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Club meetings are held
first Tuesday each month
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Clubrooms, Wai-iti Road,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15 - 16	Transalpine Train Trip Greymouth
August 30th	Henry Ford Day Christchurch Either go up Sat night before run or meet at Ken Wills complex by 7.00 am Sunday morning
September 1	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45 pm
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 3	Club Meeting SCRSA 7.45 pm
November 14	Geraldine Arts and Plants Festival
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

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LADIES' PAGE

Teachers Rules 1915

- 1 You will not marry during your terms of contract
- 2 You are not to keep company with men
- 3 You must be at home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function
- 4 You may not travel beyond the city limits without permission of the Chairman of the Board
- 5 You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores
- 6 You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother
- 7 You may not smoke cigarettes
- 8 You may not dress in bright colours
- 9 You may under no circumstances dye your hair
- 10 You must wear at least two petticoats and your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above your ankle
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scrub the floor with hot soapy water at least once a week; clean the blackboard at least once a day; and start the fire at 7am so that the room will be warm by 8am

SCZZEC TRANSALPINE SCENIC TRIP

15th - 16th August 2009

Staying the night in Greymouth. Arrange own accommodation.

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Require numbers and payment by 26th July 2009

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Will be a great weekend, join in the fun.

South Canterbury Weekend

26 - 28 September 2009

Hanmer

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Remember to say you are part of the SCZZEC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August - shit it soon will be Christmas.

Great to catch up with the Oamaru and Kurow members on Sunday - very enjoyable run to Waimate.

The 20th Birthday Party committee is well organised - great weekend is planned, mark off the date on your calendar.

Check the magazine for dates, times for runs and club events.

It has been brought to my attention that some club members may have their pride and joy under valued for insurance purposes. Please contact me if a valuation is required.

The committee for the International Convention 2011 had its first meeting last month and several good ideas were floated which will be brought to a general meeting for further discussion. Any ideas welcome.

This is a competitive weekend if you wish to complete for trophies - 21 months to go, plenty of time to rebuild, restore or just give the old girl a good clean up. You do not have to compete but it can be very rewarding if you choose to.

Looking forward to a fun filled weekend on the Transalpine trip and to South Canterbury Anniversary weekend, watch the mag and check your email.

Please sign in at the RSA on meetings night and check further details in the mag, this is important.

Keep it simple, keep it friendly *Rookie*

EDITOR'S REPORT

Great month, its certainly getting warmer and much nicer to take to cars out and about. Thanks to all for articles and photos this month. Great to see so many cars on Sunday's run.

I am needing more member articles for our club magazine, remember the more you put in the more you get out. If you are away on a trip or collect things, please call me as this is always interesting for others to read about.

Mary-Jean

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another month of winter has passed us by. It was great to see such a good turn out for July's run down to Waimate (even though one member who I won't name came in his funny named car, but we will forgive him since they are not doing well at the V8 racing plus they had a wee way to come.) It just goes to show you don't always have to bring your Z car for a good day out and catch up.

Big month this month with train trip on the 15th then Henry Ford run in CHCH on the 30th. Details in Upcoming Events. Be good to see a good turn out of S.C members there flying our colours.

Stephen

NEXT CLUB RUN

Transalpine Train Trip 15-16 August 2009

Overnight in Greymouth - details page 14

Departs 8.30am Rolleston - Car pool if you can.

Henry Ford Memorial Run

August 30th

Departure will be Janel Coffee Lounge Hawke St

New Brighton, Christchurch.

Will be visiting Radio Station, private collection, car restoration shop and an entertainment venue.

\$10.00 per Ford



20th Anniversary

Queens Birthday Weekend 2010

June 5 - 7 2010



All Zephyr Enthusiasts Welcome

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Easter 2 - 5 April 2010

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Cheers

Don McCully

Manager

IMPORTANT !!

Fonz & Dean55 – Happiness is two Mk1s!



