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**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
of The Vintage Car Club of NZ (Inc)**

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Hi Everyone

Well our Club Captn and a few dedicated followers have been grafting away on preparations for the Daffodill Day Rally and the Mid Winter Xmas dinner—he can use your help with both events—so don't be shy—call him now.



Make sure you register with Rob for the Xmas dinner or you will miss out—at \$30.00 for a three course meal you will not be disappointed.

Our new committee is settling in to their roles and starting to look at future events and planning.

The Targa Trial , 2023 Swap Meet , National AGM being hosted by Nelson , 2023 Biennial Rally and 2024 National Easter Rally being some of the major events.

Of course we are hoping to have a few runs scattered throughout the year— your ideas, thoughts always welcome.

We also want you to share your experiences, restorations or perhaps tips on how to do things.

Kind regards

Ray

Front Cover: Paul and Dianne Lewis alongside their Ford Mustang at the Henry Ford Birthday Celebration in Marlborough

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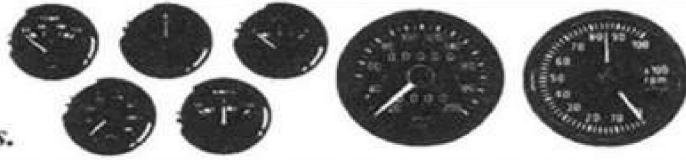
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Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

Please note these events may be subject to change and some-times it is not always possible to advise in advance

11 Aug	7.00pm	Daffodill Rally VCC Organising and briefing Night page 41	Rob Thompson
12-14		National AGM Auckland	Mike Bryan
14 Aug		Marlborough Trials	Gordon Dacombe
17 Aug	10.00am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
20 Aug	10.00am	Daffodil Day Preparation at the Clubrooms	
21 Aug	8.00am	DAFFODILL Rally for Cancer Page 19	Rob Thompson
23 Aug	1.00pm	Daffodill Delivery Page	Trevor Carston
26 Aug	10.00am	Set up for the Mid Winter Xmas Dinner Page 40	Rob Thompson
27 Aug		Mid Winter Xmas Dinner page 18	Rob Thompson
1 Sep	9-4pm	Ladies craft Group	Kyra Wareing
4 Sep		Classic and Collectibles Day at Pidgeon Valley	Chris Clark
6 Sep	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
7 Sep	10.00am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
11 Sep		Nelson Trials	
11 Sep		Club Run to Trials	
21 Sep	10.00am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
24 Sep	6.30pm	Drive In Movie	Rob Thompson
30 Sep	10-3pm	Positive Aging Expo	
4 Oct	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
5 Oct	10.00am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
11th Mar 2023		Nelson Swap Meet	
14-16 October 2023		VCC Targa South Island— Nelson Page 15	Rod Corbett 027 433 8772
2023		National AGM to be Hosted in Nelson	
2024		National Easter Rally to be held In Nelson	

Chatter from the Chair....

Hi everyone,

And a huge thank you to everyone who pitched in with the working bee around the Club rooms, planning and organizing for the Mid winter Xmas Dinner and out there canvassing and collecting prizes for our raffles for the Cancer Day Fund raiser. Feedback tells me it was a 'good call' to postpone the Xmas Dinner until Aug 27th, with several key people being out with Covid.



August remains a busy month with opportunities for everyone to be involved, particularly with the Cancer Fundraiser on Sunday 21st. If you can help either before, or on the day, please give our hard working Club Capt, Rob a ring on 027 547 5120. A raffle table will be set up in NELSON on the preceding couple of Fridays... if you can help please give Charil Milne a ring, 027 646 9250. The delivery of Daffodils is also on 23rd. Trevor is coordinating this for us.

I would like to mention and thank all those folks who rose to the call for prizes... a lot have been donated, some very worthwhile with admissions to Museums, Cinemas and events that will hopefully, sell themselves, particularly when coupled with the words, CANCER APPEAL... with all funds staying locally with our Nelson Branch. Everyone has been touched by Cancer in some way... I visited a local motor parts supplier last week for a donation... the Manager was away at a funeral... for a Cancer victim... I'm sure he'll want to donate his assistant said.... I will be back!

