

Classic Motoring
Society of Nelson Inc

Nelson-Marlborough Classic Cars

December 2017 Newsletter

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Hello Classic Car Members

Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New year.



Notes from Pat's Shed

The changeable season of spring is nearly over, and we are looking forward to the fine and warm days of summer.

Organised events from October and November included, a meal and talk from Pete and Jude Glue at the Scenic Circle Hotel Blenheim.

A picnic lunch run to Whites Bay attracted 29 cars on a day that turned out to be not very warm.

Also, the popular end of month mid-week runs organised by Frank and Kevin

With State Highway 1 due to open on the 15th December (with restrictions) it will be good to travel again down the coast to Kaikoura and Christchurch the way we did before the big shake.

The year is fast coming to an end with 2018 not far away, I am sure the years are going faster.

With the silly season coming and many people travelling remember to take care on our roads and enjoy a fun and safe festive season.

Events List for Classic Motoring Society / Nelson-Marlborough

Sunday 3rd December 2017: Blenheim Christmas BBQ - 11am

Venue: 531 BROOKBY ROAD BLENHEIM

Sausages and meat patties supplied by the Club

BYO Drinks, salads, plates, chairs etc.

Any queries to Pat Clay 027 602 0549, pat.clay@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 10th December 2017: Nelson Christmas Picnic - 11am

Venue: FAULKNER'S BUSH, MAIN ROAD, WAKEFIELD COST:

\$10 per person to cover Sausages and meat patties on BBQ and warm Ham off the Bone from the carvery. Please bring a salad, potatoes, lettuce or rice or bread etc to go with a shared main course. BYO drink and there is Christmas cake for desert.

RSVP Pete Glue 021 420 220

Sunday 28th January 2018 Run to Kekerengu - (near Seddon) take a picnic lunch

Sunday 25th February 2018 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Canvastown.

Saturday 17th February 2018 - Nelson VCC Swap meet

Speedway Grounds – Lansdowne Road, Richmond

SITE SALES: swapmeetnelson@gmail.com

PHONE 03 548 3899 • MOBILE 027 454 8188

Food and drink available on site

Sites \$15 each

Car sale only: \$10 each

Entry non-site holders \$5

(Both above include 1 entry)

Sunday 18th February - Nelson Wine and Food Festival

Middle Earth Winery in Brightwater 11.00 - 5.00.

Classic car display so only \$20 p.p entry- Local music, local wines and local Beers

Over 40 stalls. Great day out in the sun relaxing in a local winery. Funds raised by Rotary Club of Richmond donated to Hospice, Helicopter Rescue, Cancer Society, St Johns, Rural and Richmond Fire force and other community causes. Contact Pete Glue 021 420 220 for further info

Sunday 11th March 2018 - Blenheim Hospice Car Show

14-21st April 2018 Classic Marathon

Starts in Picton – ends in Oamaru

It will be held from the 14-21st April 2018 – two weeks after Easter and before ANZAC day.

From this day the event will be known as:

ODOSOLO CLASSIC MARATHON

If you would like an entry form, contact G2 at info@saabclassic.net.

It will be a good mix of sealed and gravel roads.



Recent Events

7th OCTOBER 2017 – Evening Function Blenheim

Something completely different for a change, and a great way of spending another cold evening. A good attendance of 34 members from both Nelson and Blenheim, and a lot of chat and good cheer.

Pete and Jude Glue presented a pictorial review of their recent stay in England – elderly WOOFFERS! The work they did on the property with landscaping design was lovely, and I hope the owners were suitable appreciative. Very interesting hearing about the ingrained sense of superiority of some of the English folks, they are a totally different class from “us workers”.

The Scenic Circle laid on a satisfying and reasonable priced dinner for us, and offered a discount on room rates for the number of Nelson folks who elected to stay the night and make a weekend out of the trip. I heard various options being planned for the Sunday on the trip back over the hill.

Many thanks to Pete and Jude for their presentation.

Patricia Clay

Thursday 26th October - visit to Josh Coppins Racing

For our October last Thursday of the month run, 36 members enjoyed a pleasant country roads drive and a visit to Josh Coppins' 50acre property containing 3 motocross tracks from junior to international, grazing animals and his house that commands a great view across the Motueka valley. Kevin York did a great job in arranging the day and the visit which he had been endeavouring to achieve for many months – as Josh said, “he has only been home for 3 weekends this year”. Last weekend he was in Taupo and he was preparing to leave for Invercargill for the following weekend. Josh gave us a very interesting outline of his career and current activities which include testing bikes for Yamaha (he was currently testing 2020/21 bikes) and his racing school where he trains people from junior to professional riders. He also talks at schools and to other groups. He gave us a tour of his workshops, equipment and spares area and accommodation area for trainee riders. Also within this building he stores his large truck which has onboard accommodation for 2 mechanics and the bikes with facility to attach an 8 metre awning out from one side and around the back of the truck. Japanese representatives from Japan visit regularly as Yamaha provide 50% of his funding with sponsors making up a similar amount. He answered a number of questions and said he was currently also preparing bikes for The Burt Munro Challenge, Leadfoot Festival, Port Nelson Races etc. After our visit we continued on to Motueka where Kevin had arranged lunch for us at Muses Café in the centre of town and arranged parking outside. The meals and service were very good and everybody enjoyed their day thanks to Kevin. For those who are not familiar with Josh Coppins' career, he began in 1996 as a privateer and represented NZ from 1997. He retired in 2012 and is now aged 40years. He was runner up world motocross champion in 2002 and 2005. In the 2007 MX1 World Championship he built up a 100 point lead only to break his shoulder blade in the 12th round forcing him out of the next 3 rounds and ending his title hopes. When asked during our visit how many breakages has he had, he said he was asked that question not so long ago but he just can't remember how many.

Geoff Morris

12th November 2017 – Whites Bay Run

Our last run for this year's Spring season, now here comes Summer.

A very well attended run with 29 cars from both Nelson and Blenheim, and a suitably large number of persons (someone forgot to count).

The weather was fine at Blenheim for departure, but cloudy and cool at Whites Bay with an onshore breeze. Fortunately, there were sufficient bushes etc to hide behind and enjoy lunch. Those who went down to the beach reported it was not at all warm. Because of the weather folks were not inclined to linger, so departed for home a bit earlier than on warm days.

Great to see so many cars back out of their hibernation, and looking forward to our warmer touring days.

Patricia Clay



IRISH GHOST STORY

This story happened a while ago in Dublin , and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true.

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John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch-hiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door ... only to realise there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralysed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength, he jumped out of the car and ran to it... Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realised he was crying ... and wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other...

□Look Paddy .... there's that fucking idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!

## Classic Motoring Society Club Polo shirt details

Style - Blade cotton rich polo

P303MS Mens

P303LS Womens

Colour Blue      60% cotton 40% polyester soft touch

Mens modern fit      S M L XL 2XL 3XL 5XL

Ladies modern fit      6 8 10 12 14 16 18 22 24

### Cost \$43.70 incl

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admin@newmangraphics.co.nz

phone 03-5728075 –

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Classic Motoring Society 123165 0158467 00 ASB Nelson including

Ref/Particulars; Surname, initial and notation 'shirt'

2. Advise your order to Peter Hoult either by

Email to; [thehoult25@gmail.com](mailto:thehoult25@gmail.com)

Or mail to Peter Hoult, 25 Hillplough Heights, Richmond, Nelson 7020 ( a cheque in payment could be included if more convenient)

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- your current address for postage, or
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See you all on the next outing.

Anne-Marie

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