

For Sale & Wanted

Wanted to buy - MK 3 Steering Wheel
 contact Les Beckingsale 03 341 3620

Wanted to buy - MK 3 Zodiac Chris Beach 03 312 5072

For Sale - Ford Zodiac MK 3 Estate 1963



119000 miles, motor recon new upholstery and paint 11,000 miles ago, good running order \$12,000.00
 Contact Peter Hunter 688 1463



1966 Mk IV Zephyr. 93000 miles, two owners—last owner for 24 years, original condition. Reconditioned 3 litre motor, done 6000 miles fitted last year, and engine bay stripped and painted. Includes original 2.5 litre motor if wanted
 Sensible offers wanted Ph 03 688-8391

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Number plate frames	\$25.00 pair
Grille badge	\$45.00 each
Window sashes	\$13.50 each
Lapel badges	\$7.00 each
Monogram badges	\$7.00 each

Contact Peter Hunter 03 688 1463



South Canterbury
 Zephyr & Zodiac
 Enthusiasts Club



December 2007



Correspondence for the
 Club to

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<http://geocities.com/fordzephyr>



Club meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the SC RSA Clubrooms, Wai-iti Road, Timaru at 7.45pm



Committee

President	Phil Rooke	686-1812
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Upcoming Events



- December 8 Waimate Strawberry Fare
- January 1 2008 New Years Day Parade Fairlie
- February 4 Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45
- February 10 Local Run, Meet - Bellwood Washdyke 1.30 pm
- February Waipiata Ute Muster
- February 22 - 24 Art Deco Weekend Ranfurly
- March 1 Vintage event - see page 16
- March 2 Show and Shine and Run
- March 3 Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45
- March 15 Havelock Mussel Festival
- March 21 - 24 Easter Southern Connection Ashburton – **4 months !!**

*** All Members ***

Please send an email to Mary-Jean so she can make up a member's email list

maryjean.wood@xtra.co.nz

Two 90-year-olds had been dating for some time, when the man told the woman, "I think it's time we had sex, don't you agree?" The old woman agrees and the two make love that afternoon.

Afterwards, as they are lying in bed, the man thinks to himself, "My God, if I had known that she was a virgin, I would have been much more gentle!"

Meanwhile, the woman was thinking to herself, "My God, if I had known that the old geezer could really get it up, I would have taken off my panty-hose."

SOUTHERN CONNECTION 2008 ASHBURTON

21 - 24 MARCH 2008

Member Attendance and Car Registration Form

Name

Partner's Name

Childrens' Names

Postal Address

Email Address

Phone No

Club

Vehicle (Incl. Reg. No.)

Costs for Weekend

Adult: \$98.50 each	\$.....
Child (5-14yrs): \$45 each	\$
Child (1-5 yrs): \$25 each	\$
Registration Deposit of \$25 (if not paid)	\$
	Total \$

Weekend cost includes

- Friday afternoon – run
- Friday night – mystery trip, entertainment and some light refreshments
- Saturday night – dinner and entertainment
- Sunday lunch
- Sunday night – dinner and entertainment
- Monday – morning tea

Please make cheques payable to:

South Canterbury Zephyr Zodiac Enthusiasts Club

Postal Address:

The Secretary Southern Connection P.O. Box 20 Hinds, Ashburton

racecourse.

The Sunday evening meal will be followed by light entertainment. On Monday, morning tea will be served at the Hotel Ashburton at 10am followed by farewells.

So as you can see we have a fairly full weekend, I hope there is something there for everyone. Enclosed is a registration form with the costs for the weekend. Early payment would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to sharing this fun weekend with you. For any queries regarding this weekend feel free to contact any of the following:

Ross Worner – Chairman 03 302 2771 or 0274 364 550

Bill Ridder – Secretary 03 308 1904 or 027 335 0688

WIFE: "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous."

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out.

Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool."

Irish Car of the Year



Photo: www.strangevehicles.com

President's Report

Where has the year gone? I still have an unfinished MK 2 which was going to be finished this year but time has just got away on me.

The year has been full of Club events, runs, social occasions, swapmeets, International Convention which all fill up the year. It is great to be involved with club members in all the year's events.

Another great day at the rose festival and our new club flags flying high over our display. Thanks to Gavin Ladbrook and Bob Juke for the flag stands.

