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Burble: the newsletter of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club



50 Years of Ford Mustangs

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A message from the President

Well 2 months has past already and we're onto the second edition of the Burble newsletter, time does go quick when everyday is filled with work and family commitments.

The committee has been busy organising events covering a varied scope of interests for all members to participate in. A massive thanks to all members of the committee who have organised the past and future events for the club. I have attended a few and have enjoyed the company of everyone present. The Zone Bowling evening back in August was extremely competitive and a lot of fun, we all did well in scoring points. Auto Haven was another interesting museum with high calibre cars and motorbikes. The 67 and 68 Shelbys would have looked good in my garage if I could afford it.

The next committee meeting to be held on the 11th October will be one of organising the All Ford Day and getting volunteers to participate in the setting up of the day's events. Although this is held in February, we must get an early start in the organising of the day. This is the club's biggest event and earner and helps in the offsetting of costs for events held during the year. Once the committee have accepted their ideal role, they will call upon members to help out in some small way to make the day go smoothly.

I'm heading up to Auckland for the convention mid-October and as always enjoy the road trip. It's a great weekend catching up with the other clubs and a good opportunity to see how the other club members organise their turn to hold the annual convention. I will be taking notes for the future.

One thing to note is the impact of the cost of living and how it is affecting us as mustang owners. The possibility of fuel rising to over \$3.50 per litre in the near future is looming fast. I have noticed A reduction in attendance at events and totally understand the impact of rising costs. So choose your events wisely and as always hope to see you all somewhere on the road.

Stay healthy and safe.

Your President

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From the Editor

Welcome to the August-September issue of the of the Bi Monthly Burble Newsletter. Lots of items of interest to all Mustang owners. Many thanks to those who contributed. Please feel free to e-mail the editor with anything that may be of interest to members for the next October-November issue. Don't forget we can place an advertisement to sell your car or any Mustang related parts or merchandise.

Don't forget to look at the web site canterburymustang.org.nz for even more photos and information.

We are well ahead in planning the new hard copy Burble Yearbook and will be in touch very soon with an advertising proposal that you may be able to assist us with.

Cheers, Ed

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A Load of Bull from the Club Captain

Daffodils, Variety, Bad Fuel and an alternative Electric Mustang

The Daffodil Rally our club supported and attended was an amazing event organised by the Vintage Car Club. Nationally they have 36 branches and 30 of these held their Daffodil Rallies on Sunday 20th August. This is a well organised event for a very worthy cause we are proud to support.

Travelling through Bulls in the North Island I saw they had entered the spirit of Daffodil Day. I stopped and got a close up with one of their famous locals. No bull.

I'm proud of the range and variety of events our club offers for members to enjoy. Hopefully there are events to appeal to everyone. We have had social, sporting, mid-week runs, a photo shoot, car museum visit, weekend runs and park up displays recently.

Now we are officially in spring and summer is not too far away the number of events will only increase. Come along and enjoy as many of these as you can.

I got an SOS from our daughter recently. Her ever reliable Toyota Corolla wasn't happy after she refuelled it. She checked the receipt and had put in the correct fuel. A scan of the car revealed no fault codes. The next time she refuelled, the car started running better and was soon back to normal. We can only surmise a batch of bad fuel was the culprit.

Reminds me of what happened to Ray, our President. He refuelled in a country town fuel station where a fuel tanker was topping up the tanks. Shortly after his near new Ute was in serious distress. Several thousand dollars later it was running again. The contaminated diesel had destroyed the diesel system. It may be



More Bull from the Club Captain

wise to not fill your tank if a fuel tanker is at the station. All the sludge in the station tanks gets stirred up when they are refilled. Older stations may have equally old and possibly rusty tanks. Food for thought.

The Mach E isn't the first electric Mustang. How about a Top-gun Mustang? Available new in NZ this four wheeled beast has a high performance 1650W 4 pole motor, comes in a range of colours and has a five year warranty. A bargain at \$7,690. Yep it's a mobility scooter. Might be my next Mustang.

