



Newsletter December 2024

President's Report

December has arrived and Christmas is just around the corner.

I want to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the true spirit of Christmas bring you peace and happiness, as we reflect on the blessing of living in a country like New Zealand.

Please take care on our busy roads over the holiday season.

USA Day

Well, what can I say. This year USA Day was a huge success. I believe, the best I can remember in every respect. We had record numbers of the public and the carpark was full.

There were 420 show cars on display and the weather was beautiful. This year was also a record for stall holders which contributed to people being happy to stay on and enjoy the atmosphere.

The event ran like a well-oiled machine with help coming from a large number of volunteers. THANK YOU to all of you!

Christmas Function

Our Christmas Lunch was well attended and Committee agreed to fully fund the lunch with 60 people registered for the day.

Ashburton Aviation Museum staff were there to make our function a success. It was a lovely lunch followed by dessert and a visit from Santa, arriving by aircraft outside the hangar.

The afternoon finished with a Christmas Cake made by Wendy Marshall (my good wife) along with a cuppa and impressions were, a very good day was had by all.





As our family are all home for Christmas this year, we are in for a busy time enjoying family. Please note I will not be sending out a President's report for January.

The committee plan to work on the review of our constitution in the new year and plan to involve members participation in that process.

Happy Holidays!

*Murray Marshall
President*



USA DAY RESULTS

Top 5 Cars:



Owen Frew
1958 Chrysler Imperial



Steve Taylor
1963 Corvette



Don Edwards
1934 Tudor



Rodney Kennedy
1958 Chevrolet Apache



Brent Taylor
1959 Chevrolet Biscayne

Overall Best Car in Show

**Owen Frew
1958 Chrysler Imperial**



Ian Armstrong Plate for Best Club Car



**Gary & Barb Court
1962 Dodge Dart 330**





*Paul Williams & Elaine Clarke
presenting donation to
Big Brother Big Sister
representatives Jo & Olivia*



*Paul & Elaine presenting donation to Blind Low Vision NZ - Guide Dogs representatives Gina & Dan
with Ezra*



Welcome to New Club Members!

Glenn Brougham and Ann Rawlinson - 1965 Ford Fairlane 500

Duane Fox - 1994 Chevrolet Silverado K1500

*The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish
all club members
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



December Club Captain Comment.....



Greetings again all - things seem to be happening thick & fast at the moment, with plenty of activity going on and plans in the pot.

We have of course just completed our Christmas Party run down to the Ashburton Aviation Museum on a glorious day with a cloudless sky and little or no wind. We all gathered in Dunsandel late morning with what I think was close to 28 cars with a roll call of something like 62 people- kids and adults.



After setting off from Dunsandel we turned off and regrouped at Chertsey and picked up Russ & Mandy - from there it was a leisurely cruise with no other traffic on back roads to the Aviation Museum.

The line up of cars on the runway apron was indeed impressive as was the hangar setup that had been put on for us. Sitting outside was a Skyhawk, another jet of unknown breed and a cockpit piece from another aircraft that had come to grief in Auckland.



Inside the hangar dressed tables were laid out for us and hot ham off the bone, spuds, peas, salad, chicken, buns followed by dessert and an awesome Christmas cake laden with marzipan was on offer - Wendy had made a fantastic job of the cake!! as had the ladies from the museum with the catering of course.



Father Christmas made an unprecedented arrival in Murray's light aircraft (A man of many talents is our President!) and parked right outside the door-- trouble rounding the reindeer up huh Santa. All the kids were treated to presents and the look on the faces of some of the littlies was just priceless.

Following all the frivolity surrounding Santa, prizes were awarded for best Christmas dress which was won by Sharyn Busch and followed with a close second by Wendy Marshall - top effort ladies!



Colin and Genny Gibson's lovely daughter was also presented with her prize from the Poker Run which she won at Greta Valley on a previous event.

*A hugely successful day and very different from what we are ordinarily used to - special thanks to all who made the day so memorable - including of course Mark Santa Rayner. - that has a nice ring to it!
That's all for now - again wishing you all blue skies and green lights, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See the following for a recap of future events.....*

Peter Craig - Club Captain

Save The Dates - Upcoming

- *President's Picnic - Sunday 26 January 2025*
We are working with Mark & Lorraine Rayner and plans are formulating for an old school BYO everything picnic under the trees at Keating Park, McLean Island. Keating Park is the home of the Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club and is set among tall stands of trees and open display areas. There are many sheds with extremely interesting pieces of vintage machinery, implements, and memorabilia including the engines and wheelhouse of the Tuhoë, a coastal freighter which foundered on the Kaiapoi Bar. There is also the possibility of an old school grass Karna to step us back to earlier times and fun in our cars. MORE details in full will be published early in the new year but for now pencil it.
- *Sunday 23 February - Save the date for this Mystery Run.*
- *Sunday 2 March - Wings & Wheels - Sheffield Fly In*
While not strictly a club event we have historically supported this event and it's an excellent opportunity for some country fun - Car show - Aircraft fly In, WW2 equipment displays and memorabilia, food stalls and more. In support of the local Fire Brigade and Malvern Order Of St Johns. More details closer to the time.
- *Thurs 13 - Sun 16 March 2025 - Caroline Bay Rock & Hop*
Full details of club member involvement to be posted closer to the time.

Non-Club Events



An event to raise funds for the Picton School, for their Duffy Books project.

What's In The Shed. If you have a Cool car, a Muscle car, a Race car, a Rat Rod, a Cool Truck, a Cool Motorbike or even a Project Vehicle, we'd love to see it. Shine it, and Show it.

We have **People's Choice** and our **Mayor's Choice** on the day. Then at **1pm** a drive through town.

Remember the **18th of January**, same day as our Maritime Festival, so make a day of it. We'd love to see you here.

A Project of the Lions Club of Picton

Save the date

Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Wheels and Wings

Sunday 2 March 2025

Check the January newsletter for more info

Caroline Bay Rock & Hop



13 March 2025 - 16 March 2025

Registrations are now open

Australasia's Biggest All Vehicle Show

IF IT'S GOT WHEELS OR TRACKS YOU CAN PUT IT ON SHOW!

EARTHMOVING PRACTISE DAY: Friday 18 April
MAIN SHOW: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April

Cars, trucks, tractors, earthmovers, motorcycles & more!
You're invited to participate, bring as many as you can carry for one entry fee.

3 DAY PASSES INCLUDE:
Fri 18, Sat 19 & Sun 20 April 2025

Exhibiting Enthusiast	\$25 per person
Adult Supporter	\$25 per person
Youth Supporter	\$10 per person

Kids 12 & under go FREE!

Exhibitors & Supporters Passes includes entry to:

Shakedown in the Shed
• AWARDS NIGHT •

Bar, food trucks, entertainment & more.
5pm until late, Saturday 19 April.

ENTER ONLINE TODAY:
www.wheelsatwanaka.co.nz