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NELSON-MARLBOROUGH CLASSIC CARS

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Hello Classic Car Members - welcome to another newsletter.

At the back there will be a page to stick on your fridge or where else you stick important notes for the up and coming events for the year.

Presidents Report:

WHAT CLASSIFIES A CAR AS A CLASSIC.

This question has been asked of me often over the last 2 months whilst out cruising in my 1955 MGTF replica.

The dictionary meaning of classic is"judged over a period of time to be of the highest quality and outstanding of its kind".

To me a "classic " car is one that is enjoyed by its owner, irrespective of age, type, value, rarity or condition. The most important ingredient is that it puts a smile on your dial every time (mostly) that you fire her up and get her out on the road.

To this end, over the past three months, we have had some "classic" runs with excellent attendance, be they the last Thursday of the month runs with Frank Griffith and Kevin York, The first weekend of the month jaunts or extended weekends away with Pat Pascoe. Read more about these trips in the reports below.

To assist your forward planning, we have attempted in this month's newsletter, to outline this year's event's, so go on, you know you want to be included, mark these on your calendar now.

Regards and here's to a winter of, trouble free "classic" motoring.

Pete Glue



JUNE 10th. MEN AND THEIR SHEDS. Meet at NMIT, Richmond Campus on Queen St at 1.00 pm for the first of the visits to Tasman Coach Builders on Bartletts Rd. The skill and workmanship evidenced here by master craftsman Richard Conlon ,have to be seen to be believed . See vehicles transformed from rust buckets to an internationally valuable investment. After a coffee stop at The Grape Escape it will be off to the second shed visit for the day.

OCTOBER 7th. A celebratory lunch commemorating 21 years of CLASSIC MOTORING in Nelson and Marlborough. Held at the Waimea Club in Queen St, Richmond and featuring guest speaker, Lester O'Regan - long term friend of Duncan Rutherford.

TOPIC "THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MOTORING ICON DUNCAN RUTHERFORD. Time permitting there will be an opportunity for club members to add their memories of this Richmond personality.

DECEMBER 2nd. COMBINED NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH CHRISTMAS BBQ. Held down by the river side in the Rai Valley.

JANUARY 20th. [MAUNGATAPU TRACK 4X4](#) CROSSING. Meet at Pelorus Cafe in the Rai Valley at 10.am. After a visit to see Mike Edridge's collection of war and post war vehicles its of over the Maungatapu track to Nelson. Bring a picnic lunch that we can have nearby to Murderers' Rock, then on to Nelson for a late afternoon tea at Melrose House.

FEBRUARY 17th. CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND SHINE at the NELSON WINE and FOOD FESTIVAL, held in the grounds of the MIDDLE-EARTH WINERY in Bryants Rd Brightwater. Special entry price for classic vehicles. \$20 p.p. with all monies raised going to Nelson Hospice and community groups.

Recent Events

Kevin's Thursday Run was postponed for a week due to storm damage in the area, and as the weather report was rubbish for the day he aptly called it The Raindrop Run....complete with a waterproof route map. However, the sun came out and we drove thru Brightwater and Central road to have an excellent lunch at the Riverside Cafe. If you are into Cactus plant's, they have a great variety in the garden area. Another enjoyable day out.

Glenys Griffith

Thursday run March 29 to Richard Conlons restoration workshop was well supported and most enjoyable. Richard and his team are true craftsmen and the attention to the smallest detail is the norm in that workshop to the point of actually making new panels or guards if they are not 100% satisfied with the finished article. At the moment he is restoring a 1957 XK150S 3.8 for a client in Switzerland and as the original front guards just didn't look quite right, they made 2 new ones on the premises! The body has been painted a deep maroon also on the premises and is absolutely first class. When finished the car will be registered in NZ and after a trial run will be shipped back to the owner. Another interesting item was a 1961 Norton motorcycle DOHC, still with the original featherbed frame. The bronze welding is perfect and would have been done by a real craftsman. Mike is currently restoring a 1939 DeLarge racer and treated us to a fascinating story of how he eventually came to own this car and the trials and tribulations of restoring such a rare vehicle. Once again, they are making the body panels. Mike has also made a complete cylinder head complete with the overhead gear, and are in the process of making 3 carburetors, which will be fitted once the motor is running well on the existing ones....crikey The gearbox is a Cotal 4 speed electric shift. The gearchange is energized thru wiping brushes in the gearbox, activated thru an H pattern switch mounted on the steering column. The gearbox was overhauled by a retired toolmaker in England and soaked up 600 hours of his time as most of the fine internal splines required reworking. The clutch plates have a machined groove 18 x 20 hosting a coil which when energized attracts the drive plate selected by the driver. When finished, Mike will race on the European Circuits. Owning a very rare racer is not cheap, and "IF" you are invited to race it also attracts a hefty 5 figure entry fee.! A fascinating look into a different lifestyle.

