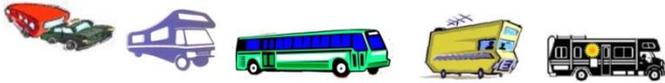




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VIEW FROM THE TOP - July/ August 2012

A good turnout for our birthday a 1/3 of our members turned out for it. They came from Kerikeri in the north and south from Tokoroa and places in between. The meal was good and the wine went down with a treat drinking over a dozen bottles. We had a fine weekend even took our clothes off. Thank you Kevin & Joan for the wine and Christine for the cake & Alison for doing the games. We had a quorum for our meeting as we have only 62 members. We have two rallies so far for next year if anyone knows of a good place to go please let a committee member know.

Pauline

Celebrating 20 years of NUDVAN.

What a glorious weekend it was Katikati 6-8. July 2012.

20 years of celebration of Nudvan, since the first documented meeting right back where it all started. And here I would write how it really all started, all I know is Pauline and Neil and some friends decided to start Nudvan.

Under a blue cloudless sky, the sun shine was brimming down on all of us this weekend, weren't we lucky. There is a saying which goes: when angels travel the sun will shine upon them.

Some of the members even were brave enough and took their clothes off or at least half of it at a freezing temperature of 8 plus during the day and only 3 plus at night.

Cutting of the Birthday cake



Neil and Pauline Stammers – Foundation Members and Azaria Drower - youngest member present

And so as not to freeze to death we heated up and indulged in the spa and sauna. The weekend was well organized with a full program on every day, started with the Happy hour Friday night, which we sadly missed, as coming from Auckland, one has to take Friday off, if one wants to be in time for any happy hour south of Auckland. Early Saturday morning tea on the sun shine deck of the kitchen area, catching up with some members we knew and the others we hadn't met yet.



Goal Posts challenge team 1:
Annette, Bryan, Pauline, Barbara & Alison

Time for another sauna/spa, run in the sun, or lazing around the pool. What more could you wish for? Some were brave and took part in Naomi's challenge to make freestanding newspaper goalposts with limited materials, an interesting challenge for those who took part!!!

But then the serious staff began. Fun games from Frisbee golf, petanque, and checkers - lots of fun under the sun. Now I know how to play Frisbee golf and I know, how not to throw it onto the toilet block roof, but through it. Relaxing time and recuperating and ready for afternoon tea at three and another happy hour to follow at 0430pm, and get ready for dinner and be seated at 0620pm. Did I say, relaxing weekend? It was full on and very well organized no rest for the wicked.

A superb dinner, with 2 courses followed, served by 2 charming young un-nude ladies, therefore we weren't able to take our clothes off. They might have been envious of us nude ladies, not to mention our male accompanies-Adonis.



Goal Posts challenge team 2:
John R, Ruth, Neil, Berta & Stan

A "Thank you" to Joan and Kevin, who are indulging in the European heat, and left us with some bottles to heat us up here in the NZ winter.



Checkers proving very popular game

The pick of the fun of that day was the "share present game", which I had no idea how that works either. Here it shows how much one can learn with just joining a nude club. I have to get that rules for that game for my next birthday.



Berta and Pauline doing Frisbee golf

The evening ended with a band of men and women with

the alluring and charming tunes of their Ukuleles, that carried us almost to hotter Hawaii. But still not hot enough to take off our clothes. Exhausted and relaxed we fell into our beds. What a night/day. Needless to say, didn't make it to morning tea at 0930. But we attended the SGM at 1000 am, on another glorious Sunday morning.



Youngest life of the party 2yr old Leteia Drower entertaining the rest of us

At meeting it was decided Pauline to stay president, andmany had new ideas about the rally's and the attendance of the individual members. Therefore NUDVAN will remain. And all went home happily ever after. lol.....Thanks to an amazing committee, Pauline, Neil, Christine, Naomi.



Big discussions around the petanque pit

Berta Metz

(Photos taken by Bill Ryan and Naomi Drower)

Holidaying in Germany

We are a NZ couple in our 60s currently living and working in the UK, we have belonged to the Heritage Naturist Club here in England but have decided we don't get enough use from the facilities because of our commitment to travel and the great English weather however when the weekends are sunny and we are not travelling we visit as often as we can.

