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## President's Patter

Mid winter greetings to you all.

Trying to be positive amongst all the colds and flu and covid that seem to be all around us, the good news is that this is the August Burble, and the first weeks of spring are now almost here! Roll on summer!

Our club continues to be busy with a good schedule of events ahead, and a great AGM, Mainland Muster and Ruapuna Track Day behind us. In terms of future events, our Committee are planning ahead confidently, and two of our traditional and much enjoyed events, the CMOC Christmas Lunch and the 2023 Canterbury All Ford Day, are very much on our agenda.

Talking of the AGM, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome member Brian Mills in his new appointment as Secretary of CMOC, taking over from Jill Bennett. Brian brings a wealth of business experience to the role, plus his unlimited personal enthusiasm for everything Mustang!

Regarding the AGM, I've also taken the opportunity to include

my President's annual report within this Burble, as the best way to report out to all members on the healthy state of our club and its achievements and direction. I'm very conscious that the President's Report is only heard by those present at the AGM, and whilst well attended (as AGM's go) the audience still only represents 15 percent of our total membership.

One of my highlights over recent weeks was the opportunity to catch up with friend and motorsport hero Paul Radisich, our "working" guest at our Ruapuna track day. He spent the entire day shuffling his way from Mustang to Mustang, giving one-on-one tuition and guidance to as many members as he could in the time available, adding a new element of enjoyment and benefit for our great annual outing. He loved the day, too.

Best wishes to all, and looking forward to catching up, out in our Mustangs, in the coming weeks and months.

### Garry

Garry Jackson

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PS: Since writing the first draft of this intro, news of the Mustang Mach E has hit the headlines. This issue of Burble brings you a "close to home" story, and confirms that we are living in an increasingly and rapidly changing world!

### Editor's Note

Welcome to the August issue of Burble, and I hope you enjoy the read.

In this issue, I've given particular priority to our club's recent events, the Mustangs, the members and the stories.

In doing so, I've also tried to pick up on one of the strategies that our CMOC Committee are very mindful of, namely providing additional focus and emphasis on our "classic" Mustangs, broadly defined as pre 1975. If I've done my job correctly, your impression as a Burble reader will be that this issue seems to have a slightly higher mix of classic Mustang pics that previously, along with some of the stories, such as the coverage of a unique 25th anniversary Mustang show back in 1989 (and the winning Mustang that graces the cover of this Burble!)

But then again, the Mustang story is not solely about classics ... the world around us continues to change as the weeks and months seem to roll by even faster. There's no greater example of this trend, and the challenge of change, than the introduction of the Mustang Mach E. See our story this issue, and prepare for a surprise, here today!

Enjoy, and thanks to all those who contributed to this issue. See you soon at our many coming events!

Cover pic is the superb '65 Convertible of Rae Simpson, one of the founders of NZ's oldest Mustang club, Taranaki, and a good friend of CMOC. Rae's Mustang was a hero car in 1989, and the story is in this Burble. Taranaki, and Mt Egmont, are our hosts for the 2022 Convention, making this pic very appropriate.





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# Words from our Club Captain, Dennis O'Brien

#### Greeting everyone

#### "The only constant in life is change".

Changing and adapting is part of everything we do. Stand still and you are going backwards as the rest of the world moves forward.

Remember in 2015 when the new Mustangs arrived in Right Hand Drive? Some traditionalists thought they can't be real Mustangs with a steering wheel on the right. They have been hugely popular and are now the vehicle of choice for many members in our club.

Fast forward to December 2020 when the all-electric Mustang Mach E was released overseas. People said it can't be a real Mustang, it's a 5 door SUV and doesn't have a petrol engine. The future is here now and members of our club now have a Mach E and enjoy it along with their RTR Mustang.

They won't be the last and more will enjoy the benefits of the Mach E as they become available. Trademe already has a listing category for the Mustang Mach-E.

We are so fortunate to live in the most exciting period of automotive development in decades. Who knows what the automotive future holds and what we will be driving in years to come? Me? I can't wait to find out.

More good news, the price of fuel has dropped a bit. Buy it and use it while it is cheap(er).

Last month was the wettest July on record and many have stayed home to keep dry and avoid catching any bugs. Some lucky ones have escaped to warmer places.

Your committee has been working hard to bring you an interesting and varied range of upcoming events. As summer approaches and temperatures rise we hope to see you out and about supporting these events in your Mustangs.

Best regards

Dennis O'Brien

Club Captain



Look sharp and be part of the CMOC team!

#### To all CMOC members and Burble readers.

This is the 11th Burble on my watch as Editor, and I'm thinking that it's time for some changes to keep Burble fresh. If you have thoughts for any changes from the style and content of recent issues, or new ideas for story subjects, etc, please let me know. If you'd like to contribute a story yourself, I'd love to know and help you. Please don't hold back. Let me know directly.

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# World Mustang Day ... another great CMOC celebration

It's amazing just how quickly April 17 seems to come around each year!

Ever since the US Mustang Clubs declared April 17 as their "National Mustang Day" back in 2015 (and encouraged clubs around the world to follow suit), CMOC has made a determined effort every year to hold a suitable celebration event, on or close to the 17th. Our best to date was probably last year at the Court Theatre, with over 150 Mustangs assembled

This year, our planning was a little sidetracked by covid planning (we had cancelled the All Ford Day), and by the fact that we had also set up a West Coast Easter trip for interested members (see the separate story in this Burble). In early April we picked up on some enquiries about "what were we going to do for World Mustang Day?", and quickly took on the challenge of finding a suitable venue at short notice for a local gathering and celebration.

From separate discussions I was very aware that Team Hutchinson Ford had very recently opened their "new" dealership on their historic Tuam Street site, and I quickly approached John Hutchinson to see if he would be interested in hosting a central city Mustang get-together to mark World Mustang Day. He jumped at the opportunity to showcase the superb new facilities and features, and we pulled it together in a week. John wanted to kick it off early with a special display, so we arranged for Ashley and Sandy Smith's superb April 1964 build convertible to be on display ahead of the 17th.

