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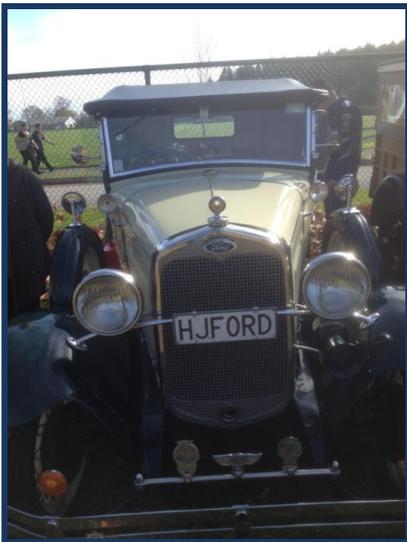
Notes from the committee:

Please make sure you have the 17 November marked on your calendar – all we really need is club members to put a little time in on the day to make everything run smoothly. It is an awesome day finished with a BBQ and a few drinks to unwind. Everything is organised by the Committee and this is our only fund raiser and we need your support!

Planning is well underway for the club members attending Waikato Convention. We currently have 19 cars going and 1 maybe. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> convention for several members so I'm sure they will all have a fantastic time.

# Henry Ford Memorial Day

28<sup>th</sup> July



Twelve cars left The Lakes for the cruise over the hill, but unfortunately not all made it due to mechanical problems. There was a noticeable absence of co-drivers this run, maybe the thought of a cold winter's morning in Hamilton did not appeal even with a hot coffee on offer. As we approached Karapiro there were the usual drifts of fog but this was short lived and Hamilton turned on a great winter's day.

There was a record turnout of 741 cars, many people making a weekend of it by going to the Chiefs/Crusaders rugby semi-finals on Saturday night. With 22,000 attending the game some were sure to take the opportunity to attend both events.

The previous weekend I had attended the CRC speed show in Auckland, and as with the Ford day, numerous

enthusiasts also attended this event. It is clear that petrol head heaven is definitely alive and well in New Zealand. The good thing about these particular gatherings is that there is always a great variety of cars and clubs represented.

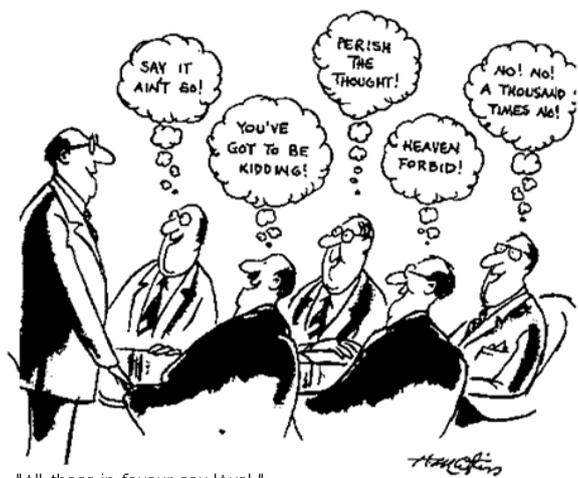
A few of us wandered down to the local McDonalds for a bit of lunch and a natter. After the judging results were announced (unfortunately on this



occasion the BOP Club did not feature), we all made our own way home. Well done to the Waikato Mustang Owners Club for a great day and we all are all looking forward to returning in October for the Mustang convention.



Congratulations to Tony for winning car of the day and John for winning the petrol voucher. Unfortunately Dave returned home with the dip stick award as he failed to find a worthy candidate.



"All those in favour say 'Aye.'"

"Aye."

"Aye."

"Aye."

"Aye."

"Aye."

## Club Questionnaire

The committee would like to thank all those people who took time to reply to the recent club questionnaire. Your comments and suggestions have been taken on board and will help us with the planning of future events.

For new members and to remind existing members, have a look at the [www.nzmustang.com](http://www.nzmustang.com) website as we have our own page on there. We would love to get more club car photos on there. You can either send it in yourself or send it to me and I will send it to them in.

## Mystery Run 25<sup>th</sup> August

The day looked overcast and we thought this would put some people off coming on the run, how wrong we were. We had 22 cars for the run and a number of new members which was great. We all met at Tauranga Racecourse except for Paul and Grant who decided to go half way over the Kaimais before turning around and catching up with us.



We headed off to Oropi Road and the first garage we had arranged to look at was Allan Robinson. Allan has a collection of cars easily described as high end manufacturers horsepower. In his stables he has a GT 40 (for sale), ZR1 Corvette, V10 Dodge Ram pickup, V8 powered off road racer, a selection of bikes and for his everyday drive car is a Audi with a V10 Lamborghini motor detuned with twin turbo. The property is fantastic, beautiful court yards and in front is a swimming pool and tennis courts. The Robinson made us very welcome and supplied coffee, tea and scones.



The next garage was just up the road at one of our club members Bruce MacDiarmid. Bruce has a passion for classic cars, apart from his 66 Mustang and a unique 1971 Mach 1 exported from Asia, he also has a selection of Mercedes and Jaguars which includes an immaculate V10 E type Jag British Racing Green. A great collection and something to be proud of. At this stage we started to get some heavy rain as we set off over the Kaimais to Tirau for lunch. Due to the rain some elected to drop out off the run, however as we got over the Kaimais it started to clear.



We all meet at the Cabbage Tree Cafe, the owner of the cafe Nigel is a petrol head. He is building a 48 Bonus pickup which he hopes to have on the road for next year's Beach Hop. We had a great lunch and a chance to have a chat. John Hepburn won the petrol voucher and Gary Bowman got the Best Presented Car of the Day. After the lunch Nigel asked if we could line up as many cars in front of the cafe, as he would like to take a photo. He then had the picture printed out, framed it and it now hangs on the wall in the cafe cool. A great day and the feed back from members was positive.



15 September 22 September	Full Taupo Motor Sport Track Whakatane Run	Ford Muscle Car Club Dave Sells
26 October 25-28 October	Wheels on Mainstreet Waikato Convention	
16 November 17 November	Corvette Run All USA Day	Corvette Club Committee

Whakatane Run: Tauranga cars meet at Bay Park to leave at 8.30am sharp. Meet at the Red Barn Cafe, 9.30ish, Coffee then first stop in Whakatane before heading to Opotiki. Make sure you have a tank of gas. It will be a good day.

I don't know if you have watched this yet but see you hard a Mustang can be on a Dyno  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrtxoNipGcU>