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A warm, wintery welcome to this edition of the Pony Express.

I would like to start with a big thank you for the positive comments and messages of support that we received in connection with the most recent edition of the Pony Express. It was our first attempt.

As convention rapidly approaches please see the update supplied by Margaret on behalf of the Convention Organising Committee, and the events calendar so you do not miss out on anything.

Make a point of reading lan's article explaining AMOC's relationship with Swann Insurance and specifically how as members, our continued support of the Swann benefits both you and the club.

Finally the days might be shorter and colder, but that is not stopping AMOC members from getting about. Check out Charles and Heather Quintal's People's Choice Award at the Ohope Ford Day and Eugene McWatt's call up to participate at the CRC Speedshow in Auckland.

As always, please do not forget to send in your articles, photos and suggestions.

Wishing you all the best in health.

Mike & Cass Powell Mob 027 9114 711

### President's Note



I don't know about you but I have had enough of the wind and rain this past two months. It is dark when I go to work and dark when I come home, makes me feel like some type of mole. It is certainly not the weather to be out in the Mustang unless you have nothing better to do than clean it. I neither have the time nor feel like being outside in the cold shed cleaning off the muck.

Activities have been a little light lately but that's because it is winter. The Henry Ford Memorial Day Show was cancelled due to the weather and that is a first for many years. I hope some of you got to CRC Speed Show and supported the Mustangs on show. Well done to Eugene McWatt on a great presentation on his car.

Ian Waters, President

At the recent Special Meeting the club passed a resolution to hold future Annual General Meetings in July each year rather than May. This will give the Finance team time to prepare the annual accounts and also for members to be financial at the AGM. I would like to thank all those who have renewed and paid their subscriptions. There are still a small number to either do so or let us know that they are resigning. This magazine is only being posted to those who are financial and email notifications of events will only be sent to those paid up. With over 300 members keeping track of everyone is large job and our treasurer and secretary do a fantastic job. Do however try to make it easy for them by paying by internet banking and of course put your name and what the payment is for in the reference details.

Some members who had not paid until recently contacted asked why no invoice had been sent. We did remind members with emails and a note in the magazine. We will look at sending invoices next year to give you an added reminder.

The events calendar is updated regularly by Tony and is up on the nzmustang.com website under Clubs/ Auckland/ Events. If you are not sure what is on go look at. This club night is the annual quiz so watch out for an article and see who is crowned King or Queen of the Quiz. Tony is again organising an Indoor Kart Racing Night which will be a lot of fun. This is not just for the boys so we would love to see some ladies out their showing off their driving skills. If we get a good response the club will look to provide some food on the night.

The Mid Winter Xmas Diner attracted around 75 people who had a great night. As usual the Howick Club put up a fabulous buffet and the DJ had most dancing during the evening. Luck prize draws were a feature with a selection of great gifts being handed out. Thanks to Brett Shackleton from VTNZ Pukekohe for their kind donation of WOF's and umbrellas. While some had to wait a while (poor Mike Adams) everyone took something away. Some had parking issues and they will be rewarded with extra trophies for getting stuck in the mud.

Convention is progressing well and it is now only 13 weeks until the rest of NZ descends on Auckland. We could do with more Aucklander's registering and while there is still time don't leave it too late as registrations will cut off on 23 September so the organisers can ensure all print items with names on can be produced in time. If you haven't been to a convention try it.

Catch you at the next event.

Ian Waters

President, Auckland Mustang Owners Club

### Swann Insurance

Swann Insurance have for a number of years been a substantial supporter and sponsor of our club.

Did you know that as an AMOC member you will receive a 20% discount off of your car premium? If you already insure your car with Swann and are unsure as to whether you are receiving the discount, give them a call to check. It is essential that they know that you are an AMOC member. Ph 0800 807 926.

Swann Insurance provide cover for both Classic Cars and Modern Classic Cars so they will be able to have a policy for every Mustang owner, even if your car is modified. You can view details of both types of policies on their website at www.swanninsurance.co.nz.

You can also download a proposal form so that you know all the information that they will need to provide a quote. Ensure that you carefully read the details of the policy and then give them a call for a quote. Compare the list of items covered with other companies and you will find that Swann have a very good coverage at competitive prices.

The guys at Swann are enthusiasts like us and understand what we want and have therefore developed policies to cover pretty much every event, not that we want to ever make a claim.

