



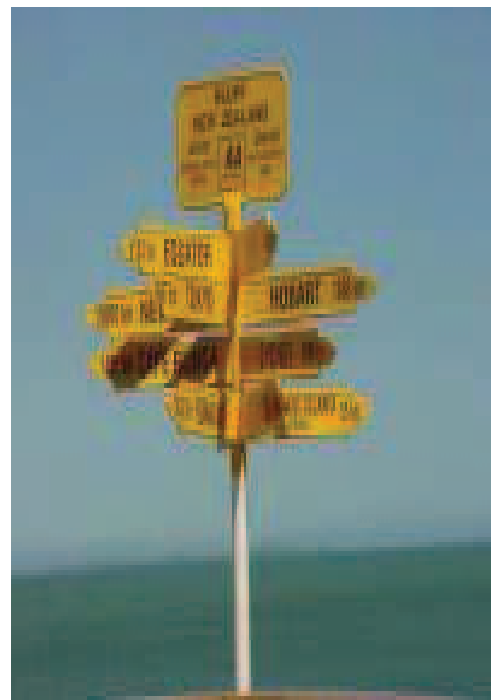
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE NEW ZEALAND MERCEDES CLUB

1972 – 2012

From Cape Reinga

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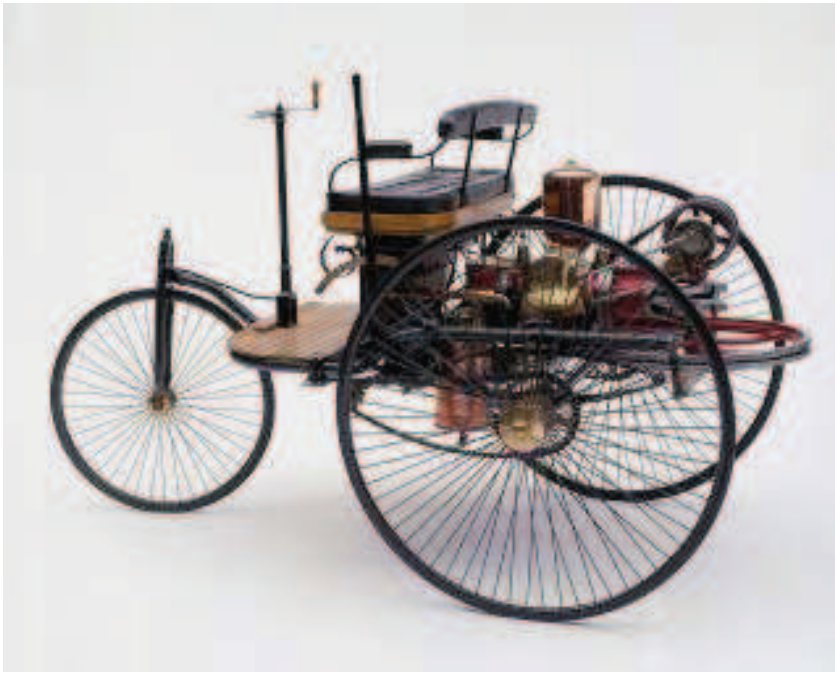
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The Mercedes Rally of New Zealand

Tour Itinerary

March / April 2012



*From this in
1886*



To this in 2012

Welcome to all Mercedes Enthusiasts

On behalf of the 2012 Mercedes Rally Organizing Committee, welcome to the Mercedes Club 2012 Celebration Tour of New Zealand.

In 1972 the New Zealand Mercedes Club was formed by a group of enthusiast's with the sole purpose of providing a social and community based car club for owners of Mercedes cars. The club is aligned with Mercedes Clubs worldwide. In New Zealand there are about 400 members who are part of over 80,000 members in more than 80 Clubs are keeping alive the tradition of the Mercedes-Benz brand and maintaining the cultural heritage of the three-pointed star through public appearances at the wheel of their classic cars.

Club members are united by a common passion – that of owning a piece of automotive history made by Mercedes-Benz. They collect and maintain, preserve and drive these vehicles in public, so playing an invaluable role in allowing people to experience a great brand and the many milestones it has set in automotive history, as well as in its active documentation. And they do so within their club community and in the very finest tradition.