Unfortunately, I will be away for 10 days immediately before the 21st, as the VCC National AGM is on in Auckland over the weekend 12 – 14th. I plan to drive up and bring back the little Classic Caravan I recently bought which should look lovely on display with the Crusader as they are both early 60's models. With so many other willing folk left to all pitch in and help Rob and Jenny, I know the Cancer Fundraiser will be in good hands!

Thank you to several folk who have recently made suggestions to me.... the suggestion box is on the table by the kitchen, and will be checked at every Committee meeting. We will also resume clipping

the meeting minutes up on the noticeboard, too, so everyone can see the tricks your busy Committee are up to! Suggestions made so far are to use the Club rooms more for after run BBQs, Gymkhanas, and fun days, along with Special evenings in the Winter months. A pre tour to the Scenicland to take in the Lake Brunner/Moana area and a post tour back up to Little Wanganui have both been suggested either side of the 18th March..... I know we have several members who hale from that area... a TOUR ORGANIZER, please!

Another group of enthusiasts want more tours... perhaps further south in the Island. One possibility is a group travelling down to Wanaka for the WHEELS at EASTER, which I hope to get to. If you are interested in this with a further tour on the way back... please let me know and grab a bed in Wanaka asap! Perhaps this could include another caravan/camper van tour similar to Rex's West Coast Wander this year!

I have been checking up on a couple of items raised by you at the AGM... The lease we have with the Speedway is very specific in the area that we have the exclusive use of surrounding our Club rooms. The site plan shows this as extending from the Speedway Entrance gate and toilet block on the hill behind our Club rooms, down to a few metres on the North side of the lamp post, then directly across to the neighbouring farmers fence, which it joins at right angles. The southern boundary is just south of our container and also to the farmers fence.

We have an excellent relationship with the Speedway and we must maintain that. The lease stipulates that we cannot erect signs or put up notices around the area without their permission, save our Club sign on the gate and Clubrooms. This means it's difficult to clearly mark our area... hence MCA members entering will not be aware of the areas. A little quiet diplomacy might be required if their presence effects our operations on occasion. I have been told that if we are involved in a Club activity, involving fund raising, such as the Cancer or Swap meet days then our members can park over in our area at no cost. At other times it would be best to pay the fee... usually \$10, into the iron maiden! [Shed]. As I review my writings, Alistair, who we deal with at the Speedway, as just rung to confirm our dates for both the Cancer Run and the Swap meet as being fine with them.... The big trees on Landsdowne Rd are scheduled to be dropped in the next few weeks, but shouldn't effect us, or our events, greatly!

Also mentioned was our appointment of a Club Patron.... your Comm

ittee will consider your suggestions during the next few months and likely make an appointment before the year is out.

4 different names have now been mentioned to me.... all very worthwhile people who have contributed in many ways to the Club and are likely to do so in the future... Please write your suggestion down, along with your reasons for nominating that person and send it into our Sec. Roy West.

Another concern mentioned to me has been our WEB SITE.... There is quite a bit out of date which is not a good look particularly for folk visiting our area. We are aware of this and I have chatted with ex Comm member, Ryan Oliver who helps us with this ,and he assures me that he will be upgrading much of this as his time permits. Thanks Ryan, we appreciate the job and other changes in your life this last year and we know you will be 'on to it' soon!

The BM group were asked to prioritise the various things that were needed to be done around the Clubrooms and overwhelmingly it was the installation of a good quality shade cloth in our fenced outdoor area and the landscaping of this area with easily maintained borders, plantings and a general tidy up to be more welcoming for their Wed sessions and Club BBQs..... etc.

Several people have taken this on, suitable poles have been sourced and things will happen for the summer..... watch that space!

Security is also a concern.... we must thank Jim W for re securing and more firmly anchoring, the gas units which were planning to leave us, the girls noticed! Now the road gate seems to be open more permanently, although MCA members have a code for it, then we need to be especially vigilant of secure doors and windows to both the Club rooms and the tractor shed. I popped in to get some files from the



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library on a recent cold Sunday.... and I almost moved in, the Club rooms were so 'toasty'! Ooops... the HEAT PUMP was still puffing away merrily.... since... please check and double check everything as you leave!