Recently your committee signed a Referral Agreement with Swann, which means that the club receives a commission on every Swann policy where they are aware that you are a member of AMOC. The club will be paid 5% of the annual premium for all new policies and 10% of the annual premium for policies that are renewed after the first year. This income will be used by the club to help provide you the member with benefits throughout the year.

So support the club by making sure that if you have a policy with Swann they know you are a member of AMOC. You could also benefit yourself by receiving the 20% discount off the annual premium. Seems like a win / win for everyone.

Ian Waters
President, Auckland Mustang Owners Club

Photo by Leo Waters

### **AMOC Life Members**

### Ken & Trish Smith

#### AMOC Members since 2001

Presented by Neville Barton (with a little help from Ken) AMOC Club Historian

Let's start from when Ken first took an Interest in American Cars – It was as an 8 Year old buying the American Hot Rod Magazine (2 shillings) with his weekly allowance – Yeap! still got them today. However it was when he was 16 years old and Ken's father worked for a rental car company as a mechanic maintaining the fleet and on the weekends his Dad would work on his employer's son's race cars, Firstly a Hillman Imp, Mini Cooper and then a 1965 Mustang Fastback. This was in 1966 so the Mustang was one of the first Mustangs on the race circuit in the South Island. Mustangs were all Ken could think about.

In 1965 Ken started a panelbeating apprenticeship at the Vauxhall agents in Christchurch which was owned by the NZ Farmers Co-op. During his apprenticeship Ken spent his free time in the paint shop which gave him experience in that area which was very helpful in later years. Once he completed his apprenticeship he opened his own panelbeating business.

Ken met Trish in 1968 and they were married in 1971. They worked hard to save for a section to build their first home up on Cashmere Hills. Ken bought lots of damaged vehicles to repair and sell to help fund the new house. In 1973 just after the new house was completed he sold the business and started working for Guthrie Bowron as the automotive paint rep.

In 1978 Ken & Trish rented their house out and moved to Australia with their two boys Craig and Brendon to start a new adventure touring Australia in a caravan. They landed in Brisbane and stayed for 3 months with Ken working as a panelbeater for Zupps the Holden dealers. It was then time to move on and with the Caravan in tow headed for Sydney taking lots of time to enjoy Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Newcastle and the Central Coast over a period of the next 3 – 4 months. Once in Sydney a month in the big city was long enough so off again to Canberra for more exploration.

As Xmas time was approaching they decided to head for Melbourne and settle down there for a few months which ended up being 9 months as Ken landed a really good job as Manager of a company that sold and fitted utility canopies for all makes and models.



They updated their caravan whilst in Melbourne and finally decided it was time to move on again and headed off to Adelaide for more sightseeing and then onto up through the middle of Australia back to the Gold Coast. They stayed with friends in Burleigh Heads for a year enjoying the Life on the Coast and Ken managed a panelbeating shop across the road. With the Adventure not yet complete they headed for North Queensland and stayed in Airlie Beach, Townsville, Cairns and Port Douglas. Some months later they returned to their base in Brisbane and decided that after 3 Years away and with family ties back in Christchurch it was time to return home and settle down again.

On return to Christchurch in 1981 and Michael (3<sup>rd</sup> Son) now on the scene Ken Joined Berger Paints as their South Island Sales Manager for Automotive, Industrial and Marine Paints. In 1987 and a new job they moved to Wellington. Ken was appointed National Sales Manager for ICI Autocolor and soon his time was spent mainly in Auckland so in 1991 they moved to the Big City.

In 1993 Ken & Trish established their own automotive paint distribution company on the North Shore and called it "Car Colors of North Shore Ltd" with one employee. Today they still have that business with 12 employees including 2 of their sons Brendon & Michael. Michael is a member of AMOC and his car is featured in the CARCOLORS advert on the back cover of the Club Magazine, the Dark Green 2001 Bullit. CARCOLORS has been a Club Sponsor since Ken and Trish joined AMOC.



Ken owned his first car when he was still at school, it was a two Door 1938 Morris 8. He has had a number of cars since then, a 1959 Humber 80, a 1962 PAX Vauxhall Velox, a 1968 HK Holden Monaro 327 V8 to just name a few.

