

THE GREY GUM RUN.

Weekend drive, Saturday 20th April 2024.

'Twas the usual meeting place for our car runs in this area, Maccas at Groves Ave., Mulgrave. Meeting time 9.30 for 10.00 departure.

All 13 cars, drivers and passengers, were present at the designated hour bar our intrepid leader who was being chauffeured by Captain Slow....nevertheless the entourage left at the designated time with directions in situ...21 members champing at the bit for the ensuing 88 km drive along the Putty Road.

Some of the cars in the Macca's carpark...not all ours but worth a look...quite a show...maybe some of Pete's mates?



No need for a roof in the rain..it leaks!

It was great to see Yardley and George who have been MIA for a while and good to see they still have their beautiful Porsche....a lovely Chrissie present for me?

Also returning after six and half weeks was our resident American member, Alana, who had been OS visiting friends in California, Ireland etc...half her luck! This was her first drive since coming back to Oz.

Ditto for Cam...her first run after 4 weeks in Vietnam!



Cam's back.

And so is Alana.

One of the Hertz's.

Rosa and Pete's Chev.



Garry's BMW.

George and Yardley's Porsche.

Even though the weather was a bit iffy, the show naturally went on....and it got colder the further we drove!

And what a driver's road the Putty road turned out to be...lots of sweeping bends intermingled with infrequent straight stretches....a fabulous drive but speed limits were definitely over optimistic!

Fortunately there was no damage to the road surface as a result of the recent floods and we briskly made our way through Windsor, Colo, Wilberforce et alia, crossing the 'new' bridge at Windsor until finally reaching our destination, the Grey Gum Café.

On arrival the group was even welcomed by the Strolling Bones!



The Grey Gum is a café, not a restaurant as such and it is aptly named 'The Oasis on the Putty'....last stop before Singleton...nevertheless the food was plentiful and tasty. It is licenced and visitors can enjoy a beverage from a wide range of cold beers or a glass of wine from its Hunter Valley selection. Free camping on site if anyone is interested...maybe Linda and Bill when they are motorhoming?

And now time to feed the masses...service was good and the food tasty



Luke is always smiling.

Did the editor really nod off?

All in all a very enjoyable round trip of 293 km for Lyne and I.

A fun day was had by all but the intervening rain hastened some departures!

Accolades to Mark once again!

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