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A message from the President

Greetings all

May June came and went along with social events and runs and somewhere in the middle our AGM. I was pleased with the attendance and we covered most things on the agenda.

I thank all our existing committee members for signing up another year of dedication to the club. A big welcome to Andrew Lange who will bring a big contribution to the committee and club with his photography expertise and other hidden qualities that I dare say will come to light.

A special thanks to Dennis for taking up the role of Captain for the 2024-2025 year.

Brian for keeping the burble newsletter in print.

As for myself my focus is the 2027 convention and pre planning of this big event for which

We will deliver an exciting new format to a traditional experience.

The venues are locked in and the committee will proceed to nominate a convention subcommittee to execute planning and organizing of the 2027 event.

I had the pleasure of meeting up with Alister and Bronwyn Paul at their residence to present a life member award followed by a lunch down at their local tavern.

I was greeted by the locals some retired and some still working farmers having their roasts and fish n chips. There's something about rural communities that resonate with everything hard-working and wholesome. I enjoyed the afternoon and thanks Alister and Bronwyn.

I look forward to another year of catching up with club members and to listen to everyone's stories, thoughts and ideas. There are plenty of events and runs to go on so I hope to see many members enjoy the offerings that the club has on the agenda.

Christine and myself are booked to go on the West Coaster run with Noddy Watts in August. My first time to the USA and I can't wait!

I will journal my daily adventures and post some pictures as I go.

Till next time, be safe and keep good health.

Ray van Hamelsveld



Your Committee for 2024-25



Back Row: Neville Hyland, Mark Hanson, Ray van Hamelsveld, John Schafer, Richard Crawford, Glenn Thomson.

Front Row: Lesley Hyland, Sam Ng, Maria Van Nus, Dennis O'Brien, Ray Eade, Brian Mills

Absent: Andrew Lange, Garry Pascoe.

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A word from the Club Captain

I was guest speaker at the monthly club night of the Californian Mustang Owners Club on 20th June, NZ time. Technology is a wonderful thing and I was on a big screen via Zoom. I started with the basics – where NZ is, that it's not part of Australia nor connected to it by a bridge, we drive on the left and live in a beautiful part of the country where you can drive across the island in 3 hours, get to the top in 4 1/2 hours or the bottom in 7.

Comparisons between clubs in the USA and NZ are interesting. Membership age is more varied over there, everyone seems to have had a cheap Mustang in their youth and America loves cars. Having been sold there for 60 years parts are plentiful and the aftermarket business is huge. Many Mustangs have done a huge mileage but good ones still fetch good money.

Club activities are similar with a big emphasis on the social side, food and drink. They have more concourse type shows where every assembly marking and detail is faithfully adhered to.

Their main questions were about the cost of fuel and motoring in general. In California (the dearest state) gas is about \$ US 4.80 per US gallon, which is about \$ NZ 2.07 per litre. Live in Texas and it's \$ US 3.05 per US gallon or \$ NZ1.32 per litre! At least car insurance and registration is a bit cheaper here.

Plenty has been happening in our club over the last couple of months with the Poker Run, the Mainland Muster, Social Nights in both Christchurch and Ashburton, 10 pin bowling, our AGM, car runs, a mid-week run and car shows.

Keep an eye on our list of Coming Events in this Burble and your inbox. Plenty is planned and more will be added, and, yes, we have passed the shortest day.

"Speed has never killed anyone, suddenly becoming stationary...that's what gets you".
(Jeremy Clarkson).

Keep smiling and having fun.

Dennis O'Brien



Minutes of the AGM—8th June 2024

CANTERBURY MUSTANG OWNERS CLUB INC

Minutes of the AGM held on 8th June 2024 at 4pm at the Papanui Club, Outdoor Bowling Club Rooms, Christchurch

WELCOME

PRESENT (Voting Rights)

Brian Mills, Viv & Dennis O'Brien, Katja & Kevin Bradley, Mark & Jude Hanson, Ray & Karen Eade, Glenn & Diane Thomson, Sam Ng, Maria Van Nus, John Schafer, Christine MacKay, Nigel & Kathy Northcroft, Ray van Hamelsveld, Gary & Jo Willis, Bruce & Colleen Scott, Mike Hay, Viv Titmas, Colin Sweetman, Ashley Smith, Garry Jackson, Davin & Andrea Bannan, Keith Firman, Dave & Gail Cooper, John & Raelene Reekers, Erica & Dennis Phillips, Shelley Williams, Rob Donaldson, Neville & Leslie Hyland, Nigel & Janice Beardsworth, Peter & Gay Plumridge, Dave Austin, Peter & Pauline Watt, Andy Wheatley, John & Carmel Meenhorst, John & Christine Quinn, Rob & Gina Beer, Thomas & Janine Chin, Don Mackay, Doc Williamson, June Davidson.

APOLOGIES

Jeff & Karen Waghorn, Gerald & Christine Curtis, John & Alice Davison, Gary & Shirley Baxter, Mary & Michael Chisnall, Rick Hinchliffe, Susan Johnstone Lord, Evan & Naomi Hannah, Andrew Lange, Peter & Dallas Geddes, Patrick & Grace Ford, Bob Verrall, Garry & Jo Pascoe, Forbes Gourlay, Tony & Sharon Schreuder, Alistair & Bronwyn Paul, Ray & Gail Spencer, Rick & Andrea Paulsen, Peggy Dilger, Rodger & Ann Neilson, John & Judy Williams.

It was resolved that the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Mark Hanson

Seconded: Peter Watt

Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 10th June 2023 as a true and correct record.

Moved: Maria Van Nus

Seconded: Ray Eade

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING There were no matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT (SIGNIFICANT)

There was no significant correspondence other than normal operational communications and communications with other mustang and local clubs.

TREASURERS REPORT

A copy of the Financial Statement of the club and the Auditors Report was emailed to all members as part of the AGM package. It was resolved to accept the Club Accounts and Treasurers Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Moved: John Schafer

Seconded: Brian Mills

Carried

It was moved that the members confirm that they are comfortable with the fact that for this year the accounts have been subject to a review rather than a full audit.

Moved: Leslie Hyland

Seconded: Viv O'Brien

Carried

PRESIDENTS REPORT

When I took over the position of President, I wasn't sure what to expect, but with the help of our strong committee the last 12 months has become less stressful than it could have been. I would like to extend my thanks to the committee for their support, everyone has a role to play, and you have done it exceptionally well, so thank you again.

The club is very strong with 320 members, there is the usual drop-off for various reasons, but we still manage to attract new members and I would like to welcome any new members that are here today. The club is all about the cars, socialising and making friends via the various events that we hold.

It is important for the future that we are attracting newer younger generation members. We are continually looking for volunteers to help with the organisation of events, especially the All Ford Day which is our major income earner, and we are continually looking for new ways to generate the maximum revenue from this event.

The next major issue is the need to secure the venues for our 2027 convention. I have had a meeting with Sarah-Jane Cave, the Venues Otautahi manager and have secured the 2027 Labour weekend date for our convention. Next step is to outline the procedures of how we as a club are going to organise and execute our convention. As in previous conventions that CMOC have held we will vote on a convention subcommittee at the next meeting and start organising the details.

