

Annual Coast Trip and Moranda BBQ

Last weekend was the annual RBCC trip to the coast and BBQ hosted by the Moranda's in Rio Dell. We met in Old Shasta and left at 8:30. The Dales, Matthews and Daubs attended. Evert and Lola drove over in the TR-6; Dan and Sheryl took their Lotus (just kidding!) and we took the Jag! This was the fifth anniversary that we tried to go and this time the XKE behaved and ran great.



We headed west over 299 and had no issues. Being a weekend the traffic control through the slide area was controlled with a stop light and we rolled up just as it turned green. Traffic was light the entire trip and we rolled into Rio Dell just around 1pm.

At the Moranda's we met up with several other people from the coastal area. Jim and Pat had their TR-3 sitting out in the driveway looking nice as ever. The Milota's were there in Doug's MGB-GT. We learned that they are moving to Virginia by the end of September. All the best to them.



We meet Dr. Randy Lacy who drove his award winning 1957 TR-3 (photo courtesy of Ferndale

Concours). His car was restored by Martin Hveem and has won many awards since it's completion three years ago.

Sadly there were two couples there who's names I cannot remember. One couple had a 1951 Sunbeam - Talbot. A car that I had no idea even existed. The other couple had a very nice, newer Morgan.



In typical fashion the Moranda's put on quite a spread! Jim had smoked a turkey the day before and it was served up with ham, salad, cole slaw, and rolls. There were also deviled eggs, an assortment of olives, cheese and smoked meats. Those that didn't go missed another great meal.

It was cool and a little overcast/foggy but a very welcomed break from the heat of Redding. After we left the Moranda's we checked into the Humboldt Gables motel. As it turned out there was a fair going on next door in conjunction with the celebration also scheduled for that weekend. After checking in we all sauntered over to check it out. There was live music, a Bocce Ball tournament going on and some vendors. There was even a portable skate board park set up in the street. Evert was wishing he had brought his skate board, but who knew!

For dinner we all went to Fortuna and discovered a great steak place...Double D Steak House. It was very busy as it must be a favorite with the locals. The food was plentiful, varied and very good. After dinner it was back to the motel.

The next morning we awoke to a beautiful, clear sky. We loaded up and headed up the road to Eureka where we stopped at Adel's for breakfast. Another hidden gem. Older building but remodeled inside with great breakfast food. Very pleasant staff and good service.

You all know about Evert and his coffee, right? So, Evert brought his coffee thermos in and when the waitress asked us what we wanted to drink, Evert asked her to fill his thermos. When she returned with our drink orders, she placed Evert's thermos down, filled to the brim, and left. No cup, no nothing for Evert. When she came back she explained that she thought he was just going to drink it out of his thermos.

After breakfast we headed home via 299 and back into the heat. As we rolled into Big Flat, we stopped at the Strawhouse Resort. There, we sat outside on the patio overlooking the Trinity

River and enjoyed iced coffee drinks and visited. All in all it was another great adventure. No breakdowns, no issues, no problems. Just a good time enjoying our LBCs and each others company. Too bad more people couldn't attend.

See you all at the next meeting!

Charlie Daubs