Keep smiling
Dennis O'Brien
Club Captain
021 187 8488



Welcome to new members

Murray & Doreen Leacock	2016 Red 5 Speed Auto
Keith Hitchen	2018 Yellow GT
Mark and Maureen Allan	2017 Graphite GST Convertible



The first totalled 2024 Mustang GT. 735 miles on it before it was T-Boned by an out of control Hellcat!!!!

Latest Events Calendar—October to December

October Sun 1st Oct, Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade Wheels and Wings

Sun 8th Oct, Run to Bealey Hotel

Tue 10th Oct, Social Night – Cranford Ale House, 6.30pm – 9pm

Fri 20th – Mon 23rd Oct, AKL Convention

Sun 22 Oct, Run to Hurunui Hotel

November Wed 1st Nov, Go Karts at Game Over, Blenheim Rd

Thurs 2nd Nov, Mid –Week run to the Geraldine Summer Fete

Sun 5th Nov, USA Day, Gladstone Park, Woodend – ACCC event

Sat 11th Nov, Mustang Run and BBQ at Amberley Reserve with Jaguar Club

Sun 12th, All American Day, Timaru

Tues 14th Nov, Social Night – Cranford Ale House, 6.30pm – 9pm

Sun 26th Nov, Selwyn Motor Fest, Rolleston

December Sat 2nd Dec, Xmas lunch, Hanmer

Fri 8th Dec, Track Day with Porsche Club

Sun 10th Dec, Mustang Parade at Addington Raceway Grand Prix

First Sunday of every month, Petrolhead Breakfasts Kustom Car Club grounds, McLeans Island Road.

This is a list of known events planned by our club and also major events organised by others that may appeal to our members. Updated and full event details are on our Club website under EVENTS and event updates will be emailed to you nearer the event times.

Dennis O'Brien
Club Captain
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Run to Kirwee 30th July

On Sunday 30th July on a perfect winters day, a combination of **30** classic and modern Mustangs set out for a **60** minute run to lunch at the new Thirsty Acres Pub. (A replacement for the old Pub which burnt down last year).



Big Tradie Park Up 10th September In support of Mates in Construction

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Social night at Goodhome, Wigram, 8th August

Another great night, as usual the friendly bar assistants at the Goodhome in Wigram made us feel welcome. When the finger food came out at 7 ish it was the usual excellent fare .

A group of 26 members enjoyed a catch up and a chat about anything and everything. As host I did my best to get around the group to make sure everyone was happy. Towards the end of the evening I walked into a discussion about the Route 66 tour to the USA. As I have done this tour I was able to give it a top recommendation and a must do for anyone. It appears that there are a few keen members so watch this space.

Sadly this is our last evening at this venue, we are going to have a change for next month.

Cheers, Garry Pascoe



Social night, Cranford Ale House 12th September

Our September social night was held at the Cranford Ale house for the first time and there were about 24 members in attendance. The food was good and priced well, some members stayed on and took advantage of the 2 for one steak meal . We have booked again for next month. Cheers, Garry Pascoe.

Who will be attracted to the 2024 Mustang?

The debut of the 2024 Ford Mustang is a notable one for a number of reasons, particularly since the beloved pony car can still be had with V8 power and a manual transmission – two things that are slowly going away in the automotive world, even as most have opted for an automatic thus far – though the S650 generation Mustang is designed to appeal to younger customers with its fancy new gadgets and big screens inside the cabin. However, the 2024 Ford Mustang is suddenly without a proper rival given the impending discontinuation of the sixth-generation Camaro and its uncertain future past this year, as well as the end of Dodge Challenger production – though those models may live on, after all – even if it is in all-electric form. Regardless, it doesn't seem as if Ford expects the Bow Tie and Mopar faithful to switch to The Blue Oval side, as Ford Mustang brand manager Jim Owens recently explained to *CarExpert*.