I look forward to as much input as possible from all club members in helping out when needed. Great conventions are only possible with the dedication of all club members, in any way possible.

The club's finances are in a strong, stable position and we will build on this throughout the next 2 years to offset the looming costs of holding a national convention. The committee will work on all possible ways to build up revenue to help ease the ever-increasing costs involved.

As part of our commitment to the FoMC I have invited Garry Jackson (president FoMC) to talk about the Federation and its strengths and commitment to all the motoring clubs of New Zealand. We are very fortunate to have Garry at the head of the Federation, which is the motoring clubs voice to making sure that all things relating to the preservation of motoring clubs is upheld at a government level.

I am pleased to announce that the nominations received prior to the meeting indicate that we have retained a great committee and will introduce a new member in Andrew Lange to the fold. We look forward to him adding to the level of dedication and expertise on the committee.

Minutes of the AGM—8th June 2024

My heartfelt thanks to all of the committee members past and present for their endless help in running the club, without them my role would be that much harder. A list of the 2024 committee members with contact details will be in the next burble news.

Onwards and upwards!

Your President

Ray van Hamelsveld

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following valid nominations for office holders had been received prior to the AGM.

President:	Ray van Hamelsveld
Vice President:	Garry Pascoe
Secretary:	Brian Mills
Treasurer:	John Schafer
Club Captain:	Dennis O'Brien
Committee:	Andrew Lange
Committee:	Richard Crawford
Committee:	Sam Ng
Committee:	Maria Van Nus
Committee:	Mark Hanson
Committee:	Glenn Thomson
Committee:	Neville Hyland
Committee:	Lesley Hyland
Committee:	Ray Eade

As there were no further nominations from the floor it was moved that the nominees be duly elected.

Moved: Dave Bannon

Seconded: Robert Beer

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Garry Jackson President of the FoMC (Federation of Motoring Clubs) outlined the make-up of the organisation's membership comprising 149 clubs representing the interests of owners of some 370,000 vehicles.

He advised that the NZ historic and classic survey had been completed and it was significant that the membership represented a \$16.5 billion market.

One of the key issues they were dealing with at the moment was the implementation of 12-month warrants for vehicles over 40 years old.

2. The President informed the members that in light of the governments review of the incorporated societies rules and regulations to be implemented in 2026 it will be necessary for the committee to employ the services of a legal professional versed in the new laws to review the club's constitution and there will some cost to be incurred for this.

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3. Peter Watt asked why members/volunteers were required to pay an entrance fee to the clubs All Ford Day event. The President advised that this was how it had always been but agreed that the committee would ensure that there was a clear communication in this regard in the future. It was suggested that members only be charged if they actually enter the car show. The President advised that the committee would determine this and advise members accordingly.

4. A member queried how the yearbook ended up costing more than the previous Burble News when one of the reasons for discontinuing the News was the cost. Brian Mills pointed out this was not quite correct when you took into account the advertising revenue which was \$1,400 higher with \$500 still to come, he accepted however that he had incurred approximately \$2,000 in extra cost to print an extra 100 yearbooks with the intention of using them as a promotional tool over the next year, this has not worked out so would not be repeated next year.

To ensure that members would be informed about future costs and give them the opportunity to express any views regarding the future of the yearbook, it was moved that the yearbook be published in the same format for 2024.

Moved: Brian Mills

Seconded: Glenn Thomson

Carried

5. A member asked why the various venues we use are not subsidising meals/events rather than the club. Also why do we need to subsidise the Xmas function. After some discussion it was agreed that the various venues would not consider such an arrangement. A show of hands indicated that there were feelings both ways regarding the subsidising of the Xmas event so the committee would determine whether or not to have a subsidy.

6. The President announced the award of a Life Membership to Alistair and Bronwyn Paul.

The President thanked everyone for coming and the committee members for standing again. He also thanked the following members.

Peter and Pauline Watt for organising the mid-week Gold Card events.

All the various sponsors, in particular Rob & Shelley from the Mustang Centre.

John Schafer for his first year as Treasurer.

Sam Ng for his work on Web Site and Data Base.

Lesley Hyland for her work on the merchandise.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 5.17pm.



Our new life members Alister and Bronwyn Paul



We were delighted to award life membership of our club to Alister and Bronwyn Paul at the AGM in June. Alister unfortunately was in hospital at the time and unable to attend.

Ray, our President, with his wife Christine and granddaughter Kayla recently met up with Alister and Bronwyn at Pleasant Point to present them their awards.

Life Membership is bestowed on members who have made a significant contribution to supporting and achieving the objects of the club and is decided unanimously by the committee.

Alister and Bronwyn are active members of our club and for many years have been our Southern Reps, supporting local events, keeping in

contact with our South Canterbury members, organising travel to events and promoting our club in the wider community.

Having always been a Ford man, and previously owning a model T, Alister became tired of being passed by all the traffic. After talking to his relations in northern California, in 2008 Alister imported a 1969 Mustang which they still have today. When imported it was black with pink stripes and ugly wheels. Over the years Alister has carried out a full restoration and reconditioning of the car, returning it to its original Meadow Lark Yellow colour.

Alister is also a charter member of his local Lions Club and always promoting Pleasant Point and their historic railway. Ask any local and they all know Alister and Bronwyn.



A message from Garry Jackson

President of FoMC

Incorporated Societies Act 2022

At the 2022 AGM, we gave early advice of the preliminary notice and advised of the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022, and the very early information available at that time. We advised our intention was to provide guidance to Clubs on this. At this early time, we explicitly highlighted that our role would only be *guidance*, and that we were not, and would not be, providing instruction or specific advice on what actions Clubs may need or want to take to meet the requirements of the legislation. We emphasised that such initiatives were the responsibility of Clubs, at their own discretion. We also indicated that the situation was still evolving, with aspects of the early legislation yet to be confirmed in subsequent updates.

At the 2023 AGM, we took the subject one stage further with an interactive [live stream presentation from subject matter experts Parry Field Lawyers](#), who presented the core points of the legislation as it was at that time, and what it meant (in general terms) for volunteer clubs such as ours. Parry Field also advised that further legislation was expected, which would add or clarify further detail and requirements to the 2022 Act (for Clubs to meet by April 2026). At the 2023 AGM, we indicated that FoMC would establish a small working group to pursue the details as they emerge, and to explore ways that FoMC could fulfil its guiding role to Clubs.

Since June 2023, the Working Group has attended several webinars run by Parry Field and looked into Constitution requirements for Clubs.

As a result of the subsequent updating Act in October 2023, it has now become clear that the new Act requires a much higher level of Committee responsibility and “formality” than the old Act. Committee members need to be formally aware of the governance responsibilities that they will be responsible for as a managing committee. This includes understanding record keeping, data security and disciplinary requirements. It is interesting to note that Parry Field, and many other legal firms, have now published detailed Q&A and other applicable advice resources on-line, responding to enquiries from clubs and other affected parties to a level that surpasses anything that the FoMC can offer or provide with our voluntary resources.

As such, the FoMC now realises that we are not

able to offer the guidance we originally envisaged for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the necessary professional knowledge to offer this guidance.
2. There are other and better sources of such information.

Our member clubs are too varied in terms of both size and club make up to offer a single level of guidance (e.g. we have national clubs, regional clubs, clubs with multiple branches, etc).

