

MG Three Beaches Run Sunday 16th May 2021

Thanks to several volunteers, my name was selected to write this report on another fun day out. This is written from a Whanganui perspective.

With the MG Manawatu event starting at 1pm in Shannon, we (from Whanganui) decided a full day out would be good, so three cars met at the southern end of the Cobham Bridge, and made our way to Halcombe, specifically to the Rusty Radiator café. Here we enjoyed a lovely brunch, and met some other car groups, the regional Hudson, Nash and Essex Club. They were on an outing to Whanganui.

I can thoroughly recommend the Rusty Radiator, great ambiance, great service and great food. They were very busy, doing a roaring trade, and as a consequence it took longer to get our food than I had allowed for in planning the days schedule.

We left Halcombe and drove through the back roads of the Manawatu to get to Shannon, arriving at the Railway Station meeting point at 1.15pm for the 1.00pm scheduled departure. Luckily every one waited for us.

Shortly afterwards a convoy of 18 MGs left Shannon , following instructions past Levin to arrive at Waikawa Beach. Here we could view the river and out to sea, with Kapiti Island in the distance. A short comfort stop then on our way again up SH1 toward Ohau.

Leaving SH1 the convoy headed towards Hokio Beach, where we parked up again, took more photos, and enjoyed a short walk along the sandy beach road, where we viewed the beach and Kapiti Island in the distance.

Back on the road, travelling north through the outskirts of Levin, we passed RJs Licorice factory, (well worth a stop for licorice lovers, open 9 till 5 week days). On to SH1 again, and turning left at the Waitarere turn off. We gathered for the last time at the Waitarere Domain for chatter, tea and coffee.

There had been a 15 question quiz handed out at the starting point, and this was checked off here, with no prizes, just the personal satisfaction of being able to navigate and search Google at the same time.

The Whanganui cars departed, drove home safely, and met for a debrief at the Rutland Arms Inn. (This appears to be a habit.)

All in all, a fun day out, and personally speaking, we covered a lot of ground that I had not seen before. It was a voyage of discovery and we look forward to the next run.

A big thank you to the organizers Robert and Lynn Heath. Well done.

Chris McLeod.