

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

Shortest day – tick, mid-winter – tick, Covid 19 – tick. With the worst of 2020 now behind us and as we come out of hibernation, all is well in our part of the world and we can start to focus on the future again.

More good news – Maralyn has decided to dust off her dictaphone and re-join the Committee again as Secretary. Her expertise, skill and experience will be immense in keeping us all inline, the “I” s dotted and the “T” s crossed.

Also – Dave and Liz have decided to do another turn and their experience will be also invaluable to forming a strong capable committee. Which got me **thinking**. In the absence of anyone else wanting to wear the “Captains hat” then maybe I could continue.

I just don’t wish to be seen as being greedy – I was just prepared to share it and let someone else have a turn. So – it looks like the Club has voted – again – and I’ve lost again and so you will be subjected to more of my ramblings for another year.

Again, I can justify this decision to myself by way of self-improvement in improving my computer literacy, “learning” me “spaling” and “gramer” etc. But – as Estelle and I will still be going “walk-about” and may well be AWOL, I apologise in advance if I’m a bit slow in returning your calls and messages. I’m not sure what the phone coverage will be like in Waihou Bay or Ohphir but I’ll do my best.

The Kai and Koffe Run went off well all be it with just 15 cars and 25 members. This was down on the numbers registered for the week before as some members had made commitments for the following week but the postponement / delay meant they were unable to join in.

The good news then there was plenty of “morning tea “for those arriving in Te Aroha West plus we had two more new members join us which was most pleasing. Welcome to Peter Yates – who is heavily involved in the Historic Military Scene and to Barry Eade who has had extensive experience in the Auckland Jaguar Club.

Great to have you on board and we hope you enjoyed your Run with us. Please check out Michael’s account of the events for the day and Peter’s photos elsewhere in this magazine.

Your Events Committee held a meeting after the Run and have developed further a plan taking us out to April next year. John B. is putting together an eventful weekend for us in Taupo on August 22 & 23 and you're all welcome to join in as much as you please.

Doesn't matter- we would just like to see as many as possible fit some part of your weekend into the planned activities. Check out the Events Calendar and stay tuned for Email up-dates. Work is continuing on the September and October events so please book out the dates when we have confirmation. Again – watch this space. Phil has just completed, for us, a recce of the Far North tour set down for November and has gathered some valuable information to advance our plans for this trip away.

House Keeping; as these Events are posted and the Invite sent out – if you accept “yes “on your invite then could you just scroll down and make a note of the numbers coming for us please as we need these numbers for catering etc.

Random Thoughts; 1. Even though I've gone bald I still keep my comb. I just can't seem to part with it!

2. I had to go to the Doctor the other day and then it occurred to me; isn't it scary that Doctors call what they do “practice”?

Stay warm 'n cheers for now

Gary

EVENTS CALENDAR

August Saturday and Sunday 22 & 23rd. We have been invited by the Alfa Romeo Car Club to join them in a Track Day at the Taupo Motor Sport Park on the Saturday. This will be a fun, non-competitive day with sessions segregated by driver experience and car type. In the afternoon we hope to visit a special private car collection housed also out at the track. We're looking to stay overnight at Wairakei where there are hot pools, walks, golf etc for those not wanting to go to the track. Then on Sunday maybe visit Kinloch for morning tea and tour back to Rotorua for Lunch and dispersal. John B. is putting all this together for us so keep a watch out for his email updates. As I'll be away please contact John direct with any questions.

September Sunday 13th. Planning is underway for a Tour to Papamoa and Te Puke. A lunch venue is yet to be finalised. Watch this space!

October Saturday or Sunday 17-18th. Planning is underway on a visit to Hampton Downs Motor Sport track for lunch and a viewing of the Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre Museum and the Kenny Smith collection. Watch this space.

November Sunday to Wednesday 8 – 11th. The Far North run is starting to take shape. Again; watch this space.

Hopefully there will be something of interest in these activities for everyone but, as usual, if you have any other ideas / requests, then please let me know.

In the meantime - Cheers 'n regards

Gary

See next page for more details about the August Taupo run.....

Taupo Weekend. Saturday August 22 and Sunday 23 August.

This event is divided into three parts. Part one is a track day at Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park on Saturday. Part two is a visit to the car collection of Barry Hoffman at 2.45pm on Saturday. Part three on Sunday is morning tea at the Kinloch beach home of President Dennis and June Catchpole. This is followed by an interesting drive from Kinloch to Rotorua only using about 3 kilometres of Main Highways. A lovely country drive on roads (all sealed) that would not normally be used by motorists travelling from Kinloch to Rotorua. The event is completed in Rotorua at around 1pm and participants can choose to have lunch in Rotorua at their own convenience or drive home.

Those that wish to participate in the track day experience need to be on site at the Motor Race Track at 8am for registration and briefing at 9am. Please register your interest in the Track Day with John Bourke prior to 13th August as the Alfa Romeo Club has only allocated 10 places for our club. Cost per driver is \$140. A fun, non-competitive day with driver training available from track experienced male and female drivers. Entrants need to check with their Insurance Company regarding insurance, but please state to your insurance company that this event is non- competitive and not timed and meets all the safety requirements of Motorsport NZ. Raewyn will also book accommodation if you need it on the Friday night. There is also a free lunchtime drive around the track behind a pace car.

At 2.45pm on Saturday, we meet Barry Hoffman to view his car collection. Assembly point will be outside the Taupo Vintage Car Club, AC Baths Avenue, Taupo. Take Spa Road which is off the main street in Taupo and Spa Road leads to Centennial Drive and Hickling Park.

On Sunday we leave for Kinloch at 9am. After our normal club chatter and Coffee and Cakes (provided) by hosts Dennis and June, we leave at around 11am for the drive to Rotorua. Full map type instructions will be provided.

Raewyn is organising our accommodation.

Please email your interest to attend to wainuiorchard@gmail.com no later than 13th August.

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