We can advise the following:

- Clubs that are currently Incorporated will remain so until April 2026 under the old Act.
- Clubs that intend to remain Incorporated will need to register their new Constitution by April 2026 with the Registrar.
- Clubs need to determine individually whether they wish to remain an Incorporated Society or not under the new Act.
- The FoMC doesn't require member Clubs to be an Incorporated Society.

Clubs should take independent advice on this, and many lawyers are offering information packs and Q and A services on their websites.

In setting out the foregoing points, as President I sincerely apologise that we didn't achieve the original objective to provide guidance to member clubs.

I urge Member Clubs to seek their own advice regarding the full suite of details now available, and to make their own decisions accordingly, just as the FoMC itself will need to do. I will talk to this subject in a little more detail at our AGM May 26

The Federation recommends Parry Field's [“Incorporated Societies Information Hub”](#), providing a wealth of resources (including informative videos)

A number of member clubs have already engaged Parry Field, with positive feedback.

Other professional organisations are also providing advice and assistance to some member clubs.

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A message from Garry Jackson President of FoMC

Strengthening the Federation for the future

At the forthcoming FoMC AGM in Wellington May 26, I will be presenting a workshop session titled “**Strengthening the Federation for the future**”, picking up on early thinking and discussion that occurred at an Executive Committee workshop in Wellington last November.

In my initial year as your President, I have been very conscious of the need to start planning to build the strength, energies, and direction of the Federation for the years ahead, given the changing times we live in, the challenges that face us all, and above all, the opportunities and the platform that the NZ Historic and Classic Survey results now give us.

In the coming AGM, I will be detailing the results and early thinking from that workshop last November, and within the format of the

AGM, we’ll run a small workshop with the attendees present to brainstorm some of the opportunities and possible actions that lie ahead.

Whilst the AGM itself will not be live streamed, we will video record the AGM (and the workshop session and make it available on the website for clubs to view for information and consideration).

Following the AGM, we will provide an online form on the website for clubs to offer their thoughts and suggestions for your Federation’s future, closing Sunday 23 June:

All of this is consistent with an earlier note that I sent to all Clubs as nominations opened for the FoMC Executive for the year ahead, and my encouragement for candidates to step forward. The Federation is heading into interesting times, and in my view it’s time for us to change down a gear, line up the road ahead, and put our foot down for the great road ahead!

More updates to follow.



New Members May-June 2024

Jane Clark and Keith Barrow
2019 Blue 5L Convertible GT

Neville and Teena Ohlson
1965 Orange Mustang

Suzanne Jerard
2021 Blue Fastback

Brandon and Leonie Vickers
1969 Green Mach 1

Peter and Lynda Bradford
2016 Ruby Red 2.3L Turbo Eco-boost 6 speed,
auto Convertible

Richard and Sandra Loader
2017 Magnetic 5.0L V8 GT Convertible



New Members May-June 2024



Suzanne Jerard's 2021 Fastback



Jane Clark's 2019 Convertible



**Peter & Lynda Bradford's 2016 Ruby
Red 2.3L Eco-Boost Convertible**

Poker Run—5th May 2024

According to Mr Google, a poker run is an organised event in which participants, usually using motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, horses, on foot or other means of transportation, must visit five to seven checkpoints, drawing a playing card at each one. The object is to have the best poker hand at the end of the run.

Mustangs were our means of transport and over 40 cars with eager and some slightly apprehensive participants drew their first card at NPD Pound Road and were given instructions to their next stop. At NPD Rolleston they drew their next card and proceeded to the Lincoln New World where they drew their next card and were asked a music question. A correct answer allowed them to draw another card. Another card was drawn at the White Rabbit; Gebbies Pass Rd, before the final stop and last card was drawn at the Little River Inn.

A warm fire greeted us at the Inn and we all presented our hands. The winners after a final card draw to separate a tie were Mary and Michael Chisnall, runners up were Peter and Pauline Watt and the hard luck award went to Thomas Chin for being one card off a flush.

Publican's choice awards went to Roger and Lorna Stone with their gorgeous Silver smoke grey 1965 Notchback and Ken Pointon with his immaculate Grabber Orange 2007 GT Convertible.

It was great to meet Rick and Gloria Hinchliff, new members, who were enjoying their first club outing in their yellow 2016 GT Fastback.

A great meal followed making this a very successful and popular day out, with members commenting and congratulating Ray and Karen Eade for organising such a safe and enjoyable event.

Dennis O'Brien



Assembly and instructions



Poker Run—5th May 2024

The winners



Winners—Michael & Mary Chisnall



Hard Luck Award—Thomas Chin



Publicans choice—Ken Pointon



Runner Up—Peter (& Pauline) Watt



Publicans choice—Roger (& Lorna) Stone

Poker Run—5th May 2024



The Little River Inn— the history



By the mid 1870's, Little River was a community of some 400 people, firmly divided between those who had become tired of having to travel to the Beach Hotel in Birdlings Flat for their tipples, and those who feared a licenced premises in Little River would create an unprecedented crime wave.

Things began to tip in favour of the tippers on December 23rd, 1876, when Mr. R.D. Allen promoted his site as being ideal for a hotel, having, as it did, "unequalled frontages, with yards and stables". The opportunity was snapped up by Mr. J.F. Stanbury, who duly set about building his accommodation house in the face of strong opposition from the Good Templars and the Māori community, only to be denied a licence in June of 1877. Undaunted, Mr Stanbury pressed on. On the third attempt, a licence was duly granted to Mr. J. Olphert, and the Forsyth Arms Hotel opened its doors on 31st December 1877 with a widely advertised "Grand Dinner and Ball".

That original timber building was later expanded, and served the community for almost eighty years, through wars and economic downturns, before succumbing to old age. The

anticipated crime wave failed to eventuate (apart, perhaps, from the occasional assault, a few thefts and the murder of a "Russian Finn" in 1887).

The 1950's was known more for practicality than for design flair, and the proposed new structure was a double-skinned concrete block building, with a concrete tile roof. It survived internal modifications, and the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010-2011, but after almost 70 years was showing its age. The present incarnation has removed internal supporting walls to the bar area, and replaced them with engineered steel beams. The forty tonne tile roof has been replaced with colour steel, and the block walls plastered. New toilets have been added, fire protection upgraded, double glazed windows added, and wall and ceiling insulation installed. A wood-fired boiler provides heating and hot water, and the new kitchen is intended to be chef-friendly. The new name, Little River Inn, is intended to reflect the new focus of the hotel, and the hope that it will serve the community, and visitors to Banks Peninsula, for another 70 years.



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Mainland Muster—Omarama 17th—19th May 2024

On Friday 17th May a beautiful sunny day a few cars met at the Wigram Air Force Museum ready for the run south to Omarama for the Mainland Muster this year organised by the Southern Club.

We travelled down through the inland route through Geraldine stopping for lunch at the Silverstream Hotel in Kimbell where two more cars joined the convoy.

We arrived in Omarama about 3.00pm, after a stop off at the Pukaki Dam for a photo opportunity, where we checked in to the Hotel and registered for the weekend. 22 cars from Canterbury and 10 from Southern.

There was a good dinner that night where everyone caught up with each other and the first paper bag auction was held.

