

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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Please note: more events, extra details and possible changes may be added to this Calendar each month.

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THOUGHTS FROM GARY

Welcome to your July magazine and welcome back to normality!! Normal service has resumed. Last month we had our first run after a three-month lockdown and boy it felt good to be out 'n about with you folk again. Over thirty cars and nearly sixty members enjoyed (hopefully) a great day out on our run up to Kopu. Not everyone made the regroup / start in Matamata and not all at the lunch at the Model Barn. But twenty-seven cars and fifty members parked up at the Barn was really impressive and pleasing. I was quite chuffed to see some members make a great effort to join in at one venue or the other in order to fit some Club involvement into their busy day. Also, the number of intending participants but having to put in their apologies on the day – what with coughs, colds, busted ankles etc. If these folks had been able to join in then we would have had over forty cars and eighty members. Most heartening as it makes the effort in putting an event together very rewarding

It was also very pleasing to have new members join us for our run North. We had Steve and Rebecca in their beautiful E Type - all though they may be eligible for the “Hard Luck Trophy “with the coil lead giving up just as they arrived for lunch. Could not have happened at better place and all was sorted for their run home. Also joining in was John and Jennifer with a very nice XK8 (good choice), Colin and Carol with an XKR (another really good choice) and Ray Davies – although he may be eligible for the “Dip Stick Trophy “bringing a Mercedes Benz, all be it a very nice one. Again, very heartening to see continual growth. Tony Johnson and Bert Loveridge also gave their XK140 and XK150, respectively, a run – great to see some real classic Jaguar history out in the sun.

The AGM and luncheon went off well, all be it with some drama outside of the event – refer Peter’s summary elsewhere. The only other “drama” was caused by Jo Spry. The Club was gifted some petrol vouchers as a thank you so I put them up as a “lucky door prize” which Jo won, but she ate the evidence (chocolates) before we got to the presentation.

Our July run is all set to go. I've opted for a quick, short day out given the time of year, but as it's similar to last month's run, I'm sure it'll be enjoyable. Again, the focus is just on socialising – not a venue viewing. I have allowed one hour for the smoko stop but as it's impossible to make everyone fluffy what's-its and cook from the menu for 50 people arriving at once and to be back on the road again quickly I've gone for a set menu. This includes fresh scones, muffins, savouries and a hot drink. The cost will be \$10 ea. payable to the Café. I've had to do this in order to have exclusive use of the Café and to get everyone fed and watered within an hour. You can still order a fluffy if you wish but the emphasis is on a quick pit stop. From there we'll go onto a walk in the Karangahake Gorge and / or a visit to a collection in Waihi followed by lunch at the Waihi Beach RSA. Check out the Events Calendar for all the details.

As this is my last run as "Captain" – many thanks for your support but rest assured I'll just be on the bench and not far away.

Cheers 'n regards

Gary

EVENTS CALENDAR

July - Thursday 16th

Kai , koffee and kruize - - just doing what we do best - - eat , drink and being merry. This'll be an early start and finish as the weather maybe ordinary and to get home early to get the fire going.

Meet at the Marist Rugby Park on Oropi Rd., as normal, at 8.45 am for a 9.00 departure to travel over the Kaimai's and up to Te Aroha West. Not Te Aroha but stopping about 8 k's short at Te Aroha West.

Members from the South and west (and North) to meet / regroup at the start of "Old Te Aroha Rd. "just off the junction with St. H/way 24 at 9.25 am. We'll then convoy North all the way up this road, then to turn left onto Mace Rd. then left again onto Alexandra Rd. to our morning tea venue just there at the Old Forge Kitchen, 9 Alexandra Rd. Then travel onto the Karangahake Gorge and to meet in the large car park, on the right, just as you enter the Gorge.

There we can go for a walk and explore for about half an hour in order to work up an appetite for lunch. And / or visit "Spikes Bricks (Lego) & Models at 25 Haszard St. Waihi. Google / Facebook it – I believe it's very good. Warren Spooner suggested this as another option if the weather is rough or you don't feel like walking. You can do both but you need to be at the RSA by 1.00 pm.

From there we'll travel onto our lunch venue at the Waihi Beach RSA to arrive there 'bout 12.30. The address is 99 Beach Rd. and I expect to be finished by 2.00 pm.

August Saturday 22nd.

The Alfa Romeo Club, Bay of Plenty, is having a track day at the Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park at Taupo. It has been arranged for Saturday 22nd August 2020.

We have been invited to participate with them.

A fun, non-competitive day with sessions segregated by road or race car type and driver experience. Driver training available from track experienced male and female drivers.

On Sunday 23rd, a fun run is being organised based around Taupo. Accommodation will be arranged for those who wish to stay over night in Taupo. Full details will be provided in next month's events itinerary.

Only 10 cars can participate so—first in, first served. Phone John Bourke if interested

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September Saturday and / or Sunday 12 & 13th. TBA.

October Sunday 18th. TBA.

November Sunday to Wednesday 8 – 11th. TBA. Ideally up to the Far north.

Any help and / or suggestions in filling the above dates would be appreciated. In the meantime, remember - Intelligence is like underwear. It's important to have, but not necessary that you show it off. 'till next time - stay safe and warm.

Gary