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Many thanks once again to all who contributed to this December edition of Burble - Tony, Dennis, Tod & Rachael, Brent, Alistair, Garry, John. Really appreciated - Keep the articles rolling in.

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Seasons greetings, everyone

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

At this time of year we would normally be talking about the early days of summer, the forthcoming and holiday season, and our reflections on the past year. Unfortunately for many, such thoughts are now very much secondary, overtaken by the North Canterbury earthquake of November 14, the lives lost and the unimaginable levels of damage and destruction. As Mustang owners and Cantabrians, our thoughts go out to fellow club members and owners who have been adversely affected by the quakes in Kaikoura, Waiau, and other areas.

Our club continues to go from strength to strength, and the events coming up over the summer months will give us all a chance to cruise, catch up, strengthen existing friendships and make new ones. Summer is always a great time of year to get our Mustangs out, and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the weeks ahead.....picnics, show and shine events, the Nelson Car Show, and more.

Our secretary Ann Baird will keep us all updated with all the coming events. One that I want to emphasise is the All Ford Day at the Airforce Museum at Wigram on Sunday February 19. This is our club's major annual event, designed to showcase all the great Fords (and Ford owners) across all years and models. It is also our club's biggest single fund raiser, normally benefitting two separate charities plus contributing to the club's operating revenues. Please make sure you put the date on your diary to attend with your Mustang(s), and maybe to help as a volunteer on the day. More details closer to the day.

As we close the year, I want to make special mention of the tireless contribution of two of our club officers, Secretary Ann and Treasurer (and Burble coordinator) Christine Quinn. For both Ann and Christine, this year's growing membership numbers have posed special challenges, demands which they have both handled in their stride. My personal thanks to both Ann and Christine for their great efforts.

Looking forward to seeing you all, and your Mustangs, over the summer weeks ahead.

Merry Christmas, happy new year, and very best wishes

Garry

President

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Wow where has this year gone

It just seemed like yesterday I was changing Sally into Rudolph (see above Picture).



It looks like it's going to be another ripper of a Xmas lunch with 150 people in attendance. Santa is all primed and ready to sing. I might tinkle the ivories too.

This year we decided on a Saturday function so we can make more of a weekend of it.

The usual events are set down for the New Year. First off the rank is the club picnic on the 8th of January at Waikuku Beach followed by one of the best car shows of the year in Cromwell.

There are so many new members that have joined our club in the last year. We are almost the biggest mustang club in New Zealand. It's so great to see both old and new cars, and old and new people coming along to events. If you have not been to one yet I recommend the club picnic.

I will put a call out to remind you all of All Ford Day. This set for February 19th 2017. Closer to the time I will be calling on you for some help.

Have a great Christmas and New Year's, stay safe on the road

Rick





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FISH & CHIP RUN

The Fish & Chip run on Sunday 2nd October had two starting points with the Christchurch contingent departing from the Petrolhead Breakfast out at McLeans Island and the South Canterbury members heading off from Timaru. The northerners headed out along the West Coast Road before turning towards

Hororata and travelling through the Rakaia Gorge, Methven and onto Ashburton and our lunchtime destination.

Meanwhile our southerners made their way along SH1 whilst finding time for a coffee at The Chequered Flag (Rangitata) and a look around Lake Hood east of Tinwald. With lunches obtained from various outlets in Ashburton, both groups met up at the home of club members Colin and Cathy Sweetman. A relaxing lunch in the Sweetman's garden was enhanced by the fabulous scones provided by Cathy – she really does set the standard when it comes to scone making.

After lunch it was down to business with a tour of Colin's superbly maintained collection of vehicles, mainly british in origin but also including three Mustangs of course. What a magnificent collection including Rovers, Triumphs, Rolls Royce, Reliants, Austin, Hillman, Leyland, Mercedes and Honda

among others. Many readers will remember the Ford V6 powered Reliant Scimitar, one of which Colin had on display but how many of us had ever seen the coupe version – what a gorgeous looking vehicle.

After a good look around the two groups headed off back to their respective home cities although I'm told our South Canterbury friends made another pit stop at the Chequred Flag.