On Saturday morning the interclub challenge was held where some blindfolded puzzle games were played with two teams of four from each club. The highlight of the challenge was the drag racing event where everyone was asked to bring a matchbox car and race it on the hot-wheels track. After all the points were added up Canterbury Club came away with the trophy for another year.

Then it was off on a run over the Benmore Dam where there was another photo opportunity.

The run finished in Kurow where a lovely lunch was organised at the Waitaki Braids Cafe.

Saturday night was the tartan themed night where all sorts of weird and wonderful costumes were worn. Another fabulous dinner and another paper bag auction. The night was also celebrated with Colin Sweetman's significant birthday with a cake that was a copy of his car. By this time it was snowing fairly heavy which was beautiful sight. A bunch of ladies thought it would be a great idea to be snow angels lying out in the snow waving their arms around getting wet and cold. It was a great night.

Next morning it was breakfast with farewells amongst the several inches of snow. There was much discussion among everyone on the best way home. The money raised from the auctions \$1600.00 plus a \$1000.00 donation from an anonymous Canterbury member and a Southern member totalling \$3600.00 was given to the Volunteer First Responders of Omarama.

It was another great weekend away at the Muster, they never fail to disappoint. Canterbury's turn next year I'm sure it will be just as successful.

Cheers

Andy Wheatley



Mainland Muster—Omarama 17th—19th May 2024

This year's Muster was organised by Southern member Bob King and his Lorraine, and what a great event!

Most of the Christchurch based Canterbury members travelled south together, with lunch in the Silverstream Hotel in Kimbell, just out of Fairlie. From the reports I heard, I believe the meal even exceed the usual attraction of the pies! The group also arranged a beautiful park up and photo at Pukaki before arriving in Omarama. Our South Canty cousins had a strong turnout also and were parked up in Omarama in good time, the chrome bumper classics looking wonderful.

For me, it was a "just me" journey in every way, late leaving Amberley, 4 hours 20 directly to Omarama non-stop using Thompsons Track to save time, a great drive on a blue-sky day all the way... almost good enough to put the top down, but not quite!

Friday evening was our first insight into Bob King's great organisation. A superb buffet meal, an introduction to three wonderful women, all trained first responders (Fire and Ambulance across the wide area surrounding Omarama), the organisation chosen by Bob as the recipients of our weekend's fund-raising, the first half of the traditional auction, and our briefing for Saturday's programme including the games for the interclub trophy. One of the indications of Bob's great organisation was that the walls of the Heritage Hotel dining and function room were dressed with a variety of Ford and Mustang branding and posters, every detail had been attended to!

Saturday dawned clear, albeit a little cloudy, and a forecast for snow late afternoon / early evening, and I think all of us were pretty relaxed about that, with a "wait and see" approach. The interclub games were a real feature, we competed across three different activities: a game of putting a variety of shapes into the container with holes that match the shapes (great grandkids game), but to test us adults we had to do it blindfolded(!); a race track event where the 4 team members move a cup (with

four strings attached) around a well-designed and tricky race track; and the pinnacle event, a drag race for 1:64 model cars starting with a down-hill run to build up speed, to take them down the "chute". The CMOC team were well supported by John Quinn with his huge collection of 1:64 models, allowing each of us (if we didn't have an entry) to choose a potential winner! Results announced Saturday evening (see below).

Our Saturday run took us to Lake Benmore, a photo stop in the car park above the dam, and then a great run on the northern side of the Waitaki Valley from Benmore down to Aviemore Dam. As it turned out, our exit across the Aviemore was a no go due to a road closure, so we got to do that great drive all over again, a superb drive in the autumn colours. From there, down to Kurow, and a wonderful lunch at the superb Waitaki Braids Café. Some of us decided to experience a little more, and a short walk down the main road to the Valli Wines tasting rooms ... the old bank building, beautifully restored and fitted out with gorgeous chairs, serving bar, leaners and old-fashioned colours. Oh, and really great wines from their limestone country Waitaki vineyard, and their associations with leading vineyards in Bannockburn and Gibbston Valley. We made investments that helped the Kurow economy!

Saturday evening was wonderful, the full tartan outfits were all on display, and our in-house piper Gary Neil played us all into dinner. All on cue! Another great meal (including dessert), more auctions, and Bob's "piece-de-resistance", the best Mustang quiz I've ever seen. It tested us all, I thought our little team did pretty well on some of the Mustang model and Mustang motorsport questions, but we were undone by the questions regarding Mustangs in movies, and other matters. It was all put together so well by Bob, with considerable time and effort and thought being applied.

And if all that wasn't enough for a memorable evening, by 6pm the predicted snow had started to fall, and by 11pm there was 10cm plus

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across the ground and all our cars, and the snowflakes continued to fall. I for one called it an early night to finish off some paperwork, but others (totally nameless) went on to play in the snow (I believe the game is called “snow-bunnies”) with warm up liqueurs to follow!

Sunday breakfast revealed all: “snow – bunny” stories; weather and road forecasts; interclub prize champions (go Canterbury, with our win in the drag racing clinching our victory, thanks to Dave Bannan (first placing), Gary Neil (second) and Shelley Williams (third), a complete lockout); our own Cerry Johnstone and Susan Johnstone Lord winning publican’s choice; and Bob announcing that a total of \$3600 for the First Responders had been

raised, thanks to \$1600 from the auctions and two anonymous donations.

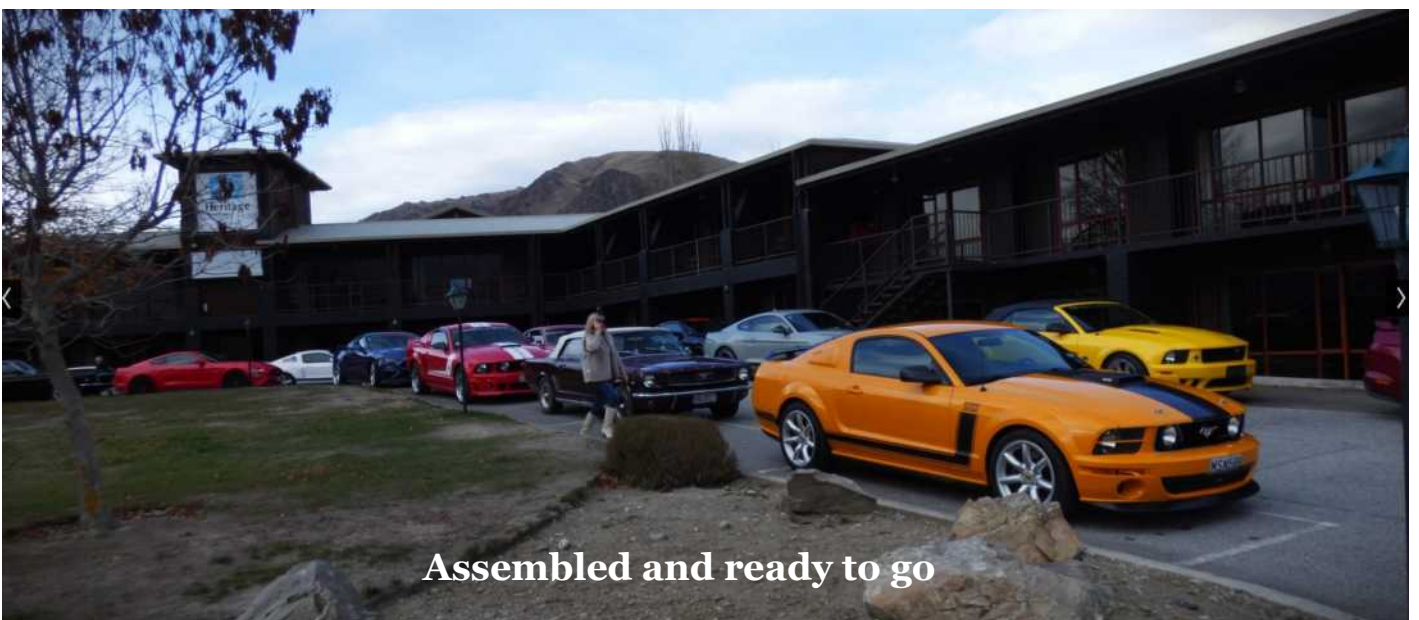
As always, from the breakfast it was time to hit the road home. I was one of the first to leave (after clearing big snow on the Mustang), choosing the certainty of a clear road through Kurow and Waimate versus the uncertainty of Tekapo and Burkes Pass. 4 hours 30 minutes to Amberley, surprisingly only 10 minutes longer than the trip south ... new options and choices for future trips, and the chance for a repeat visit to Valli Wines!