Then in 1977 something happened to Ken, he turned to the Dark Side and bought a 1976 Mazda RX 2 Rotary Coupe that he cruised up and Moorhouse Ave in Christchurch looking For Mustangs, Mopars and Camaro's to Race. Moorhouse Ave being a long straight road with traffic lights at every intersection it was real fundrag racing these V8's and anyone else who wanted to have a go and to this day remains unbeaten. Hmmmmmmmm! Wonder if he trained Murphy!!!



Other cars Ken has owned were a 1962 Mk2 Zephyr, hang on let's back up here and start again, all in a row. A1957, 1958 and a 1959 Mk2 Zephyr, Then a 1961 and a 1962. Whoops a 1972 3 litre V6 Mk4 Zephyr. Ahhh! Then a 1973 XA GT Ford Falcon with a 351 Cleveland and 4 speed manual top loader.

With lots of time away from home through work and family commitments (kids sports & other interest) Ken decided to give cars away and they bought a caravan and a boat to use for weekends away and long holidays. As time moved on and the business now established, but with muscle cars still in the blood, they got back into cars again in 2000 when Ken and Trish bought a '67 Fastback which they still have today.

As I said Ken and Trish joined AMOC in 2001, Ken was elected on the Committee at the AGM in May 2003. He served two years in position. In 2004 Wal Marshall from Wellington came up with the idea to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ford Mustang Motor Car and organise a run from Kaitaia to Bluff. Ken was appointed by AMOC as the Convenor to organise the section from Kaitaia to Meremere. A big job.

At the 2005 AGM in May, Ken was elected Vice President a position he held for one Year. During that year he was on the Auckland 2005 Convention committee in charge of raising sponsorship dollars, not an easy job. At the 2006 AGM Ken was elected President, a position he held for three years until the 2009 AGM where he stood down from the President's post and was elected Club Secretary, a post he held for five years, until he stood down from committee duties at the 2014 AGM.

At the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 AGM Ken Smith was Awarded Life Membership. Well deserved Ken!

Ken and Trish Smith remain AMOC members today.







### List of Ken's Car Show Awards

#### 1967 Fastback Awards



2002 – American Muscle Car Show Best	Ford	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
All Ford Day Peop	ole's Choice	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
AMOC Annual Show	88 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Peop	ole's Choice	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Waikato Convention 67 -6	88 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>2003 – AMOC Annual Car Show</b> 67 -6	8 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2004 – AMOC Annual Car Show	8 Fastback	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Peop	ole's Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
All Ford Day Best	American	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Taranaki Convention 67 -6	8 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Concourse de Elegance Tean	ns Event	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
2005 – Auckland Convention 67 -6	88 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
67 -6	88 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2006 – AMOC Annual Car Show Spor	sors Choice	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Peop	ole's Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Manawatu Convention 67 -6	8 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>2007 – AMOC Annual Car Show</b> 67 -6	8 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Waikato Convention 67 -6	8 Fastback	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
2008 – AMOC Annual Car Show	8 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Peop	ole's Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>2009 – AMOC Annual Car Show</b> 67 -6	8 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>2010 – Auckland Convention</b> 67 -6	O = -411-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	88 Fastback	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

### 2005 GT Convertible

2006 – AMOC Annual Car Show 2007 – AMOC Annual Car Show 2007 – Waikato Convention	2005 –Current 2005 –Current 2005 -07	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
2008 Red / White Shelby GT500		
2008 - AMOC Annual Car Show	Best Shelby	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Canterbury Convention	Best Shelby Most Modern Mustang	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2009 – All Ford Day	Best Modern Best Wheels	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
AMOC Annual Car Show	Best Shelby	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2010 - Auckland Convention	Best Shelby	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
2011 – Invercargill Convention	Post '72 Shelby	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
2013 Grabber Blue Shelby GT500		
	Best Shelby	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2013 – AMOC Annual Car Show	Best Interior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Best Panel & Paint	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Waikato Convention	2006-Current Shelby	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2011 11201 10 01	Best Shelby	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2014 – AMOC Annual Car Show	Best Engine Bay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Canterbury Convention	Best Shelby	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
2015 - AMOC Annual Car Show	2010-Current Coupe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

# NZ Warbirds Open Day

5 June 2016

Is it a kind of alchemy, or just coincidence but somehow the gathering of Mustangs at an airshow featuring old warplanes just seems like a perfect match. And so it was to be on the 5th of June, on a fabulous mid-winter's summer day that 11 AMOC members assembled with their cars at the home of Warbird's home in Auckland at the Ardmore Aerodrome. The event was attended by a number of other car clubs including the Rolls Royce, Jaguar and Cobra club to name but a couple.