I was looking for the past files for the Cancer Day, which I could pass to Rob as a check list. Everything from 2017 – 19, along with my debrief notes was there in the file.... whether you are a Hard Copy person, like me, or a Computer guru, like Ian.... a reminder, please keep all your event organization records, filed...[if in hard copy there is a filing cabinet in the library.] for the next organizer, next year.... We might be a Club that likes to see new wheels out and about.... but we don't need to be constantly 'reinventing the wheel for every activity!' Let's keep a file on everything to make it easier for the next person!

Thnx to the several members who donated used car batteries to Rex and myself for Club Murchison, community fundraising.... the value we get for batteries at the moment is depressed.... but we are still happy to take them and have a shed to store them in until, hopefully, the prices go up a little again.

A couple of dates, additional to Rob's list are.

Aug. Sun 14th. Marlborough Mud Plug. Blenheim.

Sept Sat 10th. Auto Spectacular, Edgar Centre Dunedin... biggest under cover display in Sis!

Sat 24th. Central Otago Br, involvement in Alex Blossom Fest. Meet in Clyde to participate.

16-23rd. Kaaren Smylie, 021 664 341. NICC Tour, Tauranga to N.P. Closes 12th Aug.

Enuf! No room for jokes.... this is serious stuff! Get em polished and rolling, Spring is another 12 rain days away!

Cheers and thanks..

MIKE B.

Chair.

His phone and Granddad; ☺

The phone has no memory, he never forgets, "yeah that rings a bell"

It's old and can't take a selfie

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You'll never see them in granny's hand bag

You know they are working when making a noise

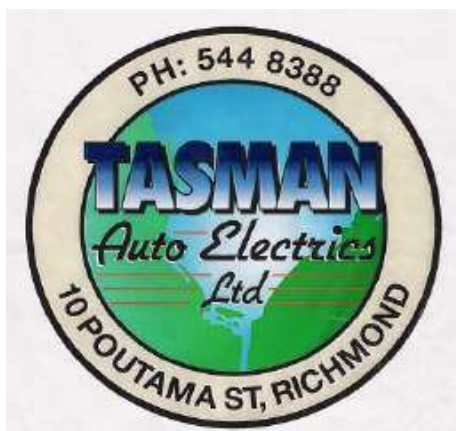
Both are wired for sound, "dam hearing aid, what did you say"

Once you get in and they open up, you get a look at what makes them ring

It's not a crossed line, granddad and his phone have plenty to share, call today, before they fade away



Thanks for sharing goes out to Harmon's Classic Car Museum, 105 Beach road Kaikoura, One of the tidiest original example we have seen ☺ (Yes, there are a couple of cars scattered about to)



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SUNDAY 14th AUGUST 2022 AT BLENHEIM

We have a new venue this year in the Kaituna Valley between Renwick and Havelock. Bring your **gumboots!**

Members of the Vintage Car Club are invited to participate in our Sporting Trial. The event follows the style of “Trials” events which were popular in the UK in the 1950s, where drivers and their crews endeavor to get their cars as far as possible up steep and slippery farm tracks and through other difficult courses. A number of these courses will be set out and points are awarded for the distance attained. The cumulative score at the end of the event will determine the winners of the various classes. The event will conclude with a prize giving at the Woodbourne Tavern Renwick where nibbles will be provided.

Eligibility

- All entrants must be members of the Vintage Car Club of NZ (inc) and hold a current Membership card and drivers license.
 - The event is for pre 1960, front engined, two wheel drive, VCC eligible vehicles. The maximum number of entries per car is two drivers.
 - Entered vehicles must be in a safe mechanical condition and will be inspected prior to the Event. Normal road tyres only can be used. No snow or mud grip tyres. Space saver tyres will be permitted. Please check your tyres to make sure they comply.
- The event officials have the final say in this matter. Differentials will be checked to ensure they are working.

Classes

Class one- Short wheelbase - 90” or less
Class two- Long wheelbase - over 90”
Other prize categories; First Lady, Best Dressed, and the coveted ‘Ballsup’ trophy.

The event organizers will have the final say in this matter. Each class will be judged separately and have a class winner. The overall highest points scorer will be declared the winner.

