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President's Patter

Happy new year everyone, and very best wishes for 2020.....I think it's going to be busy!

Loretta and I hope that you all had a great Christmas with family and friends, and that you were able to get some personal "time out". As a Club the last three months or so since our last issue of Burble have been action filled, including a great turnout at the USA Day in Woodend, capacity attendance at our Christmas Lunch in Hanmer Springs, another wonderful new year picnic at Glentunnel, and I know many enjoyed the Central Otago sunshine at the annual Cromwell car show.

And whilst all that was happening, pre-registrations for the 2020 Convention have been steadily coming in, indicating strong interest and a great mix of Mustangs and attendees from across NZ. Our 2020 Convention planning has also been strengthened by a number of great sponsors coming on board.



Our next priority is the annual Canterbury All Ford Day, which our club has organised and hosted for a number of years. Maybe one day we will be able to convince one or more of the other Ford marque clubs take it on, but in the meantime it falls to us. We accept that, because of the significance of celebrating the contribution Henry Ford has made to our automotive culture. By the time you read this, the All Ford Day will be upon us, and I hope that all of you have been able to participate and support us in some way, whether that be by displaying you Mustang (or any other special Fords you have hidden away!), maybe volunteering some time to assist our organising team, and perhaps most importantly you've told all your friends and work colleagues, and encouraged them to come along and enjoy all the great Fords.

Beyond the All Ford Day, we have three significant events in the coming months, namely the Global Mustang Day (Sunday April 19, as close as possible to Mustang's "birthday" on April 17, and 56 years since the 1964 launch); our CMOC AGM on Saturday May 16; and the Mainland Muster with our Southern Club friends in Oamaru June 12 - 14.

Returning to the Christmas Lunch for a moment, this event last December really showcased what makes the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club such a great club (or maybe "family" is a better term). This is not only the occasion where we recognise and celebrate the winners of our wide range of annual awards, it also the time when the incredible strength of our club's values of friendship, service, shared spirit and enthusiasm is to the fore. It really is a special occasion, one not to be missed.

Again, best wishes to you all.

Garry



Thanks

Sincere thanks to all the contributors who have made this issue possible!

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Welcome to our new CMOC members!

Grant and Astrid Boore	2018 GT Fastback 5.0 Auto Silver
Nicola Dawson	1968 Coupe 302 C4 Auto Red
Jamie and Amanda Hawke	2016 GT Fastback 5.0 Red with black stripe
Bernie and Liz Chick	2018 GT Convertible 5.0 Yellow
Ron and Sarah Kelly	2006 GT 4.6 V8 manual Vista Blue
David Miller	2020 GT Velocity Blue
Tony Bankier	2016 GT 5.0 Auto Grey
Kieran Wyatt	1969 Mach 1 Red
Grant and Jacqueline Macleod	1966 Mustang
Lindsay and Kerry Perry	1969 Mach 1 Green

CMOC now has 312 members!

Upcoming Events - Key Dates

Feb 16: All Ford Day (run by CMOC, but for all Fords)	May 16: CMOC AGM
Feb 29: Hanmer Motorfest (Falcon/Fairlane Club)	Jun 7: Kustoms Breakfast
Mar 1: Kustoms Breakfast	June 12-14: Mainland Muster , with Southern Mustang Club, Oamaru
Mar 8: Twin Rivers classic car event	July 5: Kustoms breakfast
Mar 20 - 22: Timaru Rock and Hop	July xx: Ruapuna track day (TBC)
Mar 27: Evening Club Run (TBC)	August 2: Kustoms breakfast
Apr 5: Kustoms Breakfast	August 9: CMOC Annual Mystery Run (TBC)
Apr 19: World Mustang Day event	
May 3: Kustoms Breakfast	

Key: **Xxxxx** Specific CMOC event for members only

Xxxx Events run by other organisations, but with an organised CMOC presence

Xxxx Other events, individual choice

(more details will updated as available on the CMOC website, Events tab)



A message from our Club Captain

Seasons Greetings and welcome to 2020, the start of a new decade.

What's in store? Who knows? Two certainties are even more rapid advances in technology and an increased focus on saving the planet.

This is a very exciting time for the every-day motorist and car enthusiasts alike. Vehicles will continue to become more efficient with more power, greater range, better dynamics and features we haven't even thought about. Propulsion may be the internal combustion engine, electricity, hydrogen, a combination of these or a form we haven't even seen yet.

To those who have had time to relax, welcome back, and to those who have worked through, hopefully you will enjoy some time off soon.

Summer is a great time with plenty of action. We have had the Spring Run, Hanmer Christmas Lunch, New Year Picnic, Cromwell Classic Car show, Petrol Head Breakfasts, the Rangiora Muscle Car show and the Scope Classic Motor Racing. The All Ford Day is just days away and there are plenty more events coming so your Mustangs will be busy.

