

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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THOUGHTS FROM GARY

Well – what a year this month has been!! Who would’ve thought – a full lock down!! That’s not going to go down well with Jaguar Drivers.

Fortunately, we were able to complete our March run through to Murupara a few weeks back. The Coffee stop in Rotorua was great, as was the weather, roads and venue. We had two new members join us in Rotorua – Paul Blears and Merv Sutton. Somewhere along the line between Tauranga and Rotorua we lost a third new member – Ray Davies so we look forward to catching up him next time out. Check out Noel’s account of the day elsewhere in this mag.

The road through the Kaingaroa Forest was massive and I suspect some members may have inadvertently exceeded the posted speed limit by a little bit just for a few moments as they absorbed the magnitude of the forest surroundings. Seeing thousands of acres of potential toilet rolls still standing and growing proudly, I thought to myself, how can people bring themselves to find the need to stockpile them. To my knowledge Covid-19 gives you a runny nose – not a runny butt!

Community Alert / Announcement (club members only)

As we know Covid-19 can be transmitted through what we touch and one of the most contaminated surfaces is money – paper and coin. As Club Captain, part of my responsibility is the health and welfare of all members so I ask you all to take all the cash you have both at home and that you plan on using in the next three months and place it in an air tight zip lock plastic bag. Then on the morning of April 1 place it outside your front door and I’ll pop round and pick it all up and dispose of it for you. Yeah nah nah you don’t have to thank me - I’m prepared to do this for all members so soon as we get back to normal and we’re all fit and ready to hit the road again.

Further random thoughts and observations;

When I was stopped at the lights the other day, I noticed all the cars were 2 – 3 metres apart and practicing social distancing.

I thought we must be concerned about catching Car Owning virus. Which got me thinking further – we're going to have to learn new acronyms. E.g. SD used to stand for Social Disease now it means Social Distancing. Same result – different stigma. Also, HS: for Home Schooling - already I've read of two home school kids being stood down for fighting and the teacher severely reprimanded for drinking wine at lunch time. And WFH: for Working From Home.

I heard the other day of an announcement on the PA system on board a flight out of Queenstown bound for Auckland along the lines of – “ Good morning passengers , I trust you're enjoying this flight , this is your Captain speaking and I would just like to advise you all that I'm working from home today.” Plus, SI: for Self-Isolating. As a suggestion then, in order to minimise boredom, place a can of beer in each room then if you get the urge to go for a pub crawl later on, you can.

I am also curious as to how the terrible teens will cope. Having just discovered pashing and alcopops how are they going to be able to cope with being locked away indoors with their parents for a month – poor parents! I also suspect the divorce rate will jump up and a baby boom is anticipated as a result of the lockdown. These new-borns will then be known as the Coronials until 2033 then when they turn 13 onwards, they'll be referred to as the Quarantines

On a more serious note; did you know that the Olympics was cancelled in 1940, boycotted in 1980 and postponed in 2020. Is this going to be a forty-year curse? And; now that the Tourism industry is stuffed, the International educational industry etc. is stuffed, now is the time for this Government to stop its orchestrated programme of hammering the farmers and growers of this Country.

I believe this sector of our productive community will again be the saviour of not only our nation but possibly a fair chunk of the world. But; who would have thought that the safest country to be in right now is North Korea.

On a more positive note; **A:** no traffic jams, **B:** parking is easy, **C:** the postie can't bring us bills, **D:** fuel is cheaper – even more smiles per gallon, **E:** we now know how to deal with global warming. But the biggest gift of all – **TIME**. Time to just chill and communicate with family and friends. Something so precious to us all.

Stay safe, be kind and remember – instead of coughing to hide a fart, you now need to fart to hide a cough!

Events Calendar

As the April Taupo Tour is cancelled and the AGM in May is in doubt please stay tuned for updates via email.

Looking ahead I would like to suggest we have a good old fashion style “Coming Out Party”. As it's going to be cold and possibly wet, we'll need to be indoors. What I'm looking for then is a shed, barn, woolshed etc. able to accommodate 100 members and say 60 cars. It will be on a Sunday with a pot luck lunch i.e.; no or minimal cost but very social. We can afford to hire tables and chairs if need be. Any ideas / suggestions would be appreciated – please message me

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