



Giddy all, a momentous day in the life of my wonderful Liberty RS Turbo it turned over 500,000kms today (August 2013) in Beaumont Street Hamilton. A few facts below;

- > Purchased from Regal Motors (at their original site Tudor Street Hamilton) on January 22nd (a Wednesday) 1992.
- > Purchase price around \$45,000. Therefore around 11 cents per km so far.
- > Stolen and recovered on four separate occasions including once when it was pushed around the corner out of sight and abandoned and another time when it was involved in a high speed pursuit north of Raymond Terrace.
- > Driven to Outright 1st place at a MG Car Club Nelsons Plains dirt sprint when it had just 1500kms on the clock.
- > So some relevant stats; Assuming average speed of 65 kph for its life that means either Madelon or I have been in it for 7,936 and a half hours over a period of 7,872 days a bit over an hour a day give or take and every day the car has done an average of 63kms.
- > Numerous road trips however probably the most substantial was to The Gulf Country and Daintree in the space of 3 weeks back in '94.
- > Couple of minor incidents where trucks have tried to mount her from behind but she survived with her dignity intact just fine.
- > One head on assault by an Australian Marsupial which she also survived and even got us home....the Marsupial was not so lucky!
- > An errant Mother in Law who attempted murder by backing a Dodge Phoenix into her, she got home from Harvey Bay after that indecent assault from a Yank (referring to the Dodge of course).
- > Serviced by Subaru Dealers (Regal in Newcastle, Autocare in Coffs Harbour) until 100,000 after which exclusively serviced by John Collins' Dyno Tune now known as Newcastle Dyno Centre. Service interval since 100,000 each 5,000kms.
- > Service & Repairs that I can remember;
- > Two clutches, one forced on her after she was involved in the high speed pursuit.
- > Gearbox repair after another of the stolen and recovered incidents.
- > One rear tail light.
- > Head Gasket failure after a water hose let go on the Freeway. My very clever wife shut her down before The Liberty destroyed herself trying to keep up to the speed the cruise control was set at. This was at about 350,000kms and the

manufacturing hone marks were still visible in the bores.

- > Fuel pump replaced.

- > Front brake pads at 172,500 and again on schedule at 345,000 I guess they will be due again in about 15,000kms. Rear Pads at 242,500 and the second set are still going, none of the discs have needed machining yet.

Can't think of anything else to add at the moment other than why have kids when you can have cars like this. To my friends that receive this feel free to pass it onto others I know. To Jo at Regal if you would like to discuss further just drop me a note or give me a call on 0429009150.

Happy motoring to everyone.

Kind regards Bernard.