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THE ROVER CAR CLUB OF OTAGO**

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## Rover Car Club of Otago.

### Suggested & Organised Events 2009 & 2010

July 09

Wednesday the 1st of July. Monthly meeting University Staff Club  
Saturday the 4th of July. Dunedin Auto Spectacular, Edgar Sports Centre. This years theme is "Red, White & Blue"  
9am-4pm. [www.otagoclassicmotoring.co.nz](http://www.otagoclassicmotoring.co.nz)  
Rover Car Club Of Otago AGM. 6.45pm at the Mosgiel Café & Function Centre, Gladstone RD, Mosgiel. Followed by a meal at 7pm. \$25 per head inc subsidy

August 09

Wednesday the 5th of August. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

September 09

Wednesday the 2nd of September. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

October 09

Wednesday the 7th of October. Monthly meeting University Staff Club  
24th-26th of October. Otago Central Railway 130th celebrations, Middlemarch

November 09

Wednesday the 4th of November. Monthly meeting University Staff Club  
Saturday the 7th & Sunday the 8th of November. None Rove heading south. Contact Bernie Halford ASAP to confirm your attendance.

December 09

Wednesday the 2nd of December. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

January 10  
No monthly meeting

February 10  
Wednesday the 3rd of February. Monthly meeting University Staff Club

Monthly meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month.

University Staff Club 7.00pm.

Drinks & Natter

## NOVE ROVE '09

7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> November

This years Nove Rove is going to take us South to the Mandeville Air Museum where we will have our Saturday lunch (bring your own) and have a look through the museum, A gold coin donation is required for entry.

Then we will head for the Borland Lodge in the Black Mount area. (not too far from Manapouri )

This is where we will stay the night.

Cabin beds are available at \$28 per person. Hopefully all couples will be able to have a cabin to them selves, but if we get a good turn out some friends may be asked to share. Cabins have 5 single beds in them, (2 bunks and 1 single).

We will also need to prepare our own evening meal. We have the use of a full kitchen facility with pots and pans and all cutlery, plates etc available. (I'm thinking, like a pot luck tea.) This will also be a great socializing room for the evening.

We also need to take our own bedding, i.e. sleeping bag's or blankets etc.

This is quite different than our normal Motel with restaurant meals but should be very social, and of course cheaper than our usual Nove Rove.

I need numbers just as soon as practical so Cabins can be confirmed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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## **From The Editor...**

### A car for 2000

In May 1965 the Christchurch Star predicted what cars would be like in the year 2000:

Power plants will be turbine or rotating combustion type.

Transmissions will be almost 100 percent automatic.

Front wheel drive and four wheel drive will be quite common.

Tyres will be radial ply with glass fibre cords instead of nylon.

Bodies will be easier to get in and out of, but height will not change appreciably.

Plastics will be used more.

There will be more emphasis placed on the safety of the occupants.

### The Golfer

Greg is 85 years old. He has played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago.

One day he arrives home looking downcast.

"That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm going to give up golf. My eye sight has gotten so bad that once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathises and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down, she says, "Why don't you take my brother Don with you and give it one more try."

"That's no good" sighs Greg. "Your brother is 103. He can't help."

"He may be 103," says his wife, "but his eye sight is perfect."

So the next day Greg heads off to the golf course with Don, his Brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to Don. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!" replies Don. "I have perfect eyesight"

"Where did it go?: asks Greg.

Don replied, "I don't remember!"

Bumper Sticker Suggestion Of The Month

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at maths

# ROVER CAR CLUB of OTAGO

MINUTES of meeting of members, held in the University Staff Club, 7pm Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009.

**PRESENT** Ian & Eleanore Clark, Bernie Halford, Alastair McInnes, Stuart & Jacqui McCraw, John Moore, Kevin Philips & Jenny Newberry, Joe & Glenice Smith, Jeff Sparrow, Norman Sparrow

**APOLOGIES** Ross Allan, Walton Brown

## CORRESPONDENCE

Club newsletters received from - Canterbury, Manawatu, Waikato, Wellington  
Auto-spectacular 4<sup>th</sup> July Entry form completed for 5 cars. Theme "Red/White /Blue"

## MEMBERSHIP

Resignation nil  
Applications nil

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions paid to date Town 21, Country 26,  
Outstanding subs 3

## TRIPS & OUTINGS

All British Day Timaru, - 7 members cars attended the rally on Sunday. The weather was cold but sunny throughout the rally which travelled back roads to Waimate for a lunch break at the VCC rooms, then wandered back to the VCC rooms in Timaru for afternoon tea and the prize giving . About 80 cars were involved and 100 or more people involved A very successful day out. Minor problems were experienced with 4 of our cars.

