

The Lion's Roar

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



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Presidents Report

March was a quiet month for local events due to bad weather causing the cancellation of Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza. A few members went down to Caroline Bay Rock and Hop and said positive things about it and it will definitely be an event to attend in the coming years. A couple of members also took an adventurous drive to Whangamata in the Coromandel of the North Island for Beach Hop 17 which never fails to disappoint.

Meetings at The Redwood are gaining numbers attending due to the bigger space and we are working to do a social meet at The Redwood in May as requested by members after their renovations are completed, it would be great to see some new faces come along

Club Rules are now complete and have been sent out to all members to sign and return back by email, post or at a club meeting or event as soon as possible. If you can't print them off then please ring or email and ask for a copy to be sent out to you.

With the completion of the rules we are now ready to get our application process started to become incorporated

25 Years of Holden Enthusiast Club Christchurch, we hope to look at adding this milestone on club logos etc as they require more printed. We have decided to celebrate it in place of our annual mid-winter lunch as a 25th Anniversary Day Cruise followed by a 25th Anniversary Dinner. 25 years is a great achievement and it would be great to see a big turn out of members to these events.

Membership applications are still steadily flowing in with 6 applications so far in April and 1 member voted in at the April meeting.

Josh Bentham



Caroline Bay Rock n Hop 2017

Yup, the 1st ever Caroline Bay Rock n Hop was held in Timaru on the 17th - 19th March and I have to admit it was awesome! Craig managed to start work early so he was ready to leave about 1pm, however my flight coming back home from work was slightly delayed so I didn't quite make it home until 2pm. We quickly loaded up KC ('71 Cutlass) and we were off at 2.30pm with poor Craig being relegated to the passengers seat (which is now a common occurrence).



We passed a few classics and hot rods on our way down on the mega warm day, both of the windows were rolled completely down and we still weren't cooling off! When we checked into our motel, there was a large number of show cars there already so it was a quick unpack and then off to Caroline Bay to prepare for the street parade and cruise. Down at the bay there was a range of vehicles there from vintage to hot rods, classic to a few American moderns. At 6.30pm the hooter went off and there was 350 vehicles ready to cruise.



We went through the very very crowded streets of Timaru and then out to Pleasant Point, through Temuka and back to Timaru. It was great to see all the crowds along the streets of all the towns, at the ends of driveways, families holding picnics on the side of rural roads while watching the cars cruise past AND there was no real delays, or stop starts, in the cruise either. It was really smooth flowing!



The next morning dawned and it had cooled off overnight and there that lovely Timaru wind off the sea happening! We were early to the bay and secured a good park, the organisers had made a brilliant display area for the vehicles that allowed good parking space, easy access in and out plus it had some really cool street signs. In total there were 680 vehicles at the showgrounds on display and it even had people bringing their cars up from Invercargill.



Caroline Bay Rock n Hop 2017 continued



Along with the cars, there was constant live music, many coffee and food vendors, and a huge trade area! It was so well organised and it seemed like there were no issues, so we have to give a great big thumbs up to the organisers! Mid afternoon it was the Wearable Parts Competition as well as the Rockabilly Costume for both him and her.



Other events that happened on the weekend that we weren't able to attend were the Rock n Roll Party on Saturday night, breakfast on Sunday morning and then there was another cruise on Sunday that went via Fairlie and Geraldine.



Overall this was a great smoothly run event which we will be booking in to do next year! I believe they are going to only have a limited entry number of 800 cars and I imagine it will be the rule - get your entry in or miss out! Accommodation will be heavily booked so I would book in as soon as you can if you think you are going to go to it. Plus it looks like the town and council has supported the event so much they are looking at running something on Thursday as well.

Cherie Blackwell



Beach Hop 2017

Leanne and I left on Saturday driving from Christchurch to Picton, on Sunday we crossed on Ferry to Wellington. Upon arrival we were met by 2 EH Holden owners at the wharf, 1 of which had his car so we went off to take a few photos before carrying on our journey reaching Matamata (my hometown) Sunday night. We stayed with my parents for a couple of nights in Matamata before Tuesday getting on the road to Whangamata. Streets of Whangamata were starting to bustle with classic cars and hot rods. We spent the evening cleaning the car of the road grime and bugs from the drive.



Wednesday marked the start of Beach Hop 17 with Waihi Warm Up. We parked up our car at the meet point in Whangamata with about 500 other cars, we got on the road and headed to Waihi with schools and resthomes out on the roadside watching the cars go by. Always good to see a smile on their faces. We were then parked up down the main street of town for 4 or so hours before fueling up at a petrol station that resembled a classic car parking lot. Wednesday afternoon a passerby came in and said that his parents used to own our premier 25 years ago and had texted them to double check the registration, but had all the tell tales signs with vinyl roof, colour etc. By night Whangamata main street becomes a rolling car show of classics. We parked up for a while and met another club member.



