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# UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5	Waimate Swapmeet VCC Clubrooms Waimate
September 28	South Canterbury Weekend Hanmer Springs
October 2 - 3	French Festival Akaroa Friday and Saturday
October 6	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45 pm
October 10 - 11	McLeans Island Swapmeet
October 17	Saturday Naseby Car Show
November 1	All British Day Christchurch
November 3	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45 pm
November 14	Geraldine Arts and Plants Festival
November 14	Christmas Dinner - The Shearer's Quarters
November 22	Victorian Fete Oamaru
November 29	Roses on the Bay Market Day
December 1	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45 pm
December 11	Timaru Christmas Parade
December 12	Strawberry Fare Waimate
February	Art Deco Weekend Ranfurly
February 18 - 21	Napier Art Deco Week
March 27	Winchester Swapmeet
April 2- 5	Southern Connection Picton

Mr. Johnson and his secretary are on a train to Paris. They are just about to go to sleep when the secretary, who has the hots for her boss says in a seductive voice, I'm a little cold, could I borrow your blanket? The man says how would you like to be Mrs. Johnson for a while? The secretary jumps at the chance and begins to get out of bed.

Then he replies, good, then you can get your own damn blanket.

So next day we pickup and go down the Pyke and call in at the Alabaster Hut and Pyke Lodge. The staff at Pyke lodge are always pleased to see us and have a cuppa and chat. They are also in radio contact and let us know what's going on around the place. Off up the Hollyford River again to meet the chopper.

This time he was only ¼ hour late. He gives us a pretty good deal so we don't mind. After the trip up to the boat ramp at Roads End we all meet up at Gunns Camp for a big clean up and our nights accommodation. They knew we are coming and the boiler is always hot for showers. The camp is in a trust now



and is run by Trust caretakers that come in for about 3 months at a time to look after the place. Murray Gunn is now residing in Dunedin. After having a cleanup, it is off to Milford Hotel for a feed and to get accustomed to civilization before going home the next day.

These type of trips are once in a lifetime trips – as every trip is to me. So if you get the chance, step outside your comfort zone and go for it. I'm sure you will enjoy it.

## *Gavin Ladbrook*

On this trip	Gavin Ladbrook	Timaru
	Des Ladbrook	Timaru
	Scott Mason	"Scooter" Timaru
	Allan Haymon	"AH" Tekapo
	Allan Couch	"AI" Kaipo
	Ian Galloway	"Bruno" Wanaka
	Hamish Neilson	Upper Hutt
	Bob Carnal	Haast
	Morris Kirsick	"Kissy" Waikato

rock. It was only speed that popped us up here!”

The place it happened was about the same place that Dave Gunn and a young boy drowned when crossing on horse back at the time the river was too high - this time very low. After a good night's sleep my brother Des and I decided to go up to the Barrier River to camp and hunt for 2 days. The Barrier is a beautiful place, lots of clearings, a lot of ground to stalk around in – good for old hunters like me. Well I knocked over 2 deer that night and chased some other smart ones the next day and had a lovely time being out there.

The fishing this year was not good and we put it down to seals coming up through the lakes and river to feed on them. Yes they come nearly 100 kilometres in land, also dolphins that come into Lake McKerrow clean up a lot. At times you can see a pod of around 100 dolphins going around the lake. They come in on the tide and back out to sea with the outgoing tide. Another thing we found while out floundering one night was the fault line. It



crosses Lake McKerrow at the mouth of the lower Hollyford River and shining a spot light down, the water goes from three feet to hundreds of feet. It is like a under water cliff with small ledges on the way down with shells and that on them. I found this quite amazing and have been back a few times for more looks and to show other friends.



Only a day and a half left before the chopper comes to lift us back up the rapid so back to the Olivine Hut for the night. On arriving and telling the boys about our adventures two of them asked to be dropped up to the Barrier and they would walk back. Well at 7 o'clock they shot a deer in the light of a head lamp and got back to camp at 12.15 that night

buggered. We were in radio contact so knew they were still mad but okay.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a fantastic weekend we had going on the Transalpine to Greymouth. For those who didn't go you did miss out on a good time - lots of fun and laughter and great time spent with other club members. Hope you can make the next club event. It would be great to see you - join in.

Our club is very busy with 20th Birthday Party 2010 and the International Convention 2011 - sort out your calender early.

Swapmeet McLeans Island early October, great place for parts and socialising - we will be going but Waimate swapmeet is next Saturday.

Have talked to one of our northern - northern members who advised me that the Southern Connection 2010 is well under control and registration forms are on their way. I know a lot of members have already booked motels in Picton, see mag for details.

More information on the International Convention 2011 next mag.