Viv and I have been busy, welcoming two new puppies into our family, plus we are in the midst of a new house build. Great progress on both fronts with toilet trained puppies and the house well advanced with increased garaging and parking for toys.

See you at the next event.

Dennis O'Brien



The new CMOC gazebo's, erected for the first time on the bank at the Skope Classic, Ruapuna. A great asset for the club, summer shade at our events, a focal point for members to meet, and more. Thanks to committee member Bob Verrall for making this happen (the committee has talked about it for years!).

PS no sooner had the guys finished putting it up, and former club captain Rick Paulsen took his front row seat!

Sneak preview! The new logo for our Convention 2020, incorporating a stylistic interpretation of the Te Pae building, the Mustang pony, reference to Te Pae as our feature venue, and Ford, our primary sponsor.



NATIONAL MUSTANG CONVENTION 2020

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Bullitt: The world's highest priced Mustang that reads like a movie script!

There would be few Mustang fans who haven't heard the news about Steve McQueen's Bullitt movie Mustang selling for a world record price of \$US3.74M at Mecum's auction in mid January. The news of this auction, and the detailed stories of this special Mustang, have all been well told across the web, and Burble won't try and repeat the details here.

But what we can do is share a few highlights and lesser known aspects that have caught the attention and imagination of your editor.

Story highlights

The movie used 2 green '68 Mustang 390GT Fastbacks, sourced from a LA Ford dealer and surprisingly they had sequential VIN's, ending in 558 and 559. 558 was used (and trashed) as the stunt car, and 559 was the "hero car" (see Jay Leno's description of it on the facing page).



558 disappeared from sight, and was believed to have been crushed. In early 2017 a story popped up on the US Vintage -Mustang Forum about a dilapidated white body shell (missing all mechanicals) was pulled from a backyard in Mexico City by a prospective buyer looking for an Eleanor donor body, and the intact body tag (and other checks) confirmed it was the 558 car. It was reported in 2018 that the purchaser abandoned the Eleanor idea, and planned a full period-correct restoration, but no further updates seem to be available.

Meanwhile, 559 had a far more fortunate history. It was sold by the film production company once the movie was completed, with two owners in short succession, before being purchased by Bob Kiernan in 1974 after seeing an advertisement in Road and Track magazine, for \$6500 (a premium price back then recognising the Mustang's history).

Bob Kiernan liked his privacy, and managed to keep the 559 Mustang's incredible story secret. With Bob's passing in the 1980's, son Sean maintained the silence and kept the story quiet. However, by early 2016 there were some people sniffing around, and it was this that prompted Sean Kiernan to approach Ford and reveal what he had. It took Ford some months to take him seriously and actually discuss it.

It then took months for the highly reputed Historical Vehicle Association (HVA) to complete all their checks and authorisation, and it was only after that (and some intervention by Edsel Ford) that Ford actually made arrangements to see 559 in person, in early 2017. Suddenly Ford decided to speed up the development of their planned 2019 model year Bullitt special edition, and to reveal the 2019 alongside 559 at the Detroit Auto Show January 2018, the 50th anniversary of the movie's release.

That then commenced nearly two years of promotional tours and events across the US and Europe, for Sean and 559, until January 2020 and the Mecum auction. What a story!



In Jay Leno's words.....

“Steve McQueen was all guts and no glory in *Bullitt*. I'm more gut, and just a little glory....so to sit where he sat in this Mustang was something special. On the one hand it's just a '68 Mustang that's been flogged to death. But on the other – it's *the* car.

“Let's be honest. This car has been thrashed. It doesn't drive like a 50 year old car; it drives like a 50 year old car that hasn't had anything spent on it for decades. Even though it has a 390 V8, it's not particularly fast. The tyres feel like they're at least 20 years old – go into a corner and you start to slide and move around. But it's fun.

“Even though it's rusty and dented in places, the Mustang Starts easily and it still pulls strongly. Put your foot to the floor and that V8 will hustle you along. Ok, so the brakes are marginal and the handling's the same; it tends to plough-on a little in corners. The 390 is a big, heavy motor and a 289 would handle better. But it's like an old gun, you know: it may not be accurate, but it's still capable of killing. This is still a weapon.

“I was 18 when Bullitt came out.....it was the greatest car chase we'd ever seen, up to that point. These days, you can go on the internet and watch car chases all day long. But in '68 you had to go to that movie.And now, sitting in *that* car, it brings back memories of what you were doing when you were 18 and the movie came out.

“(Steve McQueen's) old Mustang was part of my childhood, and it was part of the childhood of a lot of car guys, It still looks like he's just parked it and walked way. And that's cool”

Thanks to Octane magazine, August 2018.



PS: We believe that Jay Leno was the only person to drive the Bullitt in recent years, other than the owner Sean Kiernan.

The Bullitt lineage ...1968 / 2003 / 2008 / 2018





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Another fabulous CMOC Christmas Lunch!

Saturday 7th December and a long line of Mustangs hit the road north to the beautiful Heritage Hotel Hanmer Springs for our annual Christmas lunch.