The theme of this year's open day was in commemoration of D Day, dubbed "Operation Overlord". The allied invasion of Normandy, which took place on the 6th of June 1944. The invasion consisted of over 100,000 troops, 900 armoured vehicles, 13,000 aircraft and some 2,000 ships. There were some 10,000 casualties and 4,414 confirmed dead. D Day remains today the largest seabourne invasion in history.

Photo by Mike Powell

And so it was, some 72 years later, the largest turnout that has been seen at a Warbird's Open Day with record crowds, the foodstall vendors being left demoralized by 1pm as they started to run out of food and of course largely responsible for in turn creating significant delays at the port a loos.

The show provided a magnificent spectacle both on the tarmac and in the air featuring a wide range of planes including the recently refurbished Catalina and DC-3 which were kept busy doing 20 minute scenic flights throughout the day to the 3 flying slots which saw aerobatic displays featuring Kittyhawk, Yak3, Ryan STM, Ryan PT22, Beechcraft Texan II, Tiger Moths, Fox Moth, Chipmunks, Stearmans, Yak, Bird-dogs, T28, Beaver. Of course the crowd pleaser had to be the formation flying of the Beechcraft Texan AT6 (Harvards).

Whilst disappointing that as in other years it was not possible to get our cars close to the hangars and get a photo with the P-51 Mustang as a backdrop, it was none the less great to see the show so well attended, hopefully cementing its future in coming years.





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# Kaiaua Fish & Chip Run

19 June 2016

In recent years and based overseas, it has been with significant levels of envy, I have read the accounts of previous year's Fish & Chip run to Kaiaua. A run that by all accounts has become one of the major outings in the Club annual event calendar. The success and high levels of participation are probably partly due to it being a chance to get out on a run in the quieter winter months, partly due to it being a relatively short run down the coast amongst some breath taking scenery, but probably mostly due to the fact that there is a feed of fish and chips and a beer waiting for you at the Bayview Hotel on arrival. All I knew was rain or shine, we have been waiting for this one since returning to New Zealand in September and there was no way we were going to miss this one.

After a prompt briefing and kick off around 10.15 from Highbrook, with Ashley Sim leading the way and Shaun sweeping up the lost and straggling, we worked our way through the maze of traffic lights to set ourselves on a flight path to Clevedon. It appears whenever AMOC go out in force, the Police are never far away, this time ensuring from a parked patrol car they got photos of all the cars as they passed. I think we can safely say there will be no infringement notices and that many of these photos have probably ended up on Facebook or similar!



The planned re-grouping point was at Kawakawa Bay. Upon arrival and parked along the foreshore, the sun starting to breakthrough the plentiful yet unthreatening cloud cover, the line up of some 65+ cars representing all of the 5+ decades set against a low tide, yet still picturesque backdrop was an impressive sight, tempting even a number of the locals out of their houses and across the road to take a look. After a quick bio-break and chance to grab some pictures, it was back on the road bound for Kajaua.

Kaiaua, translated means Kai: to eat, Aua: Mullet, and whist I think it was actually Terakihi that we were eating, none the less, eat fish we did and lots of it too!

With lunch finished it was on to Pokeno for Ice Creams or for those wanting to back track the scenic route it was time to go home.

So was it a worthwhile outing and did it live up to all the hype of previous years? Absolutely.