In summary, over 70 Mustangs (including a great mix of superb classic models), plenty of parking on site for all, a special WMD cake, great coffee and treats from their unique Parts and Labour Coffee Café, great fellowship and catch ups amongst us all, and a chance for all to see and inspect Ford's latest new design dealership.

John and I agreed that we should continue the earlier practice of strong community support, and we decided on \$25 each (CMOC and THF) per Mustang for Home and Family, the very worthy charity that we had supported at WMD in 2021. We donated a total of \$3500!

We had great feedback on the day, and afterwards, about what a good event this was and the strong Mustang spirit that was evident, despite the inclement weather.

Thanks to all for being there and making it possible. Start looking ahead now to World Mustang Day in 2023, where the early plan is to do a similar style event at Avon City Ford, to celebrate the opening of their new refurbished Sockburn operation presently under construction. Fingers crossed that the building industry gods are on our side!

Roll on April 17, 2023.





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### World Mustang Day .... continued





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### Introducing the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs

Last year, our Club not only became aware of the Federation of Motoring Clubs, but we also quickly learned of its scale (120individual clubs, representing 85000 members) and its role as a coordinating and proactive body on matters of widespread interest for all classic, historic and recreational vehicle owners, especially representations and submissions to Government. (FoMC is essentially the only body Govt recognises). We joined FoMC, and at their AGM last month CMOC President Garry was elected to the FoMC Exec Committee.



How important is the FoMC? ..... in these present times of challenge and

change, especially in relation to Government policies regarding emissions, biofuels, electrification and more, it's very important!

There's an interesting parallel with the similar organisation in the UK. There, the Federation (and a sister organisation Historic and Classic Vehicle Association - the HCVA) have done extensive work to dimension the true size of the classic and historic market, with resultant research determining a total annual spend of 18.3 billion pounds! - a figure that immediately gives the sector a voice and traction with the UK Government on matters affecting each and every historic and classic vehicle owner.

The NZ Federation is embarking on a similar survey and research in the NZ, and the results will be fascinating, and important!. As a FoMC committee member, President Garry has been appointed to the working group to develop the survey. The Federation already has a good relationship with the NZ Government, with Minister of Transport Michael Wood as a guest speaker at the recent FoMC AGM. The NZ survey will give the historic and classic vehicle movement even more strength!

*FoMC was established in 1994 and Auckland Mustang Club was a very early member. Through AMOC efforts (Jeff Tobin) and the FoMC itself, the proposal for special interest vehicles (SIV's) and LHD permits was developed and approved. Success!* 



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# *"Ford Only" Day at Waimak Classic Cars*

Sunday June 12, and despite a shocking weather forecast we had over 30 Mustangs meet at the Peg Hotel car park for the 30 min run to Leithfield. Travelling in convoy is great and we had a designated leader, mid pack person and tail end Charlie (me) to ensure everyone arrived as planned.

There was a healthy collection of Fords already at Leithfield when we arrived, so we parked in smaller groups as space allowed. Hot food and coffee vendors did a roaring trade and the staff at the Better Half Café were run off their feet.

Edsels, Falcons, Fairlanes, Cortinas, Escorts, Capris, Zephyrs, Mustangs, Thunderbirds, Galaxies, Ranch wagons, pickup trucks, utes, early Ford coupes and more were proudly on display and looked fantastic parked around the car museum grounds.

Prizes were plentiful and the announcements were just getting under way as the first few drops of rain started falling. I decided to do a LeMans start, running to the car and headed home as the heavens opened up.

It was a great day out, and in a small but appropriate way it made up for our inability to run our usual All Ford Day this year. Those who found shelter were rewarded with great prizes and company. Traction on the wet grass would have been a challenge for many. I hope the grass survived.

Dennis O'Brien





### Another Great CMOC Ruapuna Track Day

Sunday June 26 dawned beautifully fine, probably our best weather yet for our annual Ruapuna track day. Whilst we had had some uncertainty regarding numbers in the weeks prior, we were really pleased to see a great turnout on the day, with approximately 70 participants in total including a few of our Falcon friends, specially invited when our numbers looked low.

Not only were we blessed with great weather, we also had for the first time the services of Paul Radisich. Paul's career and association with Ford is hugely significant, particularly being twice winner of the World Touring Car Cup (1993 and 1994) in the works Ford Mondeo, and team driver for Dick Johnson Racing with two second place Bathurst finishes (1990 and 2000) and 8 wins in regular V8 Supercar races 2000/2001. Today he is connected with Ford NZ as a performance consultant, he drives a new model Mustang, and he was delighted to join us and spend time with CMOC members on track and socialising between sessions.

As in prior years, our track day was run through the great services and expertise of Blair Thorpe and his Christchurch Track Days team, and I don't think we all fully realise or appreciate how lucky we are to have their services, their close relationship with the Canterbury Car Club (Ruapuna "owners"), and the overall value that our track day represents ..... basically as many laps as anyone would want (or the brakes can handle) for \$75!

Speaking of Blair, we must acknowledge his great initiative and efforts to get one of the leading classic car insurers, Star, to agreeing to cover members with Star policies whilst on track. Following Blair's approach to them, Star outlined to him the key actions that they required Blair's company to take to satisfy their risk assessment practices, and Blair implemented them on the day, pretty much invisibly to us. A great win - win solution, and it bodes really well for future events and even greater member participation.

And of course, the whole enjoyment of the day isn't just the track. Special mention must be made of the CMOC team who for the last two years have exceeded all expectations with their catering services, running the THF barbeque, managing the "build your own burger" process, their friendly social interaction, and cleaning up afterwards. Sincere thanks to them all, individually and collectively.

Members who elected to use Paul Radisich's services, to give them tips and personal track tuition, all commented just how special this opportunity was. The most common points learned seemed to be how smoothness is more important than just going fast, and the need to use all of the width of the track (and the associated cornering lines) in pursuit of that smoothness and best visibility through and beyond the corner. And these are all lessons that have great application in our general open road driving.

