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Upcoming Events

- November 12th** Run to Ashburton & Methven
- December 4th** Club meeting S.C.R.S.A 7.45 pm
- December 9th** Club Christmas function. MSA Ashburton
Meal cost \$25
- February 24—25** Art Deco Weekend \$25 deposit for accom-
modation on or before December Club Night
- March 4th Show and Shine
- April 6th—9th Convention in Christchurch

Most Runs will be 3rd or 4th weekend of month.
Runs subject to change.

Ashburton Run 12 November 2006

Meet at Ken Wills 8.30 am

Travel to Ashburton to meet the Christchurch and Ashburton mem-
bers by the Town Clock at 10.00 am.

Then travel to Methven to a private collection. Bring your lunch, or
meals can be purchased at Methven

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of the articles.



Ford Zephyr in Variety Bash Friday, 10 February 2006

Press Release: Ford New Zealand

With up to 40 pre-1975 vehicles entered in the 2006 Bash, the annual event was a demonstration of Ford vehicles, old and new. The Rat Pack's Zephyr was joined by other older Ford Bash vehicles and all of the Variety Bash officials were driving Fords for the duration of the Bash.

"2006 is the 16th year of the Bash and Ford has been involved with Variety since its inception in New Zealand in 1989. Our involvement with Variety is an integral part of our Corporate Citizenship program," said Ford New Zealand Media Relations Manager – and new Zephyr 'Rat Pack' Bash team member – Clare Ponton

A couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

When they were asked what their secret was to a long lasting marriage he said:

"We take the time to go out to a restaurant two times a week. A candlelight dinner, soft music and a slow walk home.

She goes on Tuesdays, and I go on Fridays."

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It would be even more helpful if you could indicate the relative support (by your best estimate) of the number of cars/people from your Club which might likely attend the event if held at the above mentioned locations. We stress we are not looking for anything other than a non-binding indicative and meaningful response to assist our decision making regarding the location for the Convention.

Your reply not later than 31 October 2006 would be much appreciated.

Yours in Z-Caring,

Restoration Buddy

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Two bored casino dealers were waiting at a craps table. A very attractive blonde woman arrived and bet \$20,000 on a single roll of the dice.

She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude."

With that she stripped from her neck down, rolled the dice and yelled, "Mama needs new clothes!" Then she hollered..."YES! YES! I WON! I WON!" She jumped up and down and hugged each of the dealers.

With that she picked up all the money and clothes and quickly departed. The dealers just stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?"

The other answered, "I thought YOU were watching!"

President's Report

Christmas is just around the corner and Christmas Parties - Dinners - Social occasions have started.

Just to cover a few things - have you booked your accommodation for Easter 2007 and 2008, Ranfurly trip is coming up early next year and we need names.

Christmas Dinner in Ashburton is only a month away, so get yourself into gear and make the calls to get booked.

Thanks to the members for the monthly reports on our social events - this helps to make it more interesting reading if everyone gives a bit. If you would like to give a report and have no way of typing it out just drop off to me.

The Club is in good shape but we need more members to get the cars out and just join in and enjoy being involved in the club.

Phil Rooke.

Just like home

A man and a woman, who have never met before, find themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. After the initial embarrassment and uneasiness, they both go to sleep, the man in the upper berth, and the woman in the lower berth.

In the middle of the night, the man leans over, gently wakes the woman and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I'm awfully cold, and I was wondering if you could possibly reach over and get me another blanket?"

The woman leans out and, with a glint in her eye says, "I have a better idea Just for tonight let's pretend that we're married."

The man happily says, "OK. AWESOME!"

The woman says, "Good. Get your OWN bloody blanket!"

Hanmer Spring Club Run September

12 people from the Timaru Club and 5 people from the Christchurch club enjoyed a leisurely weekend at Hanmer Springs, another group from Christchurch arrived on Sunday afternoon.

All members enjoyed their time in the pool, even the ones who were bullied into hiring togs. The time in the pools was so successful that some club members remember the colours of some of the young woman's bikinis, while having a few drinks later in the evening.

On Saturday night we all had an enjoyable evening at one of the restaurants, followed by some socialising back at our motel room.

Whilst the Timaru members were able to stay on for another day, the Ashburton contingent had to return on Sunday for work the next day.

The return trip went fine until we got to Waikari, when Ross and Doreen Todd's car had a fuel pump failure resulting in the car being left there overnight.

Consequently the 2nd half of the trip to Ashburton brought back teenage memories, 6 people in a MK2 Zephyr (very cosy). Its surprising how many people know the words to the song "sitting in the back seat hugging and a kissing with....." (name withheld for obvious reasons).

All in all a very enjoyable weekend we should do it again.

Yvette Worner.



5. Rotorua - Again not in the Auckland Club "area"; and has been the location for many Conventions in the past, as well as a day trip location for the 2005 International Convention. While the most convenient for southern visitors, many will have visited this area previously for Z car conventions or as tourists. It is about the furthest southern location the Auckland Club could consider organising the event at.

Some of the factors that have led to the above locations as an alternative to Auckland itself are:

1. Traffic - Auckland's traffic tends to be extremely busy, even at holiday weekends. This makes convoying and group vehicle movements difficult.