Rules and Regulations

1. Cars must be pre 1960, front engine two wheel drive.
 2. Distance from centre of front axle to the front spark plug must not exceed 1/5th (20%) of the wheelbase
 3. Differentials must not be locked or of limited slip type.
Please do not cause embarrassment to everyone by turning up with a stiff diffy.
 4. Brakes must not operate independently on individual wheels, i.e. fiddle brakes are not allowed.
 5. Seating for driver and passenger must face forward and the back of the front row of seats must be between the axles.
 6. Dual wheels are not allowed.
 7. Centre pivoted front axles, if used, must have stops fitted to limit the travel to +/- 15 deg? (this is to reduce the chance of a car rolling when a rear wheel lifts on a hill side)
 8. Tyre bead clamps are permitted.
 9. Road tyres only can be used; these must be of a width and section appropriate to the pre 1960 style of car used, and to the spirit of the event. Tyres designed for off road use are not permitted, for example - dual purpose, mud grip, town and country trail bike etc. Tyres must have a tread pattern such that the blocks are not more than 10mm deep nor more than 10mm apart laterally or circumferentially.
. There must not be an uninterrupted lateral gap between the side blocks i.e. from side to side. The enhancing of the tread pattern by re-cutting is unacceptable.
 10. Cars must meet an acceptable safety standard, including - secure battery, seats and fuel tank, safe steering and suspension, double throttle return springs, easily identifiable ignition on/off switch.
- All entrants must agree to abide by the rules and regulations for the event and sign the indemnity form on the back of the entry form.
- The object of the event is to get as far as possible through the courses which are set out for the event. Black numbered markers, which must be kept on the right of the car, indicate the achieved score. White markers indicate the left side of the course. If you stray off course, or touch a marker, the previous marker will be the score achieved. Some discretion will be given by the marshals, to alter the course slightly, to assist long wheelbase cars through any tight corners.
- As the event is being held on the private property, and a working dairy farm, entrants, their friends, crew members and spectators must be respectful of the owners property and be sure **all rubbish** is taken with you. You

will therefore confine yourself to the area of the event. When traveling around the property do not exceed 10kph and stay on the defined tracks. Leave stock gates as you have found them. There is to be no practicing or hooning around on other open areas.

Passengers may be carried provided there are passenger seats in the vehicle. Passengers must be in the normal forward facing, seated position. Passengers must be over the age of 16 years and have signed the indemnity form which will be available at the event.

Your vehicle is to be driven in a safe and sensible manner and with care at all times, taking into account the conditions for each individual test. The organisers will exclude entrants from the event if they fail to do so. Entries will be accepted or declined at the discretion of the organising committee. This includes late arrivals.

Directions to the Venue

We are using the same property as last year. Parking will be around the woolshed and out buildings.

On Highway 6 between Blenheim and Havelock, 13kms from the upper Wairau bridge heading towards Nelson from Blenheim. From Nelson, approximately 10 kms from Havelock, just after the Long Valley Rd turn off on your left. The venue will be well sign posted.

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Time Table

8.30am Assemble at the venue for vehicle inspection and briefing
9.30am Competition begins
12.30pm Lunch
1.15pm Afternoon competition begins
3.30pm Approx Competition finishes followed by prize giving at Woodbourne Tavern in Renwick.

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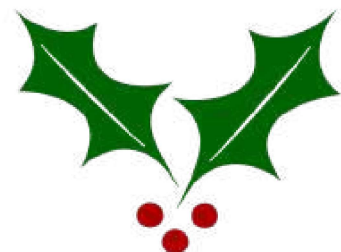
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Club Captains Report

6 July Wed Morning tea

A very good attendance on a lovely sunny Nelson morning. Many thanks to Darcey B and Barry F for morning tea duties. Also happy birthday to Gra-hame Ellery and many thanks for the savouries, much appreciated by all of us



10 July Snow Run with Marlborough

Thank you to the members who supported this event on a cold winters day. With Marlborough organising this year and calling it the snow run to Rai Valley. I know some of our members thought that was a joke but it was not far wrong with snow very low down on the drive over. A BYO event, a fun turkey game with a lot of laughs and a visit to the slab early settlers hut nearby, a great day was had.

13 July Rod Corbett meeting / working bee

Thank you to the members who attended this morning tea with Rod and Ann Corbett. It was very informative re Targa Rally. It will be a great event with huge organisation. Thanks also to those that helped with the working bee, great to have a sunny morning even though the ground was very wet.