Thursday being Beach Hops 2nd time going to Whitianga but 1st as an official event, over 700 cars which filled the main street through a reserve into a marina wharf and we caught up with a few more classic holden owners and had a relaxing day around Whitianga.



Friday is the biggest cruise day with over 1000 joining in on the Onemana ThunderCruise and over 300 cars lining the sides of the road on the way there. We went and met Greg Murphy who was attending in his Chev C10 and I told him I would like a picture of him with our Premier, Greg didn't get a chance to leave his signing booth all day so we decided to take the car to him as numbers started to leave, He really liked the Premier. We also caught up with the son of the ex owner of our car and exchanged numbers in a hope of catching up with his parents on our way home as they reside in Taupo.



Friday night we started a lap of town but got half way and our alternator wire had fried off the terminal, tried doing a roadside repair but ended up being towed home by an EJ holden and i messaged a friend with a HQ who happened to have everything we needed to get back on the road so had a lap to check everything was back to normal.



Beach Hop 2017 continued



Saturday for Beach Hop is their biggest day with a parade and show of cars with over 1200 cars on show. We personally didn't enter the parade but did go down to watch the parade for 2 hours before going to a Classic Holden Owners meet up at one of the only reserves not used by Beach Hop. In 2016 we had 60 FJ-HZ and this year we had 51 FX-WB Holdens. We met a few new owners who had heard of the event by chance. I suspect there was easily 200 Classic Holdens in and around Whangamata. We then went and looked around some of the cars and caravans before heading to prizegiving.



Sunday was a quiet start to the day packing up gear before final prizegiving for best bikes, cars, caravan and hot rod. We then hit the road heading for Taupo. We contacted the previous owners of our Premier and went and met them and had a chat and learnt a bit of the history, from when he owned it.

It was very much original and had all ownership papers etc but somewhere along the line they have been lost by an owner. They are believed to be the last people to have painted the car and they think the vinyl roof is even from their time otherwise it was replaced the same colour.



Monday we made our way from Taupo to Wellington stopping in at Southward Museum for a look around then found some lunch before we caught the Ferry to Picton arriving late evening. Tuesday we drove from Picton back to Christchurch having to stop in Blenheim for first on the scene to an old guy crashing his original old Nissan Sunny Wagon into 2 parked cars and sadly he wasn't aware that anything had happened.



We carried on after giving our statement and had to stop at about 15-20 stop goes and drove through 25+ roadworks due to trying to strengthen and upkeep roads since the closure of SH1. We were shattered after a huge day of driving but all in all it was a great week and a half covering 2600km and drinking through 360L of fuel. We have since found a broken alternator bracket which luckily didn't happen on our trip.

