

MG Manawatu Mystery trip - May 28th

The day for Murray and June's mystery trip turned out cloudy but fine

12 cars met in Feilding as scheduled and no one knew where we were going

The brief sheet given out instructed us to take the North East way out of town then follow the sunrise to a place that's a learning institution. That's a bit of a mystery? To make things even more difficult Murray had the Kimbolton Road rail crossing closed to traffic so we all followed Trevor, who thought he knew where the mystery place might be. Up Kimbolton Road to Cheltenham, then on through Kimbolton and then right to drop down into the valley to Apiti. Turn right to Murray's, sorry wrong way, turn around and go right again then right again into farmers place, sorry wrong way. Come out again. Sure is a mystery trip? Turn into the back of Apiti School and across the playing fields to where there were lots of orange cones set out on the grass. Another one of those mysterious mysteries, what are they there for? Murray had laid the field out with 3 obstacle courses for us to navigate.

No 1 was to drive ½ way around the field and steer into a roped off garage between the rugby goal posts then back out to the start line again. Easy peasy stuff BUT WAIT!! the driver had to do it blind folded, led by the co-drivers instructions.

No 2 this was a rope trick, the co-driver had to hang onto the end of a rope that was tied to a fixed centre position and the driver had to drive in a circle not letting the rope touch the ground, then reverse back to the start line.

No 3 Another one of Murray's brainwave ideas. This time the co-driver had to hold a pole out of the window with an egg balanced on a spoon. The driver had to drive around the whole field without dropping the egg.

We had a lot of fun attempting the three courses, although not all drivers had a go. Afterwards we all drove across to the tavern [no mystery there, everyone knew where to go]. Drinks and social time followed until we were summoned across to the Apiti Hall where several tables had been set up for dinner. Dinner was all prepared and ready but each person had to pick their food from a mystery menu of 15 items. What the heck did 'Jack' mean? and 'Reptilian feature'? - a mystery to most of us. Whatever order you selected was the order that it was served. Some got jelly and peas, carrots and fruit salad, pav and garlic bread. All served on separate dishes thank goodness but you were lucky if you got a K&F or spoon. It was a great fun night with a hell of a lot of mysteries.

For all our members that wanted more mystery tours it remains a mystery as to where you all were, you missed a great day. Thank you to Murray and June, for all the work you put in.

Regards Robert

