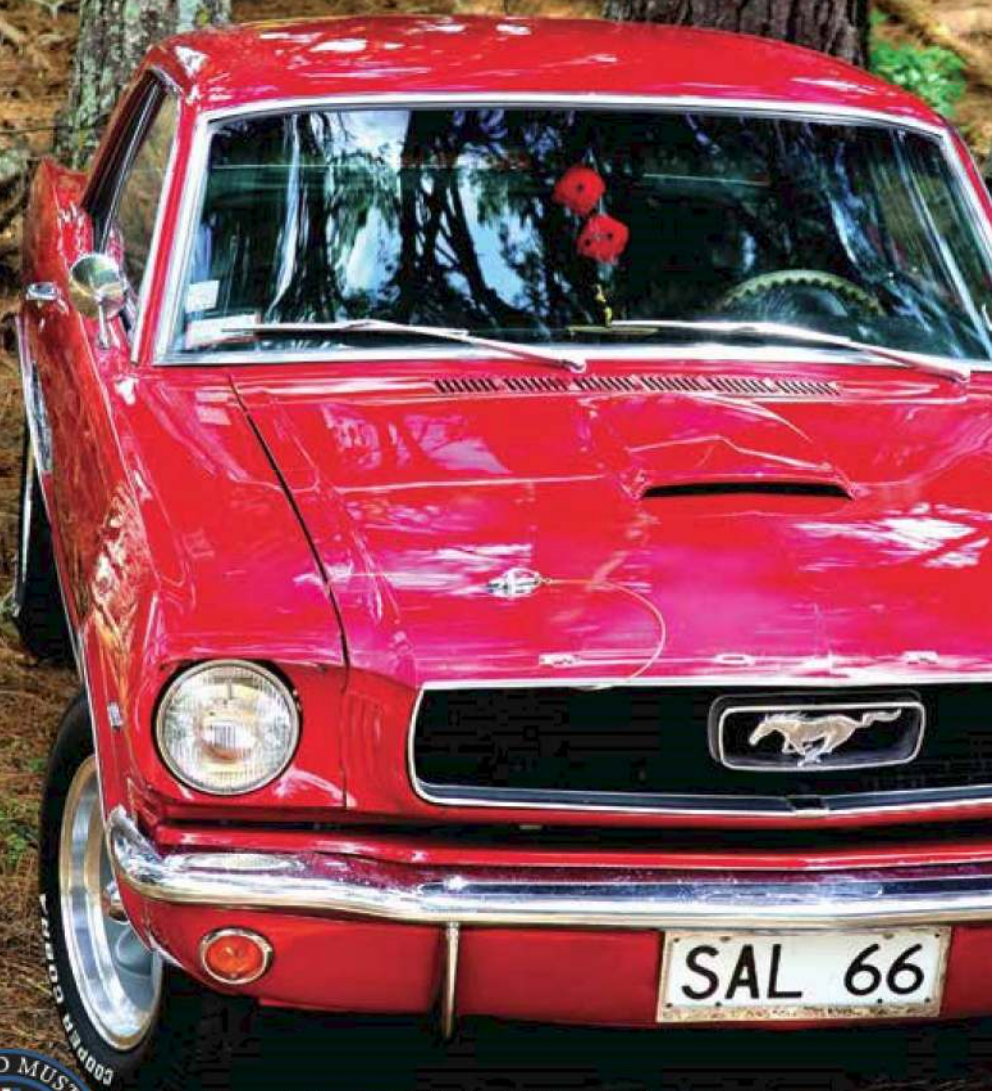


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## ***Correction to September / October Magazine***

*Please note the cover photo on the last edition shows the beautiful 1965 Fastback GT belonging to Shane McCallum, not McCullum as published. Still drooling over the car.*

*2005-2014 Convertible placing should be 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Pointon (Manawatu), 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale Such (Manawatu), 3<sup>rd</sup> Warren Hamlin (Auckland)*

*The editorial team apologise for the errors.*



# Stable Talk



Welcome to this edition of the Pony Express and firstly a big thank you for the encouraging comments we received for the last magazine covering the 37<sup>th</sup> Convention. It means a lot.

By now most of us will have already triggered the post-Christmas weight loss programmes to tackle ‘the bulge’, even mastered standing at the back of the scales so they weigh lighter. Who knows some will have had enough time already to crash and burn their new year’s resolutions. So long as the “I will get my Mustang out on the road more this year” survives, then what else matters, right?

There are a ton of events coming up over the next few months, so be sure to put your name down and come on out.

