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President's Message

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Our tour Down Under continues...

Here we are on the South Island of New Zealand, trying to figure out where to go and what to see before heading to the Sunbeam meet of 2001. Even though the city of Christchurch is there, and Queenstown, the most visited tourist area in New Zealand, the roads leave much to be desired. The further from population that you get, the narrower the roads get. All twisty (which is nice in a sports car--no wonder Bruce McLaren was such a good driver), and not long straights. They have about 50-100 miles of what could be considered freeway. Some near the Auckland city and airport, and some on the South Island near Christchurch.

Christchurch is on the east side of the island. The spiny mountains are on the west side. We went west down the middle. There are few roads through the mountains. We were headed to a tourist area known as pancake rocks. Our English friends said we were going to run into a lot of tourists here. Well with only 4 million population, the pancake rocks were only as crowded as a MacDonald's on a Sunday. No trouble finding a parking spot. The rocks did look like pancakes, large stacks of pancakes.

As we moved on down the center of the island, we noticed train tracks. In fact, there where train tracks all over both islands. We never had seen a train, but there were tracks along many of the highways. As we went on, we were starting to get into some "single track". For those that don't know, single track is what the Brits call one lane roads. There is quite a bit of it in

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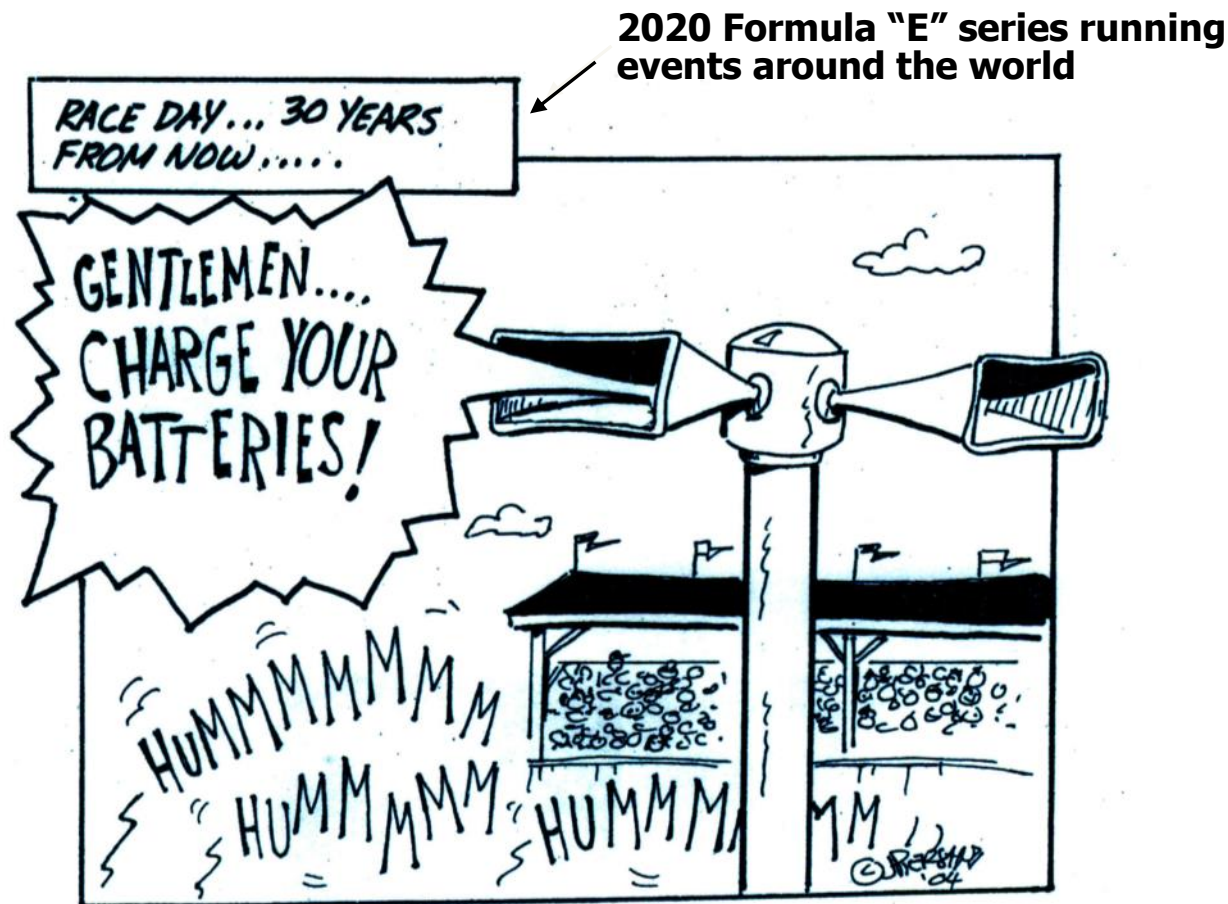
the north of England, Scotland, and Wales. If you drive it often, it improves your driving skills, as you must look way ahead to watch for other cars coming toward you because there is only a turnout for passing every so often. If you don't pull over, then one of you must back up. Maybe this is part of the reason Jimmy Clark was such a good driver, being from Scotland.