## **Event Calendar**

Month	2016 Club Nights	2016 Events	2017 Club Nights
July	6 <sup>th</sup> Andy Slater Car Cam	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bellagio Breakfast 10 <sup>th</sup> Wild West Breakfast 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> CRC Speedshow Auckland Show- grounds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Club Mid Winter Christmas Dinner Howick Club 31 <sup>st</sup> Henry Ford Memorial Day, Hamilton 31 <sup>st</sup> Caffeine & Classics	5 <sup>th</sup> Club AGM
August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quiz Night	7 <sup>th</sup> Bellagio Breakfast 14 <sup>th</sup> Wild West Breakfast 28 <sup>th</sup> Caffeine & Classics	2nd
September	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Bellagio Breakfast  4 <sup>th</sup> MOTAT Fathers Day Event  11 <sup>th</sup> Wild West Breakfast  25 <sup>th</sup> Caffeine & Classics	6th
October	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bellagio Breakfast 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Supercars Bathurst 9 <sup>th</sup> Wild West Breakfast 21 <sup>st</sup> Ford UBER Taxi Promotion 21st-24 <sup>th</sup> National Convention (Auckland) 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> Big Boys Toys ASB Showgrounds Greenlane 30 <sup>th</sup> Caffeine & Classics	4th
November	2 <sup>nd</sup> New Club Apparel Fashion Show	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Supercars ITM Super Sprint Pukekohe 6 <sup>th</sup> Bellagio Breakfast 13 <sup>th</sup> Wild West Breakfast 13 <sup>th</sup> Poker Run 20 <sup>th</sup> Club Christmas Party Tapapakanga Regional Park 27 <sup>th</sup> Caffeine & Classics	1st
December	7 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Supercars Final Round Sydney 4 <sup>th</sup> Bellagio Breakfast 7 <sup>th</sup> North Shore Hot Rod Club Toy Run Vellonwith Green, St Heliers 10 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Lights Run 11 <sup>th</sup> Wild West Breakfast	6th

#### Regular Monthly Breakfast Meets details:

- Bellagio Breakfast @ Bellagio Café 86 Plunket Avenue, Manukau 7-30am 9-30am (First Sunday in every month)
- Wild West Breakfast @ Hangar Bar 104 Central Park Drive, Henderson From 10am (Second Sunday in every month)
- Caffeine and Classics @ Smales Farm Carpark, 74 Taharoto Road, Takapuna From 10am (Last Sunday in every month)

## Ford Day O'Hope Beach

### 9 May 2016 Whakatane

Earlier in the week the weather was not ideal, we left on Saturday with sunny weather to stay at the Mount, Sunday was overcast and warm rain was on the way.

The drive to Whakatane Ocean Ford day at O'Hope beach was good. On arrival there was 20-30 mustangs on show hundreds of people already looking over the cars by 10 am. 50-60 cars were on show, with cars from: Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Rotorua, Taupo, Whakatane.

By midday 1000's of people had been through the gate to see - Mustangs from 64,1/2 to 2016 models. Heavy rain closed the show early, Ocean Fords People's Choice went to C & H Quintal 1967 Mustang.

Special thanks to Stephen Hermansen and team of Whakatane Ocean Ford for a great show.

Charles Quintal



# 37<sup>th</sup> National Mustang Convention 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016



Organisation is really starting to ramp up now. All the major planning is well and truly in place and we are well along the path of filling in all the finer details.

- We will be meeting shortly with the Spencer on Byron to finalise menus, drinks lists and what is to happen when.
- The Sunday run is all planned with only a test drive of the run route to take place.
- The trophies have been finalised and the band is booked.
- The Car Show planning is 80% complete.
- The Monday breakfast is all organised.
- The goodie bags are all sorted.
- Registrations are flowing in thick and fast.

change we have made to the traditional format is in the registration process. There has always been a real bottleneck on the Friday night when everyone is trying to register at once, so we will have a registration desk open all day to ensure smooth flowing and so people can take their goodie bags to their rooms. That will leave the Friday night event free for everyone to catch up, talk Mustangs and partake of the drinks and nibbles unencumbered by queues and goodie bags!

We have been calling for helpers for a long time and we still don't have a big enough list, so those AMOCers who have registered for Convention are likely to be shoulder tapped to help at some stage. Please do be a little generous with your time. We won't be asking anyone to do anything that will tax them overly but your committee of 8 people can't do the lot on their own. A huge thanks to those who have already put their names forward.

Photo by Leo Waters

It is timely to remind you of the dress up nature of the dinner on the Sunday night. We have a general nautical theme for this event, given we are in the City of Sails, the Car Show is on a wharf and the Spencer is so close to the water. We have chosen not to do a club dress up where everyone is pretty much the same. Instead, let your imagination run wild – sailors, surfies, pirates, beach bums, beach combers, Nemo or Dory, sharks, fish of any kind, mermaids, seaweed, castaways, even Wilson (Tom Hanks ball friend in Castaway) and these are but a few ideas. Let's see how we shape up on the night! Remember Bay of Plenty and Waikato really get into the theme – let's not have them beat us!

For now, you action plan needs to look a little like this:

- Ensure you have registered registrations close on 23 September and we may not be able to accept any late registrations
- Ensure you have booked your accommodation. You may still get Sunday night only at Spencer and you can still book for the 3 nights at Anzac – check www.nzmustang.com for the details.
- Start putting together your dress up for the Sunday night.