A new feature is Facebook Corner (page 7). We will review and publish interesting posts from the AMOC Members Facebook page so keep the stories and photos coming.

Finally credit to Leo Waters for providing the fabulous cover shot for this edition featuring John and Christine Lipanovich's '66.

Think you have a photo worthy of a cover? Please send it through.

Wishing you the best in health.

Mike & Cass Powell  
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# President's Note



A Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a Merry Xmas spent with family having a great time. The weather has been a bit up & down but still plenty of fine days and evenings for a cruise to the beach for fish n chips out of the packet or a BBQ picnic.

2017 is here now and before you know it we will be back to our monthly meetings at the clubrooms. Remember the first meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> February and we will have our traditional BBQ and start a little earlier than normal. Watch out for Tony's email with more details.

*Ian Waters, President*

However before that we have several club activities coming up. One of those is the Vintage Speedway at Meremere organised by Warren Hamlin. This is a popular run and I understand it is all full in terms of the number of people that they can cater for in terms of drives in their cars on the track. The club will also have a presence at Kumeu again but probably only on the Saturday due to the Vintage Speedway being the following day. There is Concours over the weekend 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February and it would be good to see a good turnout for the Saturday Fun Run and of course the actual Car Show on Sunday at Ellerslie Racecourse. We have 2 teams entered and will be looking for about 15 display cars. Later in February 40 people will head to Gibbs Farm for a look over the property including the unique works of art.

For those wanting a great weekend away with a great bunch of people you need to book the weekend away to Northland for the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February. Tony has sent out several emails about accommodation. These are always fun times.

Shed visits have been popular so we will head to Ramarama and to Reece Fish's collection. If the weather plays ball we look to have a BBQ afterwards and perhaps a swim for those keen to show off their new year's resolution body.

The Committee has been working hard to put in place a programme of events over the next 12 months. As details firm up the event will be added to the calendar of events but I can assure you that there will be plenty on with some new and some old but goodies. If anyone has an event or venue that could be of interest to other members please let us know.





*Chris Fitzpatrick handing over \$5000 to Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trust*

The Convention was an outstanding success and we have made a \$5,000 donation to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trust from the door takings. This will enable the helicopter to carry out one mission.

There was also a further surplus which has been put on term deposit to give the next Convention Committee a starting fund to pay deposits on venues and events. While we will not host Convention again until 2023, it will come around pretty quick particularly when planning needs to start some 2 years before the event.

The club still has some camp chairs left over from Convention. These are ideal to leave in the boot of your car and are being sold at the club's cost of \$25 per chair. If you want some please let either Charles Quintal or myself know and we can arrange delivery.

The club is using facebook more and more to post pictures of events and happenings so do search out [AMOC Members](#). If you want to contribute or sign up please send a message to Tony through facebook so that he can allow you further access. We want to try and preserve this to postings relevant to us rather than being flooded by overseas information.

On a sad note, Kaye Kale, our secretary is heading to the retirement capital of the Coromandel, Whangamata and has tendered her resignation. Kaye has done a fantastic job over the past 20 months and we thank her very much and wish her and Mike all the best. I am sure we will continue to see them around until they finally settle into their new place. Stepping up to the position of secretary until the next AGM (July) will be Mike Powell. Thank you Mike for taking on this role for the coming months. The secretary can always be contacted at our email address of [auckland.mustang@gmail.com](mailto:auckland.mustang@gmail.com)

With better weather coming it's time to get out in the mustang. Why not ring a couple of club members and have your own mini run and picnic or BBQ. See you soon.

Ian Waters

President, Auckland Mustang Owners Club

# Event Calendar 2017

Month	2017 Club Nights	2017 Events
January		<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> National Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival (Kumeu Showgrounds)</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Vintage Speedway (Meremere)</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Historic GP Meet Taupo
February	1 <sup>st</sup> Barbecue and Club Apparel Fashion Show	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Concours Runs</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Concours de'Elegance</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Club Weekend Away (Northland)</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Galaxy of Cars</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> "Americana" 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Plymouth <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Gibbs Farm (Epic Sculpture Farm)</b>
March	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Visit Reece Fish (Shed Visit) and Lunch (Awaiting confirmation of date)</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Coromandel Gold Rush & Gum Diggers Charity Cruise 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> Beach Hop Whangamata
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> All Ford Day (Smales Farm)</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> National Mustang Day Run</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Steel n Wheels Poker Run (Waiuku) 30 <sup>th</sup> Steel n Wheels Festival (Waiuku)
May	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
June	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fish and Chip Run</b>
July	5 <sup>th</sup> Club AGM	<b>Mid Winter Christmas Dinner</b>
August	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
September	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Car Show</b>
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Prize Giving Dinner</b>
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	
December	6 <sup>th</sup>	



# AMOC Members Facebook

Roll around 1 January 2017 and all was quiet on the AMOC Members Facebook page. A quick Happy New Year post yielded the following post from Shane Rea and his recently acquired '96 Cobra.