“This isn't our first time that Camaro and Challenger haven't been with us,” Owens said. “There's been times where they've not been here in the segment, and we've been there continuously. First in, last out. We'll still be there. For the people who have a Bow Tie tattooed on their body, or a Challenger Hellcat, Redeye, Demon... we probably won't bring those people in. For those who are still interested in an internal-combustion engine version of the sports car and don't have their loyalties, we really believe we have not only the design, but the powertrain and the suspension, and that technology [to win them over].” Given the strong brand loyalty that fans of the Mustang, Camaro, and Challenger typically exhibit, these comments don't come as much of a surprise. However, those that find themselves wanting a traditional, V8-powered, manual transmission-equipped, rear-wheel drive American performance car may soon cave, given the fact that only one will seemingly be available moving forward.



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2024 Mustang interior designed to attract younger buyers??????

The all-new 2024 Ford Mustang debuted last September, sporting quite a few changes, along with a few welcome carry-over features, such as a fortified version of the naturally-aspirated Ford 5.0L V8 Coyote engine – which the automaker plans to continue to offer as long as possible – though it did ditch the manual transmission option in the EcoBoost due to low demand. With production ramping up and deliveries imminent, the pony car faithful will soon get to experience all of these changes first-hand, which include a heavily-revised interior designed to attract young buyers, as Jim Owens, head of marketing for the Mustang, recently explained to *CarExpert*. “When you get to play with that stuff, it’s going to bring in a younger audience for sure,” Owens said. “The focus group stuff that we did; younger audiences said ‘hey it’s about time’ and ‘oh this is cool,’ They like to personalize their technology, it’s how they grew up – and they loved it.”

Interestingly, 2024 Ford Mustang buyers have a choice between two screen layouts – a base setup that uses two screens as separate units, along with an optional layout that provides more of a seamless look, courtesy of a single piece of integrated glass that covers both screens and is angled toward the driver. Either way, both screens offer drivers essentially the same features. The instrument cluster, for example, can be customized to display different animated designs and new drive-mode dependent visuals, with a copper appearance theme and different graphics based on what drive mode is selected. Both screens are fully customizable and drivers can make changes with simple swipes, while both utilize the same Unreal Engine 3D creation tool used in modern video games like *Fortnite*, presenting real-time graphical renderings, along with the ability to change ambient interior lighting settings.



Ford Performance Head frustrated with V8 Supercars situation

Ford has certainly faced its fair share of challenges in the current season of Australia's V8 Supercars series, with its Ford Mustang racers slated to get a revised engine set-up designed to eliminate rear tire lift and improve drivability, as well as a revised aero package that hasn't exactly been a hit with the teams campaigning those cars. Ford Performance global head Mark Rushbrook previously expressed his desire for more transparency in this particular series – and now, he's admitted that he's displeased with the amount of time that it has taken organizers to level the proverbial playing field, according to *Drive*.



“Am I frustrated with Supercars? Yes,” Rushbrook said. “Do we evaluate our future in Supercars? We evaluate our future in every series on a very regular basis and we look for the ability to win races and championships. Any decision for any series, whether to join or to leave, is a difficult decision because we don't want to be coming and going in different series. What I will say about Supercars is...I said I am frustrated. But they are starting to make the changes. I wish they would've done it before the season started, but they are making changes now to try and improve the situation. Supercars have certainly recognized...they need to update their processes and they are active.”



From our Ashburton members

Our Ashburton members from time to time visit schools to bring the Mustang word to them. We recently visited Fairton School which is a small rural school 10 mins North of Ashburton. It is a special school, only having 27 pupils and we really enjoyed our time there. Being a small school, the parent group got right behind our visit and provided lunch and both newspapers from Ashburton sent reporters to cover it. Patrick Forde and Debbie Currey organised the visit and the weather was great, fine but quite cool. The whole school really enjoyed the event as can be seen from the photos - along with an impromptu visit from residents from a retirement village who just happened to be driving past!

Muscle cars putting smiles on faces

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Mustang owner Debbie Currey has an association with Fairton School through her work with He Waka Tapu and was able to show pupils at the school her blue 2022 Mustang Z GT.

A member of the Canterbury Mustang Car Owners Club, she has owned it for around 14 months.

It's her every day car and she loves it, "the sound, the speed, the whole lot".

"I had wanted a Mustang for about 30 years," she said.

