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NELSON MARLBOROUGH CLASSIC MOTORING CLUB August 2025 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT REPORT FROM JON HAACK

Hi all

Well, I'm thinking us top of the South members have had enough of this rain and looking forward to doing some motoring in fine weather!

Chalk up new members from the Marlborough side of the hill! Welcome Mike Newman and Karen Morris

Mikes got a very interesting classic car project underway so watch out for this.

Good opportunity here to remind members that you don't have to be driving your Classic on Club runs, as it is you that we want to see in the first instant and your Classic in the second.

You'll see on the trip forecast that the committee has a good line up of trips planned or being planned.

The mid-week trips are proving to be a popular addition.

I do encourage you all to pass on any ideas to a committee member of places of interest to include on our outings.

You may notice that committee members personal emails have been removed from the newsletter. We now have Club email addresses for the Secretary and Treasurer being advertised. Advertising personal email address publicly unfortunately has attracted the attention of spammers.

These new addresses are via our Club domain which has anti-spam systems, so our fingers are crossed to see improvement with this. Another reason to have non personalised address's is that when committee members change, the addresses still remain the same which in theory will prevent the difficulties we face at change over times. It will also prevent a lot of confusion about where and who emails are coming from.

These address's will undergo another change further down the line when we finally get our official name of Classic Motoring Nelsonextinguished.

Your committee is also having a thorough and critical review of our web site. Personally, I don't see its value. I'd encourage you all to take a look at it and give us some feedback back please.

That's about it for this month motorists.

See you out there.

"Keep the wheels on the road"

Cheers Jon



Do you want a website? – remember to give some feedback to Jon whether you want it or not.



CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Sylvia has been sent to Coventry for the winter. She performed well travelling to the Reefton Car Show but the temperature of 2 degrees in Murchison was just a bit too cold for the nut behind the wheel. The Car Show was well attended by a wide range of vehicles, some that looked like they had just been unleashed from behind a barn door. Funds raised were for St John and the town was abuzz with visitors. Bit of a slower trip home as Sylvias new rear guards developed stress fractures and threatened to drop off. We had 12 cars attend and our new Classic Motoring Sachs and Tear Drop Flag were well received plus resulted in enquiries about joining our Club.

The Mid-winter Luncheon at Rai Valley Tavern had over 70 members attending. Upon leaving 2 traffic Police were waiting at the entrance no doubt alerted by Pat and Patricia Clays Cortina in Boy Racer mode with its dropped off muffler for its rare 6-cylinder Aussie motor. Luckily, they gave Pat the thumbs up when they saw his grey hair as they were only there to use the fancy Rai toilets.

Next month we have Pat Pascoe's Lord Nelson run to Geraldine and Rangiora. Pat asked that we rename the April Fools Tour in memory of Denis LeCren who with his wife Helen did so much to help make the club what it is today. Pat is happy for members to only attend the Rangiora section of the tour to visit two iconic collections but please let him know you are attending so the visits can be coordinated. You will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation.

Nelsons Thursday runs have been thwarted by Floods and red alerts so hopefully our July attempt will be more successful. Thanks, guys, for coming forward to offer to run an event each month.

Thanks also to those members who have sent in Photos and text about "WHATS IN MY SHED". It's articles like these that keep our Newsletters more interesting and of interest to all our readers. More required PLEASE.

On a sad note, our thoughts are with Noela and Jim Fry who had a serious accident in their beautifully restored Morris Oxford. They are both on the mend, but Noela is still recovering in Christchurch Hospital. The outlook for the Morris is that it could be terminal. Your friends in the Classic Motoring Club wish you both a speedy recovery.

Pete Glue Club Captain

Welcome New Members



Mike Newman and Karen Morris Henrik and Caroline Falkner

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For those car people who need or want to look up under their car.......



Auto Super Shoppe Blenheim has offered members the use of a hoist on Fridays.

Please ring Warren – Ph: 027 7580650 and he will coordinate for you.

To Noela and Jim Fry







RIP Morrie

VOTE OF THANKS FROM OUR PRESIDENT.



On behalf of myself and my committee I give our thanks and appreciation to Sonja Greenhill for all her support that she has given the committee over goodness knows how many years, (it's been quite a few!) with sending out Club notices, newsletters and updating our Club web site.

She deserves a well-earned break from it and can enjoy being a Club member without the responsibility of this task.

Also, I thank our Club Secretary Ken Allcott for including the task in his list of portfolio.

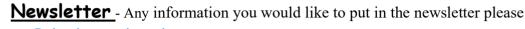
Thank you both.

Kind Regards

Jon Haack

Name Tags:

Please wear your name tag on Classic car runs as we have a number of new members, and it helps greatly with introductions for those of us suffering ageism. Replacement name tags, including lanyard and holder can be ordered through our club treasurer email: treasurer@classicmotoringnelson



Email: secretary@classicmotoringnelson.org.nz – in the subject line put "for Newsletter"





Website & Emailing of Club Notices - Email: secretary@classicmotoringnelson.org.nz

Don't forget to check out the club's website: www.classicmotoringnelson.org.nz



<u>Membership Forms</u> are available on the Website so if you have friends that want to join download or get them too and fill it in and send it back to the club.

The Sash instructions:





Purchase 2x large bulldog clips plus 1m of light bungee cord. Tie the bungee cord to the bulldog clips and clip to the ends of the sash inside the windscreen to create the required tension. Get out and shut the doors jamming the sash in the door jams. Bingo, we have all our members cars promoting the NELSON MARLBOROUGH CLASSIC MOTORING CLUB wherever in New Zealand they are out and about together.

REMINDERS:

Please be careful when you receive emails

— take a second and double check if in doubt.



Spam emails.

Be sure to check that the email address match's the name of the person they are claiming to be on incoming mail before you reply.

Spam email addresses tend to be really obscure.

