

Gunning the Engines

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(Trevor the Triumph)

Sunday the 1st November dawned crisp and clear in Canberra and the rendezvous was set for 11am at McDonalds on the Federal Highway. We arrived to find police inspecting an abandoned car and hoped they wouldn't switch to roadworthy checks. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when they headed into McDonalds for, we presume, the obligatory doughnuts.

The five cars included two Stags (Rick and Diane Wade, Allan Caldwell and Nette Hingston), a TR5 (Chris Doble and Jan Tink), a 3A (Jack and Jenny Gault) and a Scorpion (Guy and Jacqueline Langford).



The more observant of the attendees (Jack) spotted that Trevor, the 1932 Scorpion, was in lightweight racing mode (minus the front bumper bar he had recently welded on)! That's a story for another article regarding Jacqueline's clutch control.

When all five cars had assembled, we headed out of Canberra towards Gunning and gathering grey clouds. Only one car (Trevor) had the roof down but that was less about braving the elements and more about the hassle of putting it up. Jack, in his TR3A, set the pace but it was Chris's light blue TR5 that really stood out on the road ahead.

The direct route to the Merino Café in Gunning would take only 40 minutes but we opted for the scenic route of a little over one hour, a bike race, one cycling accident, two pelotons, three B-doubles, and multiple pot holes. We also passed Lake George which wasn't dry and an MG gathering that may have included some Triumph Club members (their loss).

The convoy arrived together which was slightly surprising given the range of power the cars had. A note for next time – the shops close early on Sunday so don't rush straight to the restaurant. Thanks to Rick for organising such a lovely drive and lunch and for taking the photos.



The journey back was uneventful for all but Trevor whose passenger wing mirror was found hanging by a thread at traffic lights on Northbourne Avenue. Anyone want to take a bet as to what will be missing from the Scorpion at the next event?

