

June 2026 Newsletter

## President's Report

Dear Members,

As we move into June, I am pleased to report that we have concluded a very successful Annual General Meeting which was well attended and where two important matters for the club were concluded. Firstly, a remit to consider a change of rules, and secondly, the all-important election of officers and committee and we are now looking forward to getting on with the club's business for the year ahead.

Just to recap, the remit considering the eligibility criteria for club membership was debated respectfully and thoughtfully by all involved and was ultimately passed with a significant majority. It was encouraging to see members engage so constructively in what was an important discussion for the future of our club.

The meeting also saw the election of a new committee and officers. We farewelled Dave Busch, a retiring committee member and Peter Craig who has stepped down from the Club Captain's role while still participating as a committee member. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank them both for their valuable service and contribution. Other long-standing members of the committee elected to serve another term, and I am extremely grateful for their continued support. The steady hand and combined years of experience is invaluable. We were pleased to welcome two new members to the committee, Sue and Janvier Marchand, and we look forward to their participation in helping us guide the club forward.



I am also extremely grateful for the ongoing support I continue to receive from members, and for the vote of confidence shown in electing me as your President for a second term – something I would have considered inconceivable just a short while ago. Life is certainly full of surprises.

I look forward to working alongside the committee and all our members as we continue building a positive and successful future for our club. As I have said many times, we are working in a crowded space, and I believe that we can still maintain our uniqueness as we move towards a new, broader definition of the word classic.

I hope to see you all somewhere out on the trail.

Graeme Martin  
President  
The American Classic Car Club



## Craig's Conundrum's - June Comment

### AGM Club Captain Report:

Following is a verbatim copy of my report to the membership present at the AGM

Welcome all - Thank you all for your support over the last 12 months for club events. We've achieved participation of usually over 40-45 members on runs consistently with good ongoing responses to registrations so important for advance advice for catering where needed at more often the winter events involving cafes, Restaurants and staffing at these venues.

This year again we have had a strong focus on engaging with members to step up and put runs or events together or assist with the same.

Throughout the year we've had some truly exceptional runs and events - I don't need to recite them all in exhaustive order apart from commenting on the following standouts which have provided the club with solid entertainment and runs in a world today where there are any amount of car events happening on a weekly basis and putting some time pressure on us all.

So - runs and events of particular comment - not necessarily in order in my mind (A place not known for order particularly) are.....

- **July 2025 Run** - Karen & Jeff Waghorn opened their beautiful property and garages to the club with a very strong turnout pouring over their car collection in great weather. Following on was a continued run to The Good Home Bar & Restaurant in Pegasus for a comprehensive lunch. Another run helped to be put together by Mark Rayner.
- **August 2025 Run** - August represented the end of a 3 month temporary committee situation and heralded a Special General Meeting to democratically elect /confirm the committee for the 2025/26 period. We started the day with a run from Rolleston to Sue & Janvier's property in West Melton- taking in Suzie's incredible gardens and their incredible shed with awesome memorabilia and car collection. We ended the day with a continued run to Rod Benders club rooms in Hornby for a fully catered BBQ put on by Graeme & Cathie with their amazing Chuck Wagon and finally the machinations of the Special General Meeting.

- **October Run** - Absolutely one out of the box with a run from Princess Margaret Hospital to the Top Club for a lunch - then on to Kevin & Michaels absolutely stunning property in Scarborough. Once here we were treated to an absolutely world class decades in the making display of Chinese antiquities stretching back 5000- 6,000 years. Again club members came to the party ferrying others up to the house with pressure on parking.
- **November** - All Comers Day - a first for the club in lieu of the customary USA Day car show bought about in part by the later formation of the committee and the concept of running USA Day Bi Annually. The day - with comparatively minimal finely focused organisation went extremely well and was invaluable with regard to the organisation of future events. Not wishing to inject negatives however the support from our own club members was disappointing in the final event - despite this the event was a huge success
- **The Club's Christmas Party** - An extremely successful event held at the Methven Conference Centre - pre ceded by a run via Darfield and Highway 77 Scenic Route in great weather. A very strong fully funded turnout with Father Xmas in the form of Mark Rayner delivered in one of Kevin & Michael's convertibles - Patterns developing here Mark!!!
- **February Event** - Another good run to John & Sue Akroyd' block in Rolleston to view their amazing Boing 737 fuselage B& B along with other remarkable Hot Rod creations. Graeme & Cathie were on the tools at the BBQ and did an amazing job as usual in these circumstances. Dave Busch made this event possible and did an incredible job in stepping up only to be bowled over by a hospital stint and was unable to attend.
- **Presidents Picnic** - Again in great weather - a run from Princess Margaret Hospital over Gebbies Pass and down into Orton Bradley Park for a picnic BBQ fully funded by the Martin family to whom we express our huge thanks. This was absolutely Graeme's opportunity to shine and with the usual Chuck Wagon set up complimented by a stage for Fire & Ice we were also treated to some numbers by Graeme and the family. A day to remember - a week later the bay we had set up in was half a metre under water!
- **March Run** - Another one put together by Dave Busch, I just went along for the ride while setting it up. A run through quiet back country roads largely to Motanau Beach for a picnic and a wander around the bach community. An awesome run - lightly attended this time however it demonstrates the value of engaging with club members who have vast experience afforded to them through association with other clubs and interests.