Please also note the person that the spammer is imitating is completely unaware of the email and can't do anything about it. It is your email address the spammer has stolen not theirs.

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Club Members are reminded that The Nelson Marlborough Classic Motoring Club does not take responsibility or liability for accidental damage or mis adventure while on Club events.









Denis LeCren RIP

I am writing this note about a very dear and close friend who passed away on the 26th June 2025.

We have worked together on all projects motoring for over 40 years, and having known Denis before this through the Nelson Car Club where he had an interest in Trails and the Mobil Economy Runs held in the 60/70s.

Some of his and Helen's history has been documented in the booklet he produced a few years ago so won't hurt to repeat and refresh.

I joined the Nelson AA Council 38 years ago with the recommendation of Denis as he was already a long-standing member and he served 43 years altogether. It was natural for us to work together on all sorts of Motoring projects. So, when I decided to try and form our Club Denis was a natural to bring along and be involved

He was a great writer and photographer so great to have on board, his input was invaluable when putting events together. The Lord Nelson Tours came about with these skills and are still held and this year's one will be called that to remember the LeCrens in August.

AA Nelson is one of NZ's original AA's and when we turned 100 in 2002, I was President and who better to get to help was Denis. We organized a Vehicle Parade through Nelson, Richmond, Motueka and finished in Takaka with in excess of 120 vehicle from the early 1900's through to more modern classics. Denis was a master at getting things right.

Denis and Helen were long-time members of the Vintage Car Club also the AUSTIN register with his passion for that make and being an authority on the A7 model. Up to this day there is still a restored Austin in his shed in Songer Street, the Austin Register is very active in Nelson, and he attended regular gatherings of the members.

Something not known to many was his engineering talents, not being an engineer by trade. He had a lathe, milling machine and various pieces's of equipment in his shed - he was a self-taught engineer.

Denis and Helen had a passion for Broadgreen House which just happens to be through the back fence on their boundary, so they served there for many years making sure the place was neat and tidy for the public to admire.

Back to our Club, they motored a mint MGB which they purchase from near new, they also competed in a number of Alpine Classics run by our sister Club in Christchurch. He helped get together cars from Nelson to go down to Westport to help raise funds to purchase Airport runway lighting, we did this twice which was where we got the idea of Classic Motoring Soc of Nelson, 40 vehicles took part in this and lastly the AA was asked to help with a survey of the road through the Rainbow to Hamner to see if it was a viable option. Nelson AA group went through and reported back to the National Roads Board as not being viable.

RIP my friends you are now together with Helen again on the highway in the sky.

Patrick Pascoe

Hi Members

The following is an email that we received from Club Member Ron Stewart and we neglected to distribute at the time, our apologies Ron.

It is deserving of a read.

I have had a look through the Club records and see that Kevin joined our Club February 2014.

I don't know however how long he was a member for. Typically, though I do remember his very tidy white 1970 Vauxhall Victor SL and his Blue XJ6 Jag.

I also knew Kevin on a personal level and have fond memories of him.

Jon





Hello – my name is Ron Stewart and I am here on behalf of the Team at Omaka Classic Cars. Kevin as many of you will know and have heard, was an avid classic car man and he volunteered at Omaka for a number of years and morning tea will not quite be the same...

Hilary and family please accept our condolences and please know that if there is anything you need or we can do, please let us know.

My first meeting and experience with Kevin was as a pilot some 30 years ago — we had some business in Hanmer Springs and decided to fly down and back rather than drive — Kevin flew us down and I have to say it was one of the most informative flights I have ever had — Kevin did not stop talking going down and back — we flew down over the Molesworth and back through the Rainbow - anyway, as we approached the airstrip at Hanmer, there were some sheep on the airstrip — Kevin said that he had prior warned the farmer — anyway he looked across and said into the mic - "watch this - outback Australia here I come'!!!

After one attempt, to get the sheep onto one side (it was a very large paddock) the farmer realised what was happening, turned up and opened the gate – again Kevin looked across, winked and said into the mic – "boys watch this – it will be like putting the white ball into the corner pocket of a billiard table"

There were many facets to Kevin and if you have not seen the pod cast he did – this is called Kiwi Tales and it is number 10 – it is very well worth a watch.......

Kevin was one for finding a way to describe a situation by paraphrasing.

When we started to build the classic car collection and were storing the cars in the old APEX and Milk Treatment buildings, Kevin came to me one day and said – "Ron – cars are like loaves of bread – you mould the dough – bake the loaf – dust it off – put it on a shelf and out the door" – well Kevin I should have listened but instead I kept putting the loaves of bread into the pantry and some 115 loaves later we have Omaka Classic Cars – anyway we

decided to switch the collection around a couple of years back and sell off some cars — Kevin turned up to help out and presented me with an apron and hat and said — "which loaves are we selling today'!!!!

But, as we all know, there was a serious side to Kevin, and this was no more apparent to me than when he offered some advice around a situation which had developed – this is something that many of us can and should tuck away as a reality check and it went like this and was back in 2024:

"In the article I wrote about Golden Moments I thought it was all about medical matters but now I know it is just as much about relationships, friendships, and the ebb and flow of how we all have a different perspective and how we show that we care.

For Xmas this year Hilary asked Santa for a stone polisher. She loves picking up pretty stones from the beach and we now polish them. She always picks up different stones because she loves the different colours and textures they produce.

We only started last week because Santa got preoccupied with some silly health issue.

When we started, we put the stones in the tumbler, poured in the polishing powder, plus the water to cool everything and set it going.

To be effective the precious stones have to roll around together within the small tumbler. For obvious reasons they rub against each other, and they chafe. They irritate and generate friction and tension simply because they are so different.

The huge reward is when we turn it off totally different stones emerge.

They are polished to perfection with beautiful colours, and they have been transformed from "pretty to precious" The process does take up a lot of time but the transformation is well worth the effort.