Auto-spectacular Edgar Centre 4<sup>th</sup> July – It was agreed that we should enter 5 cars, ( 2 red, 2 blue, and 1 white). Members to be approached

## GENERAL BUSINESS

AGM To be held at Mosgiel Station Restaurant, \$25 per person. 6.30pm .

AGM 6.45pm Meal 7pm

Notice of meeting and nomination forms to be sent out with next newsletter.

The President and Secretary/ Treasurer advised that they are available for reappointment

The meeting closed at 7pm

Next meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

## IN FAVOUR OF BI-ANNUAL RALLIES

- 1 Cost (petrol) is probably a growing consideration for some.
- 2 Some families, especially wives/partners don't want every Easter to be a Rally.
- 3 Some members would like the opportunity to attend an Australian Rally, which is usually held at Easter. (Some already do travel to these events)
- 4 Some Clubs, especially the smaller Clubs, probably feel the pinch of organising a Rally and would welcome the greater interval between 'going through it all again'.
- 5 Would attendance increase with bi-annual Rallies?
- 6 With Taranaki cancelled from lack of sufficient applicants (8) by February 2009, which may have been due to the World Financial crisis and apprehension about the future, some Clubs suggested a rethink may be necessary.

Chris Clark

National Secretary

ARCC

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## NATIONAL RALLY FREQUENCY

### IN FAVOUR OF ANNUAL RALLIES

- 1 Many members attend every year and look forward to the event.
- 2 The older age group, who perhaps wouldn't travel to the other Island or to the opposite end of their Island, would have double the wait for their local Rally.
- 3 The ARCC AGM has to be an annual event. Problems would arise with a bi-annual Rally.  
  
Possibly this could be solved with a conference call.
- 4 The ARCC could lose continuity of operation.
- 5 Bi-annual Rallies would end a tradition of 20 plus years.
- 6 Finding experienced members able and willing to organise Rallies may become more difficult.  
  
A situation could arise where members would host a Rally only once during their membership.
- 7 A member needs to attend several to understand the format before attempting their own.
- 8 The format of Rallies needs to be checked regularly to ensure we set in place an enjoyable programme for all with emphasis on socialising and enjoying the company of like-minded owners.
- 9 Whilst we continue to get attendance of 50 plus, as at Easter 2008, there are still keen members.

## IGNITION.

June 2009.

### **Amendment.**

Our AGM venue is confirmed and the Auto-spectacular at the Edgar Stadium on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July has the theme Red / White / Blue. So we were looking for those coloured Rovers to match the Union Jack! / Uncle Sam's Stars and Stripes.

Organised one white, two blue and two red Rovers for the display. Thank you those involved in making your Rovers available.

The Queens Birthday weekend at the Timaru Best of British was a success I am told and a wee bit of adventure by some was had. See Rove notes in this edition.

Carleen and I had a pleasant trip to Te Anau and back with the Coupe taking the road in her stride as usual. Clear, calm winter days, dry roads and the autumn colours and thoroughly enjoyable trip. Photo of the Coupe at Te Anau. If Ray can find the space.

Labour Weekend has a special event based at Middlemarch with "Steam and Things". Again as details emerge we will advise accordingly.

Remember the Nove Rove on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November this year, let Bernie know you're going. Advising your booking is essential.

The 2010 ARCC Rally organizing is in the pipeline with draft details being confirmed at present.

AGM details etc in this Edition of the Tribune. The existing officers all appear to be available again.

A Reminder again we still have the club monogrammed polo shirts available in an assortment of sizes all \$30-00 each. New club cloth monogrammed badges with black or red background are also available at \$10-00 each.

### **Safe & Happy Roving.**

Norman & Carleen Sparrow.



## All British Day Timaru. 31 May 2009

When we left to go to Dunedin, Dad's Rover wasn't running well and was making a funny noise. So we went back to Mosgiel to get Dad's Mazda 323. We said we would meet the other club members in Oamaru for lunch.

After lunch Dad found a sign on the Oamaru Cycle Works building. It was advertising Penny Farthing bikes and the Rover Safety cycle.

At the Oamaru Museum Dad, Rachel and I watched a video about the history of Oamaru.

After a walk around the old buildings we headed for Timaru.

At Timaru we stayed at the Aaron Court Motel. At 6 pm we went to the Richard Pearce Restaurant and Bar for dinner.



### IN FAVOUR OF A UNIFIED EVENT

- 1 The ARCC AGM would be very difficult to arrange with separate events.
- 2 Many of us would miss the company of Rally friends we have in the 'other' Island.

Clubs would host a rally more often, which may be an advantage or a disadvantage.

