



South Canterbury Zephyr & Zodiac Enthusiasts Club



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

Upcoming Events

July 7	Dunedin Swapmeet
July 22	Local run with Timaru Falcon Club
August 11	Poker Run
Sept 22-24	Sth Canty Weekend, Akaroa Run
October	McLeans Island Swapmeet
October ?	Ashburton Run
November	Rose Festival
December 1	Christmas Function RSA Timaru
January 1 2008	New Years Day Parade Fairlie
February	Waipiata Ute Muster
February 2008	Art Deco Ranfurly ,Havelock Mussel Festival
Easter 2008	Southern Connection Ashburton – 9 months !!

July 22 Run with Falcon Club

Meet Placemakers 11.00 am Run to The Flagship for lunch, Then to the Tin Shed, and on to Vintage Museum Geraldine.
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Restoration Buddy

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President's Report

The year is flying by with the nights getting longer and the garage colder and it is very hard to leave the comfort of the lounge to go to work on our cars.

It has been a busy month with lots going on All British Day, All Ford Day Westport, Night Trial and Dunedin Auto Spectacular.

South Canterbury Weekend - Akaroa weekend please make your own accommodation or contact Jim Macdonald who has arranged a house. We would like to welcome the Christchurch Club to join us for this weekend.

We have several club members going to Dunedin to check out the Auto Spectacular - see report next month's magazine. Keep a close eye on upcoming events and try and support our Social Convenor.

The Southern Connection organizing committee have things well under control - report in magazine.

Ray and Glenys Taylor had a lucky escape when their MK 2 left the road on the way to the All Ford Weekend at Westport. The car was extensively damaged when it hit the crash barrier. In talking to Ray it happened so very quickly - so be careful out on the roads.

Rookie

Editor's Report

Golly gosh, its a short month and I have had to get cracking early. I am really delighted with all the support and reports this month from our members - please keep it up as it makes my job so much more enjoyable and makes the magazine more interesting for everyone to read.

I had a call from another club complimenting us on how great our Club Magazine was and asking how we did it all - I explained what I do and passed her onto Mike for his tips - we hope it was helpful .

I am looking for anything interesting for the club - not necessarily car related - I need a member each month to do an article on ONE of their Zephyrs and also need articles for Ladies Page.

Mary-Jean

SOUTHERN CONNECTION 21st - 24th March 2008

The organizing committee held another meeting at the Hinds Tavern recently. The organization for the weekend is coming together nicely.

The Hotel Ashburton has firmed up on meal prices etc, so we will soon be in a position to set a Connection Registration figure. It is interesting to note that there have been a few price increases recently, mainly as a result of the revised Holidays act etc. This has also affected us in that Hotel Ashburton have had to raise their meal prices, and they wouldn't lock us in until last week.

In saying this we would hope to have a Registration figure not too dissimilar to the Christchurch Conference. Just on two thirds of the accommodation has been booked at Hotel Ashburton. The price is \$110.00 per room per night. It is good to see many of you have already booked a room, but if you're planning to come to the Connection and haven't already booked, I urge you to do so.

John Hull is hoping to draw the Connection Raffle for the clock which was kindly donated by Dave Harkness at the next Zephyr meeting.

Some of you have asked about car parking over the weekend. For those staying at the Hotel Ashburton, they provide a very safe and secure area behind the rooms out of public view.

Ross Worner.

"Grant Stewart with his 1950 MG and Ken Copeland with his 1954 Mk I Zephyr are preparing for the British car rally



To celebrate the Head of State, the Vintage Car Club are taking their beauties for a ride. The public are invited to take a drive in their "Pommy" cars at Queen's Birthday Weekend. Cars of all ages are welcome - as long as they are British"..... *Timaru Herald*

ALL FORD WEEKEND - WESTPORT

We decided to take our MK2 Ute and started out Friday morning and stopped in Christchurch for lunch and MJ just had to go to the material shop.

We then travelled leisurely to the Hurunui Pub for light refreshments - photo's outside were great. Arrived at Hanmer late afternoon and made a beeline to the pools - really quiet as not a lot of people about - just great to relax.

Saturday morning was cold and frosty and on leaving Motel we met a man heading to Marlborough who was mapping out a Classic Car Rally.

It was a good drive to Westport and great entertainment watching the Rugby - we arrived late for briefing and then danced the night away at the newly refurbished Workingmens Club.

