



Bits & Pieces

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Meetings are held on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the K88 Room at The Plains Museum

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President's Report

Dear Members,

On the 5th of March our speaker was our local councillor Daryl Nelson. I phoned him at short notice and he gave us a good history of how Elgin Nurseries started. Daryl gave us a good insight into how the business started and what tractors were used around the nursery. Daryl grew 1000s of pine trees of different varieties. Thank you Daryl for an interesting evening. The evening finished off with our meeting and a light supper afterwards.

We are also having some good progress with a proposed site for our display shed. We are at present having to do a site plan for the reserve board so they can take it to their meeting which was on Monday the 17th.

A big thank you to the Building Committee for what they have done over the last 4 years. Also to Greg who was co-op to assist with helping since Christmas with council and talking with Daryl over proposed site for us.

Greg also arranged for a site plan to be drawn up for the committee to look at, which we will be able to be shown to members at our next meeting. Remember it is only a site plan we have a lot to do yet. Once again thank you.

Our next meeting is our annual AGM so I hope we have a good attendance please .

Also we would like to plan another Wheat and Wheels Rally for 2016. So we need lots of ideas and support from our members for this. Our last rally was a great success

I hope everybody is well and cropping farmers getting their harvest done between the cloudy days.

Regards Peter McMullan



David Thompson, John Hall and Andrew Brown stoking oats at Buttericks raising money for the club

Geraldine Tractor Trek

On a beautiful sunny Saturday 23rd November six Mid-Canterbury Vintage Machinery members, along with their tractors took part in the Geraldine Vintage car and Machinery's tractor trek.

They were Ross Worner, Murray Elliott, John Hall, Peter Butterick, Errol Stewart and John Stewart. A total of 15 tractors left the back gate of the museum heading off for a secret destination. So secret that even the tour leaders, Allan Coker and Bill Anderson got lost a couple of times.



But it all added to the fun when 15 tractors have to do a u-turn on back country roads and head in another direction.

The Mid-Canterbury guys enjoyed heading into the hill in Hilton, Hanging Rock and Kakahu areas, with good climbs and great views. Morning tea stop was at the Waitoi Reserve where the tour leaders were reunited with the map (had fallen off the lead tractor and run over by most of the group).

The lunch stop was at the historic Kakahu lime kiln and by then the only dramas was a tractor with a split oil pipe and a couple of missing tractors which eventually turned up.

The afternoon went well with afternoon tea stop by the Te Moana river and travelling back to Geraldine via the Downs.

A really enjoyable day in the hills. Thank you to the Geraldine Club for inviting us and we look forward to the next one

By John Hall

Ian Sadlers Clearing Sale

Colin Cross and I attended Ian Saddlers sale at Orari Bridge. We arrived 50 minutes before sale time to find a big crowd already there. Ian had been collecting small motors and all sorts of equipment for approximately 70 years. He had a big line up of small motors, pumps, garden equipment, magnetos, crank handles and various other bits and pieces. Top prize on the day was for a Halifax

made hot tube engine which made \$21,000.00. Next was a Hornsby open crank engine which sold for \$12,500.00. An old hill side plough sold for approximately \$500.00. On the whole he had a very good sale, which also included his parents 1955 Morris Oxford car. There was also a number of outside entries which sold well.

By David Thompson

Vintage Plough Day

A vintage ploughing fun day was held at Craig Wakelin's Wakanui Road property on Saturday 8th February. There were 5 tractors ploughing, Ben Wakelin, Don Wakelin, Lester Roberts, John Stewart, John Hall and Murray Elliott rolling.



The paddock was barley stubble, a bit tight underneath but ploughed well.



Quite a few visitors came for a look and we all enjoyed the day. Thank you to the Wakelin Family for the opportunity

by John Hall

Ashburton Vintage Car Club PART 1

Run to te Anau

1923 Hupmobile, 1930 Dodge, 1937 Pontiac, 1937 D2 International, 1937 Oldsmobile, 192? Chevrolet, 1930 Model A, 1949 Bonus, 1929 Ford Model A

14th December

9 vintage cars and 3 support vehicles left the Tinwald Club Rooms for Geraldine at 8.40am, where we joined the Pontiac crew and carried on to Pleasant Point for fuel and smoko. From there we travelled west

and turned into Cleland Road over the river then left into Brothers Road which took us onto a shingle road and a climb to the top of the ridge which we followed for some time.