If you were at this year's track day (and especially if you had the personal Paul Radisich experience), I'm sure you'll be back next year. And if you're a CMOC member who has never done it before, make sure you look out for the early communications of the 2023 Ruapuna track day. You are really missing something special.





### **CMOC Ruapuna Track Day .....continued**



Editor's personal thoughts (reprinted from last year), why the CMOC Ruapuna Track Day special

- In a world where open road policies are changing, with gradual reductions in speed limits and increasing speed policing and penalties, our Ruapuna track day is a unique opportunity to enjoy freedom of performance, and let our ponies "stretch their legs" in an organised and safe way
- Building upon the foregoing point, it's a great occasion to enjoy the "Mustang spirit" (including speed, noise, freedom), together with the special friendships and company of other CMOC members that all share the same feelings. It's all about our Mustangs and the way we enjoy them!
- Our Ruapuna track day is a true blue-blooded performance experience that each of us can tailor to our own requirements. Even in the controlled pace car sessions, it's a unique opportunity to finetune our skills in the areas of the smoothest possible combination cornering, braking, and acceleration, in a way you can never do on public roads. And if you practice that on track, it makes that next drive through the Lindis Pass (or wherever) even more enjoyable and rewarding (even at the speed limit)



### Mainland Muster, Cromwell.

Friday June 17, and more than 30 CMOC members headed south, destination Cromwell for the 2022 Mainland Muster with our friends from the Southern Mustang Owners Club, this year's Muster organisers. From a CMOC viewpoint, the Christchurch based members arranged their departure from West Melton, heading south via Glentunnel, Raikaia Gorge and Mt Somers. Our strong contingent from South and Mid Canterbury made their way directly to Cromwell.

One of the highlights of the journey was our lunchtime stopover at the Fairlie School, where we had 15 or more Mustangs parked in the grounds, and what seemed like 100 plus school children and teachers pouring over (and inside!) our Mustangs, smiles on faces, animated discussion and horns blaring! Well organised Mark Hanson, and the donation of two cases of apples was a great touch.

We journeyed in close convoy most of the way, and in particular the sight of a line up of 20 or more Mustangs nose to tail in an unbroken train through the McKenzie country was a great sight.

Cromwell awaited us, cloudy and grey, and cold, but free from rain.

Friday night was a night of catching up, renewing friendships, some light-hearted quizzes, a good casual meal, and the usual paper bag auctions. Brent Robinson from Southern, who's wife Ann-Maree was one of the key organisers, did a good job manging the proceedings in a personable way, and we all enjoyed the evening.

Saturday dawned cloudy and grey again, but no rain (or snow!). The organised run took us all to Lake Hawea, and a park up at the lakeside reserve for a photo opportunity .... as you see in the pics, too many cars for the available vantage points! I counted 49 Mustangs parked up, and kwow of another 4 CMOC cars that weren't there that morning, so at least 53 Mustangs in total, a really great turnout.

We adjourned to the Hawea pub for a warm up drink (red wine!), lunch and interclub games. Well organised by Southern, not too strenuous and all indoors, although the frozen T shirt was a bit of a challenge given the ambient temperature and the extent to which they had been frozen, even defying (for a while) putting the frozen block on the hotel woodburner! We all made our way back to Cromwell, some via Wanaka, and some via the Highlands Motorsport Park . Interestingly some took a specially negotiated deal (\$50 per Mustang) to do some track laps, which turned out to be 2 laps only, strictly controlled by a pace car that appeared to be travelling at less than 100kph on all the infield sections we could see. (Keep this in mind as you read the story regarding our CMOC track day!)

Saturday night was fun night. The dress theme was the letters S (Southern) or C (Canterbury), either individually or together. There were many interesting interpretations, but the two that caught my eye and I particularly liked was Colonel Sanders (Ray Eade superbly dressed as a perfect lookalike with home grown real beard and moustache, not a stick on) and his wife Karen dressed as the most energetic and flighty chicken ever seen; and Andrea and David Bannan as the original Sonny and Cher duo, absolutely authentic and a memory trip to behold! And the rest of us all did our best.

Sunday breakfast, and farewell words. As part of his presentation, Brent handed over a cheque for \$1942 to the local Cromwell St John Ambulance representatives, a very positive outcome of the paper bag auctions on the previous evenings. All in all, a great event with old and new friends, fabulous Mustangs, and our collective interest in next year's Muster has certainly been kindled. It will be CMOC's to organise, and some exciting proposals are already being kicked around ... watch this space!

Enjoy the gallery of pics on the following pages, which capture a great event!

Editor





### Gorgeous Classics in Cromwell!















Fancy dress pics - who can you recognise?!

Handover of monies raised to Cromwell St John by Southern VP, Brent Robinson

Saturday run briefing on a grey Cromwell morning











Fairlie School visit above was the ultimate expression of how Mustangs put "smiles on faces"! All in all this year's Mainland Muster was a really great event, well organised by Southern, and a strong turnout from both clubs.



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### Another Year, another good CMOC AGM

As CMOC President, I guess I have a bias and a vested interest to see that our annual AGM goes well. I think we'd all agree that it's a slightly challenging subject ... AGMs are not renowned for public interest, let alone excitement and enjoyment. Yet they are a very important part of any club's existence, and in fact are critical with regard to our club's existence year by year, and the interaction between members and those of us held responsible for running the club and managing its funds, and our accountability in doing so.

So, with those intro words, I think I can report that CMOC's AGM (held May 28) for the year ended March 31 2022 was well attended (xx), and from my viewpoint at the front of the room, everyone seemed interested and engaged. It was particularly pleasing to see the large number of hands raised when we asked for people to indicate if they were attending their first CMOC AGM. That's always a good sign, as it is to see a large number of "repeat" attendees.

