



*February 2018*

## *President's Report*

This Summer has been a great time for classic car enthusiasts. I have noticed a lot more classic cars on the roads; this is possibly due to the consistently fine weather.

We had a quick trip down South early into the New Year to Wanaka, Invercargill and back via Dunedin to home. The Bill Richardson Transport Museum is certainly worth a visit and a wonderful asset for Invercargill.

ACCC Events:

We started of the year well with our first event. Eighteen vehicles and around 40 people including children turned up for the 2018 President's Picnic, which was held at Orton Bradley Park in Charteris Bay. We had two new members and their children join us for their first American Classic Car Club event.

We arrived just after 4pm and were the last group to leave the park at almost 8pm. What a marvellous venue. We found a shaded spot under some trees and set up our picnics. It was a stifling hot day, approximately 30 degrees, but we found it quite comfortable in the shade out of the sun. We will have to return there for another great day out. This picnic clashed with the Cromwell Classic Car Show which a few of our club members attended.

Don't forget to refer to our monthly newsletters for info on coming events

Keep on Cruising - Happy Motoring.

Ray Bewley

## *Is this why men are just happier people--?*

What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be President. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original colour. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. Your belly usually hides your big hips. One wallet and one pair of shoes one colour for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier.....or are they ?



*President's Picnic*





# *Bill Richardson's Transport Museum - Invercargill*



**E Hayes & Sons Invercargill - Fastest Indian and aerodynamic shroud**

Thanks Ray for the pictures of the transport museum. Looks like we need to take a trip down to see it!

## *Events:*

**Sunday 4th February: Music in the park at Whitecliffs.** We will need to meet up at the Yaldhurst Hotel carpark to leave at 10.30am in order to arrive in time for parking at Whitecliffs. Pack a picnic or buy food there and make it a great day out. Numbers are required so that they can keep parking for us. Contact Cathie on 388 8863 to let her know you are coming. See flyer attached for more details.

**Saturday 24th February : Hanmer Fest:** It's shaping up to be great car show. There is still time to register. The club will be providing a light lunch. You will need to contact Jimmi so that she can organise the number of lunches required. She can be contacted on the club email: [acccant@gmail.com](mailto:acccant@gmail.com) or by phone on 03 974 3003 **no later than the 17th February.**

As it is difficult to arrange a meeting place in Christchurch we ask that members travel independently and meet up by the petrol station as you come into Hanmer at 9.30am. At about 9.45am we will drive to the event and park up as a club. Sun block is a must and if you have a gazebo I am sure the shade would be appreciated.

**March 16th, 17th, 18th Timaru Hop:** This event is also looking like a great weekend for car enthusiasts. On Saturday 17th we will meet up at the Pac n Save car park at 9am then travel to the venue in convoy to enable us to park together as a club. The club will be offering a subsidy (one subsidy per car) for this event.

**Saturday 7th April Poker Run - Wings and Wheels display:** This event is run by the Sheffield Fire and Ambulance and is a fund raiser for this very important service which we all hope we never need! Details will be in the March newsletter.

Please note that the **Annual Run** will be held in May this year. Details will be in the March Newsletter.

## *Non Club Events:*

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

**Sunday 18th February All Ford Day:** 10am Air Force Museum of NZ, 45 Harvard Ave Wigram.

**Sunday 25th February Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza:** A&P Show grounds Curletts Road 10.30am. If wet Sunday 4th march.

**Saturday 3rd March:** Dunedin USA Day

**Saturday 24th March:** Vintage Machinery & Transport Show and Country Fair:

This is the 20th anniversary of the N.Z. Vintage Machinery Club. 10am 1531 Highfield Road Aylesbury (near Kirwee) Free entry if you show your club membership card but you will be expected to drive around the oval at lunchtime as a display. For more info : [www.nzvintageclub.co.nz](http://www.nzvintageclub.co.nz) or email [events@nzvintageclub.co.nz](mailto:events@nzvintageclub.co.nz)