Newsletter, August 2023



### President's Report

Welcome to the big wet, well that's what it seems like at the time of writing this, so we can now join the rest of country to experience a rain event. Fortunately for us it's not as bad as the experiences that they have endured up North. Last month our run was too Kirwee to celebrate Independence Day and experience the new venue recently completed and opened in Kirwee. First impressions are a great venue and an asset for rural Canterbury, I feel sure a return visit at some stage will be on the agenda. Thanks to Club Captain Peter and his band of organisers for a well-run event and to Jimmi & Margaret for trolling the new on line shopping site "Temu" for USA memorabilia as prizes.

At this point I would also like to extend additional thanks to Jimmi for her current role as "committee liaison, education & tech support officer" as we evolve and induct new key committee roles, it is essential that continuity is maintained while everyone gets up to speed.

Only four months to go for USA day so if you have any thoughts for sponsorship opportunities etc. please let any committee member know.

Keep ya motor running and have a pirfic day.

Bill Stanley President









### New Membership cards

By now, you should all have your new membership cards, please contact Maria Van Nus on 022 385 4001 if you haven't received your yet. Thank you

### Club Captain's Report



### Independence Day Review - Thirsty Acres.

Someone above was smiling on us at the outset of the run, the previous night had been hideous with hail and gales but at the meet we had full sun albeit very cold.

A very good turnout with 23 cars and 48 (?) members

setting off from Yaldhurst, connecting with the Old West Coast Road for 20 odd K's and heading to Kirwee at Courtenay. Very little "Other" traffic made for an easy cruise.

Crossing the main road at Thirsty Acres was a breeze as was parking on a huge grassed area opposite the pub all managed by Murray and Sam effortlessly. Once inside and in the warmth of a decent wood burner we settled into our own room space with a small overflow into the main bar area. Food choices were very efficiently delivered and the whole group settled into a very convivial and relaxed gathering.

Prizes were issued for best dressed members as: 1st place -- Paul & Sue Williams (outrageous shoes Paul) 2nd place - Joanne Doak with her own excellent creation 3rd place - Bob Harris, off the rack but not off the hook.

The remaining prizes were for best turned out vehicle which was a real challenge - Bill's enthusiasm is hard to beat on this score and the old Chevy truck looked like a Southern states senate election vehicle, so......

1st prize - Bill Stanley - 54 Chevy pickup 2nd prize Bob Harris in the 97 Ford F150 3rd prize - Steve Freeman -61 Galaxie

Congratulations to all -- Lots of banter ensued and people started decamping around 4 pm. All in all, an excellent afternoon, the venue worked really well and looked awesome with Americana decorations put up by Wendy, Maria, Sam & Murray as well as prizes sorted out by Maggie with Jimmi's help. I'd have to say that I was still buzzing at nights' end and incredibly grateful for all the support from committee in putting the day together as well as for all attending members - thank you all. A separate thanks for all of you for confirming numbers prior to the event - it makes a huge difference to the catering staff and indeed the organisational committee to get an accurate handle on attendance. Finally, a big thankyou to Jono and Jen, proprietors of Thirsty Acres who absolutely went out of their way and nothing was a problem - highly recommended. Looking forward to the next run to Greta Valley at this point on the 13th August to burn some glaze off the bores details below.

Cheers - Peter Craig - Club Captain

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Annual Run

## Greta Valley Tavern.....

We will meet at the carpark at The Peg hotel in Belfast at 10:45 and be on the road just after 11:00 taking the state highway straight through to Greta Valley and the tavern on the hill above the cafe - 68k's.

Parking is huge so no special instructions - the tavern is a light bright and very comfortable place to be. A menu has been prepared for the club, comprehensive and very reasonably priced so all food items will be at your cost - we'll endeavour to issue a copy of the menu at the Peg prior to departure to assist with streamlining things when we arrive This is the clubs Annual Run and will be an opportunity to revisit past events with photo albums, and other items of club history which will be of interest to newer members as well as longer term members. The club's Annual Run trophy will be up for grabs with the possibility of a quiz determining the winner(s) and again the opportunity to engage in a bit of good natured frivolity and banter.

Please continue to call or text me on 021 898 396 to confirm attendance so we can help the kitchen out - Looking forward to seeing you all again and having the opportunity to bring you up to speed with future events as well.

Regards. Peter Craig – Club Captain Independence Day Run – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Thirsty Acres, Kirwee























At our last committee meeting it was agreed to offer a new section in the club Newsletter "Club Members Correspondence "this will provide you with the opportunity to communicate with fellow members on points of interest. This could be items for sale, or items you may be trying to obtain / find, or just something of interest that you feel other members may benefit from. The committee / editor will use judgement with regard to content and publication in this area. Therefore, we will now welcome your contributions to our addition to the newsletter ... this will be called **CLASSIC TORQUE**, so Jimmi is going to kick this off ......

# **Classic Torque**

After a few days down in our old hometown Dunedin, we timed our return to stop off at the Geraldine Muster on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. The turnout of cars exceeded the organisers expectations and there was over 300 cars on display. We recognised quite a few of our member's cars, other vehicles from Christchurch as well as Dunedin and Oamaru. The day was stunning (almost too hot) for us who were dressed for chillier conditions. Going forward this event is apparently going to be held at Matariki weekend on an annual basis, so keep it in mind for 2024 as it was well worth the effort to attend.

## **Club Events Planned Dates**

Sunday 10th September	Event TBC
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Event TBC
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	USA Day
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Party

## Non-club Events

### Gas & Gander - NPD Rolleston

The June gathering was the last on a Friday night for the cooler months – from July onwards it will be held on the LAST Saturday of the month in the AFTERNOON – from 3pm onwards.



#### ALL AMERICAN WEEKEND TIMARU 11th &12th November 2023



Saturday 11th - Cruise-Meet from 3.30pm Caroline Bay North Car Park(off Virtue Ave) for 4-30pm departure to destination of interest. All sealed roads. \$10 per American vehicle for cruise plus small fee at destination.

Sunday 12th All American Vehicle Display Caroline Bay North Carpark 10am to 2pm Featuring Live Band. \$15 per display vehicle

\$20 per vehicle covers both days - CASH ONLY Proceeds to Cardiac Kids Club

#### **Rocknwheels Charitable Trust Presents**



3rd September 2023 8.30am-3pm Amberley Domain Adults \$5 Children 5-15yrs Free 'If it's wheels and you love it bring it along' Swap Meet & Craft fair - \$20 per site Wheel's Display - \$10 per entry (Driver + 1) \$5 per extra passengers

Public choice Prizes Pre Registrations & Info-<u>rocknwheelsmeet@yahoo.com</u> or call Katrina 0273897319



#### Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade Wheels & Wings 1<sup>st</sup>October Rain Date 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Gates open from 7.30am. Location; Peter Morrison and Liz Nattrass farm. Kimberley Road Darfield. **General Public.** The cost would be \$10.00 per adult. Or \$25.00 family pass. **Display Vehicles.** The cost is \$15.00 per Vehicle no matter how many occupants.

or if you come as a club make a donation which is fair to both parties.

Hot Food & Drink would be available to purchase. (The local Malvern Loins) and Young Farmers Club.

The Coffee guy will be present to quench the biggest thrust

#### STRICTLY NOTE NO DOGS OF ANY SIZE OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED Thank you



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