

The Lion's Roar

Mumblings from across the desk in the den of the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch



March 2021

Presidents Report

Hello everyone,

Who would have thought that we would enjoy so much motoring fun in one short period of time, and many of our club members managed to represent us at many of them.

Shed Raids in Nelson, Hanmer Motorfest, Twin Rivers, all with a cruise. Fantastic.

Don't forget, we still have our Supporters cruise to The Holden Nationals show in Timaru over Easter also. Many of our members have been incredibly busy prepping their Holdens for this show, and our club is going to have a great range of top-class cars on display.

Our All Oz Day committee has been formed and will start to get organised for our October show. We would love to have as many volunteers as possible on the day to help. Family are encouraged to join in. I had two of my grandchildren helping at our last show and they had a ball helping direct cars. (Potential members in the making!)

Our membership has grown considerably in the last six months meaning

we are seeing more cars and families at each club event. While this is good to see, I ask that we all remember that we are representing our club, and as such, we need to be mindful of our behaviour.

That said, lets enjoy our cars and our cruises as much as we can, and I hope to see you all at our next event.

Love your Holden!

Allan

A few notes...

Indeed, it has been a busy start to the year with Twin Rivers and Caroline Bay Rock and Hop occurring over the last couple of weeks, and prior to our last club meeting; Hanmer Motorfest, Muscle Car Madness, and a weekend away in Nelson (event reports in this newsletter edition).

The next event is the 16th Holden Nationals in Timaru over Easter weekend, and supporters run on that Saturday. Then it's back for another club meeting!

Check out our new clothing range on the last page of the newsletter!



New club clothing!

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The Southern Trust Events Centre
Morgans Road, TIMARU

Easter Weekend
2-4 April 2021



Muscle Car Madness

On Saturday the 23rd of January, a group of cars assembled at The Peg for a run to Rangiora for Muscle Car Madness 2021.

The group headed north and were lucky enough to get into the main parade ground, minus the flags...

Some of the usual supporters were there, plus a couple of new faces, where they joined a number of club members who had camped on site.

All lined up and looking good, the weather was great. A good day was had by all, especially our farthest club member, Clint in an FJ, who won best Holden, People's Choice, Top 10 and Furthest Travelled! Well Done Clint!

Alistair Joseph



Images courtesy of Josh Bentham

Hanmer Motorfest

Well, once again the Falcon Fairlane Club organised yet another great event with over 650 cars of all different makes, models, ages.

Some of the club members going Friday night and making a full weekend of it, and others cruising up as a group from Christchurch on Saturday. We all meet up at 8:30am-ish to go as a group into the domain. Wow, there were a lot of cars there already.

Once we were parked up, the flags went up and some were off to find the coffee and look at the stunning stalls that were set up, some went for a walk around the village to find brunch and a brew.

Such a beautiful day that Hanmer put on for us with some struggling in the heat more than others, but overall a great day and all went home safe with no tyre issues!

Deb & Steve



Images courtesy of Alistair Joseph



With the retirement of the Holden marque, we would love to hear about your passion for the beloved Holden. Let us know your story and we may be able to share it with the rest of the club in the next edition of the club newsletter.

Ed...



Waitangi Nelson Weekender

Waitangi Weekend saw members from our club make their way to Nelson for an action-packed Sunday of cars, cars, and more cars.

Nelson is definitely one of the nicest places to spend a long weekend, and it certainly didn't disappoint. Some of us left Christchurch on the Saturday morning, and despite pockets of traffic, the roads were pretty clear. Due to the global pandemic, it was a nice relief not seeing too many campervans on the roads.

Everyone did their own thing on the Saturday night (some travelled well into the evening and didn't get into Nelson until well after sunset). Some of us stayed with family, to celebrate a Waitangi Day birthday in true BBQ style, or to celebrate a wedding, and others socialised at a local watering hole.

The Sunday started with us meeting up outside Waimea College where, after the longest tyre change in history and thank goodness Stephen's spare tyre fitted (club fine Ali), we set off for Club Waimea who were hosting the monthly Petrol Heads breakfast. We were joined by members of the Top of the South Cruisers along with members from Top of South Holden Club.

We then drove in convoy to Teapot Valley, Brightwater to a secret very large shed which was full of interesting classic cars. Beautifully restored Vauxhalls, some in progress and other gems such as a BMW Targa, 1969 Dodge Monaco, a Reliant Robin, and a '76 Scimitar GTE.

From there we proceeded to Ruby Bay via the Coastal Highway and visited Nelson Club member Barry's home and well-organised garage with his collection of Holdens and a Hillman Hunter, and various memorabilia. It was a gorgeous sunny day, and it was a lovely time chatting in the sun.

We drove through the picturesque landscapes to Kaiteriteri but were greeted with massive amounts of traffic and no parking before moving on to Marahau. We re-grouped and set off back over the hill (quite a few hills to be fair), to the Upper Moutere Inn (apparently the oldest pub in NZ), via a gorgeous scenic drive up the west bank of the Motueka River.

After a well-earned cold drink, we visited another secret shed at Spring Grove where we saw a collection of Chrysler Valiants and Chargers (and a sneaky Jag) and we were spoilt with a feed of the best strawberries I've had.

After everyone went back to their accommodation to freshen up and grab supplies, we were welcomed to Grant Kerr's place in Wakefield for a splendid BBQ and evening of great banter, singing, dancing, and good food. Grant and Karen have an amazing property and are fantastic hosts. Wow, what a man-shed! From a holden bonnet as the porch canopy to a 1971 Alpha GTV bumper as the bar leaner/bar top, it was every man's (or women's) shed dream. Good times and great company.

A thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Thanks to the Nelsonians that helped us make this achievable. We can thoroughly recommend the Waitangi weekender in Nelson, and if it comes up on the Events calendar for 2022, I'm in!



Sarah C & Sarah M





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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 2nd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 14th Twin Rivers Parade - Meet at Pioneer Stadium 9:15am
- 18th Caroline Bay Rock n Hop - **Timaru**

April

- 2nd-16th NZ Holden Nationals (16th)
4th Timaru
- 3rd Holden Nationals Supporters Run
Timaru - Meet at Rolleston Kidman St Park & Ride 7:30am
- 6th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

May

- 4th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 16th Cruise to Bealey Pub
(weather dependent - alternative run to Methven (via the Gorges)
Meet at the Talbot 9:30am

June

- 1st HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 19th Sunset Cruise and Mid Year Dinner
Meet Mitre 10 carpark Ferrymead
3:30pm, Dinner 5pm onwards

July

- 6th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 11th Karting
details to come...

August

- 3rd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

*Events are current at time of publishing.
Always check with the organiser of the event for the most up to date information!*

FOR SALE

Club Clothing Range:

Razor Polo (light)	\$45.00 (womens or mens)
Piping Polo (thick)	\$45.00 (womens or mens)
Hoodie (zip)	\$65.00

Limited stock of older style womens "red and white" club shirts available \$10.00 (sizes 8-18).

Contact Sarah McKenzie or a committee member for further details.

Club Merchandise:

Club Stickers	\$ 5.00
Club Sashes	\$20.00
HECC Cups	\$ 2.50

New Clothing Range!



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We are all willing to answer any questions or talk through any questions you may have.*