2. Organisation - Naturally there are difficulties arranging any event remote from the home base of the Club - however within a radius of 2 to 3 hours drive time has been done before and is achievable.

3. Convenience - Locations south of Auckland provide for shorter drive time for many participants. Also the cost of petrol doesn't seem to be getting any cheaper and who knows where it will be in 2009!

4. Interest level - On the other hand sites north of Auckland, as a result of being less conveniently sited for participants from the south probably mean they will be new or of more interest to those same people - maybe the basis for an extended stay or "tack-on" holiday.

What we are asking is for you to discuss the above location options at your upcoming Club meetings and/or solicit (say via your Club magazine) comment back from your members to your Club committee. Rather than numerous individual responses, we would appreciate your committee sending a considered reply indicating a preference for one of the five locations mentioned above.

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31 July 2006

2009 International Convention.

Greetings from the Auckland Zephyr Club.

As you will be aware from the last couple of International Z Car Conventions, the Auckland Club has indicated its interest in hosting the 2009 International Convention. While that seems a long way off, suitable venues get booked out early, especially for key weekends like Easter.

Our Club has had a couple of discussions about the location for the Convention, but before making a final selection, thought it should seek feedback and indications of support for a short list of locations. The alternatives we are considering are:

1. Bay of Islands - while a little further to drive (less than 3 hours north of Auckland) is an area which many may not have visited previously or for a long time. The area is a popular tourist spot with some great attractions and is favoured by many in our Club.
2. Whangarei - less traffic than Auckland, albeit a thriving city not visited by many from the south. About two hours drive north of Auckland with some great features and attractions nearby.
3. Pukekohe -45 minutes south of Auckland, but close enough to enable the southern attractions of Auckland to be included in any programme. A little less distance to travel for southern visitors.
4. Tauranga - Not in the Auckland Club "area" being to the east in the Bay of Plenty. A growing area with many attractions. Relatively easy access through Taupo and Rotorua for attendees from the south.

McLean Island Swapmeet 2006.

Saturday morning dawned fine and we were away nice and early this year.

I have been going to the Swapmeet for over 20 years and I still enjoy the excitement of what new things I might find. Besides finding bargains it has now become a social occasion meeting old friends, other Zephyr Club members and yes running into our own club members all searching for that special bargain.

The back of the ute was full of old wheels (no not zephyr) ornament for the garden, antique car jacks, 12 ft side mounted aerial, 3 handbags, shoes, plants, tin toys and that's just a few.

The day always goes too quick. I do look forward to next year's swapmeet and suggest that you join us for a great day.

Mary-Jean Wood.

A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new.

So how come I make \$39,675 a year and you get the really big bucks when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic.. .~"Try doing it with the engine running."

Southern Connection 2008

The organising committee held their 3rd meeting at the Hinds Tavern last week.

The 6 member plus their partners that attended spent some considerable time discussing the 6 different options we had available to us for lunch on the Sunday of convention weekend.

I would like to thank Ross Todd the Venue Convenor and the ladies that are helping him for the effort put in obtaining all those quotes. John Hull has organised one successful fundraiser and is hoping to have a Christmas raffle organised soon.

The Hotel Ashburton has already taken several accommodation bookings for the Southern Connection 2008.

I know some people will say it's still 17 months away, but we have all seen how quickly the accommodation was snapped up for the Convention in Christchurch next Easter, so I urge you all to book now to avoid disappointment.

We are starting our promotion with Early-bird Registration forms etc in the November magazine.

Ross Worner.

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually-challenged co-worker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded,

"What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

CLASSICS AND EXOTICS THE FORD ZEPHYR

By David Pike Tuesday, 29 November 2005

The Ford Zephyr, although built in Dagenham, England bore a marked family resemblance to the Ford Customline suggesting that its styling actually originated in Detroit, however some European input must have taken place as the car has the road holding and suspension which we have come to associate with cars of European origin.

Originally introduced to Australia in the third quarter of 1956 the Ford Zephyr was updated in June 1958. The styling changes were not substantial. A chrome grille with horizontal strutting and a deep red circular emblem replaced the familiar 'dollar grin'.

This model saw the introduction of recirculating ball steering in place of the former 'worm and peg'. Recirculating ball steering was an interesting variation on the old idea of a worm and sector. Only in this case, the contact was made on a series of ball bearings that rolled with the movement of the sector and so reduced friction.

To provide an even lighter steering touch, Ford also increased the steering ratio from 16 to 1 to 18 to 1, a factor which made low speed steering somewhat easier but which also handicapped the driver who took the corner hard on loose surfaces.

Another interesting modification was the adoption of a concentric gearshift. Instead of two adjoining columns running from the steering wheel and gearshift to the floor the new gearshift was placed inside the steering column, giving a single post running from the steering wheel to the floor.

The engine remained the same in this model and the six-cylinder unit still developed 80 bhp at 4200 rpm. Unlike the Holden of the same period, the Zephyr was not a quiet car mechanically when the revs were being poured on.

At normal driving speeds the noise level was quite acceptable but if put your foot down the engine started to make itself heard until it was distinctly noisy at flat chat.

In spite of the raised noise level the engine could be wound up and would keep punching out its power without any sign of stress. The handling of the car at high speed was also impressive and the brakes had ample reserve to peel back the rpm very rapidly from high speed if required.

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