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1979 - 1981

- It all started with meetings of a group of Mustang owners and enthusiasts at Bishopdale Tavern, late 1979
- Warren Bruce, Alan Green, Barry Fairbrass, Roy McRobie, Debbie Cronin, Bill Jeffrey, Doug Parker, Neil Lawrence, and others
- Many of these Mustangs were ex US Antarctic services. (Doug Parker was a leading dealer in used Mustangs)
- Taranaki, Waikato and Auckland clubs were already established
- In Sept 1980 the tavern meetings evolved into an informal Canterbury Mustang Club
- Chch Press story March 1981 promoted membership
- CMOC incorporated April 1981 with 30 members
- Sir Robertson Stewart, CEO of PDL, was Patron (PDL Mustang fame)
- Alan Green was initial President, Warren Bruce VP
- 5 CMOC members went to National Convention, Palmerston North, Oct 1981.



*Above: Window card for prospective members
Below: Alan Green with current Pres. Garry Jackson*



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1979 - 1981 ... some notes of interest

- **The Bishopdale group, and others, knew each other as Mustang owners within the USA car club. As numbers grew they saw the opportunity for a Mustang club. They also tagged every Mustang they saw**
- **Alan Green was (and still is) a specialist engine builder**
- **Warren Bruce was a highly regarded car painter**
- **Their own cars deserve mention. Alan had a '70 Mach 1 428 Cobra Jet, Warren a mint 64 N/B 289 with 4 Weber IDA's ex Paul Fahey! Roy McRobie (President for 6 years) had a '67 Shelby GT500 428**
- **As well as the Bishopdale Tavern get-togethers, Alan would encourage those interested to meet on a Sunday in the Northlands Mall car park, for impromptu runs**
- **Early motivation focussed on Mustang preservation and member assistance**



1981 Convention Poster including attendee names

Five current CMOC members with direct 1981 connections!

- ***Glen and Kathryn Martin, joined Dec 1980***
- ***Ray and Gail Spencer, joined late 1981***
- ***Mark and Jude Hanson were 1981 members and attendees at 1981 Convention! Re-joined 2014***
- ***Robyn Quinn. With then husband Trevor Gifford, joined 1981 and also attended '81 Convention. Re-joined 2017***
- ***Garry Higgs was part of the early tavern meetings. Rejoined CMOC 2020***



1983: CMOC's first Convention

- **CMOC was less than 2 yrs old when planning began**
- **60 attendees, 26 from Canterbury. 70 Mustangs on display. Strong NI interest, their first Convention in SI**
- **Comprehensive program including Pioneer Stadium car show, drags at Wigram, full scale awards presentation, dress up and dancing**
- **Warren Bruce's '64 scooped People's Choice, Best Paint and Best Engine. This Mustang subsequently owned by Ray and Gail Spencer**
- **Other notable attendees included Glen and Kathryn Martin, Colin Reed, and Robyn Quinn (Gifford)**



Roy McRobie
CMOC President 1983



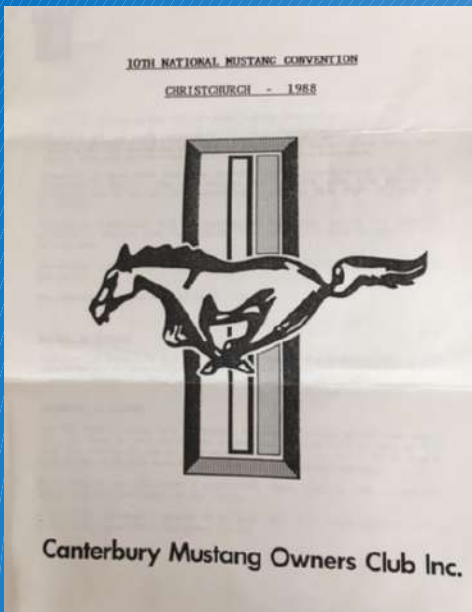
Colin Reed
AMOC President 1983, and
great supporter of CMOC
for 40 years



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CMOC's second Convention: 1988



- CMOC had gone into a decline after 1983 Convention due to many issues, and membership started to recover closer to 1988 Convention (40)
- 55 attendees, 30 from CMOC
- Redwood tavern was the HQ and accommodation, Pioneer Stadium again hosted the car show, and drags at Ruapuna on Sunday
- Notable CMOC attendees included Glen and Kathryn Martin, Ray and Gail Spencer, Martin van Elst, Ashley Smith, Dennis and Erica Phillips, Ric Phillips, Barry Fairbrass, all are still members today
- Ray and Gail won Best Fastback; Ric Phillips won 3rd in Best Notchback; Ashley Smith was 2nd in Best Convertible and 2nd in People's Choice (the blue '64 he still owns).



