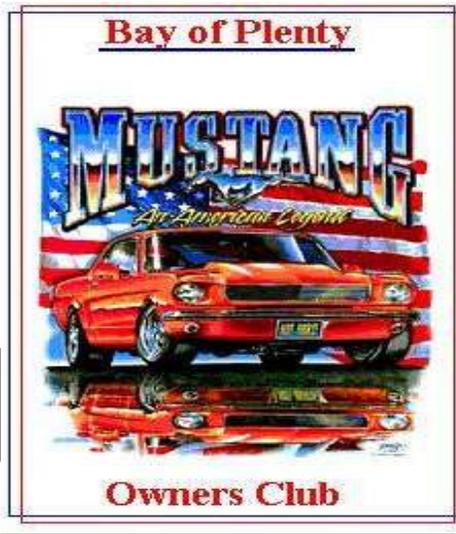


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## THE BAY OF PLENTY MUSTANG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone – and especially our newest members – Dean Buckingham & Annabel Jeffery from Taupo. They bring a White 1965 Fastback – 289 C4 to the club.

First of all a big thank you to all those who turned up for the **All USA Day**. What a cracker of a day. Great turnout of cars – 209. It looked amazing. Great turn out of members. Foot traffic may have been down a bit this year but we received very favourable comments from many who attended. The BBQ under the trees afterwards went really well – so well done to all involved. We already have a list of improvements for next year but any new ideas would be welcomed.

### **Toy Run**

Excellent run (approx. 100 cars) with about 9 BOP Mustang Club members included.

### **Pukekohe – Thunder in the Park**

6 cars from Tauranga and 1 from Rotorua met at the BP Bombay and proceeded to Puke for an entertaining day. Dale Mathers ran the Boss in the Muscle Cars, V8 Utes were everywhere along with Porches, Pre 65's etc.

Good day out was had by all. A big thank you to Kelvin for bringing along the BBQ for the luncheon. Awesome

Kelvin enjoying the BBQ luncheon



Marie enjoying a day out while convalescing after surgery

We have received an invitation from the Auckland Club to join them for a couple of events. Please advise Kelvin as soon as possible if you are interested in any of these events.

All Mustang members have been invited to experience the thrill of driving on NZ's most famous race track, Pukekohe Park.

Date is Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

All vehicles must be registered; have a current WOF and the driver must have a helmet. Numbers are limited, they will be allocated on a first in, first served basis and money up front is required to secure your entry.

Cost is: \$100.00 per driver per car OR \$160.00 for two drivers per one car.

Sorry no race cars or drift cars. Conditions do apply. Safety will be paramount.

There will be 20 cars on the track at one time, starting at 2 second intervals. We envisage 7 x 10 track minutes (7 laps) throughout the day.

This is not a race; you will be only competing against yourself. The 20 cars on the track will be of a similar speed as yours.

Entries form attached. This event is limited to 40 Mustangs.

#### 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mustang.

As there has been no event planned regionally or nationally for this important date, Auckland Mustang Club have committed ourselves to running an overnight event to celebrate this occasion. At this point we do not have anything set in concrete however we are currently soliciting ideas from our members so we can get something underway.

The date in mind is the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> April (yes, I know that this clashes with V8 SuperCars in Hamilton - but not everyone will be at that meeting). As the first Mustang went on sale on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1964, we thought that this weekend would be the most appropriate. Easter is the weekend before and we have our All Ford Day on the weekend before that (5<sup>th</sup> April).

One example of what we would envisage organizing is:

Weekend Celebration in Taupo: It would take shape something like this:

Saturday morning - AMOC meets at BP Bombay to drive to Matamata

At Matamata we would meet up with Hamilton and BOP members (at Matamata Panel Works?) and continue to Rotorua.

- At Rotorua (lake front?), we would meet up with any other BOP members and continue through to Taupo
- At Taupo we would stay somewhere such as Wairakei Resort (the rack rate for double rooms there is \$157 and I am sure we could do better than that). Wairakei has plenty of on site entertainment, such as bars, restaurants, golf, pools, tennis, squash. Importantly they can also cater for a large group.
- Probably have dinner as a group at Wairakei Resort or any other restaurant in Taupo.
- On the Sunday morning, I would like to see us doing something to celebrate the 45th anniversary, so maybe getting permission to park in a CBD street, or going somewhere for a gymkhana, or doing some laps at the Taupo race track, or anything else that anyone can come up with and that is feasible.
- Sunday afternoon, we head back home, reversing the way we came down, so that we are dropping off the people we met up with on the way down.
- Maybe each club could do something special to interpret the 45th anniversary over that weekend or at the Saturday night dinner.

AMOC are happy to do the bulk of the organization but any assistance would be gratefully received. Some assistance would be needed for access to the Taupo race track; you may have a club member who could pull some strings here!!!! In terms of costs, everyone would need to contribute \$\$\$\$ however each club could make a contribution to the cost of hiring the race track as an example. Again this is brainstorming a whole bunch of ideas to get something going.

I would appreciate yr feedback at the earliest on this event even if it may not suit yr particular club and that you will be doing own thing.

Kind Regards

Ken Smith, President

Auckland Mustang Owners Club.

#### **NON CLUB EVENTS**

**Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

Kumeu Classic Car & Hot Rod Drag Meeting @ Taupo  
Mt Maunganui Burger Fuel Run. Bayfair Carpark 6.30pm