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# **Canterbury Mustang Owners Club**







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Hi everyone

Welcome to the September issue of Burble, our quarterly magazine that keeps us all connected.

What is it about the Mustang brand, the legend, and the Mustang models that have this power to bring us together and nurture the friendship and common interest that we all share?

I expect that for the 269 CMOC members, there are 269 different answers to that question, albeit with some areas of common ground.

For me, it started back in the late 1960's, cycling to university and my weekend job in a service station in Barrington Street, following the success of Ford in formula 1 with the Cosworth DFV, winning Le Mans with McLaren and Amon, the Ford "total performance" ads in the US magazines showcasing Mustangs and Cobras, reading about Paul Fahey's winning Mustang here in NZ, and more. Somehow the seeds were sown in those influential years and the media coverage, to try and find a job and a career with the great Ford brand, and maybe one day have a Mustang in the garage.

Fast forward to 2016, and here we are as humble members of the greatest Mustang club, a wonderful 64  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the garage which triggers a memory trip to the original launch advertising with every look, and our beloved 2008 Gurney edition Saleen that has a unique story all of its own.

But perhaps more special than any of the Mustangs are the people....the depth of true friendship, sincerity and genuine caring, common interests, unending sense of fun and shared enjoyment.....it never fails to amaze Loretta and I how the love of a particular car, and a legendary brand, can do this!

And the more I think about this, the more I realise that these values and strengths apply across every Mustang, and every Mustang owner and CMOC member, from the earliest to the very latest. Here's a statistic that might surprise you.....CMOC has welcomed 68 new members this year, comprising 39 new members with earlier (LHD) models, and 29 new RHD models. So our growth, and our strength, is well balanced.

As a club, we are the epitomy of what the Mustang spirit and brand is all about! Enjoy your club and the Mustang fraternity we represent, participate in as many events as suits you, and we'll see you along the way.

Best wishes

Garry

President





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I thought I would share how I became interested in Mustangs. It started when I was a young fellow growing up in Lyttelton. My Uncle Brian Bucksey lived next door to us. One day in the late seventies a little blue 65 six cylinder rocked up next door. I said to myself right then that one day I was going to own one of these. Brian went on to buy a 1969 and fully restore it, before one of the early conventions. Brian and his two best mates Trev & Terry Woolley I think were three of the original boy racers. Trev & Terry still have a love for the mustangs and I caught up with them at last years all Ford Day.

B CAPTAIN'S REP

In 2000 the hunt was on for a wee coupe at the right price. I had always been a Ford man, Growing up our family car had been a XR Falcon 600.

My first car was a Mk2 Escort , my current car was a 1987 Fairmont. I spotted a wee white coupe sitting down at Mainland Motors, After a bit of negotiation I parted with \$16,000, I was over the moon.

This became my daily driver for 6 years until one day I said to my then partner Andrea, I think I might give my car a wee birthday.

It took two years, a little bit of pocket money, lots of help from friends to end up with the car I have today.

I see on all the club runs, the passion that Mustangs bring to all of you.

I hope one day a young fellow sees one of our cars and has a dream as I did to own one.

**Cheers Rick** 







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# **Up and Coming Club Events**

#### 2016

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20 September	Dirt Kart Racing	
2 October	Fish & Chip Run	
6 November	USA Day Woodend	
19-20 November	All American Weekend, Timaru	
<u>21-24 October</u>	NATIONAL MUSTANG CONVENTION	
	(Hosted by Auckland Mustang Owners Club)	
26 November	Rockabilly Show & Shine	
10 December	Christmas Club Lunch	
21 Jan 2017	Cromwell Classic Car Show	

#### Petrolhead Breakfast

1st Sunday of every month at the Kustom Car Club, McLeans Island. Open to all Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, Street Machines, Classics and Vintages

Many thanks to all who contributed to this September edition of Burble - Erica, Braydon, Don, Dennis, John, Rick & Garry. (John & Raelene for their article in June). Kept the ideas & contributions coming.



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# Westport All Ford Day

On a lovely clear frosty winter's morning we all met at the Peg Hotel, not many Mustangs I might add but lots of other FORDS and many happy faces.

First stop was Culverden for a much needed coffee, and morning tea for some and then we headed to Refton for lunch, travelling with care due to the icy roads in parts. We really enjoyed hot soup at a cute little place called the Reef Cottage and shared the open fire with a very spoilt dog, "What a life". Wouldn't get away with that in our cafes that's for sure.

