



## Waikato Spring and East Coast Safari.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 5 Riley couples left Te Rapa and travelled to Raglan. After an overnight stay and a shared breakfast they set off to view the Bridal Veil Falls. On to Pirongia for lunch and a visit to the Redoubt. Continued on to Waitomo for afternoon bush walks and dinner at the Caves



Restaurant. Next morning headed for New Plymouth via the Natural Bridge, Marokopo Falls, Marokopo and the Beach

Tunnel. In New Plymouth, Pukekura Park, Zoo and Art Gallery were visit before setting off via the coastal route to Hawera for the night. A visit to the Tawhiti Museum next morning, then onto Stratford and the Forgotten Highway to the newly refurbished Whangamomona Hotel. The dinner and accommodation at the hotel was a great experience. In the morning the party split up with those continuing to the East Coast spending three nights in Taupo and the rest making their way home.

The East Coast part of the trip involved one night in Napier before a wet trip via Wairoa to Gisborne. Next morning in beautiful weather three couples set off around the East Coast admiring the stunning beaches stopping at Tolaga Bay to see the restored wharf, Tokomau Bay for lunch at the delect wharf and freezing works ruins. Moving on, a visit to the beautifully kept Tikitiki Church with its ornate Maori carvings was followed by a night at Hicks Bay. The trip ended at Tauranga after travelling via Waihou Bay for coffee, through Te Kaha, Opotiki, an overnight stay at Ohope Beach, through Whakatane to Mt. Maunganui and over the bridge for a farewell dinner.



All the participants had a very enjoyable and scenic trip with no Riley Cars breaking down. Many thanks to Norman for planning this Riley adventure.