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President's Report

A long held dream to cruise Route 66 was one of the big ticket items on my Bucket List. It was a question of when, rather than if we would do it.

Thankfully the 50th anniversary of the iconic Ford Mustang was celebrated in the USA over the weekend of 17 April so I no longer had a reason to further delay my Route 66 dream. We eventually found a touring group that addressed both of these big ticket opportunities.

A reasonable muster from our Club made their journey to the USA to participate in the 50th celebrations. **I'm aware of about five different** groups that made their way to either Las Vegas or Charlotte.

The group we travelled with attended the celebrations in Las Vegas. No doubt many of you will have kept abreast of the travels, stories and experiences of our Club members via facebook, emails, and personally as the travelling groups have returned back home.

I hardly had time to check out the Mustang cars lined upon on the apron of Las Vegas Speedway as I kept busy inside the main arena, a Mustang wall of fame taking us through the years and model changes of Mustangs, the 2015 Mustang was center of display, merchandising opportunities galore, and booths by all the companies that change a Mustang into a Shelby, Roush etc. The display that took up most of my time covered the birth of the iconic Ford Mustang. There was so much history here, great stuff.

The sheer size of the complex gave the impression **that there wasn't a big attendance; however once I** checked out the car park I had an entirely different view. Although I planned to go back to the car show on the 18th I learnt that I had other plans.

Several from our Club attended the evening festivities **of the Anniversary weekend and I'm hopeful that we'll** be able to read more about those events.

Your Club of course gets its opportunity to continue the 50th anniversary celebrations during the Labour Weekend convention. Show your support by registering to participate, do the registration as **soon as you've finished your read of Burble.**



I just have to share a couple of bits from our Route 66 trip. We made the journey as part of Kiwis on Route 66, hosted by Noddy Watts.

Forty two kiwis cruising in 21 Mustang Convertibles made for heaps of fun, lots of looks from the locals, and awesome cruising on the Mother Road.

The high lights for me were firstly actually fulfilling a dream, and secondly having had the chance to meet the Mayor of the Mother Road, Angel Delgadillo, a barber from Seligman, Arizona, who founded the first Historic Route 66 Association and is responsible for much of the preservation work that followed. Not only did our group have the chance to meet Angel, but I was given a shave **by this 87 year old as he told "his story" of Route 66.** This experience will inspire me forever.

Keep on Cruising

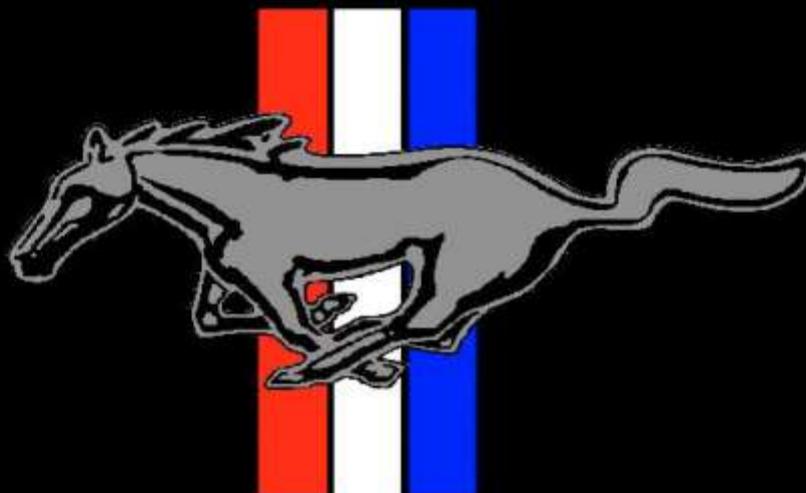
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Movie Night

A Movie night sounded like a good idea, however, given a fixed date Saturday 17th May, it was a challenge to come up with a theatre that was showing something on that evening with wide appeal. Putting the thinking cap on again I had a recollection of being told about a guy who screened movies at his own home. After tracking him down, Brian Ellis from Woodend was very keen to have us out to his home to see some of his movies. The brief given to Brian was anything relating to cars or comedy, so it was left in his hands.

