



COMBINED FALCON GT CLUB MEMBERS CAR RUN TO BOWEN

The Central Queensland GT Club regulars from Mackay met up on Friday morning (14th August) for our annual combined GT Club run with the North Queensland GT Club Members from Townsville and the Burdekin. This year's new location was Bowen (usually Airlie Beach). This opened up new ideas and having one of the gang now living in Bowen made for a perfect place to meet up, making the distance travelled more balanced between us and the northern members.

Our run up to Bowen from Mackay was very casual. Distance needed to travel was 200kms..... time taken to do it was 5 hours. We took our time and looked at local locations and attractions along the way that are usually pasted by, in our busy life. It was nice to cruise along and take it all in, as well as checking out future car run spots.

There were a couple of car issues along the way. Tony had a vibration in his XRGT..... sorted out with a wheel balance. The Proserpine tyre shop owner was very keen to look at the XRGT and after a short chat, we found out he is a Ford man. I was travelling with Brett in his XC sedan which developed an uncharacteristic surge, so we pulled over to investigate. Within 5 minutes everyone was crowded around to help. It certainly makes a car run more exciting when someone has an issue..... it gives us the chance for some roadside fixing (as long as it's minor). Everyone does get a buzz when it's nussed out and back on the road.

It was great to catch up with some of the northern club members we have got to know by having this annual combined run. They started arriving on Friday afternoon. Numbers were a bit down but I'm sure next year will be bigger and better.

Friday night (at the Motel) was pizza night with plenty of gossip and drinks being shared around. Saturday kicked off with a great BBQ breakfast put together by the boys even if Jason (who had the supplies) slept in. Setting your alarm on PM time to get you up in the AM will do that!!!! Breakfast was well-cooked by Peter and Sam. Then we warmed the cars up and had a look around Bowen's many beaches and attractions. We ended up at Flagstaff Hill for lunch which is a top spot with 360' views of the area. Saturday night Dinner at the Motel gave us a chance to attempt Pete's trivia questions, which always give the brain a good workout (especially this year's phone ban). Brett S was a birthday boy and the girls couldn't resist making sure it was celebrated on the night. One question that baffled everyone was guessing Brett's age. For the record... yes it is 44 not 34.

Sunday morning we headed down to the waterfront for another big brekky and catch up before we had to start heading home. Big thanks to Gordon for the supply of his generator so we could enjoy a well brewed coffee.

Members and their cars that attended the weekend were:

Tony, Michelle & Jess Gold XR GT
Brian & Andrea Monza Green XY GT
Mick & Vic..... FG 50th Anniversary
Roger, Kayden & Matt Brambles Red XW GTHO2
Peter & Sam Track Red XY GT
Phil & Kerryn Burgundy EL GT
Paul Surfer Orange XY GT
John Green XW GT (Replica)



Gordon & Marg XB Goss & FG GT335
Brett S. (with Marty) Blue XC Sedan
Rod Burnt Orange XB GT Coupe
Jason In the Work Ute

It would be great to have more people taking on and organizing runs. Don't be scared and if you have an idea make it happen. Big thanks to Jason for putting the run together..... Bowen didn't disappoint.

Written by Marty

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