CANTERBURY MUSTANG OWNERS CLUB	
Rik Phillips & Tracy McCullough	1964 Convertible 289
Ashley Smith	1964 Convertible 289
Keven & Gaylene Watterston	1965 Notchback 289
Glenn & Kathryn Martin	1966 Coupe 289
Geoff & Jan Washbourne	1966 Notchback 289
Steve & Helen Wedlake	1966 Notchback 302
Dennis & Ricki Phillips	1966 Notchback 289
Rodney Houlihan, Colin Smith & Colin Boyd	1966 Fastback 289
Ashley Bradley	1966 Notchback 302
Neil, Mary & Tony Oliver	1966 Convertible
Kerry Norriss	1967 GT Fastback 427
Roy McRobie & Debbie Cronin	1967 Shelby GT 500 428
John & Karen Cowans	1967 Fastback 390
Brent & Linda Howard	1968 Fastback 351
Eric & Kay Anderson	1968 Fastback 302
Allen & Chris Petersen	1969 GT Sportsroof 351
Rodger Brereton	1969 Fastback 351
Terry & Barbara Richards	1969 Fastback 302
Gary Parker	1970 Coupe 302
Barry & Deanne Fairbrass	1970 Mach I 351
Alan & Barbara Green	1970 Mach I 428
Tony Baas	1970 Fastback 351
John Holloway & Les Beaumont	1970 Sportsroof 429
Wayne Johnson	1970 Grande 351
Martin Van Elst	1970 Shelby GT 500 428
Ian & Lyn Richan	1970 Mach I 351
Bob & Denise Lawson	1970 Boss 302
Ray & Gail Spencer	1971 Sportsroof 351
Graeme & Gail Taylor	1971 Mach I 351
T.J. & Rosemary Millar	1983 Convertible 3.8 V6
Merv & Pam Wells	
Wayne Hibbs	



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1990 Snapshot

In 1990, the Annual Mustang Convention was held in New Plymouth. 12 CMOC Mustangs attended, and the Convention report written by Rik Phillips detailed an outstanding list of successes:

- **Ray Spencer, 1st in '64 to '73 Notchbacks**
- **Dennis Phillips, 3rd in '64 to '73 Notchbacks**
- **Rik Phillips, 3rd in '64 to '73 Convertibles**
- **Peter Plumridge, 1st in Best Fastback**
- **Roy McRobie, 1st in Best Shelby**
- **Peter Plumridge, 2nd Best panel and paint**
- **Ray Spencer, 2nd in Best interior**
- **Peter Plumridge and Ray Spencer, 2nd equal, Best original engine bay**
- **Peter Plumridge, 3rd Best original interior**
- **Canterbury Mustang Owners Club: Best Club Display**

WHAT A GREAT RESULT!!

Unfortunately, there are no photos in our files of the 1990 Convention. But here some of the same CMOC Mustangs at a Timaru show that same year.

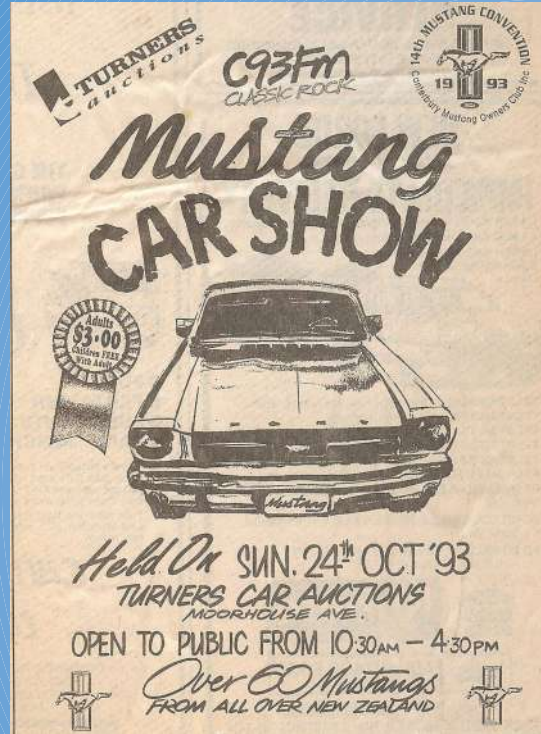


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CMOC Conventions in the 1990's: 1993 and 1998

1993

- 75 Mustangs (40 CMOC)
- Turners was the car show venue, Redwood Hotel was the base
- Again, drags were a feature



