

Open Road



Summer 2012

Issue 5

Welcome

Welcome to Issue five of Open Road and congratulations to the mighty All Blacks for bringing home the Rugby World Cup!

In this issue you'll find an update on Ian Neary's Plymouth GTX build and an overview of the event season so far. Summer is here, so check out some motorcycling tips in "Pete Says" and upcoming events. Be safe this festive season and make sure you're covered!

From the team at Swann.

Past events

It's been a busy start to the season so far and we've travelled far and wide.

Mt Maunganui for the Street Machines Anniversary Bash, which had fantastic goodies up for grabs at auction.

Hawera for the NZHRA National Hot Rod Show where the displays were world class and thousands of people passed through the doors over the two day event.

Tauranga put on brilliant weather for the

recent USA Day with more than 200 cars and over 2,000 spectators.

But the standout event for us was the spectacular weekend the Southland Mustang Owners Club put on for their 32nd Annual Convention in Invercargill.

Four days of excellent food and brilliantly organised events. Swann Insurance was treated to hot laps at Teretonga raceway. 300kph in a 1965 GT350 Shelby driven by Roy McDonald, awesome!



Roy's Shelby



Velodrome

Competition winner

Congratulations to John Park last months competition winner of \$200 worth of petrol vouchers.

Take advantage of our club scheme

Are you a member of a classic car, hot rod or motorcycle club? Do you know that club members can receive a discount and the club can also receive commission? If you would like to know more call Ann Smith or Peter Coombe on **0800 807 926**. We can talk through options for your club, its members and where possible can present at your next club meeting.

Insurance tip

Did you know, that due to the Privacy Act 1993, Swann Insurance can only speak with the policy holder? It's wise to authorise another person/s who can act on your behalf to make enquiries, or lodge a claim where you, as the policy holder, are unable to. Call us on **0800 807 926** to update your policy.



Free rider safety DVD's

We've recently learned of ACC's motorcycle-specific website; www.rideforever.co.nz covering topics such as group riding, choosing the right gear, returning to riding, skills and techniques. Check out the "Resources" area to order their two DVD's (they're free!) – a must to own or to circulate.

We also recommend ACC's scooter-specific website; www.scootersurvival.co.nz, created to help scooter riders and potential scooter riders become safer on the roads, even covering parking rules for major councils. There are a number of interesting informative topics.

If you would prefer to receive this by email please send your details to swann@iag.co.nz



2012 Events calendar

There are some great upcoming events over the summer, come along and join in.

January

Thursday 26 – Sunday 29

Muscle Car Madness: Rangiora Show Grounds. Hot rods, classic cars, custom motorcycles, trade and food stalls, and all weekend entertainment.

Friday 20–Sunday 22 & Thursday 26–Sunday 29

NZ Festival of Motor Racing: Hampton Downs. See notable cars from the exclusive BMW Museum collection in Germany, a fantastic range of Classic and Historic race cars and bikes.

Saturday 28 – Sunday 29

Orewa Beach Festival: Orewa Reserve. Now a two day event with car displays, trade stalls & entertainment.

February

Friday 17 & Saturday 18

22nd NZ National HOG Rally: Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin. If you haven't already registered, visit: www.newzealandnationalrally.com

Friday 17 – Sunday 19

East Bay Rods Pre 49 Nationals: Show Day: Friday 17th (evening), New World Orewa "Hot Rods on the Boulevard"

Friday 24 – Sunday 26

Mothers Chrome: Hampton Downs & Fram Autolite Dragway. V8's, sprint cars, muscle cars, Formula 5000, Pre 65's, live entertainment, food & trade stands.

Let us know what's on

If there's an upcoming event, something that you think we should know or you'd like us to include in our next newsletter, email us at swann@iag.co.nz

Update on Ian Neary's Eruption

Last time we gave you an overview of Ian's build and detailed the Drive Train, here are a few more of the custom features being built into the car.

- American Racing custom built wheels
- 20x10 rear, tyres: – Dunlop Sportsmax 315x35x20
- 18x8 front, tyres: – Dunlop Sportsmax 245x45x18
- Bucket seats front/rear 06 Pontiac GTO charcoal leather with orange stitching
- Custom designed dash from 1970 Dodge Challenger
- Electronic push button park brake
- Custom made front and rear valance
- Custom made front and rear bumpers
- 1-off custom built billet grille



SEMA Show 2011

Ian has just returned from the SEMA show located in the Las Vegas Convention Centre where he was one of the judges for the Mothers Shine Award, and he had a fantastic time! The SEMA Show is the premier automotive specialty products trade event in the world. It draws the industry's brightest minds and hottest products to one place.

SEMA Show 2011 drew more than 60,000 domestic and international buyers, and featured nearly 1,500 newly introduced parts, tools and components.

Pete says

Summer is here, so that means bikes will be seeing the light of day again. Just a few important things to remember before taking that maiden voyage.

- Check tyre pressures and condition.
- Check all fluid levels and top up the fuel tank with fresh fuel.
- Operate brake levers front and back, make sure brakes release freely.

- With the motor off put it in gear, pull in the clutch, roll it forward, is it free? If not rock it backwards and forwards until it frees.
- Check helmets. Your date stamp is usually inside the liner. It should be no older than 7 years if it's a multi composite shell (i.e. Bell, Shoei etc.). If it's a lesser Thermo plastic type shell, 2-3 years is the general rule of thumb. All shells deteriorate with age and our strong sun. **'Get ridin!'**

Competition

Share your photos and be in to WIN a Mothers car care kit!

We'd love to see photos of your favourite event or cruise this summer. Send your photos and a small summary of why it's been your favourite to swann@iag.co.nz and be in to win a Mothers car care kit valued at \$75.00. Entries close Monday 27th February 2012. Visit swanninsurance.co.nz to view T's & C's.

