

Sunday Luncheon

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by Philip Meyer

Recipe
5 P76 cars
13 Friendly P Nuts
2 Hospitable cafes
More than sufficient yummy food



The Leyland's across the line. L to R we have the cars of Walters, Tubman, Gruebner, Sutherland and Timms with the diminutive Kiwi Saab in the background. That must be the flash entrance gate in the background too!

The Invitation, or Menu or Notice or Whatever you might want to call it, stipulated that each person attending was required to bring the sunshine. Well, that worked sort of, and only just; because each person bought just a little bit, but lots of little bits worked out just right. Now we just have to find the slow button for the wind.

10.15 a.m. my phone rang. Clyde speaking and for the sake of children, I have sanitized some of the language, My P didn't want to start, isn't running well, but will be with you in ten minutes. Hmmm Clyde is grumpy. So, Gordon and Jan were the first to arrive at BP Bombay, followed by Edward, Annette and their friend Keith, or that might have been Ian and Elva, Annette and N..... and little..... or David and Maria (Skippy) The phone rings again, Grumpy, this time Mr Grumpy, car has stopped in Pukekohe, youse proceed without me, IF I can get it going, I will join you at Glenbrook, If I don't I will sulk and go home. So KiwiSaab led them via back country roads (all of the sealed variety) to Calendula Cottage, Glenbrook.

We were pleased to see Clyde (the Happy Chappy) had replaced a faulty condenser and turned up at Glenbrook at 12.10. So that made our party 13. Calendula Cottage do great food, so that confirmed for Judy and myself that our first impressions from last week are correct. Good food. Plenty of it.

Eventually it was decided that one of the attractions of this venue is its proximity to Glenbrook Vintage Railway. On our past for our arrival, I noticed it appeared to be deserted, BUT it's worth a look and could be a photo opportunity. It was deserted, but the gate was unlocked, so we helped ourselves – as did several other vehicles after us, to whom we suggested the last one out shut the gate.

But the story doesn't end here, as it was now almost sixty minutes after leaving Café #1, some members, whose identity does not matter, were seeking a coffee fix and as it was mentioned that most local knowledge rested in my head, I was to lead them the nearest café. Aha, Patumahoe shouted in my head, BUT halfway there I thought NO, Wright's Water gardens has a café, and so they did and now I can end this enjoyable day out.

This event was reviewed by Philip on Sunday 19th November 2017 – and very belatedly submitted for inclusion on the web site as is so much material!



Some of the attending crew from L to R Judy, Elva, David, Maria, Clyde, Gordon, Edward and Annette, standing virtually on the line behind the " Look for Trains " sign.



The Glenbrook Leyland's from another angle with the historic station house behind.