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From the Editor to be published in the September 2010 Magazine:

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ATTENTION ALL FAST DRIVERS:

At the request of Club Member Rod Klarwill we are exploring the possibility of a day of fast driving around Hampton Downs Race Track in our Mercedes cars.

The normal fee is \$150 for a day's fun or \$85 for an evening.

We may be able to negotiate a better deal if we have enough people who commit to a date.

Visit www.hamptondowns.com for more information.

I can borrow some helmets & overalls for us. Passengers can be taken in my 280CE Racecar.

I need to know 'expressions of interest' from anyone who wants us to proceed with this.

Please email me at mercman@xtra.co.nz and let me know.

Ken Williams

What's on:

Sunday 19 September, 10.30am: Mystery Fun Trial – Bring along a pen please. Start commences from “The Reserve” at the end of Walker Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland. Driving route with instructions will be provided and given at the start. Lunch venue will be out west. Please contact Ken Williams on 09 579 9395 or 027 497 9959.

Sunday 17 October, 10.00am: Scenic Run – We will meet at 10.00am in the northernmost carpark of the BP Connect Service Centre on the Southern Motorway just south of the Papakura offramp. Keep hard left on leaving the motorway (regardless of signage) and take the first carpark entry to the left.

Please confirm attendance for lunchtime catering purposes to billbray@xtra.co.nz
Or Tel: (09) 533 6363 anytime.

Join the team for a scenic run to Kariotahi Beach via Mercer, northern Waikato, Pukekawa, Tuakau, Pukekohe and Waiuku. The controlled distance is 80 kms and we'll finish with lunch at Agave Restaurant at the superb Castsways Resort. At Waiuku we'll spend some time with Roger and Fay Phillips. The ladies interests may lean towards the delightful old homestead, its furnishings and bric-a-brac – and Fay's business and hobby upholstery workshop will consume time. Roger is a businessman and entrepreneur of the first order – travelling and living both rich and rough around half the world to do it. At one stage in his career he was travelling 300,000 kms a year across Australia in pursuit of business. With a love of things mechanical Roger has spent a lifetime designing, engineering, building, marketing and selling everything from mobile agricultural equipment (including a tractor and irrigation equipment) through to a fascinating 4wd motor vehicle for an Italian outfit, a 5th wheeler mobile home to be used for commercial purposes and unique motor homes based on Italian chassis. And much more – motorsport in the USA included. Lately, Roger will be best known to many as the importer and distributor of Lotus cars and the man behind the fabulous concept – *Drive New Zealand Classic Trial* – a competitive 17 day Classic Enthusiasts Race Circuit tour of NZ. Roger is now importing small wheelchair vans from Italy which seem to be based largely around the Fiat Panda platform. They have a high roof, a rear door and ramp and 1.9 common rail TDI engine. We hope the first one will be in his small showroom when we visit, along with a handful of other interesting vehicles.

Sunday 21 November: Grass Gymkhana at David Winn's paddocks – details to follow

December: XMAS Party – details to follow

Sunday 6 February 2011: Galaxy of Motorcars ,Motat, Western Springs

Saturday/ Sunday 12-13February 2011: Concourse d'Elegance

New Members:

We would like to welcome:

Neil Richardson, 450 SLC 1973

Bryan & Robynne Jackson, 220A 1954