You would think that organising lunch for 140 people could be a bit of a challenge, but the function staff at Hanmer Springs know what we want, and they know how to turn on a fabulous event.

Add to this the wonderful volunteers from within our club and suddenly you have a day out (or in many cases a weekend away) to remember.

Our thanks go to Ray Eade for organising the PA system, to Dave and Andrea Bannan who once again took on the job of choosing a special gift for each child, and then wrapping them ready for Santa, and to Santa himself, who did a wonderful job, delighted the children and entertained us in more ways than we expected!

Of added interest this year was the 'Avenue of Christmas trees' competition the hotel was running for local Hanmer Springs businesses. We were encouraged to take part and vote for our favourite. For those who perhaps have not seen the result, the winner was the tree made from saddles, entered by Hanmer Horse Trekking and Carriage Services and they donated the \$1000 prize money to Rotherham School.

The weather was kind, (even if it was a little breezy), the locals were welcoming and hospitable (the retail stores were very happy) and there was much fun and laughter. I keep asking "should we be searching for an alternative venue for next year?" Feedback from those attending overwhelmingly said "don't change a thing!" Under these circumstances, organise another lunch for 140 people? No problem!

Loretta Jackson





CMOC's Annual Awards!

One of the features at our wonderful Christmas Lunch each year is the presentation of the club's Annual Awards, each of which recognise club members for significant achievement (or otherwise!) in the year gone by. These awards, individually and collectively, represent in many ways the heartbeat and values of our club, and accordingly deserve special mention and profile....so here we go!

Service to the Club: Sam Ng

Sam was recognised for his consistent volunteer efforts at a number of club events, but especially the All Ford Day over many years. Not only does he "dig in", he does so with his characteristic smile and friendly attitude. In 2019 Sam went one stage further, taking personal time to greet and accompany a number of US Mustang owners in Canterbury, putting our club in a good light with these influential visitors.



Most Enthusiastic Member: Patrick, Grace and Nickola Forde

This is always a difficult one to judge, because all members are enthusiasts! Patrick and his family received the award recognising their unbridled enthusiasm as a family, participating in just about every local event, taking and sharing photos, regular Facebook posts and shares, and all this with a big smile! (Subsequent to the award, Patrick has accepted the role as our mid Canterbury coordinator, taking over from Colin Sweetman who has handed over the role due to widening interests and time commitments....we're confident will bring exactly the same enthusiasm to his new role).

Most Understanding Partner: Marion Love

This award always requires an element of tact on the judges part....sometimes we hear of situations which requires considerable "understanding", but which might not be suitable for an award! In this case, it really is a good news story, about how Marion's husband Trevor took their 2013 Mustang in for routine service, and came home with a bright yellow 2018 RHD model! (That's the abbreviated version!). The good news is they love the new car, their previous model was purchased by another club member, and they now have an award on the shelf to celebrate!



Hard Luck Trophy: Steve Fraser

Probably the trophy that no one wants to win!but there have been some notable, high profile winners over the years. The 2019 recipient (a more appropriate word than "winner") is Steve Fraser, recognising his somewhat embarrassing situation of locking his keys (both of them) inside his Shelby at the All Ford Day. When it became apparent that the AA was the best option, he then realised that he wasn't a member! So what now? Instantly become "related" to AA member Shelley, who used her membership to call for help. As Shelley said, a very short lived relationship! And Steve saw the funny side.



Publican's Choice: Les and Susan Brougham

And no, it's not for drinking! It's the favourite Mustang as judged by the Heritage Hotel staff, the Mustang that particularly takes their eye. So, very deserving recipients of the trophy, Les and Susan Brougham and their gorgeous 2006 Fastback, special wheels and even more special "fade-out" pony graphics. Well done, Les and Susan!



Most Entertaining Member: Stephen Brown

Some years this is not an easy trophy to award, because no-one has stood out as the "comedian" of the club! After much thought, Stephen stood out as our choice, not for any stand-up acts, but for his ever-present enthusiasm, positive attitude and his ability to bring his infectious laugh and story-telling into almost every conversation. Every discussion with Stephen is entertaining!

(Stephen wasn't able to attend the Lunch, so no photo)

Spirit of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club: Rob Donaldson, John Quinn, Rick Paulsen!

This is the premier award of our club, made possible by a superb trophy made and donated by member Peter Geddes four years ago. The Spirit of the Club covers a wide ranging set of criteria: enthusiasm for everything Mustang (and for CMOC); effort and hard work (going the extra mile); service to the club in some form of important role; positive attitude and willingness to be involved; and being a friend to us all (ie engaged and connected across the club).

For 2019, the choice was easy, albeit a little complex because there are three of them. Retiring committee members Rob Donaldson, John Quinn and Rick Paulsen were announced as joint and very worthy winners. Collectively they have notched up nearly 40 years of CMOC committee service, and many years of All Ford Day efforts, and much more. But there's only one trophy! So we decided to commission special plaques, personally inscribed for each of our three winners, as you can see in the pics.

