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Greetings everyone

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

As I wrote my words for the December issue of Burble, I made mention of the Hurunui-Kaikoura earthquakes that were top of mind for all of us in the last weeks of 2016. Three months on, and it is the Port Hills fires that have been similarly dominating our headlines and our thinking. Our thoughts are very much with all those adversely affected by this terrible situation.

It's been a very busy three months for Mustang owners and car enthusiasts, and the stories in this issue of Burble bring many of those recent events and happenings to life....enjoy the read!

Two of the events that I became involved with by chance were the meeting we hosted with Canadian journalist Lesley Wimbush, and the breakfast session with legendary racing driver Allan Moffat, hosted by Team Hutchinson Ford. Both events brought home to me just how respected (by other organisations and businesses) our club has become in terms of its size, the diversity of Mustang owners that we represent, and the wide ranging interests that our members have. It's a privilege to be your President!

Talking about the size of our club, we have just signed up our 300th member! You'll see further detail about this separately.

Let me highlight two important forthcoming events briefly.

Firstly, April 17 (Easter Monday) is National Mustang Day, when Mustang clubs all over the world host some form of activity to celebrate the anniversary of the launch of the very first Mustangs in the US on April 17 1964. Mark your diary now if you will be able to join us on that day....further details to follow.

Secondly, this year's national Mustang Convention is in Invercargill at Labour Weekend, hosted by our good friends at the Southern Mustang Club. Again, further details to follow, but this promises to be a great convention with a very exciting and entertaining program. Southern deserve our full support and maximum attendance, and when you see the upcoming details I'm sure you will want to be a part of it!

As you can see, 2017 is already shaping up to be a big year for our club, and for all of us. I'll see you at our forthcoming events, or out there on the road. Remember to wave to other Mustangers. It's part of Mustang spirit!

Best wishes

Garry

President Canterbury Mustang Owners Club Inc



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Club Captains Report



Hello to old and new members

Well we are 2 months into a New Year. I would like to thank personally all the club members who came out and made All Ford Day another great success. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year as my wonderful wife surprised me with a trip to Sydney to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary.

I have attached a photo from our big day 10 years ago. We had four mustangs in our wedding party. The only one left in the club sadly is Jeff's 64.

We have another fun filled year planned for the club. World Mustang day is coming up again, this year it will be on Easter Monday. So spread the word we want to see

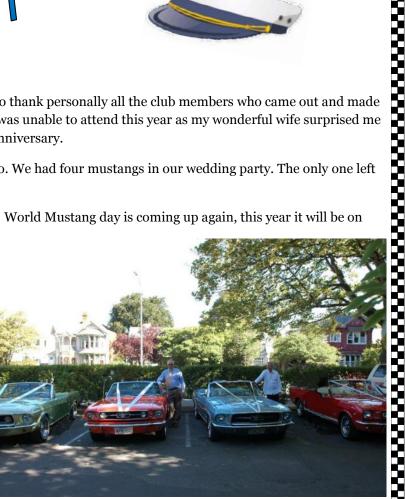
more cars than last year. This is not just a club event it is open to all mustangs.

Due to such a success last year we have arranged another track day for later in the year so watch out for emails to get involved.

The big one for this year is the National Mustang Convention in Invercargill. Be prepared for a great weekend of fun

Happy Cruising

Rick





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The first club event of the 2017 year was our annual picnic held this year out at the Waikuku Domain on a warm sunny Sunday January 8th. For those that chose to, there was a pre event run up along the Old West Coast Road, across the Waimakariri Gorge, down the Ashley-Sefton highway and on to Waikuku.

There was an excellent turnout of approximately 50 Mustangs which certainly proved a hit with the locals and holidaymakers. It was good to see more new members on their first club outing.

Vinnie and his apprentice Stu got some superb photos as well as some great video care of his drone. The video can be viewed on our Facebook page.

A big thank you to Mike, Nanette and Vinnie for a very well organised day.





