

The Lion's Roar

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



April 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all

As we head into some colder weather this doesn't have to mean closing the shed and forgetting about your Holdens and other vehicles. We have some exciting events coming up heading into the winter months and hope to see you on some of these events. March we had Rig Day out which was a great event and something different from the normal events, Caroline Bay Rock n Hop we promoted and had a few members attend this event but was a huge event and was very hard to follow what members were intending on attending.

We are trying to get events that members would like to attend and different from normal, we are open to suggestions and often ask at club meetings members thoughts, we are working towards a few less car shows we promote to try and get more club gatherings happening, although this takes more effort from our committee members to organise so would be nice if more members supported these sorts of events to show that you appreciate the time we take to organise these sorts of events.

We have Scavenger Hunt coming up in May which takes a lot of time to write and organise and in previous years hasn't always been supported in big numbers by cars and members, we hope for a good attendance this year. In June we are doing similar mid winter lunch/dinner format we had for 25th anniversary last year. In July

we are going to have a look around Stewarts Museum which is a half subsidised event for financial members, non financials are welcome however you will have to pay full entry costs. August we are playing around with the idea of having alternating bi-annual Poker Run and Mystery Car Rally to make things a bit different from year to year. We are also looking to do the same bi-annual with Scavenger Hunt and Grasskarna

We are again selling Entertainment books so let your workmates and friends and family know as this helps our club run and we get a good amount of money from the sales, if everyone sold 1 book we would increase funds by around \$700.

We have still got a steady stream of applications and new members being voted in and this is down to members being inviting when applicants come to events but also greater attendance in photo promotion on Facebook and even at events helps a lot.

CLUB MEETINGS Sequoia 88 has recently closed and our meetings now have a bartender come through to the meeting room from the main bar to serve us on meeting night, this we see as very beneficial for members but please support this as The Redwood doesn't charge the club for the function room for our meetings so the bartender is a cost for The Redwood. The more members present and using this service helps with these overheads. The Club committee, due to a few moving out of town recently, are looking to trial our

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meetings before the general meeting. This will mean some of us may be more available after club meetings to answer questions, get suggestions members may not be keen to share in the meeting or mingle amongst members. **7.30pm general meeting time will not change.**

I look forward to seeing you all on events over the winter months.

Josh Bentham

CAROLINE BAY ROCK N HOP

This is the second time this event was held in Timaru and it was the second time both Craig and myself attended it. I have to admit after attending three major car shows through New Zealand in three consecutive months, that this is the most organised event I have seen.

We decided to take Friday off work and shot down with two cars to stay in Timaru for the weekend. We filled both cars up here before leaving and tested the economy between the 1983 VH and the 1971 Cutlass and I am glad to say that my baby won that race! Throughout the weekend it turned out that the 308 in the VH, aka Elvira, does NOT have the same fuel economy as in the 350 Rocket in the Olds!

On the Friday morning there was a meet at Caroline Bay and we then cruised to Geraldine to park up for lunch. This was a great little cruise and there was about 300 to 400 cars that turned out there. It was a shame the weather was trying to turn a little pear-shaped as there were crowds of people lining the street in Geraldine waving at all the vehicles and it was a mini show happening at the Village Green for the locals. We were able to cruise back at our leisure at the end of the run.

Friday night was the major cruise. We parked up at Caroline Bay and we ended being in row 4 of 9. It was so awesome to see about 700 cars of all different walks lined up to cruise through Timaru and outlying towns. Once it got going, only 5 mins behind schedule, there was a huge line of cars leaving. Even around the port loop road there were people lined up and waving. Throughout the entire cruise in Timaru there were people lined up 3 deep and cheering us on. No need for a stereo as you wouldn't of heard it!

We did a loop through the main street and then started ducking around some of the suburbs, which was just as packed with spectators as town, especially around lights, corners and roundabouts. And all the kids were asking for a burnout, I am sure a few did it for them!