And the recognition didn't stop there.....with three previous winners since 2016, we presented the same personalised plaques for our celebrated Spirit of the Club past recipients; Alister Paul 2016, Shelley Williams 2017 and Tony Schreuder 2018.

All six recipients were taken by surprise, and it was a wonderful opportunity to recognise our worthy winners.

Who will be the Spirit of CMOC winner in 2020?!



(Rick was not able to attend the Lunch, but his special plaque was presented subsequently)



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Upcoming Event! Mainland Muster, June 12-14, Oamaru

As members will have seen, our Friendly Manager event planning system has already invited members to the Mainland Muster in Oamaru, Friday June 12 to Sunday June 14. Many of our members may not have attended this annual event in past years, so the following notes might assist.

The Mainland Muster is an annual gathering between members of the Canterbury and Southern Mustang Owners Clubs, sometime during the winter months. Each club takes the organising role in alternate years (although in some years the event is suspended due to the pressures of simultaneously organising a National Convention in the same year).

This year, the responsibility falls on us (Southern organised last year's Muster in Twizel), and we've made the decision to proceed even though we're also taking on the 2020 National Convention. The June date (and Oamaru location) was deliberately chosen to ease the pressure on the calendar with this fact in mind.

Oamaru, as many will know, is a fabulous town going through a strong revival and growth, very evident in the local activities and attractions, renewed sense of heritage, and more. The Muster was previously held in Oamaru in 2012, and it was a fabulous weekend, with a great Saturday tour and visits, and evening events.

Oamaru is surrounded by great roads and scenery, and places to explore. This, together with the wonderful historic Brydone Hotel



as our base means that the 2020 Muster will more than live up to the 2012 experience. Given the slightly earlier than normal timing, we expect this Muster to be well attended by both clubs, adding to the enjoyment for all.

The format of the weekend is simple and sociable, and lots of fun....

- Friday night informal get-together and casual meal, maybe a fun quiz or similar.
- Saturday pony cruise, and whatever else the organisers decide!
- Saturday evening fancy dress (steampunk theme) and dinner.

The last time we were in Oamaru it was a great party with lots of dancing!

- Farewell breakfast on Sunday, and tour home.
- Early advice is on the events calendar on our website, and further updates will follow in the weeks ahead. You can make your reservations now directly with the Brydone Hotel, 03 4330480 or www.brydonehotel.co.nz (refer to the CMOC event and block booking). Lead coordinators are committee members Garry Pascoe and Glenn Thomson.

In the views of those who have attended previous Musters, and especially the 2012 event in Oamaru, it's not to be missed! See you there!



Pics from Waitaki Tourism and Heritage NZ

PS: For those CMOC members who live in Christchurch (or north), this Mainland Muster in Oamaru is a great chance to meet and build friendships with our South Canterbury and North Otago members, as well as our Southern colleagues.



Mustang Mach-E ... what's your view?

Mustang Mach-E....yes or no?!

This is the news announcement that has got the automotive world talking, and none more vociferously than the powerful Mustang Clubs of America (MCA).

It's not too difficult to side with those traditional and entrenched views, inspired by a strong focus on classic Mustang values to the exclusion of anything else. I suspect that most Mustang owners here in NZ probably thought, or voiced, the similar reactions when they heard the news about the introduction of Ford's new electric SUV, the Mustang Mach E. Shock ! Horror! "How could they?!" "That's it – I'm giving up on Mustang!" And more.

But your editor thinks that Burble should have the courage to face up to controversial issues from time to time.....so here goes (and it's very much one man's opinion, and for some it might be a danger to health (!), but please read on.

In my view, the Mustang Mach-E decision is not only an inspired initiative, it might well be the only choice Ford could have taken if we look at the bigger picture, and think about the long term success and survival of the company and the Ford brand.

Why? Because the global auto industry, and the US industry, are changing dramatically and quickly. Today's auto companies and brands have no security in the future. Look at what's presently happening with the new conglomerate of Fiat/Chrysler/Jeep/Peugeot/Citroen/Opel, where all these brands and companies have swallowed their competitive pride to try and find a way to survive (and where does Holden sit in all that?).

The Renault - Nissan alliance is struggling. MBenz is on a massive cost reduction drive under its new CEO.

And in all of this, Tesla, a company that has never turned an automotive profit, now has a higher market capitalisation than the Ford Motor Company.

So, Ford is not immune from the challenges others are facing. Ford is facing all those same pressures, compounded by being a late comer with EV SUV's (especially versus Tesla, Lexus, Audi and Jaguar), and with a brand image that has none of the brand sparkle of the Tesla's of this world. Ford's recent decision to pull out of passenger cars (except Mustang) in the US was testimony to the depth of the issues and the need for brutal action.