Christmas came and went pretty fast but the 2016 Christmas lunch was one to truly remember. There were our club members, Dick & Mavis flying in from Kaikoura by Helicopter as driving was not an option due to the Kaikoura Earthquake. Rick Paulsen, Club Captain entertained us by playing Christmas Carols etc on the grand piano. Who knew he had such talent. Garry Jackson, Club President flew in from India to join us later in the afternoon. Manny Sim did a great job impersonating the big man in the red suit. (Don't let the children know.)

This year our Christmas lunch at the Heritage Hanmer Springs was held on a Saturday and this enabled Club members if they so chose to stay over night, making a weekend of it. In fact quite a few did so. Saturday morning a large group of members met at Pegasus Township and drove in convoy to Hanmer Springs. The arrival of the cars into Hanmer Springs impressed the locals as it was reported back to some club members that if we were to come back again could we do a drive through around the township with advanced notice to the town folk.

The weather really was on its' best behaviour and we were able to spread ourselves between indoors and out, making it very pleasant for members to circulate , catching up with each other as well as welcoming and getting to know some of our newer members to the club . There were around 145 members who enjoyed a well organized day full of wonderful company, amazing food, great entertainment and prizes as well as gifts from Santa for the younger club members. The 2016 Club awards were given out by our Vice President , John Quinn. A new club award "Spirit of CMOC" was included this year - Many thanks must go to Peter Geddes who arranged the making of this new trophy. There was also a presentation made to Jeff & Karen Waghorn to acknowledge Jeff's services as president over the past years.

Finally a huge thank you goes out to Lorreta and her team of helpers for a great job, well done. Prefect day ! Great way to start off the festive season













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Meet Lesley Wimbush

It was a quiet day in mid January when I received a message from Tom Clancy, Ford NZ's Public Affairs Manager. He told me that a Canadian motoring journalist (from Canada's leading on line automotive news site) was holidaying in NZ (and touring in one of Ford NZ's press Mustangs) and had been immediately impressed by what she observed as the strength of the Mustang culture in NZ. Tom's question was direct and challenging....what could I do to help her understand the depth of the local Mustang culture, assist her to meet some NZ Mustang owners, and shed some light on the history of Mustang in NZ?

Once I determined that LesIey would be in Christchurch for two days around January 17, I quickly settled on a four part strategy: an informal chat and mix/mingle with as many CMOC members who could attend a session at Joes Garage in Wigram at short notice; a coffee meeting with local motoring journo and guru Dave Moore; a drop in visit with Rob and Shelley at the Mustang Centre to learn about the service and parts business for all models across the Mustang across the ages ; a wrap up discussion with Team Hutchinson Ford DP John Hutchinson, to understand more about the clientele and sales success of the new RHD models.

The session at Joes was a special highlight. Over 20 members and their partners were able to make it, on a beautiful summer's evening. Mustangs lined both sides of The Landing in central Wigram, and filled the car park opposite. Lesley spoke to the group, and individually with members, about how surprised and impressed she was to find such a thriving Mustang culture in NZ, the variety and high standard of all the legendary Mustangs she had seen, and the strength and camaraderie of the Mustang fraternity.

We also came to understand that Lesley herself held some surprises, over and above her role as an automotive journalist. She is also an accomplished automotive artist, and one of her notable commissions had been to do a portrait of Carroll Shelby not long before his passing. She is also a fan of NZ's outdoors and remote locations, and her partner (NZ

born Canadian) had guided their NZ trip in their Mustang Ecoboost, including the great driving roads of the Catlins, Crown Range and more.

In summary, the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club now has an avid fan, and enthusiastic friend in Canada!

Garry Jackson

PS Lesley's articles can be found at <u>www.driving.ca</u>. At the time of writing it doesn't appear that her article about her NZ experiences has yet been posted.











This year's event was held on a cloudy overcast day (very un-Crowell like) but luckily the rain held off till after the show had finished. Once again there was a tremendous range of classics on display with numbers around the 650 mark. Variety is the byword for this event.

