

CHRISTMAS BBQ RUN - 06 DECEMBER 2015

On Friday evening, having consulted the rain radar for Sunday at Mt Holdsworth which indicated a large amount of rain for Sunday, thoughts immediately turned to a wet weather alternative venue for our MG Christmas run.

The Vintage Car Clubrooms in Palmerston North were available. So hasty email to Rachel who sent out an urgent email advising of the change of venue and starting time.

We assembled at the Chalet Car Park at Centennial Lagoon Palmerston North at 11.15am for a 11.30am start. 19 cars set off with Ian and Sue Pearson advising they would go direct to the venue.

A leisurely drive up Summerhill Drive and continue on to Fitzherbert East to turn left at the turnoff to the Gorge. A right turn to Ashhurst, then on to the Ashhurst Feilding road, turning left at Kelvin Grove Road which gives you the feeling like you are on top of the world when driving along until we turned left into "The Grove" The Manawatu Vintage Car Club rooms.

I think some of the members were in awe of the spacious Clubrooms with a large area to have our meal and the commercial kitchen, then the Clubrooms with the large fireplace and smaller kitchen.

Many members perused the photos on the Clubrooms wall with one of our members Robyn Christensen seeing her father's car photo on the wall.

BBQ finally started after we realised no matches, thanks to Ken and Cheryl for saving the day, Memo to self, organise matches and oil next time!!!!

The pot luck lunch was lovely many different things to try. Thanks to Barry and Alec who cooked the sausages and the meat patties.

Dessert was even better, followed by Father Christmas who was in his usual stride, He had two assistants, Robyn (one of Santa's elves) and Sandy (reindeer) who helped to hand out the lovely Christmas presents, lots of hugging and kissing going on!!!!

Santa then left the building and once again Bryan realised that he had missed Santa again, it seems to be an annual problem for him.

Sandy and Trev presented Robyn a "MG" mug for being best dressed for Christmas and having the best Christmas decorated car.

Betty Good won the lucky number for all the cars and also won a MG mug. The MG mugs were donated to the club by Sandy and Trev's son Julian who owns We Cut Shapes in Palmerston North ph 0274434343 and he can print anything you like on a mug or glass or make any trophies.

Some of the members took the opportunity to look over the Vintage Car Parts Shed that is normally open on the first Sunday of the month.

Everyone seemed pleased with the alternative venue and although it didn't rain it began just as we were leaving.