It's in this light that the Mustang Mach-E introduction needs to be considered. The fact that it's not a V8, petrol, 2 door sports coupe is perhaps irrelevant.....it's actually a marketing strategy, focussed on building hype, drama, conversation and profile. Yes the decision might be a risk, but it might also turn out to be a piece of brilliant marketing, as significant as the original launch of the legendary pony car. And the fact that so many Mustang fans strongly voiced their opinions probably reinforced the credentials of the new SUV, to buyers who would never have considered a normal Mustang, but who were drawn by a new sporty electric SUV with some Mustang DNA and attributes, at a time when an instant new model hit has never been more important for Ford, up against the image leader in the market, Tesla. By the way, the first year's Mach-E production is now sold out.

Two important points in closing: firstly, read Ford Chairman Bill Ford's words in the accompanying panel on the next page for a revealing insight on his personal views and initial reservations; and secondly, think beyond the square...the success (hopefully) of the Mach-E and other electric Ford SUV's which are sure to follow might well bolster the resources of the Company, ensuring the ongoing investment and product development that's necessary for the sporty, loud, iconic V8 legend that we all want to continue forever!

As I said, just one man's opinion!





Bill Ford didn't want to call Mach -E a Mustang - until he drove it

(Source: Automotive News, USA)

LOS ANGELES — In order to call the Mach-E electric crossover a Mustang, Ford Motor Co.'s Team Edison needed the approval of one of the most passionate pony-car enthusiasts around: Executive Chairman Bill Ford.

Ford allegedly owns 35 Mustangs. If the electric-vehicle team wanted to make it 36, they needed his OK.

It wasn't an easy process.

"I certainly wasn't sold at the beginning — far from it," Ford said on the sidelines of the vehicle's reveal. "They came to me and said, 'We really think we can make this Mustang-inspired, really Mustang-like.' I said, 'You guys aren't telling me you want to call this a Mustang.' No one would say yes, but nobody would say no, either. I said, 'No, I'm sorry, I don't want to hurt the brand. This is not going to be a Mustang.' "

But the team was persistent. They knew they needed the cachet of the name to woo uncertain buyers to an EV and believed they could achieve the necessary performance figures to earn the iconic badge.

Top meeting

Jim Farley, Ford's president of new businesses, technology and strategy, who spearheaded the project, told *Automotive News* that nerves were high during the meeting, which he described as "one of the top few" important discussions he's been part of at Ford.

"Bill came in the room, we had all the information, we had a really open discussion with him," Farley said. "We had to prove to him it has all the substance of a Mustang."

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Ford Chairman Bill Ford at Mach E launch

(Ford media and Electrek pics)



Bill Ford interview (continued)

The crux of the team's argument was that it could get 332 hp and 417 pound-feet of torque from the base version of the five-seater, with a faster 0 to 60 mph time than the base Porsche Macan. The GT performance edition would boast 459 hp, 612 pound-feet of torque and a 0 to 60 time comparable to that of a Porsche 911 GTS.

That intrigued Ford, but he needed a lap in a prototype to seal the deal.

'This is a Mustang'

"When I drove it, I knew it had to be a Mustang," Ford said. "Frankly, I was getting there before because I believed the team when they were laying all the specs out. As it evolved and I started to see the performance characteristics, not just the 0 to 60, but the handling dynamics, the driving dynamics and the styling kept evolving, at some point I realized: Yeah, this is a Mustang. The pony could go on the grille."

Farley said Ford's decision let the team move forward with the project, which was under a condensed time frame because the company had scrapped the vehicle's original design.

"He's a smart guy," Farley said. "Driving is believing. After he got out it was double thumbs-up."

Bill Ford plans to order the first Mach-E, joking Sunday night that actor and Mach-E spokesman Idris Elba would have to be second in line for the crossover, which goes on sale late next year.

"It doesn't replace the Mustang car I love," Ford said. "It's an addition to the family, and it's a really important one."

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2020 Ford National Mustang Convention Update

Have you ever had the feeling, when planning a big event such as a special family occasion or a major trip, that for a long time it seems to be a long way away, but suddenly (in what feels like “the blink of an eye”) it all feels very close and there’s still a lot to do!?

Well, that’s the stage we’re at with the Convention. A few short weeks ago it was over a year away. Now it’s February 2020, and it seems as though October is just around the corner.

But don’t be alarmed by these comments....we’re actually on track, and in pretty good shape.

