



Monte Carlo Run Sunday 18 July 2021

Assembly Point 3 – East

A group of 5 cars assembled at the Summerhill Shopping Centre car park, Palmerston North for our 1pm departure. Ian and Sue Bailey, Robyn Christensen and Graeme Barnard, Liz and Neil Morris, Robyn and Steve Higgison, under the Control of Robert Wilson and his co-driver, Ian King.

Our Route took us over the Pahiatua Track through the Balance countryside and back over the Saddle Road to Ashhurst. Despite the weather the views and scenery were amazing. From there we travelled through Colyton and the northern and western outskirts of Feilding before finding our way to Kawakawa Road and onto the Coach House Museum for a group afternoon tea.

Our journey was slightly wet with misty rain until Colyton. Robyn Christensen's car experienced engine issues, losing power on and off up the two hill crossings. This caused Robyn & Graeme some anxious moments and a jerky ride, however they kept going and arrived safely at the Coach House Museum. An amusing incident happened when Robert stopped at the end of the Balance one lane bridge to take off his jacket and to have a chin wag with Robyn and Graeme causing a minor traffic jam of five MG's and a women police officer. Realising his minor traffic misdemeanour, he waved the police car through and promptly followed her towards Woodville, wish I had a photo of his surprised expression, priceless. On the western side of Feilding Robert and Robyn missed a turn but eventually found their way to the museum.

A great catch up followed with all the other members arriving safely from their widespread assembly points over a lovely afternoon tea.

A wonderful drive expertly organised by Robert and Lynn Heath, a huge thank you to you both. The runs must have taken a lot of work to plan.

