

# Club Update Newsletter and Merry Christmas

20-12-2019

Well the year is almost complete; a few weeks and it will be 2020. We are all a little older and wiser (I hope)

I thought it would be nice to end the year with a newsletter from your Committee.

## Past Events

### Classics Museum Meet

This is probably about the third time I have been to the Classics museum in Hamilton, but I never tire of it. Although there are a number of cars that don't change there seems to be a rotation of vehicle which means every time you go there is always something new. The other upside is the attached Cafe. What a great feed, If I lived in Hamilton I am sure I would visit the cafe more often. I would recommend it to you.

My thanks to the Waikato people for making the numbers. It was great to chat to you all and spend time discussing our cars.



## The Forgotten Highway Tour



What can I say, this was an absolute blast. Its been a long time since I have had so much fun. I wouldn't have missed the experience for the world. I felt year young as we blasted through this road. We meet up in Taumanunui on the Friday night had a wonder through the town and food together.



There were five cars in total.

Alan Sorenson from Wellington in his immaculate 370Z

Steven Newnham with his BMW 3.0 Turbo

Adriaan Kant with his Datsun B210

Lyndon Kant with the Nissan 180SX turbo

And last but not lest Myself Bernie Kant with my Nissan Fairlady 2+2. (Datsun 260Z) 2.8

We started the journey at McDonalds as planed waiting until 10.00am as planned just in case any one else turned up.



Here is the crew, your sincerely was taking the pictures

We departed for the Highway with Alan in the 370Z leading the way. The first section of highway was closed as there had been a slip and it was not yet passable, so we headed North and turned onto the OKahukura Saddle Rd. This added quite a bit of extra time to the trip but was an amazing road. I have never had so many hairpins one after the other. Alan set a good pace. We then turned of on to Ohura Rd which led us back to the Forgotten Highway. Stopping at each of the farming settlements on the way.



The township of Matiere





Okura District Township





Old service station



Rest stop after a section of unsealed road

After Ohua Township we hit the Forgotten highway, what a drive. It had everything, S bends that never stopped, Tunnels, continues hairpins and even a section of unsealed road. We stopped for lunch at the world famous Whangamomona Pub. I still can't pronounce that name. This a beautiful old pub, well kept and well frequented. We enjoyed a lunch together and had bit of a relax and wonder around. This whole area has a rich history, and once was had a thriving Farming and timber industry.

From here Steve set the pace in his BMW, though this section we were really motoring, passing everything we came across. We stopped several times to check out the view, this is beautiful country and although we were there for the drive and really enjoying it we couldn't help but to stop and take some pics of mother nature.









Notice the railing for hitching the horses to.