### LESS FREQUENT RALLIES WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES INSERTED

#### IN FAVOUR OF LESS FREQUENCY

- 1 This is a separate issue from the Annual/Bi-annual issue, as it emphasizes other programmes replacing one or more National Rallies.
- 2 It gives a huge flexibility to Clubs and members to arrange all sorts of other events, with a National Rally held perhaps every two or three years.
- 3 Jaguar Rallies are every three years but their scene is different as their cars are still being produced, they still attract the younger member and had 200 cars attend last Easter. They don't have any official Rally in between.

#### IN FAVOUR OF GREATER REGULARITY

- 1 The ARCC AGM would be very difficult to arrange with irregular National Rallies.
- 2 There is a distinct danger that although this sounds initially attractive, it could easily fail totally if every Club "left it to the other Club" to organise whatever event was needed for the 'other' year.
- 3 This could quickly lead to a complete collapse of the whole system. Communication for some Clubs is very difficult as I have learnt from my last two years experience.

# NATIONAL RALLY FREQUENCY

## MOVING THE DATE AWAY FROM EASTER

### IN FAVOUR OF EASTER

- 1 A greater number of people have holidays at Easter. Members in the work-force would have to arrange holiday leave at other times of the year.
- 2 Easter, now is usually joined onto school holidays which works well for families wishing to travel.
- 3 It is usually a time of settled weather and moderate temperatures.

### IN FAVOUR OF SOME OTHER WEEKEND

Ferry and accommodation costs could be more competitive away from the main public holidays.  
Retired members would probably prefer to travel the less crowded roads of other times.  
Some families just want to have Easter as a break from work or have some other type of event they wish to attend.

## DIVIDE THE RALLY INTO NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND EVENTS

### IN FAVOUR OF SEPARATE EVENTS

Costs to attend would be less with the saving, particularly in ferry fares.

Clubs would host a rally more often, which may be an advantage or a disadvantage.

Some Clubs mentioned that a number of their older members have no wish to travel long distances to attend a Rally, much as they would like to.

The next day we went to the car park in Caroline Bay for the display of cars. There were lots of old and rare cars. My favourite cars there were an Aston Martin V8 Vantage and a Ford Sierra Cosworth. Sierra Cosworths were very good in the British Touring Car Racing.

Rachel and I did the rally in the Smith's V8 SD1 and Dad went with some friends in a 1966 Singer Vogue.



The rally went over the country roads to Waimate where we stopped at the Waimate Vintage Car Club for lunch. After lunch the rally took us to the South Canterbury Branch of the Vintage Car Club in Timaru. There we had a nice afternoon tea and the prize giving for the rally.

That night at 7pm we walked to dinner at Bay 54.

Although a few Rovers had problems, we all had a great time and we drove home the next day.

By Sam Pilley aged 12

## NEWSLETTER NUMBER FOUR

Greetings to all members,

*MEMBERSHIP SURVEY ON OUR NATIONAL RALLY* I have decided that with the many changes in our World over the last 6 months, that we should revisit the matter of National Rally Frequency, as circumstances have changed forever, for some of us. I intend to widen the questionnaire setting out the questions here and trying to give a balanced summary of for and against the change on a separate sheet

- 1 National Rally should be held on a normal weekend at some time instead of at Easter
- 2 The Rally should be divided between a North Island & South Island event not necessarily at the same time. This would enable an optional visit to the 'other' Island
- 3 The Rally should be less frequent with the in-between years used for a smaller get-together, between Clubs that live in close proximity, and with a programme completely different from The Rally
- 4 Choose either an Annual or Bi-annual (every second year)

This gives a range of possibilities, which if we can get a consensus would make everyone happy. However I do wonder if I can get a response from every Club. I'll try to be optimistic on this.

There are four questions. Members need time to consider the advantages and disadvantages of each change, perhaps by having them printed off and enclosed with a Newsletter before answering the four questions, which could be taken by a phone poll. However I leave it to the individual Club to organise how they canvass their members. To give Clubs time to publish this information, consider and get response, collate and return to me, could we aim to complete this by the first October so I can notify the results to all Clubs by year end, and it can then be included for final discussion and decision at the AGM in Dunedin at Easter 2010.

*CHANGES IN THE ROVER CAR CLUB OF AUCKLAND* Please note the changes in office bearers. Paul Strong [sir.oreo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sir.oreo@xtra.co.nz) is now President, Gary Corbett, [gjcorbett@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:gjcorbett@vodafone.co.nz) is Secretary, Paul Billing, remains as Treasurer, and George Ratcliffe is the ARCC Delegate. The Club address also remains the same. Are there any other Clubs which have had a change of personnel, following their AGM? If you need an updated contact list for all NZ Clubs, I have one available

That's it for this time. If anyone has ideas for enriching the activity and health of our Clubs and hobby, *please let me know*, so we can continue to enjoy our vehicles, even if we don't attract as many younger members as the Jaguar Club does. We do enjoy what we do.

Kind regards,

Chris Clark

National Secretary.