The roadway became less and less until it was a grass track. The leaders then became unsure of the way to go so asked advice from a farmhouse, which was the only one in this part of the country for many miles. Retracing our steps a

few kms we opened a gate and drove across a paddock which according to Navman was a road. After some time we came to Rockwood Road which we followed through a mob of cattle till back onto the Farlie Road at Cricklewood, where there was some confusion as the next instruction which was O'Neils Road.

It appeared not essential to find this as we have not found it yet, but we did

find our way to McKenzie Pass after a lunch stop as a small stream on the way.

The weather was very warm all day from the start, lots of dust. All cars performed well with the exception of the Hupmobile which had a small problem with the vacuum fuel supply system which seemed to have a sticking valve on the first day and was rectified from time to time with a quick stop when the co-pilot or driver, would adjust it with a rock from the side of the road.

From the McKenzie Pass we turned left into Haldon Road for a few kms then left again into Hakatamea Pass Road, which led us over the pass and down eventually to Kurow.

Another fuel stop there and an icecream and drink, then down the road to Duntroon where we turned right to follow and followed the right side of the river till we reached Danseys Pass Road, which we followed to the Danseys Pass Hotel where a drink at the bar was necessary after all the dust.

The weather had cooled off a bit, from here we made our way down the Ida Valley through Poolburn, over the hill to Omakau then onto our first overnight stay at Motels in Alexandra. A good meal was enjoyed at the RSA, although a little late at 8pm.

Fuel up again and off to Te Anau for the next three nights. We travelled mostly in our own time but some of us met up at Kingston for a look around, but the weather was cold and started to rain, and the only time I saw sandflies was here.

A decision was made to travel on from here to find better weather which we found at Five Forks so we stopped by the old school to have lunch. Another hour or so we were at the Top 10 Motor Camp at Te Anau, where we stayed in cabins.

Day three was fine but threatening rain all day from the west, as most of the team drove to Milford Sound, a journey of 250 km return while some others including us did some visiting and looking around Te Anau and Manapouri - a generally easy day.

In the evening the team walked down town for dinner, and with no bookings there were no places ready for a group our size, so we split up and our team ate at a Chinese restaurant and had a very enjoyable meal, Murray included.

Day four three cars took a tour to Walter Peak Station on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu, normally accessed by a trip on the Earnslaw from Queenstown. This took them all day on a long dusty road past the Mavora Lakes. Most of us went on a voyage on Lake Manapouri to West Arm.

We were picked up outside the motor camp by a Real Journeys bus and delivered to Pearl Harbour at Manapouri, the wharf where MV Titaroa a 24 meter catamaran leaves from. About three quarters of an hour later we landed at West Arm, where the intake and underground power station is located.

From here we boarded two specially designed buses and were taken over the Wilmot Pass to Deep Cove.

A photo stop was made at the top of the pass in heavy rain, this was to be the only rain we had seen for the whole day, which is exceptional for this part of the world. At Deep Cove we boarded another vessel the MV Patea a 32 meter catamaran for the 32 km trip on Doubtful Sound to the Tasman Sea.

On the way we were shown various waterfalls, land marks and points of interest. We were also shown the only house in the Fiordland National Park which is near the entrance to the sound named Blanket Bay Hotel. This is a supply point for cray fishing boats, and built by them, taking advantage of a loop hole which existed in the law, and saves them many hours sailing on the sound.

Notice Board

UP COMING MEETINGS

The April meeting will be in the K88 room at the plains on the 2nd April at 8pm this is our AGM. The May meeting will be on the 7th May at the same venue.

TRADE ME SPECIALS

Massey Harris 30 restored	\$3000
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A C restored	\$3600
IH Super A	\$2800

AGM

The Clubs AGM will be on the 2nd April Please come along and take part ,the club has some exciting times ahead and would be good for all to participate.

SUBS

The Clubs subscriptions are now due so please either see Anthony or post to PO Box 390 Ashburton. The fee has remained the same this year as the past two years at \$ 35.00

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that in February we said our final goodbye to our life member Alex Davidson

NEW MEMBER

The club would like to welcome new members Donald Gundry and Richard Hampton to the club

FOR SALE

Oliver Drill for more details please contact Guy Sutherland (03) 685 5721 Farlie

FOUND

AIS cap found at Ashburton Hospital with tractor badges on it if its yours please contact Andrew Brown

Rally DVD The club still has 40 copies left over to sell.

UP COMING EVENTS

29& 30th March 150 years of leeston

12 & 13 April Steam extravaganza Mcleans Island

19& 20 April Sth Canty Traction and Steam 50th anniversary

3rd May—18th May Wheels Week



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