



# December 2014 Newsletter

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## Coming up

### Seasons Greetings

Hi all, the silly season has begun and the count down to Christmas is well underway. I hope you have all been good so santa will visit this year!

Speaking of which, our silly season 'cattle drive' is fast approaching. I hope you have all found your cow girl/ boy 'duds' to join us on the 14th Dec. We are meeting at the old Dairy Factory in Te Puke at 12noon for a 'showdown'. (make sure you have a bite to eat before meeting) Instructions will be given before you saddle your pony and 'burn the breeze' completing a 'wild west gallop' with stick-em-up challenges along the way. Remember, when in doubt, let your pony do the thinking! You will need to follow instructions and fill in answers along the way so a 'partner in the saddle' will be useful. The 'round-up' will be back at Debbie and Murray Nelmes ranch for a rodeo. Mid-afternoon 'grub' will be served up along with a quiet 'budge' which is all supplied. Santa has been ordered for our 'shindig', please bring a \$5 present if you would like to join in. Please telegraph your RSVP by the 8th Dec, we hope to see you 'yellowbellies' there ready to 'talk the bark off the tree'.

### THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU

All USA Day was a huge success and ran really smoothly, this wouldn't have been possible without the huge turn out of club members that came along to enjoy the day and help us in our once a year event. The amount of public through the gate was a little down on last year but that was to be expected with the weather, not knowing what it was going to do, Thanks goodness it held out and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a record turnout of over 50 mustangs which was an awesome way to celebrate 50yrs. The BBQ topped off a nice day and we raised \$3000 after expenses. This is an email received to thank us for the event.

*Good evening,*

*After arriving back in Auckland (and cleaning the Pony to put back in the stable), Phillip and I just wanted to drop you a quick e-mail to say thank you for organising such a great event in Tauranga today. We had a fantastic weekend (despite Saturday's weather). We will certainly be back next year, and look forward to seeing you all then. Kind regards, Candice Corboy. (REX RD)*

### Stranded Sunday with Phoenix Bar

On a fine but very windy day late October day 14 club cars meet in the Tauranga Library carpark before lining up and being parked on the Strand. Phoenix Bar definitely looked after our members by having a designated VIP area for us to congregate, this was full of refreshments on arrival and they kept coming. Lunch was supplied at 12.30, yummy sammies and sausage rolls. There were other 'nice' cars to view before the afternoon wrapped up at 2pm.

Merry Christmas to all  
I hope to see you at our  
Christmas function

Regards Jolene



## New Members

Raymond & Ayleen Sellars; 1964 1/2 Hard Top Coupe ( RED )

Lance & Mary Knudsen; 2013 GT Premium, Race Red

Tom Palmer & Karen Windsor

Russell & Pablita Wade; 1999 GT Convertible Black

Miles Olsen; 1964 and a half Notchback/Red

**Welcome, Hope to see you on our next run**



# All USA Day 2014

## All USA Day

The committee had been planning this for some time so we were confident we were going to have a successful event as long as we got a fine day. Luckily after Saturday, the morning weather looked good and we attempted to set off. Unfortunately the convertible would not start so we had to unpack it and leave it behind. At the venue a lot of club members were already setting up with many hands making it light work and things just clicked. Trade displays were down on last year but we did have a good show of race cars but the highlight for me was putting the Club Mustangs in years, it was an awesome display with the 50th Anniversary banners at each end (thanks Glen & Brenda for organizing them). I counted 83 Mustangs, 50 of those were club cars. A great effort, thanks to all that came. Cars rolled in from 8.30am onwards. It was great to catch up with car owners who had come to previous events. We did have about 200 cars through the gate, which was up on last year, however we were down on the public. Prize giving went off without a hitch and everyone who we spoke to was very happy with the day and how well it was organized. At the end of the day we all had a couple of drinks and a Bar-B-Q and that is the best time of the day. It was great to have everyone's help on the gates and judging and awesome to meet new members and see new club cars. A big thank you to all our sponsors especially Extreme Automotive Parts and Swann Insurance. Thank you so much. Debra & Graham





# 35th National Mustang Convention 2014

This year saw 7 cars and 16 members head to Christchurch for the 35th National Mustang convention over Labour Weekend.

As this year was also the 50th anniversary of Mustangs the convention format was a little different from previous and included a Ford NZ hosted function on the Friday night and an extra day of activities on the Monday for those that wished to stay on and attend a track day at Ruapuna Raceway. The Ford function on the Friday was organized by Ford NZ and included the CEO of Ford South East Asia (who flew in from China), The CEO of Ford New Zealand and Managing Directors and head salesmen from 30 of the 32 NZ Ford dealerships. Also invited were the Presidents (or their rep) and Life Members of the 7 NZ Mustang Owners Clubs. For the event Ford NZ and the organizing committee had selected and invited the owners of 10 cars representing the decades and evolution of Mustang from 1964 to the present day to display their cars at the function which was held in the Wigram Air Force Museum. Each car was initially covered and then progressively unveiled and introduced with a commentary about each of them by Mark Sainsbury who was MC for the night. At the end of this was the eleventh car; the first official unveiling in NZ of a 2015 Mustang. While this was taking place everyone else was at the convention reception and briefing at the convention hotel.



