

Wrack's Paddock Rally Whangarei, 11 - 13 May 2018

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After the rally it was a delight to receive this email from Marjorie and Charles Spain which sums up this rally perfectly.

"Many thanks for another great rally. It just doesn't matter what the weather with a crowd like ours you just enjoy each others company and we did."

After much planning, the rally came together in every way except for the weather. Wracks Paddock was a super site. The grass had been meticulously mown and Andy Bax arranged the parking with care. The large shed was an excellent meeting place.

The organising committee, Wracks, Millers, Baxs and Brennans, planned as much as possible before all but Mandy and Andy left the country returning only a short time before the event. Margaret and Colin certainly put in a sterling effort on their return to make their property ready for us all.

On Thursday there were already 12 vans set up and members enjoyed a catch



up at 5ss held at 4 30 in the shed. 5ss became 4 30ss for the weekend.

Friday saw the arrival of the tables, chairs, heaters, (unneeded !), porta loos and rain, along with the rest of the participants making a total of 80 in 41 vans. After 4: 30ss we had intervanning. Lots of fun and laughter echoed around the paddock.

Saturday dawned wet wet wet! Bike riding

was cancelled but the hop on hop off bus was popular though no one

availed themselves of the opportunity to walk in the Quarry Gardens, admire the waterfall or take a bush walk. The Packard Museum was added and proved popular with the men folk. Plenty of reading and socialising filled in the day. We met at the shed for pre dinner drinks and then enjoyed a magnificent meal provided by Absolute Caterers. Andy and Mandy had devised a quiz which taxed our brains and Bennie rounded out our evening on the piano.



With little breaks, the rain kept coming, but the meeting in the shed was informative and interesting. President Kevin welcomed all the Mums for Mothers' Day.



Scotts Going Home

Day. He welcomed our visitors Peter and Colleen Wilson and inducted 4 new couples.



Jillian and Laurie Moran, Margaret and Keith Day, Judith and Graeme Cleaver and Mavis and John Graham. Jillian thought it was very appropriate to be induced on Mothers' Day! Treasurer Ray and Shirley were missing as they had to be towed home from Ardmore with car troubles. Ron had had a fall so was missing only his 2nd rally since joining. Barry reported on the website and also overseas connections in Peter Blackman's absence. Terry told us about the wardrobe. He has asked for a replacement at the AGM. The sergeants session was fun and the proceeds will be given to Parahaki of Whangarei Inner Wheel to send to "Look Good Feel Better". New Zealand Inner Wheel is supporting Look Good Feel Better as a National Project. Bev Mouat read out the birthdays and Anniversaries. Members were asked to give Bev birthdates, as from next meeting only significant birthdays ending in 5 or 0 will be read out. There was no stirrer award. Future rallies were discussed. What a lot of different and exciting rallies and activities are being planned. Jean thanked the



Hot Dogs



Kevin & Annie

Wracks Paddock organisers. There were plenty of leftovers to share for lunch. An American themed evening began with drinks and nibbles at 4:30 then Hot Dogs and Kranzkies were served. A sing a long led by Kevin Upton, Derek Vincent and Rob Brangwin completed a very happy day. Monday dawned sunny and bright for everyone to leave and the crew to clean up. The tractor was needed for some as the ground was still very wet. Thanks Wracks- I am sure you are enjoying a rest before you attend to all the wheel ruts in the paddock.



Americana



Towing



Ruts



The Band