

President's Report:

Our February meeting was a run via the more scenic inland road to the recently refurbished Amberley Hotel for a relaxed lunch. While it is still difficult to hold events under the current covid conditions another good turnout of members made for a fun run, in pleasant conditions. Thanks to all those who attended and helped make an enjoyable day.

We now move on to our March run which, you guessed it has been adjusted due to covid more details available in this issue.

The world continues to be a challenging place as illustrated by current petrol prices and events in Russia, makes you wonder what on earth is next??

On a more positive note a recent trip to the Nelson Classic Car Museum was a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Brings back many memories of a bygone era and well worth a visit if you are in the area. A few pictures are below to whet the appetite.



← This one looks like a Holden but believe it or not it's a Mazda!!!

Look forward to seeing you all at our March event.



Keep ya motor running and have a pirfic day.

President's thought for the month,

"we have enough youth, how about a fountain of smart?".

Bill Stanley – President



Club Captain's Report:

We had a good line up of American vehicles including 3 we hadn't seen before. Thanks to Kevin & Michael in their 1960 Salmon coloured Dodge Phoenix and their 1956 Green coloured Thunderbird convertible and Keren & Michael in their recently purchased white Corvette. We met at The Peg for a country cruise, through to the Amberley Hotel. We went off State Highway one at the Waimakariri bridge and up Tram Road, following through to the inland scenic route from Rangiora, past Sefton and Balcairn which took us right to the door of the hotel.

This gave us a lot less traffic than the main road and great scenery. This is different to the way most people would go, unless you happened to live in the area. We went near by a couple of our member's places while cruising as it happens. Most people would take the highway to save time, but the scenery isn't the same. We had 16 American vehicles and two others. Bob and Noeline had only just arrived back from Queenstown and were in an everyday car as were Jimmi and I. We (Jimmi & I) managed to grab a ride with others from the Peg. Jimmi travelled from there to Amberley in Kevin's 1956 T-Bird and back to the Peg in Peter's Chrysler Saratoga, I went from there to Amberley and back in Peter's Chrysler.

There was a good selection of food, some dined in the restaurant and some dined outside.

Drive safe and watch out for the other guy.

Ray Bewley - Club Captain

Other Club Events - Save the Dates

Saturday 9 th April 2022	Run to Kaikoura
Sunday 15 th May 2022	TBC
Sunday 19 th June 2022	AGM - Venue TBC

Attached is some pretty interesting reading if you haven't yet come across it. Clearly we live in a pretty dynamic and an ever changing world these days so in relation to our "Hobby" it's best to be as informed as we can be --Happy reading.....

In summary:

In simplest terms, the key point for most people within the enthusiast vehicle community is that the charges incorporated within the new Clean Car Standard only apply to vehicles which are newer than either 30 years old or 40 years old, and even for those newer used vehicles which will attract a charge, the maximum payable fee will only be \$2,875. So, any 1982 or earlier vehicle will be exempt from any charge, and it's possible (depending on the Ministry's final outcome) that any 1992 or earlier vehicle could be exempt from any charge.

The final details of the policy, including the details around the excluded vehicle groups we've been discussing with the Ministry of Transport, are anticipated to be provided to us by the Government in the next few weeks.

A last point to keep in mind; this 'gas guzzler tax' was always going to come, and is already in place in many other parts of the world. It's just part of the big environmental 'operation clean-up', and there's no escape from it.

The good news, however, is that the Ministry of Transport - who LVVTA has a very close 33-year-long working relationship with - has been very measured and reasonable with respect to our much-loved enthusiast vehicles. Based on the many conversations we've had with the Ministry during the development of these new standards, we believe there is nothing for the New Zealand classic and collectible vehicle enthusiast community to be fearful of.





MARCH EVENT

Sunday 20th March

Meet at Selwyn District Council car park at 12.30pm to drive to Ashburton – meeting place at the Ashburton Showgrounds in Smithfield's Road to go view Colin Sweetman's car collection at 2pm.



With Easter in the middle of April, our club event is much earlier than usual, so save the date for our APRIL EVENT

Saturday 9th April

We have been invited to have lunch at Bernie's Diner in Kaikoura, followed by viewing Geoff Harmon's private collection.

An indication of numbers attending will be required as soon as possible please. *We will send the lunch menu for pre orders, so as not to create delays in getting our meals, as we want to fully utilise this rare opportunity of viewing this private collection. Further details in the April newsletter.*



Lunch run to Amberley – 20th February 2022



Non- Club Events – you may like to attend -

Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains Classic Car Run 1st May 2022

You are asked to keep this date free as the Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains are once again organising our annual Classic car run. This event is part of the Ashburton Wheels Week festivities. Note that the swap meet is to be held on Saturday 7th May and not the previous day as normal. This is the 29th running of this hugely popular event and we ask you for your participation. Entry fee will be \$20/car with profits going to a local organisation. The event will start from the Ashburton Showgrounds at 10.30am and will finish near Mt Somers approximately 1 hour later. Registrations will be from 9.am. You will be given instructions like a car trial, and carry on the designated route to finish. There will be no shingle roads, except for a 1km graded driveway into the historic farm property and the instructions will be very straight forward. There will be prizes for various vehicles that will be chosen by our independent judges, Roger Hart and Bernard Egan, two very well-known identities in the Mid Canterbury area who have had many years' experience of classic cars. We have arranged for light lunches to be available at the venue, but your own picnic lunches are still encouraged. The venue is situated 5 km off the scenic inland route 72, offering participants from outside Ashburton County an alternative route home. We ask all Car Clubs to make their members aware of this fun low key event in your club bulletins or notice board. For any further information please contact either: Owen Moore – owen@moorepark.net.nz, 033083442 or Alan Sim – sim.family@extra.co.nz, 033088835 Memo to all Car Clubs Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains Classic Car Run 1st May 2022



OLD CARS, BIKES AND COFFEE

Next event is Sunday 20th March. Start time is 9am-11am. On the third Sunday of the month we invite all members and any interested members of the public to join us at Cutler Park

An illustration of a teal coffee van with a "COFFEE" sign on top. The van is parked on a wooden platform. To the right of the van is the OCBC logo in a stylized, handwritten font.

OLD CARS BIKES AND COFFEE

CUTLER PARK

3rd Sunday of the month from the new (and incredibly civilised) time of 9.00am

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