

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

October saw a first for the Club in our new two run per month event calendar. The first run was to take part in the Te Aroha Classic Cruise-in Show where they blocked off the main street and had over 700 cars of all makes ,shapes , sizes and colour on display with bands playing and Market stalls etc. We were able to wander around and reminisce with “ *we had one of those* “ moments and enjoy good food and company with other members – new and old - and the public. My plan to make a great impression with a full line-up of Jaguars and to be real contenders for the “ Best Club Display trophy “ did fail however with only 6 spaces out of the 20 I booked , and paid for , being available. The remaining cars had to park nearby which diminished the impact. If we participate in this Event next year then we’ll have to come up with a plan to claim and hold our territory.

Check out Natalie’s view on this massive show on page 6.

The second run was a midweek event in order to mix things up and give others the opportunity to join in. The original plan was to visit the Bruce McLaren and Kenny Smith collections at Hampton Downs but with Kenny’s impending shoulder surgery we’ve had to postpone this run to the New Year. In stead we had a hastily convened run starting with smoko in Matamata then going cross country through the Waikato to have lunch at the Juke Box Diner in Hamilton followed by a viewing of the Classic Cars alongside. The weather was absolutely perfect and my connections with the weather Gods is pretty good , even if I say so myself. This day was “book ended” with real miserable weather on both the Tuesday and Thursday – gee – we dodged a bullet ! I hope everyone appreciated the open flowing roads and the good food afforded to us.

We arrived at the venue and I was pleased to see we hadn’t lost anyone , as getting across Hamilton is very difficult. Then I had this **Thought!** As I get older and remember all the people I’ve lost along the way , I think to myself , just as well a career as a tour guide wasn’t for me. I did , however , get fired once as a Taxi driver as my customers didn’t appreciate it when I tried to go the extra mile!

Check out Noel's account of the day on page 19.

Our two events for November are shaping up well – the first being Friday 6th. to Monday 9th. and all those registered should have their accommodation sorted by now. Bill and Jenny are putting together a great programme providing something for everyone , which I'm sure you'll all enjoy. They have even considered those with special dietary requirements. Those registered should have received their Run Notes by now – please contact me if not.

The second run was scheduled for the 29th. but has now been brought forward to Sunday 22nd. Please change your Diary **now**. Starting at the Hora Hora Domain – not Karapiro – with a picnic morning tea then being taken on a mystery tour by Dennis and June to a secret spot for a picnic lunch. Check out your invite for all the details.

Take care and travel safe

Gary

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November. 6th – 9th. Gisborne. Day runs on Saturday and Sunday with lots of socialising in between. Returning home on Monday. Plan is to travel down independently on Friday , but , you may like to join up with others in your area and make a day of it. On Friday evening Bill & Jenny are hosting the Club at their place with finger food and drinks. They're then taking the Club on Saturday on a scenic tour to end up at Tahaenui Station for lunch and a viewing of an impressive horse drawn vehicle collection and tack. Dinner is set down for the Gisborne Game Fishing Club.

Sunday has the Club visiting an Arboretum followed by David Clark's car collection and yet more food. So – indeed – some thing for everyone which I'm sure you'll all enjoy. As Bill & Jenny , and some venues , don't have Eftpos please be sure to take plenty of cash including a hand full of gold coins.

Thursday 22nd. Sunday. 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 down St. H/way 29 to join St. H/way 1 at Piarere. Turn right at the Junction – with care – and travel north 1 ½ k's and at the bottom of the hill turn left onto Maungatautari Rd. Travel over the long bridge then turn left into the Hora Hora Domain (about 1 ½ k's) for a byo morning tea. Please note there is no Café here but toilets are available. Then we'll depart on a mystery run to a picnic spot for lunch , possibly further west , kindly put together for us by Dennis & June.

December 13th. Our Christmas luncheon this year will be held at the Tauranga Yacht Club , 90 Keith Allen Drive. Details on the Invitation enclosed.
Remember - the Club will not be providing wine.

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

In the meantime stay safe 'n cheers for now

Gary