Thanks for the post Shane.



**Shane Rea** Always wanted a Mustang then the opportunity arose so thought why not ..... 1996 Mustang Cobra ..... will add more pics in separate post will only let me add 1 😞



**Shane Rea**

Yesterday at 12:15pm

Here is my 96 Cobra



*Got a story or a picture of a recent trip? Don't be shy, post them up and you might get published.*

# V8 Super Car Parade

3<sup>rd</sup> November - Aotea Square

So, hot on the heels of Convention, and 3<sup>rd</sup> November saw 22 AMOC cars assembling behind the old Auckland Railway Station and then on together with a contingent from the American Muscle Club (and a few others) to take part in the V8 Super Car Parade.

The purpose of the parade was to give the lunchtime crowds a chance to see their super car idols as the procession made its way from downtown up to Aotea Centre. This was a warm up to the second to last race of the season held at Pukekohe on the Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

A number of us were lucky enough to find ourselves providing the ride for one of the drivers.

Upon reaching Aotea Square, the public were able to meet the drivers, get autographs and selfies, and get a close-up look at up all the cars that had participated in the parade. Covers band "Hands Off" provided excellent entertainment, and fans were able to try their hand at the newly released Forza Horizon 3 game.

A fabulous event held in the middle of the city on a fabulous sunny spring day, and a great way to kick off to what proved to be an exciting weekend of racing.

It was great to see AMOC out there in force mid-week.















# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run

13<sup>th</sup> November - The Red Shed, Karaka

Article by Eric & Debbie Neary

Photos by John Lipanovich

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker run was off to a flying start at 10:15 with 26 cars and passengers with our three cards and poker faces for the 1<sup>st</sup> stop at Murphy's Bush to refresh cards if required. With a tail wind behind us we were soon at Stop 2, Conifer Grove where we were able to collect our 4<sup>th</sup> card and swap if need be.

Then on to Karaka Lakes for stops 3 and 4 where we collected our final card and could also swap. This was not without incident when Martin was nearly collected at an intersection by a very inattentive driver!! This was not part of the gamble that Martin had in mind.

Stop 5 was at Hingaia Bridge where the decision was made as to whether to sit or swap with many taking the final opportunity of organising their hands. Final stop was at The Red Shed Palazzo where a magnificent lunch was had by all despite the wait.

Our thanks must go to Craig Borland and Diana Bang for their very smooth transitional organisation and not giving in to any bribery; Press Photographer of the day, John Lipanovich gets a big thanks and I am sure his photos will reflect what a good day was had by all.

## Winners

First – Daphne with a Royal Flush, Ace high

Second – Ken and Trish with five three's

Third – Graeme and Sherilyn with four seven's

Fourth – Derek Freeland with a full house

Fifth – Eric and Debbie with a flush





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# Kid's Christmas Party

**20<sup>th</sup> November - Tapapakanga Regional Park**

Christmas came early this year with the annual Kid's Christmas Party being held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. An absolutely cracking day weather wise and for those members familiar with the Kaiaua Fish & Chip run, this year it was decided to host the event by the seaside at the Tapapakanga Regional Park which is situated between Kawakawa Bay and Kaiaua.

With some 30 cars turning up, the Club had secured its own section of the beach ensuring plenty of space for the kids to run around and plenty of beachfront space to back the cars up. Of course the party would not be complete with out Santa making his appearance, and right on cue he made his entry, favouring of course to ditch the conventional team of reindeer, making his entry and exit in Lance's convertible Mustang sleigh.

**The raffles run on the day were one by:**

1st Prize : Eric & Debbie Neary

2nd Prize : John Chandler

3rd Prize : Ian & Jackie Waters

Special thanks must go to Willow Gully Murray Greys (Tony and Diane Powell) for the generous donation of the sausages, Ian, Jackie, Charles, Heather, Tony & Diane for arriving early and getting everything set up and of course to North Harbour Ford for generously loaning the club a Ranger ute and for organising the use of the mobile barbeque from their partner Fleetline. A fabulous family day outing.

