

Newsletter, October 2022

President's Report Craig's Conundrums

Hi all



Even though things are a bit patchy it's great to see the start of Spring and no doubt by the time you read this - Daylight Saving which always seems to herald the imminent advent of a not too distant summer.

The club's All American Day car show is looming on the horizon and plenty is going on behind the scenes in preparation. You will have seen Jimmi's note earlier regarding the decision now to enlist the help of club members for gate duties to collect entrance money – rather than have the club pay for another independent organisation to carry out this function. It's not at all an onerous task, in fact I can't think of any other car show or swapmeet certainly that I've been at where the manning of the gates is contracted out to another organisation. It's the only time of year and the only day where the committee would ask for club members to step up and help out in this way.

The car show is the club's principle source of income and apart from funding administration needs the proceeds go directly back to members with many runs being subsidised by the club and enjoyed by us all. We've asked for volunteers so please give some thought to that, we will follow up further with a ring around if necessary to fill the positions. The gate duties roster will be managed by Tony and will be timed to give plenty of breaks so members can also enjoy the day of course, it's actually quite a lot of fun taking easy amounts of cash off the public and poking a bit of fun at them while doing it!

In the meantime, there are plenty of great things happening in the car scene to keep us more than satisfied. - Wishing you all blue skies and green lights.

Go well. -- PC

Peter Craig President

Annual Run Sunday 16th October 2022

Meet at the Yaldhurst Hotel Car Park at 10.30 to depart at 11am. We are then taking a 95km drive through some of the most scenic & beautiful countryside this world has to offer. When we arrive at our destination, lunch will be provided.

There is a cost of \$10 per head (this is being subsidized by the club) and includes tea & coffee.

This can be paid to Jimmi at the venue.

After lunch, we will be having the Annual Run competition, followed by presentation of the Annual Run trophy and prizes.

There is an opportunity to visit a very unique and original museum the entry cost is \$10 per head. (this is optional)

The museum entry charge can be paid directly to the museum.

For catering purposes, please let Jimmi know if you are attending by return email or message to 021 237 9637



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

NEVER HAS ONE PERSON BEEN SUCH A LEADER, A LADY, A LEGEND AS QUEEN ELIZABETH II

SHE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AMERICAN, BUT SHE WOULD BE THE MOST WELL KNOWN NON AMERICAN IN THE USA.

Over the course of her 70-year-reign, Queen Elizabeth saw more than a few regime changes in American politics. In total, she spent time with 13 out of the last 14 sitting U.S. presidents. (Somehow, Lyndon Johnson missed the cut)















funny and true story about the Queen:

Around 2005, the Queen and her Personal Protection Officer, Dick Griffin, were walking alone one afternoon in the hills near the Scottish royal castle, Balmoral.

Two tourists approached them, and engaged in conversation. Griffin recalls:

"There were two hikers coming towards us, and the Queen would always stop and say hello.

"They were two Americans on a walking holiday.

"It was clear from the moment we stopped that they hadn't recognised the Queen, which was fine.

"The American gentleman was telling the Queen where they came from, where they were going next, and where they'd been in Britain.

"I could see it coming, and sure enough, he said to Her Majesty: 'And where do you live?'

"She replied: 'Well I live in London, but I've got a holiday home just the other side of the hills."

"He said: 'How long have you been coming up here?'

"She replied: 'I've been coming up here ever since I was a little girl, so over 80 years.'

"You could see the cogs whirring, so he said: 'Well, if you've been coming up here for over 80 years, you must have met the Queen.'

"Quick as a flash, she said: 'I haven't, but Dick here meets her regularly.'

The hiker then asked Griffin what the monarch was like in person.

"Because I was with her a long time, and I knew I could pull her leg, I said: 'Oh, she can be very cantankerous at times, but she's got a lovely sense of humour.'

"The next thing I knew, this guy comes round, puts his arm around my shoulder, and before I could see what was happening, he gets his camera, GIVES IT TO THE QUEEN, and says: 'Can you take a picture of the two of us?'

"Then we swapped places, and I TOOK A PICTURE OF THEM WITH THE QUEEN.

"And we never let on, and we waved goodbye.

"Afterwards, Her Majesty said to me: 'I'd love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to his friends in America, and hopefully someone tells him who I am'."