1998

- 70 plus Mustangs
- Chch Convention Centre for the car show, HQ was the Airport Plaza Hotel
- Great marketing and supporting promotions boosted the event's success



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CMOC Conventions in the 2000's: 2003 and 2008

2003

- Chch Convention Centre was the fabulous venue for the Mustang Show
- Convention HQ was Shirley Lodge
- Ray Spencer was both President and the Convention's lead organiser



2008

- Horncastle Arena hosted the car show, well over 5000 public!
- Very strong promo via primary sponsor Paul Kelly Motors
- Jeff Waghorn was convenor.
- Very successful with good surplus, strengthening CMOC financials for the future



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Perhaps CMOC's Convention Highlight ... 2014 50th Anniversary!



- NZ's biggest to date
- 225 Mustangs at Turners, including a special preview of the yet to be launched 2015 RHD
- Strong Ford NZ and Ford dealer support
- Big emphasis on the 50th anniversary
- Expanded 4 day program including Ruapuna track day and closed road Targa stage on Port Hills. Fun for all!
- Successfully planned and implemented despite Christchurch's post quake issues. Peter Geddes was convenor.
- Set the stage for major growth for CMOC, in RHD members and financial strength



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40 years later CMOC in the 2020's

Convention 2020

- The challenges of running a major event in “covid 19 times” ... phew!
- We matched our great 2014 metrics – over 220 Mustangs, approx. 400 attendees
- The Saturday Mustang Show featured first ever special Bullitt display, and other features.
- Best ever support from NI clubs. The total Convention had a strong “party” feel, and a special Saturday partners program with a difference!
- Outstanding sponsor support guaranteed our success



Recent developments and Highlights

- New Friendly Manager office/admin system
- www.canterburymustang.org.nz web site
- 340 members, spread across all models
- A strong backbone of regular major events
 - Large scale Christmas Lunch
 - CMOC annual awards
 - Canterbury All Ford Day
 - Mainland Muster with Southern Club
 - CMOC Mystery run
 - Ruapuna Track Day
 - Cromwell Car Show
 - World Mustang Day
 - Monthly social nights
 - Plus numerous other events and runs
 - National Mustang Convention (Chch every 7th yr)
- Strong bank balance
- Growing contributions to local charities, totalling approximately \$34000 since 2015.

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CMOC Presidential Roll call



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|--------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| (1980 | Alan Green) | 2003 | Ray Spencer |
| 1981 | Alan Green | 2004 | Terry Prisk |
| 1982 | Roy McRobie | 2005 | Forbes Gourlay |
| 1983 | Roy McRobie | 2006 | Forbes Gourlay |
| 1984 | Neil Gilbertson | 2007 | Forbes Gourlay |
| 1985 | Roy McRobie | 2008 | Forbes Gourlay |
| 1986 | Roy McRobie | 2009 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1987 | Barry Fairbrass | 2010 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1988 | Roy McRobie | 2011 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1989 | Roy McRobie | 2012 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1990 | Roy McRobie | 2013 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1991 | Ray Spencer | 2014 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1992 | Ray Spencer | 2015 | Jeff Waghorn |
| 1993 | Ray Spencer | 2016 | Garry Jackson |
| 1994 | Ray Spencer | 2017 | Garry Jackson |
| 1995 | Ray Spencer | 2018 | Garry Jackson |
| 1996 | Ray Spencer | 2019 | Garry Jackson |
| 1997 | Terry Prisk | 2020 | Garry Jackson |
| 1998 | Ray Spencer | 2021 | Garry Jackson |
| 1999 | Barry Fairbrass | 2022 | Garry Jackson |
| 2000 | Greg Roberts | 2023 | Ray van Hamelsveld |
| 2001 | Greg Roberts | | |
| 2002 | Greg Roberts | | |



*Terry Prisk unfortunately missing
from pics*

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CMOC's Life Members: Recognition for lengthy years of membership and great service



Ray and Gail Spencer

2001



Barry Fairbrass

2001

Glenn and Kathryn Martin

2009

Peter and Gaye Plumridge

2018

Dennis and Erica Phillips

2018

Jeff and Karen Waghorn

2018

Ashley and Sandy Smith

2019

Rob Donaldson and Shelley Williams

2020

John and Christine Quinn

2020

Rick and Andrea Paulsen

2020

Peter and Dallas Geddes

2021

Forbes and Megan Gourlay

2021

Garry and Loretta Jackson

2021

Tony and Sharyn Schreuder

2022



(Year awarded shown above)



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CMOC's growth over the years