- **April Event** - Put together largely by Sam & Maria - a run from Yaldhurst via West Melton to Rolleston and onto Craig Stare's property for an amazing visit taking in a number of very rare cars and objects and a tour through Craig's house absolutely loaded to the gills with memorabilia and objects American as well as some more stand out cars. To follow was a short run to Robbie's Bar & Restaurant for a lunch and congenial discourse!
- I hadn't intended to detail so many of the runs however there were too many good ones to dilute the report- anyway you all seem to still be awake so no harm done!

In amongst these monthly runs we also had our first or "Inaugural Club Night Meeting" hosted by Sue & Janvier again at their amazing home. For a first off meeting of this sort we had strong attendance and covered a range of worthy topics with the next meeting planned for August at a venue to be finalised. - Thanks again to all who supported this evening event.

So there is the essence of the year - not all events spoken to however the theme coming through is the involvement of very motivated and capable club members to put various runs together which only adds to the flavour of the club and encourages rewarding participation. -- Again my thanks as Club Captain to all concerned as I step down and out to focus more on other pursuits.

I will continue to contribute to the committee as a rank and file committee member - and encourage you as members to consider what happens next year when potentially multiple positions become available. The existing committee team has had very extensive governance, some approaching 10 years and can't be expected to continue ad infinitum.

My thanks to all of the existing committee members and in particular to Graeme who has been a rock solid leader throughout the term and has guided the club on a very positive path.

Peter Craig - Club Captain

# The American Classic Car Club (Canty) Inc

Annual General Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

President Graeme was the chairman, welcomed everyone and all committee were present. Graeme gave a glowing presidents report and thanked the committee's outstanding efforts for 2025-2026 and followed by thanking Dave the retiring committee member.

Maria read out her detailed club financial report for the 2025-2026 year and Peter then gave the Club Captain's years report of the events etc.

Murray presented the trophy for the 'Most Enthusiastic Member' which went to our Secretary Cathie.

General Business was a constitution remit amendment to the rules submitted by Mark to Adopt or Reject the Amendment.

The results were by an anonymous vote and was duly past by a significant majority.

Last was Election of Officers with all 2025-2026 committee



returning except Dave retiring and Peter stepping down as Club Captain but returning as a committee member only.

