

President's Report

February has gone, wow seems like it never really started and already its March!!

Many thanks to Peter and Paul for arranging the trip to Daniel Smith's wonderful world of cars and other memorabilia. We had another BYO picnic with a fantastic turnout of members who again enjoyed the picnic atmosphere. What an incredible collection of very interesting items from radios to helicopters and a most varied collection of motor vehicles. I will include with this a variety of pictures I took that reflect the spectacle we were privileged to see.









Look forward to seeing some of you at the Timaru Hop or at the April run.

Keep ya motor running and have a Pirfic day.

Bill Stanley

President

Club Captain's Report

Greetings all - February event report.....



Wow - as we read this we are into March, well into the first quarter of this year - a little scary. We of course have just had our 2nd event for the year with a visit to Dan Smith's, Kingsford Smith Drive property. This awesome event was organised by Paul Williams with no doubt a big input from Sue! We were lucky to ping another beautiful day weatherwise in amongst questionable forecasts around that date.

We had a massive turnout with approximately 70 people registering in 33+ cars - most meeting at The Peg for the short run out to Dan's and a handful of members going direct from Hanmer Motorfest, also on that weekend.

Dan's property has a magnificent front lawn in the shape of an amphitheatre which readily swallowed all of our club cars lined up around the periphery to make for a stunning presentation of American Iron.

Dan is an incredibly relaxed and welcoming host and after a brief intro from him we were let loose on a couple of the main sheds before settling in for a picnic lunch on the lawn. The smaller of the two sheds housed some beautiful examples with a standout front wheel drive Cord in stunning condition, the larger shed held heart-warming examples of cars from our misspent youth which could doubtless elicit unrepeatabe stories - cars such as MK1 Zephyrs, iconic FJ's, and a real mix of other Kiwiana Classics. Good photo opportunities were had of 3 club "Lady Boys" posing in a TukTuk! Following lunch there were more sheds to drool over and word has it that a few members found their way into Dan's bar for a bit of social discourse. A fantastic day - thanks again Paul and of course Dan and thanks also to all members for prompt registration for the event.

We are encouraging other members and committee members to have a crack at putting on some events over the coming months which will add to the colour of our efforts. Paul has done his bit fantastically - Barb & Gary have something brewing and Mark & Lorraine also have something tantalising in the wings so rest assured your club is working hard for you!.....

Upcoming Events - save the dates

Caroline Bay Rock N Hop Run Gatherings

Friday 15th March: For those travelling South on Friday meet at Dunsandel by 10am for departure at the group's discretion. The Dunsandel Cafe & Store will be open for takeaway coffees and any eats. The run through to Timaru normally takes around one & a half hours.

Once settled into accommodation the group normally has dinner at "Benny's Again" restaurant so if you plan to tag along numbers will be needed so please call Maggie on 021 298 3532 to express interest and discuss any other details.

Saturday 16th March: For those travelling South on Saturday meet at Dunsandel by 7:15am for departure by 7:30. The Dunsandel Cafe & Store opens at 5am so breakfast will be available for the insomniacs. On the way through we'll connect with Goldie - a new member in Rakaia with a 55 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday.

The run through to Timaru will take approximately one & a half hours, seeing us in Timaru by 9am to meet with the rest of the car club group at the Pak'n'Save car park on Hobbs St. Once the group is assembled, we will move off to the Hop car park area in Caroline Bay to park up as a club.

At the end of the day, it has become customary to congregate at the Top 10 Holiday Park for a BBQ. Talk to a committee member during the day to sort out the details. Any queries or questions call me on 021 898 396.

- **Non Club Event - Sail GP Lyttleton Top Club Fan Zone.**

Some members are taking the opportunity to spend the day at the club to take in Sail GP on Saturday 23rd March. \$70 for the day will cover entry with a glass of your chosen poison, food platters throughout the day and of course great views over the event - contact the club on 03 328 8740 for more information and bookings

- **Previously noted as Sat 23rd March - NOW REVISED TO SAT 6 APRIL**

The potential of a mystery event at this point for those not inclined to take in Caroline Bay Rock & Hop and indeed any members at all. There is an opportunity to view a particularly impressive production facility which will be of strong interest. A plan is developing to gather at Yaldhurst pub carpark for a run through to Rolleston I Zone Industrial area to visit the South Island's leading Web Offset printing facility - an opportunity to view this specialist and impressive facility responsible for printing huge volume retail catalogues, retail magazines and local newspapers, this is NOT your local print shop on the corner, this is where it gets serious - followed potentially by a pub lunch not too distant - further details as this one solidifies.

• **Sunday April 28th** - another mystery event to be organised by a willing committee member and their partner to be locked in so again details will be provided.

• **Sunday 26th May - AGM!!!**

Shout Out!!!! And now a shout out for one of our member businesses. We of course have the 1959 Chrysler Saratoga 2 door hardtop which until very recently had been utterly trouble free. Not so long ago the car developed an annoying vibration. I called in to see Kevin at the Classic Workshop to chew the fat on this problem. He offered to get the car in the air and have her checked over immediately. All wheels had recently been balanced so my suspicion lay with crusty driveshaft universals - the front one being a rather unusual and complex ball & trunnion system and the rear a more usual cross joint. Joe dealt with it all absolutely hassle free while I wandered the aisles of Mega Mitre 10 and as we suspected these joints hadn't seen fresh grease since 1959. End result is that the car now again runs perfectly.

My point is that Kevin and his team have a very clear understanding of the intricacies surrounding some of these old girls and Joe in particular seems to be extremely intuitive. If you fret about the welfare of your automotive love as I do when they are off key, it is certainly worth handing your sweetheart over to these guys in their utterly professional capacity rather than paying someone down the road to learn on the job with these beauties - and we get a club discount.

Thanks again Kevin. <https://www.classicworkshop.co.nz/>



Peter Craig - Club Captain, wishing you blue skies and green lights.....

Classic Torque

Invitation

If you have a story to share about your vehicle, i.e. history, photos, etc (or maybe a vehicle you have previously owned and spotted on one of our outings), please phone/text me on 021 175 3508.

Barb Court



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