

## **President's Report**

*Wow, as I write this only one month to USA Day 2023!!!!*

*Your committee have been very busy with organisation and planning this major event, please make sure it's in your diary for November 5<sup>th</sup> and also let any committee member know if you are available to help on the day.*

*Since our last newsletter, long time club member Stephen Brown has passed away. Please join me in conveying our deepest sympathy to Liz and family at this difficult time. He will be sadly missed as we reflect on his attendance at many club outings in his 1972 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible.*



**Stephen Sidney Brown**

11 February 1954 – 2 September 2023

*Our last club run took us over Evans Pass Road to Ferrymead Historic Park where we were treated to a detailed tour of the Tram restoration facilities. This was a great trip back in time and a testament to the dedication and commitment that goes into the fantastic work to restore these icons of our past.*



*From there it was on to The Classic Workshop, another example of pure craftsmanship and always a treat to have a look around the workshop full of classic beauties. Thanks to Kevin and Michael for their hospitality and hosting the conclusion of our event. Many thanks to those involved in the organisation and running of another very enjoyable outing for the club.*

*Look forward to seeing you all at our next run.  
Keep ya motor running and have a pirfic day.*

*Bill Stanley*

# Club Captain's Report

## ACCC September Run Review -



Perfect weather once again greeted us on the Sunday for this run. The car park at Princess Margaret Hospital filled quite quickly with around 22 of our cars plus a good number of Kustoms Club's cars setting up their own run. It was great to see Russ and Mandy who had made the trek through from Ashburton as well as some other faces we had not seen for a while. The run was pleasant and uneventful following

Centaurus Rd through to the tunnel in Lyttleton, over Evans Pass, down into Sumner and onto Ferrymead Heritage Tram workshops via Redcliffs and the causeway. On arrival we had a debrief by Stephen Taylor, President of the Tramway Historical Society who had an incredible knowledge base to impart. We had something like 42 members so we split into 2 groups giving us the option to have a look at a couple of trams which had been baches until rescued, these were delightful pieces of Kiwiana history, really spacious and comfortable and were a real window into a simpler time. The workshops boasted several works in progress as well as completed and soon to be started restorations - fantastic workmanship and finish quality and again a window into simpler times - our thanks to Stephen for allowing us this opportunity.

From here it was a short hop around the corner to the Classic Workshop hosted by Kevin for a BYO lunch in the sun, Michael was unable to join us recovering from a recent illness and we wish him well for a speedy recovery. As always, we were made to feel extremely welcome with Kevin laying on a good helping of muffins. Thanks again for all your support and consideration guys, we are very fortunate to have your continued support as major sponsors in the club. As always, the workshops were rich pickings for a fresh crop of classic cars in various stages of service, repair and restoration so even though we've been here a couple of times before the experience is always fascinating. Kevin and the guys are passionate about these cars and the club should continue to support them when work is required on our classics - thanks again to all club members who supported this run.

Peter Craig - Club Captain

### Upcoming events:

- October 15<sup>th</sup> run - as covered in some detail
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November - USA Day - separate details to follow. However, as usual, we'll be calling on club members to step up and help out with this our biggest fund raiser.
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - ACCC Christmas lunch at the Top Club in Lyttleton - further details to be supplied.

# Rocktober event - **Heads Up** - Sunday 15 October

## ACCC Roads less travelled run / Mega garage raid / Mystery lunch stop.....

Hi all,

Thanks again for the positive comments from the last run, it's great to have the committee's efforts so well appreciated.

Now a heads up for the October run - I've called it "Rocktober Run" because it does involve some deeply nostalgic exposure to automobile items from a much more sane time in our lives growing up as car freaks - anyway start at the start.

When - Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Yaldhurst pub carpark. Followed by a 45 minute drive on roads somewhat less travelled and nicely quiet ending up in Leeston.

On arrival at Leeston we will be hosted by one of Canterbury's Hot Rodding (and all things generally automotive) legends by the name of Paul French - you can blame Sam Ng for Paul's very serious affliction and indoctrination into the world of wild MOPARS but that's a story for another day. Paul has graciously allowed us to visit his home and workshops in Leeston to view his collection of all things automotive with a heavy leaning toward Americarna, I've struggled with all of the cliched descriptors about this collection but have failed on all attempts - suffice to say it's likely you'll never see the likes of this setup again.

The lunch stop is still somewhat of a work in progress due to some slight complications as it turns out however a resolution looks imminent - either way you can be assured of a great result.

All in all, a pretty comprehensive day which we're sure you will enjoy. Fully confirming details to follow closer to the time, and again, numbers will be needed for catering. In the meantime, this is how it will run.....

- Meet at Yaldhurst pub carpark at 10:15
- Gone by 10:30
- Arrive at Paul's place around 11:15 (45 minute run)
- Leave Paul's by 12:15
- ETA at lunch venue TBC

Any questions or confirmations at this point please call/text me on 021 898 396

All the best

Peter Craig - Club Captain



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# Classic Torque



Canterbury Aero Club 95th Anniversary - Saturday 2nd September

A few of us joined the Canterbury Aero Club to celebrate their 95th Anniversary. They invited us to bring pre - seventies American vehicles. We met at Rolleston NPD and arrived at their Airfield around 9am. What started off as a sunny day turned out to be a mixture of cloud and sun? The temperature was pleasant enough for us



to use our picnic tables and chairs for the first time since summer. The Aero Club members flew their light planes around most of the day and a mid -day Barbeque was supplied courtesy of their club. After lunch they arranged for Ross from the local St. John to give a demonstration on AED defibrillator, which everyone took an interest in.



The day was very interesting and a good catch up for our members that turned up. Thirteen of our club cars were represented at the Airfield, a good turnout for the day.

