

Pre-56 MG Rally '99

Jan 9-14, 1999

Congratulations...you've made a wise decision to join our information highway and be a probable starter for an adventure into the Southern lakes and Fiordland. We've planned a full week of events for the rally, we've nailed the suitable accommodations, done the budgets and got the organisation system into place. So now it's time to send out the invitations for you to join us. Thanks for so many of you owning faxes and emails. It's a lot faster to get in contact with you all.

Read this newsletter carefully...you have a heap of decisions to make now. We know a lot of you are starting to make plans to get here to Queenstown.

Registration The enclosed registration form should be completed in full. **It would be helpful if it was back to us by July 1st**The actual deadline for registration is Oct 30th. Late birds will have a penalty heaped on them!! So it will pay to plan a bit ahead. And it will be worth it....after all what could be more glorious than whizzing down an interesting stretch of road beside a shimmering lake with those neat MG reverberations bouncing off the side rocks, surrounded by high peaks....roll on January!

General programme come fully prepared for a lot of action, a lot of fantastic motoring and a lot of fun. Dress code for the week: elegant Alpine for all seasons. We can't guarantee the weather but it is supposed to be at the height of summer. Weather changes fast in the mountains, so bring a mix of clothing...nothing too fancy!

Friday night, Jan 8: join us for the Rally briefing at HQ at the Copthorne pub, 8 pm

Saturday, Jan 9: get out the polishing rag ready for the public parade and concours. A quick change into the glad rags and you'll be on the welcome cruise on the steamer boat and opening dinner on top of a peak with really funny entertainment and fantastic views.

Sunday, Jan 10: out of bed early for a drive up the lake, a jet boat run and a high country experience. Get out that short set of clubs or hire some for the golf tournament and driving contest that evening with a wind-up at the Abingdon Pit Stop

Monday, Jan 11: the big long run into the heart of Fiordland up the Borland river. This will be your chance to commune with NZ flora and fauna from the seat of your car...no hard tramping and heavy packs to carry but enjoy the same magic of Fiordland. The hills will be alive with the sound of MG music. The roads will be good, the views spectacular. Don't forget to bring film!

Tuesday, Jan 12: Get out of the car for the day, go on a wine trail, jump off something high on a bungy cord, do some power shopping, tinker with the car or just vege out and get a tan. Guaranteed you will find something fun to do in the Queenstown area! Plenty of cafés, eateries and pubs.

Wednesday, Jan 13: It's off to gaze at new Lake Dunstan and old planes and do your navigation bit. The real adventurous can try out the Crown range road for a challenge and see the testing area.. And for a fun evening's entertainment, you will be donning head gear and taking off on a hillclimb up Coronet peak. And yes, there will be prizes for turtles as well as for hares!

Thursday, Jan 14: A leisurely start to your "Culture" day. Off for a gymkhana at one of NZ's most photographed lakes. Your car will make a splendid calendar pin-up! Then explore a few garages on the Hardware tour or the art galleries on the software tour. Not to mention the wineries for delicious

liquid culture. That night sees you all dressed in the attire that matches the year of your car. at the Millenium resort for a prizegiving, dinner and entertainment.

Friday, Jan 15:you are homeward bound, completely xhausted...or....you are gathering strength for the Queenstown Wine, Food and Jazz Festival on Saturday. And the pubs will give you the same special rates for the weekend as well!

Where all the action is:We will be based at the Copthorne Pub in the centre of the upper terrace above the gardens. The Abingdon Pit Stop will be cranked up every night at the Copthorne so you can come back from your day's adventure and tell us all about it. The accommodation we have booked is in that same area and so no one will be very far from anyone! The accommodation form is separate. Please fill it in soon. It has a great range of choices...and yes, we do have good deals for that time of year. The Copthorne has completely enclosed locked garaging, the Garden court has hidden undercover parking, Blue peaks has offstreet parking.

Remember, it is a very busy time of year. Queenstown will be full. Our reservation service can help you with any special requests you have....That is their job! So use them at no extra cost to you. Don't plan on doing too much resting that week. Save it for the next week!

Something new...in conjunction with one of our major supporters:

The F Supporters Tour:So you can't get everything you want to take in the pre 56? Bring your F! That's right....your new F. We'll be running a points section for the F's as a special tribute to Rover's new young moderns. There are 3 for hire from National Rental...tell your foreign friends! So Mum...you can travel in style and still have all the fun as well. Encourage your friends who own F's to join the club and come along. Been thinking about buying one? Here's a good excuse to round out that wonderful stable of yours. Get a convoy to Queenstown! MG-A-TC-TD-TF-F-etc!

