

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

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THOUGHTS FROM GARY

Here we are well into summer already and it was only a few months back we hanging out for some sun -- now we're we wanting / needing rain. Thirty four degrees here yesterday in Matamata ! Must be global warming.

The Rotorua Concours Show was held on Sunday under perfect conditions – thankfully Bruce J. scored us a good spot on the park under the trees and with over 400 cars on show there was plenty of eye candy.

I thought I also spotted some of our lady members but then they seemed to have disappeared about the same time the shops opened. So in all a good day was had by all. Bill and Jenny Harding bought their SS100 up from Gisborne and Bert Loveridge bought his latest Jaguar addition down from Morrinsville having only picked it up on Thursday. This is a very original and tidy XK150 and a real treasure.

So with these vehicles right through to Eric Nicie's XF, the Club was able to display pretty well the full deck of Jaguar creations. Refer to page xxx for Bruce's summary of the day.

As a petrol head my thoughts are often around electric vehicles and have the politicians and greens got it right or have they gone off half-cock? No problem in NZ but in all other Countries that burn fossil fuels to charge their EV's must surely negate the advantages.

It just doesn't make sense. Even solar and wind generation doesn't make sense for charging EV's as I suspect most of them will be wanting to charge at night. And – solar and wind generation have their own inherent weakness!!

They cannot store the potential energy to switch it on as demands call. Hydro , however , has a large store of potential energy / battery behind it. It's called a lake – thereby drawing on this as demand kicks in.

In fact it can have many bites of the cherry eg ; the Waikato River has 5 or 6 power stations on it between the water leaving Lake Taupo and exiting into the Tasman Sea.

So what's the solution? Hydrogen!! It can be produced using renewable energy and without a carbon footprint , can be stored and transported over long distances (like LPG) , even exported to energy poor Countries , has high density energy when compressed , produces clean power and emits only water.

The only negative is the cost and retail infrastructure at present. Japan, which imports around 90% of its energy needs, is using the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to promote its movement towards hydrogen to the world. The official vehicle of the Olympics will be the Toyota Mirai which uses compressed hydrogen as its fuel.

They will also use hydrogen to power the Olympic Village and light the Olympic cauldron. Japan's prime minister Shinzo Abe is quoted as saying " His Government is aiming to reduce the production cost of hydrogen by at least 90% by 2050 to make it cheaper than natural gas".

For NZ to start, however, it will probably be more cost effective to use renewable electricity for cars and Hydrogen only for the large consumers of energy eg; large factories, trains, trucks and buses.

With regard to retail infrastructure – I believe the existing Gas Station network could easily be reconfigured to handle Hydrogen as they do with LPG already.

Where as the infrastructure to charge the same number of EVs as the whole countries fleet of petrol / diesel cars travelling around at present would be nigh on impossible given the amount of time the EVs take for a charge.

This will require huge parking lots c/w heaps of chargers. This land, which would also need to be on the main roads and near shops etc., is just not available!! I watch and wait with interest as to who's got it right.

Coming back to our show – I understand the Club has a banner and some flags and if anyone knows where they are can you message me please as we would like to dress up our Club displays more to promote our Club and the Jaguar heritage.

Roll onto our mid-summer picnic in Bowentown in February, in the mean time stay hydrated and travel safe.

Gary

February - Thursday 13th.

Mid-summer picnic. Meet at the Marist Rugby park Oropi Rd. at 9.45 am for a 10.00 departure to Bowentown (south of Waihi Beach) We'll have the Club gazebo up for shade / shelter and there's plenty of trees for more shade which I hope we'll need. There are toilets but no café so bring your kai and drinks.

This will be just a social relaxing day, totally casual and come and go as you please. There are also nice walks and beach for those wanting / needing to burn off lunch. Please reply to Web page as it will be good to get a handle on the level of interest.

March - Thursday 12th.

Murapara Run; this is the visit to a collection that got rained off in July. Meet at the Marist Rugby park as normal at 8.30 am for a 8.45 am departure. Meet / re-group at 10.00 am in Rotorua at the Coffee Club on Tarawera Rd. for a 10.30 departure. Please bring own food for a picnic lunch. Hot water will be available.

Please also bring \$5.00 ea. cash (no eftpos) for admission to the Museum. We'll then travel home via Galatea Rd. taking in a couple of scenic spots along the way to Te Teko and then disperse from there.

HELP Required

The Committee is keen to hold another Gymkhana event and is looking for the use of a grassy paddock somewhere and that it's OK to give it a decent rark-up. These are great fun events and we're very keen to hear of any possibilities. Please message me.

Gary

***ALL MEMBERS – PLEASE NOTE: For bookings made by the Committee for Events where the Club is required to pay deposits (or full amounts) e.g. for motels, meals, entry fees etc. in advance on behalf of members attending the Events: Members must reimburse the Club promptly and before the final confirmation date under the terms of the reservations.
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