

Editorial

I wish you all a happy and safe Easter.

Very interesting events coming up this month (please read your Magazine) There is the International Rally and the Mystery Run So come along and have some fun.

You will receive your subs invoice very soon please send your \$50.00Dollars Membership Fee to Mercedes Benz Club Auckland Inc
Brian Hood,PO Box 1587,Auckland

Your Membership is very much appreciated, the Club can only be strong with your Membership and new Member.

Liane

New Member

We are very delighted to welcome four new Members / David Winn and Kath Winn 2004, CLK500, 1992 500SL and a 500SEC, Mark Perratt and Anne Perratt 1994 S320,C180, Hoshang Tata and Rashna Tata 1979,1989 250, 280GE
Barb Clearkin 1956, 190SL,V12 Coup
Please come along to the next event and say Hello

Coming Events

April 29 Sunday 10.00am. Mystery Run. The Mercedes Benz Car Club in conjunction with the BMW, VW and the Peugeot Car Clubs invite you to a Mystery Run from the Campbell Road side of Cornwall Park to the Villa Maria Winery at Mangere. The event will take approximately 2 hours plus lunch and companionship with your, and invited Clubs Members.

We have arranged a Picnic Hamper Lunch at the Winery that will cost \$15.00 per person. Additional food can be purchased in the form of Platters serving 2 to 4 people from the Winery, as well as award winning Villa Maria Wines. Unfortunately you can not bring your own picnic hamper as we would have to pay a sizable Venue Fee. For those who have not been at the Winery, be prepared for a most pleasant surprise. Please bring a Navigator or two, (Apprentice Navigators are welcome) a note book, street directory, pens and perhaps a Cellular Phone. The event is designed to be a fun run, with a few minor navigational challenges, and things to observe and collect. It is not a race! Please be at the Cornwall Park entrance opposite Onehunga Mall for a 10:00 am start. If you wish to join us for this fun day and excellent fellowship, please call Paul Kaiser on 021 758 354 or on 09 576 9722. We have been asked to advise approximate numbers by latest 22 April 2007. We look forward to hearing from you, in the meantime..... safe and enjoyable motoring. Paul W Kaiser

May 8 Tuesday 7.30pm. Noggin and Natter. Horse and Trap, Enfield St, Mt Eden. Join us for a convivial evening among fellow enthusiasts as we discuss "The Marque", recent events, future ones and what ever else takes our fancy. Why not come early at 6.30pm and enjoy an inexpensive meal first. Street and off road parking available. For further details contact Garry on Ph 366 4748 or Brian Hood Ph 6343573.

May 26 Saturday 10am. Visit to Allied Fighter Rebuilds Ltd at Dairy Flat. Meet at the Coatesville turnoff, top of Albany on the old State Highway north. Park on the gravel area on your left, heading north. This is a working company who specialised in total rebuilds of Allied fighters from before the 2nd world war and after. A place where you can see and touch air craft used mainly by the RNZAF, in the 1930's 1940's and the 1950's which are under various stages of restoration. Planes such as an American Kittyhawk found derelict in the islands, a Spitfire, the first jet fighter a Gloster meteor used by the English at the end of the war. Biplanes, and many more plus air craft memorabilia. Planes do move on as they are completed. Bring your picnic lunch as there is some under cover space we could use. This visit is a must as these places are not easy to find so please let us know if you wish to join us. Contact Roy Hobson oh Ph 298 2765/027-276-3664

June 19th Tuesday 5.30 / 7.30pm. AGM at the "The Commerce Club of Auckland Inc' 22-33 Ohinerau St , Remuera. Starting from 5.30pm onwards, meals are available for purchase at these licensed premises. 7.30pm prompt start for the AGM. Contact Heather Newkirk for more details on Ph 09 426 2664

August 14 Tuesday 7.00pm. Annual Dinner and Prize Giving. This year we are going upmarket. Join us at PORTSIDE at the Viaduct basin (132 Halsey Street). Wonderful outlook, great food and a fun MC to keep us entertained. Subsidised two-course dinner costing you just \$30 per person. Buy your own drink and dessert. Mark this date in your calendar now and be sure to keep it free. Confirm your place by 2nd August by sending your cheque payable to Mercedes-Benz Club to P O Box 1587. Phone Lyn Hood for more details. Ph 6343573

September on onwards: Look out for an event or two in the future with our Northern members.