We aimed through the towns of Pleasant Point and then through Temuka where some parked up and had dinner, or a few drinks. And both of those small towns were packed with more people, Temuka so much that it was a single lane down the main street only! It was brilliant to see people at the end of their farm drives, sitting in the back of cars, having tailgate BBQs on the back of their utes... all just enjoying the vehicles going past. With that many cars I am sure they were there for quite a while. I have to admit by the time we got to the end of the cruise you were sick of driving and next year I have a plan to wave a flag as it is so much easier!

Saturday morning dawned early with car cleaning and then we were at the grounds at 7.30am and were already in the second row. I would hate to know how many rows there were but with just on 1000 cars it was a load to look at. There were also a huge array of food and coffee stands, the garlic cheese rolls were the bee knees! Plus a variety of stands from car parts, tyres, rockabilly, jewellery, signs etc, something for everyone. Plus they had a competition where you could win a 2018 Mustang (cough cough). Unfortunately, or fortunately, someone stole the coins out of my purse so we couldn't enter, thanks Blackwell.

Throughout the entire day that had live music, MC and a variety of competitions from best dressed, Wearable Parts and the finale was all the awards for different categories of vehicles. The one thing about this show was that there are a wide range of vehicles of all different makes, models, shapes and colours. Something for everyone!

Saturday night was pumping in Timaru, with the rock & roll club putting on a huge event which sells out within the first few days of the tickets being available. Plus other clubs put on other rock and roll events on so no-one missed out.

Sunday was our home day, however there was also a cruise organised to go Oamaru via Waimate. I think we might do that next year as we enjoy this event so much. I will dig out some photos but they don't even touch what was on display!



This event is organised by the Hospice South Canterbury with council and the entire region supporting it. After talking to the event organiser it turns out that they managed to get a load more volunteers, even insurance company staff volunteered. All the money made went straight back to the Hospice so it is a great charity to support as well.

If you want to go next year, I recommend booking your accommodation now. We have a great motel with great parking, give me a bell and I can let you know who it is. See you there next year!

Cherie Blackwell

Park up before the Friday Night Cruise



Wearable Parts Competition



Overhead view of the Saturday park up

Cruising on the Main Street of Timaru



Photos courtesy of Cherie, Stuff and Timaru Herald



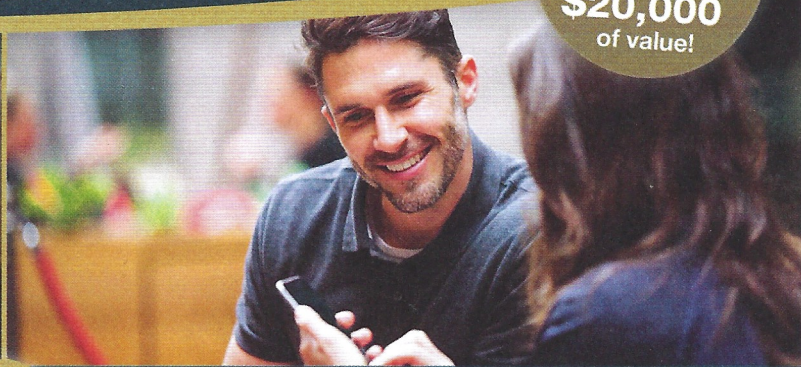
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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2018

6th Petrolhead Breakfast; 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display

8th Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

27th Scavenger Hunt; Meet at the Redwood Carpark, time 0.30. Free entry HECC financial members, non-members \$5. Bring your mascot.

June 2018

3rd Petrolhead Breakfast; 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display

5th Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

17th Mid Winter Lunch Cruise; Meet at Halswell Library at 10.30am to cruise out to Little River for lunch

17th Mid Winter Dinner; at the Redwood. There will be a subsided meal for financial members. More information to come.

July 2018

1st Petrolhead Breakfast; 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display

3rd Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

15th Stewarts Car Muesum Run; Meet at the Redwood carpark at 10am to cruise to the museum. \$5 for HECC financial members, \$10 for non financial members

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lake Hood Cruise
- Grasskarna
- Poker Run

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

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