



December 2017

President's Report

It was a privilege to be part of the organising team for USA Day. I wish to thank the committee and members for the many tasks that were undertaken to make this a successful day. Special thanks also to those club members who volunteered and helped out both on the day and in preparation, and also to those who donated raffle prizes. We had everything in our favour, the weather, great line up of stalls, a display of American cars which were all stunning and a full public car park. The judges commented that it was difficult to single out a winner as "all the cars were winners"

From the feedback we have had, everyone enjoyed themselves. We had more than 500 cars on display and I am sure you will agree that the line-up of classic cars was simply outstanding.

We have quite a high proportion of new members on the committee this year and I know they are very pleased with how the day went – particularly with it being the first time they have run the event as a group.

Despite how well the day went, we have had a number of good suggestions as to what could be done better next year.

Final figures from the day haven't been determined yet, but I am confident it will prove to have been highly successful from the club's point of view.

Whilst I've got your attention, I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome recent new members to the club and invite you to get the most out of your membership by coming along to as many of our events as you can. Don't be concerned if for whatever reason, you can't come along in your American classic - you're most welcome to join us in your everyday car.

With Christmas looming upon us rapidly, we will be closing the year with the club's Christmas party on Sunday 10th December. In case I don't catch up with you at this family fun day, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the compliments of the season and safe motoring over the Christmas & New Year period.

Cheers,

Ray Bewley

Non Club Events:

1st Sunday of each month: Petrolhead Breakfast Custom Car Club McLeans Island 8.30am - Noon.

Saturday 30th December: Rods At Methven: Although this is called Rods at Methven there will also be street machines, classic cars and motor bikes on display. The entry is \$5.00 an adult and \$2.00 for children under 12 which is a fundraiser for a local organization. This is a good day out with many vehicles on display that we don't often see. Trevor will be passing by the Yaldhurst Hotel at about 9am for anyone who wishes to join him for the cruise to the event.

Saturday 3rd March: Dunedin USA Day

Events



Sunday 10th December: Christmas Lunch: Fun, Food, and Presys

Meet at the Peg Hotel to leave at 11.30am, join us on a short cruise to the venue. The Venue is the Loburn Domain. Lunch will be about 1pm to 1.30pm. For those who can't make the cruise you are very welcome to just come and join us for lunch and the afternoon festivities.

The club will supply **all the food** and also drinks for the children.

Please Bring: Your own plates, cups/glasses, cutlery and drink.

Santa is being cajoled into coming along so if you have someone with you who would like Santa to give them a present please have the present wrapped and named ready to go in the Santa sack.

This will be a great day out - great company, great food, Xmas craft/ games for the children, and spot prizes for you to have a chance of winning. Bring the family and join us.

If you have not yet indicated that you are coming it is not too late, email the club accconty@gmail.com and tell us the number of adults and children that are coming.

On wet or fine

Please Note numbers are needed for catering for the Christmas Lunch. If you have not yet replied to the email indicating that you are coming please do so before 7th Dec.

Saturday 20th January: President's Picnic Tea. Note the change of day from Sunday 21st to Saturday 20th January. Meet outside the Princess Margaret Hospital to depart at 3.30pm. We will cruise over the hill to Orton Bradley Park at Charteris Bay where a picnic area has been set aside for us. The park covers a huge area. It has a children's playground, a stream and many walks as well as the trees and gardens. **No dogs allowed.** Bring your own picnic tea and drink. The club will pay your entry fee to the park which is looked after by a charitable trust.

Sunday 4th February: From 12.30pm Music in the park at Whitecliffs. Details in the January newsletter.

Saturday 24th February Hanmer Fest: Details in the January newsletter. A registration form is attached to this newsletter.

March 16th, 17th, 18th Timaru Hop: Details in the February newsletter. If you are going book now as accommodation may be getting hard to find.

USA Day Canterbury



You know when the day is going to be a good one..... you draw the curtains, the sun is shining, birds are singing, what more do you need? Oh yes the sound of that V8 throbbing as you wind up the car and head off to USA Day car show. Cars started arriving just after 8am and continued to pour into Gladstone Park well into the afternoon. We sincerely thank the team at Petrolhead for the donation of Petrolhead magazines which were given out to display car folk. We also would like to thank all of the sponsors and supporters who contributed to making our event such a success. About five hundred and thirty cars lined the park, what a sight all that chrome and the magnificent paint jobs on display making it very hard for the judges to choose the winners. There were a wide range of cars from the late twenties through to the present day. It's also worth mentioning the small but interesting display of cars with caravans featured.

With judging out of the way it was time for the presentation of awards. Kevin Jellyman took out the Best in Show with his Ford F100. Kevin also won the Ian Armstrong memorial prize, which goes to the best car club member's car on display. I feel sure Ian would have given a thumbs up to this winner. This pickup was outstanding from all angles, under the bonnet, under the body, inside the cab and the paint work made for a very worthy choice. A great range of cars featured in the Top Ten category and all other categories. In total twenty one cars were selected to win prizes.

To support the car show there were over thirty stalls selling goods from hats, to car signs and a whole lot in between. It was great to see the number of public coming along to the show and showing their interest and support in the event. A big thank you to all those who helped in one way or another to make this event a great success.



Best in Show and Ian Armstrong Memorial Trophy went to Kevin Jellyman with his F100 Pick-up.

USA Day Canterbury continued



Top 10 place went to Graeme Trillo with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible.



We need your Help!!!

At USA Day there were a number of folk who won prizes but had left before prize giving. Does anybody know who owns the follow cars?

1967 Chev Impala registration number **CET207**

1948 Chev Fleetline registration number **Mean**

We are also looking for contact details for:

Peter Rowe 1949 Ford V8 Pick-up

Darryl Gray 1981 Chev Corvette.

Can you help find this car?

I would love to know what happened to this car, I know the old man regrets getting rid of it. It was a 56 or 57 Plymouth Suburban wagon, 4 door. 350 Chev, it had been stripped down and ready for paint, when the panel beater he had lined up got a contract for stock trucks or something so it sat in the paddock for years waiting, until we were shifting from Waimate to Oamaru, and the old man sold it, for bugger all. He reckoned they were only after the motor.

The guys who came and picked her up had a teal coloured falcon station wagon, XR to XY shape. It had a blown out rear window, think it happened on the way down. They were from Christchurch. I remember they loaded it on the trailer the wrong way round and it got a bit interesting on the way home. Would of had to of been around early 2000's? Pre 2003.

If anyone can help please contact **Richard Townsend** townyrj@gmail.com

Our Website

Many years ago we created the web site using a small local company. This company was taken over by a much larger company. Over the last two or three years we have been experiencing a number of problems with the site. We have approached the company who manage the site and they seem less than interested in carrying out our requests for help. It's come to the time that we look towards options for the web site, maybe finding a new company to manage the site. The type of company we would like to have create and manage our web site would hopefully be a local small company that values it's clients. If you know of anyone or a company who you think would fit our requirements please contact Trevor on 9604919 or email the club at acccanty@gmail.com

On behalf of the committee we wish each of you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. May your holiday be a most enjoyable time with family and friends. Travel safely.