There is also a lot of single track in New Zealand. There is a small town called Hokitika that is the jade capital of New Zealand. We didn't know that at the time. As we came into town there was some single track. We are being careful to watch ahead, running alongside a train track, when we come to a bridge. I had to stop. In front of us is a bridge with a train track down the middle. The road also goes down the middle. I have never seen anything like it. You not only have to look for a car coming, but also a train. We took a picture to show everyone. I'll have to find it for a later inclusion.

The town of Hokitika wound up being interesting. Not just for the jade, but they have a delicacy there called "white fish" I figured "why not, when are you going to get back here again". Well white fish looks like white worms. They make a patty out of the white fish, if they have enough. Otherwise, they mix the white fish with eggs to make enough. My wife was not crazy about worms. To me it just tasted like the eggs they were mixed with. I doubt we would do that again.

The next day we spent morning going through jade shops before we moved on. We did finally see a train. Once during the whole trip, and it was only about 10 cars long. No Worries.

Doug





As You Slide Down The Banister Of Life...

1. Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book. It's called "Ministers Do More Than Lay People."
2. Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.
3. The difference between the Pope and your boss...the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.
4. My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone.
5. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.
6. I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.
7. It used to be only death and taxes were inevitable. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.
9. My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines and a large trash can.
10. A blonde said, "I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid."
11. I'm so depressed. My doctor refused to write me a prescription for Viagra. He said it would be like putting a new flagpole on a condemned building.
12. My neighbor was bit by a stray rabid dog. I went to see how he was and found him writing frantically on a piece of paper. I told him rabies could be cured and he didn't have to worry about a Will. He said, "Will? What Will? I'm making a list of the people I want to bite."
13. Definition of a teenager? God's punishment for enjoying sex.
14. As we slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way

FOR SALE

Send me your car related "for sale" or "wanted" items for this space. Ed



Celebrations

By: Gene



Happy July BirthDays

Art Pastone -- July 19

Kathy Kufeldt - July 23

Happy July Anniversary

Frank & Laura Herbert - July 20

Bert & Celia Martin - - - July 27

2020 ABCC Upcoming Club Activities

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 25, 2020 British Car Day. Pittsburg, PA – <https://www.pvgp.org/>

JULY 25, 2020 British Cars of New Hampshire 24th Annual Show of Dreams. Hudson, NH - www.bcnh.org

JULY 31 - Aug. 1, 2020 Tire Rack Ultimate Track Car Challenge. VIR Alton, VA - <http://www.ultimatetrackcar.com/>

AUGUST 1, 2020 Pennypacker Mills British Car Day. Schwenksville, PA – www.DVCMG.com

AUGUST 1-2, 2020 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL – <https://autocross.cfrscca.org>

AUGUST 6-9, 2020 Jefferson 500, Summit Point, WV - <http://www.vrgonline.org>

AUGUST 8-9, 2020 Mount Equinox Hill Climb. Arlington, VT – www.vsrca.org

AUGUST 14-16, 2020 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals. Carlisle, PA – www.carsatcarlisle.com

AUGUST 18, 2019 “A Taste of Britain” Rothsville, PA - www.lancomgclub.com

AUGUST 27-30, 2020 TE/AE United XXXVIII. Greensboro, NC – <http://teae.org/>

AUG 31 – SEPT 4, 2020 VTR2020. Galena, IL - <https://www.vtr2020.org/> **Cancelled, 2021 date and place not set.**

SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2020 Beaulieu International Autojumble. Beaulieu, Hampshire, England – www.beaulieu.co.uk **Canceled**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 Austin Healey Conclave. Cristal River, FL – <http://www.healeyclub.org/> **Canceled**

SEPTEMBER 2020 Brits in the Ozarks. Fayetteville, AR. – www.britshironnwa.org **Canceled**

SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2020 2018 U.S. Vintage Grand Prix. Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, NY - www.svra.com

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2020 Brits of the Shoals. Rogersville, AL. – <http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org/>

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 Atlanta British Car Fayre. Norcross, GA - www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2020 Southeast British Car Festival. Dillard, GA - <https://pmgr.clubexpress.com>

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2020 “C” Event of Brutal Aggressives MK XXXIX. Dillard, GA- <https://www.mg-cars.org.uk/amgr/>

SEPTEMBER 2020 The British Invasion. Stowe, VT – www.britishinvasion.com **Canceled**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 Brits on the Beach. Ocean Grove, NJ - www.pedc.org/

Note: If you are planning on attending any of these events please check their website for updated information before you go.



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