

# **Cobra outing, New Spring Church premises, Fathers' Day Big Boys Toys Exhibition, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017.**

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Well, once again, on the build-up during the week, the rain-gods looked like they were going to spoil the party, with a 50% chance of rain being forecast.



However, the weather boys & girls obviously didn't have the contacts that I did.



I asked the organiser if she had somewhere we could put the cars if it rained, and she assured me that she had a direct line from the Church, to God, and she had requested it to be a rain-free period from 8am to 5pm on the important day.





Well, we now know the serious pull she has with the Big Guy upstairs, because it was quite cloudy all day, and threatened to dunk us, but never actually got there.





Therefore, it was a brilliant day, with a good splattering of sun to soak up.



My Grandson Jonathon got into his job of polishing and removing the bugs immediately on arrival, so we looked at our best.

We were issued with a goody bag full of stuff, and our exhibitors passes at the entry gate on arrival, and then we



were escorted to our allotted spaces, right in the middle of the action.



Gavin and his wife Lorraine were the only other cobra members, but our two cars created quite a bit of interest and discussion during the day, and we were all once again treated like royalty all day.



Free Cappuccino's whenever you wanted; free sausage sizzle and free lamb roast wraps supplied for lunch, and free drinks all day.







There were a number of brands represented, as well as Junior drag cars, remote control cars, go-karts, sprint cars, speedcar sedans, doorslammer dragcar & its support rig, and the star of the show was a jet drag car.

There were 2 Triumph Stags, a TR6, and an E type Jaguar soft top.







The Torana Car Club had quite a few cars on display as well.







A couple of Mustangs were alongside us.





A couple of HSV Holden's, a Nissan "Z" 270. and a trio of Motorbikes.







A beautifully prepared and presented GT 40 was also on show. Unfortunately, it had to be trailered in and home again, because it had a starter motor

failure on the morning of the show. (Shit happens to the best laid plans eh')









The radio controlled sprintcar, and the bushbasher were let off the leash a few times around the grassed area during the day, which created some excitement.



Austin cars made an appearance, with a Cambridge sedan, an Austin A40 Ute, and the little Austin A30 4 door sedan.

The star of the show and the exhibit that created a lot of interest when it fired up, twice during the day, was the Jet Dragcar.

He managed to shift quite a lot of sand and debris out into the bush when he first fired it up, and then he gave it a boot full a number of times, and fired the afterburners as well, which created tremendous noise and quite a kick in the chest as the soundwave hit you.





I got the afterburner kicking in a couple of times, but then I got the shot of the day.







I got the afterburner kicking in, and also the smoke ring of the sonic boom.

Anyway, I am sure Gavin and Lorraine had a good day, as did Jonathon and I.

We all pulled up stumps at about 2.00pm and headed home before our time ran out with the rain gods.



Pity we could not get more attendance from the members, but there will always be next time, so I will see you out there somewhere sometime, maybe.....



Graham.....