



# Newsletter July 2024

## President's Report

Hello to all our valued club members.

Well now we are past the shortest day and that's all we can say about that at this stage!

I wish to thank you all for my new role as club president and very capable committee which I am sure will work well to provide exciting events over the coming year. Remembering that your committee are all volunteers and have busy lives.

We have already started planning forward to Christmas at this stage. Our first outing to the Two Thumb - Harbourside Brewing Restaurant in Diamond Harbour for lunch was a successful day out ably lead by our fearless captain and his sidekick Sam. This was well attended, well done Peter.

A few suggestions that are being discussed for the coming year.



There have been discussions as to the continuation of USA day in its present form and what that might look like considering the workload on a voluntary committee with busy work and family lives.

Rising costs and compliance for the running of USA day, etc. It's appropriate that the committee review activities from time to time and explore what other options might exist for the clubs annual USA Day, sometimes less is more and old school simplicity may have its attractions.

We have also gauged support for at least one annual trip away, this was well supported at AGM. Sounds like a fun event. Hope we get good support for this. At this point we intend talking to Russell Lewis in the first instance and considering what a sub-committee would look like to glean some ideas as to how we would see this taking shape. There is a wealth of knowledge in the club sufficient to carry the prospect of one of these long weekends forward.



We have also considered a quarterly club meeting held four times a year which would also include the AGM in May.



The first potentially being mid-August, in which case, notification and an agenda would be sent out separately by mid-July. The committee see these informal meetings as a good way of keeping the membership fully informed of our plans and opportunities and would welcome engagement from you as club members - as well being a good night out.

All of these suggestions have yet to be planned and approved by committee.

I believe we also need to review our constitution over this coming year, this could happen before next AGM with membership consultation prior to AGM.

Thanks for your support and hope this gives you a heads up,

Regards

Murray Marshall  
President

# Club Captain's Report

## June/July Club Captain Comment....



Greetings again all - things seem to be happening thick & fast at the moment with plenty of activity going on. The latest run worked out very well despite a few curve balls not of our own making.....

We met at Princess Margaret Hospital on a pretty bracing Sunday morning - dry after several days of pretty heavy and patchy rain so someone was smiling on us. Again an excellent turnout with 48 people registering for the run - 2 couples unfortunately needing to bail very responsibly with Covid, our numbers would have swelled some more however at least 8 couples were out of town or on distant shores.

We welcomed a new member with a very familiar face - that of Tim from Classic Workshop in a "Buick BMW" for the day whilst his real American acquisitions await due and proper refurbishment.

With around 20 cars we set off via Halswell, the Old Tai Tapu road into Tai Tapu and out toward Motukarara and Teddington via Gebbies Pass where we connected with Goldie & Penelope in the 55 Buick - a run of approximately 44 K's overall. Turning right toward Diamond Harbour in full sun and a great sight with all that American Iron snaking through the bends around the bays in the rear view mirror. Sam and Maria caned the snake to get ahead of us and be on hand to sort out parking when we arrived.

Once inside Two Thumb restaurant the fun really began - pretty chaotic getting all the right orders delivered with Dan the Manager furiously trying to keep up the pace of delivery and Maria furiously trying to make sense of the correct selections - who'd be a restaurant manager!

The end result actually ended up being a lot of fun - one of those strange "negative into positive" situations so from my point of view a massive thanks for all your collective patience, graciousness and goodwill - and to Maria for putting out a lot of potential fires! Most were decamping around 3pm with a few staying on later to relax and chat!

That's all for now - again wishing you all blue skies and green lights.

See the following for a recap of future events.....

Peter Craig - Club Captain

## DIARY OR NOTE THE FOLLOWING.....

- **WELCOME** -- Please join us in welcoming a new club member - Tim Dacombe from Classic Workshop. Tim has rather greedily imported not one but two late 50's Buicks which are going through a fascinating refurbishment programme - something to look forward to seeing for all of us.
- **NOTE ALSO** - There seemed to be some question over the delivery of emails to some club members closing off on the run details - these concerns have been attended to, however - if you have any doubt at all about run details at any time, please call me on 021 898 396. When replying to run registrations please be sure to TEXT me as emails go through the club system and may take some time to be forwarded to me - I'd rather keep the system short circuited so I can do you the courtesy of acknowledging promptly.

- **Sunday 7th July** -- **American Independence Day "Do"** at the Top Club in Lyttleton.

Details as sent to the membership on 18th June and the "Reminder" sent June 26th also noting the meeting point and time for the run.

**This is a member only "Do" which will be subsidised.**

Registrations are needed by **Wednesday 3 July** - please call me on 021 898 396 with any queries.



- Mid July - Tentatively around 18th - Mark Rayner is working on a visit, likely to be an evening mid-week visit to the Air New Zealand engine maintenance



workshops currently working on the likes of getting the Airbus 320 engines out and overhauled. This promises to be a fascinating opportunity with a high level of security involved so entry is likely to involve the

presentation of personal ID. This one is a slightly moving feast at the moment and notification is likely to be short - we'll endeavour to keep you well informed prior.

- **Sunday 25 August** - Tentatively a run to Terrace Downs to be organised by a long established club member.
- **Sunday 22nd September** - Annual Run/Poker Run combo tentatively at a Cheviot venue.



- **USA Day - Sunday 3rd November**



- **Sunday 1 December** -- Christmas Lunch/Family Run  
Subsidised event at Ashburton Aviation Museum

# Non-club Events

**SC USA CLASSIC CAR CLUB**

## Independence Day WEEKEND 2024

**SATURDAY 6 JULY & SUNDAY 7 JULY**

**PHAR LAP RACEWAY**  
(OFF PLEASANT PT HIGHWAY, TIMARU)

PROCEEDS TO **Cardiac Kids CLUB** MIDLAND SOUTH CANTERBURY

*All American Vehicles Welcome*

SATURDAY 6 JULY	SUNDAY 7 JULY
<b>MYSTERY RUN \$10 PER CAR</b> Meet at the Phar Lap Raceway from 2.30pm, leaving at 3.30pm for a mystery run.	<b>SHOW AND SHINE \$10 PER CAR</b> Meet at the Phar Lap Raceway, off Pleasant Point highway, 9.00am-11.00am
Brought to you by <b>SOUTH CANTERBURY USA CAR CLUB</b> Email: scusaacc@gmail.com	<b>BREAKFAST \$22 PP</b> Buffet breakfast available at the Raceway through Catering South Canterbury. Sunday 9.00am - 11.00am. Please contact them directly on: catering@southcanterbury@hotmail.com or phone 03 688 2626 to reserve a seat.

← Next weekend



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## Car Show

**12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024**  
10AM - 2.00PM

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY **GLACIER COUNTRY**

TOP 10 Holiday Parks Classic

Register On-Line Via Facebook or Email to: glaciercountrycarshow@gmail.com

Located at Franz Josef TOP10 Holiday Park

Admission by gold coin donation

All funds raised go to South Westland Area St John Ambulance

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