



MG Car Clubs of NZ invites all VCC members with MGs. Your VCC membership qualifies you for the following event. Note it's the week after the VCC International Rally ends.

MGs and WWI

MG Car Clubs of New Zealand 2012 National Rally organized by MGCC Wellington Centre.

Waitangi weekend will feature Wheels and Wings in Wairapara from Friday 4th to Tuesday 7th.

Following the 2002 Nationals which celebrated 50 years of MG clubs in New Zealand all agreed to have a bi-annual Nationals meeting to be held alternately in each island.

MGers come from both islands, and we are expecting anything up to 160 cars, representing Pre 56 through to modern day MGs.

The theme for 2012 links classic and vintage cars and airplanes as we are basing our activities around the historic Hood Aerodrome in Masterton, Wairarapa.

Set in the heart of the Wairarapa (means 'glistening waters') one of New Zealand's top wine producing regions, featuring nice scenery, cute towns and even their own Stonehenge.

The area is known as being one of the leading places in the world building and restoring WWI fighter aircraft.

Peter Jackson's museum is on the grounds of the airfield along with other vintage aircraft enthusiasts' hangers and WWI aircraft are regularly seen flying out of Hood. Aircraft for the Dam Busters movie are often seen here also.

Rally activities will include:

- a. The usual concours, motorkhana and speed event, either autocross or bent sprint.
- b. Registration with BBQ on Friday evening.
- c. Saturday evening will be a theme dinner at Hood, Vintage Aviators and driver's attire is required for the evening. Prizes will be given to the best dressed.
- d. Lunches are included in the registration fee as are all breakfasts and dinners except Sunday evening which is a free evening.
- e. A visit to a winery for lunch.
- f. Balloon Trial which will be a 1st to New Zealand and only ever done 3 times before in the USA. It will be an early start that day but a breakfast will be provided from 6am with the balloons set to fly at 7am. Competitors will then follow the flight path of the 5 balloons and collect a playing card from each one. The best poker hand wins but a few other tests will be added in to make it more fun.
- g. A Prizegiving dinner on Sunday and farewell breakfast Tuesday morning.

Accommodation has been reserved at the **Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairarapa** at special rates for attendees. The room rate is \$169.50 per night which includes breakfasts on the Saturday and Tuesday. Contact by email reservations@solway.co.nz or ring 0800 Solway that's 0800 765929 and quote reservations #67096

The registration fee which hasn't been finalized however will be between \$200 and 260 pending sponsorship arrangements. It will include all meals from Friday nights BBQ to Monday nights Prizegiving dinner except Sunday evening which is a free evening for attendees.

Registration forms will be released shortly. Any questions please contact Ross Armstrong, MG Nationals Rally Convener on 04 2324175 (H), 0274438826 (Mob) or email arfmg@mgcarclub.org.nz