For us, every person is different but equally valued. Everyone has a part to play but not the same part. Everyone expresses their love and care in a way that reflects their unique view on life.

During my life, I had to get back in the stone polisher with people I had hurt or offended pretty often. The reward was transformational for both parties.

As I do I called it the CATT principle. and it's really simple.

You climb in the stone polisher with the other party and take coffee, attitude, time and tears and let the differences simply evaporate. Provided you never mention it again life will never be the same. I highly recommend it."

Something to think about.

So, Kevin, it has been a privilege to be part of your life and from the Team at Omaka Classic Cars and myself – thank you...

Lastly, we are all certain that the All-Mighty will allow you to drive a PA Vauxhall with a super charged Jaguar motor through the Pearly Gates with mellow yellow tucked up on the rear...

Drive well my friend.









The Brayshaw Park Societies



Daffodil Rally for Cancer

24th August 2025

Brayshaw Park 10am - 3pm



Entry \$5 per vehicle General public Gold coin donation

All proceeds to local Cancer Society

Classic & Vintage cars Boats Tractors Motorbikes Go-Karts Stock cars Vintage trucks Coffee kart Bouncy castle Food Tea and Coffee BBQ Train rides to Omaka

Proudly supported by: The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand and





Annual Pass or applicable ID needs to be shown for each discount entry or difference to be paid. Ticket sales also available at museum reception.

Open 7 Days 10am-4pm, 1 Cadillac Way, Nelson.



Adult Entry \$28 NZ Student/Goldcard \$23 Child Entry (5-15 years) \$17

Annual Pass Holders \$10









Check with Pat it might not be too late yet to sign up if interested....

Tour Organiser Pat Pascoe has organised for August 2025.

AUGUST 'APRIL FOOL TOUR' TO GERALDINE

Renamed the Lord Nelson Tour in memory of the Le'Crens.

Sunday 10th to Wednesday 13th August 2025

- Travel south to Geraldine - Sunday 10th & 11th August 2025 - Geraldine.

Note: Numbers are limited. Please confirm availability with tour organiser Pat Pascoe 027 4421786

Accommodation is booked as follows for 2 nights

- 1 Geraldine Motels 03 693 8501 10 units (Please book this one first)
- 2 Scenic Route Assure Motels 0800 723 643

Units in each are booked in the name of Pat Pascoe. I have only 20 units held in Geraldine till Mid-April.

Please book your own accommodation.

I have a full day sorted for Monday and maybe into Tuesday and then to Rangiora to Daniel Smiths amazing collection. For those that wish you can pick up this tour halfway – please call Pat to confirm.

Tuesday 12th August 2025 - Rangiora

Rangiora Lodge Motels 03 313 8796 4 x 2 Bedroom units 4 x 1 Room units. or Riverstone Lodge is the next closet - 03 313 1863 Wayside Motels at Woodend – 03 3127616

I will organize a meal for Tuesday evening in Rangiora. More to follow as I know numbers





You will need to book your accommodation and then email Pat on p.pascoe@xtra.co.nz to say that you are going.

Thank you to those who have completed and submitted your entry forms for the April Fool Tour to Geraldine – attached is the entry form for your convenience.



AUGUST 'APRIL FOOL TOUR' TO GERALDINE

Sunday 10th to Wednesday 13TH August 2025

ENTRY FORM

Names:	Driver						
Vehicle:	Crew						
	Make		Model				
	Year		Rego				
Contact I	Phone		Email				
(include po	stal code)						
ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per car of two people or by arrangement with Pat Pasco If you have not yet paid the last day for payment 30 th June 2025 Payment is to be made into club Tour account 12-3165-0158467-50 Reference: Surname and Initials Code: April Fool							
Organizers Indemnity: We (the said driver and passengers) acknowledge and agree as a condition of entry that neither the Promoters or Organizers of the event or their respective servants official representatives or agents (the organizer) shall be under any liability whatsoever for my/our death or bodily injury, loss or damage of any vehicle which may be sustained or incurred by me/us as a result of my/our participation in the event howsoever such death or bodily injury, loss or damage is caused whether by negligence or otherwise.							
Under the Privacy Act 1993, I acknowledge that the information supplied by me may be used by the organizers or their agents to promote this event.							
Date							
Owners Signature							
Please return entry form to: nmclassicmotoringclub@gmail.com							



For those interested here are some the dates for the following car shows in the district.

24th August – Daffodil Day Show Marlborough – VCC running at Brayshaw Park - \$5.00 entry

7th September, The Roadhouse Breakfast Father's Day meet and run. 0800 to 1100 at the Roadhouse in Blenheim, followed by a run to Pelorus Hotel for a show n shine display.

12TH Septembers – Hoods up Friday – Nelson Classic Car Museum

29th September - Distinguished Gentleman's Drive, Nelson



4th October, Murchison Classic Vehicle Day, 1000 to 1400, Murchison Sport & Recreation Centre

18th October @ 2pm Pink Ribbon Cruise - \$10 donation per car - Sprig n Fern Brightwater

19th October Fuel the Cause Car Show Richmodn Show Grounds



19th October -Renwick





Recent Events





Blenheim's Tuesday Cruise Day

Tuesday Cruise-day 10th June 2025

Another day out you'll be sorry you missed!

Seven Cars & 10 members not a bad turnout, considering the day was a bit on the chilly side.

All well pleased with their day out all the same.

Many thanks to Club Member Kelvin Cameron for opening up his shed for us.

Great view looking in and out of the shed! Wonderful view over the most spectacular Harbour in the World, Picton.

In my opinion anyway 🗐

What a wonderful selection of Classic motor bikes and cars!

And how about this, Kelvin still owns the first car he ever bought, a very stroppy looking E.H Holden complete with white wall tyres. He must have been one cool dude in his youth I'm thinking.