Thanks Bob and Lorraine King for a fabulous weekend, one of the great Musters!.

Garry Jackson



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First Responders Fire Service and 60 years of Mustang



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Saturday the Tartan themed function



The paper bag auction



Cerry Johnstone and Susan Johnstone Lord the Publicans choice

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Saturday lunch, Waitaki Braids Café, Kurow



Buller All Ford Day ***1st-3rd June 2024***

The Buller Rodders have been running an All Ford Day in Westport for 33 years now. I know what you are thinking – West Coast and Queens/Kings Birthday weekend, it will rain – and it usually does, but don't ask the organisers what their contingency plan is if it rains as they will give you a very quizzical look. The show goes on wet or fine and there have been days of both over the last 8 years that we have been attending this show. Having said all of that, we love getting away for a long weekend on the Coast and the show is very relaxed and the people friendly.

We start by having the Friday night in Reefton on the way over, our favourite small NZ town. Saturday is a drive through the scenic Buller Gorge to Westport to check-in and register, followed by compulsory lunch at the legendary West Coast Pie Shop. There is usually a low-key cruise on the Saturday afternoon and on the Sunday the Car Show at the Westport Racecourse.

The show usually attracts around 100 cars and some often come from as far away as Dunedin or Invercargill, but this year we were the furthest travelled (from Ashburton).

Saturday afternoon was very wet (as forecast), the afternoon especially and by then the organisers had only 56 cars registered, however the rain cleared by 6pm to a cool evening and the next day (show day) was brilliantly fine and even warmed up to 15 deg. I washed and

cleaned the car early and it was then off to the show. The weather encouraged many more entries, especially from Westport and Greymouth and in the end there were around 100 in all.

The club has great home catering West Coast style with pies, real sandwiches, home baking, barista coffee and even an ice cream van. There is plenty of room at the Racecourse so the cars aren't too close together with room to have a good look around.

Our club used to go to this show in force a number of years ago, but this has not happened recently (perhaps we need to have a look at this again), but we did have a few members there with mostly non-Mustangs (one even won best in show). It is a good excuse to get something else out of the garage and we took our Ford Fiesta ST, Mountune which was a great drive over the passes.

In conclusion, a great, enjoyable, friendly and relaxed show and time after to go up to our (my) favourite place in NZ (Denniston). The road and the views are worth the drive alone, but it is the mining history, the incline and the people who lived and worked there that are the attraction for me.

You do get a plaque for attending the show, but these seem to have a bit of an identity crisis (see photo), Bullers or Westport's ? – but perhaps this is just a West Coast thing.

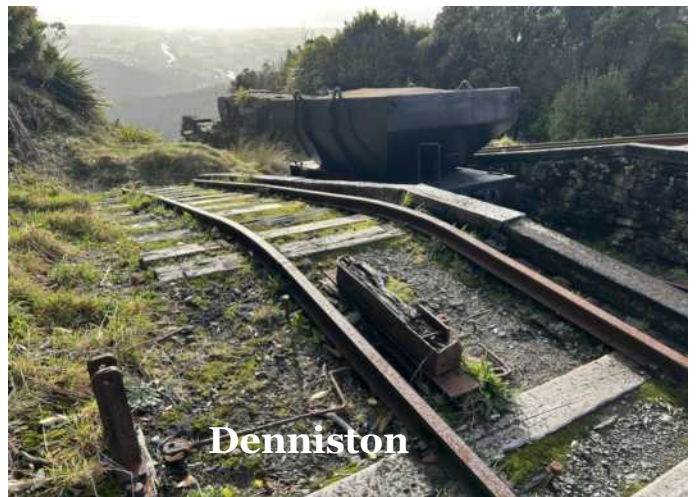
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You may all remember the visit by Mike Guymon from the Mustang Club of America. He wrote an article for the Mustang Times, which is their official magazine and I have reproduced that article here as it makes interesting reading. Apologies for the size of the print. Ed



INTERNATIONAL **MUSTANG AMBASSADOR**

Airline pilot Mike Guymon spreads American Mustang goodwill during his trips abroad

BY MICHAEL A. GUYMON & NICHOLAS A. GUYMON

Mustangers are extremely social creatures! We enjoy the company of others and the camaraderie of our Mustang clubs wherever they are located. As a Senior Captain operating the Boeing 787 for a major airline, I visit countries all over the world. During my layovers, I enjoy approaching Mustang owners and engaging them in conversation about their cars and their local Mustang clubs.

The idea of becoming an International Mustang Ambassador came naturally to me when I first contacted Martin Daniel, a member of the Mustang Club of Australia. Martin owns a gorgeous 1972 Mach 1 with right-hand-drive. After interviewing Martin, our club president Craig Cunningham and I produced the first-ever-of-its-kind "Trans-Pacific Zoom Meeting." Martin was our guest speaker and made his debut via an 8,698-mile connection over Zoom from Tasmania, Australia, to a full house of Mustang Owners Club of California members in Van Nuys. Our club was elated to have him as guest speaker.



Auckland Mustang Owners Club members with their Mustangs at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron with the Ngapipi Bridge and Pacific Ocean in the background.



Mustangs from the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club.

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During our meeting, we discussed right-hand-drive Mustangs and Martin's club activities. We asked him where his car was built and where it was converted from left- to right-hand-drive. The meeting was fabulous with questions and answers from both sides of the Pacific Ocean. After exchanging information, ideas, club events, and awards, our friendships were sealed and welded together by the unbreakable bonds of Mustang steel, chrome, glass, fabric, and rubber in the span of 30 minutes.

Singapore has always been an incredible country with lush history, incredible food, and people dedicated to their Mustangs! There, I met with the Mustang Owners Club of Singapore President Ansar Mansoor. I had quite the education about Mustang ownership in Singapore where there are over 100 Mustangs.

