



March 2012

Hi Everyone

Well it's been a very busy time since the last newsletter. Welcome to all the new members. We had a weekend away to Snells Beach and of course last weekend we had the 10th Anniversary weekend.

Here's the weekend away report:

7 Tauranga cars met at Bethlehem at 7.30am. All arrived on time and set off to meet the Kati Kati cars at Waihi. Quick stop for wee wees where Kelvin and Sue left the first of many black marks on road, naughty, which of course led to a lot more testosterone fuelled owners doing the same. We set off to meet 2 more cars at the Bombays. Coffee was needed urgently, as we were making good time we stopped at Ngatea for takeaways. Next stop the Bombays where we met Grant and Vicki and Mike and Jacinta, more coffee (my kind of trip) then we headed off to the Puhoi Pub for lunch. They had coned off parking for us all, which was very much appreciated and the public enjoyed looking over the cars. We had a mooch around, a few of us went and had a look around the cheese factory we needed cheese to go with our wine and crackers!! the ice cream was out of this world too. Bev was given the very important job of sheriff, there was no shortage of incidents for her to fine us all. We headed off to Warkworth to invade the peace and quiet of Snells Beach and the Salty Dog Inn. Once we were all checked in and had got our supplies from the very handy shops we all congregated in Paul and Gillian's room, Happy Birthday to Bev then we had our first fine session. All the usual suspects were found guilty of various acts of stupidity, a great afternoon of relaxing in good company with lots of laughs. 7.30pm and off for evening meal, we did have a couple of casualties from the afternoon but what happens on tour, stays on tour so I can't say anymore (I am open to bribes). We had lovely meals and yet more laughs, eh Glen !!! Off to bed, a good day was had by all. Breakfast at 8.30am, once again very tasty, time to unload the Dip Stick Award which went to our beloved president Grant a first I think :). The best presented car went to Rob and Louise, congratulations. We followed Rob on a little tiki tour to a small bay (can't remember the name) where we had a photo shoot of the cars, then we headed to Matakana Village, least said about that the better eh Duncan, Wendy put all the boys to shame by doing the best Wheelie of the weekend so said the sheriff girl power! Time to head to Mangere for the annual Mini Putt Tournament, Mike was under pressure to defend his title, we were determined to take it off him! The winners were 3rd place Kevin Thomas, 2nd Mike Gubb and taking the trophy home this year, Paul Stops. We found a bar to have a drink and debrief and final fine session, the petrol voucher was won by Paul and Brenda won the fines money. Time to make tracks back to Tauranga, one final stop at Papakura to fill up the gas tanks. Thanks to all who came, for a great fun weekend with lots of laughter. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Hopefully we see some new faces along with the old ones for next years trip. PS: If you ever go to Matakana Village might be a good idea not to go in your Mustang !!!!! not blaming anyone Duncan oops that was supposed to stay on tour.

Gillian and Paul Stops

A big thank you to Gillian and Paul from everyone who attended this wonderful weekend away ☺



Lunch at Puhio Pub



Inside the pub (great signs)



Funny how you found this corner!



Great line up



Awesome day for a drive

BOP Mustang Owners Club 10th Anniversary

Finally the 3 March arrived and the committee headed to the Tauranga Citizens club for the anniversary dinner. We organised some decorations and got the Photo slide show going. Soon after 5.30pm past and present members starting arriving, enjoying the photos and catching up with some members we hadn't seen for a while. Our corner got noisier and the stories began and the happy hour began, soon nibbles arrived as well. We had a fantastic turnout of around 60 people from the founding members Bart and Nicky to some of our newest members. Around 7pm the official part of the evening began with Grant giving a short speech about the founding of the club and a short history to current day. Certificates were then presented to members that have been continuous members for the last 10 years. After that all the Presidents, Grant, Wendy McGowan and Bart cut the anniversary cake. Shortly after we all headed upstairs to order our dinner. Great job on the decorations! After a great dinner and cake, more stories were told and quite a few members were seen boogying the night away on the dance floor. It really was special night that I'm sure everyone who was there really enjoyed.



Anniversary cake



Certificate recipients – Wayne Hills, Judy & Neil Robinson, Bev & Kev Thomas, Ross Mischewski, Kevin Robinson, Wendy & Rusty McGowan. Absent: Stewart & Joan Powers, Kelvin & Sue Pearson, Dale & Karen Mathers

The next day, one out of the box, was an early start for most, leaving the college at 8am to head down to Blake Park. Getting the cars in order was a bit hard for some, especially the 67 and 68 owners!! After a bit of sorting, we got all the cars parked, complete with spaces for those who would be a little late. After the marquee was put up, banners and the cake were set out. It was a great set up. The turnout was phenomenal !!! We talked to some of the original members and they couldn't remember a bigger turnout. At last count there were 36 cars, thanks to everyone to turned up and made it a great day. The shared lunch was a big hit. Debra Coombes got 2nd American and the club got Best Club trophy.



A really impressive line up of cars
The newest and oldest cars next to each other



Club tent looked great



A nice day to sit in the sun and enjoy the view.

Mar 12	17 – Meeting about going to USA 25 - Matamata Panelworks Open Day 29-1 April – Beach Hop	Glen & Brenda
Apr 12	15 th AGM – Location Duncan & Lisa 29 nd ANZAC Run – Bowentown (with AMOC & WMOC)	Committee/Grant BOPMOC

Next committee meeting is 6:30pm, 21 March at Grant and Vicki's house. More info will follow about the AGM, times etc and the ANZAC run. I've attached a Nomination Form. All positions (President, secretary/treasurer, editor, committee) are supposed to be nominated before the event. If there is more than 1 person for a position there will be a written ballot on the day at the AGM.

We have been invited to attend the Open Day at Matamata Panelworks on 25 March 2012. They have trade displays as well as the cars they are working on and some finished cars. They need numbers by 12 March. There will be parking for the people who let me know they are attending. Please e-mail dcoombes@clear.net.nz and we will set a departure time etc.

There are a group of members that are interested in visiting the USA and travelling Route 66. Some people next year and some in 2014 for the 50th Anniversary of the Mustang. There is a run called Mustangs Across America and the run organised by Beach Hop's Noddy. If you would be interested in talking about costs, where the trip goes etc, Glen and Brenda Fitzpatrick are going to have a pot luck dinner on 17 March starting 5.30pm. I'll send a reminder at a closer date.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Debra

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