After that we toddled off to the Jellyfish Cafe at Mapua for lunch and a chat.

Glenys Griffith

CLASSIC MARATHON 14th to 21st April 2018

17 members (34 people) from our club took part in The Classic Motoring Society of NZ ODOSOLO Marathon covering 3,000 plus kilometres over very interesting South Island roads, many of the roads were unsealed but offered good motoring.

Day one went from Picton via Queen Charlotte Drive to Wairoa Gorge, Dry Weather Road from Tapawera, Braeburn Track from Lake Rotoroa to Murchison and on to Reefton for the night. Unfortunately, when moving to the side on the Braeburn Track to let an approaching vehicle past, the road gave way on Graeme & Diane Sharp and they slid sideways down about 30 metres through bush to the stream below.

Fortunately, they were OK but their 10 year old Saab wasn't. Max & Merilyn Clarke gave them a ride to their Kaiapoi home where they picked up another Saab and rejoined the Marathon.

From Reefton we covered interesting roads around Lake Brunner, Mitchells, Arthur's Pass and the Fine Weather Road on the Canterbury side to overnight at Methven.

It was then over McKenzie Pass, Hakatamea Pass Road, Myers Pass to Kurow and down to Oamaru for 2 nights and a group dinner.

For our lay day in Oamaru, Rod Temporo showed us through his workshop where he and his team recreate classic vehicles from scratch to internationally recognised beautiful replicas of 1950's/1960's classic racers – currently Aston Martin DB2, Jaguar D types, Ferraris etc.

Next day from Oamaru we travelled interesting country roads then over Dansey Pass to Naseby for the night and spent the afternoon curling.

On to Invercargill through back roads and a group dinner at Ascot Park.

Next morning, we had an 8.00am breakfast at Richardson's Transport World Grille and an address from Peter Martin from Ultimate Rally Group (URG) giving details of the upcoming Targa event. We then viewed the magnificent collection of trucks, cars, motorbikes, home appliances, WOW outfits and general memorability before travelling onto Balclutha via The Catlins.

Saturday was our last day with travel to Oamaru and a final group dinner.

Overall a very well organised and well-run marathon over interesting roads with only one wet day – Invercargill.

Our club fared well in the Marathon with prize winners:

Spirit of the Event Plate: Max & Merilyn Clarke

Odosolo competition: 1st Peter & Bev Hoult

2nd Geoff Ridley & Bryan Taylor (Chch)

3rd Frank & Glenys Griffith

Special mention: Rod McKenzie – navigator for Ian Barnes (Rod & Ian did exceptionally well completing the marathon in Ian's 1964 MGB roadster)

Poloshirts for: Doug Frost for his helpfulness

Phyllis Morris for keeping Geoff off the gravel.

ODOSOLO – Only Driven On Sundays One Lady Owner

Peter Houtt

Photo Geoff Morris at Rod Temporo's



Karamea Weekend 13th to 16th April 2018

On Friday 13th April approx. 40 people set off for Westport. It was great to see the number that joined us. Cars from Blenheim, Nelson, Christchurch and Oamaru. The majority meet up at Murchison for a cuppa then on to Berlin's for another drink, as it has opened again, then on to Westport to our accommodation. At 4pm we meet up for drinks and a natter at the Buller Court Motels. As it was starting to threaten rain we arranged the picnic tables and chairs under the veranda for our drinkies. A couple of the cars were moved into the driveway to make room for the tables. It was great to catch up with everyone.

On Saturday morning the rain had stopped and the majority of cars cruised up to Denniston. The view was amazing but there was a cold wind. Pat had organised lunch at the Miner on Sea pub at Granity. They were closed for the winter but opened just for us. We had a wonderful lunch in a beautiful setting looking out over a calm sea with blue sky. After lunch we drove to Karamea to our accommodation. We met at 4pm for



the usual drinks and nibbles. Your choice for the meal tonight was either at the last Resort or the pub down the road.