20 Wed morning tea

Sorry cannot comment as Covid turned up for us and has us in its grips.

Extra bits

Please come to this Club night.

On 11 Aug we have an organisational Club night , we need to delegate jobs to all members for the running of the Daffodil Rally. ***This so every-one has and is on the same pages*** of which you will get a copy. If you are intending to help and have not written your name and phone number on the clipboard, please ring and I will do my best to give you a job. The plan is you will all get a list with the jobs to be done. Names and phone numbers a map of where things are to go on the grounds e.g. food carts, marquees, VCC display, Stage truck, entrants lanes and rego etc. Names need to be by each job that needs to be done. If we do not have a name or 2 by any jobs we know we have an issue to sort out. We will also have a Nelson VCC display and pro mo for our Club

All the best Rob











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I have suggested that members might like to contribute a bit about themselves to our mag, and thought I would start the ball rolling with a bit about myself!

I was a founder member of a 'break away' group of youngsters who founded the NZ Post Vintage Car Club [now the Otago Classic Motoring Club] away back in 1974. [The Otago Br, VCC, didn't want our Chevs, Pontiacs and Austins mixing with their Lagondas, Alvisis and Rollers so we formed our own Club!?] I rallied a 1939 Chev and a 56 Rover, for a couple of years before heading off on the great OE in 1977. After returning I purchased a 48 Series E and joined the Gore Branch in 1984, just in time to participate in the 100 years of motoring, Alexandra route, at Easter 1985.

The 1986 PanPacific in Christchurch became my first International event.

In 1988 the Series E was replaced by a 1936 Morrie 8 Tourer and later that year, along with other Morrie 8 Club members I undertook a tour around the South Island, camping in Nelson and spending a couple of nights in Golden Bay. What a magical spot. I decided I would love to live

there if I could find work.

By 1990 I had found a job, initially as the Bay correspondent for NEM and later teaching there. I had brought the Tourer with me and soon found there were like minded members around, but no Club! A public meeting was called, the Nelson VCC invited over. John White and a couple of

others flew the flag for our Branch and the Collectible Vehicle Club of Golden Bay was formed about 1991. I took the Tourer to Palmerston North rally in 1992 and then went with Chris Milne, Rex Smith and others from the Vauxhall Club to Christchurch in 1996. Meanwhile a Nelson Branch member, Peter..... † had pestered me to sell him the tourer about 1993.... where did it go? It was green with black guards and I've never seen her since!

Whilst in Christchurch I saw an advert at Rally HQ for a 1955 Hillman Californian, my mother had had one when I was a kid, so I had to have it! This was trailored back to Takaka, took part in the Centennial Show in 1997 then went into dry storage where she has remained ever since! With two old lady owners and about 70 000 on the clock, the interior is immaculate, although some panel work was required as the old dears had 'parked by numbers' and the chrome work needed straightening, rechroming and a new grill was found. A full mechanical make over is required and this will be the next project! Overseas education work took priority between 1998 and 2013, and during one return visit I purchased the 58 Rapier convertible which was stored and then brought back on the road in time for the Dunedin Rally in 2016. Still in part, a work in progress!

During 2009, I purchased off TradeMe two vehicles in a week! Whilst in Abu Dhabi I saw online a very original 78 Datsun 1500 ute, 47 000 miles, two owners, and similar to one I'd owned in the 80's. I had to have it... did the deal, arranged storage in Waihi until I came back. then looked on

TradeMe again and there was a car I'd always liked. a 65 Fiat Crusader, two owners, deceased

estate in Christchurch.... I'd caught the bug well and truly and I had to have her, too! After returning to NZ in 2013, both came out of storage and were rallied regularly but with the Rapier hitting the road, something had to go and the Datsun was sold. I still retain the Crusader which I took to Wanganui in 2012. Whilst day tripping on the Waimarie [paddle steamer] up the Whanganui Rv, I met Rob, Karen, Pat, Sharon, Tim and Debbie....an enthusiastic lot. and so here I am.