For me, there were two particular highlights in our proceedings. The first was the granting of CMOC's life membership award to Tony and Sharyn Schreuder, so well deserved after 23 years of membership, most of which has been spent as a Committee Member and other rolls within our club. Tony's infectious enthusiasm and w with all CMOC members, and his willingness to take on organising tasks, are well known and were the driving factors behind this award. Well done, Tony and Sharyn!

The other personal highlight was the appointment of Brian Mills as our new Secretary. We actually went into the AGM without an identified replacement for previous Jill Bennett who was stepping down due to pressures from other tasks and projects, and with unsuccessfully being able to identify a possible replacement prior to the AGM, we were hopeful that we might be surprised with a volunteer. And we were, and Brian was duly elected. He and his wife Janet are a relatively new to CMOC; he's a passionate Mustang fan with a red 2019 RTR and his latest, a Twister Orange 2021 Shelby GT500, and he has an extensive background in business, and business admin. Welcome, Secretary Brian, and great to have you in our team!

With regard to the other elections, all our the current CMOC team made themselves available for re-election, and all were duly appointed for the year ahead ..... congratulations all. The AGM also elected two additional Committee members, John Schafer and Leslie Hyland, and whilst this has increased our group beyond previous levels, we did so knowing the event organising load that existing committee members are presently handling, a task made even more difficult given the size of our club and also the interruptions posed by covid and other health challenges. Welcome, John and Lesley!

The AGM closed on schedule at 5.30pm, and attendees enjoyed fellowship and socialising over complimentary finger food, before most adjourned to the fabulous dining rooms of the Papanui Club for dinner and more chat.

Another year, done!

Garry Jackson, President.

PS For information, my report for the 2021/22 year as presented to the AGM is included on the following pages. Hopefully you find it informative and interesting.



New CMOC Life Members, Tony and Sharon Schreuder. Unfortunately, Sharon was unable to attend



The last of the 2021 Annual Awards to be presented, Entertainer of the Year, Garry Pascoe.



### CMOC Committee 2022/23, great group for our large club !



Front row: Sam Ng; Ray Eade; Dennis O'Brien (Club Captain); Lelsey Hyland (newly elected); Paul xxx; Maria van Nus; Christine Quinn (Treasurer); Jill Bennett (retiring Secretary, elected as Committee member), Garry Pascoe; Mike Dilger (co-opted advisor); Garry Jackson (President).

Back row: Andy Wheatley; John Schafer(new ly elected); Neville Hyland; Glenn Thomson (asstClub Captain); Ray van Hamelsveld (Vice President); Rick Paulsen: Brian Mills (Secretary, newly elected); Mark Hanson; Greg Bennett .





#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021/22

#### AGM of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club Inc, May 28 2022

Greetings everyone, and welcome to the 2022 AGM of our club, and our review of the year ended March 31, 2022.

Another year has gone by, again affected by covid 19 and the associated restrictions. Sadly we lost the Christmas Lunch last December and the All Ford Day in February. We also feel for our colleagues in Bay of Plenty who lost their whole (and first ever) Convention, and for the large group of Canterbury members registered for the Convention who lost the opportunity for a great North Island road trip and Bay of Plenty experience.

Our club today remains very strong, in all ways. Our membership is 336, and our bank balance remains very healthy with funds on hand of almost \$90000, even after we've contributed \$5000 to chosen charitable causes in the last year. We've run no less than 21 events and activities over the last thirteen months (not counting the monthly social nights), including 9 events since January.

In my President's Report last year, I identified six priorities that I believed should guide us in the year ahead and beyond:

- Expand our schedule with events and activities that our members want, and enjoy
- Have fun, socialise and enjoy the Mustang spirit in everything we do
- Continue to run our club effectively and efficiently
- Continue to grow our community contribution
- Be a voice in the NZ classic car movement, to protect what we have in an increasingly challenging, uncertain future
- Continue to promote the mix of models and years, preserving all things Mustang 1964 to today

I believe that we've been consistent with most of these priorities in the past twelve months, and I'd like to comment on the last two in particular. With regard to being involved in the wider NZ classic car movement, CMOC is now an active member of the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs, the centralised voice representing over 110000 member enthusiasts with Government and transport agency officials. Last year the Executive of FoMC conscripted me as an advisor to their Executive, and I've been asked to become a full member of their Executive Committee for the coming year. And as we all know, there are interesting challenges ahead, especially with the policies and plans of the present Government on many fronts that affect us all.

With regard to greater emphasis on Mustang models across all the years, our first priority in recent months has just been to get events back up and running. However, we've got some early innovative ideas about how we can stimulate greater turnout of classic, early year Mustangs in some future events, and I think you'll see these ideas take shape in the months ahead.

There's no doubt that the year gone by has been a difficult and challenging one for many, particularly on the health front. To all, I convey best wishes and every strength. On the same related note, my sincere thanks to our Club, and to all of you as members, for your sympathies and support for my personal situation and Loretta's passing.

As I close, special appreciation and best wishes also to our Secretary Jill Bennett who is departing the role. Jill and Greg have new plans and projects ahead of them, but will remain active members of CMOC. Personal thanks Jill for the energy, personality and friendship that you have brought to the Secretary role over the last two years.

Sincere thanks also to the entire Committee team for the 2021/22 year. Despite the covid disruptions, the entire Committee group have worked hard, dug deep and basically held out Club together with numerous great events and robust governance. I need to make special mention of Club Captain Dennis O'Brien and his wife Viv, for their infectious enthusiasm and energy for our event calendar in difficult circumstances, and for their welcoming hospitality for all our new members. Fabulous!

Best wishes to you all for the year ahead, and the continuing enjoyment and friendship that we all get from this great Club, and our shared love of the Ford Mustang.

Garry Jackson, President, Canterbury Mustang Owners Club Inc. May 28, 2022

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# New 7th Generation Mustang breaks cover!

At the time of closing this issue of Burble for printing, news broke that Ford intends to launch the new model Mustang (the seventh generation, to be known as the model "S650") at the Detroit Auto Show in mid September. Earlier rumours had talked of the launch being in 2023, as a 2024 model year, but obviously Ford is ready to go earlier.