Most club members travelled down on Friday and once installed in their various accommodation, headed down to the Town and Country Club where Denis had booked us all in for dinner. On Saturday we lined up in the nearby street to enable us to park as a group once in the show arena. The CMOC flags certainly make for a good club display amongst approximately 30 club cars as well as a few of our friends from the Southern Mustang Club. No prizes for our members this year but still a great day out.

This is a well run event by the Southland Ford Falcon Club so mark next year's event in your calendar -20^{th} Jan 2018.



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2017 Skope Classic

With entries well above the previous year, this promised to be a full on event and so it proved to be. Some of the fields had huge numbers.

The star attractions this year were the Formula 5000 /Formula 1 single seaters and the historic touring cars but there was great action to be witnessed in all the classes.

We again had our pre-booked spaces on the bank where we set up the marquee on the Sunday to offer some shelter form the very high temperatures that dominated the weekend.

The formula 5000 race on Saturday showed Kenny Smith at his best. He absolutely "streeted" the rest of the field which included some very competent pedallers well used to these fearsome racecars. It was pure class.



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Heading for Nelson on Thursday morning we had a trouble free day travelling. Traffic wasn't too bad and the roads were not as bad as we were expecting. So apart from the 16 road works stops along the way it was an easy 5 hour trip.

Nelson turned on the weather for us and we arrived to a beautiful sunny day. Met up for registration at Smugglers that evening and met some lovely locals who were Mustang owners and subsequently invited them to join us at our line up at the show. Great night, had a few bevvies and a nice meal and recruited 2 new members! Yours truly managed to win the pre registration prize of a small Lindaeur Hot/Cold Bench top fridge - so yay us!

There was a slightly different set up for Friday's events to what was advertised but we opted to do our own cruise through to Motueka, Kaiteriteri and Marahau. Friday evenings cruise through Stoke, Richmond and Nelson was a huge success. 241 vehicles participated and there was the usual awesome turnout of spectators along the way. Finishing at Speights Ale House for some Prize giving and relaxation.

Up with the sparrows on Saturday morning and once again Nelson turned on the weather for us. Beautiful sunny day and along with club members and our new local friends we had a display of 13 vehicles (and a token Lincoln) in our usual spot by the Lagoon.

Great day was had by all with some amazing vehicles on display, entertainment, great stalls, food and awesome company.

Sunday was a little quieter with 8 Mustangs on display and quite a few sunburnt bods from the day before but once again it was a great day. The day wound up around 4.00pm.

Nelson Motor Show has once again put on a brilliant show and for those members who have not yet participated in this event it is highly recommended that you give some thought to attending next years show.



Larry and Lyn Connor





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The continuing growth of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club was recently highlighted as we welcomed our 300th membership – Mark and Maureen Allan.

Fittingly Mark is a principal of Eliot Sinclair who have been great supporters of the club in recent years and joins his fellow workmates Rick Paulsen and Warren Haynes.

President Garry Jackson presented Mark with a small gift and his club credentials to mark the occasion.





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Breakfast with a Legend

Saturday Febuary 4, the hospitality of Team Hutchinson Ford, and an invitation to CMOC (taken up by many members) to meet legendary race driver Allan Moffat.

Adding to the occasion, Allan's close friend and contemporary competitor Fred Gibson was also present.