The last seven years saw the 58 Rapier coming onto the road, in a fashion, with a few jobs left to do. I took her to Dunedin for the Int Rally in 2016 before joining our then NICC, Paul Collins, on his extensive NIs tour in 2017. I joined in Wanganui and then enjoyed my first visit in to Wangamomona then up to Waitoma and out to Raglan, before I left the Tour and headed home via the Coromandel.

I was never 100% happy with her, the hood was not adjusted correctly, it took 3 people to get it up and down, and it handled like a dray! Back in my Varsity days in Dunedin, a friend had a lovely '65, Series 5 Rapier, 1725 motor, 13 inch wheels and it performed and handled beautifully! I would have one, one day.... and so I did! A Series 2 model from 1958, 1500 motor and 15 inch tyres... it reminded me of another mate's old 61 Humber 80, and handled similarly! There were a lot of bugs to still sort out and whilst in Dunedin on a trip south I stuck my nose into the Otago Classic Motoring Club rooms, in Leith Valley, where I was asked 'How's the Rapier going'.... Well.... and after a couple of beers Bernie Horn said to me, 'if it's not you Mike, sell it... that's what I do! I came home, thinking about that, looked in the shed, saw the old 55 Hillman Californian still parked up since 1997 and thought.... yep Bernie, that's what I'll do! The Rapier went south and the Cali travelled with me to Murchison, where a lot of mechanical work, some panelling and the painting was done by our enthusiastic member, Rex Smith! Thnx Rex, I can now enjoy comfortable Rootes Group motoring, that I didn't enjoy in the Rapier!

I can open up the sides and let the wind blow through but still have the luxury of the hard top! The 1400 motor, being the first of the OHV motors, pulls well and the steering is well set up for the necessary,

She ran well at the Naki Rally back in January, and afterwards on my own tour to Raglan, over to and around the Coromandel, over to Thames then home, with only a loose distributor putting the timing out as I neared Wellington. I still retain the Fiat Crusader, a Saab 900 and a 1990 Toyota Sprinter, a reject from my daughter, that we have owned for 15 years, which peeps out from under it's cover in the shed wondering when it's day will come! I am looking forward to getting my 63 Classic van home and displaying her with the 65 Fiat! I've often been asked if I miss the Rapier... no, 'it wasn't me!' I do miss the 78 Datsun truck, particularly with it's low miles and practical usefulness... sleeping in when away camping! My other favourite cars would have been a 66 Mk1 Triumph I had back in my early teaching days in Otago and a later 78 Mk 2, manual OD that I owned in the 90's in Golden Bay.

Well, there I've updated my profile.... either read or delete! Now that we've started the ball rolling again, I look forward to reading of more members exploits, trips, disasters and vehicles they have owned! There's the challenge.... and Ray is just waiting to receive all your contributions!

From the Chair,

Mike



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Membership

We welcome to the Club, a new members

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and

Scott Reid of Stoke who has a 1978 RS2000 Ford Escort—currently in storage

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Need to be pickup, this can be arranged.
For more info contact *Kyra* 544 9998.



Henry Ford Birthday Meet Marlborough

Words and Pics Paul and Dianne Lewis

Left Nelson 11.00am Saturday starting to rain. Wet all way to Blenheim

First stop was Classic Customs which had a number of projects under, ranging from 1930's to 1970's Fords



.Into adjacent shed where A Cobra Replicas are built (approx. 11 to date) with owners supplying engines and gearboxes if they wish to and with the owners coming from all over New Zealand.



Mostly with Jaguar rear ends and RX 8 front end assembly, although they are starting to do some of their own.

From there out to Omake and visited Bill Reid's hanger where we were given a talk on the Avro .



Also a couple of other hangars where various aircraft were under going restoration. One hangar was mostly of YAKs of various models.



From there across to Omaka Classic Cars which I had never visited before and was a pleasant surprise, a lot more vehicles than I expected. Even saw a Leyland P76 which were our wedding cars.





Checked into our motel and then out to tea with Dave & Yvonne Bell, a very pleasant evening.

Sunday dawned overcast and cold, rivers flooding and snow down on Eastern Hills.

Out to old Flight Centre Buildings for Birthday meet at 9,30am.

Mustang took a bit of drying off after standing in steady rain all night.

Was a reasonable number of cars although some stayed away be-



cause of the weather.