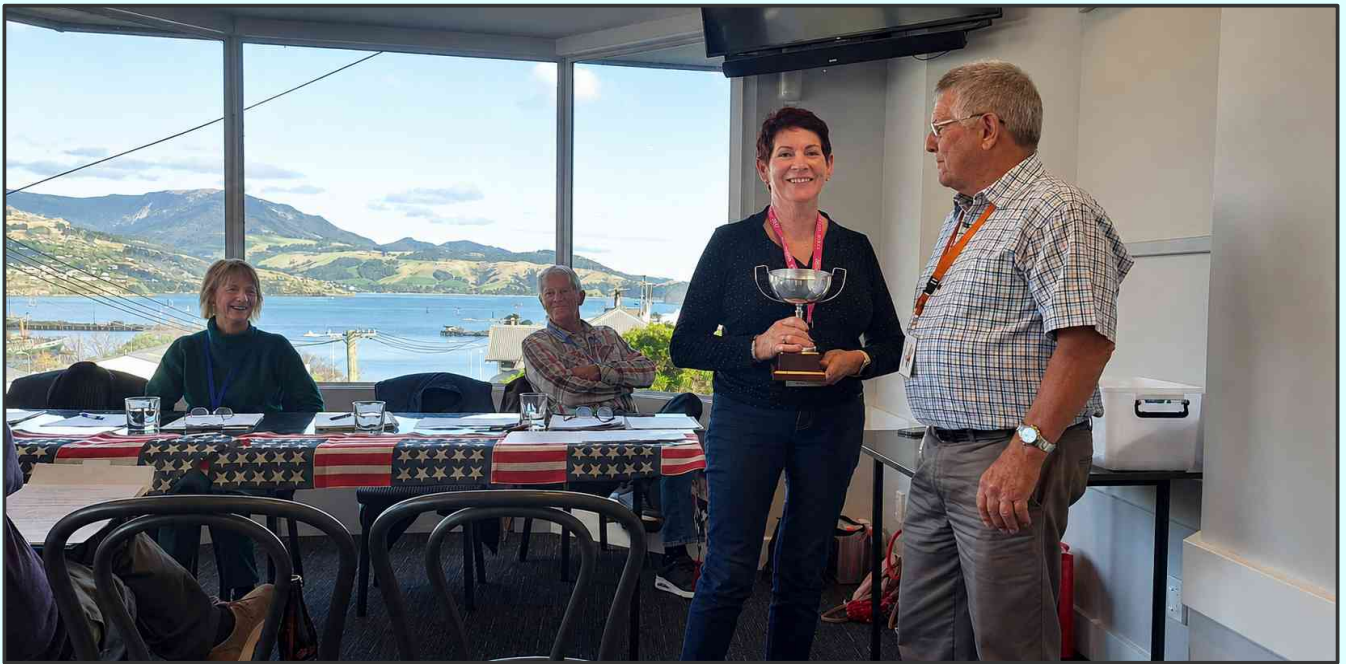
New members stepping up to committee role are Janvier and Sue.

The Club Captains position

was not filled.

The 2026-2027 elected committee are: President. Graeme, Vice President. Murray, Secretary. Cathie, Treasurer. Maria, Committee. Peter, Gary, Sam and Sue and Janvier.









# Club Events 2026

Save The Dates .....



**GO BEYOND**

**AIR NEW ZEALAND** 

## CHRISTCHURCH ENGINE CENTRE

### ► Christchurch Engine Centre visit

Mark Rayner has confirmation that our club members may visit Air New Zealand's Christchurch Engine Centre in Orchard Road to view the maintenance and repair facilities for Pratt & Whitney jet aircraft engines. Clearly this will be an incredibly interesting tour to partake in and those who carried it out last year may wish to do so again.

The date is confirmed as Wednesday 17th June – an evening event with time to be confirmed and doubtless we can also work around an evening meal close by, again to be confirmed.

*Please contact Mark Rayner direct on 027 359 9242 or email [mark.rayner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mark.rayner@xtra.co.nz) by May 20th to express interest and complete the list of requirements*

*See the list of requirements in the attachment emailed from Peter Craig on Thursday 23rd April for the Christchurch Engine Centre visit.*

# Club Events 2026

## Save The Dates .....

### ▶ **June Event: Wednesday 17th June:**

Visit to Air New Zealand's Pratt & Whitney engine workshops "Back by popular demand". This event will replace the normal 3rd Sunday of the month timing due to an Independence Day event being mooted for July 4th & 5th potentially. Basic details previous page and is an excerpt from the separate notice sent out to members.

### ▶ **Saturday/Sunday 4th & 5th July – Independence Day event – South Canterbury USA Classic Car Club:**

The committee is considering members of our club partaking in an Independence weekend event with the SC USA CCC with a run to Phar Lap Raceway.

We are looking for expressions of interest from our members as there is a run in Timaru on the Saturday and a Show & Shine on Sunday. Following is a copy of the advice from the Southern Club.....

"Our annual fundraiser Independence Day Weekend is on the first weekend in July (4th & 5th) the posters are currently circulating.

There is a mystery run in the afternoon where we can stay for a drink or a coffee or dinner, or you can come back to Timaru for a dinner in town. The destination is an hour away.