Sunday was fine again so we went to Little Wanganui to the Johnson farm to check out their collection of tractors and army vehicles. Lunch was at the Little Wanganui Hotel which is now owned by the Horncastle Family. The family had originally farmed in the area but they had left years ago and are now back developing the Hotel and accommodation to promote the area. A number of people had whitebait sandwiches for lunch which was really nice.

In the afternoon we hired a couple of vans and a group of us went up to Oparara Basin and walked to the Oparara Arch. It is amazing and the rain held off which was lucky. Thanks to our van drivers Brent and Gary as it would have been a bit rough if we had taken our cars.



The Last Resort put on a wonderful buffet meal for us that night, which we all enjoyed. Early Monday morning we were lucky to experience an amazing storm as only the coast can do. There were lots of lightning and thunder. Some so close you didn't have a chance to count.... And thank goodness our cars didn't leak as it can rain on the coast.

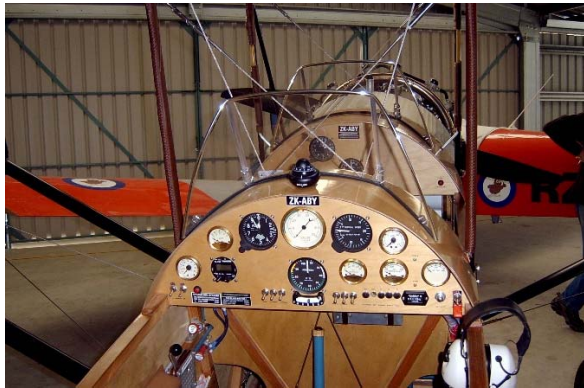
Monday morning, we left for our various destinations at different times, but it was a great weekend. Thanks Pat for organizing the trip. We are so lucky to have a great bunch of people to go cruising in the cars with.

Sonja and Peter Greenhill

AUTUMN RUN – 26th APRIL

Our visit to Bob Wagner's hangar in Hope was instigated by Sheldon Douglas who unfortunately could not attend on the day. Bob explained the features and capabilities of each aircraft, and a more detailed account of his 'pride and joy' a homebuilt Pietenpol microlight. A labour of love over eight years has resulted in an example of workmanship that is a credit to Bob. Modifications to the original plans included extending the length of the fuselage and wingspan then fitting a Rotec radial engine.

In the 1920's American Bernard Pietenpol designed these aircraft to be affordable and easy for the handyman to construct at home. They were powered by Ford Model 'T' and 'A' engines. Today his grandson continues to sell plans and kitsets of the original designs.



The day's run took us to Wakefield then through Eighty Eight valley to see the picturesque autumn hues on the foliage of many trees. We returned to Brightwater for lunch at HQ café. It was great to see Daryl Marshall able to take a 'time out' to participate in the run. His support in printing the newsletter for many years is greatly appreciated.

Kevin York

Lunch at the Lake – 6th May

A fine day for classic touring saw 27 cars head to alpine lodge for a luncheon with cars from Nelson and Marlborough. After a few beers wines etc some cars went sightseeing to the lake and classic boat museum. Members then returned home via various routes including Glen Hope Kohatu and Wairau Valley. A good day out with everyone enjoying themselves with new members joining in.

Paul Vercoe

A copy of the letter sent to Pat Pascoe:

Dear Pat,

The Committee of The Classic Motoring Society Would like to thank you and your Helpers for the terrific job you have done in planning, running and overseeing "The Hospice Car Display". The success of the event speaks for itself, by being able to raise greater amounts for the benefit of Hospice each year.

The fact that it is so popular also increase the exposure of the classic car movement which is also in our club's interest.

Thank you again,

Yours sincerely

Peter Glue - (President)

Sent to us by Pat Pascoe for your interest:

Classic Car Club formed

In March some classic motoring enthusiasts, headed by long time motorsport personality Pat Pascoe, decided to put an advertisement in their local paper to call a meeting of classic car owners who might be interested in forming a club to take part in tours and others easygoing events.

The point was made clear that they were not wishing to compete with other car or vintage clubs but simply seeking out enthusiasts with classic vehicles.

The result was 52 people (with 17 apologies) for the meeting held at the Nelson City Club. The Nelson Classic Car Club was formed with 45 (and growing) paid-up members from that very first meeting.

The club decided to form a loose affiliation with the NZ Classic Motoring Society based in Christchurch, to draw from that club's vast experience and also so they could enter into their calendar of events.

The newly-formed Nelson Classic Car Club had its inaugural get-together at the Westport Air Show where 28 vehicles from Nelson turned up to proudly display their vehicles and were joined by another 20 from Christchurch. Following the success of this event, 33 members participated in a fun trial around Nelson and Motueka, including Arthur Anderson from Blenheim, so the word had spread into Marlborough.