Have to say I'm jealous of his bike selection, (20 was it?) and that he goes classic racing with a couple of them.

The extra special ones get to live their retired life parked inside on carpeted floor. Tell me that's not total respect for

Classic Bikes! No oil leaks so nothing British obviously

We adjourned for lunch at Sea Breeze.

Bit too chilly for a picnic, although some of us tougher ones braved the drive to Picton with the rag top down.

Cheers

Jon

















8th July Tuesday Cruise Day

The Tuesday run today, for which we had 25 participants, a pretty good number for a bit of a grey day in Blenheim.

We had a mystery run to a secret lunch stop. Starting at Blenheim Railway Station, with a sheet of clues, we wended our way through the outer areas, through vineyards and driving along narrow roads with several one-lane bridges, to a surprising British Red Telephone Box in the middle of nowhere, then through more vineyards before finishing at Fat Tony's Restaurant where, as luck would have it, a Senior's Lunch Menu was on offer. Everyone had an excellent time, and the tour was deemed a great success.

Cheers, Dot



Nelson's Thursday Run



26th June − cancelled due to weather ⊚

31st June -

Finally, after two prior cancellations due to significant rain events and making significant but necessary changes to the route the Nelson Thursday Car Run left the Neson Car Museum car park at 10.30am on Thursday morning. A group of 10 cars headed out under a watery sun and for those brave enough to have the top down, a few ominous clouds threatened the odd shower on the way.

We headed out through Richmond, onto the Appleby Highway then turned inland via the Moutere Highway. Out through the quiet village of Upper Moutere then wandered through the countryside between the inland roads and the main Motueka highway. Some evidence of the damage caused by the previous weather events was observed along the roadside through Lower Moutere with contractors busy still cleaning up in various areas.

The run culminated at Toad Hall in Motueka where a myriad of choices in the food cabinet proved popular.

Sorry no photo's but it was noted that there were 3 x Nissan 350Z and 2 x Triumph Stags on this run.

Weekend Runs

21st June - Reefton









What a way to spend your birthday! As our June event 10 of our members elected to spend the day or in some cases 2 or 3 days in Reefton and Hanmer. The ride down in Sylvia at 7.00 am probably wasn't the most sensible way to spend the years shortest day of the year as the temperature was only 1° in Murchison where we met with the Marlborough crews. The ride through Buller Gorge was wet and foggy but no ice on the road despite the frost on the grassy berms. The sun appeared for the line-up of over 200 cars assembled in the camping ground and Reefton was packed with visitors. At an entry fee of \$2 the local St John would not have made heaps, but the Car Show certainly gives the Reefton businesses a real boost. A great day out and the wide range of assembled vehicles made the cold drive well worthwhile.

Pete Glue

Mid Winter Christmas lunch - Report on NMCMC Mid-Winter Lunch by Bob Jamieson (Past President)

Held on Sunday the 6th of July

Sixty-Five club members attended the NMCMC Annual Mid-Winter Lunch at the Millers Rest Tavern Rai Valley.

The members spent the first hour socialising and catching up old friends and new meeting new members. There were a wide range of vehicles on display in the carpark and some were displaying the new club windscreen sashes. (see photos)

Before lunch Pat Pascoe talked about the passing of Life Member Denis LeCren and did an update on the Lord Nelson Tour that's happening in early August.

Jon Haack our president did an impromptu fining session for misdemeanours and paid for by standing and offering an apology to the group.

Fines

Wayne Lee taking up two parking spaces in his Mercedes. (see photo)

Bill Lusty for not displaying our new club window sash.

All those who have heated seats! New club rule being investigated. i.e cars with heated seats, not to quality as a "Classic car"

Alison Moore parking her cute MG diagonally be it within the parking spaces.

Mery Scott for actually driving his Rolls Royce, obviously the chauffeur's day off!

Pete Glue for driving Sylvia his can-car so fast the mudguards now have metal fatigue!!!

Jeff Pasco for wanting to know where the **secret** Tuesday Cruise Day run was going to.

Colin Evason for nagging me to take the photo of Wayne Lees parking.

After the Roast Meal main course Jamie Knight, the Millers Rest Tavern owner gave us a very interesting talk on being a volunteer firefighter in the Rai Valley area.

We are very lucky to have people like Jamie who are prepared to do this work in our communities. It was Jamie's last day as the owner of the Millers Rest Tavern, and we wish him all the best for the future.

Then everyone enjoyed the Apple Crumble, Ice Cream and Chocolate Brownies for dessert before heading home.























1930 Austin 7 Ulster – Austin 7's production racing car, they made 200 of them. There are more than 200 of "them" around now!! This is a real one, with a deep sump, pressure fed engine. My Dad and his pal re-built two identical Ulsters back in the 50's, and raced them all round the UK club circuits.

It is much modified for racing – hydraulic brakes, alloy head, water pump where the dynamo once was, and the chassis has been drilled to oblivion, so it weighs only 6 cwt! It was fitted with a supercharger and ran on a benzol/ethanol mixture. Dad taught me to drive in it when I was about 14, and a few years later I was racing it, and beat his best lap time at Silverstone circuit by half a second!! I was clocked at 95 Miles per hour on the

straight – not bad for a 747 cc engine. Nowadays it is de-tuned for road running, I have removed the supercharger, fitted an alternator and a starter motor. It's great fun to drive, and can sustain 60 Miles per hour, whilst giving 30 miles to the gallon.



1928 Model A Ford Roadster – a versatile vintage car – great on off-road rallies such as the Irishman Creek rally. It handles all kinds of rugged rough terrain, river crossings, muddy hills, and with chains on the back wheels it can go almost anywhere! It has been converted to 12 volts with an alternator, so I can see at night, fitted with a high-speed diff, and the last engine re-build saw the compression ratio raised from 6 to nearly 7. It can keep up 50 miles per hour all day! It is pretty reliable, and spare parts are readily available without costing an arm and a leg. Mechanically quite simple, even I can do most things to keep it going.



