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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

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**FOR SALE** - For members that may like club name badges \$10.50 per person. To be worn at all club runs/functions, this enables new members to get to know everyone quickly.

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# Upcoming Events

<b>September 4th</b>	Club meeting S.C.R.S.A 7.45 pm
<b>September</b>	Poker Run.
<b>September 23 – 25th</b>	Hamner Weekend. S.C. Ann. Weekend
<b>October 2nd</b>	Club meeting S.C.R.S.A 7.45 pm
<b>October 14th</b>	McLeans Island Swapmeet
<b>October</b>	Opawa Homestead
<b>November 6th</b>	Club meeting S.C.R.S.A 7.45 pm
<b>November</b>	Organised by Methven Members.
<b>November</b>	Run organised by Methvan Members
<b>December 4th</b>	Club meeting S.C.R.S.A 7.45 pm
<b>December 9th</b>	Club Christmas function. MSA Ashburton Meal cost \$25
<b>February 24—25</b>	Art Deco Weekend \$25 deposit for accom- modation on or before December Club Night

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

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the view of the Committee,  
Editor, and the Club accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of the articles.

The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs... But not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and had figured out how to walk up straight staircases

Turtles can breathe through their butts & Butterflies taste with their feet.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year.

On average people fear spiders more than death.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

A snail can sleep for three years.

No word in the English language rhymes with "MONTH."

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

*Almost everyone who reads this will try to lick their elbow.*

# President's Report

## *Just for Fun*

Did you know...?

Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

It's physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older. [*this is NOT true..... MC :)* ]

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

Marilyn Monroe had six toes & Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

We have been away for 2 weeks on holiday and have noticed the daylight hours are getting longer and its only a month until daylight saving. Its certainly makes you feel like getting cracking with the Zephyr's.

Hanmer Springs weekend trip is only 3 weeks away - if you are going to go, please make your own arrangement for accommodation - we are leaving on Friday and I know some other members are leaving Saturday - please contact me if you wish to know more. I have contacted Neil Anthony of Christchurch club and he is promoting this weekend as a club run so should see some Christchurch members throughout the weekend. This weekend has run in the past and has been very invigorating.

### **Club Web Site**

Over the past few years thanks to Mike Constantine the club has had a web site, this has been a free site costing the club nothing. This site is now full and with the help of Mike we have updated it.

This site is now paid for by the Club and Mike has offered to set up a new format for the site and he needs updated photos and information on club cars.

Our site is only as good as the information supplied by members so please email photos and information to help build our site to [mwconstantine@hotmail.com](mailto:mwconstantine@hotmail.com)

On Mike's advice we have stayed with the same provider as there is are hundreds of links associated to our site.

To reformat the Club website is not a small job and will require many hours of work and at some stage the Club may have to reimburse Mike for some of the hours spent, but it is worthwhile doing and any money spent will be well worth the effort.

### **Club Magazine**

Mike has offered to help our Editor, Jim Bower to compile the club magazine - Jim is still responsible for collecting the information. Our magazine is a very integral part of our club keeping all members informed. Please note Jim requires all information to be provided in electronic format, either on disk or in an email to [Jim.jimbower@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jim.jimbower@xtra.co.nz)

### **International Convention 2007**

Months are flicking by - have you arranged yourself for Easter Christchurch 2007.

Hope to see you in Hanmer. *Phil Rooke.*

From the Southern Branch



*1955 Mk I Zephyr Convertible* We have had this car for about 28 years. It has been completely restored



*1959 Mk II Zodiac Convertible* We have had this car for about 4 years now. We have not had to do anything to it, and have had lots of happy travelling hours in it

## Restoration Buddy

### Contact advisors, helpers:

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### HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

**25 OCTOBER – 01 NOVEMBER 2006**

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THANK YOU !!

Thanks to Ross & Yvette Worner for all your time and work and the donation of the potatoes for a fundraiser for Convention 2008.

Thanks to Bob Duke for your help with the deliveries, and to everyone who supported this effort.

John & Glenis Hull



1962 MK III Zodiac We have had this car for 7 years. Very nice to drive and still in very original condition. We have not had to do anything to it

Trevor Jopson Oamaru

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The Christmas function will be at the Ashburton MSA, on Saturday 9th December, 2006.

Bus will be taking members up T \$10.00 pp plus meal \$25.00 pp.

Club will be subsidising the bus.

Meal 7.30 approx. **Please note amended meal price**

NUMBERS TO BE IN & PAID BY NOVEMBER MEETING.

**Contact Bruce Bishop Phone 03 688 1204 ASAP**

## Laurie Spillane



One of seven children, Laurence John Spillane was born in Temuka on 23 October 1938 and, with the death of his father when Laurie was only fifteen, he accepted some of the adult responsibilities for the family.

