

31st National Mustang Convention 2010 hosted by Auckland MOC

The Tauranga cars (x6) assembled at Bethlehem after a slightly rocky start with one car (Vicki's) deciding it didn't want to leave the Bay of Plenty and parked itself in the middle of the main Bethlehem traffic island on a busy Friday morning! With help from Gus and Darin Hills (who came to see us off) it was soon alive again and we were all ready to roll.

We picked up the Katikati cars (x2) at Waihi, had lunch at Paeroa then it was off to Auckland where the Rotorua cars (x2) arrived shortly after to join us at the Hotel. The rest of the day was spent cleaning and enjoying a few wet ones before the first "Sheriffs session" and the welcome function and convention brief.



A very early Start on Saturday saw us first in the Telstra Events Centre which gave us plenty of time for the final wipe down and to set up the club display – time well spent as we were awarded the Best Club Display trophy – well done everyone especially to Craig, Dianne, Gillian, Paul, Wendy and Gus who did most of the display preparation. All cars looked great and our Route 66 highway in front of the cars went down a treat with other clubs and the public.



There was a shortage of judges due to Canterbury not having any cars so BOP stepped up to fill the gap – well done team; it was definitely appreciated by AMOC. Saturday night was fairly quiet with everyone staying local and saw the sheriff accumulating more fines for the day's misdemeanours!

Sunday was the run day which started with a police escort through the Manukau lights onto the motorway and a cruise over the Bombays then back along the Pacific Coast Highway to Te Puru Park for the Push & Grunt competition and lunch. The Push & Grunt was a wheel change stand and, well - we participated - so well done guys. After lunch there were optional stops at either Ardmore airfield or the Botanic gardens. BOP had a group photo then took the chance to visit family and friends or have a bit of quiet time before the big night ahead.



BOP line up and "group hug" at Te Puru

Prize giving saw most clubs with black Route 66 T Shirts in some form (ours looked the best! thanks Debra), the stand out for BOP was the girls looking stunning in their Rock n Roll skirts - well done Wendy McGowan for the great idea and helping make them:



A fantastic night was had by all, plenty of laughs, a lot of dancing and a great atmosphere with all clubs making the most of it. BOP did well at the prize giving receiving 6 awards for 10 cars. Congratulations to Debra & Graham, Rusty & Wendy, Gus & Wendy, Grant, Vicki, and Ross (Wayne), as well as to the whole team for the Best Club Display.





Now who was it that started the throwing of paper darts between clubs?

Hmmm.....

Monday morning saw everyone packing up early before a hearty breakfast, Presidents farewell speeches and the presentation of the Top Gun Trophy which went to..... Bay of Plenty!!!



Congratulation to Auckland MOC who put on a great event and even managed to organise fine weather throughout the whole weekend.

For BOP, even though we were a small contingent we were loud and proud and certainly made our presence known. Well done everyone, great fun, great camaraderie - a great convention.