Member Points

As at 7 March 2007

Garry Boyce 74; Hein Vankan 70; Ken Williams 70; Paul Kaiser 63; Klaus Buwert 60; Brian Hood 60; Roy Hobson 52; Jack Nazer 52; Brian Haslip 50; Frank Parker 50; Peter Fieldsend 45; Thomas Muller 40; John Tate 40; Howard Jack 33; Brian Fleming 32; Iain Fletcher 30; Rod Klarwill 30; Gary Upchurch 30; David Blackmore 28; Graeme Collie 26; Jim Hetherington 22; Barry Bollington 20; Russell Clark 20; Harald Pech 20; Pater van den Brink 20; Peter Brown 12; Phil Ainsley 10; Wayne Bending 10; Eoin Burns 10; Joe Burns 10; Alex Buwert 10; Andrew Campbell 10; Roger Clavell 10; Harald Decker 10; Dave Firkin 10; Stu Fordyce 10; Tom Frei 10; Nigel Gerbic 10; Krishna Gopal 10; Geoff Halkett 10; Rob Henderson 10; Ian Hillier 10; Gerald Koller 10; Lloyd Marx 10; Alex Newkirk 10; Geurt Renzenbrink 10; Malcolm Reynolds 10; Craig Stratton 10; John Stratton 10; Graham Yan 10; Percy Young 10; Ian Hutchinson 6

Liane Buwert 74; Lyn Hood 60; Heather Newkirk 60; Lyn Parker 50; Willy Vankan 50; Chris Fieldsend 45; Cilla Kaiser 43; Noeline Service 40; Eveyln Tate 40; Marianne Hobson 38; Judith Fleming 32; Marilyn Nazer 32; Alison Boyce 30; Alison Haslip 30; Pam Upchurch 30; Alison Reid 23; Marion Bollington 20; Wendy Clark 20; Linde Fletcher 20; Estelle Hetherington 20; Karin Klarwill 20; Jan Pech 20; Zena Renzenbrink 20; Robyn van den Brink 20; Gail Godfrey 12; Sarndra Ainsley 10; Rosemary Burns 10; Sheryl Campbell 10; Carol Clavell 10; Vivienne Decker 10; Barbara Firkin 10; Jutta Frei 10; Lorraine Halkett 10; Sue Hancox 10; Margaret Koller 10; Trisha Marx 10; Marilyn Stratton 10; Lucy Tate 10

MERCEDES RACING RAMBLINGS by Ken Williams

Taupo 10/11 March: I'd replaced the oil seal on the old BBM historic & the 280CE was still running well so I entered both cars. The weather was fine and I had a few days spare so I went down a couple of days early & enjoyed some trout fishing. Saturday was very hot & tiring jumping from one car to another but I was thoroughly enjoying myself. (especially the fresh smoked trout for lunch!!) The track is very tight so a couple of early Formula Fords had better lap times than me, as they handle better than the BBM but lack the power down the straights. The 1st race the 2 Fords beat me but in race 2 I overtook them off the start & held them off until the last lap when my fire extinguisher came loose & was sliding around my feet & pedals. I was forced to slow up a bit in case it went under my brake pedal. This allowed one Ford to pass me but I held 2nd place. I won the 3rd & 4th races by blasting to the front off the line & holding them off to the flag... great racing!!!

The 280CE could not corner as well as the lighter cars so It's best result was a 3rd in the handicap. I pushed it really hard using 8000rpm but could still only get a 7th in the scratch races. Maybe Pukekohe's faster corners will give a better result. However, both cars ran reliably all weekend so they are both entered for Pukekohe.

Neither 500SECs raced at Taupo but they will both be at Pukekohe 17/18 March.

I hear that a 190E 2.3 Cosworth has been set up for circuit racing & may be for sale. Contact me if you want to come racing & we'll track it down!

Notice of AGM.

The Annual General Meeting of the Mercedes Benz Club of Auckland Inc will be held 7.30pm Tuesday, 19 June, 2007, at the CT Club (The Commercial and Travellers Club), Ohinerau St , Remuera.

Starting from 5.30pm onwards, meals are available for purchase at these licensed premises. 7.30pm prompt start for the AGM.

Nominations

All Nominations of office bearers and other members of the committee must be made and be seconded by financial members of the club, and submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Club not less than 30 days before the Annual General Meeting

Notices of motion or resolutions

Any notices of motion or resolutions to be proposed at a Special Meeting must be received by the Club Secretary at least fourteen days before such meeting.

Contact Heather Newkirk on ph 09 426 2664

Agenda

Apologies

Minutes of Last AGM

Matter Arising from Minutes

Treasurers Report

Presidents Report

Elections of Officers for 2007/08 Committee:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Captain

Editor

Technical Advisor

Three committee members

Any other Business