

Newsletter, June 2017



Welcome to the new committee:

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President's Report:

I don't like to start with an apology but I was remiss in not recognising the outgoing committee at the AGM. Alan and Colleen Green, Forbes Gourlay and Charlie Rogers stood down from key roles. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their support over the years.

A big thank you to all who joined us for brunch at the Raspberry Café before the cruise. Some took the high road and some took the low road, but the high road was certainly an eye opener as to what damage occurred during the fires on the Port Hills.

Thank you for your attendance at the AGM. It was encouraging to see such good numbers with 43 in attendance. At our first meeting we will be appointing a Vice-President and a Club Captain. Our new committee are enthusiastic and approachable, so if you have anything to contribute or any concerns, please contact any one of us.

Remember this is YOUR club - we intend to make the ACCC an enjoyable fun club where you can give your car the monthly run it deserves with fellow enthusiasts.

This year we hope to give you a forward calendar of events which will be added to as the year goes on. We will also continue to join in other clubs events.

USA Day is OUR big event which is supported by a variety of other clubs, private classic cars, motorbikes and Airstream owners. This will be held on Sunday 5th November 2017.

A sub-committee will soon be formed, so if you would like to be part of this group, please let Jimmi Anderson know. (email: bewlanders@gmail.com or phone: 0212379637).

Happy Classic Motoring,

Ray Bewley

President



Line up at the Raspberry Café

Calendar of Events:

July:

American Independence Day Poker Run - Sunday 9th July

Meet at 1.30pm in the back carpark of the Peg Hotel, Main North Road, Belfast.

The cruise will take approx. one hour stopping to pick up cards on the way.

The club will supply food for afternoon tea at our destination.

Please buy your own drinks.

Bring a pencil or a pen.

There will be some activities for any children that join us.

Prizes, prizes, prizes: one for the car that is best decorated to capture the theme of American Independence day so let your imagination run wild!

This event will be held whether the weather is wet or fine.

Any queries phone Trevor 960 4919

Poker Run information regarding the trophy.

In July 1994 long time Club member, John Robertshaw passed away at the age of thirty seven. John had served on the committee and been a very strong supporter of the Club. John owned several American vehicles including a 46 Ford truck, early 60's Pontiac

Laurentian and Studebakers. John is also well remembered for his huge collection of car number plates and AA badges from around the world. John regularly organised the Poker Run and this became an annual event to honour his memory. The AA badge on the Poker Run trophy is to acknowledge the enjoyment John took in collecting these badges.

Rolleston College Fete:

6th August 2017 11am - 4pm

Please mark this date in your calendar.

This is not a club event but we have been approached by Jaran Parker to seek club support.

Rolleston College is a new high school in Rolleston which opened in January this year.

Jaran (Moreen & Doug Parker's grandson) has a passion for classic cars and would appreciate if we can support their fete with a grand line up of cars. All cars are welcome (not just American). Entry is by gold coin donation.

Any queries, please contact Jimmi - email:

bewlanders@gmail.com or cellphone: 021 2379637.



USA. Southern states review

Following our great trip four years ago over Route 66, and now that Air NZ fly direct to Houston we decided to check out the southern states this year leaving on May 5th. With just over three weeks away we managed to fit in:-

- *Visiting 8 states, Texas, Illinois, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Nth. Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.*
- *Staying in 10 cities, Houston, New Orleans, Jackson, Memphis, Nashville, Pigeon Forge, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Orlando, and Miami.*
- *Driving 4,000km. on the wrong side of the road*
- *Walking around 300,000 steps*
- *Taking 2800 photos*
- *Eating heaps of great southern food*
- *Listening to fabulous music*

Driving in the USA is a challenge, but with a great co-pilot, and a good GPS it is possible. Driving from city to city is reasonably straight forward as motorways as we know them are everywhere, the main difference here is the speed the traffic flows at. The highest legal maximum speed we saw was 75 MPH, at this stage I was driving at 85 MPH, and was the slowest car on the road! Even the trucks and buses seem to have little or no regard for the speed limit. In general the traffic will keep to the slower lanes unless passing, but some of the passing was rather dangerous and often indicators must have been broken!

When you get to the cities the driving becomes more difficult, we saw up to nine lanes (in each direction) combined with high volume of traffic at considerable speed, this is a challenge. Needless to say, in the short time we were there we did see several accidents, no real surprise.

For us, trip highlights included two of our bucket list destinations, Gracelands and Dollywood. Both of these had impressive collections of classic cars, great music and many other attractions. For those who don't know, Gracelands is like a museum and a real step back in time. The original homestead has been well maintained and kept as a real showpiece. I was surprised how many people were visiting and how well organised and professional the whole experience was. In Memphis, the home of Gracelands, Sun Recording Studios was an historical stop as this is where many of the greatest artists made their start ie. Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash. Beal St., is to Memphis what Bourbon St., is to New Orleans, and in both these places the bars, food and music just oozed out onto the street providing an atmosphere that is as legendary as it is amazing. At night both these streets become pedestrian areas well patrolled by local police.

Pigeon Forge, nestled in the Smokey Mountains is home to Dollywood, a Disneyland styled country theme / entertainment park established and run by Dolly Parton. I think the biggest surprise here was the size of the park and we certainly needed more than a day to do it all justice. The roller coasters were as frightening as anything we saw in Disneyland or Universal Studios, (no we did not go on them) the musical entertainment was diverse and extremely professional, and the food, and the food, yes and the food WOW!!!

Another main highlight of the trip was a night at The Grand Ole Opry where after hearing Angelina Presley sing we were able to meet her and get her to sign her newly released CD. She is a third cousin to Elvis.

Following are photos of course of the classic cars mentioned above, and a picture with Angelina.

Bill & Maggie Stanley

The Elvis Presley collection of classic cars:





Thank you Bill and Maggie, this is a most impressive line up

President's pick -



1956 Lincoln Continental

If you have any stories to share, please let us know.

OTHER EVENTS YOU MAY LIKE TO ATTEND:



South Canterbury USA Classic Car Club –

Let the SHOW begin, yes our big event for the year is Sunday 2nd July.

Preparations are well under way. This year there will be a gate fee of \$5.00 which will go to a great cause, "Heart Kids".

INDEPENDENCE DAY SHOW, SHINE and RUN.

9.30am – meet at the Richard Pearce Tavern, 118 Le Cren Street, Timaru.

American Hot Dogs and / or breakfast is available at the Tavern.

1pm – a cruise to the Geraldine Village Inn, 41 Talbot Street, Geraldine.

(All on tar sealed roads)

1.30pm – Car Show at the Geraldine Village Inn on the lawn.

If you have any queries, please contact Stephen Brown on his mobile: 021337076.



USA Day - Sunday 5th November - Woodend

As this is OUR club's USA Day and our only fundraiser for the year, we always appreciate member's support. This year we are hoping to have more stalls, more variety of food and more raffles. If anyone has any ideas for stalls, please let Jimmi Anderson know. We want suitable raffle prizes as we are hoping to get about 50 prizes this year. So if anyone wishes to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be very much appreciated.
