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Auckland Corvette
Club Run

Hi everyone, and what a busy month it has been. All USA Day seemed to creep up very fast after convention. The day was a huge success with over 200 cars. A big thankyou to Dave, Julie and the committee for all their organisation as it is a huge undertaking. A substantial number of club members were also there to lend a hand and help make the day run smoothly. Big thankyou to all. Christmas is just around the corner and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Our last run of the year is the poker run on the 8th so I hope to see you there.

Talk again in 2014.

Jolene

Auckland Corvette Club Run

Our Saturday morning run started with us meeting at Bethlehem shopping centre and was quite an impressive turnout of cars. Mustangs, corvettes and a Cadillac. After our debrief we headed towards Matamata with Gary and Bev leading. At Matamata we regrouped and headed towards our next destination a private viewing at John Walsh's property. Gary led us through Walton district roads familiar to him from his teenage years, his experienced driving cleared the way of a ride on mower man and several cyclists. John Walsh gave a very informative introduction about the history of his tractors and provided us with a lovely morning tea spread. Our next destination was Wairere Falls for a picnic lunch and a walk to the falls was available to those who felt like a trek. We would like to thank Jack for a well organised run an enjoyable fun day with the corvette club.





ALL USA DAY

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Fine and hot the week leading up to the day, what are the chances of it being fine on the day? Well we were lucky, the perfect day for the 11th year that we have organised the show. The members turned out in force (35 members cars) at 7am to arrange the site ready for the onslaught of cars to arrive from 8am. The girls on the gate in grid girl outfits from convention looked great and were in hot demand for photos with many of the cars as they entered. We had approx. 230 vehicles enter for the day and the total number of people throughout the day at the show

was around 1750. With the perfect weather the food and drinks stalls all did great business. The many trade stands who keep coming back each year also said they were very pleased with the enquiries and sales from their stands. The team parking all the cars did a great job to ensure all vehicles could be seen and yet kept safe behind the tapes from all the kids with sticky fingers.

The judges had a mammoth task inspecting all vehicles that were entered in one of the 11 categories, many of the members assisting in this were doing so for the first time and learning from our more experienced members.

I take my hat off to the gate keepers who had to share the work load over 4 hours at 3 entrances to ensure the club does make money from its only fund raising event and also allow us to make a generous donation to a worthy BOP charity each year.

We had so many members who quietly went about their chores behind the scenes to ensure everything was ticking over nicely, without these people the day wouldn't be as pleasurable for all those who do attend.

We had a large number of clubs present from Auckland, Hamilton, and the Bay of Plenty. Many make this an annual event and have reassured us they will be back again next year.

At the end of judging we had a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category, a sponsors choice and a people's choice to present trophies and prize bags to.

With all the press coverage before the event this ensured we had many there to take photos on the day and we will receive on going coverage in many magazines over the coming months.

The highlight of the day for me was the presence of 2 families from the BOP Child Cancer Association, these 2 young boys were given the chance to pick their favourite from all the vehicles on display and have professional photographs taken in the vehicle which will be framed and given to the boys. I have had correspondence with both families since the day and both said it had been a special day for the boys and wish to thank the club for allowing this to happen.

At 2pm we had the prize giving and there were 35 people who were very pleased with either a trophy or certificate to go with their prize bag, many people commented on the professionalism of the event, the quality of trophies and gift bags. This is all only possible due to our great support from our sponsors and also the help from the club members to plan and run the event. My thanks go to all those who helped make this day the success it was.

To thank all those who helped we had a BBQ and a few drinks to recap on the day and think about what we can do to ensure that next year's show is also a success.

Dave Flett

Who needs a car when you have man power





When	What	Who/When
4th December	Xmas Toy Run	Baypark @ 6pm
8th December	Te Puke Run	Ford Muscle Car Club
5th January 2014	Eastern Bay Of Plenty Classic CAR Breakfast.	Red Barn Bakery & Café
18-19th January	Kumeu Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival	Kumeu Showgrounds Auckland
25-27 January 2014	KeriKeri	Paul and Gillian

Whats on

Eastern Bay Of Plenty Classic CAR Breakfast. Red Barn Bakery & Café

237 Thornton Road RD4 Whakatane

Come along to a EBOP classic car breakfast

From 8.00am to 10.30am Sunday 05th January

American cars, Australian cars, European & British Cars welcome But sorry NO JAPPAS!!

25,26 & 27 January is the dates for the overnighter this year, Anniversary Weekend. Two nights have been booked at a hotel in Keri Keri. The hotel is \$125 per night. There are only 12 rooms and 6 have already gone. If you are interested in attending please contact Paul and Gillian on paulandgillianstops@gmail.com.

Website Update

nzmustang.com - is a portal for people to check out our club and keep up to date on what we do and the cars we have. We would love to update this with any cars from new and old members that are not already listed. If you would like your car added please send a pharagraph to bopmustangclub@gmail.com with the year, make, model and specific info with a photo attached and I will get it uploaded for you.

Just for a laugh

Windows vs Ford

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated,

"If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue.mFor some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask,"Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!
Please share this with your friends who love - but sometimes hate - their computer!