The only thing better than a Mk 1 is two of them – especially if one is a convertible! I bought my first Mk 1 in 1966 while living in Auckland. It was a 1953 sedan, black and light green two-tone. It had white-walls, a 12-foot aerial, sun visor, and most of the usual accessories, including a valve radio to flatten the battery while parked up. I had sold a red 1939 Ford V8 Deluxe to get into Zephyrs! Back then I tended to change my cars as often as my shirts, and always had more than one car at a time. I sold the Mk 1 to fund another car, but always hankered for another Mk 1. In 1970, when Mk 1 convertibles were at the bottom of their market, I couldn't even afford a convertible at \$150.00! However a change of job soon saw the finances improve markedly and in 1973, I zeroed in on this light green 1953 Mk 1 sedan (The Rebel) – for \$700.00. It had covered about 70,000 miles and was pretty original. For a while it was the daily driver, but family requirements necessitated a more modern car – and besides, there was also a succession of Ford V8s, Morris 8s, Austin 7s, and a finned yank tank or two coming and going during this time.

In the mid 1970s I bought my first Mk 1 convertible but soon sold it to a previous owner who pestered me to let it go. No worries – I soon replaced it with another two, and in 1978, purchased 'Happy Days', bringing the total to 3 convertibles in my possession at that time. This latest 1954 convertible had a chequered history, in that it was stolen from a car yard, owned by a well-known radio station manager (who wound up in the pokey!), and was about to be repossessed when I latched on to it. I had to keep it in hiding for nearly two years until I managed to identify the finance company to which the money was owed, to stop the car dealer repossessing it. The motor was seized solid, but while it was in hiding I did a lot of the mechanical work it required.



One man had his display old tools immaculately displayed on boards with Ford, Chrysler etc.

There was also a collection of old oil and petrol tins, old motorbikes, old chainsaws and an army display with numerous items.



Once we took all this in we then ventured outside to the out buildings with old machinery, displays of bygone era's and even the old school and jailhouse all open to display all in excellent condition. A lovely and well presented museum that Waimate should be proud of.

We then walked downtown to the Model shop, antique shop, coffee shop, the men were lost in the model shop for some time, it's amazing what other people interests are.

On returning back to the museum we all went our own way home and all in all it was a great run with lots of different things to share and nice to catch up with our Oamaru members.

See you on the next run. *Mary-Jean*

Club Run 26th July

Another stunning July day. The last bit of cleaning Zephyr and off we headed to Redruth to meet all our other enthusiasts. Arrived to find a couple of cars already there and within 30 minutes a dozen or more arrived full of passengers. A fantastic turnout with a mixture of Falcons, Subaru's, Holdens and even a lovely Hillman Hunter to name just a few, 18 cars in total for the run.



Everyone enjoyed the market morning and stopped to buy meat, eggs, veges and other items and then we headed to the park for a nice picnic lunch at Knottingly park, what a lovely spot.



I noticed a cooking demonstration being held by our Oamaru members with their wee barbeque, others had their sammies, tea etc, glass of wine and a nice lunch had by all.

Graeme Vaughan had not had his car out for some years so was fascinated with what he found in the boot with some old things he had no idea where they went to.



It is often that you see a Holden being towed by a Ford but I believe Geoff need some assistance from Bill's MKII Zephyr in the park.

We then all headed off to the Waimate Museum for their Hobbies display. The old magistrates court is now the Museum and what a great Museum it is. The centre of building had Model cars, Handmade wooden trucks which were just fantastic.

In 1981, I drove it from Auckland to Christchurch and back to attend the first ever international Zephyr Convention. Over-heating problems saw the trip from Picton to Christchurch take almost 13 hours, but the sight of all the Christchurch club members lined up to meet me in Woodend was so great, that I resisted the urge to sell it on the spot. My two Canadian hitch-hikers told me that they now knew every water spot between Blenheim and Christchurch by the time we arrived.

In 1982, I painted The Rebel its present green colour – mixed to match the green Olympic Colour Trims I had fitted to it in 1975. At that time it officially acquired the name 'The Rebel' painted on the boot lid. In 1983 I painted



Happy Days and fitted the Kings Continental kit that had originally been on 'The Rebel'. In those days very few cars, if any, had much in the way of 'period accessories', but we continued to add whatever we could find, and preferably colour-coded to match the cars. Typical accessories include battery operated record players, unopened cigarettes from the 60s, period girlie magazines, dangling skeletons, earrings and panties on the sun visors, steering wheel knob with girlies picture, stuffed toys, transistor radios, old Coke. Leed and Fanta bottles, girlie matchbooks, sales brochures, magazines with Zephyrs on the covers, Star fire hubcaps, fender skirts, – the list is endless. The trend has seemingly caught on, as more owners now seem to adorn their cars with similar items. However, our cars have been like this since virtually day one, as this is how we live – in the past! ('Cause it's much cheaper!) The unopened packet of Craven A cigarettes on Happy Days' dash was one that my mother took off me back in 1964! I re-discovered it when I helped her move house in the 1970s.

