



November 2013 Newsletter

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All USA Day

Hi everyone, I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather in between the rain showers!

I have taken over doing the Newsletter from Debra and would like to thank her very much for keeping the club members informed for the last three years.

If there is anything you would like to include in the newsletter please send me an email and I am more than happy to put it in the next issue. Any feedback on the new layout is also welcome, hope you enjoy.

Hamilton Convention was fantastic. 33 club members attended this year and we all had a great time. We managed to walk away with 6 trophies as you will hear about in the report below. Unfortunately Chris Brough couldn't join us at the last minute due to her health but we wish her a speedy recovery.

All USA day is coming up so please take special note of the information included. Put the date in your calendar and remember many hands make light work.

Regards

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Extreme Automotive All USA Day

We had a committee meeting Wednesday night to finalise things for the All USA Day, 17 November 2013.

The gates will be opening at 7am for club cars to park. We will not be holding any parks so **please be there on time (7am sharp) or you will not be with the rest of the club.** Display cars start arriving about 7.30am and we have several jobs that need to be done before then. The gazebo and banners need to go up, the gates need to be organised and the stands and tape to rope the cars off has to be sorted. These jobs need to be done before our cars are cleaned, there will be time for this. If you get asked to lend a hand please help as it wont take long.

We would love to get a timetable/roster done for the gates, they are only open/ manned for 4 hours, that is only 12 people for the time they are open. We would like people to put their name down for 1 hour; you will be with a member who has done this job before. Please contact Julie Flett on 543 2143 - flettda@yahoo.com.au

We also need at least 6 judges for the day. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kev, bopmustangclub@gmail.com or phone 544 4396.

Many hands really do make light work!!! If we can organise these jobs before the day it will make the event easier to run. This is our only fundraiser and it is how we can keep our fees so low. We currently have 78 families as members so if we get a good turnout this will be a fantastic day.



All USA Day

Afterwards there is a BBQ and drinks, supplied by the club, for the workers on the day. It is a lovely way to end the day and say thankyou.

The Corvette Club has organised a run on the Saturday the 16th and dinner out Saturday night for those that would like to attend. It is always good fun and we like to support them. They have about 30 cars heading our way at this stage. Lunch on saturday will be \$10 dollars per person - Morning tea will be supplied at the property where the private collection is. Some of the ladies are baking!

Hot & cold drinks available. Full tank of gas required!

Please email bopmustangclub@gmail.com if you can attend by

Tuesday 12th as they need numbers for lunch.

Saturday morning 0930hrs meet in the car park Bethlehem Shopping Centre
1000hrs - on road - Drive to Private collection

1100hrs - arrive at our destination

1200hrs - on road to lunch location

1300hrs - Picnic lunch (\$10), walk opportunity for those who would like.

Time to relax and head back to Tauranga at your leisure.

The dinner on Saturday evening will start at 1830hrs at Zeytin`s in the Strand,

Hamilton Convention

Hamilton Mustang Convention 2013

Labour weekend Friday and here we are meeting for our departure to Hamilton for the 34th annual Mustang convention. 21 cars in total from our club were attending the 3 day event, many for the umpteenth time and some for their first. The trip over was the longest trip I have made to Hamilton as we ducked and dived to avoid the road works so our immaculately prepared cars didn't get dirty, only to find we run into rain just before arriving at the Kingsgate Hotel. The afternoon was spent cleaning cars again, under overcast skies I wondered is this the sensible thing to be doing? It wasn't the last spit and polish as this would happen again at sun rise Saturday morning before heading to the Claudelands show grounds, and again after set up before for the judging. I would have to say that the BOP members all decked out in their club attire (the only club to do so) on the Friday night makes an imposing site amongst the attendees.



All 130+ cars are set up and everything perfect by 10am when the public arrive and the judges begin there unenviable job of deciding who has the best cars in each division.

While the judges do their thing the ladies are out shopping and the blokes are looking at more mustangs, and yes there was some tyre kicking going on at the local importers yard.

I attended the Presidents meeting (first time for me) to join in the discussions around the planning and running of this year's event and a briefing on next year's event to be held in Christchurch. There is a lot of extra planning going into the 2014 convention as it coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Mustang launch. I would have to say that it is amazing to hear how much preparation goes into the early stages of running one of these events. When I enquired into the costs of these events I found out it is in the vicinity of \$80K - \$100K. That's an awful lot of sponsorship and club funds required to ensure it is successful.