Have you checked out our club web site, take a look it is brilliant - thanks to Mike.

Wintersun Festival 2010 Australia and Hevelock Mussel Festival - anyone interested in going please contact me.

Keep it simple keep it friendly.

*Rookie.*



## EDITOR'S REPORT

My the weeks are slipping by so fast, I do one magazine then its time to do another. Thanks so much everyone for all the report and photos, always great to have other members articles.

We had lots of fun on the train, just relaxing and chilling out. I am looking for more articles of members cars, maybe trips you have been on, anything that may interest other members. I really appreciate your efforts.

*Mary-Jean*

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another month has passed us by and the days are starting to get longer and warmer so I'm looking forward to getting the Z car out and about in the sunshine.

Was great to see so many of us on Alpine Train Trip, it was a great weekend away and I'm now trying to work out another trip that will be just as much fun so keep reading your mag as you never know what may be in there.

S.C weekend next run away, not sure how many going to Hanmer but I'm sure if you are you will have a good weekend.

Remember if you are going for a drive in the old Z car other members may like to tag along.

That's all for this month, happy motoring

*Stephen Rouse* Club Captain



## NEXT CLUB RUN

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## Christmas Function

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Trail for a good reason. After dropping them off we called into Jamestown for a look. This was going to be the capital of NZ back in the 1800's, but the weather beat the settlers and the only thing I could find was the remains of an old coal range rusting away.

Setting up camp at the end of the lake gives us good access to good hunting and fishing so that afternoon the boys were out in force. Some went hunting but only 1 deer came back that night. Quite a lot of fishing was done but not many fish this time. That night it was out floundering with a man hanging over the front of the boat with a spear, me with the light and driving the boat in shallow water in the dark is another challenge.

Next morning up sharp to catch the low tide to go and get paua off the rocks in Big Bay. So out of the lake down the Hollyford River, past Martins Bay, out of the river mouth and head out to sea. There is quite a reef out of the point of Martins Bay that you have to go around to get to Big Bay but this year the sea was quite rough so after about 10 minutes out we turned around and came back in and walked around to Big Bay. Three hours there and four hours back so that filled the day in. The boats we were using are aluminum hull jet boats with all the safety gear and sea covers on. My one is specially designed for most situations and is quite safe and everyone wears life jackets. We got our limit of paua and a good feed of crayfish. So back to camp for a big cook up.

Next morning we were out hunting with little success, so the boys decided to pack up camp and head up to the Pyke and stay at the Olivine Hut. To get there you've got about 100 kilometres to travel across Lake McKerrow, backup the Hollyford River into the Pyke, through Lake Alabaster further up the Pyke to where the Olivine comes in on the right. Now on the way



up we had a bit of excitement just after coming out of the Hollyford and into the Pyke. The lead boat hit a submerged rock, spun around and shot up onto the middle of the rapid on his right. I was the second boat and found orange fuel containers floating down the river. They were originally strapped to the front of the lead boat – yes they had hit real hard and were ¼ full of water. On inspection we couldn't find holes in the hull and the question was asked "where did all the water come from.?" One of them piped up and said "oh that was from when we went under after hitting the

of the rapids where we unload the boat and stack everything in 1 Ton Super Bags – 5 in total. Next is to put the lifting strops on the boats. Some people use nets but we all have lifting lugs on the boats and it saves time and the boat lifts and sits a lot better. Our 4pm lift arrived at 5.15pm and it took 19 minutes to shift 4 boats and 2 bag lifts 800



metres down stream below the rapid. This put us a bit behind schedule as in March its dark around 6.30. So a quick load up of boats and off down the river with a full load of gear and 3 men. This makes dodging logs and rocks very interesting at times. Reaching The McKerrow Island Hut right on dark in light rain, only to find 2 middle age couples in a 12 bed hut and making it very clear they didn't want visitors. So back in the boats and a dash across the lake to Demon Trail Hut, where the reception was much warmer from 1 man who hadn't seen anyone for a couple of days.

After settling in, having a few drinks, its time to cook tea. So Oysters for starters, then chops, spuds, peas and carrots. Food is a bit of a priority on trips I go on. I'm a firm believer that you've got to eat well. On this trip in the meat line we had oysters, whitebait, muttonbirds, crayfish, paua, trout, eel, venison, leg of ham, chops, steak, sausages, bacon and mince. Most of which is frozen down beforehand and taken in polystyrene fish boxes and if you don't open them to much they will stay frozen for up to 10 days.