The new S650 generation Mustang is significant for a number of reasons, the first being the fact that it is actually happening <u>and</u> retaining the 5.0 V8 powertrain (and 2.3 Ecoboost Turbo) ... Dodge is talking of moving completely to electric with their next Challenger, and the future of Camaro appears to be in flux. Other reasons that make the S650 important include the very strong indications that this model has been developed for hybrid powertrains, probably as part of the US's strict new emissions regulations in 2026, or even earlier.

In the announcement of the September launch, Ford President and CEO Jim Farley indicated that the continuation of the 5.0 V8 (rumoured to have almost 500 horsepower in S650 form) and the manual transmission are both in response to customer demand, and the core "spirit" of the Mustang brand.

The US automotive media have been following the S650 Mustang developments closely, with numerous photo's of camouflaged prototypes around Detroit, but no photos of the actual car have yet emerged. However, three leading magazines have all published "renderings", likely to be very close to the actual design. The exterior very much retains the passenger cell and roof and fender lines of the good looking current S550 model, but with a larger, more hexagonal grille and more aggressively styled bumpers. As Road and Track magazine says, "the overall S650 style screams Mustang".

The word is that the interior is totally new and very modern, with a more horizontal dash (Mustangs traditionally have had a deep dual cowl style), totally digital instrumentation, more advanced electronics (and higher rated processing power for future hybrid powertrains), a vastly expanded infotainment screen, and steering wheel with a squared off lower section.

In earlier "media gossip", there was talk that the S650 would move to a new underbody platform (a modified version of the Explorer platform) which would have provided possible 4WD capability, but the expectation now is that Ford abandoned this for cost reasons, allowing for greater investment in hybrid development (hybrid 5.0 and 2.3 3026?) and possible future electric powertrains.

Obviously there'll be more information and images in the weeks ahead with the mid September launch. In the meantime, enjoy the scoop pics, and remember, you saw this first in Burble!



Advanced info and pics sourced from Car and Driver, Road and Track, Ford Authority. Exterior illustrations are artist renderings, not final images.



# Stepping back .... Mustang's 25th Anniversary

This story needs an introduction, and a little reader tolerance! As your editor, I've had reason to recall a specific event that I was a major part of 34 years ago, and I've taken the liberty to convert it into a Burble story that I hope you find interesting. The reason for the recall is explained late in the story itself. Thanks.

In June 1989, I was Dealer Principal, running South Auckland Motors, the Ford dealership based in Manukau City, Auckland. The superb facility was just two years old, a greenfield development that I had been deeply involved in, in the prime location on the Great South Road opposite the Manukau City shopping centre, and close to the motorway interchange north and south. In those two years, South Auckland Motors had grown to be the second biggest Ford dealership in NZ, thanks to a great team and a number of promotions that had caught the public eye, including two versions of the Fondle a Ford "hands-on" event (that's another story!).

As DP and a true Ford fan, I'd always loved Mustangs (a couple of years earlier, we had traded a used 1982 Fox as my dealership drive car, around the same time as Dick Johnson was racing his Group A Mustang in the Wellington street race in green and then JPS black colours). After contact with Gary Raiti, a great young enthusiast and Secretary in the Auckland Mustang Owners Club, we pulled together a plan for a weekend promotion for a Mustang display at the dealership, as a crowd puller to boost enquiry and sales.

Gary and I worked through the details, and we quickly realised this would be an opportunity to brand the promo around Mustang's 25th anniversary. This became an additional pulling point in our communications, especially the trophy and recognition we developed. The Auckland Mustang Club took it on themselves to get the word out, not only to their own members, but generously they extended the invitation to other North Island clubs, and the significance of this will become clear a little later in this story.

The particular weekend duly arrived, and so did the Mustangs, no less than 35 or so! The Mustang owners were generous and supportive, and most left their cars in our workshop overnight to facilitate the two day event.

Over and above the great club Mustangs, I also organised for a couple of additional, notable Mustangs, the first being a gorgeous '70 Shelby GT500 in bright yellow owned by Geoff Derrick, who had a panel and paint business in Papakura who we worked closely with for our used car reconditioning.









The other Mustang that really gave me "goosebumps" back then was the ex Paul Fahey '65 Notchback race car, then owned by Pukekohe farmer John Chapman, who had not only acquired the car but had embarked on a painstaking rebuild and restoration to its 1966 championship winning condition (the car had spent the 1970's in the South Island in various hands in OSCA racing, and was very tired and "altered"). Sitting proudly outside our showroom, Chapman's hard work looked superb, and when he fired up the unmuffled 289 with 4 Webers, I think the whole of South Auckland knew about it! (I believe John later sold the Mustang to the Bowden collection in Brisbane, where it still is today).

Whilst the event was called a "concours", that was a bit of a stretch, especially considering the rigour of concours events such as Ellerslie today. I had organised a high power trio to do the judging; American Jim Miller, the then Ford NZ Managing Director; Reyn Penny, Sales and Marketing Director and the energy behind a lot of Ford's performance programs in the late '60's, the '70's and '80's; and Ron VanderPas, our South Auckland Ford Parts Manager with a strong prior role working for Galpin Ford in Los Angeles, one of the leading performance dealers in the US.

Judging and display took place over both days of the weekend, most of the owners happy to leave their Mustangs in our workshop overnight. Of course, from our viewpoint, it was important to maximise the promotion (and our sales) over the whole two days.

And the results .... Gary Raiti and I had agreed for simplicity that there would be only one winner, and it would all be based on the presentation and standard of each and every Mustang, irrespective of whether or not it was an Auckland car.

And the winner is (was) ... the beautiful '65 Convertible of Taranaki's Rae Simpson. As winner of the NZ 25th Mustang Anniversary Concours, Rae received the cup (a one off), the silver plate, and the glory.

And this where a whole new story starts. Come Monday, business moved on. Analysing the sale data, the traffic count through the dealership, the feedback from my staff about how much the public had enjoyed it. I think I even got a follow up phone call from Jim Miller singing the praises of the dealership and all the Mustangs, a sight he'd never expected in NZ!