Hamilton Convention



Each night our members would congregate before the official functions to have a few drinks and front up to the sheriff to pay for their sinful actions of the day, there were many of these and the kitty was growing steadily. Sunday was the Pony run, the logistics of getting 100+ cars lined up on Te Rapa straight must take some planning, we even had all the lights switched in our favour to get the convoy down the straight and out into the country for our 100 mile run to Te Aroha and back to Matamata for lunch and a bit of inter club rivalry. I had to feel for the driver of a Trans Am Pontiac being interviewed by police on the side of the road and explaining why it was lying on its side in a ditch. If this wasn't embarrassing enough it must have been night mare stuff to have 100+ mustangs give you a few toots and bit of stick. Have you ever come over the brow of a hill and seen Mustangs as far as the eye can see? What a rare sight to savour.



The lunch at the Matamata racecourse (very fitting I thought for a pony run) was a good chance for the clubs to regroup and prepare to do battle. They had the usual "push n grunt" event to find out who was going to lug the 30kg trophy home for their efforts. I was warned, you want to put up a fighting effort but not !! to win this monstrosity. The team did very well coming third, they also had a tug of war which we were winning hands down until the weather decided to pack it in and sent us all scurrying for our cars and a damp trip back to Hamilton. On the return home there was an optional stop off at the "Classic car museum and diner". This was well worthwhile for those who didn't make the club run to visit it last year.



The Sunday night is the grand dinner and presentation of trophies to those who the judges and public decided had the best prepared cars on show. You will see a list of the winners from our club elsewhere in the newsletter, congratulations to them all. It is also the dress up night for all the members of each club, the theme this year was "A day at the races". While all the other clubs took the horse races as their theme we went as the BOP racing team, we had 2 race cars with drivers and backup drivers, all the grid girls in their fancy attire and everyone else as pit crew in their decorated and named overalls. The level of detail the team put into getting this perfect was amazing, even the girl's nails were done in chequered flags. The team had a great night and everyone commented on our theme and presentation, to see them all on and around the dance floor made me proud to be part of the BOP Mustang club.





Hamilton Convention



In closing I would have to say what a fantastic 3 day experience, to get to know the members of our club and meet a lot of new friends from other clubs. To see what is unquestionably the best presented Mustangs in New Zealand under one roof. For those who won trophies I say well done for all that hard work, and to those that didn't win this year my commiserations as I know everyone had put in a lot of preparation, but in some classes there was just so many cars at a very high standard and must have been very hard for the judges to split the differences.

To those in the club who put countless hours of work into getting all the props and costumes ready for the event, on top of getting your own cars ready for showing, I thank you all very much, without wanting to exclude anyone who falls into this category, I have to say a special thanks to Debra Coombes, Jolene Rogerson, and Geoff Church for going above and beyond the call of duty. As for Christchurch next year, watch this space as there are plans in place to make the 50th Anniversary of the Mustang a special convention to get your wheels spinning, hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Cheers
Dave Flett, President

Trophy's

- 67-68 Convertible - 1st Glen & Brenda Fitzpatrick
- 68-73 Hardtop, Grande Sportsroof - 2nd Gus & Wendy Old,
3rd Rusty & Wendy McGowan
- 74-04 All Except Convertibles - 3rd Grant & Vicky Robb
- 06-Current Shelby - 2nd Geoff Church & Chris Brough
- Competition/Modified - 1st Wayne Hills





When	What	Who
16th November	Corvette Run	Corvette Club
17th November	All USA Day	Committee
24th November	Stragglers Cambridge Charity Car Show	Gates open 8am Gold coin donation
30th November	Citz Club	Committee
30th November	Drags Day (Flyer attached)	Ford Muscle Car Club
25-27 January 2014	KeriKeri	Paul and Gillian

Christmas function at Citz Club: We have 26 members going at this stage. There are still tickets available for the dinner and dance (with all the xmas trimmings) but you will need to purchase and collect these yourself from the club reception. Please make sure you tell them you are with the Mustang club so you are seated with us.

25,26 & 27 January is the dates for the overnigher this year, Anniversary Weekend. Two nights have been booked at a hotel in Keri Keri. The hotel is \$125 per night. There are only 12 rooms and 6 have already gone. If you are interested in attending please contact Paul and Gillian on paulandgillianstops@gmail.com.

LAST CHANCE

We feel that it would be helpful to members if we sent out a membership list to everyone. If you DO NOT want your name to be on the list could you please email bopmustangclub@gmail.com and we will remove your name. We think it would be helpful if you want to contact someone in the club. Please give us your feedback.

Here are the contact details for the President, Secretary and Committee:

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Drags Day

30th November 2013

The Ford Muscle Car Club are running their second annual Drag Racing Day at Fram Autolite Raceway (Meremere).

This will be run in conjunction with the FPV Owners Club (Auckland).

Entry is set at \$50.00 per Driver.

Entry forms available for this event from our website

www.fordmusclecars.org.nz

or phone Barry Gordon 027 2010428

