



President's Report

Craig's Conundrums

Hi all

Writing this month's piece is a little challenging to be frank and I'm resisting the easy route of proffering inane discourse about Winter and the weather. So - I'll pick on something I read this morning which will have an impact on us all - electric vehicles. I see from this morning's article that our Government quite rightly (did I say that?) is questioning the ongoing sourcing of Cobalt for batteries and the level of labour exploitation at source. The following statements are sobering - "Over 70% of the world's cobalt is sourced from the Congo under poor working conditions" --- Artisanal and small scale mining cobalt workers in the Congo account for an estimated 110,00 to 150,000 workers, of which at least 40,000 may be children. They are exposed to extremely hazardous working conditions and doubtless frugal remuneration. So it could be said that we in the first world allow the gloss and lights on the show room floor overpower any perception of where the active components of our proud soon to be planet saving vehicle actually comes from in our feel good quest.

That all sounds slightly negative however there is in fact a more positive prospect, it seems cobalt free batteries (Cobalt being the most expensive part of EV's) will become a reality pretty soon along with the replacement of Lithium with Aluminium - the components that currently make some of these vehicles explode - that's handy I'm sure we'll agree.

Don't get me wrong I'm not a denier as there is absolutely no doubt that EV's in all guises will benefit from massive advances in development in the not too many coming years and mind sets will evolve consistently to fully embrace them. A Rivian electric pickup truck weighing 3 tons featured recently on Top Gear and beat the pants off a V10 Dodge Viper in a drag race so ask yourself where that's headed. I guess the point of all this rhetoric is not to cast aspersions on this emerging technology but to reinforce just how precious our true combustion engine classics are, precious in that a good number of the pre 80's cars in the club are true survivors in an ever more complicated world and as such deserve our utmost respect. I hear all too often how older enthusiasts leave the old girls in the shed and opt for the modern offerings because they are faster, quieter, warmer etc etc but with the warmer weather coming and some excellent runs in the wings maybe for those that have them we should stretch the old girl's legs and get some sun on the flanks, ignore the rattles, shimmies and shakes and relive why we got into this hobby in the first place and what made us feel bullet proof and a bit special in these old gems. -- Either way, whatever turns you on - Wishing you all blue skies and green lights.

Until the next run stay safe and go well. -- Peter Craig, President



The American Classic Car
Club presents

DRIVE IN MOVIE

Saturday

24th September 2022

Meet at the Selwyn Council car park at 4.30pm to be taken to the drive in movie destination. BBQ food available on site to purchase, (fundraiser for the Dunsandel Volunteer Fire Brigade) and there will be a coffee cart on site as well.

Burgers, Bacon Butties, Sausage & Bread

Also available will be soft drinks, popcorn and potato chips for sale (to help cover costs)

\$30 per car for the movie (cash only)

FM Radio required

RSVP to

Jimmi Anderson 021 237 9637





Welcome to New members:

Nigel & Janice Beardsworth with their 2016 Ford Mustang Ecoboost

Club Captain's Report

At the Daffodil Rally for Cancer held on Sunday 21st August, there was an amazing turnout of a huge variety of cars. Even though it was challenging to meet up with our members that attended, we did see quite a number of stunning American cars on display. Thank you to those who made the effort to support this very worthy cause.



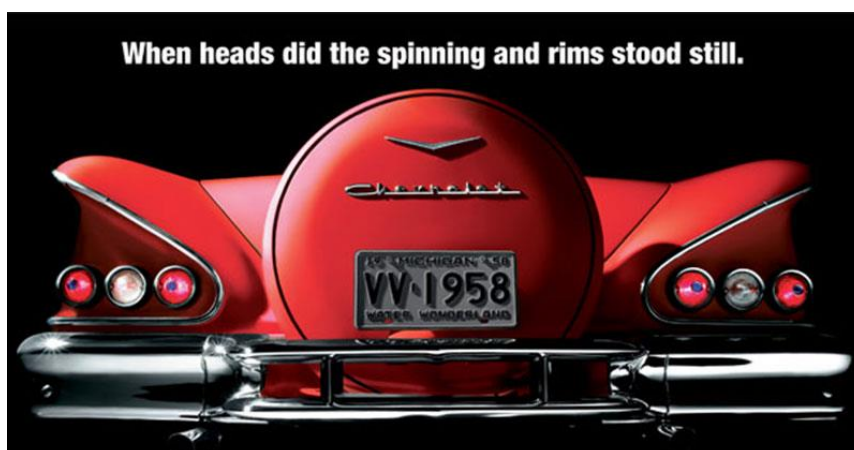
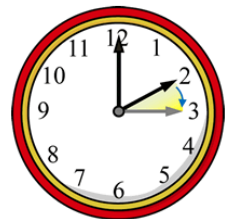
Spring has arrived and we will get the darkness early enough for the Drive In Movie just before day light saving kicks in at 2am on Sunday 25th September. So when you get home after the movie, remember to put your clocks FORWARD one hour. The Drive-In Movie promises to be a fairly unique opportunity for the club. The cost to put on something like this is huge, so your support would be appreciated.

For catering purposes, could you please let Jimmi know if you are attending, by email to accanty@gmail.com or text message or phone Jimmi on 021 237 9637.

Have a good week, and we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 24th September.

Keep on cruising and 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

Kaikoura Hop
CLASSIC COVER
SEPT. 14TH-18TH '22

Featuring... **'ROUTE 66'**

Playing all your rockin' favourites live at the Hop
- plus be sure to grab your tickets to catch them
at the Saturday night dance @ The Kaikoura Town Hall

KUSTOMS
EST. 1963

**Rodders
BREAKFAST**

NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST MONTHLY MODIFIED & CLASSIC CAR GATHERING

this month
featuring
BRITISH

FATHERS DAY
September 4th 2022
8am - 11am

KUSTOMS CLUBROOMS
MCLEANS ISLAND ROAD - MCLEANS ISLAND - CHRISTCHURCH

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022
HORORATA DOMAIN

**HORORATA
MECHANICAL
SWAP MEET**

**SITE HOLDERS
GATES OPEN
7.00AM**
\$20.00 PER SITE
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED
NO BRIC-A-BRAC
OR HOUSEHOLD JUNK

**GENERAL PUBLIC
GATES OPEN
8.00AM**
\$5.00 EACH.
KIDS FREE

HELD RAIN OR SHINE
FOOD AND DRINK
FOR SALE
CASH ONLY

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Vintage Car Club of NZ

(Canterbury Branch)
Swap Meet,
McLean's Island
7th, 8th & 9th October
2022