

## Bay Rodders Run Sunday 17 July 2011

After receiving an invitation from Bay Rodders to join them on their clubs Garage Tour we had seven cars turn up to the Burger King rendezvous on a chilly but fine morning.



It took a while for all their cars to arrive (they must get their alarm clock settings from Debra & Graham!) but there ended being a fairly large turn out and a real mix of cars. After the usual social networking all were assembled and instructions issued to get around to a number of project garages – along with a very helpful phone number just in case anyone got lost along the way (0800 WHO CARES).



In all about 40 cars hit the road and the first stop was just up and around the corner opposite the cemetery. There was quite a procession arriving with onlookers coming out to see who the funeral was for – there was even a policeman in attendance! A quick stop there then off to garages at the Mount, back to Waihi Rd, up the Kaimais to Maclaren Falls before heading out through Te Puke. It was a case of keep up, follow someone who you thought might know their way or try and figure out where the next stop was however everyone made it in the end despite some interesting detours. The convoy was quite impressive in places especially along the big straights from the Kaimais to Te Puke and there were a few cobwebs being cleaned out along the way.

During the day we saw some pretty impressive projects, ranging from fairly straight forward to extremely ambitious with some innovative ideas being put into effect; it will be interesting to see them once finished. We

also got to see garages ranging from four bare walls to complete workshops with some pretty impressive tools, machinery and memorabilia in them.



Parking was a bit tight in places and Kelvin learnt that too much horsepower combined with wet grass, a steep bank and low ground clearance meant that a straight line was the only option.

It was a very full day but unfortunately most of us had to cut it a bit short as we had a committee meeting to attend to. The final destination involved a BBQ and some brown frothy medicine to ward off the winter chills. I hear Kelvin and Gary represented us well!

A big thanks to Pat and Bay Rodders for the invitation. Their hospitality was great, they made us welcome and provided us with the opportunity to exchange some BS and view some interesting projects along the way.