- Te Pae construction is proceeding on schedule, with much positive publicity about the progress and the impact it will have on our city. The Te Pae convention team are becoming increasingly excited (and extremely helpful and supportive) about what the National Mustang Convention will mean for them (and the city) in this launch phase for the new (almost \$500M) development
- We launched our on line pre-registration process in December, with 120 pre-registrations at the time of writing. This sits perfectly for us in our planning; it confirms strong interest (and from all clubs across NZ), but it isn’t so high that we don’t have scope for additional registrations, and it’s not so low as to give us concern about likely total numbers. The pre-registrations also have given us a good feel as to the mix of years and models, and the balance looks great.
- Concurrent with the pre-registration process we expanded the 2020 Convention tab on our website with a number of drop down pages all dedicated to different aspects of the Convention plans.
- Our sponsorship drive has been successful to date, with seven confirmed Gold Sponsors, resulting in a strong budget situation
- In the coming weeks we will be finalising our detailed planning for the various events throughout the Convention weekend. Arising from this planning we will be able to identify our requirements for volunteer help (and the specific roles), allowing us to commence calling for members to fill specific roles at the CMOC AGM in May, and the weeks thereafter.

And in the meantime, keep any eye on our CMOC website for further news and updates!



*Te Pae construction continues, and is on schedule. The big overhead crane has gone, and the fitout has ramped up.
(Pic by ODT Star Chch)*



The “Boys” at Bathurst...an inside report

The Bathurst idea started way back in July 2018 of going again and taking my son in-law Colin. However early in 2019 that went by the way as he was booked into a training course for A350 aircraft in Singapore.

I approached Mike Dilger who said yes it's on and the booking confirmed in December. Then we had 2 more; Glenn Thomson & Mark Hanson. However after the Mustang run that ended at the Heathcote Valley Inn in April 2019 it then went to 5 with Garry Pascoe; and a possibility of Rick Paulsen for his 50th birthday, later confirmed

It was a package trip that included, flights, accommodation, rental vehicle, 4 day entry & stand passes and pit access.

So it ended up as 6 all travelling for Bathurst on 10th October, Bob as camp mother due to previous trips & 5 that had never been. But being the first year of the Mustangs running and the results being pretty good is was the right decision.

Accommodation was 2 3x bed units at the Big Trout motel in Oberon, which was part of the package; Glen, Mark & Rick in one and Bob, Mike and Garry in the other. Nick names became the order of the day; Statler, Waldorf, Quacker, Larry, Moe & Joe. Up to the readers to guess who was who!!

Arrived in Oberon after a 160km drive from Sydney in a packed Honda Odyssey about midday, dropped off bags, grabbed some lunch and off to the track which is about 55km away.

A daily ritual was to get a B&E fresh roll and coffees on our way to the track, a beer or 2 at the O'Connell Hotel on the way home and evening meal at the Oberon RSL. The RSL was also the only place that Garry could use his “Old” Aussie \$20 notes; everyone else just gave him funny looks.

Thursday was mainly practice for all the 6 classes for the weekend, but it gave time to see merchandise tents, stand seats and





the pit area; more of a familiarisation day than anything.

Friday was qualifying and races for some of the classes, spent some time in the Touring Car Masters area where there was a large contingent of Kiwis. Access to the back of the main pit area was pretty cool as you get an idea of what goes on, For instance the Dunlop tyre area has 36 slick tyres per car for 25 cars, 900 tyres just for Supercars, not including Super 2. The transporters and all that goes with are parked just behind the pits, these are a site all on their own.

Saturday morning was the bus ride up to the “mountain” where you could view the track at several points, it certainly gave everyone an appreciation of the track and speeds that the Supercars were travelling at, and watched the TCM cars as well, with Angus Fogg showing the way for the Kiwis in his immaculate Mustang The afternoon keep getting cooler so we made the decision to head back and we watched the top 10 shootout in front of a fire in the O’Connell Hotel.



By the end of Saturday I had spent about 3½ hours queuing for signatures of the 6 Mustang primary drivers on a race shirt that will be raffled at All Ford Day in February. The coup was getting Scott McLaughlin to sign a Burble mag and hold it so that we can use the image for this edition.

Sunday; morning ritual and off to the track, the Supercheap 1000 stated at 11-30 with all its pomp & ceremony. Our stand 10 seats were just to the right of the start finish line and opposite a big screen and the pit boxes. Pretty much stayed there for the whole race. The commentary that you get at the track is from “Supercars” whilst TV is Fox sport and boy are they biased towards “dunnydores”. The result stands and Ford won Bathurst even with all its controversy.



Obviously along the way the merchandise tents got a fear look over, with the Ford one taking most of our funds.

Monday, back to Sydney via the motorways and tunnels, giving us a chance to check out the LED lighting systems supplied by our Mike Dilger’s company Betacom. Then onto Brighton Le Sands for lunch before returning the car to the airport; another saga!

Cheers, from Bob & the Gang

(Bob Verrall, words and pics)





Another pic of Bullitt, just before entering the auction arena. Note the “patina” on the body!



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CMOC New Year Picnic

This year's New Year picnic was again held at the Glentunnel Domain, near Hororata, on Sunday January 12. It is a wonderful sheltered and peaceful ground, and had been a very popular choice last year.

Those members who wanted to do the short, simple run met up with Glen Thomson at West Melton, departing around 10:30 through back country roads to Glentunnel. Colin Sweetman coordinated the Ashburton members, who had a short direct run arriving almost simultaneously with the others at Glentunnel.