A huge thank you to Cathy and Colin for allowing us through this unique car collection also for their wonderful hospitality. Very much appreciated by all who attended.



Members' Story

Tod & Rachael

We purchased the 65 a few years ago after looking around for a while for a suitable American V8 as a weekend cruiser which could be driven by my wife (and eventually our son) and which needed a bit of tinkering to keep me happy.

A friend had spotted it in Christchurch so I had a look and liked what I saw - a very original looking car with tidy paint & panels, 289 V8, 3 speed manual and straight out of 1965 interior and under bonnet.

It needed a little bit of tidying up which suited me fine so we ended up fitting Koni adjustable shocks, lowered King springs, GT sway bars front & rear, Monte Carlo bar & Shelby brace. We also decided to fit a disc brake kit to make stopping a bit nicer. The interior received full soundproofing, hidden stereo & numerous trim bits and it proved to be the perfect little cruiser.

Fast forward to this year & my new partner Rachael, who loves American cars, decided after seeing the 70 Mach 1 for sale that the boys (me, her son Mekhi and my son Michael) needed a car so the girls (she and Daughter Dakota) could have the 65 to themselves!

So we bought it and have spent the last few months tidying it up inside and out. I still get my tinkering fix and have started on it by firming up the suspension with the Koni /Kings combo which has made a big difference. It's 351 Cleveland and manual are a great combo and the colour suits it perfectly. We now have lots of fun taking both cars out and they can sometimes be seen doing the school runs on nice days as well as a few of the Mustang club runs.



Tod & Rachael

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CLUB NIGHT - DIRT KARTS

The annual Dirt Kart club night was held on Tuesday 20th September at Action Dirt Karts. Fifteen of the usual suspects gathered to have another go on the dirt and make good on any promises of payback from last year.

The format followed on from last year's successful running of an all-in longer race.

The pace was hard and fast from the beginning with the enthusiasm of the participants showing through.

The pre-race briefing reinforced the non-contact nature of this activity. Unfortunately not many participants took too much notice of this.

Merv and his team had to attempt to slow down the enthusiasm with the hose, which a number of us received direct hits from.

The hose also helped with the lack of traction and increased the amount of sideways action.

Several times the action ground to a halt with a number of karts stopped across the track.

A few bumps and bruises were received and a generous helping of mud in the eye.

I am sure that the horsepower of our karts has not increased any since last year.

In the end it was Buzz, with fastest lap and the most laps, who held off the challenge from Westie to win and take possession of the coveted steering wheel trophy.

Special mention to Danielle as the only lady this year, and to Dennis O'Brien who turned up on the wrong night. After a small prize giving ceremony we shifted camp to the Highway Inn truck stop and some well- deserved rehydration.

Tony







Keep this date free sunday

19 February 2017

The Airforce Museum, Wigram,
Christchurch











Display Open 10am - 3pm





Over the weekend of 19th and 20th November, Timaru hosted the 'All American Weekend' in aid of the South Canterbury Heart kids.

Timaru turned on a great weekend weather wise for the event, with the sun shining and giving people no excuse for not getting their pride and joy out of the garage and onto the road.

The cars gathered at the north end of Caroline Bay on Saturday afternoon, and headed out on a very well planned run at 3.30pm. The run took almost 70 American cars on a tiki tour around the streets of Timaru, out over the very scenic Pareora Gorge, out through Cave and finishing up at Pleasant Point – which was aptly named, as it was a very pleasant place to stop and view a couple of very interesting garages, prior to participating in refreshments and an excellent buffet meal at the Pleasant Point pub. (Pleasant Point is also the home town of club members Bronwyn and Alister Paul.)

The organisers also provided a Drive-in movie on the Saturday night at the Levels raceway. Due to the timing of the movie – 'Good Bye Pork Pie' – the numbers attending were a little disappointing.

Sunday morning again saw the sun shining as we headed down to Caroline Bar for an **All American Vehicle Display** from 10am to 2pm.

There were around 170 cars on display, 30 plus were Mustangs with some of our club members making the trip down from Christchurch and Ashburton for the day.

