

Timaru Falcon Fairlane Club



Newsletter

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Editor's Ramblings

Yeah, yeah, I know, it's been a long time since there's been a full newsletter. So you can stop grumbling.....

Back at Easter 9 club cars sauntered to Dunedin for the 2015 Nationals. The event left nothing to be desired, and congratulations must go to all the Otago club members who contributed in any way to the organizing and running of the event. More on this elsewhere.

Our AGM was held in March. A couple of changes – annual subs are now \$40 per year. Committee members remain unchanged, although the club publicity officers are now Michelle Kelly and Ian Lord. A sub-committee was decided, comprising Tom, Aidan, Dave and Murray, to liaise with the Timaru Holden club for organizing the All Australian Car Show.

The next nationals (2017) are being organized by the Invercargill club, with plans to base the event at Cromwell.

Our own Levels weekend again returns to its old format this year, with a track day on the Saturday and a show on the Sunday. Of course there will be a social function on the Saturday evening. Details of this are still being worked on. The track day and social function will be open to all "performance" cars and their owners; as in the recent years.

Hopefully you can make it to the charity car show this weekend. See you there.

Cheers
Murray S

Coming Events

May 24 – Car & Bike Show at Phar Lap Raceway
Proceeds to Batten Disease research
\$10 per vehicle. Meet at Placemakers at 8:45am
Show runs from 10am to 2pm

June 2 – Monthly club meeting

July 7 – Monthly club meeting

August 4 – Monthly club meeting

September 1 – Monthly club meeting

September 6 – All Australian Car Show at Caroline Bay

We welcome Andrew Hendry to the club. Andrew has an XR50 Ute.

The All Australian Car show is being held again on September 6th at Caroline Bay. Same format as last year; but with a few improvements. Several sponsors have come on board, and this combined with other ideas should see even more money raised for the Westpac Helicopter Trust.



Nationals – Easter 2015

9 cars – along with their owners, met up at Murray's place on the Friday morning, then headed for Dunedin, with a stop for lunch at Oamaru. In Dunedin all our club members were staying at the same place. Once we were all there it was get settled into our lodgings, then off to the Dunedin clubrooms for registration and meet and greet. A well organised evening, with a great meal. This was a precursor to a weekend of great food, great events, and great camaraderie.

Unfortunately the heavens opened up on Friday night, which meant all the cars needed some serious drying off before heading to the show.

Nonetheless we all got to the show venue (Forsyth Barr Stadium) and finished off the car preparation. Most of our club then headed off to town. A Cadbury World tour for starters, then we strolled to the Otago museum for a few hours. We all met up at "The Bog" pub for food/drink, until we were collected by the shuttle van and taken back to the stadium.

After the show it was back to the Holiday Park, and a bit of R and R until the evening function. Another super meal, then a band/dancing for those who wished too. Unfortunately the band ran a bit hot and cold, the only slightly disappointing part of the whole weekend.

Sunday – all entrants met at the holiday park, then we toured in convoy to Larnach's Castle. Chaos reigned as we overtook most of the available carparking! Cars were individually parked in front of the castle while photos were taken. We then toured to Outram for BBQ lunch and the grasskhana. Also included was the interclub challenge. No, we didn't win it! Tom set a new Nationals record for having 9 people in his car during the grasskhana, although there were complaints from other clubs that not everyone was wearing a seatbelt. I should point out to those whingers, that as we were in a private paddock, road rules don't apply.

Back to Dunedin, clean up, then back to the venue for evening meal and prizegiving. Congratulations go to our club members who won

silverware – Warren King, Evan Cartwright and Steven Peck. In amongst all this a few Dunedin club members put on a bit of a show, requiring participation from club members from each club. Plenty of hilarity and no one suffered permanent damage!

Monday it was back to the venue for breakfast, drawing off the raffles and fines. Goodbyes were said and we all headed back to Timaru.

An extremely well organised and run Nationals. Well done Dunedin Club !!

Dave Kelly wanted to use up all his phone data allowance while at the Nationals.....



And was also seen in recent times driving a Holden.....



Levels Weekend 2015

Organising is underway for this year's Levels weekend. It's on the 3rd and 4th October.

Entry for the track event has increased to \$90 per driver. We had held the entry at \$75 for a number of years; but with event costs increasing an increase in the entry cost became necessary.

The cost for non-track participation is still being decided. It is expected that the social function on the Saturday evening will be held at the Tornado Hot Rod clubrooms.

Nationals 2017/2019

As mentioned earlier, Invercargill club are organising the 2017 nationals, and it will be based at Cromwell.

Then it will be our turn again (in 2019). While this seems a long way off, it will roll around soon enough. Some initial ideas have been put forward, and it's really a matter of garnering ideas at this stage; the more options we come up with, the better.

So if you have any thoughts on where we hold the show, what we do for interclub challenge and so on; bring those ideas to our club meeting.

For Sale – In America!!



The "Front Line" at the Nationals