Next stop for refreshments was "Berlins" once again warm fire and a lovely seat in the sun looking out at the beautiful view - great hospitality, friendly owners.

Arrived in Westport late afternoon to a great day - no rain for a change, time to book in and get registration done. Show morning dawned a little frosty but a fine sunny day predicted. The show had some great cars, a very good turnout and a great day had by all. Good food. Sunday night was prize giving night and yes we won some prizes, a fun night with a really good band and everyone enjoying themselves - sore heads next day!!

Monday morning was its usual yummy breakfast event whitebait patties and all the + trimming and then it was homeward bound once again in the sunshine. A great weekend.

Erica & Braydon Phillips









Vehicles featured on this page are a sample of some of the work that Steve undertakes



The 3rd July was a perfect sunny mid-winter day. Lucky us as this was the day our club chose to host a track day at Mike Pero Motorsport Park, Ruapuna.

Approximately 70 Mustangs took part, representing nearly every model across the Mustang heritage: from a gorgeous '64 convertible to the very latest 2016 right-hand drive cars, some of which were only days old.

Blair Thorpe and his Canterbury Track Days team were on hand to run the day, including the morning's administration and entry form duties, handling the task in a very professional and customer-friendly way.

Mustang owners could choose from four broad groups to participate in: 'cruise' for the drivers with limited on-track experience; 'cruise plus' for those more experienced but who wanted to avoid the necessity for helmets and overalls; 'track debut' for first timers to enjoy the freedom of higher speeds and no pace car, but with helmets and overalls; and 'track experienced' for the drivers with previous circuit experience. The scheme worked well. Many took advantage of being able to enter multiple groups, and everyone had the chance to do as many sessions as desired to satisfy their need for (appropriate) speed. In addition to those four options, sessions were run for pre '73 models, and for the ladies.

The club's newer members couldn't believe their luck, within days or weeks of joining up they were enjoying their Mustangs in a way they never expected.

When not driving, most congregated along the pit wall, soaking up the glorious sounds as the ponies thundered down the front straight. An interesting point was the huge variety in exhaust and engine notes. They are all special but top of mind was the glorious, pure race sound of a '70 Parnelli Jones tribute Boss, the crackle of a 2012 Shelby 350GT and the deep-throated bark of a brand new 2016 with Stage 2 upgrades.











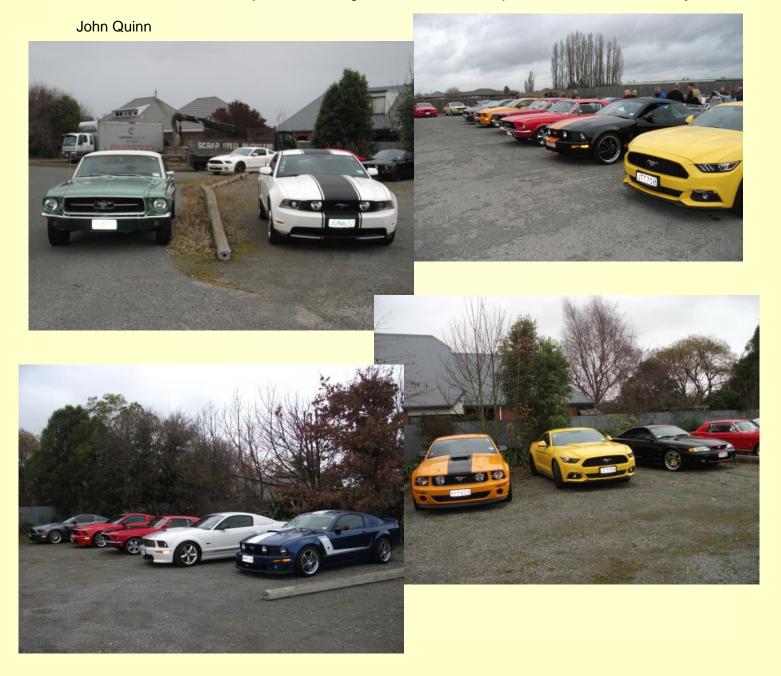




Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June and a good size crew assembled at The Peg car park in Belfast for a brunch/ lunch run out to The Plough Hotel in Rangiora. In all we had over 70 people in 33 Mustangs gather for the trip up the northern motorway and through to the western part of Rangiora to our brunch destination. The carpark at the Plough certainly looked good with so many ponies at rest while their owners availed themselves to the excellent fare to be had inside.

