

# The Lion's Roar

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



March 2017

## Presidents Report

February was yet another busy and successful month for the club, with a good number of members and applicants making it on the run to Hanmer Motorfest and a large turnout to our March meeting.



*Happy 25th Birthday HECC*

It was planned to have a big turnout of potentially 30 cars to Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza but the weather hampered this causing the event to be cancelled, the organisers are currently discussing options for a rescheduled date due to a high number of requests to reschedule. We will keep an eye out for an announcement and try to fit it into the club calendar if possible.

The committee is currently working through our application for the club to become an incorporated society. Part of this process requires us to revise club rules to be submitted with our application. Upon completion of this revision the rules will be sent out for all members to sign for club records.

A few members have requested some social events at The Redwood. We will look at this in the coming months so watch this space.

*Josh Bentham*



Congratulations  
to  
Cherie and Craig!!

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## January Muscle Car Madness Report

Well the 2017 Muscle Car Madness has been and gone for another year and as always it didn't disappoint. We arrived on Wednesday, just before lunch, to set up the camp site and prep ourselves for the weekend of fun ahead. We noticed that the rest of the campsites were reasonably full compared to Wednesdays on previous years, a sign of a very busy place! Wednesday afternoon and evening were fairly quiet at most campsites, with everybody setting up their sites however, as normal, there were a few people already starting to cruise the laps! We will call this day one of the wind!



Day two of the wind; Thursday saw the campsite almost bulging at the seams with everyone else turning up to camp. The rest of our group turned up including Jake in his '1984 Mitsi ute' that strangely looked like a 1946 lowered Chevy truck and it definitely did not sound stock with its ex powerboat 400hp big block chev motor, a very cool machine. A few quiet drinks were had before I reminded myself why I don't drink Ngahere Gold as the floor in our tent awning is rather hard when your legs don't quite work like they should, thanks Jake!

Day three of the wind; Friday saw us break from the norm and as well as Cherie's creation of Vodka Watermelon in the afternoon we had 'High Tea' Rangiora style! Complete with teapot, cups and saucers and small mini savouries as well as our 'tea' which we will not release the recipe for. However we have to say that we lost Ralph at this stage, after a few too many cups of teas he went night nights for 6 hours! When he did come out it was only for another half an hour before it was night nights again!

Day four of the wind; Saturday was great to see the members come out in force and there were loads of comments about our flags and that we were the only club out there that had them out! The 'sausage on the BBQ' went off well with many new & old members partaking in a snag or two. There were a few more drinks to be had that night as the headaches on Sunday will admit!



Day five of the wind; Sunday was majorly quiet in the arena with only it being about half full at the most, there were a few other events happening on Sunday so perhaps that is why there is less there. We had almost all packed up by lunch time, in preparation for the journey home!



As you can tell, it was a great weekend apart from one thing; the wind!! Next year, please let there be way less Nor'westers happening as we can only handle so many of them!! But it was a primo weekend and we look forward to seeing more campers out there in 2018 (by then my liver should have recovered!)

Craig Blackwell



## Hanmer Motorfest 2017

A cool morning didn't stop over 10 cars showing up early at the Peg for the cruise to Hanmer Springs for Motorfest 2017. Along the way we hit misty patches but by the time we arrived at the Hanmer Springs domain the sun was out and we knew it was going to get hot



There was a good range of club cars and new members from EH to VF plus an Audi and Valiant. As we passed through Culverden we were also joined by a VZ SS. Part of our convoy decided to have a run through the township while everyone else turned off to go the normal way. Despite splitting up, and having a mixture of pre-registered and yet to be registered cars, we managed to mostly park together as well as gain a couple of Aussie police cars.



The domain was chocka with plenty to feast your eyes on with a wide range of cars and mix of ages. With so many awesome cars it was hard to choose a favourite but for me it was a 1961 Holden EK Special in mint condition.



You didn't have to stay all day but you never know your luck with the awards handed out at the end... alas it wasn't our year but a couple of members certainly benefited from the raffle fundraiser.

The Ford Falcon Fairlane car did another sterling job organising this event which has grown since its beginnings.

*Fuds*



# Hanmer Motorfest 2017





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March

22nd - 26th Beach Hop Whangamata

For further info go to:

<http://beachhop.co.nz>

April

4th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm

14th-16th Holden Nationals to be held in Dunedin.

30th Cruise to Akaroa. Meeting point and time to be confirmed

May

2nd Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm

28th Scavenger Hunt. Details to be confirmed.

## FOR SALE

Club Shirts - \$62, Polo Shirts - \$46,  
Club Stickers - \$5, Club Sashes - \$20,  
Old "red and white" Club Shirts - \$15

For more information contact Sarah on  
021 024 92550

New Club Clothing Range:

- Staple t – \$35.00 Block t – \$35.00
- Womens sketch t – \$35.00 Kids t – \$30.00
- Youth t – \$30.00 Sweatshirt – \$60.00
- Hoodie – \$65.00

If you are interested, go into their store at the corner of St Asaph Street and Durham Street South, Christchurch Central, (03) 372 1585

This will allow you to check out the colours and styles available, as per the above list.

Refer to their website: <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/>

- 1963 EJ, \$15000. Jeremy 0272656511
- 1962 EK sedan in Wanaka
- LOWEJ now traded in at Retro Cars
- 1998 VT, \$3500. Ash Robinson 0279316266
- Lots of HR parts - see Scott Hawkins

Paul Wilkinson needs to know; who can recondition electric window motors and who duplicates the top metal modelling (capping) of the door car.

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