2008 is also shaping up to be a busy year. March is Southern Connection so please register and support your club.

Keep a close eye on up and coming events in the mag. These may not all need to involve car events but some are just great events to go to.

Mary-Jean and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and just be careful on the roads.

Rookie

Editor's Report

What a great team we have - I couldn't get to the Tekapo run but lo and behold two lots of photos arrived on Monday morning and a report on the run arrived on my fax as well.

Thanks everyone for all your support this year - keep it up, it is far more fun.

Mary-Jean

A guy goes up to this girl in a bar and says, "Would you like to dance?"

The girl says, "I don't like this song, but even if I did, I wouldn't dance with you."

The guy says, "I'm sorry, you must have misunderstood me, I said you look fat in those pants."

Next Club Run



10 February 2008

Local Run, Meet - Bellwood Washdyke 1.30 pm

Upcoming Club Runs

2 March 2008

Show & Shine Run

ART DECO WEEKEND 22-24 FEBRUARY 2008

Please pay your \$25.00 deposit for your room at Patearoa Hotel to Jim Macdonald by December 5 2007 - no deposit no room. Jim Macdonald 03 686 7733

An American goes into a bar and sits down next to an English guy.

The American notices that the English guy has a huge BIC Lighter.

The American says, "Wow cool lighter, where did you get it?" The English guy says, "A genie granted me one wish when I rubbed this bottle". "Wow", says the American, "Can I have a go?" "Sure", Says the Englishman.

The American rubs the bottle and the genie comes out, "You have one wish" Says the genie. The American wishes for a million bucks.

About 5 minutes later a load of ducks come into the bar, there are thousands of them.

The American says "I don't believe this I wished for a million bucks, not a million ducks".

The Englishman says "Well do you really think I wished for a 12 inch BIC?"



Southern Connection 2008 21 – 24 March

Welcome to the 2008 Southern Connection newsletter

The weekend's activities will be based at the Hotel Ashburton (100 metres off State Highway 1). To get there turn onto Racecourse Road at the north end of the 50 km/h zone in Ashburton (next to the Racecourse).

I know a lot of you have already booked your accommodation at the Hotel Ashburton, but for those who still wish to do so, I urge you to be in quick as rooms are limited. We have managed to negotiate a discounted rate of \$110 per room per night. Remember – accommodation is your responsibility.

We have put together what we think is an interesting weekend of activities for all Z-car members.

Registrations will start on Friday afternoon at 2pm at the Hotel Ashburton.

There will be a short run to a local venue on the Friday afternoon leaving at approx 2.30pm for those of you who wish, entry will be by gold coin donation.

On Friday evening at approx. 6.30pm we will have a short welcome at the Hotel Ashburton followed by a bus trip to a local attraction. Some light refreshments and nibbles will be served while you are there. You will be bused back to the Hotel Ashburton.

On Saturday morning there will be a public display of Z-cars in the West Street car park starting at 10am. A boot sale will be held at this time for those who wish. All ladies (and men) are free to browse the shops of Ashburton and buy a bit of lunch. We will leave from here at approx 1pm for a run through the countryside visiting two separate venues. At the last venue you will be able to buy afternoon tea if you are still hungry.

Following your evening meal, the band has said they'll play until you all go to bed.

On Sunday morning we will visit one location on our run through the Mid Canterbury countryside to lunch at a country venue. We will then meet up with the NZ Hotrod Association for their public display at the Ashburton

"VINTAGE EVENT"

SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2008

10AM TO 5PM

The Pleasant Point Museum and Railway are organising a "Vintage Event" to commemorate 40 years since the Fairlie Branch Railway Line closed, with a theme 40 years and older. The Railway's two Steam locomotives will be operating, as well as the World's only working Model T Ford Railcar. The SC Traction Engine Club will have a display, plus the Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club.

Within the Keanes Crossing building there will be displays by collectors and hobbyists. Application for stall sites at Keanes Crossing should be made to: Russell & Joan Paul, 7 Hopkins St Timaru. Ph/Fax: 6860164 Email: russandjoan@paradise.net.nz

Train running will cease at 5pm, after which there will be night running for the public 7pm to 9pm. As well, in the Old Time Movie Theatre films of the Fairlie Railway will be shown. Visitors will be encouraged to dress in clothes of 40 years or older. All visitors in period costume who ride the train and visit the Pleasant Point Railway Station between 10am and 4pm have a chance of winning a prize for the best dressed couple of one night's Dinner Bed & Breakfast, kindly donated by The Hermitage, Mt Cook.

