geoffmorris@clear.net.nz)



On a sad note unfortunately for those that didn't know Helen LeCren sadly passed away after battling cancer.

Our thoughts go to Denis and family at this sad time.



2016 Lord Nelson Tour Report.

The 2016 Lord Nelson Tour started at The Jolly Roger Bar and Café Waikawa. Friday 9th September. Participants were welcomed by president Pat Cay after a lovely breakfast.

48 Cars took the start and headed off around the Queen Charlotte Dr towards Havelock and back to Blenheim via the wineries and vineyards. The first stop was at the Aviation Heritage Centre with many people taking the opportunity to check out this world class display, others going across the road to the Classic Cars Marlborough display. There was a number of options for people on their journey to Kaikoura, many going to Yealands Winery and on to the East Coast Inn for lunch.

Kaikoura was the first night stop most staying at The Lobster Inn or nearby, the weather down there was not great but the venue, service and food was fantastic and everyone had a good night. Some people even doing a little singing.

Day two dawned with a clear sky and the sight of the snow on the Kaikoura hills was spectacular. Another superb breakfast and drivers briefing out the front of the Lobster Inn in the sun and the cars were on their way up the inland road to Waiau, some spectacular scenery with the snow down on the ground, on down the Leader Valley, these are classic touring roads. Coffee at Cheviot and a chance to check out the local fair at the school, and a chance to get something for a picnic lunch. It was a nice drive into Gore bay and into Motunau beach for the picnic lunch. This was a nice chance to stand around and have a chat something to eat and enjoy the scenery. From there to Hanmer via some nice country roads, some people seeing some of the roads that weren't on the route. There

was a little gravel on this section and some people took the opportunity to wash that down at the Hurunui hotel. The finish was at The Heritage Hotel where most people stayed and enjoyed the evening meal and breakfast there.

Day three like day two dawned fine and clear with a big frost, drivers briefing in the car park and off to Reefton, magic drive through the Lewis pass and into Reefton. We had some time at the Local museum and an interesting look at an old gold stamping plant working, thanks to local man Bill Watts for showing and explaining to us how it worked. Lunch at Reefton was provided by the ladies' section of the Reefton working men's club. It was nice to get together here and the ladies did a great job with lunch. It was quite a long trip back to Nelson with not all managing to complete this section for a variety of reasons. Some just running out of time, some had minor incidents and we thank the people that stayed and helped those concerned.

The end of rally Dinner was held at Monaco, this was a good venue, people enjoyed the setting.

Mention was made of the members that have passed in recent times. Also there was a number of first time competitors which was good for the health of the club. Some people qualified for special awards.

1. The Winston Peter's award for determination and hanging in there, was won by Marilyn Shirley for doing the rally with the roof down sometimes in trying conditions.
2. The perseverance in the face of adversity award was won by Robyn O'Donnell for her determination to do the rally.
3. The Mike Mitchell award for the oldest car went to Allan McDowell 1957 Chevy
4. Dedication to friends Anne-Marie Campbell for driving her mum around the route.
5. The Helen Clark award for the person traveling the longest distance at the fastest speed was easily won by Lindsay Purvis.
6. The vasectomy award for short cuts was won by Geoff Morris.
7. The hard luck award was not given out because there was too many to pick from and we ran out of prizes.

Lindsay Purvis gave us a run down on what is proposed for the upcoming Aprils fools rally, I'm sure this will be covered with a separate report.

The Rally committee were Jeff & Gail Pascoe, Brent & Helen Cameron-Richards, Bruce & Lynn Watson, Roseanne & Colin Marsden, Geoff Morris and his helpers. Thanks every one job well done.

The Classic Motoring Society of Nelson

Dear Pat

Please pass on our grateful thanks to all your members who helped after our accident towards the end of the Lord Nelson Tour. The care and support from many club members demonstrate the strong camaraderie in the club.

Also please pass on our thanks to Geoff and his team for organising a terrific tour over some excellent roads.

Picked up with the belongings that had scattered from our car was a multi-coloured scarf with colours of cerise, blue, black and white being prominent. If the owner recognises our description, we would be pleased to post it on.

Warm regards

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This month's Joke is:

A teenage boy tells his father, "Dad, there's trouble with the car, it has water in the carburettor." The father looks confused and says, "Water in the carburettor, that's ridiculous!" But the son insists. "I tell you, the car has water in the carburettor."

