

Opito bay Easter weekend. Phase one of the journey

Well here they all are. Arrived safe and sound at the first mystery destination. The Opito happy campers had their rally route given to them at Paeroa and rallied their way across to Bob & Pam Pipes house at Whangamata.

The route had been arranged and set by Dougal Hoyland and I guess Dave as well. Dougal had rung a month or so earlier and asked was there any attractions worth seeing in Whangamata and after discussion decided that a lunchtime B.B.Q. And light refreshments would be the order of the day at our house (me being a reasonable attraction in my humble opinion). An excellent idea so we ordered sausages and buns, made salads and all the usual stuff one has at those sort of do's. I donned chef apparel (looked good I thought) and waited for arrivals. Dougal and Barb arrived as head scouts complete with refreshment trailer knowing that the troops would need to replenish and water the horses. We quickly arranged the watering trough with ice and refreshment and just as we finished the rest of them arrived on schedule.

Dave arrived last as tail end charlie. It was a fantastic day weather wise so everyone settled down for a few drinks and some sat paddling their legs in the pool. I hope someone got a photo. I cooked lunch as Pam was at work but I would have done it anyway as apparently that is a blokes job. A really nice lunch was had with talk about cars, weather, looking forward to the weekend etc. Cups of coffee, tea and cake followed and then with time moving on gear was packed up and loaded and it was off to Opito for I am sure for more revelry and fun. More looking over cars and photo session before everyone headed north. It was great to have everyone here and the cars looked great lined up on the lawn and verge. Thanks for coming.



Bob & Pam Pipe