A special rally for Vehicles 40 years and older visiting local historic sites will leave from the Landing Services Building, Station St, Timaru on 1 March starting at 9am.

This non-competitive event will travel to Fairlie and then follow the course of the old Fairlie Railway Line, including driving through the former Winscombe Railway cutting (subject to weather) to Pleasant Point for a public display until at least 4pm.

Entry is open to anyone (you do not need to be a member of an old car club) that has an old car 40 years and older is of presentable standard.

**Entry forms from Russell & Joan Paul, 7 Hopkins St, Timaru.
Phone 6860164 or email russandjoan@paradise.net.nz**

Club Gossip

Welcome to New members

Alistair and Diane Emslie
from Kurow with their MK3
Zodiac



Note our club photo and comments on Market Day at Rose Festival in the Monday's Timaru Herald with flags flying high - they did look good.

Southern Connection Raffle - Clock - kindly donated by Dave Harkness has been drawn and was won by Jordon Brook from P R Joinery Ltd



"I'm getting this irritating
little 'tap..tap...' sound
somewhere behind the dashboard."

DIY Tip for Geoff.

You should have been like this man Geoff and asked for HELP.

For those who don't know, Geoff had a rattle behind his dash.

Good bit is he fixed the rattle.

Bad bit is he BROKE the dash in half.

Moral of story: If it is not broken don't try and fix it.

Maybe turning the radio on would have fixed the situation.

Tekapo Run 18 November 2007

Eight Z cars met at Washdyke at 11.00 am for the run to Tekapo, meeting with 2 others at Pleasant Point and Fairlie.

A good turnout with 12 cars in total, there being 3 MK4's, 2 MK3's, 5 MK2's and 2 MK1's, members came from far afield as Oamaru, Kurow, Temuka and of course Timaru with 12 human passengers and 3 dogs.

We had a pleasant lunch by Lake Tekapo with lots of tourists taking photos and talking to us. From there we drove up to have a look at the new ice skating rink complex but couldn't see a lot as it was closed. From what we could see they have made a good job of blending it into the landscape.

We then travelled to the Fairlie village green for afternoon tea. While there a 4WD stopped and the owner asked if any of the MK2's were for sale. Sorry NO! A great day with good company.

Wayne and Carolyn Phillips.



where we caught the bus for Manukau, and they were so helpful. Just wait here madam we will get it for you and not only did they get us on the right 40 seater bus but after we got on it took off with only us 2 on it.

The next day the Explorer bus arrived at 9am to take us into Auckland for the day. As we were first on we got to travel all around South Auckland picking up other people. We spent the day hopping on and off the bus at the major sights of Auckland and at 5.30pm two tired people got back to the motel.

Monday saw us checking out, but once again Colin arrived and whisked us off for a 2 hour visit to the botanical gardens, out to Clevedon for lunch, on to Maraetai Beach, Beachlands, Whitford and the new town of Botony then out to the airport and a visit to the butterfly house. These are tropical butterflies that they import and hatch.

Of course our plane was the one that the tow vehicle broke down and we sat on the plane in Wellington for 3/4 of an hour while they waited for the opposition to arrive, but we made it home.



What a wonderful fun filled 4 days we had had.

Just as well we went this year as next year we just have to go up the road.

Nancy Ridder

Ladies Page

Our Auckland Visit

One day Shona saw those cheap airfares to Auckland and booked 2 tickets, one for her and one for Nancy and off to the Ellerslie flower show we were, leaving Geoff and Bill to look after themselves but that's another story. Doreen and her friends were home by the time we left and Yvette and Ross arrived the next day so the northern branch were well represented at Ellerslie.

Shona hadn't been in Auckland since her honeymoon 40 years ago so she found most things had changed.

We were fortunate that my elderly relation (Colin) took us out to his daughters at Waiau Pa, which is on the other side of the Manukau harbour to the airport, for a great look round and evening meal.

On Saturday morning Colin arrived at 9.15am and chauffeured us to the flower show.

We had a great day looking around at all the displays, floral arrangements, trying and collecting all the free samples. The display by the Manukau City made of vegetables was spectacular with the roof made of red cabbage leaves, the path of kumara, the fence of leeks, the sunflowers of bananas/broccoli, all attention given to small details even the ladybirds made of dates, tomato and raisins.