Well the next day it was raining and I mean raining so this was a hut day to recuperate from the day before. About 2pm the weather cleared and the sun came out. This is the thing about Fiordland it is either pelting down or the sun is shining – you don't get many dull days. Later that day 4 women wandered into camp looking like drowned rats. They had walked from Pyke Lodge and were very pleased to find the hut.

Next day was fine so off down Lake McKerrow to set up camp on a beach at the bottom end not far from Martins Bay. We gave 3 of the women a ride down to Hukuri Hut 2/3 of the way down the lake. The 4th one wanted to walk the Demon Trail – pack and all. It is named the Demon

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Cheers

*Don McCully*

Manager

**IMPORTANT !!**



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of our valued friend and club member Russell Paul. Russell's passing will leave an enormous gap in our community.

Our thoughts go to Joan and her family in their loss.

## Life Outside the Zephyr Zone

As some of you know I have spent quite a lot of time hunting and fishing over the years. Well this is a shortened version of a trip into the Hollyford area.

The Hollyford is well known for its track and also Gunns Camp that was built in the 1930's to house workers working on the Milford Road. The camp today is much the same as it was then. The accommodation is huts, bunks, coal ranges, candles for when the generator is turned off at 9 o'clock each night. The water for showers in a main block is heated with a woodfired boiler that you can help stoke. So the pace of life is real good. There is also a museum there with the history of the area back to the time of the first settlers. If you are going to Milford it is well worth going down the Hollyford Road about 12 Kilometres on a shingle road to have a look and step back in New Zealand time.

Well our trip consisted of 4 jet boats, 11 men, a heap of tucker, a lot of fuel and a ton of refreshments for 8 days in Fiordland.

Our first night is in Queenstown to meet up with others that have come from all over New Zealand. This is a good get together at the local at Frankton Arm and everybody has an early to bed (about 1.30am) as the next day is a big one. Up at 5am, meet the others, and travel to Te Anau for breakfast. By this time everyone is primed up, rearing to go as we have to be at the top of the Hollyford Rapids by 4pm and all organized to be air lifted in by Jeff Shanks who flies a Squirrel Helicopter.

So off up through the Eglington Valley and beautiful countryside over the Divide. This is where the Routeburn and Caples Track comes out to the road. There is a shelter and a



bus stop there for trampers. Moving on turning off the Milford Road and down the Hollyford Road to the boat ramp- well its just a gap in the bush where you can get your boat in to float.

Now comes our big task of loading up the boats with all the gear. Myself and another boat make two trips down river about half an hour to the top



even better on a clear day. Even got Alan & Marie out onto the viewing platform for a closer look.

Arrived back in Rolleston to a very wet night, stopped in Ashburton for tea, a lovely few days enjoyed by all and a well worthwhile club event.

Ken tells me he enjoyed the trip so much he is going to take the rest of his family over for a day, Val you might get to go again if you are lucky. That's all for now.



*Karen Rouse*



## CLUB GOSSIP



**Cruising in:** Emily McDonald and Cameron McKeown arrive in style in a Mk11 Zodiac, driven by Phil Rooke.



*Ford*

*Photos courtesy*

*Timaru Herald*



## Tranzalpine Trip to Greymouth 15th - 16th August

Saturday morning the alarm went off at 5am, wake up call for our big weekend to Greymouth. Dark and foggy we headed off to collect the Bishops on our way to meet the rest of the early morning travellers at Washdyke.



We all headed off, no Zephyrs to be seen. Arrived at Rolleston after a short detour at Hinds to wake up the Taylors, (they were just up and still dark and foggy!!) at which time Ken and Val swapped cars and become passengers with Geoff and Shona to share a ride.



Camp Leader (Stephen) ensured everyone had arrived and the Tranz Alpine



Train was on time, all 18 of us got on board and eventually got to our correct seats, still foggy and not much to see, the train was off and we headed through the mountains.

The fog lifted with the odd spot of rain (in West Coast style that is!), Very lovely views along

the way.

Arrived in Greymouth after a few stops along the way, checked into our motels and headed off for a bite to eat at Speights Ale House.

All the guys were a little thirsty by this time so we decided on a Tour through the Monteiths Brewery, an hour and a bit later the tour was



over, but during that time plenty of Beer tasting and pouring was done, some more than others (Stephen, Geoff & Phil!!!).

A lovely buffet meal that night and a few more drinks and laughs, then early night for most after our early start. (We must be feeling our age!)

Next day more food but this time some of the

ladies went shopping, some spent plenty and found some very good bargains, Mary Jean can verify this!.

Some of the same (photo) by clock at Greymouth

We all headed back to the station at 1.45, some with their luggage in tow and back on the train trip back to Christchurch. The sun was out so trip was very pretty, the snow was pretty much melted but a few waterfalls were seen and views were