To celebrate our 40th year there is no better way than to tour the country driving your Mercedes in the way it was made to be – smooth with style and comfort. Every participant in this event will receive a commemorative calendar and at the conclusion of the tour a book showing the highlights will be produced.

The tour is not a speed trial and you are requested to follow all NZ Road Rules. The organizers take no responsibility for any traffic infringements or accidents. The entire route is on sealed roads, unless there are road-works which are beyond our control. The itinerary will note convenient stop-over locations, viewing points etc., and there is no set timetable.

There will be a short briefing each morning to ensure we are all on track for a successful day and to welcome any persons joining the Tour for a day or two's driving and not completing the whole Tour.

Please ensure you sign the Club Indemnity Form before entering the tour.

See you at each day's start and destination as well as along the way.

The definition of a tour is:

“An extended journey, usually taken for pleasure, visiting places of interest along the route.”

This Tour of New Zealand is to commemorate 40 years of the Mercedes club in New Zealand and its motoring history. It is hoped that you all enjoy the ride – after all, you are motoring in a Mercedes Benz and what better way to enjoy the journey than being in a vehicle that has such a huge and magnificent history.

Enjoy your tour and the other participants and cars.

2012 Tour Committee

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The following groups are thanked by the MROC NZ organizing Committee for their Sponsorship during this Tour of New Zealand:

<i>Kerikeri TOP 10 Holiday Park</i>	<i>Days 1 Accommodation</i>	<i>09 407 9326</i>
<i>Manukau TOP 10 Holiday Park</i>	<i>Day 2 Accommodation</i>	<i>09 266 8016</i>
<i>Waihi Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park</i>	<i>Day 3 Accommodation</i>	<i>07 863 5504</i>
<i>Palmerston North Holiday Park</i>	<i>Day 4 Accommodation</i>	<i>06 358 0349</i>
<i>Nelson TOP 10 Park</i>	<i>Day 5 Accommodation</i>	<i>03 578 3667</i>
<i>Seal Colony TOP 10 Holiday Park</i> <i>Westport</i>	<i>Day 6 Accommodation</i>	<i>03 789 8002</i>
<i>Christchurch TOP 10 Park</i>	<i>Day 8 Accommodation</i>	<i>03 352 9176</i>
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<i>Invercargill TOP 10 Park</i>	<i>Day 10 Accommodation</i>	<i>03 215 9032</i>
<i>Shotover TOP 10 Park</i>	<i>Day 11 & 12 Accommodation</i>	<i>03 442 9306</i>

(Revised Route as at Jan 20 2012 – not consistent with other parts of this document, but this is the Latest Info below !)

DAY	DATE	FROM	TO	Planned activities
Pre event assembly is at Pukenui Lodge in the Far North about 70 kms from the Cape Lighthouse. We will go up and meet at the Light house for a picture				
MEET AT CAPE REINGA LIGHTHOUSE 10:00 AM Thursday 22 March				
<i>We will travel on a planned route picking up people as we go. A map showing the route to be followed will be issued to every driver and there will be a cell phone log in case of emergencies. Members on the tour can join and leave at any point. We will be travelling in a convoy as much as possible – no hurry. With the occasion cup of tea stop – bring picnic stuff.</i>				
Thursday	22 March	Cape Reinga	Auckland	THE START
Friday	23 March	Auckland	Tauranga	Greenslade house > Waihi Beach
Saturday	24 March	Tauranga	Napier	Via Lake Taupo to Marine parade
Sunday	25 March	Napier	Palmerston North	Meet club in the Square
Monday	26 March	Palmerston North	Nelson	Club historic magazine collection
Tuesday	27 March	Nelson	Westport	Visit the Seal Colony
Wednesday	28 March	Westport	Christchurch	View the damage recovery
Thursday	29 March	Christchurch	Dunedin	Invitation from Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust
Friday	30 March	Dunedin	Invercargill	Ritchardson Truck Museum
Saturday	31 March	Invercargill	Stewart Island	THE END
Sunday	1 April	At this point the tour ends and people may wish to tour elsewhere or find their own way home. Some members have indicated that they are heading to War birds over Wanaka which starts 6 – 8 April		