

The Lion's Roar

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



February 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seasons greetings to all of you. I hope you have all had a chance to get some time off to recharge the batteries and spend time with friends and family.

We are still having email issues, it appears some of you aren't receiving emails, if you could add general@holdenclub.co.nz to your email address list this will help to ensure that your email service will recognise the incoming emails rather than rejecting them before they get to junk mail.

We have had a cracking start to the year both with the weather and attendance with a record amount of 23 cars to Muscle Car Madness. This sort of attendance didn't come easily with no responses to club email for club member attendance so I went out and recruited members and other potentials to attend, this may have been due to our email glitches I'm not sure.

I understand that you all have busy lives and trying to balance that with a club can be challenging however we, as a committee, would really appreciate prompt responses as this gives us more of an idea of attendance and shows that members like the events we are trying to create to give variety, we have some great events coming up and some are not what our club has recently done so it would be great to see your support.

Hope to see you all on a run or at a club meeting soon.

Josh Bentham

PIE & PINT RUN

Well what a start to the year, what could be better than a Holden cruise to eat a Fairlie bakehouse pie and a cold beer. The day started off a little damp with a slight drizzle but we all met at the rendezvous point on time ... well everyone except a Mr Wilkinson who had a small issue with tyre pressure in a VS and made us all wait in the rain while he put air in the bottom half of the tyres. Once that was sorted we were off on a nice cruise speed (especially for the 186 engines) to meet up with another member in Ashburton.

The rain came and went all the way from Rolleston to Geraldine with periods of heavy rain, thank god my wipers worked and we all, except one, made it to Fairlie without stopping. The cars were all parked at the local car park looking fantastic when someone decided that wouldn't it look nice to park them in order of the vehicles year. With a little shuffle around it was all sorted and looking sharp with a few local's rubber necking and having a look.

The pies were to be as expected, sensational, some of us might have had two then off to the pub for a cool beverage to quench the thirst. Plenty of good yarns told and story's relived, after all that was done it was time to refuel (for some of us) and head back to Chch with a few members stopping in Geraldine for an ice-cream and look around.

Josh's clunk noise didn't go away but managed to limp home in 99.9%

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working condition, it seems you can't kill an old Holden that easily.

All in all, it was a super day with 12 members attending. Some were put off by the rain, but it was a sunny day down south and was sunny all the way home. Make the most of these runs people, no point in having a car that sits around doing nothing, get out and smell the roses you won't regret it.

Look forward to catching up in future events.

Cheers

Jarrad Mehlhopt

DID YOU KNOW...

GM-Holden set the standard for inclusive safety features in the 1960s, and is the first local manufacturer to fit seatbelts in all models.



MUSCLE CAR MADNESS

Still awaiting Justin's report... so here are some photos!

Proof that Justin was there!



The club line-ups - we had to fit in three rows!



Just some reminders for those who camped...





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Get in fast as last year it was almost fully booked out!

CALENDAR

Friday "Go Geraldine Cruise"

Leaving Caroline Bay from 11am on Friday the 16th March 2018, Join us for a leisurley cruise to the picturesque town of Geraldine (included in vehicle registration cost). The friendly folk of Geraldine are thrilled to welcome the 2018 Rock and Hop participants to their beautiful part of the world for the Friday Cruise. Geraldine, nestled in the foothills of the Southern Alps, enjoys a warm micro climate and has been billed by the Lonely Planet Guide as the "loveliest town in New Zealand" so make sure you get there to soak up everything the town has to offer.

Following your scenic countryside drive you will arrive in town to a dedicated parking area close to the centre of the town, where you can picnic with your vehicle or enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of the many delicious cafes. Then take a wander along the tree-lined streets to browse the boutiques specialising in everything from giftware to crafts, fashion and quality homewares. The town is renowned for its art scene and boasts a number of galleries or you can choose to visit an artist in their studio.

On 'Cruising Friday' there will be live music on the Village Green, Geraldine Auto Restorations will open their doors so you can catch a sneak peak of recent restorations and their hall of fame plus the highly acclaimed Vintage Car and Machinery Museum is a must-visit attraction while you are in town. A riverside walk or a stroll through Talbot Forest, an ancient podocarp remnant overlooking the town, is a great way to round off your time in this gem of town. Watch out for plenty more fun when you arrive the Friday Cruise!

Friday Night "Main Street Cruise"

Leaving Caroline Bay at 6pm Friday 16th March 2018 (Included in vehicle registration cost). Join us for a cruise of our local main streets. Starting from the bay cruise up and down the main street of Timaru, then out to Pleasant Point and from there to Temuka. Enjoy the waving crowds and the beautiful countryside as you take a short tour of our district, this was a highlight for many last year with the enthusiastic crowds lining the streets.