Sunday was clear and fine with 63 registrations - Mustangs, Falcons, T Birds, Cortinas, Anglias and Zephyrs etc - a great display around the oval. Just the usual - very social talking with other owners and even a new club member. A Bus Trip was organised - see Geoff's report enclosed.

Sunday evening was prize giving with the "BEST OF THE WEST" car "Ford Capri" owner Paul van der Meys, just completed restoration for the weekend. We won 1st Registered, Best Interior and Best Commercial.

Sunday evening was dancing again and social chit chat. Sunday morning we went for cooked breakfast at RSA – sausages, whitebait, baked beans, toast and tea and coffee - gold coin donation.

After re-booking for next year and saying our goodbyes we headed home over the Otira. Great trip home.

Westport had a very busy weekend with All Ford Day, Stock Car Racing and 4 Wheel Drive Club - the town was full and we highly recommend this weekend.

Phil and Mary-Jean



WESTPORT ALL FORD DAY BUS TRIP

One could not wish for a better day for a conducted trip around and about Westport.

A 50 seater full of Ford fans were treated to a run out to Cape Foulwind and the Seal Colony, then stopping at the cement works where it was explained to us that the place could be in jeopardy as it may be shifted to Oamaru - this they say would be detrimental to the workers and economy of Westport.

Then on the wharf to see the coal and cement loading facilities and the latest in rail coal trucks for the transporting of coal to Christchurch. From there our coach driver took us for a tour around the suburbs of Westport then on to the West Coast breweries where the Manager took us through and explained all the finer points of making a good brew including a sampling of his products.

One can only say that the All Ford Day is a well organised and an enjoyable uncomplicated weekend with the added bonus of driving through some of the best scenic country New Zealand has to offer.

Geoff Taylor.



Kevin & Diane
Greenfield's Mk I
from Nelson



Never too young to start !



1962 T-Bird



Ray and Glenys Taylor's Mk II - Ooops

Night Trial

On Saturday evening the 16th of June 9 Zephyrs including some dubious MK 5's gathered at Ford Motors Washdyke for the annual Night Rally.

Vehicles were sent off by dispatcher Bob Stevens at 1 minute intervals along with their merry passengers, armed with trusty torches, sticky lollies (for sustenance incase we got lost along the way) and foolproof instructions we ventured into the night on an interesting trip around rural Timaru

Some questions included recording farm names and details of a school sign - which produced some curious pieces of artwork! Well done if you were able to see the sign design without venturing from your car!

A checkpoint at Salisbury Road tested the memories of drivers when enthusiastic marshal Malcolm Stewart asked for the registration number of your beloved Zephyr.

After our meander in the countryside we arrived at our destination "where old soldiers gather" the RSA where some token prizes were presented and supper and drinks were enjoyed whilst entertained by the easy listening Solid Gold band.

A good time had by all and yet another well organised club event.

(A HINT for next time - always read the questions BEFORE leaving to avoid getting caught out at the end!)

Christine Liggett



THE MARK IV ZODIAC

Having restored several Zephyrs over the past few years it was always my ambition to own one that was unrestored and in mint condition.

Patience is a virtue and the opportunity arose last year and we purchased a 1970 Mark 4 Zodiac with a genuine 73000 miles on the clock from Alexandra. Yes its not everyone's cup of tea the Mark 4 but being the last Zephyr Ford were to ever make that is why it is so unique.

Disc brakes, and independent suspension all round, power steering, power brakes full instrumentation and luxury seating, the in line earlier motor being replaced by a V6 configuration would have been quite an advancement for its day.

For those who are not Mark 4 fans, mostly for its looks, they are only skin deep, I have just travelled a round trip of 543 miles to the All Ford Weekend up to Westport on the West Coast travelling through the Arthurs Pass and it was the most comfortable car you could wish to drive with its luxury seating and ease of driving even after five hours of motoring there was no feeling of fatigue.

For a bigger car it has a very torquey motor and makes no effort at all of handling the steep hills on the legal speed limits with more there than is needed.

When we purchased the V.6 the mechanical history was a little unknown as to whether things like the oil pump drive and the timing gears had been seen to and being a bit fussy about the mechanical maintenance I decided

to remove the motor and a new pump drive was fitted, the clutch and frost plugs replaced and a modification to the carburettor inlet fitting which can cause a fire if it fails. The rocker covers, inlet manifold, timing cover, sump, fan blades and aircleaner were powder coated before re-assembly.

The radiator cleaned and serviced and the plugs, points, fuel pump, air cleaner element also renewed oil changed and filter.

