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Christopher Moor reports from the 25th annual national rally honouring the brands which once dominated New Zealand's motoring scene.

10 Tribute to Timaru Potters

A major exhibition at the South Canterbury Museum is honouring Timaru potters. Davina Davis, the museum's curator of collections, shares with us the history of a once flourishing enterprise.

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Christopher Moor visits the Fell Locomotive Museum in Featherston.

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Vivienne Bailey delves into the history of a once valued industry now being preserved in a museum at Foxton.

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For decades the best site in Wellington Harbour has been a quarantine station. Ross Nolly finds out how this island has been transformed into a predator free bird and wildlife sanctuary.

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Restoration of the brakehead was the first stage of the \$1.5 million project aimed at preserving key sites on the Denniston Plateau. Erika Currie attends the re-opening of the Denniston brakehead and checks out the Coaltown Museum at Westport.

37 Heritage Dressing – Part Two

We take a closer look at Victorian and Edwardian fashions, and offer suggestions on how to replicate the look. We also give you few pointers on Victorian etiquette on the street. Compiled by Diane Hyde, Deborah Westlake and Erika Currie.

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After a \$12.8 million conservation and restoration project, St Patrick's Cathedral reopened its doors at the beginning of Auckland's 2007 Heritage Celebrations. By Erika Currie.

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Tony Russell finds one New Zealand’s foremost second-hand bookshops and describes it as a veritable treasure trove of our country’s heritage and history.

50 DC3 – Icon of Golden Age of Flight

The Christchurch based Southern DC3 Trust owns and operates one of only two operational DC3 planes left in New Zealand. Determined to keep “the old girl” flying, the trustees and members also want to give the public the opportunity to experience what air travel in the post war era was like. Erika Currie went to find out what it’s all about and meets a group ready to embark on a nostalgic journey.

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Will the promise of a new lease on life come true for one of the oldest surviving sailing scows in New Zealand? Tony Russell reports on the restoration project.

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Horsepower of Yesteryear at the 2007 Northern A & P Show in Rangiora

The single horsepower in front of the traction engine display is Clydesdale “Donnybrook Amber”, owned by Caroline Hedley of West Melton. Caroline’s horse was placed first in the Harness Class, and second in the Working Clydesdale competitions held during the show.

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