It was particularly pleasing to see some new members among the faces, some on their very first club trip. The friendly Plough staff set about making sure everyone was suitably fed in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Post lunch we then headed off up the road to Oxford, over the Waimakariri river at the gorge and down the Old West Coast Road back to Christchurch. Although the rain set in around Oxford, this is still a great drive that seems to change every time you do it. Our mid afternoon completion allowed time for the motorsport fans among us to catch the V8 Supercars on the afternoon telly.





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# Paul Banks - Owner



Great excitement - 34 CMOC Members Cars, 66 members were heading down south for a weekend of Mustang cruising and catching up with the Southern Mustang Club. The Air Force Museum Wigram was the starting point for the initial group where a few photos were taken before we hit the road. Twelve cars sent off on a cool and over cast morning – destination Twizel. Not far out of ChCh it started to rain but we just kept on cruising picking up more cars along the way. We travelled on SH1, through Raikaia, down Thompson's Track and through Geraldine.

First stop was a light lunch (lovely homemade cooking to fill tummies) at the Farm Barn on the Geraldine – Fairlie highway joining up with our South Canty club members. From there we headed off around the manmade Lake Opuha. No photo shots here as it was still raining, through Fairlie, Burkes Pass and Tekapo. Ross and Mary had an unscheduled stop outside of Tekapo. Apparently someone wanted to check out their car -NOT. After some discussion Ross ended up with a piece of paper with some sort of numbers written on it !

Big improvement in the weather on the other side of Burkes Pass, as is often the case, as the entourage travelled past the beautiful lakes Tekapo and Pukaki and onto our destination at The MacKenzie Motor Inn at Twizel. The Southern group arrived shortly after so the hotel carpark was soon full of magnificent steeds.

Friday evenings activities included a happy hour/meet and greet followed by dinner and the first half of the mystery auctions. Saturday started off with a hearty breakfast and then off on a road trip along the hydro canals and onto the viewing area at Lake Pukaki for a group photo with a fantastic lineup of 43 Mustangs. The group then headed off to the afternoon activity of choice – Mt Cook, Mt John Observatory or Lake Tekapo Hot Pools.

Saturday evening was dressup night in keeping with the theme of "Prisoners and Convicts" and there were some impressive costumes on show. Dinner and the second part of the mystery auctions followed as well as some of the activities that counted towards the prestigious "Mustang Challenge Trophy" – the World's most sought after Mustang Club award. This year the trophy went to the host club Southern but only by "one point".

Sunday morning breakfast was our last official task before time for goodbyes and participants headed home in their respective directions. Huge thanks to Roger Nielson and The Southern Club for their organising of the weekend – thoroughly enjoyable.

The auctions held over the weekend managed to raise a total \$800 which this year went to the Invercargill Hospice.











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# 1966 Mustang Notchback Coupe

In the last issue of "Burble" club members were asked to write about their car (s) so here goes.

I have owned this delightful 1966 coupe for approximately two and half years, it is a completely original Car, a delight to drive and own and in my view these first generation mustangs are iconic and of a timeless design.

I purchased it from the 2nd NZ owner (he only owned it for 1 month). It was originally imported into NZ from California by West Coast Classics in Tauranga on behalf of a Christchurch client. It arrived in NZ early 2010 and registered in August of that year.

The car has a wonderful history as an extensive logbook and file accompanied the car. My car spent most of its life in San Francisco - rolled off the assembly line in San Jose in June 1966 and was sold in August of that year. The original owner paid I think USD3,639.00 for it and kept the car for 12 months - possibly traded in on another vehicle. The second owner who owned the car for 43 years and keep the car in mint condition, purchased it on 30 May 1967 - mileage 5,428 mls for USD2,600.00.

He kept in extensive record on the car from 30 May 1967 until 21 September 2008 listing all dates of repairs, what was done and mileage. He kept all invoices, receipts and registration certificates. He just didn't throw anything away with regards to this car. When I purchased the car it came with the original spare tyre and original license plates, only thing missing was the toolkit and jack. I tried to contact the second owner (USA) but he sadly passed away in March 2014.