Dave bell just missed oldest vehicle by one year – a Model T truck, but he was kept busy nealy all day with a lot of interest in his vehicle. A good cross section of Fords, English , US and Australian with one Chev El Camino parked right in the middle on the road home about 2.00pm – ha ha.

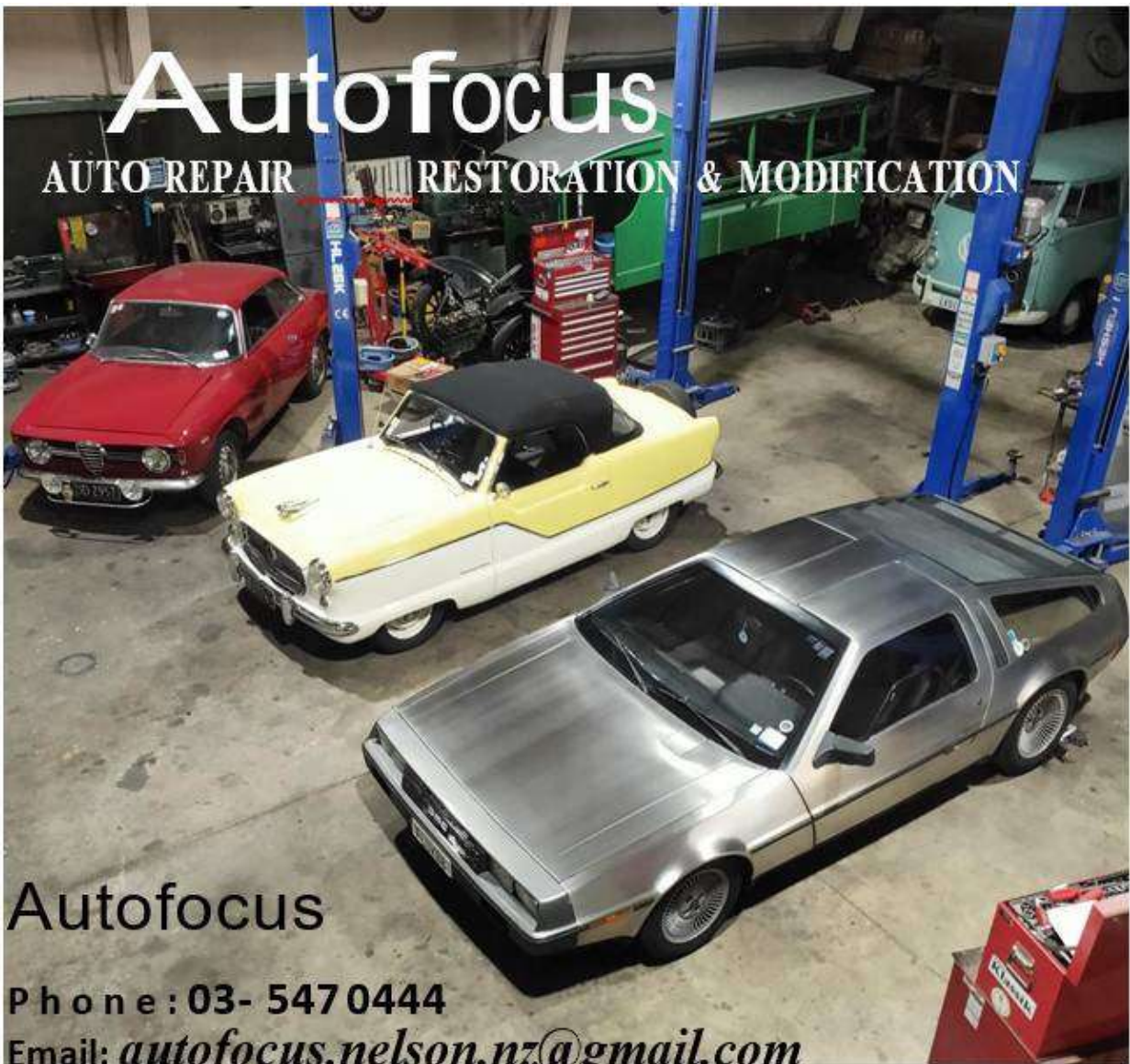
Very pleasant drive home although water across the road on both sides Renwick.

