



November 2017

President's Report

After all of the months of organisation for USA Day, the time has finally come to enjoy this annual event.. Thank you to all the people that came to the meeting last Tuesday evening. We appreciate the offers of help we have so far had. The roster still has some spaces to be filled, so any help on the day would be appreciated, mainly to marshal in the display vehicles. It is timely for me to thank the committee and members that have worked tirelessly by organising sponsors, offering to transport goods to and from Gladstone Park and donating prizes for the raffle.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 5th of November.

Keep on Cruising - Happy Motoring.

Ray Bewley

Events:

USA Day Sunday 5th November:

Planning is well underway and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at USA day. We would like member's cars there anytime from 8am and **appreciate you all in by 9.30am**. This will allow us to put together a display of cars from our club.

Entry is free for members on presentation of your current membership card, otherwise it is \$5 per person, maximum of \$10 per car load of people. General public is \$5 per person and children free.

On entry all display cars will be given a numbered certificate for judging purposes. Remember that club cars parked in the club area will be judged for the Ian Armstrong Memorial Trophy as well as all other categories. At the ACCC headquarters (recognised by the decoration on the gazebo) there will be raffles for sale, merchandise and the prizes and trophies on display. While you are at the gazebo, please check and update your details (if necessary) to ensure we can keep you informed of all upcoming events and club information. There will be about thirty stall holders, including a bouncy castle and various displays. Food and coffee stalls will be there with the usual fare. Of course you are very welcome to bring a picnic lunch.

We need your help... thanks to all those who have offered their assistance so far. Please expect to be seconded for help at some point during the day—many hands make light work. If you have an hour to spare on the day please give **Ray** a ring on **027 4924546** and he will put you onto the roster.

Help required: Marshalling of display cars and parking of them, Selling raffle tickets there are several prizes (\$2 a ticket or three tickets for \$5) and the end of day clean up.

Please wear the club apparel and your name tags, this will make for easy identifying you as a club member when undertaking these various tasks.

Committee Meeting 28th November: 7pm at the Hornby Working Men's Club.

Events Continued



Sunday 10th December Christmas Function. This will be a family BBQ and fun day at the Loburn Domain. Starting with a cruise followed by a shared lunch and of course Father Christmas will be coming. Full details will be in the December newsletter.

Sunday 21st January: Cruise and Picnic Tea. Departing 3.30pm full details in the December newsletter.

Sunday 4th February: From 12.30pm Music in the park at Whitecliffs. Details in the January newsletter.

Saturday 24th February: Hanmer Fest. Details in the January newsletter.

March 16th, 17th, 18th Timaru Hop. Details in the February newsletter. If you are going accommodation may be getting hard to find.

Non Club Events:

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

Sunday 26th November: Selwyn Motor Fest and Family Fun Day. 10am—3pm Costs pre-registration \$10 per vehicle, Registration on the day \$20 per vehicle, Public admission \$5 per person, \$2 per child and family entry \$10. Prize giving is at 2.45pm Email selwynmotorfest@gmail.com for a registration form. Meet at 9am Rolly Inn and we can go to the event and park as a group.

Vehicles need to be parked up from 8am. Open to bikes, trucks and cars.

Sunday 3rd December: Family Day at the Races. See flyer attached with this newsletter for details.

Sunday 30th December: Rods at Methven 10am—3pm \$5 adult kids under 12 \$2

Saturday 3rd March: Dunedin USA Day

Help wanted:

Burwood Daycare Centre for the Elderly or Club 304, as we like to be called, is a centre for Elderly people living in the Community, predominantly in the east of Christchurch. We are a charitable organisation. At Christmas we try to get all members together for lunch. Some members don't have any family to transport them to or from the lunch so if any of our members are willing to transport them (in their classic cars) it would be great .

Date : Thursday 21st December

Time : 11am start 2pm (ish) finish

You are more than welcome to join us for lunch (\$22 per head)

If anyone is interested in helping please Ph Joanne Fraser 3893738 or email club304@xtra.co.nz for further details.

Bonneville 2017

There are some very special places on earth that have uniqueness, and the salt flats are one of those places.

In Utah, USA, 30,000 acres of salt flats come alive once each year for the holy grail of speed.

Bonneville Speed Week.

