

Newsletter, April 2020



President's Report:

If I hear the word unprecedented one more time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wow what an understatement, it seems so hard to believe or is it a nightmare? I wish.

It was encouraging to see how many people and cars turned out for the cancelled Rock and Hop in Timaru. When we went for the weekend we knew the world was in trouble but little did we know at that stage only three days later we would be in complete lockdown. Now here we are in lockdown week two and daily the world as we knew it continues to change, and not for the better. Its times like this we can be very pleased to be so far away from the rest of the world. It's also good to see the serious approach we are taking as a country, but I would rather see more enforcement than we have seen so far.

From our club's point of view unfortunately it seems it may be some time before we can have a club outing or even a committee meeting. But rest assured we will have a run and a get together when this is all over and the sooner the better. We will try to keep the club newsletters coming out to you... this is your club so let's have your stories and pictures of what you're up to in lockdown so we can put them in the newsletter. They don't have to be car related but let's hear your tales.

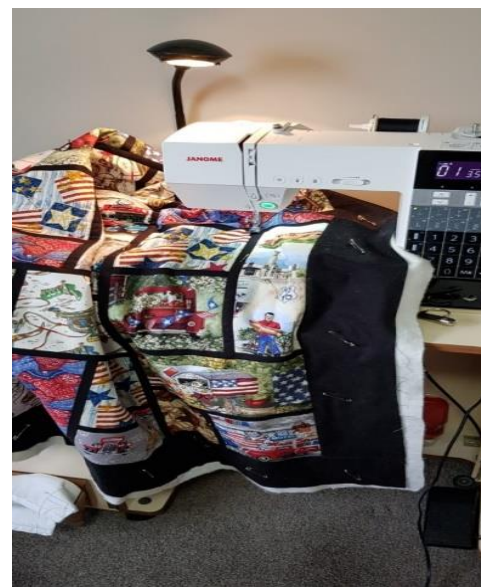
Of course I have my trains to work on. I have included pictures from the workbench, along with before and after of the bridge I have been working on. Still lots more finishing to do yet, but plenty of time. While I play trains your first lady "Maggie" continues to work on her stitches,

I have included a pic of the latest quilt in current creation "USA".



Keep ya motor running, and have a Pirfic day.

*. Bill Stanley,
President*



Club Captain's Report

There would have been many disappointed car enthusiasts when the Caroline Bay Rock and Hop was cancelled. We all know the huge amount of time and effort that goes into organising such events. After some "will we, won't we" we decided to head down to Timaru anyway (but not in the Chevy).

In hindsight it was a good decision as it was the last time we would be going anywhere for a long time. We meet the organisers when we were in Timaru and their spirits were high despite their decision to have to cancel such a massive event. They very generously distributed their "spot prizes" goodie bags.

There were a few familiar club cars in Timaru, so I think a few had the same idea as us. We enjoyed the "unofficial" cruise on the Friday night. A few of us parked up at the bottom of the loop and enjoyed the convoy of cars as they drove past.



People congregating in the area was limited (under Police supervision) and even the Police car joined the procession and everyone seemed in great spirits tooting and doing the odd wheelie.

On Saturday we drove to Oamaru, even though it was wet and cold, we enjoyed seeing the Castle at Riverstone, south of the Waitaki River.

Stay safe & healthy, Ray Bewley - Club Captain



Tell us your LOCKDOWN stories
Since we have cancelled all club events for now,
let's stay connected ...
Send me your lockdown stories and updates and
I will send it out to our members
Let's stay connected, safe and healthy.

AGM

Unless COVID-19 is still affecting mass gatherings, the AGM is set for Sunday 28th June. In order for any changes to be made to our club rules, changes need to be circulated to all members at least twenty one days prior to that meeting. If you are planning on presenting a remit for a change to the club rules please forward the proposal to the secretary on or before the 31st May so that we can circulate the information to all members in our May newsletter.



Secretary's / Treasurer's Report:

This past month has seen huge change in our country due to COVID-19. I know you have heard it before - but these are certainly unprecedented times! Like most of you we are in lockdown - Ray is on call and I am doing my school work from home ... for some reason we seem rather busy. We have been having a walk each day - keeping our 2m distance from other walkers & bikers - one day I walked in the middle of the road (on the white line), and it is great to see so few cars out and about. I believe the queues at the supermarket at 6.45am is rather long so people are still panic buying by the sounds of things.

Ray has been busy doing a jigsaw which he was given 3 Christmases ago. This is going to be hung in the garage alongside the others and he is about to start another one of the 1960 series of American Cars.



In these unsettled times, I believe that if we remain calm, our natural kiwi resilience will get us through.

Stay safe and have a good April. Regards, Jimmi

Renewal of Membership

Attached is the invoice for your subscription renewal. A reminder that if you have joined the club in the last three months that you don't need to renew your membership as we have a policy that new members carry over to the following year. It is worth mentioning that subs need to be paid before the AGM as only financial members may vote at the AGM or have a say at the meeting. If anyone would like another copy of the club rules, please let me know.

There may be a delay in getting your new membership cards to you. Once the data base is completed early May, they will be sent to the printers. So please pay your subscription promptly. Thank you.



19th April 2020 - Poker Run to Wheels & Wings, Kimberley Road, Darfield.

24th May 2020 - Annual Run - further details and venue to be confirmed

Some COVID-19 Light humour -

A suspected Covid-19 male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose. A young student female nurse appears and gives him a partial sponge bath.

"Nurse," he mumbles from behind the mask, "are my testicles black?"

Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet."

He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, please check for me. Are my testicles black?"

Concerned that he might elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worrying about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers.

She raises his gown, holds his manhood in one hand and his testicles gently in the other.

She looks very closely and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir. They look fine."

The man slowly pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her, and says very slowly,

"Thank you very much. That was wonderful. Now listen very,

very, closely:

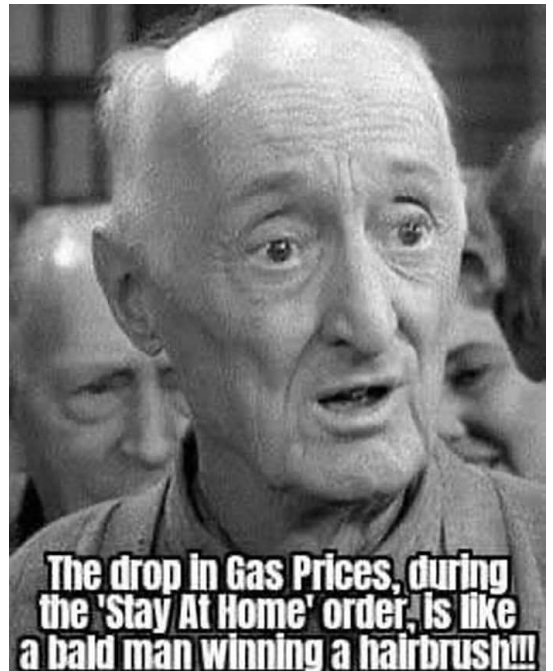
"Are - my - test - results - back?"

**Stepped on my scale
this morning and it
said: Please use social
distancing, one person
at a time.**

This is one for the ladies as only women understand this! 😊

If my body was a car, I would be trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps, dents, scratches & my headlights are out of focus. My gearbox is seizing up & it takes me hours to reach maximum speed. I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

**ANYONE ELSE'S
CAR GETTING
THREE WEEKS TO
THE GALLON NOW?**



**It's like being 16 again
Gas is cheap and I'm
Grounded.**