
EASTER 2008 AT OPITO BAY COROMANDEL PENINSULAR



Terry and Joss, David and Sally on the Southern Motorway by 8am Easter Friday, meeting at the Lemon & Paeroa Bottle at 9.30am. Running late due to Traffic build up we did not arrive until 9.45. But luckily we were not the last ones to arrive, Roger & Val kept us waiting for another 30 mins. This was duly noted as the wooden spoon Lady never misses anything. After a lovely morning tea and Christine's cake 12 Model A's headed out on the rally. We meandered towards Waihi through the breathtaking Karangahake Gorge crossing over the river to see some lovely scenery and back into the back streets of Waihi town. This was very interesting. Our next stop was at The Martha Hill open Cast Mine in Waihi, what a great sight to see. Soon we were back on the road again traveling to Bob and Pam Pipes home in Whangamata for a beautiful BBQ spread around a tropical pool setting overlooking the golf course. Thanks Bob and Pam for your hospitality. After about 2hrs we were back on the road again and heading for Opito Bay. Arriving at 4pm it was onto the front deck for a welcome wine & beer over looking sparkling waters out to the Great Mercury Islands.

Next it was down to Barbara & Dugald's for Dinner, team talk and wooden spoon time.

Terry received the wooden spoon and is still wondering why him. Butter wouldn't melt in his mouth. On Saturday after a good nights sleep we were ready for an early morning start for our rally and a great day of fun up the valley for Paint Ball Target Shooting, Archery and Argo Vehicle rides up mountain sides and along creeks. Thanks Chris for organizing one hell of a day. Val Ball copped the wooden spoon as they used up a lot of petrol traveling way up the 309 Road, the navigator didn't read the instructions very well. After a lovely lunch we were off to Coroglen to an old logging site to discover an unrestored Model A and a Model T hiding on a local farm. Dave Mossman soon had the A fired up and out of the shed much to the concern of its owner. What a great time we had with these lovely locals and many thanks for the afternoon tea. It was soon time for the run back to Opito. A great meal was once again provided by our hosts and a lovely relaxed evening was spent in Paradise at Opito Bay.

Sunday was a free day to enjoy at your leisure and after breakfast Dave Wight announced a fishing contest was on with a prize for the biggest fish, well I could not believe what went on. Members coerced fish and eels off little children, and someone got into Dugalds deep freeze and found a trout, can you believe it. The entries were impressive, I still cannot remember which team one.

Terry entertained the whole Bay with the successful sale of an auction property selling it under the hammer.

The Model A line up attracted heaps of attention and rides up and down the beach were enjoyed by many of the local children. Another great day was had ending with another incredible meal at Dugalds and a great evening had by all. Monday gourmet breakfast as normal any time between 6 -10am and then time to tidy up and head back home several Members left by 10.30 and took the Coromandel Township journey home. Traffic was quite congested but we were home by about 5pm.

Once again Christine & David , Dugald & Barbara thanks for a great weekend, looking forward to the next one.

Terry & Joss Costello