

Classic Car Collection and Diner - Hamilton

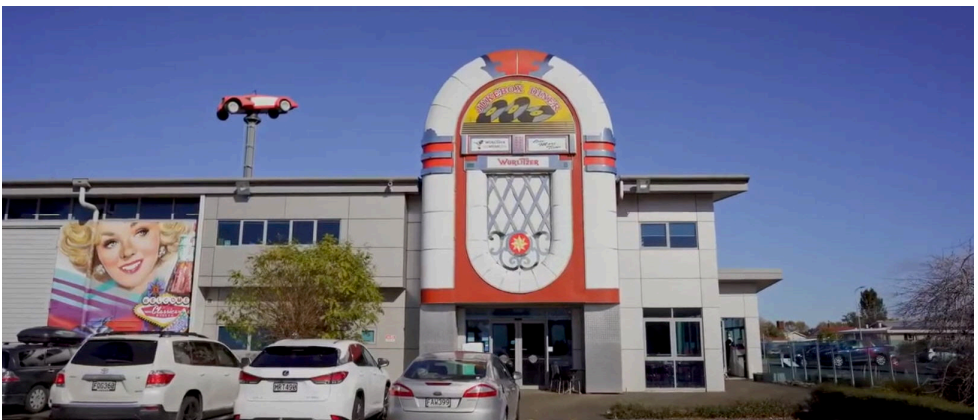
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This run was a mid week event held on Wednesday. Members arrived at the Village Green in Matamata at 10am from different directions. Mainly Tauranga.

Most wandered off for a coffee and a bite to eat while others enjoyed the sunny day window shopping.

At 11am we headed off via a few back roads to Morrinsville then on to Hamilton. It was a bit of a trick trying to keep fellow members in site while negotiating the Hamilton traffic.

Amazingly enough the first seven cars arrived together while the last 3 in the convoy, who decided they would take an alternative route through Hamilton, arrived a little later. Other club members made their own way to the museum/diner.



The Diner was set out as an American Diner complete with a jukebox, large rock and roll figures and numerous airbrushed paintings of Elvis, Chuck Berry, Grease and many more. A very clean and tidy diner with friendly service, heaps of atmosphere and good variety of food.

We had lunch and relaxed having a good catch up and chatted on for a while, which we all seem to be very good at.

At our leisure we wandered through the doors into the museum. I was very impressed by the way the cars and memorabilia were presented. A huge variety of cars (100+), motorbikes, trucks, caravans, kids' trikes, signage and much much more.



I noticed many cars had current regos and WOF's so assume they are taken out on occasions.

Gradually everyone dispersed making their own way home. Many, like myself, did a bit of shopping at Bunnings, Palmers etc. whilst in the city.

Hope all had a good journey home unlike myself. I

decided to check out some

real estate in the country between Morrinsville and Matamata. When the road turned to metal, no houses to be seen and cell phone coverage disappeared my car overheated. Did I mention no water? Long story short, Gary eventually came to the rescue. The following day the tow truck collected my car and took it to the garage. Still waiting to hear what damage is done and what financial damage is coming!

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