1976 MGB Roadster – a super little car, goes like a rocket, very reliable and lots of fun.



No: 1 - shows a 1966 Ford Cortina 2 door shell which has been repainted in the colours of Allan Mann Racing team from the UK. It has a Lotus twin cam engine ready to go in once the windows and hood lining are fitted.

No: 2 - is a 1949 Ford Pilot ute which has just had a whole new wiring loom made for and installed and needs the brakes finished to drive it away. It has the 21 stud flat head v8 engine which was all made at the Dagenham factory near London where the Cortinas were later made.

No: 3 - more of the Pilot ute.

No: 4 - More of the Cortina.

No: 5 - is a 1970 Ford Taunus Coupe which is the only one in NZ and it was made in South Africa. It has a restored 2500 cc V6 engine waiting to go in which took me 10 years to find. The body was restored 15 years ago The Ford Taunus are the German made Cortinas and the body shapes are the same for the Mk4 and 5 Cortinas. The Ford Corsair estate V4 GT has to have an exhaust system fitted to make it drivable and will be done shortly. It and the sister car beside it unrestored are 2 of about 10 left in the world as they were hand made by Abbots of England who built hearses. A friend has 2 in Auckland so between us we have half the world's supply. Restoration is slow and without a huge budget it is even slower but we have decided to concentrate on getting cars that have been taken off the road with live plates and good body work back on the road and we got 3 done last year by the way the mats stacked up are Judo mats imported from Belgium and are owned by the Central Districts Judo which is Nelson Marlborough Westcoast clubs and I assist as an instructor in the sport.

Richard Horrell





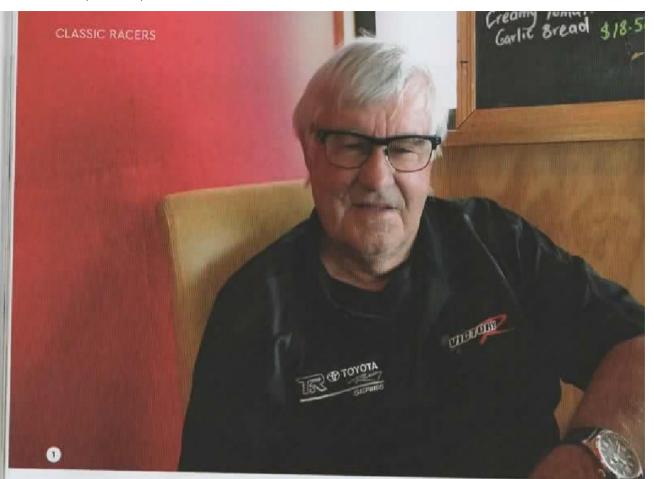








Next time this man passes you he is in Race Mode......



JEFF PASCOE'S FORMULA FORD REIGN

Forty years ago, Marlborough's Jeff Pascoe was a prominent entry on most national Formula Ford competitor lists up and down the country. During this time, he became the first South Islander to win a national title, was runner-up in another and then controversially relegated to second in a third championship quest.

Words: LINDSAY KERR

oday, Jeff is well retired from any competition and spends many hours at the Picton golf club involved with presidential duties, playing or working with the ground staff. Living on the hills above Picton, he also has a prized eye for catching up with much of activity going on in Picton

Harbour and was probably one of the first to know when an interislander ferry struck a rock when leaving the harbour last year.

Still with an observer's interest in singleseater racing, he worked with Gary Orton's Kiwl team, Victory Motorsport, in the national premier class single-seater Toyota Racing series from 2015 to 2021, and he was also
MotorsportNZ technical steward after retiring.
However, for Jeff, motor racing is in the
past — "it's now out of my system".

This is unilke some other champions from the early years. People such as Kevin Ingram, who won with his own built the Keram in 1976, today races a Lola T332 in the Formula 5000 revival series, and Grant Campbell, the winner in 1977 and in 1989, still competes in the South Island classic Formula Ford at the wheel of his Swift FB4 in which he won his second championship.

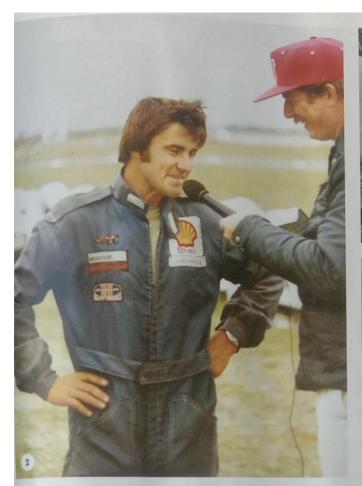
Looking further ahead, Shane Drake who won in 1995, will often travel south and compete on a one-off basis in a South Island Formula Ford championship, and Scott Dixon (1997) and Shane Van Gisbergen (2006), have catapulted themselves to considerably higher honours.

INFLUENCE ON MOTORSPORT

Jeff, a trained mechanic by trade, also served a 15 year stint as an elected Mariborough District councillor. As well, with his wife Gall, he owned and operated the Momorangi store and camping ground on Queen Charlotte Drive for fifteen years.

His time on the council had its benefits when motorsport was a subject. While Blenheim and the Mariborough province

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are not particularly known for motorsport activity, it's worthy of note that they have at times hosted a round of the national rally championship and New Zealand hill climb championships.

Jeff's influence in district matters has been of benefit with obtaining road closures, the most notable being a tourist stretch on Queen Charlotte Drive for both a national rally and a club sprint. Those were a good time ago and he doubts that with the tourist traffic volumes today the effort could be repeated.