This year was the 69th event and 50 years since Burt Munro set the record on the old Indian, which still stands today.

We booked in at Wendover, some 15 minutes from the racing and we spent four days on the salt surrounded by other car loving people. Each day we headed out some two miles on the salt to the start line, parked up and found some friendly people with some shade as the temperature was in the high 40s, but then you also had the glare off the salt to deal with. A lot of water was needed to keep running at peak condition and a well iced chilly bin.

A wide range of vehicles run down the track in a number of classes, all individual which we loved, with one thing on their mind, speed on the salt. Vehicles lined up to take their turn,

- Electric
- Turbine
- Streamliners
- Roadsters
- Pickups
- Motor bikes

There are many special groups of racers both past and present in the 200 MPH/300MPH and 400 MPH clubs.

We met Lee Munro from Christchurch, Burt's nephew, riding for the Indian Factory team. He said that the salt was often rough, and not as smooth as you would think and you just had to hold on, pick your path and open that throttle at the right time. Sharyn also met Burt's son, John a very young 82 year old as you can see in the photo. He said that the movie was just like Burt in real life and was shown on a big screen on the salt by Indian Motorcycle Factory team on the second night.

It was quite casual in the start area and you could wander amongst the vehicles without being told off. We laughed and couldn't quite believe our eyes when the speed Marshall was smoking a big fat cigar on the start line with all the fumes of racing vehicles around him? A blood hound had also made his way with his owner to right on the start line, though the owner did have his foot firmly on the lead holding him.

Health and Safety did cross my mind?

We took away many memories and made some new friends but one thing does stick in my mind after talking to an experienced racer, he said to us "once you leave the start line and hit the go gas with your foot, your brain shrinks and your balls get bigger"

Not the holiday spot you would choose every year, just being there one time was an event to remember forever. I am lucky to have a wife that will spend time watching such a wonderful event. With the racing coming to an end, it was time to give the car a big clean and head off to continue exploring America.

Hopefully the Salt Flats can be saved with all the global warming so this amazing place can be enjoyed for years to come.

Many thanks to Dave and Sharyn Busch for sharing their trip with us.

Bonneville 2017 Continued:



Spring into Oxford

Sunday the 1st of October started out with an overcast looking day, and there was the TV casting of the All Blacks game but we were pleased that there were about two hundred cars of all makes and models on display. Our club cars stood out with all that chrome.

Our club had a very good turn out with over twenty cars making the trip to Oxford. The event had a wide range of stalls that catered for the folk attending as well as the support of town local businesses. If you have not been out to Oxford recently then make the trip on a Sunday. The Arts in Oxford have a wide range of art on show, the Museum has an exciting new area that takes the theme of early Oxford and traces the local history, Sunday markets and craft markets are on most Sundays. There is a diner that has a theme of the fifties and has a wide range of food to tempt your taste buds.

The lucky numbers draw was a great success with about a quarter of the folk who attended taking away a prize. The prizes ranged \$10 to \$70 and folk had to make their choice when their lucky number was drawn. It was good to see that club members had a share of the prizes.

Many thanks to the club for supporting our Men's Shed event. We hope you enjoyed it and will tell others about the event and support us again next year.

Trevor Scott Chairperson Oxford Community Men's Shed Trust.



Annual Run—Fish and Chip Tea

With the weather being very sunny and hot many club folk turned out for the annual run. This event was promoted as a family outing and it was pleasing to see so many children, grandchildren being part of the event.

After a short briefing from John it was time to turn the key and cruise the highways and byways taking in the views of the mountains and farmlands. As it was an Annual Run there was a competition running by way of answering questions, having to stop at many places to find answers and the throwing of a dart to add to the score. Perhaps entering a darts competition would not be best for our club as there were some very low scores and some who took many throws to get the dart to stick into the board.

The run wound its way around the back road to Oxford then across the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge to the Darfield Recreation Centre.

Time for a chat with fellow members and games organised for the children. This made for a relaxing end to a run. Tea came in the form of sixty plus packets of fish and chips, followed by a very tasty carrot cake.

Prize giving followed the tea and first place went to Susie and Richard Edmeades, second place went to Maggie and Bill Stanley, third place went to Trevor Mitchell. Well done to all the prize winners.

A huge thanks go to John Hague for organising the event.



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