There were prizes for such things as 'People's Choice', which happened to be a 1966 Mustang from Timaru, although the owner was not a member of our club. However, the prize for the 'Best Mustang on display' went to club member Steve Brown for his beautiful dark red 1969 Mach 1.

This was the South Canterbury Heart Kids big fundraiser of the year. Approximately \$2800 was raised. It was great to get the Mustangs out for a run for a very worthwhile cause.

South Canterbury Heart Kids would like to say a big thank you to the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club for their continued support.



A few of the cars lined up at Pleasant Point.





This year saw the Kaikoura Hop move to a new location at the racecourse in South Bay, mainly in an effort to increase the capacity of the display area . Past years have seen the old venue at the Takahanga Domain filled to capacity, while many other potential participants parked out on the surrounding streets.

The wisdom of this move is probably still up for debate as it brought about an obvious disconnect from the main shopping precinct with it's cafes, bars and shops and to some a wander around the town was part of the magic of this event itself but the Hop still attracted good numbers from all over the country.

The new venue had an increased number of food outlets to compensate as well as incorporating a camping area for those that chose to stay on site. Display numbers were a little hard to guess but probably 400 plus in the main arena with many more outside.

Unlike the previous year, the weather came to the party with sunshine in abundance. As per usual there were car runs on the Thursday and Friday but for many the focus is the Saturday car show which once again provided an excellent and diverse range of vehicles.





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2016 National Mustang Convention, Auckland

This year's National Mustang Convention was organised and hosted by the Auckland Mustang Owners Club over Labour weekend in late October, and was especially notable for the superb Viaduct Basin Events Centre that the club secured for the Saturday Mustang show and public display.

Total entries were approx 142 spanning all years and models, albeit with a strong 2015/16 representation. Approx two thirds were housed in the high roof, floor to ceiling glass showcase within the Events Centre to be judged, with the (not for judging) immediately outside on the surrounding viaduct wharf areas. What a location!

The convention had strong sponsorship from Ford NZ and the three local Auckland Ford dealers, following on from the introductions we were able to initiate back in 2014. Pre-convention promotion included special publicity events around Auckland, and Ford's special Mustang Uber promotion on the preceding Friday.

The Viaduct facility included an upper floor display of special interest cars included a couple of historic race series Mustangs, Phil Hoffman's 2016 LHD Shelby 350GT, David and Moana Turner's Eleanor, and a feature car that was revealed on the morning of the show.....a resto-mod Plymouth coupe that reputedly cost \$1m to build.

As well as the CMOC members who registered and attended (Rob and Shelley, Roger and Anne Neilson, Bob and Janet Verrall, Don Mackay and Ray van Hamelsveld), it was good to see Ray and Gail Spencer, and Forbes and Megan Gourlay also visiting. Ashley and Sandy Smith were last minute cancelations for personal reasons. Loretta and I were also late cancelations, but I flew in for the Saturday.

Annual conventions always feature a brief meeting of all the club presidents (the only time this happens during the year). At this year's meeting, we canvassed the membership numbers across the clubs and it was interesting to see that the total Mustang club membership is approx 1155, headed by Auckland (300) and Canterbury (269 as at October). We discussed matters of common interest, including early plans that each club is thinking about for World Mustang Day 2017, on or around April 17.

I understand that aspects of the convention were well planned, especially the Sunday drive event which used roads and locations to the north of Auckland never visited before. Well done to the AMOC for all of their hard work and planning for a great show.

On a personal note, special thanks to Rob and Shelley for flying the flag for CMOC by attending all the functions in my absence, and speaking on behalf of the club at the farewell breakfast. As always, conventions are a great opportunity to share and experience the depth of the Mustang legendary brand and spirit, to renew existing friendships and make new ones. Roll on next year's convention in Invercargill, hosted by our good friends in the Southern Mustang Owners Club. This will be one not to be missed.

















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





A large contingent of Canterbury Mustang Owners Club members made their way out to Gladstone Park Woodend on Sunday 6th November for the annual All USA Day run by the American Car Club.

Although it wasn't a hot sunny day as in past years it was still pleasant enough to get the picnic baskets out and enjoy the occasion.