The car is a low production vehicle (factory 289 V8 A Code/4 band carburetion with pwer brakes, power steering and air conditioning) apparently only about 5% of all mustangs built for 1966 would be of this configuration. The paint colour is different - Sauterne Gold (Green/Gold) an usual colour for that year as most Mustangs were either Candy-Apple Red, Midnight Blue, Black or Wimbledon White

For me personally, I'm just a mere custodian of this car, for I just want to drive it and keep it well maintained. I hope the next owner will do likewise. I have great pleasure in taking it to club event and have shown it at the Mustang Convention in October 2014.

In the long term I may put disc brakes on the car and possibly get engine bay/engine detailed - possibly rebuilt depending on finances.

My thanks to Rob and staff at the Mustang Centre for keeping my vehicle in pristine condition.











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#### 1961 Ford Mustang Avventura Sketch

The Ford Mustang wasn't always the muscle car we all know it as today. A look through Ford's archives reveals the many attempts it took to change the models over the years. This early sketch, dubbed the Avventura, was a fastback model with a rearfacing back seat.





#### 1961-62 Ford Mustang Two Seater Studies

Before the Mustang ever made it to the road, designers toyed with making the car a two-seater to fill the spot of the Thunderbird, which had moved on to a four-seater by the early 1960's. The idea of a two-seat Mustang was something designers returned to frequently in the period between the original Mustang 1 concept and the 1992 Mach 111. Aside from some track-oriented Mustangs that had the rear seats removed to save weight, there has never strictly speaking been a production of just two seated Mustangs ever built.

#### 1963 Ford Mustang Concept

This two-seat, mid- engine concept car most likely was never seriously considered a forerunner for production, but this little hand-top did provided some inspiration for the GT40 MK 1 that went on to raced a Le Mans





#### Ford Mustang Avanti/Allegro

As Avventura moved from sketch to a physical design model, the hatch was replace with a truck and the rear seat were switched from rear-facing to a conventional forward-facing orientation. Originally shown internally as Avanti, the name was eventually changed to Allegro, likely because Studebaker had introduced its own production Avanti coupe around the same time





#### 1962 Ford Mustang Allegro Study

While the eventual 1965 Mustang varied greatly from this Allegro design study, this concept helped to establish the proportions that most Mustangs would fit for the next 50 years.

#### 1964 Ford Mustang Two-Seater Study

This two-seater clay model study was a precursor to the 1965 production model.





#### 1965 Four-Door Mustang

The Mustang began with the compact Falcon platform which Ford toyed on expanding into the four-door model, as seen here. Muscle car/Mustang fans who's coolness towards adding an additional two doors to the pony car, all but entirely stripped away this idea of a four-door model and thankfully never saw the light of day.

#### Ford Mustang Wagon

This never made it past an early concept model

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In the mid-1960s Ford designers came up with another Mustang Station Wagon, with a more European threedoor style compared to the common American Station Wagon of that time.



The email to members from our trusty Captain Rick set the scene ... "about 2 hours "ish", sealed roads and you need a pen, a sense of humour and divorce papers".

30 plus Mustangs left the Kustom Car Club at McLeans Island, after another excellent Petrolhead Breakfast, at one minute intervals to avoid "follow the leader". Each car received two colourful double sided pages for the journey, with 39 instructions in Red, 35 questions in Green and 3 bits of advice in Blue.

It was a beautiful day and at the stop for free raffle tickets on Telegraph Rd we were greeted with clean Mustangs, muddy Mustangs and some Mustangs approaching from the opposite direction.

The devil is in the detail but no marriages were annulled and everyone who arrived at The Bridge at Prebbleton was rewarded with nibbles provided by the Club and lots of prizes donated by The Mustang Centre and the Club.

Thanks Charlotte and Rick for such an enjoyable set of instructions and putting the day together.

Congratulations to Murray Fowler for winning and receiving the largest book on earth to proudly own for the next year. Fear not people, the tradition of this year's winner organising next year's event isn't set in stone. Rick is easily bribed.

See you all at next year's rally.





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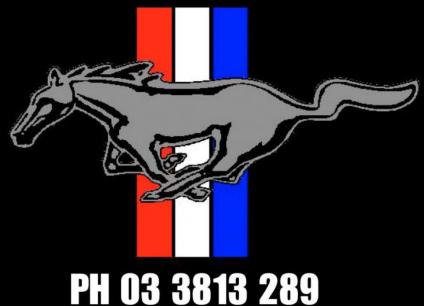
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