The Sunday of the weekend is a classic show & shine car show. If your members are interested in making a weekend of it the Tornados Custom Car Club open their doors to car clubs on the first Friday of the month so they will be open on the Friday night prior"

***So – if you are interested in the possibility of a group forming to attend, please call Sam on 027 479 3736. You will need to make your own motel reservations if you choose to stay over.***

- ▶ **Sunday 26th July:** This is the club's 55th year – discussions are being held at committee level with regard to how we celebrate this milestone and what format it will take. Further details TBA however mark the date in your calendar in the meantime – **NOTE** this date differs from the previous advice.

# **Non-Club Events 2026**

**See Event Posters Last Page**

### **First Sunday of the month**

**Kustoms Car Club** - Breakfast and Meet, McLeans Island Rd

Starts 8am.

Great social occasion. Always many Fords, Chevs, Chryslers, Hotrods and Classics etc  
All welcome. No Charge. Public can attend to view cars.

Hosted by Kustoms Car Club

### **Second Sunday of the month**

**Rodders, Customs, Classics Breakfast** - The Highway Inn, 527 Sawyers Rd Arms Rd

Starts 9am.

Reminder this event is for Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, Customs, Classic American and Australian  
Only, NO Japas and NO Euros.

All welcome. No Charge. Public can attend to view cars.

### **Third Sunday of the Month**

**VCC - OLD CARS, BIKES AND COFFEE** - Cutler Park, McLeans Island Rd

On the third Sunday of the month we invite all members and any interested members of the  
public to join us at Cutler Park from 9am-12pm for coffee and a catch-up.

All welcome. No Charge. Public can attend to view cars.

Hosted by VCC

### **Third Sunday of the Month**

**Countrywide Cruisers Breakfast** - Drift Inn Rangitata

Starts 9.30am

We are all go for our breakfast runs for the new year, we have changed our location to Drift Inn  
(the old Chequered Flag in Rangitata) and we would love to see you there, please let anyone  
you know within range know that we have these catch ups every third Sunday of the month  
kicking off at 9:30 am.

Hosted by Countrywide Cruisers

### **Last Friday of the Month**

**BellaRat's Gas & Gander** Meet at the NPD, 740 Jones Road, Rolleston

Good food for sale. Show up in your rat rod, hotrod, classic or whatever.

All welcome. No Charge. Public can attend to view cars.

Hosted by BellaRat's Gas & Gander

Participation by Members and/or associates at any Club event is entered at their own risk. The Club accepts no responsibility for actions or damage in respect of liability for injury or property damage caused by or to any person while attending a Club event.

## 2026/2027 Committee

<b>President</b>	Graeme Martin	021 312561	
<b>Vice President</b>	Murray Marshall	027 2001350	
<b>Secretary</b>	Cathie Martin	027 4350255	accccanty@gmail.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Maria Van Nus	022 3854001	
<b>Club Captain</b>			
<b>Committee</b>	Peter Craig	021 898396	
<b>Committee</b>	Gary Court	021 437488	
<b>Committee</b>	Sam Ng	027 4793736	
<b>Committee</b>	Janvier Marchand	027 311 3229	
<b>Committee</b>	Sue Marchand		
<b>Committee</b>			

## FOR SALE

Members... can advertise your vehicle or parts in the clubs newsletter.  
Contact email: [accccanty@gmail.com](mailto:accccanty@gmail.com)



### Vehicle for Special Occasions

Looking to add a touch of classic style to your wedding or other special occasion?  
Several of our members make their vehicles available.

**Please note:** The club does not arrange or manage the services.  
If you are interested, we can put you in contact with the vehicle owner directly for further information

**FOR SALE:** - - - -



## **For Sale**

### **Iconic 1956 Ford Thunderbird in rare Sage Green**



The first generation Thunderbird was unveiled in 1954 at the Detroit Auto Show and produced for the 1955 - 1957 model years. The 1956 Thunderbird shared the same body as the 1955 vehicle but a few changes made the 1956 model unique.

- ▶ The spare wheel was moved to a Continental-style external mount freeing up trunk space
- ▶ The addition of the Continental kit increased the car's length by almost 10 inches
- ▶ Wind wings were added on the windshield for improved air circulation
- ▶ Cowl vents were added on each fender to enhance interior ventilation
- ▶ Circular "porthole" windows were added to the hardtop as a no-cost option, improving rear visibility
- ▶ The electrical system transitioned from a 6-volt to a 12-volt electrical system
- ▶ Air vents were added behind the front wheels to enhance cabin ventilation
- ▶ The exhaust tips were relocated to the ends of the bumper to accommodate the new rear-mounted spare tire

This car was built 28 March 1956 at Ford's Dearborn, Michigan plant, and first sold out of a dealer in San Jose.