On arrival we were blown away by Brian's theatre. It was a new purpose built building and to say the least it was stunning. Brian had a great collection of projectors and movies, as well as movie related memorabilia. An impressive touch was the motorised curtain over the screen.

Brian started with lots of early clips and news reels that had hill climbs and sporting events that were hilarious, a few foreign car advertisements rolling onto an Aussie movie, (after refreshing the drinks) about a band of Aborigines and their adventure with an old Holden found in a scrap yard. Fantastic! The group loved it and with an invitation for another movie evening I'm sure the opportunity will be grabbed with both hands.

The second half of the evening was spent at the Bunker restaurant, at the well appointed Pegasus Golf club, where we met up with three more club members. A few Fantas and a beautiful meal plus the usual banter that goes with a club event, it was a fitting end to a great evening.

Dave Bannan



Statistics

Statistics have just released the latest registration figures for the number of cars on the road in NZ and Australia at the end of 2013. There are 3,272 Mustangs registered for use in NZ and 10,032 registered in Australia. Of these 615 are convertibles in NZ and 2253 are Australian rag tops. Included in these figures are the Shelby, Roush derivatives etc

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V8's in Cromwell



Late January 2014 saw BNT V8 Super Tourers and the Central Muscle Cars thundering around the Highland Park Race Track in Cromwell.

CMOC fielded a static display for the two day event, with over a dozen cars in the line up on the main entrance to the track.

Some of the Club members took the opportunity for an extended holiday following the Cromwell Car Show the weekend before and enjoyed day trips around Central Otago, culminating in the race weekend at Highlands Motor Sports Park.

Saturday night everyone gathering at the Cromwell Town and Country Club for dinner and a few drinks.

Sunday race day started cloudy and deteriorated to rain around the time racing was due to start. Although racing progressed throughout the day, it was very cold and saw some heading for home early.

Fantastic location and venue for drivers and spectators alike. Let's hope the weather gods are more friendly next year.





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Member Profile

Ben Johnston, Fox Glacier



Above: In the beginning



Above: Add some paint and let's see what we have ... (below) a beautiful fully restored 1965 Coupe

Ben Johnston & Sophie



All those who attended the Nelson Car Show in February will know this smiling face. Some would say that Ben hasn't stopped smiling since he got his 1965 Coupe on the road nearly two years ago.

Once again, we find a 'lad' who has been strongly influenced by his father Clarke who also owns a Mustang. Clarke and Ben are both Mechanics and enjoy being able to do the mechanicals on their classic cars.

Ben's journey to being a Mustang owner started when he took his Mark IV Zephyr to the All Ford Weekend at Westport, where he made the mistake of staying at the same motel as the Mustang Club for a couple of years running – no other choice he decided - he needed to upgrade the horsepower!

Wayne and Annie Coster sourced the Mustang for Ben and there started a 12 month complete restoration, from bare shell to what you see today. As you can see from the photos – the wait was well and truly worth it.

Ben is a Fox boy through and through (Fox Glacier that is) who loves spending time enjoying some of the best 4WD country on offer, not to mention the outstanding Jet boating opportunities on the West Coast. The Jet Boat is a recent acquisition which has come with some early lessons on what not to do



Happy motoring Ben - whether it be Mustang, 4WD or Jet Boat



On a recent excursion fishing on the lake (on his own), he turned off the motor (in the middle of the lake of course) just on dark to reel in the line only to discover the battery was flat and he wasn't going anywhere unless it was under 'Ben Power'.

After rowing half way across the lake he managed to find some tourists in a camper van who came to the rescue by lending him the battery from their camper to get his boat going. So then he had to get across the lake, get the boat on the trailer, drive back around the other side of the lake and deliver the camper van battery back to the extremely brave and trusting tourists! Good exercise Ben—maybe not enough for a spot on the Men's Olympic rowing team though!

All Ford Days 2014

WASHED OUT !!!

Unfortunately both the original date chosen for the All Ford Day and then the second attempt to hold the event, were both washed out due to heavy rain. We'll try again next year !





Kiwis on Route 66

hosted by
Noddy Watts.