8th June we flew from the UK, to Hamburg in Germany, (it is considerably cheaper to hire a motorhome in Germany than Sweden or Norway) after a 30 minutes taxi ride arrived at McRent the motorhome rental people. We were advised by the manager to register online on the Norwegian Auto pass website our credit card so the road tolls would be automatically charged, there are no toll roads in Sweden. It would appear that this has not happened somehow we have incurred an account for 1000 kroner. This is an ongoing problem which we are currently trying to sort out. After about two hours we were finally on the road, we had bought our Mio Sat Nav from the UK which has all of Europe installed, it worked a dream. First challenge was to get to Keil for our overnight ferry to Goteburg in Sweden, the loading of the vehicle onto the ferry was efficient and trouble free, as was all the ferries we used during our trip. Arrived on time in Goteburg, 9am, again the unloading from the ferry was a breeze. Decided to make our way up to Lake Vanern one of the largest lakes in Europe, found a camping ground just south of Askersund, a lot of permanent caravans with attached conservatories, we were to realise this was common in Sweden and Norway. The camping ground had the usual showers toilets, wash rooms etc, buildings of wooden construction painted the usual red/brown colour common in that part of the world it was all fairly basic. Rained during the night and we had a little difficulty with traction in the morning but were soon on our way after putting a couple of pine tree branches under the front wheels. Made our way to the Swedish/Norwegian border, were stopped by Norwegian Border control official and asked if we were carrying any alcohol or cigarettes and where we were going, we did have some alcohol on board that we had bought in Germany along with our food, again a lot cheaper than Sweden or Norway. We admitted to 10 bottles of beer and a bottle of vodka, wasn't a problem. No passports required. Deciding to avoid Oslo and take route 23 from Drobak to Drammen which takes you under the sea through a series of tunnels the longest being 7kms long (tunnels are everywhere in Norway) and quite a steep climb out of it. Making our way down the E18 we heard a noise which we both thought was the road but the road surface changed but our noise didn't, stopped the motorhome to check the tyres all seemed to be well. On our way again the noise seemed to have gone, found a camping ground near Holmestrand, the noise had returned, coming from the motor, several Norwegians living at the motorcamp thought it might be a waterpump. Went through the information pack we had been given, there were four numbers to ring in case of breakdown etc. Rang them all without getting anywhere. A book included motorhome agencies one happened to be only 30 kms away so next morning was made our way to their outlet, only to be told they only deal with bodies, and given directions to a Fiat authorised repair shop in Tonsburg another 10 kms away. After a brief inspection by a mechanic were told we had a gearbox problem and not to drive any further. The vehicle had only done 4,000 kms. We were able to ring McRent from the garage spoke to the manager, who was rude and unhelpful telling us that the vehicle was under warranty with Fiat and we needed to deal with them, giving us a number which turned out to be faulty had also tried this number the day before. The Service Manager at the garage eventually rang Fiat Norway who in turn rang Fiat Germany, after much negotiation and 7 hours after we had arrived, we were in a rental car heading to the naturist resort we had booked before leaving the UK hoping they had some accommodation. After 3 hours on the E18 and through some lovely scenery we arrived at Isefjaerieiren Resort near Kristiansand, not a soul to be seen, but what a beautiful spot the scenery was perfection nestled on the edge of a sea inlet surrounded by trees. That's were the beauty ended, we eventually found an old man in a dirty singlet tending the oak hot tub fire who in turn found another old man wrapped in a grubby towel who showed us to our room. The buildings are ex army barracks, although all clean and the showers 'quite' modern the buildings were all in need of updating. The custodian was out fishing with the only other guests who were Dutch, we had a very pleasant evening after a sauna and hot tub (that wasn't hot enough) socialising with the custodian and the Dutch couple. Having to return to pick up our repaired motorhome in two days we decided to move on making our way back so headed inland north to Vradal on the edge of one of the many lakes we were to see on our trip, stayed the night in the Quality Straand Hotel, went for a swim in their indoor pool and a walk after dinner taking in the scenery. Next day we were back in Tonsberg but the part had not arrived to facilitate the repair, again phone calls and negotiation to get us on the road again, felt we had been delayed long enough, it was now Thursday and we had to be back in the South of Sweden in a week to catch our ferry back to Germany. Our aim was to climb up to a very famous tourist attraction called Prekestolen or Pulpit Rock a cliff 604 metres high overlooking the Lysefjord, the weather forecast wasn't good for Saturday, so we had to get there Friday, after driving through route 45, the scenery it breathtaking, just lake after lake no one on the road, we stayed near Valle in a small motel with grass growing on the roof, sleeping in a small four poster bed. Oh how we wished we were in the motor home, there were so many lovely places we could have