In for a penny...in for a poundYou'll note in the registration that there is a distinct lack of options for this rally. And that's done on purpose. This is a package deal and we want everyone to join in. All the action has points attached and you can find someone to substitute for the fun stuff if you don't want to go that day. We are offering an Adult action package and a children's action package. It includes a lot of the meals and all the activities you would normally like to do while in Queenstown. As a group, we get special rates and advanced booking. Regarding meals, you will only be responsible for your breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 evening meals. The rest are included in the Action package. We know you'll enjoy it all....!! The Rally Action money is due end of October

The response so far:We have had preliminary replies from around 110 cars. We'd like to think that most of you will come. You can jog the memory of your friends and see if they'd like to come too. Simply send this copy along to them. Forms will also be sent out to club secretaries for their files and for you to access. Let us know if you want us to send one on to someone who wants one.

We look forward to hearing from you soon...

Return these forms by fax/email or for more personalised information, contact kathie at:

fax 64 3 236 0101 or kathieh@southnet.co.nz

Pre 56 Rally 1999 Accommodation Form

Accommodation is being handled for us by Bruce Wilson at Queenstown Reservations. They have negotiated a variety of hotels, motels and hostels in the area around the Copthorne Hotel Rally HQ. It is a very busy period but the rates are excellent. Early booking is recommended.

Study this list and decide the type of accommodation you require. Return this with your entry form. This accommodation will be filled on a first come basis.

Should you have any special requirements not listed below, then Queenstown Reservations will assist you personally. Please contact 0800 804 111 within NZ. Outside NZ: 643 442 6340 or fax 643 442 8631 or email: bookings@queenstownres.co.nz

Name	Type	rate/night	1st choice	2nd choice
1. Copthorne Hotel (HQ)	Dble room	\$105 for 2	(book and dep. before 30/10)	
	Dble room	\$110 for 2	(book and dep. after 30/10)	
	4 Star prestige hotel, centrally located, modern, locked undercover car storage			
2. Blue Peaks	2 Bdrm	\$124 for 3, \$18 per extra		
	3 Star Mid Range motel, 2 min from HQ, off street parking			
3. Blue Peaks	1 Bdrm	\$106 for 2, \$18 per extra		
4. Blue Peaks	Studio	\$106 for 2, \$18 per extra		
5. Garden Court	2 Bdrm	\$154 for 4		
	4 Star top quality motel next to HQ, undercover offstreet carpark			
6. Garden Court	Studio	\$116 for 2		
7. Melbourne House Budget Accommodation				
	Budget style rooms with share facilities, includes breakfast			
	1 Dble room	\$78 for 2	(inc. breakfast)	
	1 Sgle room	\$49.50 for 1	(inc. breakfast)	
8. Pavlova Backpackers	single bed	\$27.50 for 1		
9. I have special accommodation requirements, please contact me				

Reservation Advice

Please reserve accommodation for me at the property I have marked above. I have enclosed a deposit of \$110 per unit for the accommodation. The outstanding amount is to be paid on departure

Name

No of Persons

Type of Room

Arrival date

Departure Date

I require a rental car. Let me know what good deals you have for me.
There will be _____ people in my team.

**Queenstown Reservations will forward confirmation of your accommodation booking within
2 weeks of receipt of the booking form**

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address for Correspondence: _____

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Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

MG Model _____ Year _____ Colour _____

Member of _____ Club

I have a spare seat in my car I require a seat in a car

Rally Registration Fee : \$95 per adult, \$65 per child under 15

No of adults _____ x \$95 (pay by July1 or sooner) \$ _____

No of Children _____ x \$65 (pay by July1 or sooner) \$ _____

Rally Action Package \$300 per adult, \$200 per child under 15

Includes 1 dinner, 1 Banquet, entertainment, 2 boat rides, gondola ride, 4 lunches and a lot of fun and all car events

No of adults _____ x \$300 (pay by Oct 31) \$ _____

No of Children _____ x \$200 (pay by Oct 31) \$ _____

Accommodation Deposit @ \$110 per unit

No of units _____ x \$110 (pay by July1 or sooner) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

To ensure best bookings, register by July 1. Final bookings will be by Oct 1. Late entry penalty after Oct 1: \$50.

Make Cheques payable to MG Rally '99

Post to MG Rally '99, K Henderson, Riverside No 3 RD, Winton or

I authorise you to debit my Visa Master _____ Credit card
_____ expiry ____/____

Signature _____