Above: Susanne & Pete Donaldson

Above: Rob Donaldson & Shelley Williams

Member Profile

Clarke & Cheryl Johnston



Left: Clarke & Cheryl lined up with the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club at the Nelson Car Show in February.

Below with Ben & Sophie cooking up a storm on the BBQ

Fox Glacier

Clarke and Cheryl own and operate Fox Glacier Motors. Although Clarke was born in Balclutha his family moved to Haast when he was 8 (no comment on how long along that was) so I think we'll call him a West Coaster. Cheryl was born and raised in Fox Glacier and obviously used her feminine charms to lure Clarke to stay in the area and set up business. They have raised three boys, one now living in Auckland, one in Hokitika and Ben in Fox Glacier.

Clarke joined the Mustang Club nearly 10 years ago when he brought a do-er-upper out of Dunedin – a 1966 Coupe which he proceeded to pull into a million one pieces before reconditioning and putting it all back together. Clarke did what he could himself and handed over things like reconditioning the engine and painting to the experts. The Mustang has been back on the road about eight years now and Clarke tries to drive it as much as he can.

This can be a challenge as Cheryl also owns a 1965 Fastback (see here at the Nelson car show). Cheryl loves the fact that it is completely original, with only 38,000 miles and prior to coming to NZ the car had only one owner in USA.

Adding to the challenge of getting his 1966 Mustang on the road are another six cars and several bikes, including a couple of 1941 Indian Bikes, a Triumph Bike and a late model BMW 1200.



The BMW took Clarke and Cheryl to the 2014 Brass Monkey Rally over Queens Birthday Weekend in comfort (compared to an old Indian that is)! Clarke has just finished building a 12m x 12m shed thinking this would solve his storage problems – the shed is full and they still have an overflow and wonder where they had it all before.

With busy lives running their own business, getting away can be a challenge so it's great that we see you as much as do on Club Outings. Keep on cruising'

Member Profile

Paul West



Above from left: Emma, Zac, Caleb, Michelle, Inky (Crew) and Paul next to his racecar

The Bucket List ... there can't be too many more things on this man's 'Bucket List'....

He has recently become engaged to long time love Emma, has two teenage boys who share a passion for car racing, runs his own successful business, and has a fully restored 1970 Boss Mustang in the garage, plus a 1969 Z28 Camaro which keeps the Boss company in the toy shed!

2014 - the year that the Ford Mustang celebrates its 50th Anniversary. This will be a very special year for many people as they make a pilgrimage to birthplace of the Ford Mustang, but more so for those who have romantic memories around this event as well.

Paul spent months planning a romantic twist to their USA holiday, with a dreamy proposal planned for their visit to the Grand Canyon to make any girl swoon. However pressure of losing the ring got the better of Paul and he couldn't wait that long before dropping a little box in Emma's lap.

The stars in Emma's eyes as she retells the story match the fire in the beautiful engagement ring she treasures as much as she does the man.

Paul behind the wheel of 34c Superstock in full flight





Okay – is that enough mushy stuff for the boys reading this! Most of the spare time in the West household is spent either on the race track or preparing for race day. Caleb 13, races Youth Mini Stocks at Oxford and Ashburton Speedways. Zac, almost 17, raced Youth Mini Stocks for the last two years and this year moves into Stock Cars at Woodford Glen and Oxford.

You don't have to look very far to see where this passion for racing comes from. Paul spent his youth as a spectator at Woodford Glen with his Dad. During his teenage years and early 20's he worked in the pits for several crews, always with a dream to find himself behind the wheel one day.

Paul got this chance to tick the box on his Bucket List to race three seasons ago, through very good friends Graeme and Sallie Barr from Hawera in the Taranaki, who are also Mustang fans, being members of the Taranaki Club. Paul raced Graeme's Superstock in Palmerston North for a season before racing out of Woodford Glen for the 2013/2014 race season.

Paul has raced at Woodford Glen all year and after a rough start, settling into a new car and ironing out the bugs, he was thrilled to take 3rd place in the Canterbury Champs for his class.

He drives superstock 34c which has a Midwest built Toyota Lexus V8, producing 492 hp with 390 ftlbs of torque, out of 248 cubic inch engine which is the maximum cubic capacity of the class, and turns 9200rpm.

