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President's Report

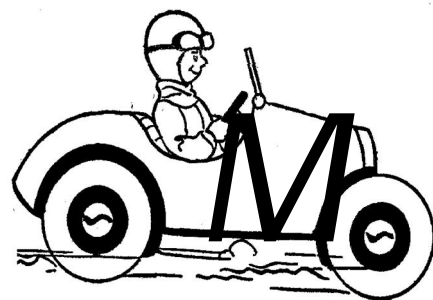
Hi again

It's an important time for the club right now with the AGM just around the corner. You'll recall from my last report that I asked you to think about being available and putting yourself forward to be on the committee for the next year. On that note, I'm disappointed to announce that I'm standing down from my role as President. I apologise that my job is a lot more intense than it was a year ago and along with our family situation it has meant that over the last few months I have not been able to perform the role as I had intended or how the club deserves, and I can't see that changing for some time. Also, standing down at the AGM are our Treasurer - Colleen Green and Club Captain - Forbes Gourlay.

All-in-all it means that our committee is going to have very different look to it for the next year with some key gaps to fill and it's an excellent opportunity for people to step forward and drive the club where they want to see it to go. Please take the opportunity to stand for the committee and put into action all those thoughts that you've had about what the club should/could do.

See you at the AGM.

Regards, Allan



*Annual General Meeting -
Sunday 18th June*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Foundary, 90 Ilam Road, Ilam

We will be meeting at the Raspberry Cafe (40 Rhodes Road, Tai Tapu) at 10.30am for your choice of brunch or morning tea. (This is at your own expense). We will then leave at midday for a cruise over Gebbies Pass to The Foundary for our AGM starting at 2pm.

Options:

- If you wish to come for brunch / morning tea at 10.30am, then can you confirm your attendance to Carol Wilson 0276316642 or to the club email: accccanty@gmail.com*
- If you do not want to come for brunch or morning tea, meet at The Raspberry Café at midday for the cruise over Gebbies Pass. This is approx. 50ks and will be a leisurely one hour drive via Motukarara and Governors Bay*
- If you want to just attend the AGM, please be at The Foundary anytime from 1.30pm for a 2pm start for the Annual General Meeting.*

Some key positions will require filling at the AGM as many of the current committee are standing down. If you know of any members' interested in being on the committee, then please put their nomination in. The club can only function if there is a committee as stated in the rules. Attached is a nomination form, these will also be available at the AGM. The completed nomination form must be in the hands of the Secretary (Jimmi Anderson) before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

After the AGM, the new committee will have a brief meeting and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please come along and support your club

Annual Subscriptions Renewal

A big thank you to all those who have paid their subs for the 2017 / 2018 year. If you have not paid but wish to remain a member, then please pay this asap. If you do not want to be a member any longer, then please let us know so we can remove your details from the data base. Please note there is NO voting rights at the AGM for non-financial members.

Club events:

25th Ashburton Plains Rotary Club Classic Car Run - Sunday 7th May

We had a crisp start to the day, departing the Rolly Inn at 8.15am. 15 cars from our club cruised to Ashburton for registration which was funded by our club. After the welcome, the car run (which was about 80k's) to Studholm's Coldstream property was great. There were about 250 cars on display and out of the 10 prize categories, our club won two awards. "Most Unusual Car" went to Trevor and Davina Mitchell with their 1985 Excalibur MK V Phaeton. "Best American Car" went to Colin and Genny Gibson with their 1959 Cadillac Coupe Deville. Congratulations! To view some of the cars and to hear the interviews from two of our club members Trevor Mitchell and Mark Rayner, go to this website.

<http://www.ashburtontv.co.nz/cms/home/viewvideo/923/latest-videos/classic-car-run-2017.html>

Whangamata Beach Hop March 2017

Firstly I must say " A great weekend well worth the long drive " in case you are like me and only read the first and last sentence . We left Methven on Tuesday and after a lovely night at the Picton campervan park (great hosts worth staying) we caught the ferry across to Wellington. The weather was drizzly and the car got it's extremely needed wash but lucky we could still see out the windscreen, heading out of Wellington. We stayed in Palmerston North with a friend before picking up our 3 teenage boys plus 1 at the airport.

" ROADTRIP !!!! " Next stop " Cadillac cafe " in Turangi , another great host and worth a visit .

Deciding to stop in Tokoroa for more fuel was something the old girl liked and she wanted to stay longer refusing to move from 1st gear . A tow truck to Hamilton for her, a taxi to Matamata for the boys and luckily family to the rescue to pick us all up . We made the well organised family dinner near Thames Thursday night (just a little late 9pm)

Friday, I walked across the Coromandel ranges to Whangamata with a friend. A 4 hour walk in the bush, great fun !! Simon was back to Hamilton to rescue the old girl (now going) .

Friday night we all arrived at the beach hop missing the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday cruises. BUT once there the variety of cars was inspiring and the event was extremely well organised. Everyone we met was happy, friendly and enjoying themselves, a great big party atmosphere. Saturday was the big day with the Grand Parade through the streets of Whangamata. Jam packed with people (over 1200 cars entered) and the rest of the day spent viewing the many cars, motorbikes and caravans shows. We enjoyed countless bands and entertainment throughout the town. Leaving on Sunday after prize giving, it was a long drive, but in the Caddy it's sooo comfy just like sitting in an armchair , I could just chat away and Simon had to listen (the teenagers flew home). If you get the chance I would suggest you go to the Whangamata Beach Hop. We had a great week !!!! (Book your accommodation early)

Carol & Simon Wilson

Calendar of Events:
to be confirmed and organised by the incoming committee

July:

Independence Day Poker Run - Sunday 9th July - starting at the Peg at 10.30am - Lunch will be provided after the run. More information about this event in the June newsletter. Please mark this date on your calendar.

November:

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.

Obituary:

P.K. (Paul Keating) was a member of our club for many years. He served on the committee and then as club captain, organising events, rolling up his sleeves to cook the food on the club BBQ, and communicating with everyone. P.K. gave freely of his time in order for members to have a great time. He was on the organising committee for USA Day and took responsibility for organising prizes and selling raffle tickets along with his wife Janeen and daughter Ashleigh. One year P.K. took responsibility for getting the porta-loos to Gladstone park not realising they needed to be collected from way over the other side of the city to where P.K. lived. Another year P.K. offered to collect all the rubbish bins and deliver them to the site. Coming over the Waimak bridge one of the bins fell off the trailer causing chaos. Did P.K. complain about these things? No he just turned it into a funny story and put his hand up for the event the following year. Trips to Dunedin were a highlight for PK and he organised the walking bus to the Saturday night event. This always was a fun walk with PK leading the charge to the next watering hole. He was a fine mechanic and his beautifully restored Camaro is a testament to this. PK. had a very positive outlook on life and was always ready to have fun.



On Friday 28th April P.K. took his final ride. Leaving from home (in a coffin decorated with pictures of his Camaro) he travelled in a classic Chevy Delivery. He was followed by his beautifully restored Camaro, his Chevy and matching retro caravan, his family, many friends and acquaintances in their classic cars. The number of folk, the number of cars, the way people spoke was a huge tribute to the respect felt for PK. We were very lucky to have shared a part of his life.

Thank you to Trevor Scott for providing this obituary about PK.