I probably found Saturday more interesting than Sunday









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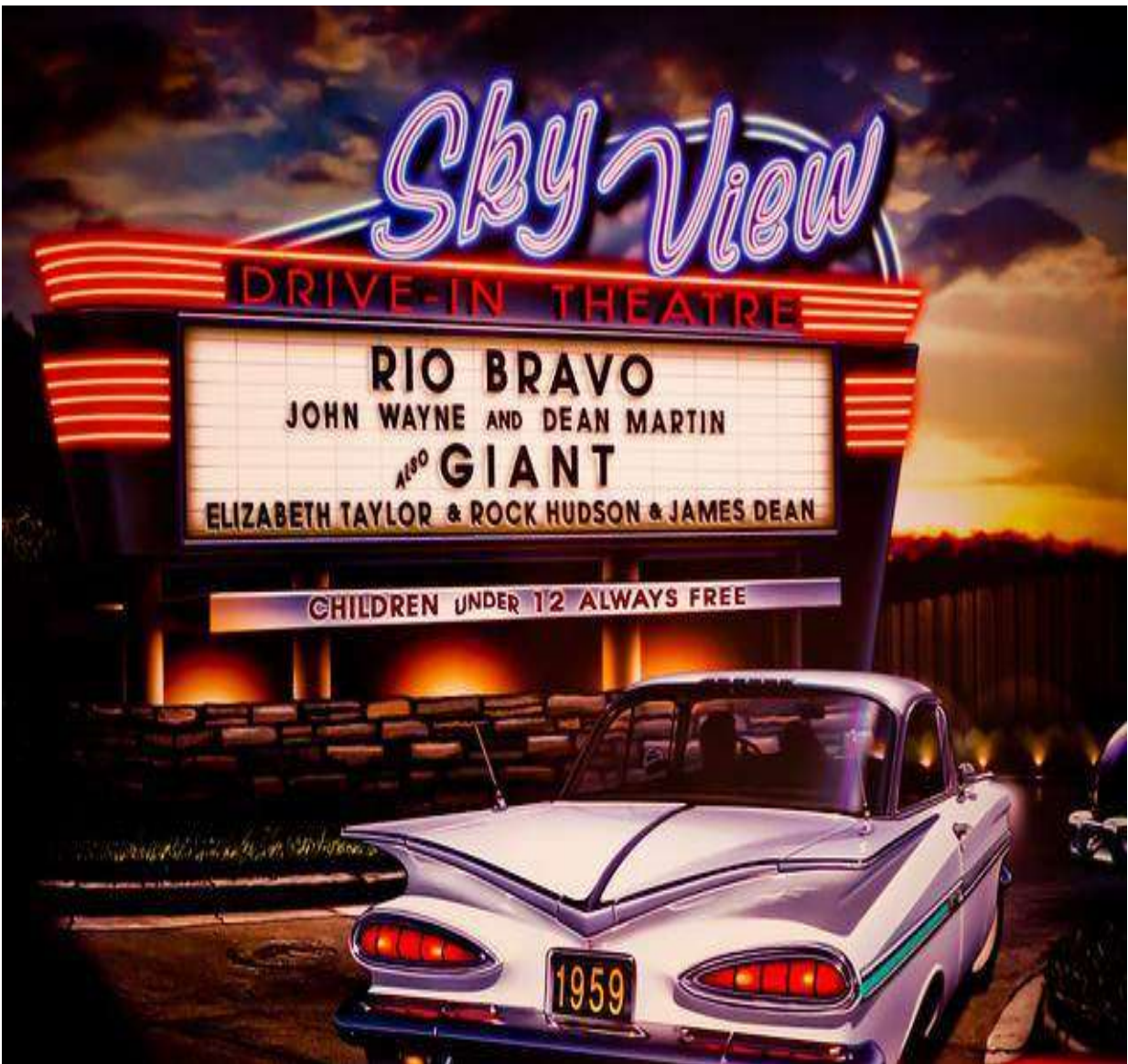
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See you there

Rob's Pics from the RACQ







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The VCC will again be providing vehicles to deliver Daffodils to local business houses

Tuesday August 23rd 1.00pm

We will need 7 cars and drivers please to drive Cancer Society volunteers

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