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OUR OIL LEAKS

Welcome to the very basic and very late issue of Our Oil Leaks. Apologies to Keri for not being able to meet her very high standards but due to technical issues and many emails to Europe we have arrived at this.

I do have to say it will be a very long six months without Keri and Daryl but I hope you will all persevere while I fumble my way through this. For those of you that do not know me that well I can be stubborn and this mission (which I chose to accept) is not going to beat me. Who knows I may be able to take on a job as a web designer!!! (Only kidding)

McGlashen Pottery Tour – by Peter Dowding

We all met up at Garin college at 10am, four Kombies, 3 Beetles, 1Ghia and 1Polo. After exchanging pleasantries we headed out to Brightwater in convoy. We all managed to squeeze into the pottery carpark.

Dave who has worked at the Mcglashen potteries for fourteen years took us through the workshop and showed us the making of a koru bowl, from the clay to pressing, firing and glazing right to the point of sale. We all had a good look around and managed not to break anything! Some club members even got their wallets out. If you want to see some of the other cool stuff made at Mcglashens check out www.roycemcglashen.co.nz

Dave was a gracious host fielding all questions with real patience it was clear that he is very skilled at his job, after our visit we headed around the corner to Cafe'le Robb where we managed to take up every available car parking space out on the street. Margaret had the coffee machine cranking and on a typical Nelson day we sat out in the sun enjoying good food and coffee and excellent company. Well done Dave and the Robb family.

Mystery Tour – by Sharon & Owen Paterson

Nelson turned on a typically sunny day for this year's mystery tour and 10 teams lined up at WOW for the event.

First was the reversing challenge just to get things started. This was won by Dave in the aptly named 'fakers' team as it was a modern VW with the largest VW logo on the front I have ever seen and I suspect rear bumper beepers that allowed him to get closest to the cone. Simon Holmes organised the event ably assisted by his two daughters Brittany (Chief Marker) and Amberley (Traffic Director). Simon was helped in devising the questions and route by his good friend, and last years' winner of the mystery tour, Alan Laney, who sadly passed away a few weeks ago.

The route took us along Rocks road, through town to the Botanic reserve and then out through Bishopdale, Stoke, Richmond and finished up at the Stoneridge café in Appleby. We had to collect toi, flowers, edible nuts (peanut slabs to the fore) and a drink can or bottle as well as showing a VW symbol and taking photos at key spots along the way.

Special mention must go to the late entry, George, who just happened to be at St Mary's church which was on route and was the location of one of the questions. We stopped to say hi and to ask him why he wasn't on the rally and he said *#@%^&@ (which can be loosely translated as bother, I forgot clean about it). Happily George was able to tag along and join in the after match function.

The route and questions were very interesting and I'm sure we all learned something of the history of the area. The power of iphones and google came to the fore when several couldn't find the plaque commemorating the first aeroplane to land at Nelson but for those of us who didn't know Rawhiti is Maori for east, google wasn't much help giving various translations including 'David' and something about a coastline. Just goes to show you can't believe everything Google throws up at you.

There were plenty of prizes thanks to the sponsors:

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In fact everyone got a prize even if for 'most mileage' covered! Well done to Team Happy Campers who took out the overall prize.

Results:

Team name	Parking test	Distance	Overall score
Bug One	480mm	21 miles	26.5
KGB	340mm	24 miles	27.5 second
Team Bertie	220mm	24 miles	26.5
Cabrio Couple	345mm	Not recorded	17
FourFoxSake	350mm	20.4 miles	28
Fakers	160mm	38 km	27
Team Coro	365mm	34 km	23.5
Happy Campers	540mm	21 miles	28.5 first
Custard Square	340mm	27 miles	27
Bill's VW	270mm	25 miles	11

Prizes:

Highest mileage: Custard Square

Lowest Mileage: Bug One

Best team name: FourFoxSake

Best photograph: Team Bertie

Only team to get the rugby question wrong: Team Coro

Only Team to get Abel Tasman's middle name: Happy Campers

Worst odometer readers: Cabrio Couple

Lowest overall score: Bill's VW

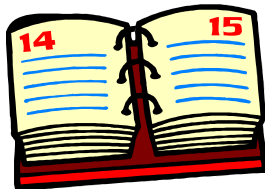
Runners-up overall: KGB

Overall highest score: Happy Campers

All in all a good outing with special thanks to Simon and his daughters.

Up and coming events

Don't forget to mark your calendar.



June 30th (Saturday) - Run Organiser: [Vince Fox](#)

[Mid Winter Christmas Dinner](#)

The theme this year is W:

Wally, Whale, Wallis, Wheel, Welder, Wonderful, ... the choice is yours.

Venue: The venue is Jellyfish Cafe, Mapua Wharf. \$35pp. Starting at 6.30 pm.

Sorry we need to confirm numbers by the 25th June so please advise

Vince or Sue on [5402828](tel:5402828) or email: admin@clubvdub.co.nz

July 19th (Thursday)

Quiz Night - *Run Organiser: [Ineke Manshande](#)*

7pm at John and Ineke's place (7 Cullen Place, Nelson) at 7pm. Bring a plate to share for supper.

August 18th (Saturday)

Run to the Pub - *Run Organiser: Brian Mogford*

Meet at QE II carpark just past the roundabout on the way towards Atawhai. Travel to Havelock for lunch at the Slip Inn. Returning later that day

September 2nd (Sunday) - Father's day

Rover's Club Steam Museum

Run Organiser: Gina Cooper

Join the other car clubs from the Top of the South to engage in a day of car browsing at the Steam Museum. Details to follow (as we obtain them).

September 23rd (Sunday)

Motorcycle & Car Museum visits



Run Organiser: Simon Holmes

Visit the new Motorcycle Museum on Bolt Road then continue around the corner to Rotherham St to see a Car Museum. Meet at the Motorcycle Museum 11 am.

October 20-22nd (Labour Weekend)



Oktoberfest - *Run Organiser: [Ineke Manshande](#)*

Meet at Garin College 10am to departure to Golden Bay for a weekend camping and the essential visit to the Mussel Inn. Accommodation and other details to follow soon.

November 24th (Saturday)

Annual Review & Awards Ceremony

Meet at Garin College for a 11am departure. Meeting is to be held at Moutere Inn, with everyone welcome to stay on for lunch after the awards presentation.

Run Organiser: [Keri King](#) & [Vince Fox](#)

December 8th (Saturday)

Christmas Picnic

At Cable Bay. Bring along a salad to share and meat to cook on the barbie. Those that want to camp book at the [Cable Bay Holiday Park](#)

Run Organiser: [Keri King](#)

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