Year	Membership	Financial reserves	Conventions by decade
1981	30		Chch 1983 Chch 1988
1990	50		Chch 1993 Chch 1998
2000	75	\$10000 (est)	Chch 2003 Chch 2008
2010	125	\$45000	Chch 2014
2022	340	\$89000	Chch 2020

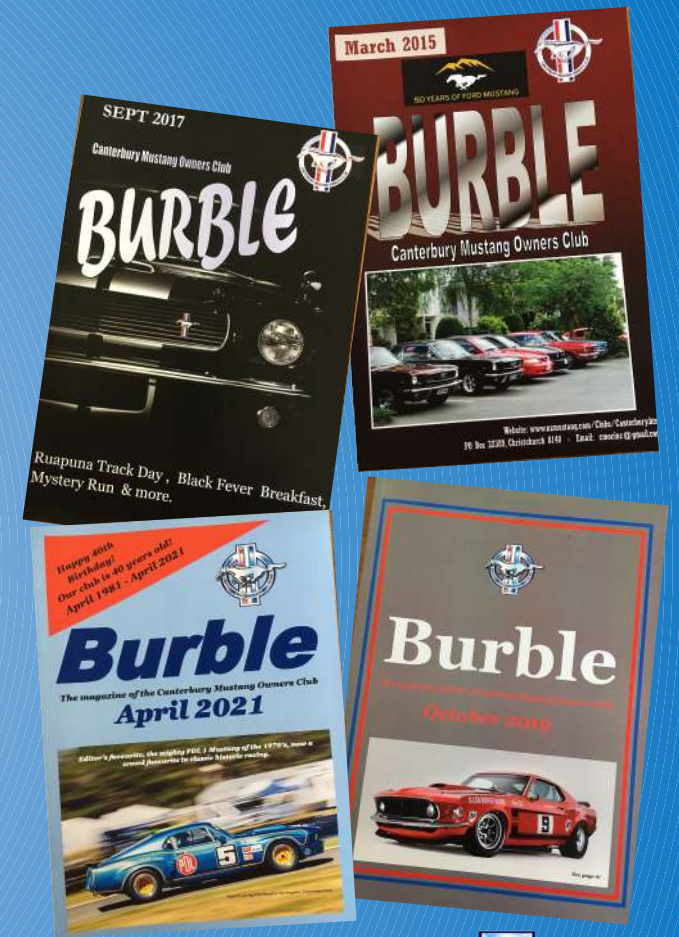


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CMOC's regular members' magazine the lifeblood of our club



- Newsletters date right back to 1981, with President Roy McRobie writing a regular news bulletin throughout the 1980's
- This expanded into a multi page A5 format in the 1990's, 3-4 issues per year
- This A5 format continued through the 2000's, gradually progressing to full colour
- Many editors through the 2000's, with notables Tracey Roberts, Dallas Geddes, Brian Neville and Buzz Harvey all doing multiple years. Buzz introduced the "Burble" name in Aug 2007
- In June 2011 Dallas stepped back in, and took Burble to an A4, full colour glossy quarterly magazine
- Christine and John Quinn became interim editors in Sept 2014, before handing over to Stu and Nati Kaa June 2017 – March 2019
- Since July 2019, President Garry Jackson has been at the helm, to ensure Burble's continuity. After much debate (full colour printed mag versus on-line PDF), members voted strongly to retain the coffee table approach, 3 issues per year. Each issue is also available on our website. Enjoy!



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Underpinning CMOC's future ... our shared principles and priorities

- **Maintain the mix and balance between models and years, preserving “all things Mustang” 1964 to today.**
- **Maintain (if not grow) our schedule of great events and activities for our members**
- **Have fun, socialise, make new friends, reinforce existing friendships, welcome and integrate new members, and through all of this enjoy the Mustang spirit together**
- **Continue to run our club effectively and efficiently with a strong elected committee, passionate and energetic volunteers motivated by CMOC's strengths, history, values and opportunities in the year ahead, and every year.**
- **Continue to increase our contribution to our community**
- **Be a voice within NZ's classic car movement, to protect what we have today in a world that seems increasingly challenging**





Special thanks for 40 great years

- ***Alan Green, our first President!***
- ***Roy McRobie***
- ***Ray Spencer***
- ***Our past Presidents, individually and collectively***
- ***Our committee members, year by year***
- ***The Convention convenors and working teams, across 8 great conventions***
- ***Burple editors over the years***
- ***Our sponsors and commercial supporters***
- ***Our life members***
- ***All our members, from the longest serving to our very newest***
- ***Our partners and families***
- ***Ford, for our beloved Mustang and the enduring Mustang spirit and legend***

Roll on the next 40 years!





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