The line up of club vehicles was a fantastic sight with an excellent mix of older and newer models, convertibles and hardtops especially with our flags in full flight. It was great to see new members out in force as well as plenty of "old hands".

This event always draws a huge number of entries and a very diverse group of makes and models and it takes a fair amount of time to wander around the ground to view all the entries and make a selection for "peoples choice".

Club member Dean Stavreff was a recipient of one of the judged Top Ten entries for his awesome Shelby – well done Dean.















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My interest in Mustangs began in 1996 when Air NZ decided to sponsor a team in the Variety Bash – a colourful 7 day event for needy kids travelling through big towns and tiny back country communities, fundraising and donating along the way.

A bit of history – The Variety began in Pittsburgh, USA in 1928 when a group of Variety performers found an abandoned baby girl in an empty theatre. The mother was never found, so the performers pledged to provide for her care and education through fundraising. Variety Club is now a worldwide organisation and the Bashing is dressing up and raising money through fun events.

Back at Air NZ a group was formed in Christchurch and the decision made to enter a Ford Mustang. It was three weeks before the event started and the only car they could find was a tatty 1966 Mustang in Auckland. Money changed hands at Auckland Airport and the car was immediately driven to Christchurch for the frantic work to begin.

Avon City Ford kindly helped. A rusty guard was replaced, the car tidied up and painted teal blue. The suspension and brakes were overhauled, the engine tuned and the transmission serviced.

Now the car was sound, preparation for the event started. A sump guard and tow bars were fitted front and rear. The suspension was raised for the rough roads ahead. A big water tank and pump were fitted in the boot to supply two hand held water cannons in the car and crowd spraying nozzles in the ends of the roof racks.

A model Boeing 737 aeroplane was made by local boat builders Cresta Craft and mounted on the car. The bonnet, roof and boot lid were painted like a runway, flashing lights were fitted, a grunty P A and stereo fitted that played sounds of steam trains, aircraft engines sirens and more. Musical air horns were a must and massive flags were mounted on the back of the car.

The team won the prize for "Best Presented" but as event "virgins" they quickly learnt their water cannons were great, but no match with fire engines in a water fight. Other teams stole their keys, wheel clamped the car and did anything to get huge "fines" from them. They learnt fast and returned the favours.

A support van travelled with them, handing out thousands of lollies, stickers, caps, bags, balloons and other souvenirs along the way. They had a ball and many celebrities joined them en-route.

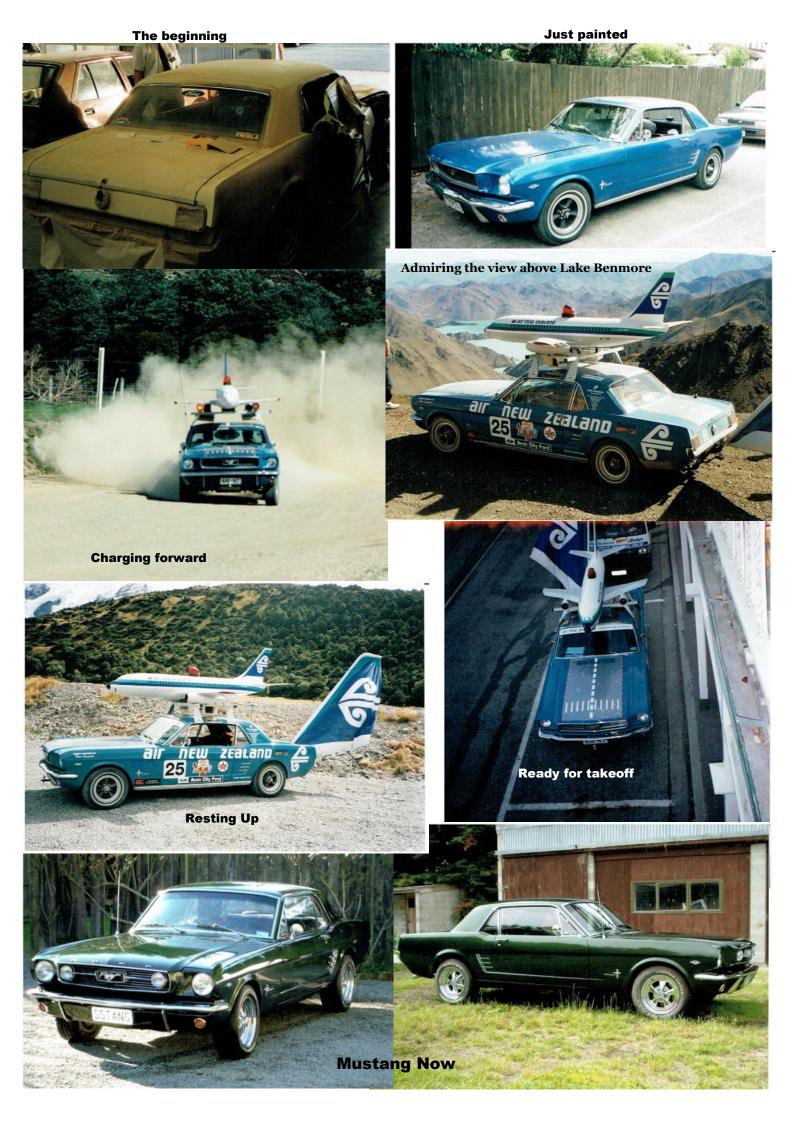
The 289 V8 was overhauled and tickled up a bit for the next year's event and is still running strong today. Over the next six or seven years the car travelled from Cape Reinga to Bluff and coast to coast participating in local shows, Variety Bashes, Christmas events, children's parties, the Queenstown Winter Festival, NPC Rugby matches, school fundraisers, Warbirds over Wanaka and many, many more.