RIP, Your Majesty



Club Captain's Report

Extreme thanks needs to go to Brendon Wright ... We all appreciate the hard work Brendon has put into this event for our car club. Brendon built the screen and set out the area to provide us with a most entertaining evening. There were 31 cars on the night, some from our club, the Mustang Club, family & friends.

The local rugby colts cooked a bar-b-que of burgers, yummy bacon butties and sausages & bread.

The movie was "The World's Fastest Indian" This movie made in 2005 and attracted most people's attention by the shear guts and determination of Burt Munro. This is a true story about a motorbike fanatic, who modified an old Indian motorcycle to go over 3 times its standard top speed. He used modified Chevy pistons to help him achieve this feat. He was clocked at over 201 miles an hour. The modification was achieved in Invercargill back in 1967 and Burt's intentions were to travel to the Bonneville salt flats and see if he could beat the land speed record. He had a few problems when he arrived at the flats, they wouldn't allow him to start because he hadn't pre-registered but with the help of a few influential people he met, they managed to convince the officials to reverse their decision and let him race. Everyone at the flats were behind him when he managed to finally get out and start his race. He turned out to be the hero of the day after he hit the goal he had set out to achieve. The people of NZ celebrate his achievements still. Bikers from all over NZ flock to Oreti Beach, near Invercargill every year to be involved in a beach race and get together in a fellowship over a designated weekend to remember Burt Munro.

Stay safe on the roads & look out for the other motorist.

Ray Bewley
Club Captain



***** Save the Dates *****

More great opportunities to get the car out and enjoy each other's company

USA Day: Sunday 6th November 2022

Planning for this day is under way



There will be a special newsletter sent out about this - our biggest event for the year. We will be asking for assistance on the day and hope each of you will support the committee by giving your time either before the day or on the day – or both!





Sunday 11th December Christmas Party

Sunday 22nd January 2023 President's Picnic



Non- Club Events – you may like to attend





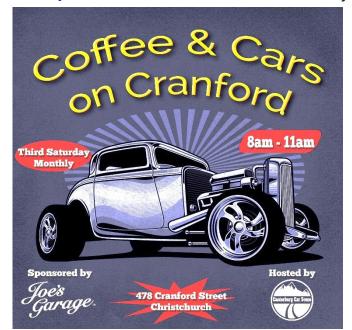
Waimak Classic Cars All American Day

Waimak Classic Cars are having an ALL AMERICAN ■DAY on the 2 October. From 10-2 in our grounds, at Ashworths Corner Leithfield.

It's a free event and open to the public.

Museum will be open \$10 entry. We'll have Dean's donuts, Heavenly Hotdogs NZ and The

Coffee Lady 2021 Limited will be available. See you there!

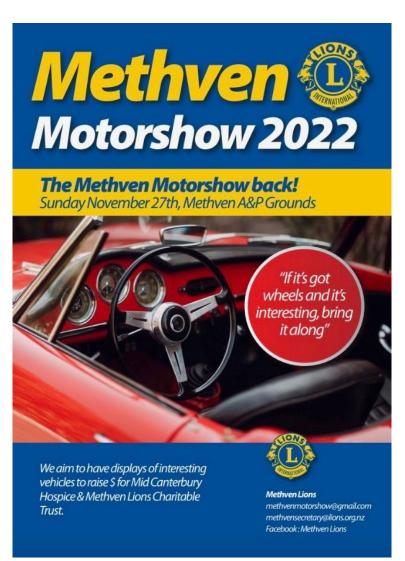




Your generosity at the first 'TOY RUN' - blew the hospital staffs minds LET'S DO IT AGAIN - THANK YOU

- Polly pocket sets or simila

Beading for bracelets etc.



Methven Motor Show 2022

Sunday November 27th
At Methven A&P Showgrounds
on Barkers Road
Email is methvenmotorshow@gmail.com
Exhibits arrive from 0900
Spectator gates open 1000
Entry fees:

\$10 per exhibitor (allows for multiple exhibits for \$10 total)
\$10 per head spectators.
Kids under 10 no charge
Profits to Mid Canterbury Hospice
Lions BBQ, Food Trailer and
good coffee onsite
There's no overall theme – if it has wheels

There's no overall theme – if it has wheels and it's interesting, bring it along!

Organised by Methven Lions Club: Mac McElwain 021 636 710 Dave Grant 027 434 7959

Running in conjunction with The Methven Fete and Exhibition on Saturday 26th