It was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves. Among the cars at the trial were four Austin Healeys, three E-Type Jags, three Mini Coopers, MKI and MKII Jags, a 1938 Chevy, a couple of MX5s, three Triumph Staggs, five MGBs, and a TF and a TC.

Pat Pascoe said he was surprised by the number of people in the area who had classic cars but no local events to show off their pride and joy. The club is hoping to attract more members from Marlborough, perhaps even establish a branch in the area. Anyone who wants more details about Nelson Classic Car Club should phone Pat on (03) 548 1093 after hours, or 548 2254 during the day.



Now who needs or wants a shirt???

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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To place an order:

1. Deposit \$43.70 plus postage \$4.00 if required (total \$47.70) into the club's bank account, or pay by cheque;

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

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

advising – size required

- your current address for postage, or
- your 'phone number for advice if you wish to pick the order up

HAVE YOU BOOKED YET???? Time is running out.

Don't forget your entry to the 2018 Lord Nelson Tour – Friday 14th to Sunday 17th September.

The tour starts at Nelson 9am at WOW car park, then on to Murchison, Westport, Hokitika for the night, Hamner Springs for a night and through Kaikoura for the final stop in Blenheim.

Meals covered in entry fee are: Day 1 lunch in Westport, Evening Meal Hokitika. Day 2 Breakfast, lunch. Evening meal at Hanmer is NOT covered. Day 3 breakfast should be covered in your room rate if you are staying at the Heritage. Not covered in the entry fee. Evening meal at the finish at Blenheim Convention Centre. Remember accommodation is being held until end of May if you haven't already sorted it. At this stage there is a few spaces left so get yourself organised and get your entry back asap. Contact Brent Cameron for more details – email: brentcms@xtra.co.nz or ph: 0274 364 385

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Have you thought about Swann Insurance company to insurance your precious car??????

REMINDER – SWANN INSURANCE

The club has a good arrangement with Swann Insurance and many members have taken up insurance with them. Ask for a quote when next renewing your insurance, ph 09-9696000

Club Member Benefits

- 20% premium discount, plus, reduced premiums for additional Classic vehicles.
- Agreed Value
- 24/7 Roadside Assist
- Full glass cover (includes all glass and lenses)
- Name your own repairer (painter)
- Guarantee on repairs
- Unlimited mileage (policy not designed for cars driven every day)
- Total Loss salvage rights (first option to buy back the vehicle)
- Emergency repairs and accommodation.
- Club event/track cover (if the club has a day at Ruapuna etc you are covered)
- 7 day car hire following theft
- \$20 million legal liability

Club benefits

Club receives 5% commission on all policies taken out by members and 10% whenever the policy renews with Swann.

Peter Coombe

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Events List for Classic Motoring Society / Nelson-Marlborough

Thursday 31st May 2018 - Thursday Run – leaving WOW at 10.30 sharp
Organizer: Kevin York – Phone 03 5287942

Sunday 10th June 2018 - Men and their Sheds – meet 1pm NMIT, Queen Street, Richmond.
Visit Shed then coffee and another surprise shed.
Organizer: Peter Glue – phone 021 420 220

Thursday 28th June 2018 - Thursday Run – leaving WOW at 10.30 sharp
Organizer: Kevin York – Phone 03 5287942

Sunday 1st July 2018 - Visit to Hobby Shed – more details later
Organizer: Geoff Chilton – phone 03 5474446

Thursday 26th July 2018 - Thursday Run – leaving WOW at 10.30 sharp
Organizer: Kevin York – Phone 03 5287942

Sunday 5th August 2018 - Blenheim/Nelson combined Run – more details later
Organizer: Pat Clay – Phone 03 9720244

Thursday 30th August 2018 - Thursday Run – leaving WOW at 10.30 sharp
Organizer: Kevin York – Phone 03 5287942

Sunday 6th September 2018 – Mystery Trail
Organizer: Marty Armstrong – Phone 027 6145342

Friday 14th - Sunday 17th September 2018 – Lord Nelson 2018 Tour

Thursday 27th September 2018 - Thursday Run – leaving WOW at 10.30 sharp
Organizer: Kevin York – Phone 03 5287942



Sunday 7th October 2018 - Buffet Lunch – Richmond.
Celebrating 21yrs of Classic Motoring in Nelson/Marlborough
Organizer: Geoff Morris phone 03 5474494