Time was taking its toll on the car and it was eventually sold at Turners Car Auctions in Christchurch. Now fully restored with door panels, floor panels, guards and other rusty bits replaced, it enjoys a pampered life in North Canterbury. Originally gold, the Mustang is now painted Moss Green.

This '66 Mustang has lead an interesting life and helped many children with its fundraising efforts. See, Mustangs do improve life.

Are there any more heroic Mustangs out there? We would love to hear their stories too.

Dennis O'Brien





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Fastback

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2016 White Auto 5L V8 Fastaback

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2016 Yellow Auto GT 5L Fastback V8

Harold & Jeanette Pateman

2007 Black Auto V8 Convertible

Mike & Anna-Lee Currie

1973 Blue Manual 302 5L Convertible

Lyn Cochrane

1966 Red Auto 289 Notchback

Ken & Kay Lidstone

2010 Candy Auto 5L GT Premium

Ross Moore

2016 Red Auto Fastback GT 5L V8

Colin & Annette Fenwick

2013 White Manual California Special

Gary & Lynne Jope

2001 Manual Cobra "Convert" Signiture

Garry & Julie Millar 1965 White GT 289 Fastback

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Dylan Roberts

Robin & Maree Winter 2016 Black 5L Manual Fastback

Aaron & Shannon Pringle 1965 Poppy Red 289 Notchback

Tony Wood & Vicki Wood-Walsh 2016 Ruby Red Auto GT V8 Fastback

Ceridwen & Peter Fowler 2016 Magnetic Auto Convertible

Russell & Faye Anderson 2016 Magnetic Auto GT V8 Fastback

Up and Coming Club Events

8 January 2017 Club Picnic, Waikuku

20 -22 January 2017 Cromwell Classic Car Show

4 - 5 February 2017 Skope Classic

10 -12 February 2017 Nelson Motor Car Show

19 February 2017 ALL FORD DAY - WIGRAM

25 February 2017 Hanmer Springs Motorfest

Petrolhead Breakfast

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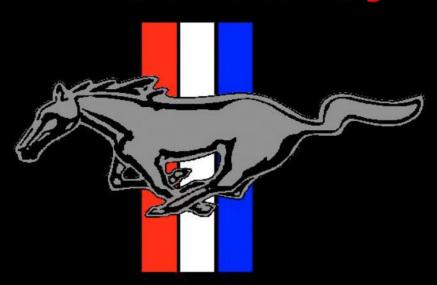
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