But what of Rae Simpson? A very happy and proud winner, even more given that the other Taranaki member, Grant Bradley, scored second highest in his gorgeous '72 Mach 1. We organised the inscriptions on the trophies and got them down to Ray in New Plymouth, but for him I think it was a case onto his next off shore assignment in oil drilling, somewhere in the world.













### Mustang's 25th Anniversary .... three follow up stories

PS: Roll on 5 years, 1994. I'm now sitting back at a desk in Ford New Zealand as Director of Sales and Marketing (in the months after the Mustang promo, Ford MD Jim Miller was persistent in his approaches with me and he wouldn't take no as an answer), and I received a phone call from New Plymouth .... it's Rae Simspon, Taranaki Mustang owners Club. He's on the 1994 Convention organising committee, inviting Loretta and I to New Plymouth for the weekend as Sunday night guest speaker. Wow! We get organised, a great drive down (in my new yellow Telstar Radisich - another story), and we got to see our first ever Mustang Convention car show. If I'd been impressed by 35 Mustangs at the dealership 5 years earlier, nothing prepared me for how wonderful 100 plus Mustangs under lights were. We were bitten, and whilst our Mustang ownership plans were delayed by our appointment to South Africa just months later, we had the bug, and within 6 months of our return in early 2000, we were the proud owners of a '70 Mach 1, joined CMOC, and attended the Auckland Convention that year. Thanks, Rae!

PPS: In around 2016, I heard about a special auction in Nelson, where the majority of the items were a large collection of Mustang diecast models, and other Ford memorabilia, from a single vendor. Intrigued by the on line listing (it was huge), I quickly travelled to Nelson on the preceding Thursday, for a private look through the auction items and sorting out possible bids. In discussion with the auction house boss, he told me it was a local collection, although the owner had recently moved down from New Plymouth. Something twigged, and I pushed him for a name, and he said Ray Simpson . I honoured the auction rules, didn't make contact, and placed "out of town" bids on a number of models. Once the auction was over I made contact with Rae, and we talked about the "old times". We met up at a subsequent All Ford Day in Nelson, and I learned that one of Rae's closest friends was CMOC's Ashley and Sandy Smith, their relationship going back to their Convention exploits in the 1980's!. Cutting this long story short, Rae entered his Mustang (a later model Roush, not the blue '65, now long gone) in the 2020 Convention, we spent as much time as we could catching up, and on more occasions since then. He's a good friend, a Mustang diehard through and through, and winner of NZ's 25th Anniversary Cup!

PPS (2): The Rae Simpson story is very well told in the Steve Holmes book, "Kiwi Mustangs", with a whole chapter dedicated to Rae and his cars and collection in Taranaki (the book was published in 2015, before Rae moved to Nelson). I'm sure many CMOC members already have the book, but won't have realised who Rae is. If you haven't got the book, I think copies might still be available in book stores such as Piccadilly in Avonhead, and Scorpio in Christchurch City.

Garry Jackson, Editor





### CMOC's Easter Trip to the West Coast

What a fantastic weekend. Starting from the Papanui Club on Friday we cruised in convoy, making a brief toilet stop in bustling Springfield and then onwards to Lake Brunner where we parked up in the main street for others, including Camp Mother Jill, to join us. The locals liked the Mustang line up and Steve Fraser from the club with grandson in tow was also there to greet us.

We cruised on, re-joined the main road, and stopped at the All Nations, Barrytown, which put on a great lunch for us all. It was a short drive from there to Punakaiki where we stayed the night. Our resident bag piper Garry serenaded the sunset to the joy of tourists and locals alike. Dinner at the local restaurant was well received with before and after refreshments in the bar.

Saturday morning we drove the few hundred metres to Punakaiki and checked out the Pancake Rocks and the blowhole which was performing well. We then headed south, stopping at the fantastic historic Empire Hotel at Ross for a fabulous meal, local ale and warm fire. Some checked out the Publican's amazing collection of cars, motorcycles and memorabilia across the road.

At Franz Josef we took over one of the local motels, shared a few yarns and headed out for dinner at the Snake Bite Brewery which was absolutely buzzing. Some checked out Lake Kaniere on the way to Franz.

Sunday morning we went to the Treetop Walk at Hokitika and were absolutely amazed at how well it was done. The views were fantastic, the staff very friendly and knowledgeable and the café and gift shop first class. We arrived at the Beachfront Hotel, Hokitika, mid-afternoon, enjoyed the sunny afternoon and lined the cars up for a beautiful sunset photo. Took photos by the famous Hokitika sign on the beach and listened to Garry, our bag piper serenading the sun down. Dinner was at the hotel restaurant.

Monday morning we headed for home and being late risers we were the last Mustang left in the car park. We cruised home, stopping at the historic James O'Malley pub at Otira for lunch. It's an absolute time warp and one not to be missed.

Thanks so much to our Camp Mother Jill and hubby Greg for putting this fantastic weekend together and Ray and Bob for coordinating the details and route planning.

Memories made and great times had by all.









Dennis O'Brien





### Ford Heritage Vault launched



Ford WHQ recently launched an entirely new website, fordheritagevault.com , providing a selection of superb historic pics, some never seen before. As you'll see from these examples, the quality is superb. The present selection of pics, mainly 1965 to 2005 models, is expected to expand progressively. The files also include digital copies of original brochures.







The image above is the front cover of an original 1965 Mustang brochure, archived in the Ford Heritage Vault and available for download as a pdf. Image below is a rare pic of a very early Shelby GT350 display at the 1964 World Fair Exhibition.



### The Woodward Dream Cruise ... world's largest car event!



The Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit actually started as a small fundraiser to raise money for a soccer field in Ferndale, Michigan..... in August 1995, a group of volunteers looked to relive and recreate the nostalgic heydays of the 50s and 60s, when youth, music and Motor City steel roamed Woodward Avenue, America's first highway. That year, 250,000 people participated—nearly ten times the number expected. The rest, as they say, is history.