At this time, you should sit down to prevent injury to yourself and others. If you want to purchase a new 2024 Mustang Dark Horse in Singapore, you would have to have the Mustang delivered to the Singaporean government's automotive laboratory where the engine would be tested for emissions and safety tests. Afterwards, you would apply for a Certificate of Entitlement with 10 years of fees costing \$106,000. Finally, you could have the vehicle delivered with a balance of roughly \$207,000-\$400,000 USD. Used and late-model Mustangs sell for no less than \$109,000. A 1964½ Mustang, for instance, sold for 1,100,000 SGD, the local currency in Singapore, which, when converted, equals \$819,566 USD. I think that I prefer the prices stateside much better.

We also visited the former Ford Factory Museum where Ford produced vehicles from 1941 until 1942 when the Japanese took over the facility. I look forward to attending some of Singapore's Mustang club events soon and will report back...

My next international adventures took place in Auckland, New Zealand, where there are five Mustang clubs on the northern island and two in the South Island. I contacted Craig Borland, the President of the Auckland Mustang Owners Club, and we scheduled a club meeting at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron where the America's Cup and other International Sailboat Awards are proudly displayed. We showcased five AMOC Mustangs with the beautiful high-span Ngapipi Bridge and the Pacific Ocean in the background. Afterwards, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch over a 5,656-mile phone call with MOCC President Craig Cunningham. With a rainbow nearby, we found what is truly important in Mustang circles: the friendships across tremendous distances and oceans.



ABOVE: A nice 1969 modified from the Auckland Mustang Owners Club in New Zealand.

BELOW: Checking under the hoods of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club's Mustangs.



When I reached out to the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club from Christchurch, New Zealand, in December 2023, little did I know just how stimulating this experience would be for myself, my kids Michael and Anushka, and the CMOC club members. First, I spoke with club president Ray van Hamelsveld who set up an impromptu flash mob of Mustang enthusiasts at a gorgeous stone church in Tai Tapu. We had ten Mustangs sprawled across the church's lawn. Some were early and some late models, and some looked as if they had just come off the production line.





This lineup of Mustangs from the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club includes an S550 Mustang (right) from Vaughn Gittin's RTR.

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I recorded all of our participants' interviews, vividly capturing the history of their origins in the USA and their migrations to their current homes in the Lands-Down-Under. One of the members of this club even owns a Mustang which was destined for Japan. This car's signage, documentation, and decals are all written in Japanese. Much to the owner's chagrin, even the radio operates only on Japanese radio frequencies.

Our brothers and sisters in New Zealand truly know hospitality, and we were kindly received at a local pub for delicious food and drinks. With the help of Verizon's satellites, we had a discussion with Craig Cunningham about our activities and adventures. Not long afterwards, we took a leisurely drive back into town, and one of the gentlemen graciously allowed my son to drive his Mustang for a while on the left side of the road.

In January, I returned to New Zealand to visit the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club for a "Posh Picnic" at the Broadoak Gardens with owners Claire and Shaun Maloney, who love classic British automobiles and the CMOC. The ladies from CMOC prepared the most splendid home-made lunches which we shared between 42 people who drove their 18 Mustangs. Once we finished our lunches, we strolled along the gardens which led us to the owner's collection of classic Jaguar and British automobiles. One of these vehicles even participated at a race at Le Mans. The experience was breathtaking. We

finished our outing with a drive through the countryside around Christchurch, ending at a restoration shop called The Mustang Center which specializes in Mustang restoration. The Mustang Center is the only parts store Down-Under and they are well worth a visit. Team Hutchenson Ford and Avon City Ford are the only Ford dealerships in Christchurch that sell new Mustangs. However, they do not stock parts or support the earlier Mustangs.

Later that evening, the Mustang club reassembled at Club Captain Dennis and Vivian O'Brien's home where CMOC club President Ray van Hamelsveld and club members assembled another pot-luck dinner fit for the "Kings of the Road." We feasted on the culinary delights that Viv and everyone brought from home. Dennis manned the BBQ and prepared several different types of meat for the hungry Mustangers there. After hours and hours of fun stories and adventures, Dennis drove my daughter Anushka and me back to our hotel. I would highly recommend that anyone who visits New Zealand should contact Dennis to see if any of their activities fit into your schedules.

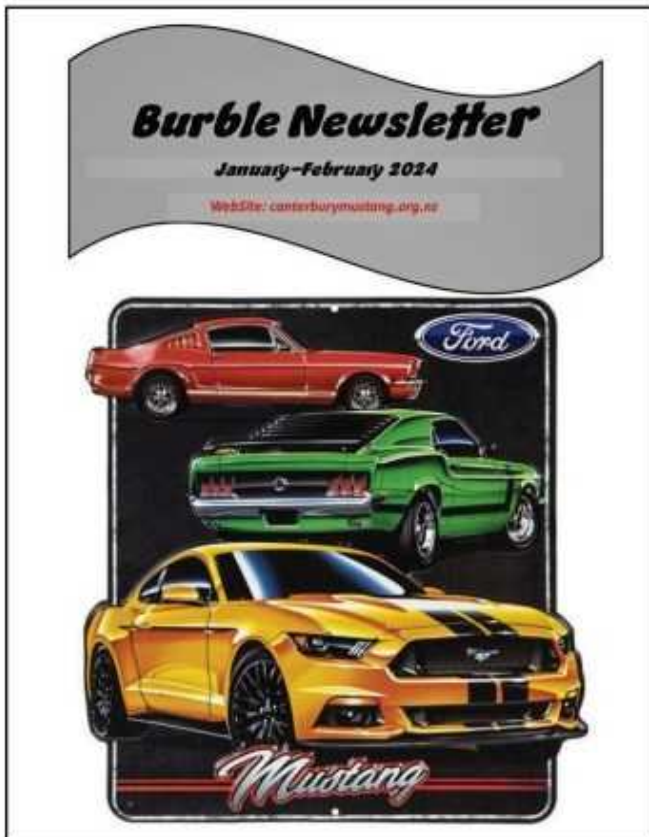


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The CMOC publishes an online color magazine every two months entitled *The Burble* whose title resembles the sound of a Mustang's exhaust. They also publish an annual called the *Burble Yearbook*. These amazing publications highlight the club's events, car shows, and, most importantly, the members of the club itself and their Mustangs. I have rarely seen any club with such enthusiasm for their people and events. The club has many awards and trophies, but the dipstick award, given to the most distinguished person to have made a mistake or done something silly, is certainly the most memorable.

ABOVE & BELOW: Australian Martin Daniel's 1972 Mach I with right-hand-drive conversion.



Canterbury Mustang Owners Club's online magazine, *The Burble*, named for the sound of Mustang exhaust.

I have reached out to several clubs in London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, and Tokyo, all of whom share the same love of Ford Mustangs that we do stateside. These clubs are just as energetic as our MOCC and MCA members. In some countries like Germany and Japan, however, I run into language barriers which I overcome with a little help from my bilingual friends who bridge those barriers for me. In Japan, the various Mustang clubs take their passions for their cars to another level, and I can hardly wait to visit them in the very near future.