In 1983 and 1984, the then Central Region Zephyr Club president, Bryan Brickley and I initiated the North Island Zephyr Conventions in Taupo, and when trophies inevitably were demanded, we donated the Car of the Convention Trophy, which was known as the Price-Brickley trophy. I don't know if it still survives.

In 1985, Karen & I drove from Auckland to Invercargill and back to the 3rd

International Zephyr Convention. Although having travelled the furthest distance, for some reason there was no Long Distance trophy. No worries, we were never into trophies, rather we believe in 'go' not 'show'. 18 days with the top down, 2600 miles, and even an appearance on Nationwide TV, and meeting up with then Radio Caroline's Garey Hanifin, and interviewed on his radio station. Not long after that Garey and Sue bought a Mk 1 convertible! Funny that!

In 1987 employment saw us move South to Dunedin. We drove Happy Days down over 5 days, but shipped The Rebel and our 1960 Chevy with Car Haulaways. Some low-life deck hand on the Arahura Rail Ferry slashed the convertible's roof and stole all the car keys. 12 months hassling Sea Rail saw them eventually pay us an 'ex-gratia' payment which in no way was to be seen as an admission of their liability – yeah, right! Police told me at the time that 95% of thefts and damage on vehicular ferries were committed by crew! The other 5% of thefts were by backpackers taking the wrong bags by mistake, usually to be reunited with the correct one at the Picton Police station, shortly after disembarking.



Since then we've attended all the International Conventions and Southern Connections that have occurred in the South Island, and still driving

the same car I took to the 1981 Convention. There is only one other car able to lay that claim, and that's Black Pepper, the hot (and reputedly fastest) Mk 3 belonging to Paul Barker of the Christchurch Zephyr Club.

The Rebel has been driven practically all over the North and South Islands from Paihia in the North to Bluff in the South, and most places in between. Happy Days has also been driven all over both islands albeit from Kaitia in the North and Bluff in the South. The Rebel has covered over 300,000 miles, and Happy Days is getting up there too. Neither car has even been 'fully restored' as such, or been off the road for any significant period. Both cars have had extensive work carried out, all of it by me, including paint and upholstery, and both cars have always been registered and warranted for the most part.

Last year my nephew and his fiancée flew down from Auckland for the Best of British Day here in Christchurch (see photo). As a classic car owner himself (Morris Minors, MGB, Ford Escort), and taking on board that he had always fancied our Mk 1 sedan since he was little, he was allowed to drive the sedan on the run. On the way home, I must have sunk a

few too many tinnies at the picnic, as we decided to let him drive Happy Days home. We had trouble getting him out of it when we got home though. But we are going to do the same thing again this year.

Over time some people have said that the cars were 'overdone' by way of criticism. Interesting though, that more and more owners are 'accessorising' their Zephyrs, isn't it? Oh well, they say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Given that you can never have too many accessories on a Zephyr, the flames are a recent addition, as are the coloured Perspex headlight shrouds, and the 'light up' fluffy dice. Happy Days is about to get a major brake overhaul in the not to distant future, but apart from that there are no plans to take them off the road.



Over the years some 19 Zephyrs have spent some time in my possession. This includes 4 Mk 1 convertibles, 4 Mk 1 sedans, 2 Mk 1 Consuls, 1 Mk 2 Zephyr, 1 Mk 2 Estate, 1 Mk 2 Consul convertible,

4 Mk 3s and 2 Mk 4s. Of course over 100-plus other classics have come and gone, and even the 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood which we'd owned for nearly 18 years did not outlast The Rebel and Happy Days. Happy Days is probably one of the most photographed Convertibles in NZ, and has featured in over 20 newspaper articles, TV News items and feature programmes and even some overseas magazines. It certainly has much provenance whereas the Rebel has generally played second fiddle to the attention. Between the two cars they represent over 67 years of ownership in my hands. We never think about their current value (You don't do that with family) or think about how much money we've spent on them over the years, save for increasing the insurance cover when people started paying \$45,000 plus for some lesser examples. . As I said, Happiness is two Mk 1 Zephyrs, always will be, especially as our motto is 'Live to Cruise'!

Greg & Karen Price