Only 15631 T-Birds were produced in 1956. Its estimated that fewer than 700 of these were finished in the rare colour of Sage Green - a colour that Ford offered for 3 months only in 1956, making this car a rare specification for its year.





This car arrived in New Zealand as a rare rust free example with 93951 miles on the clock in 2020 after which it underwent a significant restoration that included:

- ▶ Engine reconditioning
- ▶ Transmission reconditioning
- ▶ A repaint in the period correct colour of Sage Green
- ▶ A new interior in the period correct colours of green and white
- ▶ A new white soft-top
- ▶ New tyres
- ▶ New windscreen
- ▶ New rubbers

Now with 94208 miles on the clock it has added only 257 miles since restoration in the 5-6 years since 2020.

- ▶ **Engine code P:** 312 cu.i V8, 4 BBL, 3-speed manual with overdrive
- ▶ **Body colour Z:** period correct rare Sage Green
- ▶ **Interior colour:** period correct green / white
- ▶ Green porthole hard-top
- ▶ White folding soft-top
- ▶ Leather steering-wheel cover
- ▶ Rear wheel spats
- ▶ Electrically adjustable seat
- ▶ Continental kit
- ▶ Registered and warranted



**Contact: Kevin Giles-Pain. 03 376 4686 or 0274 520 414**



## FOR SALE: - - - -

**CLASSIC MOPARS** (Mostly) offered for sale by probably the most discerning follower of the MOPAR brand in New Zealand. These are very valuable and rare machines and are in varying presentations from "Project" to very good running condition. **Contact Geoff Matthews on 0274 399 817 for further details and or photos.**

# CARS FOR SALE

*All these classic cars are available by contacting the advertiser*

- 1955 Chrysler Windsor. 2-dr hard top. Project. \$11500
- 1956 Chrysler New Yorker 2-dr hard top. Loaded. \$17500
- 1957 Dodge Coronet 2-dr club sedan D500. Project. \$7750
- 1957 Chrysler Imperial 2-dr hard top (with 57 4-dr parts car). Project. \$14500
- 1960 Dodge Matador 4-dr hard top runs/drives. \$16000
- 1959 Desoto Fireflite 2-dr hard top. \$17000
- 1960 Cadillac convertible runs/drives. \$26500
- 1960 Dodge Polara 4-dr hard top. Black. reg/wof. \$58500
- 1961 Desoto 2-dr hard top factory black car with new SMS seat covers (\$USD2200) In Christchurch. \$17500
- 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix coupe reg/wof. Very original. 8 lug wheels. On road. \$46500
- 1992 Corvette ZR1. Red, reg/wof. In Christchurch. \$47500

**More information and photos available.**

**Contact seller: Geoff Matthews**

**Phone: 0274 399 817**



# Independence Day WEEKEND 2026

**SATURDAY 4 JULY & SUNDAY 5 JULY**

**PHAR LAP RACEWAY**  
(OFF PLEASANT PT HIGHWAY, TIMARU)

*All American Vehicles Welcome*

PROCEEDS TO  CARDIAC KIDS CLUB MID AND SOUTH CANTERBURY



**SATURDAY 4 JULY**

**MYSTERY RUN \$10 PER CAR**

Meet at the Phar Lap Raceway, off Pleasant Point Highway from 2.30pm, leaving at 3.30pm for a mystery run.

Brought to you by


**SOUTH CANTERBURY USA CLASSIC CAR CLUB**  
Email: scusacc@gmail.com

**SUNDAY 5 JULY**

**SHOW AND SHINE \$10 PER CAR**

Meet at the Phar Lap Raceway, off Pleasant Point Highway. 10.00am-2.00pm  
Food and coffee on-site

# GERALDINE Matariki Motor Muster



Head to Geraldine Motor Muster FB page for information

<b>KENNEDY PARK</b>	<b>Friday</b> Rego & cruise	<b>Entry by donation</b>
Vintage cars, hot rods, motorcycles, trucks & all	Sat 10 am - 2 pm Public car show	<b>10-11 JULY 2026</b>
	All proceeds to St John Ambulance	

Supported by



# REEFTON'S VEHICLE DISPLAY

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME. CLASSIC CARS, HOT RODS, MUSCLE CARS, BIKES, UTES, TRUCKS WHATEVER YOU HAVE BRING THEM DOWN!