His father, starting to get a little nervous, says "You don't even know what a carburettor is.... but I will check it out. Where is the car?"

"In the pool," replies the son.

We are extremely grateful to "HAVEN REALTY" who donate the paper and for photocopying the newsletter for those who don't have email. Please support them when buying and selling your house or farm or castle.



The APRIL FOOLS are touring again. This time it starts at the Warbirds Museum and Wheels Café at Wanaka at 8.00am on March 31st for our Meet and Greet Breakfast. You will need to organise your own accommodation at Wanaka for the Thursday night 30th March.

FRIDAY 31st MARCH: WANAKA TO TE-ANAU

This day begins with breakfast with the Dusenbergs and many other Classic cars then you have all day to make your way to Te-Anau, some may choose to go via Cromwell and check out the Highlands Raceway Car Display or you can go over the Crown Range to Arrowtown then through Queenstown via Gorge Road to Frankton then onto the Devils Staircase and away to Te-Anau. There are many lunch stops along the way so make your own choice today. We are booked into the Distinction Hotel @ 64 Lakefront Drive Phone: 03 249 9709. Happy Hour is at the Moose Bar just along the street at 6-00pm. Dinner tonight is your own choice.

SATURDAY 1st APRIL: MILFORD SOUND

APRIL FOOLS DAY: Briefing @ 8.00am sharp in the Hotel Carpark then we drive to Milford Sound to catch the "Cruise Milford" boat @ 10.45am sharp. Lunch is provided on the boat. After returning to Te-Anau we are booked into the MacKinnon Restaurant at our hotel for "A Taste of Fiordland" buffet dinner tonight.

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL: TE-ANAU TO DUNEDIN

Briefing @ 8.00am in the Carpark again then it's onto Dunedin via Invercargill, a chance to check out the Richardson Truck Museum a must see. We are staying at the Mecure Dunedin/Commodore Motel/Cable Court Motel all at the northern end of the one-way system. Tonight we are being picked up by bus @ 6.30pm (DON'T BE LATE) to travel to our final dinner destination and Otago Experience.

Should be a good night.

It's all coming together so keep an eye out for the entry forms before Xmas,

Due to accommodation this Tour is definitely restricted to 55 cars.

Cheers

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EVENTS LIST FOR CLASSIC MOTORING SOCIETY NELSON-MARLBOROUGH

- 28th September (Wednesday) Leave WOW Carpark 10.30am
Frank Griffith 03 5473354 / Kevin York 03 5287942
- 2nd October (Sunday) Sunday Run – Local Run to Belgrove Hotel for a visit to
Spooner Tunnel.
Leave 10.30am NMIT, Queen Street, Richmond arrive
Belgrove Hotel approx. 11am for shuttle to tunnel. Bring good
walking shoes and a torch. Lunch approx. 2pm. Cost \$10pp
paid on the day.
Organiser: Ash Wells 035476970
- 5-6th November
(Saturday/Sunday) Weekend trip to Takaka – Saturday and Sunday.
Leave NMIT, Queen Street, Richmond at 10am Saturday
morning. Meet Riwaka Hotel carpark at 10.45am
- Saturday visit to Large Garden (bring lunch, drinks and chairs).
Adults and Seniors \$5 entry charge pp.
- Staying at Pohara Saturday night. Motor Camp or Motels.
Book your own accommodation.
- Sunday – Visit to Anotoki Salmon Farm for lunch at Café or
BYO.
Organiser: Geoff Morris 03 5474494
- 20th November (Sunday) Hawkwood Sprint Hill Climb for Classic Car.
Meeting times to be advised at a later date.
Contact: Peter Greenhill 03 5789062
- 27th November (Sunday) Run organised by Peter Hoult 03 544 5085
- 30th November (Wednesday) Run leaving WOW carpark 10.30am
Frank Griffith 03 5473354 / Kevin York 03 5287942
- 4th December (Sunday) Marlborough Xmas BBQ. MomorangiBay, Queen Charlotte
Drive 10am.
Marlborough members leave Railway Station 9am
Nelson members leave QE2 Drive carpark 9am
BYO - BBQ, Chairs, Lunch and drinks etc.
- 11th December (Sunday) Nelson Xmas Breakfast BBQ Rabbit Island 9am
Marlborough member leave Railways Station 8am
BYO – BBQ, Chairs, Breakfast food, drinks etc.

See you all at our events.