

TR Long Week End Over the Border run.

We all met at Arthur Earle Park in NERANG before heading off to a morning coffee and over the Tomowin range to lunch at Riverside overlooking the Tweed River. They had gone under in the floods 2 weeks before but one would not have known it by the business as usual hospitality.

The basic plan for the week end was to try and avoid any roads with white lines, use up as much daylight and cover as many miles as we could. There is a splendid spider's web of roads between Mullumbimby, Kyogle, Lismore and Ballina most of which no one had been on before, so the task was too onerous.



(Warren, which one?. The TR of course.)

We Paid a quick visit to the art Gallery and then what we thought would be the famous quilters gallery in Stokers before going on to Minion Falls. Unfortunately, the quilter had moved on but the falls performed. It was getting on to dusk after a rapid cross country over swooping roads to Ballina, so we were ready for a few wines before walking over the road to a packed RSL for dinner.



Sunday's run to the Nimbin Markets proved to be most entertaining as the detailed maps were not really to scale so we ended up in some very remote but beautiful places, including those where land slips had retracing our steps, narrowly avoiding a 10 foot python crossing the road. He survived but vented his displeasure at Gail who forgot to



get a photo of him rearing up at her, I wonder why?

Nimbin is certainly an interesting place which has great food. It is not every day one can enjoy hearing Australian melodies sung in Korean!

It is hard not to leave this town without a smile so we headed down the mountain and cross country for 1 ½ hour dash to Evans Head to visit the F111 Heritage Air museum.



This is well worth the \$5.00 entry for any one driving past. We were given a detailed tour of their Cariboo and had a good look around the displays of Mig fighter, Canberra Bomber, F111, numerous historic small planes and displays.



We had to leave perhaps before we had our fill, and dash back into Ballina to meet another host for a look around his pedal car museum plus his extensive collection of service station memorabilia, which went on until after dark.

Fortunately the ladies had returned directly to the Motel for drinks so they were in grand spirits!! by the time we got back.

Monday morning saw nearly everyone leaving for various appointments South and North after a superb breakfast at the Light House beach café, so we did not do much exploring, however one has to leave things like a Japanese lunch in Federal to another time.

We covered 350 Miles so the Brisbane and North Coasters would have covered 400 to 450 Miles.

Till next time..