This is all sitting in a quality built Graeme Barr Chassis. in typical Paul's laid back fashion, he describes this as "a fun skid for a Saturday night!"

Back to the other toys in the shed. Paul purchased his 1970 Boss 302 nearly 10 years ago and lovingly and painstakingly restored the car with a completion date of the 2008 NZ Annual Mustang Convention hosted by Canterbury. A 1969 Z28 Camaro joined the family around five years ago.

One of those stories we all hear – about the car that had been left sitting in the garage for 20 years and had really low mileage. Paul has tickled it up where necessary but loves the fact that much of it is still original. Over the years Paul has also owned a 1965 K Code, 1965 Fastback and another 1970 Boss along with a 1968 Z28 Camaro.

In order to have sufficient space to store all the race cars and American toys in 2013 Paul and Emma ventured out to the country to try out the 10acre dream. Having been given plenty of advice that this was going to be more like a life sentence than a life style there was some trepidation it must be said. However having settled into the motorway shuffle in the mornings and becoming one with the ride on mower they are now entrenched in the goodlife. The only concern being that Paul is making friends with the livestock rather than looking to put them in the freezer!!

What's still on Paul's Bucket List a Dodge TA Challenger to round out the Transam threepete lineup of historic period Transam Racecars in the garage and maybe a historic muscle race car one day.....did I not mention that to you Emma!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



1969 302 Z28 Camaro

Above: Paul's Bucket List 2 out 3 (or 4) ain't half bad!

All USA Day Timaru April 2014



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Member Profile

DAVE AND ANDREA BANNAN:

Cars have always played a big part in David's life. He served his apprenticeship as a panelbeater in his hometown of Greymouth at Schaefs, the local Holden dealer. He made the move over the hill where he met his best friend and wife Andrea.

After a stint at self employment and working for a couple of repairers David made a career change as a vehicle claims assessor for the then SIMU, eventually becoming AMI's South Island Assessing Manager. With the post earthquake demise of AMI he is currently Area manager for IAG. Teaching Auto Restoration classes at CPIT was a part time job.



from Beast to BEAUTY



David and Andrea, who is a Practice Nurse, have been married for almost 32 years and have three children, Brad, Georgia and Emelia although they are all adults now. Two are married and the youngest has just flown the coop and gone flatting.

Over the years David has done up many damaged vehicles. Andrea still jokes that she has only owned one car that wasn't delivered swinging from the back of a tow truck! It gets worse, a car she really wanted once was a Fiat 124 Sport, so David found her a damaged green one. Andrea wanted it red so he started the job of dismantling the Italian, not one of his desirable cars at all! The car was no sooner finished when David spotted a wanted to buy Fiat ad in the Press and it was SOLD before Andrea could get her hands on the steering wheel! There is more to that but that's another story!

David owned a 1930 Model A pickup that was a major body rebuild project and was going to be powered by a Chev 283. This was at a time when they were doing up houses so each move meant five trailerloads of Model A. He lost interest and sold it as it was.

Another car which David co-owned was a 1957 Chev that had a transplant with a 454ci Chev racing boat motor. It raced at Ruapuna with the body in a rough state and on conventional tyres. It felt like the back wheels were still spinning at the end of the quarter mile!

After a raft of mainstream cars there is only one that David regrets selling and that was a 1962 Holden EK ute. It was in a former life a paddy wagon for the Masterton Police.

David and Andrea's son, Brad, bought a 1965 Mustang that was stored in their garage so David saw the car every day and it grew on him something wicked! He had to have one. So it was off to the dark side with Ford. The car was spotted on West Coast Classic imports site. Its factory options were a vinyl roof, centre console, 289 V8, auto, power steer, power brakes. With no issues with compliance the car was soon on the road and Andrea and David joined the Mustang club in 2008.

The Taranaki Mustang Convention was coming up in October 2009, so in February that year it was decided to enter the car which meant a total rebuild in a relatively short time. Typically they were finishing off a house renovation, getting it ready to sell.

