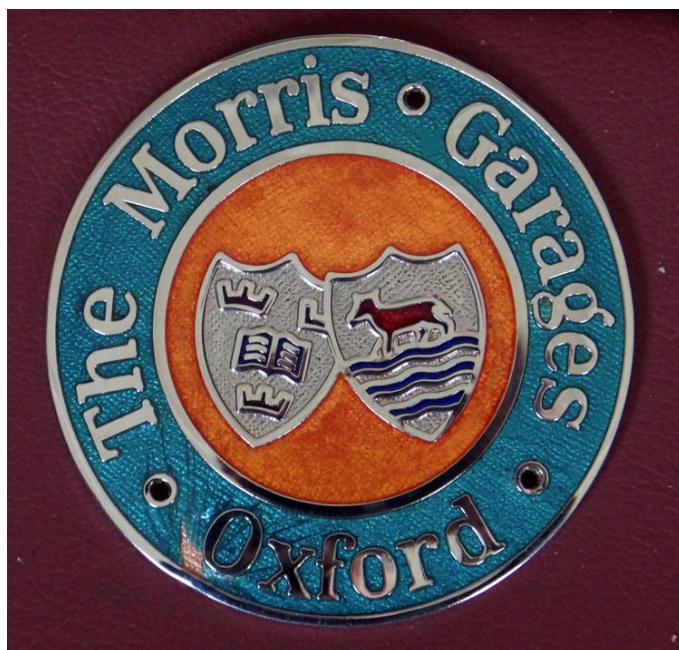


MG Manawatu Taranaki Weekend 15-17 July 2022

Day 3 Sunday 17 July

The day dawned fine promising great mountain views and they surely were. Leader Robin briefed the group at 9 and we were away at 9.15 as planned. Took the highway north out of town and turned south at Bell Block to enjoy the country roads to Tarata. Great mountain views in the perfect weather on perfect MG roads took us on to a perfect morning tea stop at lovely Lake Ratapiko that no one seemed in a hurry to leave. From there we made our way down through inland routes to Hawera's King Edward Park for a picnic lunch where Robin signed off after a fine effort. Cloud cooled and dulled the day there but it mattered not after the unexpectedly fine conditions the winter weekend had provided.

But wait.....there's more! 'Old Number One', held loosely to be the earliest MG, is now in the British Motor Heritage Museum at Gaydon in England. Robert had heard a replica has been built by Taranaki men Neil Carter and son Nick and we were able to check this out. We found them with the car and family members on their farm near Patea. They are expert restorers and we saw several most impressive examples of their work. No other MGs, but a highlight was a big 1906 Arrol-Johnston, a car produced in Scotland. It was hard to pull away from them and their enthusiasm. A core of five cars, Robert, Robyn and Graeme, Helen, Irelands and the Eames enjoyed farewell drinks and laughs at McDonald's Whanganui, agreeing it had been a memorable weekend with big thanks due to Robin and Claire Brown and Garry and Lorna Wood.



Some Signs to remind us of the Taranaki weekend



Lane Narrowing Sign - Level 1





This page is dedicated to Graeme
Egg on vegemite toast

