

Rongotea Lions Car Show

14 April 2024

Seventeen MG's representing both the Manawatu and Wellington clubs gathered amongst approximately 350 cars of various makes, models, and vintages. This was a tad lower number than last year. The heavy rain during the preceding days did give the organisers and participants concern, however the domain in Rongotea had an extensive field tile drainage system and the ground was dry and rock hard.



This outing represented Wellington's annual Cecil Kimber's birthday run as it was the closest event to his birthday on 12th April (1888). To celebrate Wellington club captain, Peter Fleming, brought along a 'birthday' cake, which our gathering enjoyed at around 12 noon.



Manawatu's Robert Wilson brought his gazebo which came in handy by housing the cake from any pending rain, which did not eventuate.

As part of the show the organisers held a best in show by model prize. The MG prize was won by Philip and Helen Swailes from Upper Hutt with their one owner 2004 TF135. This beautifully presented black model, one of only 500 made, was a fitting winner. I understand this was a special 80th year anniversary model and the Swailes had recently added special 20th year of manufacture seats with '2004 -2024' imprinted on them.

After the prize giving presentations at around 12.30 pm the cars began departing with the domain quickly returning to sports fields.

This was another good day of MG fellowship and banter. Thank you, Peter, and Robert, for organising your respective club's involvement.

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