



November 2012

Hi Everyone

It has been great to see some sunny days. We had a fantastic time at the Wellington Convention run by the Manawatu club. They had put a lot of hard work in and it paid off. There is a report below written by Grant. Some club members displayed their cars last weekend at Wheels on Mainstreet. It was a beautiful sunny Saturday and the event was very successful and is going to be an annual event.

Extreme Automotive All USA Day

We had a committee meeting Thursday night to finalise things for the All USA Day, 18 November 2012. The gates will be opening at 7am for club cars to park. We will not be holding any parks this year as it was a bit of a disaster last year as some of the cars places were held for didn't arrive and filling in the parks later was quite difficult. We NEED members to arrive at this time. Display cars start arriving about 7.30am and we have several jobs that need to be done before then. The gazebo and banners need to go up, the gates need to be sorted and the stands and tape to rope the cars off needs to be sorted. These jobs need to be done before our cars are cleaned, there will be time for this. If you get asked to lend a hand please help.

We would love to get a timetable done for the gates, they are only open for 4 hours that is 12 people only for the time they are open. We would like people to put their name down for 1 hour; you will be with a member who has done this job before. Please contact Vicki on grantr@iso.co.nz or phone 544 5469.

We also need at least 6 judges for the day. If you would like to volunteer please contact me on bopmustangclub@gmail.co.nz or phone 575 2448.

Many hands really do make light work!!! If we can organise these jobs before the day it will be easier to run. This is our only fundraiser and it is how we can keep our fees so low. We currently have 75 families as members so if we get a good turnout this will be a fantastic day. Afterwards there is a BBQ and drinks, supplied by the club, for the workers on the day. It is a lovely way to end the day.

Nov 12	17 th Corvette Run & Dinner – see below 18 th Extreme All USA Day	ACC/Grant Grant/Committee
Dec 12	9 th Pre Xmas run (Gordonton/Candyland?)	Paul/Duncan

CORVETTE RUN IN TAURANGA - 17 November 2012

Saturday morning 0930hrs meet in the car park Bethlehem Shopping Centre
1000hrs - on road - quiz questions on to morning tea (morning tea supplied).
1130hrs - on road to lunch destination - more questions.
1200hrs - Lunch destination - quick fire round of questions
1400hrs - Another road another destination

Finishing around 1500hrs.

The options are to have take-away type food or there is a buffet in the concourse
\$20 for a three course meal. Seating will be in front of the corporate box area.

Numbers needed for the run on Saturday and the stockcars on Saturday night by 12 November, please e-mail Grant on on grantr@iso.co.nz or phone 544 5469.

2012 National Mustang Convention in Wellington

With a corral of 14 cars registered this year the long run to Wellington was eagerly anticipated. However all the work of preparing the cars during the preceding weeks was quickly undone as the trip south was undertaken in some pretty heavy rain. It started spitting as we left Tauranga and became heavy at Rotorua. Electrical problems with Duncan & Lisa's car meant a delay so most pushed on while a few stayed back to make sure everything got sorted.



With SH1 closed around Taupo to recover a truck that went for a swim in Lake Taupo, the western axis was the only route south. While at Rotorua a few phone calls started coming in as many had missed the turn off at Atiamuri and didn't realise something was wrong until arriving at Taupo. With the road closed that meant a few extra K's to go the long way round to get to Turangi.

Having left Tauranga at 9 it was after 1 before the last of us finally departed Rotorua. It was time to let a few horses loose and luckily no "Boys in Blue" were encountered until passing through Taihape. However we may not have been so lucky coming into Wellington where a few photographers in vans were scattered along the motorway so we will be checking the post for the next few days. Good time was made and we weren't too far behind the main group when we finally arrived in the Windy (and wet) Capital. After checking in it was time for a few "quieties" and a small presentation to Duncan & Lisa.



The next day (Friday) was clean-up day. All that could be done in the morning was shampoo the cars since it didn't stop raining until after lunch. So it was a busy afternoon as everyone made the most of some long overdue fine weather. That evening was registration and BOP made quite an impact dressed in club shirts – a number of complements were passed on.

Luckily Friday night remained rain free however the next morning we needed to clear the frost off the cars in time for the 6:30am move to the show arena. Getting all the cars into the arena proved quite a logistical problem for the Manawatu club however it was very well organised even though the last of the cars didn't get in until 9:30 which only left 30 minutes for final polishing before the public was let in.



Thankfully the exit was quicker and there was quite a crowd outside watching all the cars come out and down the ramp – too much of a temptation for one individual who managed to lose quite a bit of rubber on the way out (I don't think he realised his wife's screams were not exactly ones of encouragement!) After a long day most of us went to a local Thai restaurant where the owner was happy to see all but I think a little worried when he saw all the bottles of wine and boxes of beer being carried in. Needless to say it was a very enjoyable and entertaining meal.



Next day (Sunday) was the cruise day which saw us heading out to Southwards car museum. A nice drive and everyone had time for a good look around before the "Push n Grunt" competition. Some tactical plays by our team ensured we did not win but also didn't come last in case they decided to award the trophy to the losing club. Gus and Brian put in a big effort to assist Southern who were short numbers which also helped ensure we sat in the middle of the clubs – well done guys.



Sunday night was the big night. The BOP costumes were a big hit with all attendees – though some looked a little too comfortable with the gender swap – eh Brian? And, while all that happens on tour stays on tour, I can report that Jeff's striptease on stage certainly went down a treat with the ladies! Prize giving got underway fairly quickly and BOP did very well picking up 10 awards for the 14 cars – well done everyone. It was a fantastic night, everyone there added to the occasion and no one can say that the Bay members didn't enjoy themselves.



The next morning was pack up before the traditional departure breakfast. Tales from the previous night started coming to light - a few of which will be best forgotten! Final speeches were made and to top everything off BOP was awarded the Top Gun Trophy as best participating club. An awesome effort by a fantastic team representing the Bay, everyone had a great time and enjoyed each other's company during what was a well organised Convention Weekend hosted by the Manawatu Mustang Owners Club.