**SATURDAY JULY 11TH**  
**REEFTON CAMP GROUND**

**10AM - 2PM**

Donation entry fee, all proceeds go to our Local Reefton St John's service



# FORD CLUB MARLBOROUGH

Henry Ford's Birthday

## SHOW & SHINE

FUNDRAISER MEET



**Sunday 26th July 2026**

Lansdowne Park Carpark  
Open to Public 10am - 2pm

**\$10 for Show Cars** including Passengers  
— (Vehicles parked by 9.30am) —

Gold Coin Donation Entry Per Person.

CASH REQUIRED for RAFFLES.

COFFEE — FOOD — RAFFLES



Fund raiser for Marlborough Four Paws.

FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER COUNTRY

# Car Show

**9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
**10AM - 1PM**



**MOTORBIKES AND ALL VEHICLES WELCOME**

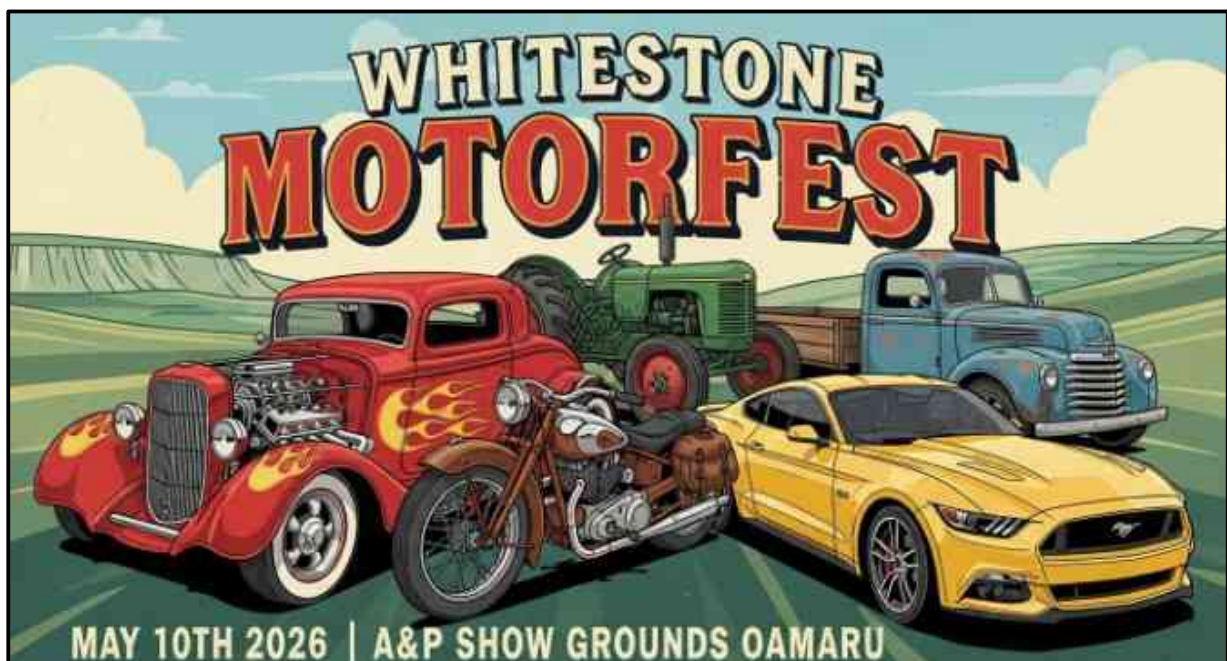
Register On-Line Via  
Facebook or Email to:  
glaciercountrycarshow@gmail.com  
Located at Franz Josef  
TOPIO Holiday Park

FRANZ JOSEF  
GLACIER COUNTRY  
CAR SHOW

TOP 10  
FRANZ JOSEF  
GLACIER COUNTRY

*Gold Coin Entry with funds raised going to South Westland St Johns Ambulance*

# WHITESTONE MOTORFEST



**MAY 10TH 2026 | A&P SHOW GROUNDS OAMARU**