"Blue is my favourite colour and I just saw that blue and fell in love with it.

"I did the quarter mile in it not long after I got it, so that was a chance to put my foot down and go for it. It drives very well," she said, with a smile.

Fellow club members Colin Sweetman and Patrick Forde said the club had been to a few schools around Ashburton in recent years.

Patrick said the Mid Canterbury Mustang owners did a couple of visits a year. They started visits in 2020.

"We tend to do a couple of school visits a year, we do a rest-home visit, we might have a cruise to Geraldine or Methven for a bit of lunch and pint.

"We get a lot of invitations to do college balls ... weddings, birthdays. It's about putting smiles on faces.

"Owning such a car is really great but when you see the joy it

can sometimes bring people - and not just the younger but the older - and the colour, and the variety in years and sheer sound.

"So its the visual and what they can hear, they put out a great sound."

Colin, who has four Mustangs in his stable - two convertibles - a 2009 and the other 2013, a 1967 classic and a 2022 modern - said there were around 15 members from Mid Canterbury in the club, which was "very, very active" with two or three events such as mid week runs, or trips a month.

"It's a sports car, what we call a muscle car," he said.

Photos, above right: Mustang owner Debbie Currey with Fairton School pupils, from left, Faith Colgan, Kourtney Haskett, Lilly McKain and Mackenzie Doyle; and below: Fairton School pupils check out the visiting Mustangs.

PHOTOS TONI WILLIAMS



From our Ashburton members



Fairton School has the answer to the riddle: How many kids can you fit in a 45th anniversary 2009 Ford Mustang convertible?

More from our Ashburton members

Another day, another school visit by the Ashburton Group. This time Tinwald school and lead in by the Principal on his 1500cc motorbike, we knew it was going to be something special. 275 pupils and very respectful and lots of questions, all compared by the Principal. Lots of revving as well. A 20 deg day, great start to Spring on the 1st of September.



10 Pin Bowling 24th August

Everyone had a great time playing Ten Pin Bowling. We had experts, novices, high scores, low scores....Everyone was a winner, except the Zone Bowling technician whom work very hard to get everyone back into the games after a few breakdowns.



A joke from Burble 2007

LOST IN WOOLWORTHS.....

Two guys, one old and one young, are pushing their carts around Woolworths when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The young guy says, "That's OK. It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The old guy says, "Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife look like?"

The young guy says, "Well, she is 24 years old, tall, with blonde hair, blue eyes, long legs, big boobs, and she's wearing tight white shorts, a halter top and no bra. What does your wife look like?"

The old guy says, "Doesn't matter - let's look for yours."

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Run to Kaikoura Thursday 17th August

The joys of having a run midweek lets you pick the days and Thursday was among the best. Cloudless sunny and perfect for a cruise in a Mustang. Fifteen cars met in Garlick St Ravenswood the oldest being a 1966 owned by Glenn & Kathryn Martin and the newest only 3 Days old a 2023 RTR. We cruised up to Cheviot for a bathroom stop and coffee and our shiny black 66 become the talking point of onlookers and fellow club members. Then back in convoy to Kaikoura where we met up with more club members. The food was great and the drinks went down and down. What a great event some club members were staying overnight making a long weekend of it. In total we had 40 members for lunch.



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Daffodil Rally for Cancer Sunday 20th August

Christchurch turned on a beautiful, warm day for the annual Daffodil Rally for Cancer, run by the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (VCC), on Sunday 20 August. There were four different start points for the Canterbury runs – Rolleston, Cashmere, Rangiora and New Brighton. All routes converged on the VCC grounds at McLeans Island, with “short” and “long” run options from each start point to cater for all types of vehicles.



One of the great things about this rally is the way the different routes cross over each other, meaning you’ll have cars from one of the other start points travelling in the opposite direction. The sheer number of cool cars of all makes, models and eras generate so much interest from the public and residents along the route.

Great to see more than thirty Mustangs among the hundreds of vehicles that turned out for the rally and display.

Thanks to the VCC for organising the day and to all CMOC members who attended along with the Rotary members who ran the food stalls, to help raise funds for the Cancer Society. There were approximately 600 cars in attendance and the VCC raised \$8,706.