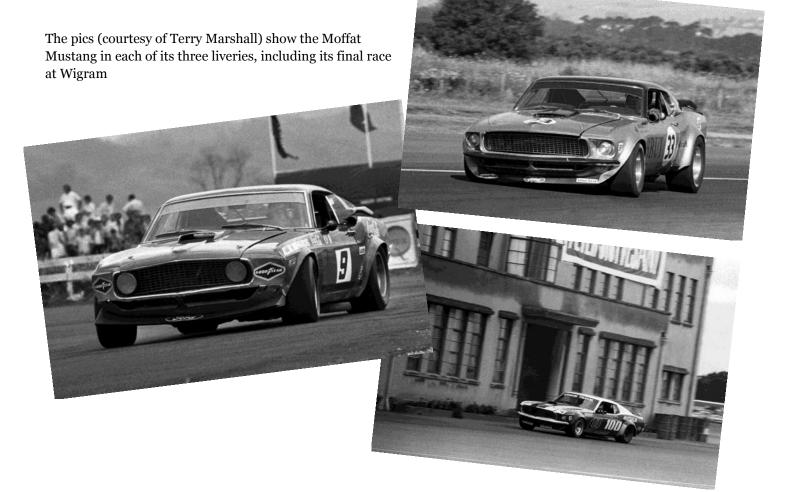
Moffat's track record and Ford success is the stuff legends are made of; Bathurst victories in 1970 (Falcon XWGTHO), 1971 (XY GTHO), 1973 (Falcon XB GT Hardtop) and 1977 (XC Hardtop), and ATCC Championship winner in 1973, 1976 and 1977. Moffat was undoubtedly the driver who shaped the success and legend of the mighty GT Falcons, which is still reflected today in the special value and status of these models.

But it's Allan's track exploits in his mighty '69 Mustang Boss that probably sits closer to the heart of Mustang enthusiasts. Whilst he never won the ATCC in the Mustang, Moffat claimed no less than 101 race wins from 151 starts in the 1970 to 1974 period. In answer to one of the questions in the breakfast Q&A, Allan explained the history and acquisition details of his Mustang, as one of the famous Bud Moore Trans AM Mustang team cars for the 1969 US season.

Moffat reflected fondly on his racing experiences with the Mustang in NZ over three seasons; 1972 in Coca Cola colours at Bay Park, 1973 in Brut 33 colours including a famous wheel to wheel dice at Wigram with Jim Richards in his Sidchrome Mustang, and then 1974 in Union Travel colours when he diced with Richards, Paul Fahey in the RS Cosworth Capri, and Leo Leonard in Mustang PDL 1. This was the last outing for the Moffat Mustang, then being retired and rebuilt, and subsequently ending up in the Bowden collection in Queensland.

Allan answered questions freely from the audience, on many occasions the answers and comments being enhanced by Fred's colourful comments. One memorable example was the discussion about his first victories at Bathurst, when he won (1970 and 1971) driving single handed, without a co-driver. As well as the Q&A session, Allan signed memorabilia on request, and chatted openly with everyone.

Readers might be interested to follow the Moffat story in more detail...there are two facebook sites worthy of checking: <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=allan%20moffat's%201969%20ford%20trans-am%20mustang</u> (dedicated to Moffat's 69 Mustang), and <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=official%20allan%20moffat</u> (the official Allan Moffat site).









The Club's major annual event, All Ford Day, was held on Sunday 19th February at the Air Force Museum of New Zealand grounds in Wigram. The weather co-operated this year albeit a little reluctantly at first but brightened up into a warm sunny day by the afternoon.

Following on from the good turnout for the Saturday cruise, ably led by Paul Whiting, we expected good numbers for the Sunday car show and so it proved to be.

In all we had 300 Fords (an event record) of great variety on display for the public with an increase in spectator numbers as well. With easy access to the Air Force Museum provided, there was plenty to see on the day.