Well, what else can I tell you? As you venture across the world on your vacations, you should reach out to any Mustang clubs along your itinerary. If their events fit into your schedule, then by all means make that experience happen for you! Meeting Mustangers from other countries is one of the most memorable experiences that you can ever have and one that you and your family will never soon forget. We all share the love of these automotive works-of-art, and anytime we can meet people who share our love of them, we should make that happen. //

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Numbers were slightly down on last year but those in attendance got right in to it.

The equipment at Zone Bowling worked perfectly this year apart from the lane tilting to one side every time I bowled a ball, then levelling up for the next player. That's the only reason I can think of for my abysmal score.

It was a great night with each team playing two games, the overall winner being the big guy Glenn, who was all smiles. I think we will deport him to Australia before next year's event.

Well done Lewis, He was the youngest player

there (we needed him to lower the average age) and had a very respectable score in both games.

Andrea did well, being the top scoring lady in both games, making 100 points plus in each game, beating hubby David overall. Hope you are Good 2 Go next year Dave.

We had plenty of supportive club members in attendance giving encouragement and advice. Maybe I should have listened.

Thanks Mark for organising this great night out and also to Zone Bowling for giving us the second game for free in recognition of last year's technical issues.

Perhaps my lane will be level for me next year.

Dennis, your Club Captain and the biggest loser.



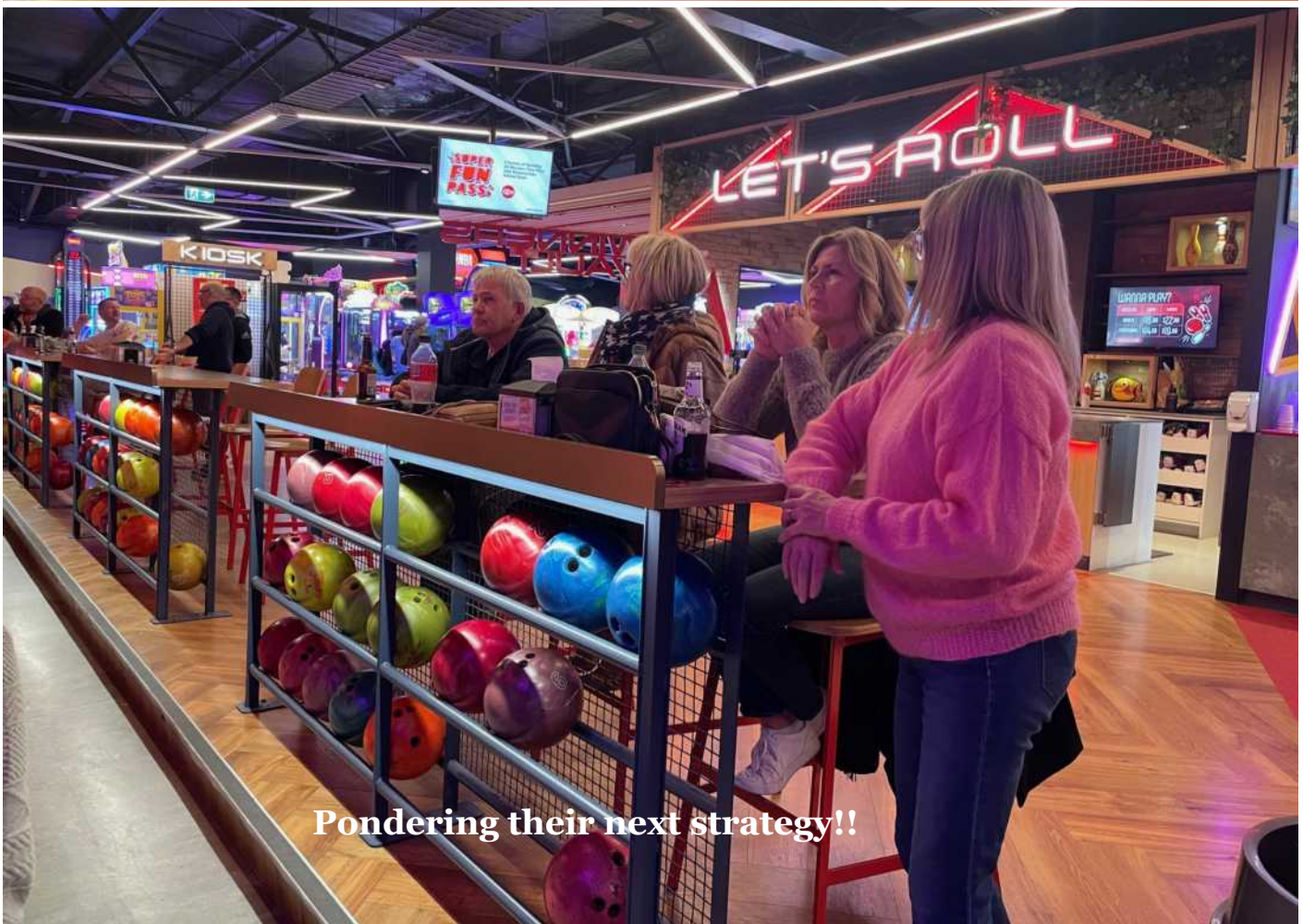
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Can you give me any tips?

I just don't know why I was so good



Pondering their next strategy!!

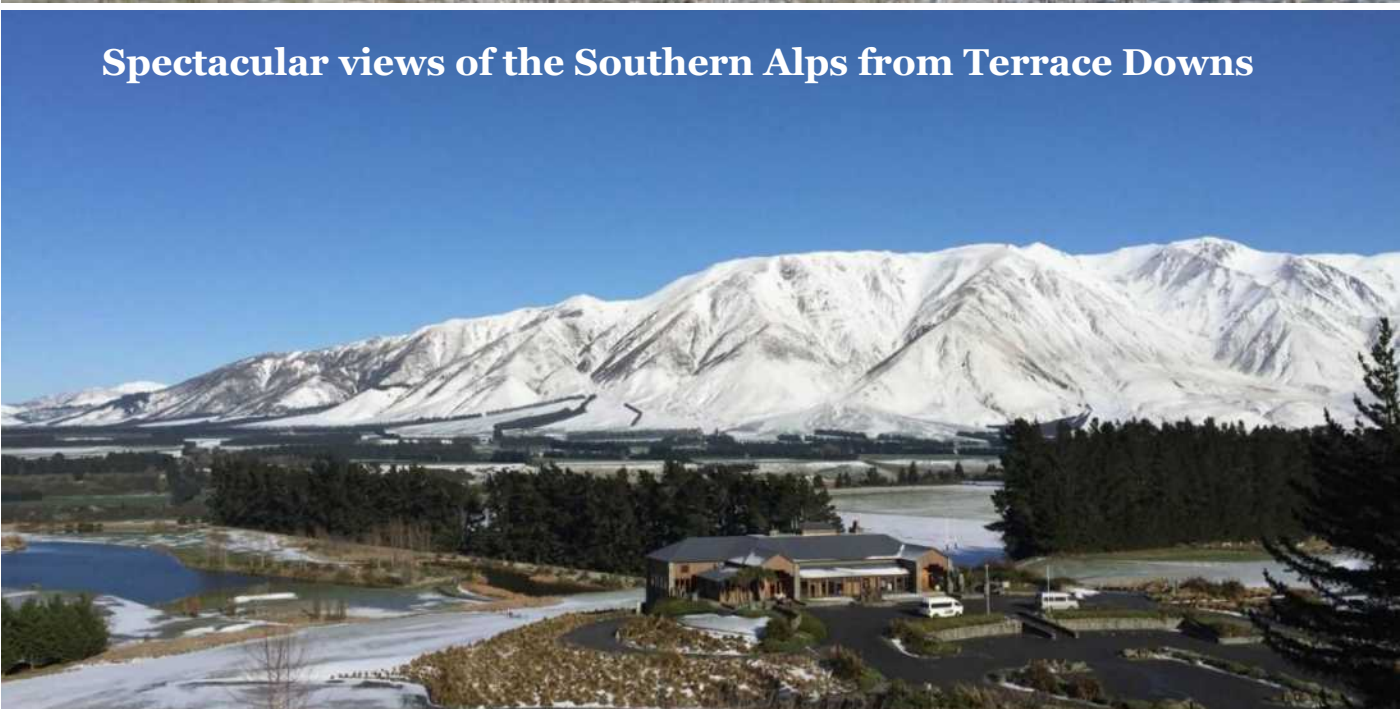
Mid-week run to Terrace Downs 19th June 2024



