41st Lake Ferry Excursion December 11 2021

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The Sunbeam Club of New Zealand, the long-term hosts were pleased to see some 50 odd cars park up all around the Fell Museum and other streets, ready to head to the Lake Ferry Domain for their picnic lunch. Despite the threatening weather the day turned out pretty good overall, I don't think anyone got lost and as always, the selection of cars was great. Triumph seemed plentiful this year as can be seen in this photo below. The P76 with a TR7, Stag, 2.5 and 2.0 Mk1 in front. I think all these models appeared in multiples on the day.



The customary cruise out started at a slow pace with some older cars in front but when appropriate some of us moved on. We spent some time following Don Olliver's beautiful 1937 DX Vauxhall just like I used to run, in convoy with a Super 7 replica, Hillman Imp and Morris Minor. Later we respectfully followed the 1922 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost for several K's before arriving at the domain. Neale Ryders 1949 Vauxhall Caleche seen below.



The Leyland Club had only three members represented this year, Ron Butler, Lance Wagstaff and the Jones family, Abby, Sonya, Rob, and mum in law, Judy Collard. As usual, we saw Lance upon arrival but took a while to work out which was his steed for the day. This time a very attractive red Austin 3 Litre manual, complete with crew and all the requisites needed for a picnic. Above we see the P76s and another Triumph MK 1, this

belongs to Joe from Magoo's Hotrod Shop. I shouted a Christmas cake for those attending, as promised and this was shared with the P People, a Sunbeamer Brian, Joe and his partner, Selwyn with an MX5 from the VCC, a previous P76 owner and Bernie from the Vauxhall Club in his Rover. Turns out Lance and Brian are long time old mates and none of us knew we each had known each other for years! Small world – Mr Longstaff, the son/grandson of an old P76 member was also there in his Plymouth Cranbrook seen in last year's Penzed.

On the following photo page we see a random selection of really nice cars, the Mk 4 Jaguar was exquisite and may have been in Penzed before (don't care) The Bentley hasn't appeared before and it may be that the Rover SD1 van den Plas has too, some years back, but again, these are scarcely seen these days so.... The little car next to it is an Almac, not an MG, the next one is an MG. And lastly, we have an Alfa Romeo because of my obsession! Next year I

must get a Sunbeam and some Americana, also well represented by Chevrolet in particular. Lance's Austin 3 litre attracted a huge amount of attention., see it below.





Austin 3-litre.

Jaguar Mk 4



Rover SD1

Bentley





DX Convoy

Alfa Romeo