The flower dresses were beautiful and you didn't have to guess which flower they were. Even the site with the car was called after our president, Britz Rookie Garden. There was a food tent where you could try all the goodies which left us wondering why we had eaten lunch. 2 chefs were cooking some of the food items and us 2 were able to go on stage. As you can see from the photos we did help not only with the cooking but watering the site which was designed by Sarah Eberle who had designed the garden for the Chelsea Flower Show in England.



We thought the sculptures were a little too big both in size and price tags to bring home. About 7pm we made our way to the buses and asked

Rose Festival 25 November 2007

Sunday morning up and at it, washed our MK2 Convertible, made some lunch and off to the Rose Festival.

Our Club set up display on the lawn beside the Bay Hall with the new club Flags flying high - check out the photo in Mondays Timaru Herald.

After setting up our display we went off to check out the stalls, several trips made back to the cars with lemon trees, vege plants, peony roses etc. After our coffee and lunch break off back to the stalls and displays.

There were several food, drink, produce stalls set up plus the floral art, hat and embroidery displays in the Bay hall.

It was a family festival with several rides and entertainment. I would highly recommend club members joining us next year.

Phil



Our MK 2 Convertible

One weeked early in 1986 a 1957 Zephyr Convertible was advertised for



sale in the Sunday times. I thought about it for sometime before acting and then finally did make contact and really expected it to be sold but it wasn't.

So after more thought and talking to Malcolm Stewart into coming to have a look with me, we set off at six o'clock one Sunday morning of a holiday weekend and travelled to Brightwater, just south of Nelson, to view this vehicle.



When we arrived we found it was a feedout wagon for hay to horses and sheep. With the hood down you could drop a few bales in the back seat, two in the front and a couple in the boot!!!

So after taking it for a run and negotiating a price, we headed for

Temuka, arriving home about 10.30pm.

the radiators take 662 litres of special Cat coolant, and the diff takes 417 litres.

Everything about the machines is big and heavy. Gone are the days when a driver could hide up and have a sleep on the night shift.

These trucks are linked by satellite to computers that record nearly everything -

where they are, tonnage carried, temperature of engine, brakes, and transmission, what gear they are in, engine revs and all other handy technical stuff. In the main I have enjoyed the experience and the chance to work on these machines and with a good bunch of guys, but sometimes in the middle of a cold, wet weekend night I do admit to wondering what the hell I'm doing here!



Jim Mcdonald



My Excursion South

I was asked in early October if I would like to go to Macraes Flat workshop to relieve for a while. I answered yes and a short while later I was told I was to start work on the next Friday at 5.30am doing 12-hour shifts for four days and three nights (84 hours) then three days off, this for eight weeks. Oops!!



Gough's workshop is on the top of a very windswept hill and for the first couple of weeks it blew, rained, snowed and was generally very cold and unpleasant.

The mine owners, Oceania Gold, have a fleet of Caterpillar trucks, dozers, loaders etc and Gough Cat has the contract for maintenance. Although I have had to work on most of the plant a lot of

my time has been spent servicing the dump trucks 785 and 789C. The 789C are 131 tonnes empty and stand 6.2 metres high and 7 metres wide - monsters! They are capable of carrying 186.5 tonnes and even the tyres are 3.3 metres high.

When you are working on the underside you can walk in under the truck without bending over too much, but working up higher you work from stepladders or have to climb the steps at the front to the cab platform 4 metres up, then climb down on the top of the engine or down the sides - all very tiring after several times.



The engine is a V16 Caterpillar producing about 1900HP and burns about 420 litres of fuel an hour, about \$8.50 worth a minute. The engine would be good for boy racers - it has four turbochargers. It takes 291 litres of oil to refill the engine sump,



After using the car for about a year till WOF and REGO ran out, I decided to do a quick restore job over 12 - 18 months. What a dream!!!

After 5 -6 years it finally started to come together and back on the road. Originally neither Russell nor Margaret would not be seen in it in case they were seen by their friends!!! But then once it was restored Margaret wanted it for her school ball vehicle. The Zephyr has had 3 -4 trips to the North Island and covered approximately 16000 miles. No breakdowns, only stopping twice when it ran out of PETROL!!!



Dave and Mary Ann Harkness.