The Club Rooms, Restaurant and Bar



Spectacular views of the Southern Alps from Terrace Downs



Mid-week run to Terrace Downs 19th June 2024



Terrace Downs High Country Resort is a luxury escape in the heart of the Canterbury high country, overlooking the Rakaia Gorge at the foot of Mt Hutt, a cruise 60 minutes from Christchurch through the Cantab plains and boasting a world-class golf course, luxury accommodation, delicious food in two restaurants, and a great range of activities, all complimented by stunning views.



Mid-week run to Terrace Downs 19th June 2024

A cheerful bunch of Mustang club members braved the cold and damp conditions for a run in their cars with heaters on, windscreen wipers going and those with heated seats getting warm bums.

Meeting at West Melton were twenty one cars and forty two club members. We departed for our destination on some very straight Canterbury roads trying to catch the horizon, as we got closer the snow capped alps came into view and as we found out the snow fell fresh the night before and what a great view. Plenty of parking for the mustangs and a great variety from chrome bumpers to the latest EV Mustang.

We settled in at Terrace Downs Restaurant with drinks and it was not long before our food arrived. The ambiance was fantastic with the large open fire going the tables set out in two

rows and the views over the golf course and lake. The staff at Terrace Downs very professional and helpful making it a delight to be there.

For Pauline and myself we rate this as one of our best runs we have put together simply because of such a great group of likeminded friends (that means all of you). Many thanks to all whom attended for making it such a great day.

On our way home we crossed the bridge at the Waimakariri Gorge with the rebuild almost complete and the new surface is a great improvement. Coming through Oxford the shops and main street were all lit up with xmas lights ready for a mid winter xmas.

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Ford Benchmarks Rival's Sport Sedan, a Potential Four Door Mustang Foe (Ford Authority)

Ford stopped offering sedans in its home market several years ago, instead opting for lifestyle vehicles like the Ford Bronco, Ford Bronco Sport, and Ford Maverick. So it's always interesting to find clear evidence that the automaker is interested in benchmarking a particularly notable performance sedan, considering it offers nothing that can directly compete with it. And although its sighting at this time is likely a complete coincidence, it comes not long after Ford CEO Jim Farley indicated the company could produce a four door Mustang.

As made abundantly clear by these photos, the vehicle in question is the Cadillac CT4-V Blackwing, the flagship high performance sedan from Lincoln's crosstown rival. It's powered by a twin-turbo 3.6L V6 engine rated at 472 horsepower and 445 pound-feet of torque, mated to a standard six-speed manual transmission. A Ford-derived 10-speed automatic transmission is optional. Either way, the Blackwing is solely offered as a rear-wheel drive model, although all-wheel drive is available on other CT4 trim levels.

Cadillac's CT4-V Blackwing carries an official 0-60 mile per hour figure of 3.9 seconds with its six-speed manual and a \$63,590 MSRP. Those figures place it squarely in line with the Ford Mustang Dark Horse Premium, which has a \$62,930 price tag assuming dealers don't mark them up. The Dark Horse features a slightly more powerful variant of the 5.0L Ford V8 Coyote, rated at 500 horsepower and 418 pound-feet of torque. Ford doesn't pub-

lish official 0-60 figures, but the Dark Horse can likely give the Blackwing a run for its money with the right person behind the wheel. In this particular instance, it appears the automaker is directly benchmarking the Cadillac against a Ford Mustang GT Premium convertible.

The big question about this sighting centers on Ford's potential plans to offer a four door Mustang sedan. Ford CEO Jim Farley very recently suggested a four door sedan variant could happen, a comment that did not go unnoticed by enthusiasts. While it remains unclear if such a vehicle will ever make it to production, the Mustang family has certainly expanded in recent years, most notably with the Mustang Mach-E electric crossover. Additionally, Ford's announcement that its entire retail lineup in the United States will offer hybrid options by 2030 guarantees that a Mustang hybrid is on the way. Farley basically said as much when he stated that Ford Performance is currently evaluating hybrid powertrains, which itself is a sign that partially electric power has a place in the company's motorsports portfolio.

Either way, a four door Mustang would likely compete against the revived Dodge Charger lineup. The upcoming sedan and coupe will be sold as fully electric models, although gasoline powered variants will be introduced in 2025. With the Chevy Camaro officially out to pasture, the CT4-V Blackwing and the rest of the CT4 lineup are essentially GM's most direct Ford Mustang rivals.



2024 Ford Mustang Earns 5-Star NHTSA Safety Rating (Ford Authority)

The Ford Mustang hasn't always enjoyed a reputation for being the safest vehicle on the road, though that isn't necessarily the fault of the vehicle itself. Rather, the pony car's performance and sporty nature has previously helped rank it on some unsavoury lists such as the vehicles on U.S. roads with the highest driver death rates by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). However, the all-new, S650-generation 2024 Ford Mustang has now earned a very high honour from that same organization.

That honour is a five-star safety rating from the NHTSA, which is the highest score possible. The 2024 Ford Mustang achieved that status with five-star ratings in virtually every measurable in that specific testing, including front driver and passenger side crash testing, front seat combined side barrier and pole ratings, driver side barrier, overall side pole, and rollover results.

The 2024 Ford Mustang scored four stars in

rear seat and rear passenger categories for the combined side barrier and pole ratings, as well as side barrier test results, however. These tests involve a simulated head-on collision between two similar vehicles at 35 miles-per-hour, an intersection collision between two vehicles at 38.5 mph, crashing into a rigid pole at 20 mph, and a rollover resistance test.

As *Ford Authority* previously reported, The Blue Oval has worked to make the Ford Mustang safer in recent years by adding an array of features as standard equipment for the 2021 model year. That list included Ford Co-Pilot360, which consists of Auto High-Beam Headlamps, BLIS (Blind Spot Information System), Lane-Keeping System (Lane-Keeping Assist, Lane-Keeping Alert, and Driver Alert), and Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB), which includes Pedestrian Detection, Forward Collision Warning, Dynamic Brake Support, and Rain-Sensing Wipers.



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