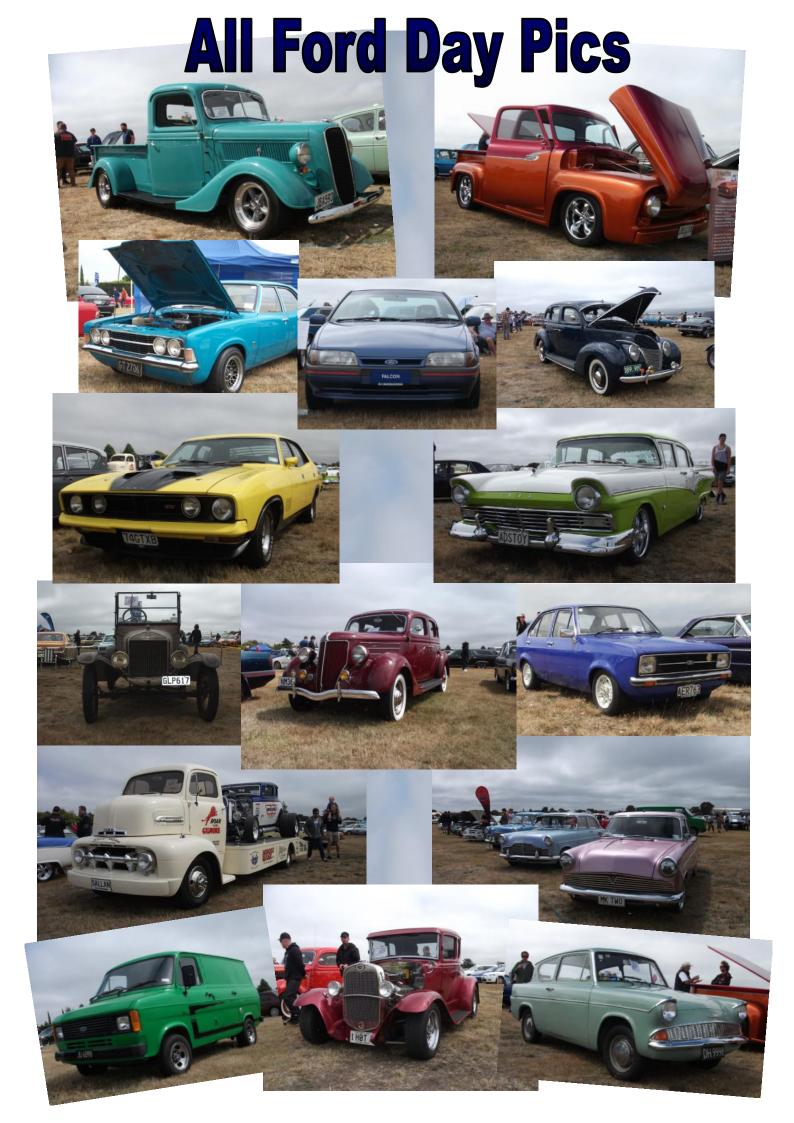
The standard of show entries was fantastic which made the judges job a very hard one indeed.

The event finishes with the drawing of the raffles, the interclub trophy contest (won yet again by our friends from the Classic Cortina Club) and the handing out of the trophies to the various section winners. Congratulations to all the trophy winners – well done.

A big thank you to everyone who helped both before and during the event with the many tasks that go together to make this day a success. It was a fantastic club effort.

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Trophy Winners

- People's Choice:Will Sales
1937 Ford Pick UpBest In Show:Dave Pomeroy
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1971 Ford Falcon GT
- Best American: Steve Allan 1951 Ford Coe (Cab over Engine)
- Best British: Keith Holland 1968 Cortina 1600E
- Best Presented: Brian Simpkins 1935 Ford Coupe

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Well here's to another Burble Mag - March 2017. Been awhile since I said to Jeff Waghorn I would help out and collate the Burble until someone volunteered to be Club Magizine editor. That was way back in Aug/Sept 2014. Where has the time gone. With a whole lot of help from John together with club members writing or submitting articles/photos preparing the Burble for print has been made a lot easier. So a huge thank you goes out to you all.

Helping out on this edition - Garry, Rick, John, Larry & Lyn. Thanks heaps. Just a remimder all members please feel free to contribute to your club burble. We are always on the look out for articles that fellow club members would enjoy. Please don't be shy. Christine



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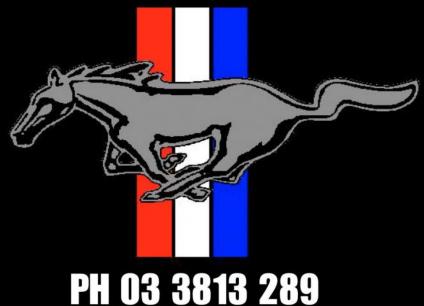
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