

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

What was I thinking! Or – more correctly – not thinking. This time last month I thought all was well again in our world and we were free to roam far and wide. Then – wham and we’re locked down again, although not as bad as those in Auckland. This had a devastating effect on our Taupo event after John and Raewyn had put in so much work and was shaping up to be another great weekend away with something for everyone planned. However – the upshot was the spur of the moment Movie and Meal evening in Tauranga which was, by all accounts, enjoyed by about twenty-four members and is now on the “must do again” list.

This current outbreak has brought about a change to the September Run. It is now delayed a week and a change in Tour to end up in Rotorua for lunch instead of lunch and movie at Bethlehem Shores. Please refer to Events Calendar for details and respond to your Invite as normal with numbers attending so we can advise the Venue by the 16th. There is no set price for lunch – we’ll just be ordering from their menu. It may well also cause us to re-think some of the following months plans. The five day Far North Tour for example so all we can do as the Events Committee is to ask for your patience as we work through the options. Rest assured we’ll be doing our best to bring you something to satisfy your Jaguar Family craving each month, even if it is only a Movie and Meal at the last minute.

Estelle and I have just had a few good weeks away on a “roady” travelling just over 3000 k’s reaching as far South as Milton. First stop was in Napier where I was fortunately able to sit alongside Dean to become more learned in the intricate workings of our soft wear “Friendly Manager”. I hope therefore to be able, in future, save not only Dean but also Peter some involvement in the communications between the Events Committee and the Club as a whole going forward. From there we had a near perfect crossing of the Cook Strait and made our way down the East Coast in perfect weather. We found a neat old character filled Irish Pub in the Country just north of Kaikoura to stay at and can recommend the Irish stew if you get a chance to stop by. It’s called Donegalls and been there for over 100 years. You will have to enjoy Irish music though as it plays all night and with a huge open fire roaring, a good night was had by all. Next stop was Central Otago to catch up with daughter and family. It was her 50th. and her youngest sons 21st. so more merry times were had. Man – it’s dry down there.

Brown and dust everywhere - everyone is flat out putting in irrigation systems. Complete contrast to here in the Waikato. As we turned to go North, the weather was so good on the West Coast we just had to make the most of it so travelled over Haast Pass and up to Westport. Again, the crossing on the ferry was near perfect but after three hours Estelle had had enough, but at least the ferry wasn't crowded. Back into Wellington the weather started to close in and as I learnt that Taupo was off so used the extra time to re-visit the Southwards Motor Museum in Paraparaumu after about twenty-five years. This place is really massive and can't fail to impress any petrol head.

They even have one of Neville's favourite cars called a Eureka – most rare! The next day, after lunch at the Chateau (drizzle but no snow), I visited the iconic "Smash Palace" Car Wreckers in Horopito. This place again would impress any petrol head. It's huge, acres and acres, shed after shed which I was free to roam around. It was also part of the movies "Pork Pie" and "Hunt for The Wilder People". So, heaps of character and nostalgia – going right back into the 20's. If anyone is interested in having a look at these two places then let me know and we'll come up with a plan.

As I pen these ramblings, I've become more reliant on the "auto correct function" of the computer – that is until the other day when I read, and I quote, this we story. "My wife and I (both in our mid 70's) had caught a bad cold and she said we had better let the kids know to keep away, wrote Ken. So, he texts them - - "just to let you know that your mother and I have had the lurgy over the last couple of days and it may be best if you don't come around for the rest of the week". Unfortunately, unnoticed by me, the predictive text changed 'lurgy' to 'urge'!! Their silence has been deafening! "So – now I check everything the old-fashioned way!

Please keep a check on your emails as we endeavour to keep you all up to date, stay safe and warm. Cheers for now

Gary

EVENTS CALENDAR Sunday 20th September

Rally around the backroads of Pongakawa to Matata and an alternative way to the Rotorua Lakes.

On Sunday 20th September we assemble at the old entrance to ASB Baypark, Truman Lane Mt Maunganui at 10:15am for departure at 10:30 am. Those coming from other regions can meet at the corner of Allport Road, Paengaroa, off SH33 at 10:45am. This drive will take approximately 2 hours. We will take in some magnificent scenery of hills, valleys and lakes on sealed country roads.

Maps will be provided. Please be fuelled up as well as morning coffee as no services en-route.

We are having lunch at Ramada Restaurant, Hamurana Road, Mourea (north of Rotorua) at about 1:15pm.

After lunch, make your way home.

Gary