Since then we have travelled to the Christchurch convention, Ashburton Rotary Run, our club run to Fairlie and over to the All Ford Day at Westport without any problems at all.

Despite the negative talk about the V6 motor being unreliable regular maintenance has a lot to do with their reliability - after all how many of these modern motor cars fail when overheating and broken cam belts which often sees their demise in a wreckers yard?

Things left to do: to replace the front seat belts as they are only a diagonal belt and no lap belt which could be quite dangerous in a serious accident. To find and fit the driving lights which are under the front bumper...

We were lucky a family member travelled to England and was able to procure the genuine wing mirrors. I have found a set of STICK TRIDENT MAGS which when running on these with the wide profile tyres enhance the ride and handling quite considerably and the original wheels and trims can be changed without much trouble.

The purchase price for a car like this is probably higher than an unrestored example but if you work out the cost of restoration on an average purchase then you will probably spend more. While this car we own is probably one of the best kept examples of the classics today, it won't be a museum piece as wheels were made to go around and not gathering dust in the shed and to enjoy the motoring trips in the company of friends who enjoy the same common interest.



Happy motoring.

Geoff and Shona Taylor.

ALL BRITISH DAY RUN 3rd JUNE 2007

Approximately 85 vehicles assembled down on Caroline Bay north end car park. After registering we had a look around the various makes and models.

At about 10.30 am we left with some town running then out into the country, up Highway 8 then up Rolling Ridges Rd to Rosewell and eventually out on the Highway 8 at Sutherlands and then up past the Lime Works just below Cave, then up Taiko Valley and Zig Zag to Claremont and through Holme Station and ended up at Bluecliffs Hall grounds for lunch.

It was a nice warm and sunny day and great for a picnic lunch. At the lunch stop we had done 55 miles. After lunch it was down Bluecliffs Rd to almost St Andrews then across to Lyalldale, Southburn, Otipua and back to the Vintage Car Club rooms for afternoon tea and prize giving.

A great Run and social time afterwards and covering 95 miles altogether.

Bruce Bishop.

At the afternoon tea held at the Vintage Car Club rooms, the following won prizes in the lucky draw.

Mike Constantine, Jim Macdonald (in the Morrie Minor) Dave Skudder (in Jim's Mkl)....

Others who's names were drawn but missed out as they were not there... Gavin Ladbrook, Colin Johnstone, Roger Woods (from CHCH)

It pays to stay til the end ! **MC**



Club Gossip



Congratulations to club members,

Geoff and Shona Taylor 40th Wedding anniversary

Married Winchester Church 10 June 1967



VINTAGE MAN:

Russell Paul's QSM comes for services to heritage railways. Another of his loves are the veteran cars he has restored *Timaru Herald*

TIN LIZZY

Way back in the days when motoring was not all carefree, this was written, I hope with an apology to the Psalm - and Henry Ford.

The Ford is my car, I shall not want another, it maketh me lie down in wet places, it soileth my soul, it leadeth me into paths of ridicule for its name sake. "Yea, though I run down the valleys, I am towed up the hills, I fear much evil when it is with me, its rods and engines discomfort me.

It anointeth my head and face with oil, its tank runneth over. " Surely to godness the darned thing won't follow me all the days of my life or I shall dwell in the house of the insane forever.

(" A little spark, a little coil, a little gas, a little oil a piece of tin and a two inch board, glue them together and you're got a Ford")

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike and Alice Constantine - Timaru with their MK4 Zephyr - great to see you rejoin again



"BEST OF THE WEST" TROPHY WINNER Paul van der Meys

John and Susan Moore - Greymouth with their MK1 Zephyr Convertible



Lunch time



**SOUTHERN CONNECTION
ASHBURTON EASTER 2008
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME.....
ADDRESS:.....
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PHONE NUMBER:.....
CLUB:.....
NUMBER ATTENDING:.....
DEPOSIT INCLUDED:.....

To be held at the Hotel Ashburton

Please make cheques payable to South Canterbury Zephyr Zodiac Enthusiasts Car Club and post to:

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Accommodation available

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Zephyr off set camber pins \$180.00 Contact Bruce Bishop 03 688 1204

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.

WANTED TO BUY

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Contact Mary-Jean 03 686 1812

AKAROA RUN.... Cottage with 5 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom large living area , deck and fully equipped kitchen. booked for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights cost \$24.00 - \$40.00 couple for the weekend 2 rooms taken already Motels available also Contact Jim McDonald 684 7733

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