The car was stripped back to bare steel. Thankfully it had good bones and hardly any rust. All the welded on panels were original so the spot welds were all factory. The floor was very good as well. David sorted out the basic panel work with not a lot of gear. The car was then moved to Elite panelbeaters where Adam and Carrot worked their magic.



The car was epoxy primed then Dave the painter sprayed it in Dynasty Green, an early Mustang colour. Tony, at Pole Electroplating, gave the shiny bits the treatment. David found the wire wheels at Moorhouse Muscle Cars. They were off a Lincoln Continental. The manufacturers were still in business in the States so they supplied new splined hubs to fit the Mustang.

With David out in the garage till the wee hours, it fell to Andrea to get the house ready to market. The house duly sold and possession date arrived and David was still in the garage, putting the car together!

The Taranaki convention was a great weekend, made even better by gaining 2nd place in the 65-66 coupe class. Then, in Invercargill in 2011, another 2nd place in the same class. The focus now is to enjoy driving the car, more so than showing it.

At the 2009 Lake Hood Christmas function Andrea was awarded Most Understanding Partner - a well deserved award!

A recent highlight for David was driving a 2007 Shelby around Ruapuna against his own car. This was for an article in Classic Driver magazine. David was impressed with the Shelby, it just stuck to the wet track and never left it once.

David would love a new Mustang but to sell the 65 would be a very hard decision to make. Andrea has a penchant to own the green Capri she has seen around town that her mother once owned from new, if there was room in the garage!

David and Andrea really enjoy the club members and the outings that the club provides. Last year David became a committee member and is also on the



Dave and Andrea's classic Mustang looks very much at home outside the Winery and I'm sure they look very much at home inside the Winery!

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Paul Banks - Owner

From the Editor

Hi everyone—It was lovely to see so many familiar faces at the AGM on Saturday. It made me realise that although our lives are busy, spending time with our Mustang Club friends needs to come back up the priority list of notch or two.

We all go through phases when various commitments, be it work, family or friends, pull us in so many directions it's hard to find 'fun' time. Fun time with like minded people is essentially the reason we joined the Mustang Owners Club and we have missed out on most of those opportunities in the last 12 months.

As I write this there are 199 days to Christmas!! For some of you that's exciting, for some terrifying and others mildly annoying to be reminded that the 'silly season' is rolling around very quickly yet again. However you feel about Christmas, let me remind you of some other deadlines you should know about



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Above from left: Christine Quinn (Treasurer), Jeff Waghorn (President), and Dallas Geddes (outgoing Editor)

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Girls ... the Mustang Convention is not just for the boys! There will plenty of time for ladies to catch up with friends from other Clubs and make new friends throughout the weekend.

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Dave & Sharyn Busch



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Clara, Barry and Madeline Fairbrass
Better get your wallet out again Barry!!



Gail & Ray Spencer
For over the bed I believe Ray!



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Clara, Barry, Madeline Fairbrass



Dallas Mustangs: Back: Viv, Ray, Madeline,





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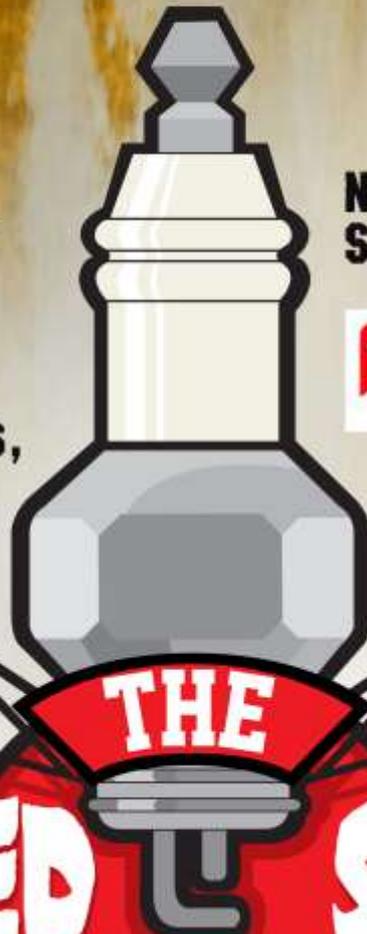
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