

President's Report:

Wow not a lot of the year left as we start to prepare for Xmas and the festive season. November was a busy month for some members with many participating in both, the West Melton Aero Club's 50th anniversary celebrations, and our outing to Ray Drury's. The Aero Club's invitation for pre 1970 vehicles certainly was well supported by your club with a fantastic turnout of interesting vehicles to help support their event. Those who attended were treated to a great display of vintage aircraft flying both in formation and also individual demonstrations of aviation history and skill.



While some found time for R & R, including Alex on Grandma's running board, the old Tiger Moth was showing her age and reluctant to take to the sky. However, with a bit of TLC the Tiger Moth was back on the runway and did not disappoint once she was airborne with an impressive display.

Thanks to those who supported the Aero club, and also thank you to the Aero Club for the invitation.

USA Day November 7th thanks to covid, was celebrated with a picnic in Prebbleton, and a visit to Ray Drury's museum in Halswell.

Ray Drury welcomed us with a short introductory briefing and then proceeded like the conductor of an orchestra to tell stories all about the vast collection he has accumulated and restored over decades with large amounts of tender loving care.

Trains, planes, and automobiles, along with musical instruments and many other time related objects and treasures were on display.



Even including the full size merry-go-round, that was put to good use on the day



The day concluded with a BYO picnic, much enjoyed despite the curse of Canterbury (strong cool easterly wind) also joining us for the afternoon.

Looking forward (covid permitting) to seeing you all at our next event.

Keep ya motor running and have a pirfic day.

Bill Stanley



PRESIDENTS THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH "the reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they have passed"

Christmas Party
Sunday 12th December 2021
at the
Pines Kairaki Community Centre

We will meet at
The Peg at 11am to
leave at 11.30am

Live music by Fire & Ice



\$10.00 per head (12 and Under FREE)

Bring a named gift for the children for Santa to distribute

\$5 exchange gift as Santa
will be in attendance

(BYO drinks, plates & cutlery please)

*For catering purposes, please contact Jimmi
as soon as possible by email acccanty@gmail.com
or text 021 2379637*



to New members:

Steve Swift & Nicky Hewson with their 1977 Buick Skylark

Early American Car Club visit to Christchurch

EACC ACCC. Sound somewhat similar and in truth that's exactly what it is. EACC - Early American Car Club is a Wellington based club formed in the early 70's by a group of guys who wanted an alternative to the VCC because their mid 30's V8's were too new!!!!.



The demographic of the club, membership numbers and age brackets is identical to our club as is the rule book pretty much. The scope of the cars and stated club ethic is "Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of American cars from 1932 to 1970" and yes there have been some pretty heated discussions over the years about vehicle age eligibility as has been the case in ALL clubs – however – at the end of the day the real common denominator is good people having an excellent time together and looking out for each other.

The EACC have for all of their 50 something years of existence held an annual club run every Labour Weekend - usually spanning 3-4 days and takes members to many and varied destinations and some of the most enjoyable have been the well out of the way places which you might not ordinarily cut a track to.

The trip for the club on Labour Weekend just passed was an extended South Island tour covering around 2 weeks with highlights being Kaikoura, Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin, The Catlins, Invercargill, Te Anau and Milford Sound for a boat trip, Cromwell, Geraldine, Greymouth and Nelson culminating in the return ferry trip to the North Island.

For the Christchurch leg, Christine and I put together a run from the Motel in Lincoln, out through Tai Tap and over Gebbies Pass, around the bays through Governor's Bay and into Lyttleton through to Ferry Road. Tim, Michael and Kevin of Classic Workshops welcomed a group of 30 of us and we had full run of the workshops and display areas – thanks again guys, your hospitality was extremely well received by this group and of course nothing looks as good as an immense utterly tidy and sparkling service area with such an array of American and other classics being serviced or perched on hoists – awesome experience. One of the EACC members received immediate medical attention, Colin Carr's 52 Buick receiving a new brake light switch which was a pretty impressive immediate fix -and on this occasion Colin (An Accountant) was quite happy to open his wallet!!

Following this stop we went on to Joe's Garage Restaurant in Sumner. Again an excellent venue with indoor/outdoor dining, huge car park for their customers, excellent food and really motivated and friendly staff – couldn't ask for more. Following lunch, we all cruised up and over Evans Pass and down into Lyttleton again - on a good day this is utterly glorious scenery and well worth the trip - the day ended

with a guided tour of the Airforce Museum at Wigram which again was well worth the visit. Speaking of visit – our Club Captain turned up and drooled unashamedly over Trev & Pat Barnden's 56 Chevy Sports Coupe - same colour as Ray's 56 with the condition of Ray & Jimmi's Bel Air being every bit as good as the coupe.