'free camped' which is legal in Norway. Arrived at 'the rock' about lunchtime and after a quick ice cream accended for 2 hours over boulders and rocks to this spectacular geological site. The decent is just as difficult as the accent, taking about the same time, a reasonable amount of fitness is required. You need to get a ferry from the Stavanger side to the rock, we took the short ferry ride near Hole over and the longer ferry ride from Tau back into Stavanger where we stayed the night in the Rassidon Blu hotel, by now we are over hotels and the food, wanted to be back in the motorhome gave us so much more freedom, hotels don't allow you to mix with the other people. Next day headed north with the intention of visiting Bergen took yet another ferry but ended up avoiding Bergen, along the way seeing waterfalls tumbling down to the roadside spectacular, stayed that night on the edge of the Hardangerfjord, another lovely spot where cruise ships berth during the summer, headed into the snow on the road to Geilo the following day, the terrain here was quite different more barren with frozen lakes, the outside temperature only 3 degrees, now Sunday, we decided to head back to get the motorhome, staying a night in a Spa hotel on the outskirts of Olso, except the Spa was closed at 7pm, dinner also had to be eaten by 7pm. Arrived back in Tonsburg by 10am picked up the motorhome and headed back to Sweden via route 23. Monday night we stayed in a very smart SweCamp near Mellerud, great facilities, we paid 310 SK, you also had to pay for shower usage which was charged to your account electronically, all very high Tec, had a great night with some Norwegians who had been on the road for about 2 months, they recommended a visit to Ullared the biggest and cheapest shop in Sweden, they had spent three days there, a camping ground all set up for the shoppers, this we had to see. We hated it, motorhomes all lined up, over 1000 camping sites catering for tents, motorhomes and caravans, even a shopping trolley drop off, people were coming back with them full to overflowing, went to check out the shop, a very large building full of everything, we didn't think things were that cheap. 2 hours and we were out of there. Not very social. Checked into Solhejdan Naturist Camp for near Trelleborg the next two nights, Gary had done so much driving some relaxing time was in order, the website said INF card was required not having one on us, rang to check this, we were welcomed with open arms, such a contrast to our previous night at Ullared, the sun shone, the wine flowed, the people were naked and nice. Again caravans with the standard conservatory attached, residents stay for 6 months of the year, some seem to come and go during that time. A lovely end to our stay in the region. Unfortunately we missed by one day the Swedish celebration of mid-summer which sounded a lot of fun. We had yet another ferry to catch from Trelleborg to Rostock only 6 hours this time, and then back to McRent to drop off the motorhome who reimbursed us for the 8 days of rental we were without the motorhome. We spent the last night of our holiday in a 5 star hotel in Hamburg a lovely city and well worth a visit, wasn't in the plan. We look forward to our next motorhome adventure which will probably be Croatia.

Regards Gary and Sue Elsmore



NUDVAN Rallies

November 2012 - Christmas Rally at AONC.

February 15-17 2013 - Mini Safari starting at Parakai Pools day (10am-10pm)

Information on both of these rallies will follow in the next newsletters.

Members from other clubs are more than welcome to attend NUDVAN rallies.

The next newsletter will be out late October. More than likely this will be AFTER labour weekend.

To those who attended the 20th Birthday, hope you all had a fantastic time!!