Although Marlborough never had a purpose-built racetrack, it has produced many competitors of note. Apart from Jeff, this includes his older brother Pat, a successful saloon racer; the colourful Owen brothers Hugh and Lloyd who ran in Formula Ford and Atlantic along with national rallying; Grant Gibson, also a Formula Ford competitor; and Russell Greer who has campaigned the well-known Stanton Corvette since 1979, winning the national hill-climb championship and racing the ex-Graham Lawrence Lola T332 Formula 5000. A former sports sedan competitor and Escort Sport championship winner, John Armstrong has retired to the area.

Greer's daughter Julie races a Van Dieman R92 in the South Island historic Formula





1. Jeff Pascoe today; 2. Jeff being interviewed by Radio Sports John Cardwell; 3. Jeff's Lola converted into hill climbing mode; 4. Jeff Pascoe driving Warren Burt's Starlet at Wellington; 5. Jeff leading the field with the championship winning Swift LM1 – now '1 NZ' (Photo Terry Marshall); 6. Jeff negotiating his way around Wigram in the Titan Mk6 in its final "evolution" form (Photo Terry Marshall).

Ford category, and Picton's Mike Baker is a Ruapuna regular with his Porsche. There's also a good number of other competitors in various classic racing and rallying classes.

While there has never been an accredited circuit nearby, Jeff's motor racing interest was not surprisingly fuelled by brother Pat. He was noted particularly for his time in the ex-Jim Mullins black Lotus twin-cam 1300cc A40 Farina, the Peter Sundberg MkI Escort, and the Rod Coppins' V8 MkII Zephyr. Racing on the beach at Nelson is also on his CV.

Pat's involvement these days involves wearing a Motorsport New Zealand steward's hat.

GOOD DAYS

Jeff's interest in the sport was sparked by family support of Pat.

"Ruapuna had not long started and we drove down and back in the one day to watch Pat race," Jeff explains. "They were good days and we met some great people like Gary Sprague and others. This started me off mucking around with Minis."

In 1975 a job with a contracting company took him away from Marlborough to an open cast coal mine in the Huntly area, where Jeff drove a scraper and also did a lot of the mechanical work on the mobile plant.

Trips to Bay Park at weekends rekindled

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his racing interest and after doing a few laps in a Formula Ford the fuse was lit to carry this further.

"I was very lucky really, especially when the boss said, 'If you like this motor racing you find a car and I will buy it for you.' I probably should have bought Dave McMillan's ex-championship winning car from 1973 as the price really didn't matter, but we bought the ex- Peter Hughes Titan Mk6.

"Dave though was very helpful for my racing, and I learnt a lot of things in a hurry." Today Jeff still keeps in touch with the American-based McMillan.

"You have to have a good motor with a Formula Ford and Ross Phillips became our engine builder," he says. "He had been associated with Dave. With his involvement we went from twelfth on the grid to fifth, just because of the motor he had built. In those days it cost about \$400 to buy a good engine, about a month's wages. It's probably around \$50,000 now."

After running second to Mike Finch in the 1979 national championship, he returned home to Mariborough where he renewed an association with Larry Mulholland, a well-respected Mini specialist in Christchurch. In earlier years, Larry had done work in the Blenheim area and had lived with Jeff's parents.

Jeff didn't contest the 1979/1980 national campaign but sold the Titan and together with Mulholland built up a Swift LM1, a car that he would drive to success in 1980/81. The job would involve many weekend trips to Christchurch.

CONTROVERSY

With the Swift the new season was outstandingly successful, winning 25 races and coming second in four. Only Lou Schollum and Wally Galloway beat him. The car was then sold to Rob Lester and Jeff upgraded to a Lola T342 for the following season.

This had been a case of choosing between the T342 or a Titan Mk9 owned by Keith Laney.

"The Titan was very quick, and Larry decided to also buy it before anybody else got their hands on it," Jeff explained. "I raced them both at Ruapuna one weekend and won races, but we decided to go with the Lola mainly because I loved the look of the car."

The 1982 national championship was also tracking positively until the last round at Bay Park when disaster struck. Thinking of back-to-back championship wins, this all changed when he was relegated because a technical inspection deemed the flywheel was two ounces underweight.

"Thinking we would be disqualified from just the one race, we still had enough points to win the championship, but MotorsportNZ



Jeff in the Titan chasing Grant Campbell's Titan Mk9 (Photo Terry Marshall).

decided to have a judicial enquiry into the matter and for whatever reason we were relegated to second in the championship but no loss of points," he said. "I still find this strange even after all these years and can't fathom why we wouldn't have been disqualified just for that meeting only. To my knowledge this had never happened before or since. We did appeal the decision but to no avail. I would have loved to have won the Jim Clark trophy again. It really hurt actually."

The steward of the meeting at Bay Park resigned as he was so upset with the decision handed down. Larry Mullholland also stepped back and that ended Jeff's successful motor racing association with him.

Jeff's time as a technical officer was prompted by this decision, as he was keen not to see such an incident happen to someone else.

Following the 1982 championship debacle, he had been keen to continue racing and would have easily gone to Pacifics/Atlantics. He did a few laps at Timaru in a Ralt RT4.

" I loved it and couldn't believe how easy it was to drive," he said.

Money though was an issue and any serious thoughts of taking this step were quickly extinguished.

"Apart from that last meeting at Bay Park and that last race, I did enjoy my Formula Ford racing. There was some great competition and the racing was hard."

He kept the Lola for a time and with a few suitable modifications ran in hill climbs — a highlight coming in 1988 when he won the 1301-1800 class in the New Zealand hill climb championship. Other club events eventuated,

one a club rally in a 105E Anglia that he ended up rolling but managed to finish.

Nigel Barclay, who won a South Island Formula Ford championship and also organised the Formula Ford 50th anniversary meeting at Ruapuna, said, "Jeff was a hero to me when taking an interest in Formula Ford as a young person hanging off the fence at Levels."