So all in all a great day in Christchurch and a good way to launch their trip around the rest of the South Island. Casualties were few, 52 buick chucking a hub cap which was retrieved and a new brake light switch for the same, a few spokes worked loose on the wire wheels on a Thunderbird, a 57 Chevy Coupe lost a rear spat - retrieved – and that was about it! God bless America!!

Peter & Chris Craig



Canterbury Aero Club - 50th Anniversary



Club Captain's Report

This is the last Club Captain's report for 2021 and sadly we couldn't have our main event for the year, USA Day. This is the sign of the times and until things settle down, we will just have to grin and bear it.



In November however, we managed to sneak in a couple of events with the club, at the Canterbury Aero Club, celebrating their 50th Anniversary on November 6th at The West Melton Airfield. This was open to club members with pre 70's Classic American Cars. We had seventeen ACCC Club cars in attendance and all of the vehicles suited the ambiance of the day. Thank you to all of you who attended this invitation meeting.

The day after (November 7th) which should have been USA Day, we had our November club day which attracted 27 cars. We started off at the Ilam New World car park and went through Riccarton and meandered through to Whincops Road, where we parked up for just over an hour at Ray & Nancy Drury's car Museum. Ray and Nancy greeted us on arrival and after our cars were parked up,



Ray gave us a rundown on the museum and the do's and don'ts. He took us for a tour of the topical parts and run a couple of the antique organs in amongst his collection. He had 70 motor cars and lots of other interesting things. The highlight of the day, for many was the adult merry-go-round, which we were all invited to ride.



After the museum we ended up at the Prebbleton domain for an afternoon picnic. Bren Dyer, the photographer, met us at the entrance gate and photographed all the cars entering the grounds and also took photos of the cars when they were parked up.

The next event is the Christmas Party, see you all there,

Keep on Cruising & Stay Safe

Ray Bewley (Club Captain)



Classic WORKSHOP
03 376 4686

KEEPING CLASSICS ON THE ROAD

The Classic Workshop is located at 1014 Ferry Road, Ferrymead, Christchurch in a large warehouse that has been purposefully renovated for the care of classic vehicles.

We provide the following services for owners of classic cars and motorcycles:

- Vehicle servicing
- General mechanical repairs and maintenance
- Pre-certification and compliance management
- Pre-purchase inspection
- Light restorations and rust repairs

We'll take on other more specific jobs on a case-by-case basis. Just ask.

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Some news and a special offer from The Classic Workshop.

The Classic Workshop would like to offer members of the American Classic Car Club Canterbury a 10% discount on any work done at their cars at the Workshop. This offer is exclusive to members only. Just bring along your membership card when booking your car in.

We're also pleased to announce that we have been approved to issue Warrants of Fitness, and are licensed to provide vehicle valuations.

Lastly we now also have a vehicle groomer on site. Murray's Motor Valet is working from the Workshop and offers a range of services from clean & polish through interior valet and ceramic wax finishing treatment. It's all done by hand to ensure attention to detail and complete care for your vehicle. The results are transformational - and come at a fraction of the price charged by other vehicle groomers. For more information, contact us - or drop in for a chat

The Classic Workshop. phone Tim on 03 376 4686, or Kevin on 0274520414.

Other Club Events - Save the Dates

Sunday 17 th January 2022	President's Picnic
7 th February 2022	Music in the Garden - TBC
27 th February 2022	Hanmer Motorfest – see note below - TBC
19 th – 21 st March 2022	Caroline Bay Rock & Hop
10 th April 2022	TBC
15 th May 2022	TBC

Non- Club Events – you may like to attend



Hanmer Motor Fest 2022

A very difficult decision will be made at the end of November regarding whether to proceed with the Motorfest or cancel it for 2022. If the decision is made to continue under the current COVID Level 2 it will be pre-registrations only (no registrations accepted on the day). Will keep you posted. Stay safe everyone.

Regards, Fiona

DECEMBER'S RODDERS BREAKFAST **IS ON!**

BBQ ONLY

Bacon & Egg or
Whitebait Patty Sammies
Hot & Cold Drinks



20th February 2022

Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade Wheels & Wings –

To be confirmed

Location: Charlie & Jos Draper's farm,
Kimberley Road, Darfield.

Message from the Canterbury Branch Swap Meet

It is great disappointment that the committee of the Canterbury Branch Swap Meet have had to cancel Swap meet again for 2021.

We had hoped to run it in Feb 2022 but on reflection have just found that to many of our work force are unavailable at this time. We do rely on a lot of outside organizations as well as our own membership to run this huge event.

We will be in touch again next year and around the usual time and the event hopefully will be all go 7th to 9th October 2022.

Regards

Rod Thrower

One Make Car Clubs Displays Secretary.

Vintage Car Club of NZ (Canterbury Branch)