

Winter Overnighter 2023 -Otematata 8th July

Chilly morning but a nice sunny morning meeting at the Croydon lodge before 10.00am. President Michael Black gave us all a briefing then headed off to first stop, Miller flat Pub.



We were greeted by 4-5 staff ready for the 19 cars, grabbing our first drink then soon after Casey starting us off with Quizzes. These were general knowledge questions. Quizzes were made up by Shane. Scratchy boards selling fast. Also shag and his carload caught up with us after car issues in Winton. Made up good time.

We all left in different directions with most people unable to follow the instruction ha-ha. Our car turned right and went over bridge with majority following main road.

We stopped at the dam and grabbed couple pictures, before quickly heading to the next stop.



Next stop was top pub at Alexandra for lunch, Stadium Tavern, there was two bar staff waiting for us and pub was quiet when we first arrived, and we ordered some beverages, and we had a large menu selection to choose from. Scratchy boards sold fast, and Brad Inder was last person to eat.

We left Alexandra, some cars refuelling and others getting some more beverages to last the next chapter in the long haul to Omarama, we noticed a few Pictures starting to pop up on the Facebook homepage, all pc rated.



Arriving at Omarama with one or two beers under the belt. We arrived to see quite a few other cars arrived before us and made them self-welcomed. There were a few bar staff on, and Michael Black decided he didn't want his beverage and dropped his first drink. Unsure if there is a photo to prove this.....?

Scratchy boards selling like hot cakes by this stage and I'm pretty sure all boards are sold.

Pub has recently had an upgrade and is looking refreshed. After waiting for other cars to catch up. There is rumour someone ran out fuel 15min from Omarama.....?

We then headed off to Otematata with an extra passenger, Brad Inder to give us directions. Our final stop.

We arrived to Otematata where Pub was ready for all carloads to arrive and be checked in.

Fire was going and plenty staff to help. The hospitality was



spot on. Friendly, helpful and did a great job to cater for a large crowd with awesome band that played till late.



Sunday was a nice warm sunny morning Breakfast started around 8.30-9.00 followed up by prize giving.

Publican's choice awards.

Millers Flat: James Smith XR Station Wagon



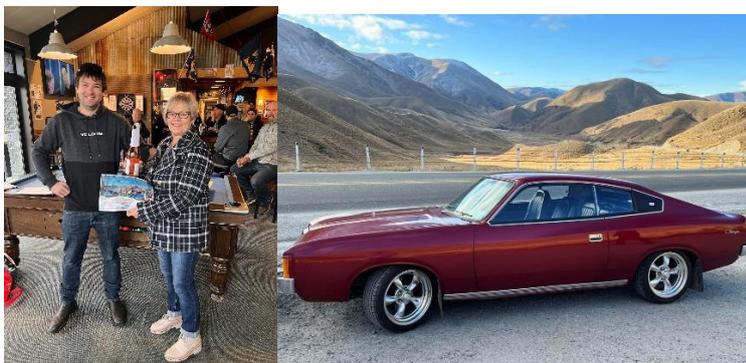
Alexandra: Terry Haggert – Holden Brougham 1971 Sedan



Omarara: Derek Ayson - Gts Monaro



Otematata: Elaine Eaton – Charger



Quiz winner: Errol Ross's car load



Best Photo: James Smith car load photo entered in by Sean Tamblyn (most facebook likes)



Members Draw: Hayden Gilbert

Hardluck Prize winners:

Shannon Crawford for his eventful start to the run

Wayne Schaffer for running out of fuel 15m from Oamarama



Scratchy boards were won by, Peter Taylor, Danae Waipouri, Matt McBain, Paul Eaton, Peter Hayward, Hayden Gilbert.

Before leaving there was a quick puncture repair, with Shane discovering the issue was a jigsaw blade.

Shag decided needed a top up and made use the equipment supplied.

Cars started up all went in two different directions, some headed back towards Cromwell home and other went east coast.

Our first stop was by accident, as it was a toilet break and seen Duntroon Hotel, as owner was just opening still doing the luxing Michael took over duties while owner serviced drinks,



Was great to call in to a small pub and help support. We then left and turned right on the Livingstone-Duntroon Road which led up through Elephant rocks which lead us to Ngapara then to Weston, which was our first fuel stop for the trip. Then to Deborah where we turned right and that put us back on SH1

Next Stop was Moeraki, where we were first there and organised a round drinks and look over menu for lunch. Great outdoor area overlooking to bay.

Soon after few other cars started to arrive and was great to have a large bench for everyone to sit at the same table.



After leaving Moeraki it was back to Gore where Casey had had enough of us all and dropped us back to Alannah's so her and Michael could head back to Riverdale to get home to the family.

Thanks, Casey for drawing the short straw to drive on Saturday and Sunday....

Thanks to everyone for attending was a really good turnout 19 Cars and everyone on the committee for organising everything in background. Much appreciated. Was an excellent weekend and looking forward to next year

Johnny Dennis