Jude and myself went straight out to unlock the grounds, and the club rooms. Being such a nice day we set up this year under the tree line on the sheltered north side. It was not long before we heard the rumble of the Mustangs rolling in; around 40 cars; They all parked up, and it was good to see everyone walking around, catching up with friends and talking cars. It seems as though everyone had prepared well for their picnic lunch, and we had also organised vendors with real fruit ice cream and coffee.

After lunch, we set up for a bit of fun. It started by getting everyone together, and putting them into small groups. After getting everyone together the game began. It seemed a little complex for them at first, but they soon got the hand of it. Words don't do it justice, but each team had a counter, multiple runners, and cup holder. Six times around a cricket wicket (with head down, quite disorientating), then run back to the group, take a water filled sponge and pass it to the team who then passed it backwards over their heads until the last person in line squeezed it (behind their head) into a cup. First team to fill the cup won! But bugger, there were no prizes! All for fun!

Thanks to all who attended the picnic, and we hope you had a good day. It was also good to see a number of family pups and dogs enjoying the outing....maybe there's an idea for next year's game!

Cheers, and happy new year!

Mark Hanson and Glenn Thomson





What makes Mustang a Timeless Classic?

It's the big question: why is Mustang such a timeless classic?

Maybe there are easier questions....how long is a piece of string? But questions such as that have no consequence. In comparison, why Mustang is a timeless classic is at the heart of each of us, the car (or maybe that should be "investment") that we have in the garage, and above all that, it's the glue that binds us together as club members and friends.

So, given just how important it is, here's a few thoughts across these two pages to get you thinking, set out in such a way that you can quickly scan the notes, or you can read each one carefully and give it deep thought, or you can absorb them all and then make your own additions. If nothing else, it's interesting, and it's unique to Mustang fans because no other brand measures up. You could even score each of them in importance from your own personal viewpoint!

Have fun!

Mustang was the first "pony car"

In 1964, Mustang looked more European than ostentatious American cars. It was designed as a car that women would love as much as men. It was beautiful, eye-catching and affordable....an instant hit



Mustang has real heritage; it's not a story conjured up by overnight ad campaigns, brand experts, or marketing gurus

Just about everyone has a favourable, almost romantic opinion of Mustang, even if they would never consider buying one

Bill Ford, and the Ford family are Mustang fanatics personally. This is part of the reason why Ford continues to invest in Mustang's future, consistent with it's iconic brand values

Mustangs are universally recognisable; even young children know the oldest models and are attracted to them!

Stand out styling, with long bonnet, sporty lines, fastback roof, and many movie associations



Continuously over the years, Mustang has been undeniably cool





Bullitt was the ultimate influencer. Almost 10 minutes of street action, and the world fell in love with Mustang. Bullitt is still a highlight of motion picture history, and the first time a car chase won an Oscar for its film editor (Frank Keller)

Mustang appeals to what we like - a sporty car that gives owners and drivers the feel and sensation of a sports car without the drawbacks

Mustang is a car that can suit everyone - engine choice, wide options range, personalisation opportunities

Mustang has never changed its magic formula - affordable, stylish, sporty and V8!

The “muscle” Mustangs such as Shelbys and Bosses are some of the coolest cars ever, with strong continuity over the years with badging, styling cues and performance image

10 simple reasons to own a Mustang:

- 1. Iconic history**
- 2. Affordable and reliable**
- 3. A vehicle that can suit many needs**
- 4. Make friends**
- 5. Fully customisable**
- 6. Fun to drive**
- 7. A ticket to car shows**
- 8. Great on and off the track**
- 9. It's a signature trademark**
- 10. For nostalgia's sake...it's a time machine of sorts**

In the words of Ford senior exec (and Mustang chief today) Jim Farley, Mustang is a “mindset vehicle” - It means a sense of freedom, and defines who we are



For some of us, we have historical, aspirational and personal connections; we grew up always wanting a Mustang, we enjoyed Mustang success in motorsport, or they were just the best Ford!

It's been said that Mustang is to America what Ferrari is to Italy, and Jaguar is to England!



(Words adapted from publicly available sources, plus Editor's contributions. Pics from Ford media, Bowdens, HVA USA)



Cromwell Car Show 2020

The Southland Ford Falcon & Fairlane Club held their annual Cromwell Classic Car Show on the 18th January on what was a very busy weekend for the Central Otago district. Also on offer was 2 days of motor racing at Highlands Park featuring the awesome Central Muscle Car Group from the North Island and the 10th anniversary of the Gibbston Valley Music Festival. With such competition it was natural that total entries were down slightly but there were still 700 plus vehicles of all sorts on display.

With the holiday period still being very much in full swing, quite a few club members made their own way to Cromwell or were already in the area on vacation. We began proceedings with a meal out at the Cromwell Town and Country Club on Friday evening for some while other chose to take part in the car parade through the town and environs.