Today, the Woodward Dream Cruise is the world's largest one-day automotive event, drawing 1.5 million people and 40,000 classic cars each year from around the globe—from as far away as New Zealand, Australia, Japan and the former Soviet Union. North American cruisers from California, Georgia, Canada and all points in between caravan to Metro Detroit to participate in what has become, for many, an annual rite of summer, and to celebrate the past, the present and the future of the American auto industry

"Drivin' from Drive-In to Drive-In"

Ted's, Totem Pole and The Varsity, Hollywood, Wigwam and Suzie Q's, and, of course, Big Boy. These old-time driveins and restaurants that dotted Woodward Avenue were the places to see and be seen during an era remembered perhaps most famously by Hollywood in American Graffiti and Happy Days. These locations were the turnarounds, stopping points and social hangouts for the cruisers of the era.

At these locales and others, roller-skating waitresses sporting white bobby socks and serving trays delivered hamburgers and milkshakes to duck-tailed greasers in leather and beauty queens sporting class rings and letter jackets. The real attractions, though, were the cars - hot rods and muscle cars, convertibles and hard tops. Oversized tires and custom-painted flames. These marvels of machinery were cool and hot; street machines that cruised Woodward emanating vintage rock and roll from the AM radio coupled with the rumble of a big block V8.

Today, along a 16 mile route, the Dream Cruise re-lives and celebrates these locations and the atmosphere of those years all the way along Detroit's Woodward Avenue from Pontiac in the northwest to the almost to the town centre of inner Detroit. The route involves 10 separate suburban "cities" (or local authority areas), and no less than 27 separate auto clubs covering every US auto brand (existing and years gone by) are part of the planning.





### Woodward Dream Cruise .... continued

When you read the Woodward website, and probe into the detail about the route map and individual feature events in each of the 10 "cities", the scale of the event is almost overwhelming. There's numerous shows and parades, a "lights and sirens" cruise, an emergency vehicle show, a Kids Car Show, the Story land of Floats, numerous rock and entertainment shows, Mustang Alley, a Performance Classic Car Show, the Pontiac Classic Show (in Pontiac City!), the Ford Bronco Show, the Dream Cruise Social, and more!

Two quick conclusions from all of this .... Firstly, maybe a CMOC trip opportunity (hehe)! .... Secondly, does all this spark a wild idea of a very much downscale version as a "Hagley Park Dream Cruise" that we take the planning lead for the city of Christchurch, and associated charities? Just thinking .... !



Editor's additional note: For me, this story on Woodward Ave, Detroit also connected with my all time favorite rock song, "Telegraph Road" by Dire Straits, an absolute classic. If you don't know that song, go and find it. Mark Knoffler's superb composition (especially the live concert Alchemy version), tells the history and story of Detroit. Telegraph Road itself is just a few miles west of Woodward, and is the other major thoroughfare north from central Detroit, through "automotive alley"



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# CMOC's coming events .... pencil your diaries now!

Saturday August 20	Mustang park up, Navel Point ramp, Lyttelton	12 till 2pm, watch the jet ski racing. Harley Da- vidson display, coffee and food stalls. Rob Don- aldson organising.
Sunday August 21	Daffodil Day Run, organised by Vintage Car Club. Fund raising event for Cancer So- ciety	VCC annual event. Starts from four separate locations, all converging on VCC grounds, Macleans Island Road. Rick Paulsen organis- ing, assisted by Mark Hanson and Neville Hy- land. Check emails for more details
Sunday Sept 4	Amberley Rock n Wheels, Amberley A&P grounds	Organised run for CMOC members, departing Papanui Club at 9. This will enable a coordinat- ed entry to the Amberley Domain, for a CMOC group park up, ahead of later arrivals from Kustoms breakfast. A great event, food stalls, coffee, merchandise stands, and a good rock band . Garry Jackson organising.
Tues September 13	CMOC Social night Racecourse Hotel	6.30 - 9.00pm. Another great gathering hosted by organisers Mark Hanson and Garry Pascoe
Saturday September 25	Motukarara Race Day & BBQ	Depart Airforce Museum car park, Wigram, for a run over the hills and round the bays to Motukarara for a CMOC provided BBQ and the races. Ray Eade organising. More details by email
Tuesday October 11	CMOC Social Night	
Fri Oct 21 to Mon October 24	National Mustang Conven- tion, New Plymouth	Hosted by Taranaki Mustang Owners Club. Registrations have now closed (fully sub- scribed), and a large party of CMOC members are attending.
Tuesday November 8	CMOC Social Night	
Sat Nov 12/Sunday Nov 13	All American Weekend, Tim- aru	
Sunday November 20	Selwyn Motorfest, Rolleston	
Sat December 3	CMOC Christmas Lunch, Heritage Hotel, Hanmer Springs	
Sunday January 8	CMOC New Year Picnic	Glentunnel Domain, our usual favourite loca- tion!
Sunday January 21	Cromwell Car Show	
Sat Feb 4 / Sunday Feb 5	Skope Classic, Ruapuna	
Sunday February 19	Canty All Ford Day	CMOC 's big organising and fund raising event!
First Sunday, every month	Kustom Car Club, McLeans Island Road	Great social occasion. Always many CMOC members present. Enjoy! Breakfast available at nominal charge

Check emails and CMOC website for more details on these events as planning progresses.

### Shhhhhh .... Did you know? .... Mustang Mach E in CMOC!

Apologies for the headline, but that's almost the tone that was felt when some of us first heard news in June .... proud CMOC members Robert and Gina Beer had just landed their private import Mustang Mach E from the UK, the very first Mach E in New Zealand! And at that time there was no expectation that Mustang Mach E would be imported and marketed by Ford NZ, certainly not in the short or medium term future.

As is very much the case these days, things happen quickly, and we're all now aware that not only is Mustang Mach E now coming to NZ in early 2023, local dealer Team Hutchinson Ford is already advertising that t's coming, building interest and taking long lead orders!