Friday Night "Cocktails and Canapes" SBS Bank Wearable Parts Awards Preview Evening. Tickets \$25.00pp (Open to the public and Registered participants, bookings essential)

Attend our preview of the SBS Bank wearable parts "Cocktails and Canapes" happening in the Caroline Bay Hall. Come along and get a close up look at the amazing designer outfits while enjoying a selection of cocktails we have on offer for you to purchase. On this night you will also get to vote for the Wearable Parts outfit of your choice in our people's choice voting. The SBS wearable Parts Awards prize giving will still be announced at the show on Saturday. Tickets are non-refundable and are strictly limited so get yours quickly.



ALSO Happening Friday Night in South Canterbury.

- The lovely township of Temuka are putting on a night for fun and entertainment at their camping ground, vehicle can park up, they will have food stalls and a band for you to sit back and enjoy.
- Timaru Town and Country Club Rock and Roll section will have Che Orton playing with a band where you can Rock and Roll all night long
- RSA Rock and Roll Club will have The C Bay band playing Rock and Roll, come along for a night of fun and dance.

These events are run by our local community to support the Rock and Hop but are not organised by Hospice South Canterbury.

Saturday (included in vehicle registration cost)

Saturday is the big Rock and Hop Gala day. Along with the cars on display at Caroline Bay there will be a Rock and Roll extravaganza with displays, funky stalls, a bar and competitions for best dressed etc, the prizegiving for the Wearable Parts and of course the Vehicle prizegiving.

Best Dressed

Wearable Parts Awards

Saturday Show Judging Classes are:

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| • <i>Participants Choice</i> | • <i>Peoples Choice</i> | • <i>Best Caravan</i> |
| • <i>Best Motorbike</i> | • <i>Best Hot Rod</i> | • <i>Best Japanese</i> |
| • <i>Best English</i> | • <i>Best European</i> | • <i>Best USA</i> |
| • <i>Best Australian</i> | • <i>Best Muscle Car</i> | • <i>Best Vintage Car Pre 1940</i> |
| • <i>Best Caravan – Car Combo</i> | • <i>Best Under Hood</i> | • <i>Best Paint</i> |

Judging starts at 10.00am

Saturday Night: Rock your Socks Off \$40pp (Open to the public and Registered participants, bookings essential)

Come party the night away at the Caroline Bay Hall. We have a night of Rock and Roll fun, dance, drink and be merry to the fantastic Rock and Roll Band SHALLOW. Come along and let your hair down in style. We also have a marquee off the side of the hall with heating and music for all of you who would like to catch up but don't want to dance.

ALSO happening on Saturday Night

If your not one of the lucky "Rock Your Socks Off" ticket holders don't despair Saturday night is St Paddys night, there will be plenty to see and do in Timaru. Take a wander into town and enjoy a meal at one of our fabulous restaurants, or its St Paddys night so pop into one of our local bars and enjoy a Guinness and a chat with our friendly locals

- Timaru Town and Country Club Rock & Roll Section have Dee May and the Saints Playing upstairs in their function centre
- RSA Rock and roll Club have the C Band Playing where you can dance from 7.30 to 11.30

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Sunday "Bacon and Eggs on the bay" (Open to the public and Registered participants, bookings essential)

Enjoy a scrumptious buffet breakfast before you go on your way either on our Sunday Cruise or on your way home. Meet up again at the Marquee on the bay for bacon, eggs and a coffee and of course a chat.

Sunday Cruise (included in vehicle registration cost)

Join us back on Caroline Bay to say your good buys until next year. We have a cruise heading via lovely Waimate to Oamaru if you are fee to join us.

We are limiting the number of cars so don't be disappointed. Get in early with your registration.s



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2018

- 4th **Petrolhead Breakfast;** 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display
- 6th **Meeting at Redwood Styx Room** from 7.30pm
- 24th **Hanmer Motorfest;** meeting at The Peg, Belfast at 7am

MARCH 2018

- 4th **The Rig Day Out at Timaru Levels Truck Racing;** meet at Kidman Street, Rolleston behind McDonalds and BP 6.3am
- 4th **Petrolhead Breakfast;** 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display (for those not going to the racing)
- 6th **Meeting at Redwood Styx Room** from 7.30pm
- 16th- 18th **Timaru Rock n Hop;** see the information in this newsletter on & register online

April 2018

- 1st **Petrolhead Breakfast;** 7.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display. Please note the different meeting time as 'Holden' is the display this month and we want to be sure we get a good spot!
- 3rd **Meeting at Redwood Styx Room** from 7.30pm
- 7th **Sheffield Fire Brigades Wings and Wheels;** cruise information TBC

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lake Hood Cruise
- Stewarts Car Museum Visit
- Grasskarna

FOR SALE

1973 HQ wagon

See Sarah McKenzie for further details

1965 HD Wagon

See Josh Bentham for further details

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 AS Colour store, (new location) corner Lichfield & High Street Christchurch Central, Christchurch Central. 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/> Order via Sarah once you have your style and size.

HECC Cups \$2.50 each, available in either red or black ink. Contact Josh if you need them.

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