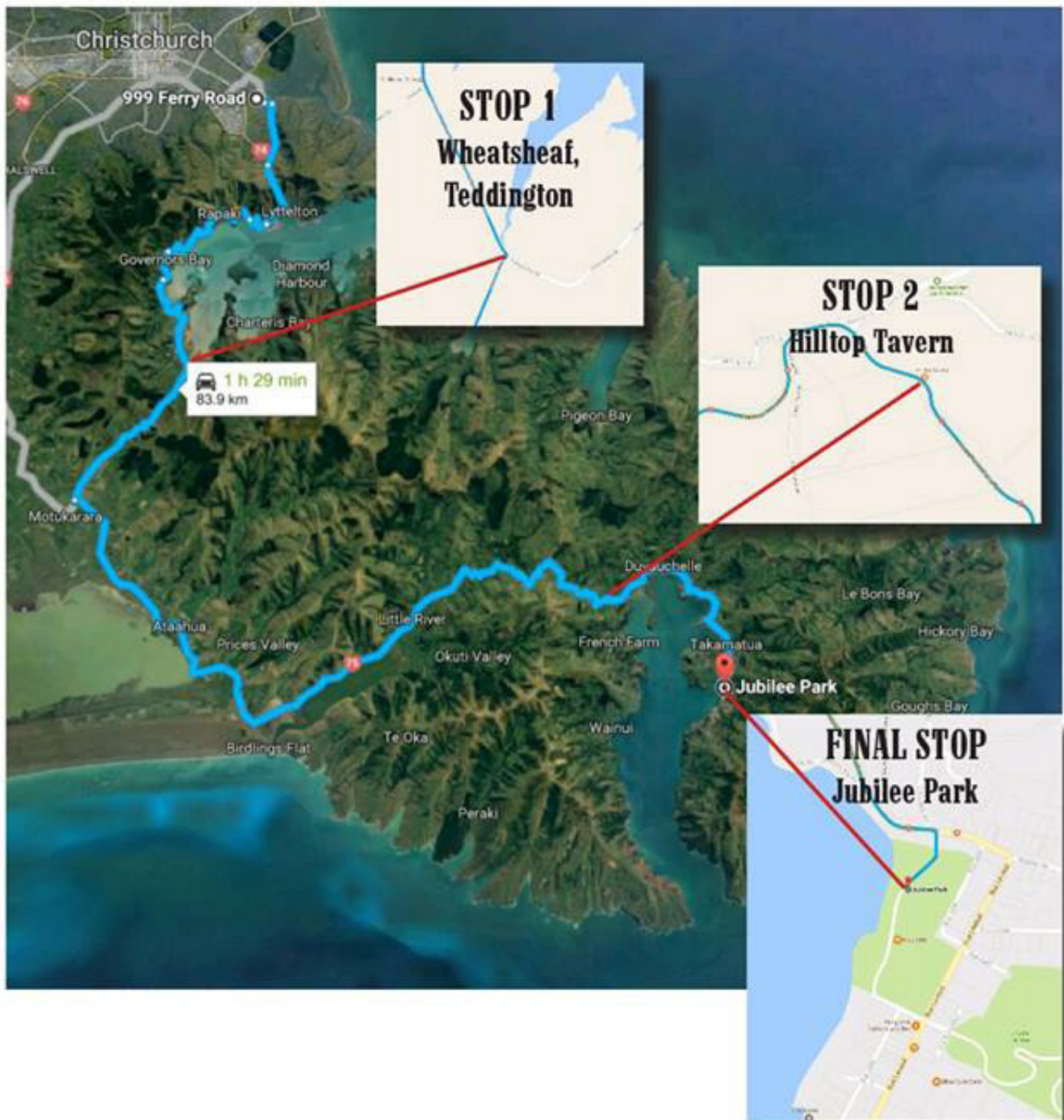
Josh Bentham





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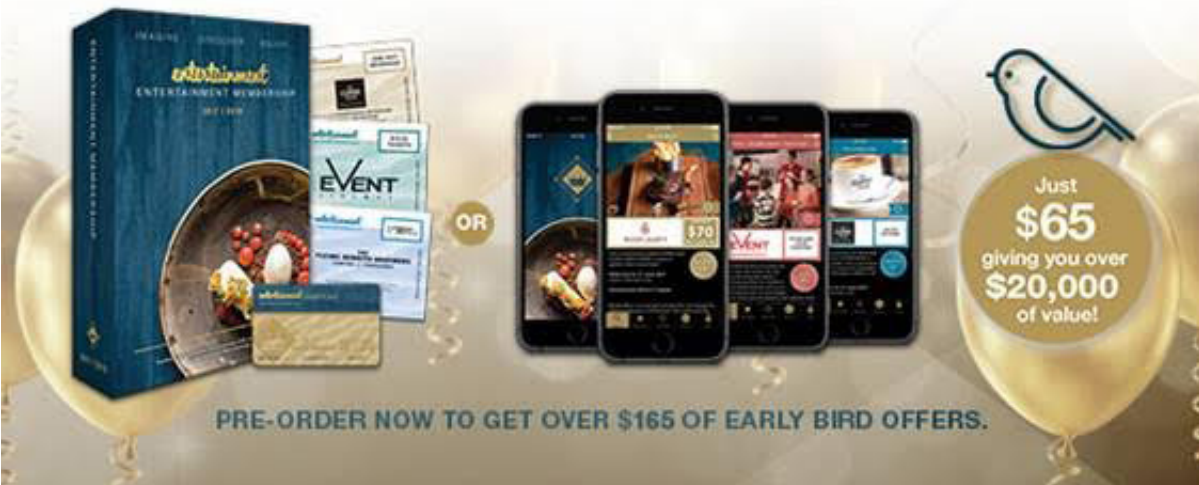
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Breakfast at the Hot Rod Club 7th May 2017 8.30am till 10.00am

- Sunday Breakfast \$15 per person - Register and pay for on Saturday at Hot Rod Club

Entries for car show email americarsrcc@gmail.com

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Name

Contact Number.....

Email Address.....

Vehicle Make.....

Model.....

Year /Colour.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April
30th Cruise to Akaroa. Meeting point at Mitre 10 Mega Ferrymead @ 9:30am. Club BBQ. BYO food.
- May
2nd Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm
- 6th Ashburton Wheels All Vehicle Show. Meeting Point Z Templeton @ 8am. Pre Register and entry is free, or it is \$10 on the day. Contact club for entry form.
- 7th Petrolhead Breakfast. Meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arm Road @ 8:30am.
- 12th Social Drinks at Redwood Hotel. 5:30pm onwards.
- 28th Scavenger Hunt. Details to be confirmed.
- June
4th Petrolhead Breakfast. Meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arm Road @ 8:30am.
- 6th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm
- 11th Interclub Challenge - more information to come
- 24th HECC 25th Anniversary Dinner - more information to come

FOR SALE

Club Shirts - \$62, Polo Shirts - \$46,
Club Stickers - \$5, Club Sashes - \$20,
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For more information contact Sarah on
021 024 92550

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- Womens sketch t – \$35.00 Kids t – \$30.00
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