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Happy New Year Everyone!

We have been having really interesting weather to start the New Year. All seasons in one day sometimes and some really extreme weather.

December Run:

Approximately 8 cars meet at 10am outside the Mount College to begin the run. After detailed instructions were given on how to fill out the cryptic quiz we were off. Well except for Glen whose alarm pad had decided to go flat. He had to wait for his son to get his spare from home and he met us at the Kaiate Falls. It was a beautiful day for a drive and apart from the Blues, Brews and BBQ's sign disappearing, the questions didn't seem to difficult (until it came to marking time!!). We all reassembled at the Kaiate Falls, we would have walked to have a look but we were due at the Althorp Village. After a sedate drive thru the village and waving to the residents, it was so hot some stayed inside and waved from there, we went on a lovely drive up thru Pyes Pa over to Oropi Road and onto Dave and Julie's home. Luckily they had the clubs gazebo up as the temperature had gone thru the roof by then. After we marked the quizzes and discussed the answers, we had a BBQ lunch and tried to stay out of the sun. A big thank you to Dave and Julie for organising the run and opening your lovely home to us all. They have a fantastic view over Tauranga and the Mount.



New Years Bash:

Bit of a wet start to the day but 5 cars met at the racecourse to travel over to Rotorua for our Pirates Bash, Wendy and Gus, Kevin And Anne ,Vicki and Grant ,Brenda and Glen, Rob and Louise and Paul and Gillian ,We won't mention what they turned up in!!! Maybe we will later .Graham and Debra joined us a bit later. We landed at Neil and Janene's house where Duncan and Lisa and Rob and June were already there.

The weather was wet so the plans had to be altered, no playing on the boat at the lake and a picnic ,never mind , we all got our chilly bins out and ate lunch on Neil's deck. We decided to go for a short run to fill in the time before the party, Neil led the way to a lovely lodge on the lakeside where we were made very welcome, we all had a drink and lots of lively banter going on ...Vicki and Paul; having deep discussions as to why woman go to the loo in pairs, thank you Vicki for enlightening us all of course, it is to check for toilet paper!

Back to Neil and Janene's to prepare for the nights events, many hands in kitchen made light work of the scrumptious meal, then we all changed into our costumes. We all looked great, lots of wenches to serve the pirates!!! Straight into the games. Wendy won the pool game, finally getting rid of that pirate Kevin then only the wench Debra left, and she showed no mercy and out went Debra. We all then got our Knickers to pin on and the aim was to hang on to them by not getting caught doing various things during the evening, it was lots of fun. The winners were Brenda and Duncan.

After a lovely meal prepared by the wenches we proceeded to our next game Cannon Ball pop. We all had black balloons tied to one leg, the idea being not to have yours popped. Well this was a bit of a disaster as some people were a bit eager and popped too soon!! June had a fall in all the excitement and put a nasty gash in her head, she needed 6 staples to fix it. Hope you are not too sore June. Next boat races always a favourite with this lot!! Debra, Duncan and Lisa were the winners.

Time for pressies, a couple of sort after gifts went round a few times no one owned up to bringing the Holden Beanie!! Duncan was our sheriff for the night and Gus, seeing as he had lots of pieces of gold paid all our fines, Good on ya Gus, Graham won the draw for the gold coins and the rest of us were rather pleased it was him as we had all seen were they had been hanging all night (the coins were chocolate). Paul and Gillian got the dipstick award "for arriving in a Chevy". Definitely time for Gillian to learn to drive that Mustang and Neil got the Best Presented Car trophy. Kevin was made to walk the plank for cheating in a game and he managed to end up in the fish pond, no surprises there.

Dessert was delicious served up again by the lovely wenches, best costumes went to Debra and Rob Captain Black beard he looked great. This is where I have to hand over for someone to finish off as I had to leave but I believe as we left there was more walking the plank and of course breakfast. It was a slow drive home as the weather was really bad. Lots of rain (horizontal) and wind, also waterfalls on the side of the road. It was a great night with great people and with lots of laughs, thank you to Neil and Janene for letting us invade your home and for the great effort with the decorations.

A Big thank you to the organising committee for the delicious food and great organisation, nothing was forgotten even down to toilet paper.





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RANDOM ACT OF CHRISTMAS STUPIDITY

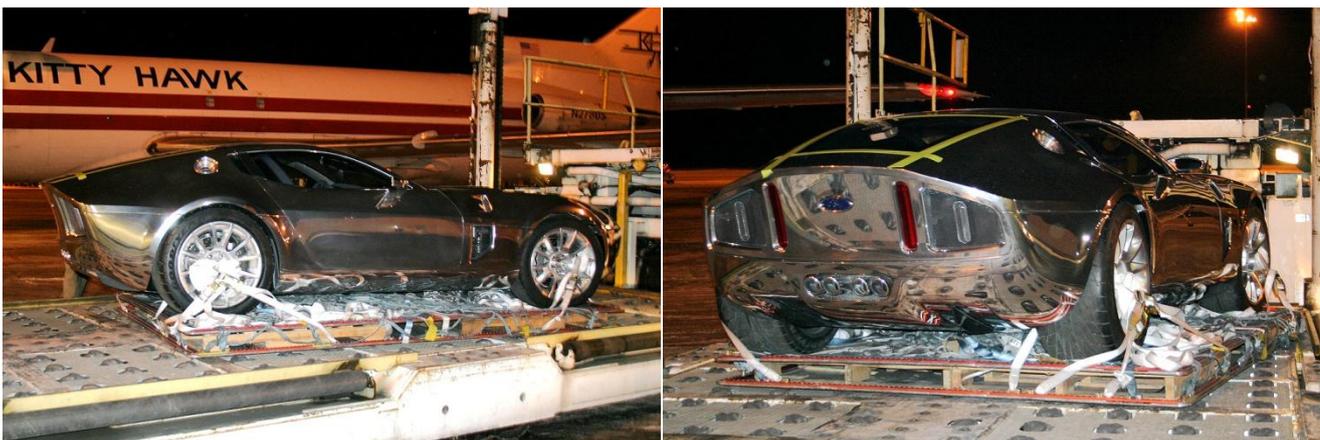
Maggie writes. "We had a fabulous summer road trip around the South Island in a 66 Mustang, a left-hand drive. Late in Nelson, after a few drinks in town, we were pulled over by a policeman. He asked me (in the front passenger seat) if I had been drinking and conducted a breath test. I guess the howls of laughter as he took my licence back to his police car, and the lack of a steering wheel in front of me did not alert him to his error. He asked if the owner was with us and shone his torch on the registration slip – in front of the real driver with his hands on the steering wheel. We managed to keep our composure and thanked the officer when he announced we were free to go".

Up Coming Events:

The date has changed for the April run with the Waikato and Auckland clubs. ANZAC day is Easter Monday this year so they have moved it to the weekend before.

Feb	26/27 th Club overnighter – Location Coromandel	Paul/Gillian
Mar	6 th All Ford Day 20 th Poker run (Rotorua area)	Ford Muscle Car Club Rusty
Apr	17 th ANZAC Run (Raglan)	Waikato MOC
May	15 th AGM (Location TBA)	Committee

New Ford seen being loaded onto a plane, any ideas!! I want one.



That's all from me, any queries please contact me. Check out the NZ Mustang website. Cheers Debra