Just over two years ago, the February 2020 issue of Burble contained a preview story about the Mustang Mach E, its importance to Ford Motor Company's future, and the internal Ford process that resulted in the new Ford E-SUV getting the Mustang name. If you've still got your copy, it's worth a re-read (otherwise you can find the issue in pdf form in the BURBLE drop down file on *canterburymustang.org.nz*).

Fast forward to August 2022, and Burble can give you the personal thoughts and driving experience of Robert and Gina and their new stablemate in their Mustang garage!

Through a family connection, they had had dealings with local dealer EV City for some time, including ownership of two smaller hybrids for local journeys, in tandem with their environmental interests (although they are also very much Mustang and performance fans, demonstrated by their latest RTR, their second RHD Mustang). Early this year they became aware that EV City might be importing a Mustang Mach E from the UK, and they expressed an interest.

The Mustang Mach E (and a second?) landed mid year, and EV City put it on display alongside a Tesla Model Y (it had arrived in the same shipment) for a special customer evening. Interestingly, there was a lot more interest and enquiry on the Mustang Mach E than the Tesla. Gina and Robert proceeded to confirm their purchase after driving both vehicles, taking delivery late June.

The proud new owners take over the story, with their comments: "The Mach E looks really nice, inside and out .... in particular we love the big info screen .... it drives very well, same performance as our V8 RTR, but without the Mustang's sporty feel .... overall it's very different, and better, than the Tesla, with a lot more style ... love the special white colour, the distinctive roof line, the sporty seats, and the Mustang pony logos throughout the car ... handling wise, it's more responsive than any other SUV .... very comfortable to drive, great overtaking performance .... and it sure attracts attention!

And as you can see from the pics, the Mach E looks great alongside the RTR, with well thought out personalised plates. Thanks Robert and Gina, you've set a new benchmark across the NZ Mustang family. Let the discussions (and maybe the debates) begin!













### Two talking points as Mustang Mach E arrives in NZ ......(editor's views)

*Are future Mustang Mach E owners eligible for CMOC membership?* Based on the existing CMOC constitution, yes. The Constitution specifies that ownership of a "Mustang" is a membership requirement, and there is no doubt that from a Ford viewpoint, Mach E is a Mustang, and part of the Mustang family. In the US, Mustang Clubs of America (MCA) don't even specific ownership as a membership requirement ... just an over-riding passion and interest in Mustangs!

*How important is the Mustang Mach E in Ford's future?* (Note, the February 2020 issue of Burble also touched on this point). In the Editor's view, Mustang Mach E sales and profits are vital to the survival of Ford in an increasingly competitive and challenging auto industry, and as an extension of that point, Mach E sales are absolutely critical to the continuation of the core Mustang brand, and all the support and recognition that Ford gives to the legend and legacy that Mustang represents, all the way back to 1964. In simple terms, consider the annual volumes today. Total Mustang (traditional) sales struggle to break 50000 (US) .... Mach E sales are now around 250000, and production expansion plans are in place to increase this to 600000. As Ford expands its Mach E sales, our classic Mustang legend and support is more and more protected.

### Warm welcome to our new members!

Michael (Mike) Tutbury	2016 Yellow 5.0 GT and 2007 Orange 427R Roush
Craig Parkinson	2017 White Mustang GT Fastback
Lance and Lesley Board	2005 Red Saleen
Clinton and Kate Williams	1968 Meadowlark Yellow Shelby GT350 Cobra 302 4V
Shane and Denise Hurrell	2018 Black Mustang
Evan Hannah and Naomi Hannah-Brown	2018 Red Mustang 5.0 fastback
Gerald and Christine Curtis	1965 White Mustang 5.0 Fastback and 1996 White Mustang Cobra SVT (NZ new)
Robert and Karen Bright	2008 Red and Black GT Convertible
Paul and Helene Youngman	1969 Mandarin Red Fastback
Justin and Mandie Ashwell	2018 Green/Black GT
Karen and Jason McGrath	2017 Blue GT
Joe and Debra Inwood	2007 White Shelby
Shane and Neil Blackburn	2022 Antimatter Blue GT
Tessa Ryder	2018 Graphite Mustang
Lynne Fitzgibbon-Dykhoff & John Dykhof	2018 Fury Orange Convertible
Troy Mathie and Kathryn Palliser	2021 Blue GT
Gary and Jo Willis	2019 Ingot Silver Mustang
Robin Alsop	2012 Red Mustang
Dave Ramshaw	2018 White GT Fastback
Dan and Chris Visser	2018 Grey GT
Debbie Currey	2022 Blue Mustang
Fleur Bakker	2016 Lightning Blue Convertible
John and Lynda Hague	1972 Bright Lime Convertible 351 Auto and
	2022 Race Red RTR 5.0A
Nigel Hudson and Fiona Sidwell	2007 Black GT Shelby 4.6 Auto
Linda and Matt Atkinson	2016 Yellow & Black Fastback

It's really great having you all as members of CMOC, and we look forward to seeing and meeting you at as many events as possible in future months



#### Postscript: Mustang Mach E engineers are true Mustang fans!

This issue of Burble carries a beautiful '65 Convertible on the cover (and the associated feature story). As Editor, I therefore thought it would be appropriate to close this issue with an item of interest at the other end of Mustang's timescale (hehe) ......

Further to our story on the Mustang Mach E owned by local CMOC members, here's evidence that the Mach E development engineers are true blue blooded Mustangers. Almost hidden in the underbody, the Mach E electric power plant carries a machined message .... "electric ponies live here". How cool is that?!



#### **Editor's Thanks**

Thanks to Club Captain Dennis O'Brien for his contributions to this Burble Club, and to Gina and Robert Beer for sharing their Mustang Mach E with us. Thanks also our advertisers, and to all of you as our readers. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the read as much as I have enjoyed pulling it all together. Any comments, let me know at cmocmageditor@gmail.com, or 0274855335. Looking forward to the next issue, cover date December

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