With an interest in the mechanical trade, he attended Timaru Technical College and then followed his passion into automotive engineering as an apprentice mechanic for J E Thomas Limited in Geraldine. Like so many young New Zealand men, he did his Compulsory Military Training at Burnham Military Camp, describing it as "A great character building experience".

After completing his apprenticeship, Laurie worked for a time in the motor industry in Australia before returning to New Zealand to work first on the Benmore Hydro Scheme and then the Haast Road Breakthrough, servicing heavy machinery. He returned to Temuka in 1965 and took over the position of Truck Service Foreman at Hervey Motors Ltd. It was at this time that he met and went on to marry Colleen, They had four children, Kim, Shane, Letitia and Andrea.

In 1973, Laurie and Colleen formed Spillane Auto Services, a BP service station and workshop on SH1, just north of Temuka township, which they operated for twenty-three years, seven days a week. Then, in semi-retirement, Laurie became a part-time tutor at Aoraki Polytechnic and also a Registered Workplace Assessor for the Motor Industry Training organisation ("*the 'perfect semi-retirement job'*")

Laurie was MTA Branch President, South Canterbury for two terms and served on seven different committees and panels within the motor trade industry over the years, but he was most keenly involved with the training of automotive apprentices and was on the NZ Training Advisory Committee for several years. He was also a competitor and organiser of the local MTA Spanner Team Competition.

Whilst he had interests in the Zephyr and Mini Car Clubs and was a lifetime member of the Temuka Boxing Club, his devouring passion was researching the Richard Pearse '*first flight*' saga. This involved countless hours documenting all the available information, and his findings are now being sought by aviation historians in both America and France. The Timaru Airport Museum has his working scale model of Pearse's original engine. His interest extended to other aspects of aviation heritage and he took up flying lessons only a couple of years ago.

Other interests included golf, water skiing and rugby and as a devoted family man, he enjoyed holidays camping, fishing and boating at the lakes. Together with Colleen, he travelled overseas many times and after a lifetime of experience and achievement was referred to fondly by the family as '*Our Walking Encyclopaedia*'

**Laurie Spillane 1938 - 2006.**

*NZ Radiator May 2006*

## 2006 Ford Zephyr Fast, like the wind. by Tyrone Rodriguez

*April 20, 2004* - The 2006 Lincoln Zephyr teaser unveiled at the 2004 New York International Auto Show illustrates how Lincoln can bring its hallmarks of elegant design and comfort to a new generation of customers. The midsize, five-passenger Lincoln Zephyr is a premium sedan with features that assure comfort and refinement worthy of a Lincoln. Just as significantly, it also introduces the design elegance and refinement that have made Lincoln Navigator and Aviator such desirable nameplates.

This teaser vehicle unveiled in New York sets the stage - and sends a strong signal - for the production version of Lincoln's next sedan. The concept builds on themes explored in the Lincoln Mark LT and Lincoln Aviator concepts that were unveiled at the 2004 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Design statements such as the bold horizontal lines of the taillamps and grille reinforce its athleticism. Instead, the Lincoln Zephyr establishes its sport sedan persona with geometric elements such as a steeply raked windshield, strong horizontal themes and wide, large-diameter, spoked alloy wheels.

The wheels are 19 inches in diameter and feature a symmetrical 12-spoke layout that complements the Lincoln star located on the flush center caps. The spoke pattern puts the Lincoln logo in the "crosshairs," like a telescopic sight, drawing the eye toward the wheel center.

The side profile is complemented by chrome trim at the belt line, door handles and mirror caps, and the soft glow of satin aluminum wheels. The light body color also provides a strong contrast to the bold, dark window graphics.

The rear bumper surface is nearly flush, contributing to the clean, uncluttered lines. Completing the effect is a lower tray framed by a thin line of bright metal trim milled from solid aluminum. Twin chrome tailpipes set wide apart extend through the lower fascia. The horizontal theme continues at the front of the car, where a classic Lincoln grille, executed in chrome, is flanked by wide, jeweled headlamps with projector-style barrels whose lower edges dip down into the horizontal turn signals. Side markers are integrated into the headlamp barrels as well, for a tailored appearance.

Key interior features of the Lincoln Zephyr are a commanding driving environment and the sophisticated interplay between surface textures, such as satin aluminum, chrome, leather and wood.

The center console flows upward into a symmetrical, full-width instrument panel. The center stack features a prominent information center that serves as the controller for the exclusive THX&153;-certified ultra premium audio system as well as a navigational screen. All buttons and knobs are chromed, as are the one-touch louvered air vents, interior door handles and the control stalks on either side of the steering wheel.

One show-stopping feature that was seen on the Lincoln Mark LT - a corrugated aluminum waterfall that flows downward into the center stack from the top of the instrument panel - is personalized to the Lincoln Zephyr with wider, more tactile raised surfaces.



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