Cheers, Neville Hyland



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Gull Service Station photo shoot 23 August

Back in June on the corner of Bob Robertson Drive and Garlick Street in Ravenswood, it was noticed that work had started on the new Gull service station, as we start a lot of our runs from Garlick Street, the idea to fill the forecourt with Mustangs was hatched. This crazy idea was put to our club captain over dinner and drinks and met with a strong approval. Our first email to Gull resulted in a prompt reply “what a great idea”. Andrew Laing was club choice for photography and a polite ask of club members Marcel and Bianca Koks for Drone Photos. So this crazy idea was shared with the committee on the Tuesday 15th August for a photo shoot in 4 days time on Saturday 19th August. So started the Team effort getting members to a photo shoot. The response overwhelming with fifty three cars on the forecourt. While this was instigated by Peter and Pauline Watt the effort by club captain Dennis O’Brien and club president Ray Van Hamelsveld and 53 club members was fantastic.

A big thank you to all and a special thanks to Marcel and Bianca from Peter and Pauline Watt



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Visit to Autohaven Classic Car Museum 27th August

22 cars assembled at Halswell Domain for a run via Tai Tapu, Gebbies Pass, Lyttelton, Evan Pass, Sumner, Ferrymead and Bromley arriving at Autohaven Museum, hidden in the industrial part is a large concrete building beside Marbello Stone. We arrived 15 minutes early, the duty manager arrived and opened the doors to the diner decked out as a 1960s red and white Route 66 theme. Once everyone had paid the doors were opened to where the cars were displayed. We walked in, "WOW" what a collection of cars and bikes. The cars are in mint condition and displayed to their fullest. We spent about an hour looking around. Then a tour of the workshop before lunch of burgers and drinks.

It was an impressive display of cars and bikes and well worth going to. Thank you Autohaven for opening up. We all enjoyed it.

Trip organiser Garry Pascoe



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Wanted to buy

2018 or newer Mustang GT 5L V8

- 10 Speed would be great, but 6 Speed OK
 - Covered less than 40000kms

Phone Trevor—Mobile 0276335288

For Sale

2017 2.3 ltr Fastback Turbo Mustang. 27,746.00 kms. Immaculate condition as would be expected for this mileage. Regretful sale due to change in circumstances. \$50,000.00

Michelle Hargreaves - Mobile: 021 1882 704.



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Run to Good Home Pegasus 13th September

A great mid week run around Rangoria and Pegasus. We started off at the Peg Hotel in Belfast heading down the motorway and turning of at Ohoka off ramp, winding our way around the back of Rangoria. Then through the new Ravenswood subdivision across SH1 into Pegasus and around the golf course making our way to The Good Home Gastro Pub on the lake. A smaller run than we usually do of 50min with a great turnout of 24 club members. The Good Home made us welcome loading us with drinks and a great meal many thanks.



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New S650 Mustang Nascar Pace Cars—Chicago



Mystery Run, 17th September

North Canterbury was the chosen area and Garry Jackson, our immediate past President, used his local knowledge to full advantage in planning the route and questions.

A coffee stop enroute in Waikari gave many the required caffeine hit as we cruised through local towns and villages before finishing at the Amberley Hotel.

We learnt a bit of local history while seeking out answers to the questions. Some easy, some humorous and some a bit obscure.

Congratulations to our winners David and Andrea Bannan with Paul and Emma West in second and Neville and Lesley Highland a close third.

The prize was a real talking point. Originally a massive book the size of a coffee table, it now is a coffee table. Thanks again to Garry J. who used his cabinet making skills to transform it into a coffee table with the book proudly displayed below a glass top.

Publican's Choice for their favourite Mustang went to Peter and Gaye Plumridge and their gorgeous black 1969 Sportsroof Mustang. Interestingly they have owned this car since the mid 1980's when they bought it in a tired, just running condition when in the USA.

A great day enjoyed by all and we look forward to next year's event which will be organised by this years' winners.

Dennis O'Brien



Mystery Run, 17th September



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