Kiama Auto Expo - November 11



Kiama has *always* been an excellent day out — even the year it rained was enjoyable! But this year - what an absolutely glorious day! The weather put on for us at the Kiama Rotary Auto Expo today was nothing less than perfect. There was plenty to see, lots of people to chat with, ample food to buy and really it's not too far to go.

There were five of the Wollongong Morries who met at the Nungarry rest area: John Borg, Jim Beaver, Bryan Brenner, George & June Farago and Ray Davies. Pat & Rose Fagan also arrived in their 'modern'. From there it was only a short 8km convoy to the Kiama Showground. They were joined at Kiama by members from the Southern Tablelands club, notably Ray, Owen & Indra, Mark & Gabbi, Terry & Fay and Mark & Suzanne. There were also a couple of other Morries on show with other Clubs so it was a pretty good display for the marque.

Terry and Fay Cullen's bright red Minor leads the line-up

The first order of business was to erect the tent; the sun was such that it was a welcome place to put out our chairs and table. Thanks Heather! It also looked pretty good, with five Morries either side of it, and we attracted several interested passers-by, including one who *might* become a new member - a most perceptive fellow who has bought his 13 year old son a Morris Minor to do up in time to get his license in it.



Lots of cars were on display, approx 300 (plus motor bikes and two caravans of which one was built in 1960), and all in pristine condition - but none as good as the Morries;)

Given the date (11th day of the 11th month, the centenary of the Armistice) it was gratifying to have a minute's silence announced over the PA from 11:00 to 11:01. It was very annoying that some people just don't seem to care and just keep on talking or doing whatever they were doing.

As usual there were a good number of swap sites as well as food outlets. The highlight of any of these shows, however, is chatting with interesting people and this made the day seem far too short when 2pm came around and we started to pack up.



Real Aussie ingenuity!

One of the highlights of the day was when Ray Selby won a trophy. As he said, he doesn't know what it was for but he did win a trophy (it was actually for 'Best Convertible' - high praise considering the talent on show in Kiama).

This year, Rotary Clubs running the event were supporting the Cancer Council, in particular a local PhD student who is studying to become a cancer specialist. The Cancer Council responded by having a Doctor on hand to give (free) melanoma examinations.

Another good outing and thanks to fellow club members for making it so.

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