The weather on Saturday returned to the high temperatures that are usually associated with this event and shade was a much sought-after commodity. It was a joy to spend time in an area that could string more than one good day together in contrast to what Canterbury had been offering.

In fact a large contingent of people spent most of the day under the trees by the lake such was the heat.



Maurice Ireland's gorgeous "65 Fastback, the first Mustang in Cromwell's Top 10 for many years

The quality of vehicle on display at this venue never fails to impress and included plenty of new builds and imports. We again parked up with our good friends from The Southern Mustang Club. Our club members who won prizes were Maurice Ireland with his fabulous red fastback and Danielle Phillips with the mighty orange Cadillac convertible – well done to both of you.

This is always a great event and enjoyable weekend away so mark it on the calendar for next year.

John Quinn





Burble Update*Important!*

In the previous Burble (October 2019), some thoughts regarding the future options for Burble were outlined. In the absence of any feedback or alternative suggestions as to how we can best manage the cost burden of a printed and mailed hard copy magazine, the CMOC committee deliberated at their February meeting and decided the following:

- Burble will remain an A4 full colour magazine mailed to all members potentially though until Mar 31 2021
- This decision was made taking into account the fact that the CMOC AGM (Saturday May 16) is the appropriate forum for the members to have an in-depth discussion about Burble's future options.
- If the AGM decided to adopt some form of a "user pays" membership sub for those members who choose to retain a mailed copy, it could not be implemented until April 2021.
- As part of managing Burble's costs in the year ahead, the Committee supported a reduction to three copies per annum (in lieu of 4), which is the same as the editor is presently managing. This will mean regular mailed copies in approximately February (this issue in the current financial year), and further issues in June, 2020, October 2020, and February 2021 (all in the 2020/21 financial year), before implementing whatever new strategy the AGM decides.

Your CMOC Committee is mindful of the fact that Burble is an intrinsic and important part of our Club, and that change is never easy. Further, Burble presently has a wider role; of all years, 2020 is the year that we need to keep fully engaged and focussed as club on delivering a highly successful 2020 Convention, and Burble is a part of that.

All this should make for a well attended AGM on May 16! "Book" your seat now!

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It's all about the shoes!



We're not sure exactly how it started (and how it spread like wildfire) but we certainly know who was front, left and centre of this development that has almost taken over the club and become one of our signature identities.

Internally within CMOC that "instigator" was Rob Donaldson (you probably knew that as soon as you opened this page and saw the shoes)

I'll bet however you haven't heard of Glen Maher, the real mover and shaker behind it all. Over ten years ago, in the preparations for his own wedding, and as a guy with a creative flair, he realised that only the ladies had the opportunity to choose colourful stylish shoes to match their mood, their outfit and their personality. Guys were basically restricted to black and brown, unless you wanted to spend a fortune on something imported hand crafted.

For Glen that was a light bulb moment. He swallowed his pride, got married in "boring black" (not sure...your editor is making that bit up), and quickly set out to design and manufacture a range of affordable (and comfortable) stand out shoes for guys. And that initial range was quickly expanded to a wild selection of ladies shoes, and then to a network of dedicated Maher stores.

Why the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club? Who really knows, but it probably has something to do with the fact that his first pop up store was in Christchurch, Mustang owners being who they are, always wanting to stand out and be at the leading edge, and the influence of the instigator named above!

Whatever, it's a bit of fun, and who doesn't like supporting and showcasing a great local businessman who had the courage to be different, and to make it work. In many ways, it's a lot like the Mustang spirit that connects us all!

PS. You may be wondering why has Burble dedicated space to shoes? In a recent discussion with one of our extended CMOC North Island colleagues (and a keen Burble reader) I was asked "what's the shoe thing in your club all about?" As the discussion progressed I was encouraged to tell the story. So here it is. Editor

Pics from CMOC files. Glen Maher info from a Stuff story in 2012.





Parting Shots: 1988 Mustang Convention, Christchurch



From the archives, pics of the 1988 Mustang Convention, hosted by CMOC. Apologies for the quality of the pics, but the atmosphere is evident! The editor isnt sure of the car show venue, maybe Pioneer Stadium? The car park appears to be Bishopdale? Whatever, you can bet that it was great occasion, with the same friendly spirit that continues to this day.



Q. Is this Dennis Phillip's gorgeous '67 Shelby that he still owns today?



Q. And is this the '71 Mach 1 that Colin Reed Waikato brought to Chch in 1988, and is still in his family today (and was on feature display at the Waikato Convention last year?)



Pics from CMOC files

Thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue: Club Captain Dennis O'Brien, John Quinn, Bob Verrall, Mark Hanson, Glenn Thomson, Loretta Jackson, and Patrick Forde and others for the CMOC event photo's. Thanks also to our great advertisers....please support them with your business.

The next issue of Burble will be June 2020 (approx.). See you then, and thanks for reading.

Best wishes to all, Editor