Saturday was show day which was held at the Turners Car Auction show room. There were over 230 cars on display, laid out by year for the public to view which meant all club cars were spread out. This is believed to be the largest Mustang only show ever seen in NZ. The Turners site was a great venue which managed to accommodate all cars, including



the 2015 Mustang, with plenty of natural light which made viewing them real easy. That night there was a finger food dinner with guest speakers Paul Fahy, Leo Leonard and Ray Stone who spoke of their racing days in various Mustangs and other Fords – very entertaining. The theme for the night was 60's; it was a pity that more clubs and individuals didn't dress to theme, BOP sure stood out!



Sunday was the usual cruise day followed by the prize giving that night. The drive (in fine weather) took a scenic route to Rangiora (via the Waimakariri Gorge and Oxford) where a fabulous home cooked country lunch was provided before the interclub 'Push & Grunt' competition. This involving a car push for the guys and a frozen T Shirt race for the girls. Some tactical initiatives ensured BOP did not win the Push & Grunt trophy! Dinner that night was at the Wigram Air Force Museum with a dress theme of Black & Gold, Glitz & Glamour – again BOP stood out in their Rent-a-Racer costumes, no one could say that they couldn't find the BOP club members. Of the 7 BOP cars, 4 were entered for judging and of them, 3 were awarded prizes



Monday was track day and unfortunately it also turned out to be a very wet day. About half the contingent had to head home due to various work or family commitments and in the end of the three cars remaining, Gary and Bev were the only ones who braved the conditions for a few wet laps – great fun they reckoned. That night was an informal evening for those still there with the usual speeches and farewells before the remainder started their trip home by various routes.

Overall a meticulously planned and well run convention befitting the 50th anniversary. Everyone who attended appeared to enjoy the weekend.

Regards Grant Robb



## Whats on

When	What	Who/When
5th Dec	Bay Rodders Toy Run	BayPark 6pm, Bring a toy to donate
14th Dec	Poker Run	Te Puke Dairy Factory @ 12noon
1st Jan	New Years Day Run	Whangamata - Leaving time TBC
4th Jan	Eastern BOP Classic Car Breakfast	Red Barn Bakery & Cafe 8am-10am
11th Jan	New Members Run	Stoney Point Res-meet @ "The Lakes" at 10am
18th Jan	Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club	Rotorua Village Green 10-4pm
24-26th Jan	Overnight Run 'Fun Fun Fun'	Details TBC - Paul & Gillian Run to Napier
15th Feb	Run to Hamilton Classic Museum	TBC - Debra & Geoff
14-15th Feb	Coromandel Gold Rush & Gum-diggers Charity Cruise	Register Now - Details below
13-15th Feb	Raglan classic Car & Rock n Roll Festival	Registrations being taken now please check their website as numbers are limited
26-29th Feb	Americana - BACK ON!	New Plymouth
15th Mar	Run to Bombays - View private car collection and gardens	TBA - Glen
25-29th Mar	Beach Hop	Some passes still available Club Run to be confirmed

### Club Overnight Run to Napier

We have booked 12 rooms at the shoreline motel arriving Saturday 24th and out Monday 26th January. Rooms are \$140.00 per night with 1 room \$130.00 as its not sea facing . We need to confirm these by 16th December we may be able to get more if more couples would like to join us . more details of trip soon, as always will try to make it a fun weekend with like minded people . we will have our usual mini golf tournament. We always have a great time so please come and join us ,  
Email or phone Paul Stops 549 1641, buildingspecifics@xtra.co.nz, 0275894024.

### Raglan classic Car & Rock n Roll Festival

Registrations being taken now as numbers are limited. It is meant to be a great event but books out fast. Also book accommodation now as it is limited.  
Check out their website [www.ragclassiccars.co.nz](http://www.ragclassiccars.co.nz)

### Rotorua Vintage and Veteran Car Club

They are holding a car show in conjunction with the craft markets. Free entry with money raised from the public going to St Johns. Event is held between 10am-4pm, bring a picnic or stroll to local eatery.

### Coromandel Gold Rush & Gum-diggers Charity Cruise

Starting in Thames, there will be activities organised in Tairua, Whitianga, and Coromandel, then back to Thames for prize-giving diner and closing ceremony.  
This will be a 2 day event, so entrants will need to make accommodation plans now, before the summer rush starts descending on these resort areas.  
Each town will have something different, but the format will be the same.  
The event will be an open class event, including hotrods.  
Registration will be \$50.00 per entry, which includes the driver and passengers.  
Registration is now open and will close on the 15th December 2014.



### Parts for sale

For 65 or 66 including bonnet, wheels, almost new front seats, rocker covers, door trims.  
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## Just for Fun

I have just been made aware that the new 2015 Shelby GT350 will not be available RHD. It seems the Ford are more focused on profit than enthusiasts with this new 'world car'.

Here's a few of many new posts on the internet about it.

<http://www.topgear.com/uk/car-news/shelby-gt350-mustang-revealed-2014-11-17>

<http://www.roadandtrack.com/go/future-cars/future-car-news/there-will-be-no-shelby-gt350-mustang-convertible>

<http://www.rushlane.com/ford-shelby-gt350-mustang-12136888.html>

No convertible either, but no great loss there. Seems this contradicts what a particular lower North island Ford dealer thinks....