It was a young Barclay who eventually bought the Lola off Jeff when embarking on his own career in the class. These days, he maintains and runs a collection of classic cars from the Historic Touring car class and classic Formula Fords from his Christchurch base.

TIN-TOPS

Jeff briefly delved into saloon car racing, notably teaming up with the late Warren Burt and his rapid Group A 1300cc Toyota Starlet. His only taste of a saloon car on the track to that point had been at the wheel of Mark Rutherford's Shellsport MkII Escort, when they did a car swap for a few laps at Ruapuna.

'Burtie' — as Warren Burt was more commonly known — was well-known particularly in South Island racing circles. He was very successful like so many of the drivers that came from South Canterbury over many years.

The pair did a Nissan Mobil street race at Wellington, finishing tenth overall and second in their class.

While he says motorsport is out of his blood now, there's a clear sign that maybe it's not quite, especially when you see his everyday runabout in the form of a lovely Mkl Escort, powered by a Zetec 2.2-litre twincam engine.



Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT

Year: 2006

Condition: Very Good

Kms: 104,147

Transmission: ZF 6speed Auto/manual

NZ New



Quattroporte means Four Door in Italian, this fifth generation Quattroporte denoted M139 was built on an entirely new platform from its predecessor.

This luxury family sedan has a naturally aspirated 4.244 Litre V8 producing greater than 400 break-horsepower and has a 0-100kmph sprint time of 5.2 seconds, and a top speed of 275kmph. The Interior and exterior were both penned by Italy's best design house. Stunning sumptuous leather interior with reclining seats. No sticky overheated surfaces on controls etc. Happy to discuss or provide evidence that controls are clear of sticky surfaces.

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Compression ratio of 11.1:1. Maximum torque 442Nm. Also a virtually new VARTA, AGM battery in 2024, 12v 95Ah 850A (EN).

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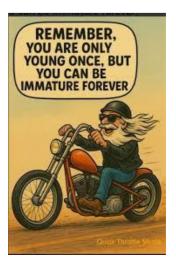
This car has been involved in the club for a number of years. We have upgraded to a later model.

Contact number Tom Williams 0274317902

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MEDIA RELEASE Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment (2025)

WAHOO EVERYONE - 12 MONTH WOF & COF

The NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs (FoMC) is celebrating the announcement from the Minister of Transport that vintage vehicles and motorcycles aged over 40 years will only need to obtain a

Warrant of Fitness (WoF) once a year from:

Monday, 1st September 2025

Now time to get the old cars off hold and on the road......









Hello All Members

BOOKING SYSTEMS

Many Restaurants and Cafes are now insisting that bookings are confirmed some days prior to attending their establishment. Further they may well insist that even if you do not attend that the meal isto paid for.

This has come about due to them having to order and have enough food for the numbers booked and also have enough staff on hand to provide the service.

They will often have to throw out unused food and pay stay even if people don't show.

On this basis the club, for many functions, may require you to:

- 1. Confirm your booking/attendance by a given date prior to the event.
- 2. If equired, either pay a deposit or the full amount prior to the date specified.
- 3. If you decide to cancel after the given date, prior to the event, there will in all probability, be no fefund
- 4. If you decide after the given date, prior to the event, that you wish to attend then in all probability you will be excluded.
- 5. If you just show up to attend any function with out confirming bookings/attenance then your participation will be at the discretion of the establishment we are attending. Please do not be offended if you are excluded.
- 6. If the club is subsidising the cost of the event and you do not attend without notifying the club by the given date, prior to the event then you may well be required to refund the club the subsidised amount. This is because the club will be having to pay for your participation in the event even though you do not attend and this results in a direct loss to the club and its members.

When required please ensure your payment is made to the **CORREC**T account specified.

GENERAL ACCOUNT - 12-3165-0158467-00

TOUR ACCOUNT - 12-3165-0158467-01

Also please ensure that on the Payee details your:

- 1. Your surname and initials are entered in the Particulars column
- 2. The event name or code is entered in the Reference column.



NPD OFFER TO CLASSIC CAR MEMBERS:

NPD is all about making your life better

- We operate with lower overheads so we can pass fuel savings onto motorists —helping the family budget go further each week.
- Our fuel sites are easy to use, with weather protection, good lighting and plenty of room, making your day a little bit better
- As a 100% New Zealand-owned family business, we're locals just like you.
- Filling up at NPD is great for your budget and for our local economy too.

Classic Motoring Society of Nelson Inc Offer to Members:

• This offer will consist of Fuel discounts applied to 91, 95, 100 octane petrol and Diesel on the following basis.

All petrol grades NPD will offer 12c off the weekly Local Area Price (**not pump**) at all their locations, this includes retail and their unmanned sites. Fuel cards are designed to default to the best price on the day.

- If NPD are having a special promotion and that discount is better than the discounts loaded on your fuel card it will default to the special promotional offer.
- The weekly Local Area Prices change at midnight Friday.
- Waiver of the \$3 monthly account fee and the 0.15c transaction fees on all accounts.

Benefits offered by NPD

- Full range of fuels: 91, 95, 100 octane and Diesel.
- Convenience of use 24 hours access to self-serve sites and truck stops.
- Large nationwide network https://www.npd.co.nz/npd-retail-network/
- Use the Gold Card and NPD card together at "manned" sites so that you are billed as normal but receive
- the 15c discount offered by the Gold Card.
- PIN number security.
- Multiple cards per account, with different purchase limits available on each card.
- Monthly invoice and statement.
- Payment by direct debit on the 10th of the month following invoice.

Application information

- Applications to be made on the NPD application form, which can be downloaded from the NPD website. https://www.npd.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/24780-Credit-Application-Form-NPDcard-22062021.pdf
- Please note that you are a Classic Motoring Society of Nelson Inc member on the application form and then email to: npdcard@npd.co.nz

Nelson office number: 03 5446162

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We are a niche motor vehicle Insurer and specialise in insuring enthusiast vehicles as well vintage, motorsport, custom & performance vehicles. We also insure motorcycles, motorhomes and caravans and prestige cars. So not your normal everyday vehicle, but anything a little bit special or unique is what they do.