The airshow went from 9am until 3pm, but most of our vehicles were away by about 2pm.

Ray Bewley  
Committee



**USA Day: Sunday 5th November 2023**

**American  
Classic Car  
Club**

2023 USA DAY  
MAJOR SPONSOR



**USA** Day

NO DOGS  
ALLOWED



ALL AMERICAN ORIGIN VEHICLES WELCOME

**SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 10am-3pm**

**Gladstone Park - Woodend**

Prizes for the Top Five - Prize Giving 1.30pm

MUSIC \* RAFFLE \* FOOD STALLS \* TRADE STALLS

Supporting, Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade,  
Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Lions

**ENTRY \$10 per person**

15 and under FREE

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# Non-club Events

## Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade Wheels & Wings

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2023** (Rain Date 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023)



Aircraft | Motor Vehicles | Motorbikes | & Much More!

Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade  
**Fundraiser**  
**Wheels & Wings**

**Sunday 1 October 2023**  
Rain Off Day 8 October | Gates Open 8.30 am

Signposted Kimberley Road, Darfield  
No Dogs Allowed  
No Alcohol

Hot Food and Drinks  
**AVAILABLE**

Adults \$10  
Family Pass \$25

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:  
Graeme: 027 604 1624 (Aircraft Inquiries)  
Nev: 021 650 554 (Vehicle Inquiries)

Gates open from 7.30am.

Location; Peter Morrison and Liz Natrass' farm. Kimberley Road Darfield.

**General Public.**

The cost would be \$10.00 per adult.

Or \$25.00 family pass.

**Display Vehicles.**

The cost is \$15.00 per Vehicle no matter how many occupants or if you come as a club make a donation which is fair to both parties.

Hot Food & Drink would be available to purchase.

(The local Malvern Lions and Young Farmers Club)

The Coffee guy will be present to quench the biggest thirst.

**NOTE: STRICTLY NO DOGS OF ANY SIZE OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED**

CHRISTCHURCH PARK  
250 Westminster St,  
Mairehau



**Labour Weekend**  
**Classic Car &**  
**Hot Rod Festival**

**FREE Event**



**22 October 2023 | 10am - 4pm**  
**Food & full bar available**

**Vote for your favourite Car!**  
For those who are travelling, we do have an on-site motel. Discounted rate for registered cars

**Free registration**  
[manager@christchurchpark.co.nz](mailto:manager@christchurchpark.co.nz)

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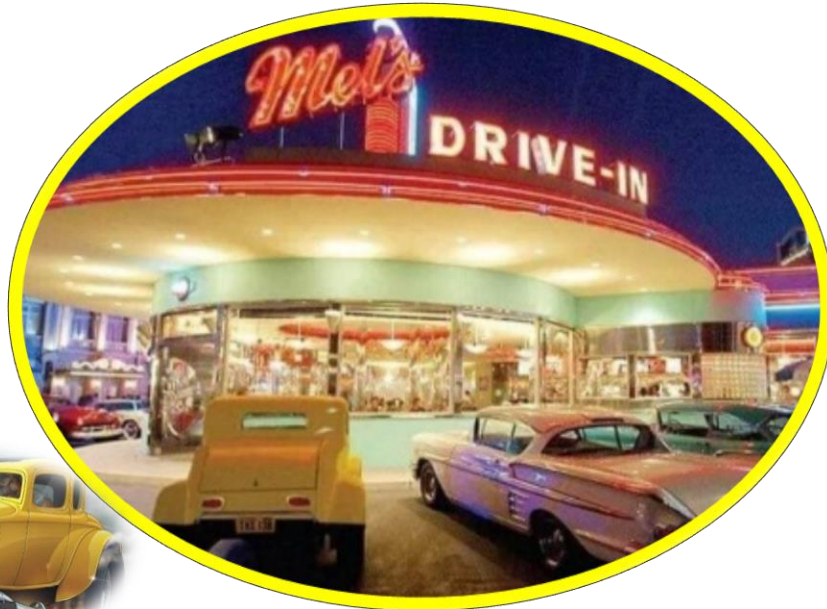


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# DRIVE IN MOVIE

## American Graffiti

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023



*Rock & Roll demonstration during the evening*

*Food and drinks for purchase on site*

*Held in Dunsandel and all proceeds to go to a local charity*

**Entry Fee - \$30 per car**

**Booking enquiries to: [brendonwright@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:brendonwright@hotmail.co.nz)**

*American Graffiti (by George Lucas) is a 1973 American coming-of-age comedy-drama set in Modesto, California, in 1962, the film is a study of the cruising and early rock 'n' roll cultures popular among Lucas's age group at that time. It tells the story of a group of teenagers and their adventures over the course of a night.*



***Celebrating 50 years***, *American Graffiti* premiered on 2 August 1973, at the Locarno International Film Festival in Switzerland and was released on 11 August 1973, in the United States.

## **ALL AMERICAN WEEKEND**

TIMARU

11th & 12th November 2023



### **Saturday 11th - Cruise-**

Meet from 3.30pm Caroline Bay  
North Car Park (off Virtue Ave)  
for 4-30pm departure to destination of interest.  
All sealed roads.  
\$10 per American vehicle for cruise  
plus small fee at destination.

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### **Sunday 12th**

All American Vehicle Display  
Caroline Bay North Carpark 10am to 2pm  
Featuring Live Band.  
\$15 per display vehicle

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\$20 per vehicle covers both days - CASH ONLY  
Proceeds to Cardiac Kids Club



## **Selwyn Motor Fest 2023**

*A Vehicle Show and Family Fun Day*

**26<sup>th</sup> November**

*10am to 3pm*

*638 Springston Rolleston Rd, Rolleston*

*Lots to see and do for vehicle enthusiasts  
and families looking for a great day out.*