If you have any questions about Convention, please contact Margaret Broadbent at <a href="margaret@paulmargaret.com">margaret@paulmargaret.com</a>.

Margaret Broadbent 37<sup>th</sup> National Mustang Convention Committee



Photo by Leo Waters

# **American Independence Day**

4 July 2016 St Helliers

A history lesson first. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is an American holiday celebrating the adoption of the declaration of independence on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 declaring independence from Great Britain.

Monday night July 4<sup>th</sup> was a bit more low key in Auckland with an organised cruise from Beaumont street to St. Helliers, this is a fairly low key event but a good way to pass a Monday night. Approximately 150 cars took part and filled the beachfront parking where the organisers erected a tent and decorations selling hot dogs and coffee. I'm not sure of hot dog sales but interesting to note that in USA 150 million hot dogs are sold on the day. Celebrations are capped with a fireworks display on the beach. Next year if you are at a loose end get down to St. Helliers have a hot dog check out the cars admire the vista and dress up warm.

Christine and John Lipanovich









## Members' Newsflash!

If any member who is retired, works shift or has mid week days off is interested in a monthly mid morning coffee/ lunch cruise please contact me.

I am also wanting to borrow 6 skateboards for the upcoming convention games afternoon. These will be well looked after and returned after the weekend. If interested in the coffee cruise or can help out with a skateboard please contact me (John Lipanovich at 0212979395 or email lippos@xtra.co.nz



# **CRC Speedshow**

16 - 17 July 2016

I received the confirmation from Ross at the CRC Speedshow saying "You have been accepted into the Grand National Rod and Custom show." I was stoked to be include, with the best of the best.

Then the work began I had to get the car up to scratch and worked on the display. Added more lights (you can see me from outer space). Had the stands and barriers updated graphics by Daryl at Write on Signs in Henderson, they looked really good.

Many weekends were spent at C.A.R.S at Pukekohe with Steve building his new covered in trailer, to get it ready for the show. So we could transport the car. Finished just in time. It looks awesome.

Well the Thursday of the show has arrived. Up early, all packed up and ready to go. Steve arrived with the new trailer, loaded up and off to the show. All set up. What an awesome display of cars.



Back again on Friday last minute touch ups before judging and media arrive. At 2pm we were asked to leave as we were not allowed to stay while judging was happening.

Saturday was the 1<sup>st</sup> day the show was open to the public. Despite of the weather there was a great turn out from the public. Met up with some club members during the day as well. Also met the Team from CTB. There was a great variety of cars from Classics to the Drifters. From old school to new. And some new ideas on the trade stands

Final day is here. This was Meet and greet day. Tracey and Nathaniel came for the whole day. I met up with Dougie from The Hot Rod Show. Earl from Popeye Pics's. Another good turn out by the public. Steve, Ali and Alesha from C.A.R.S were there supporting me as well. Prize giving was just around the corner. I didn't win anything and I don't believe I would have competition was stiff but enjoyed every minute of being involved in this great show.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Steve and Ali Sankey from C.A.R.S at Pukekohe for all their support and time.

#### **Eugene McWatt**



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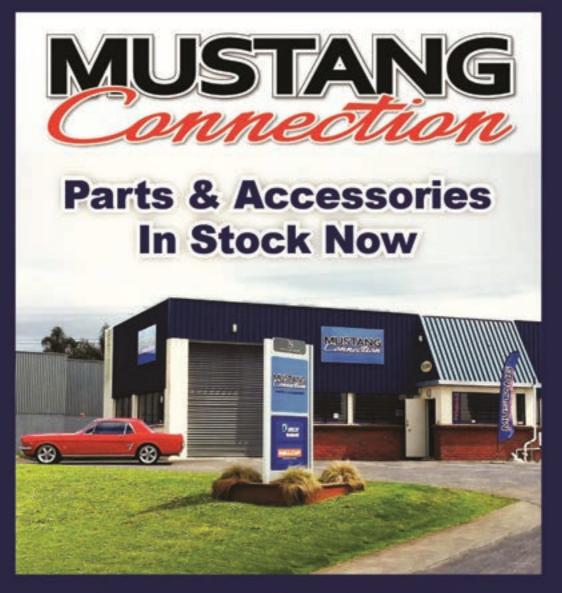
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