We would like to work with the clubs you are associated with to build a long-term working relationship and offer great insurance options for your fellow members:

The benefits we can offer the club include:

• Sponsorship and support events / Rebates or discounted premiums for club members / Spot prices/giveaways / Myself as a direct contact person for any motor vehicle insurance queries / Easy to use online quoting and purchase facility / No glass excess Let me know if you have any questions at all, I look forward to your reply.

We track the policies referred by the club by providing a unique promo code and URL link the club can share on its website and social media pages. We do ask new clients where they heard about us from and if they were to say "Classic Motoring Society" we would assign that new quote to the club. If the new client purchases the policy a commission will be allocated to the club. For the club to obtain the commissions, we normally let a decent amount build up say \$100 or more and we will require club details and bank account details to transfer the funds.

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SWANN INSURANCE

The Club has a good arrangement with Swann Insurance and many members have taken up Insurance with them. Ask for a quote when next renewing your insurance – phone 09 9696000.

Club Member Benefits:

20% premium discount, plus, reduced premiums for additional Classic Vehicles Agreed Value

24/7 Roadside Assist

Full glass cover (includes all glass and lenses / Name your own repairer (painter) / Guarantee on repairs / Unlimited mileage (policy not designed for cars driven every day) /Total loss salvage rights (first option to buy back the vehicle) / Emergency repairs and accommodation / Club event/track cover (if the club has a day at Ruapuna etc you are covered) / 7-day car hire following theft / \$20 million legal liability

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Don't forget your Supercheap Auto cash trade price.....

This has been set up and all we as members of this club need to do is present our membership nametag, Pay for the items on the spot and us members will get trade discount.

A Cash sale only account has been set up at BNT Automotive for club members.



All club members need to do is advise the team at BNT, (Blenheim, Nelson & Richmond) that they wish to put a cash sale through via the Classic Motoring Society account.

If in Nelson or Richmond, they may want to quote the fast key for the account, which is CMS or the account number #57035.

Warren Peter - Store Manager Blenheim Warren.Peter@bntnz.co.nz

That's it for another newsletter done and dusted – remember check your inboxes for events that happen in between the newsletter and email the <u>secretary@classicmotoringnelson.org.com</u> for all articles for our newsletter please.



2025/2026

Events List for Nelson Marlborough Classic Motoring Club

Remember to check your email's prior to runs just in case it has been cancelled. And don't forget if you need to reply to an event do it now so things don't get cancelled.

12th August - Blenheim Tuesday Cruise Day

SORRY RUN IS CANCELLED DUE TO TOUR TO GERALDINE



10-13TH AUGUST – TOUR TO GERALDINE with Pat – see information in newsletter

28th August - Nelson Thursday Run

Organiser: Doug Frost

9th September – Blenheim Tuesday Cruise Day



SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - MARLBOROUGH RURAL - Picnic at the Wairau Bar

Meet at the Vines Village, Marlborough at 10.30am. At 11am head out with your picnic lunch to the Wairau Bar.

A small section of gravel road to negotiate to meet Alison & Rob Orchards property at the end.

Alison will be giving us a bit of a history of the Bar including the old Pilots house which is still standing. After Lunch you are then free to stroll around the gardens and wander down to the wharf and bar area before you head home at your own leisure.

Organiser: Warren Peter

25th September - Nelson Thursday run



Organiser: John & Pip Grant

14th October Blenheim Tuesday Cruise Day



SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER - MYSTERY TOUR MARLBOROUGH REGION



All members to meet at 71 Colemans Road, 11am. Park on roadside.

Then follow on one road to the west to 73a Murphys Road, garden visit and BYO picnic lunch, plus chair if possible. Please Park on the road.

Approximately 1.30 meet at Omaka Classic Car Museum, Aerodrome Road, Omaka. The entry fee has been covered by the club and generosity of Ron & Noeleen Stewart (owners of the Car Museum) to all members and partners on the day tour.

At the conclusion of this coffee is available next door at Omaka Cafe.

Organiser: Gary Mortimer

30th October - Nelson Thursday run



Organiser: Geoff Morris

11th November – Blenheim Tuesday Cruise day



SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER - TBA

Organiser: Bob Jamieson

27TH November – Nelson Thursday Run - Kaiteriteri



Organiser: Bob Jamieson

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER - VISIT TO WARD MUSEUM AND ELLERTON

Visit the new WARD MUSEUM (\$10 entry) in the morning. Lunch at THE STORE, KEKERNGU.

Travel south on Highway 1 just 3km to ELLERTON VALLHALLA RD to visit Paul and Tania Dewhirst's magnificent farm, extensive lavender gardens, B&B Bottle House and new home they are building themselves above the Kekerengu cliffs.



This property has also been on Country Calendar and Tania is one of the original designers of WOW. A visit not to be missed.

NELSON MEMBERS depart from QE2 Drive Carpark at 8.00am to meet BLENHEIM MEMBERS at the Railway Station for coffee. Depart at 10.00am for WARD MUSEUM. Depart 11.45 for THE STORE, KEKERENGU. Depart at 1.30pm for ELLERTON FARM.

Organiser: Pete Glue





$\underline{SUNDAY\ 25^{TH}\ JANUARY\ 2026\ -\ ANNUAL\ NEW\ YEARS\ BBQ\ AT\ ONAMALUTU}$

Organisers: Kevin Parkes & Pat Clay

The clubs standard Nelson region Thursday runs held on the last Thursday of each month and the Marlborough region Tuesdays runs held in the 2nd Tuesday of each month.