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# Christmas Lights

15<sup>h</sup> December - MOTAT

For those who can recall the last Christmas Lights run held on 17 December 2014, huddled in for warmth beside the White Lady Diner in downtown Auckland amid torrential rain, well, the 2016 run set out to be different. Very different!

Drenched in absolute sunshine on an early summers evening, some thirty cars descended on the Fuji Xerox premises at The Landing, near the Auckland Airport.



Ian and Jackie Waters showed us all how to pack and prepare for car boot gatherings, sporting not only the commonly found fold away chairs but also a complete fold away table. With all the usual fast food suspects nearby to the meeting point, dinner was well and truly covered.







All fed and ready to go, Tony and Diane took the lead, with Craig and Diana sweeping up the tail of the pack. A mid run, course change saw the Tail End Charlie arriving before the head of the pack, but no drama with everyone arriving safely at the final stop for the night, the Christmas Lights display at MOTAT in Western Springs.



Due to growing relationship between Auckland Council and AMOC, and helped by AMOC supporting the annual MOTAT Father's Day event, the organisers of the Christmas Lights event welcomed the opportunity to have AMOC attend and made space for cars to be displayed in the grounds.



With the queues waiting to enter stretching down Great North Road and costing only a gold coin for entry, the evening was set to be an absolute hit. A good number of the attractions within MOTAT were open, horse and carriage rides were operating and of course Santa had established an onsite Grotto to meet, greet and be photographed with children and their families. The Christmas Lights display well worth it with most of the buildings, the old church, and the huge Christmas tree all beautifully lit. Even the Penny Farthing and its rider was a spectacle decked out in multi-colour LED lighting.

The organisation of this event was challenging given the need to find a decent display, managing the logistics of a large convoy of vehicles, parking, food etc. I think most would agree that the MOTAT Christmas Lights, totally hit the bull's eye.

Special thanks must go to Tony Powell for managing the relationship with the Council / MOTAT and organizing the whole event, to Fuji Xerox NZ who generously allowed the use of their premises as a meeting and eating point and of course to all the members who attended. Whilst challenged by the lack of nighttime lighting in the area where the cars were parked, without a doubt the collection of old and new Mustangs on display was certainly a crowd pleaser.





# Members' Corner

## New Members - Welcome!

**Vernon and Warwick Taylor**  
1965 Burgundy Notchback

**Christine Wells**  
2007 White Coupe

**John & Luanne Hoppe**  
2010 Blue Shelby

**Michael & Toni Baxter**  
2016 Ruby Red Convertible

**Bruce & Moera Urquhart**  
2016 Race Red Coupe

**Rhys & Saana Taylor**  
1967 Blue GTA Fastback

**Richard Tomlinson & Charmaine Pickett**  
1967 Candy Apple Red Coupe

**Colin and Marion Brockliss**  
2016 Grey GT350

**Gavin & Fiona Lord**  
2015 Magnetic GT Fastback

**Selina Paniora**  
2016 Silver Coupe

**Peter Owens**  
2016 Ruby Red GT

**Rob Holmes**  
1998 White with Blue Stripes SVT Cobra

## Christine Wells (2007 V6 White Coupe )



**Family Status:** Single with one grown up child

**Occupation:** English Teacher (Head of Faculty)

**How long have you been involved with Mustangs?** About a year. The Mustang has always been my dream car and, when I applied for my current job, I promised myself that if I was successful I would buy a Mustang.

**If your garage was on fire, what 2 things would you save and why?** My Mustang of course! Nothing else in there matters. The washing machine I guess, if I have to choose 2 things.

**Hobbies outside Mustangs:** Music - I play in a covers band called RetroNova and also in my church worship team. Reading and watching movies; sewing from time to time; and I love travelling, especially road trips.

**Musical Tastes:** Rock, Dub, Electronic Dance Music, Reggae, Worship...

**Bragging rights:** I'm an Apple Distinguished Educator for what it's worth.

**Future plans:** Start my Master of Educational Leadership and Management in 2017.



## Ian & Jodi Blackford (1997 Thistle GT V8)



### About us:

Ian: 57, born UK moved to NZ 1962, current occupation Customs officer NZ govt - 12 years.

Jodi: 47, born Massey Auckland, current occupation Home carer Geneva homcare - 8 years.

We have been together for 19 years. Married (March this year) with 2 teenage-children Sam 16 and Aimee 15 both at Glenfield college.

We also have a dog, a Jack Russell called Milly and an antisocial cat called Max.

We all live in our own home in the North shore suburb of Glenfield. I have been on the Shore for 44 years and Jo for 19 years.



Our Mustang is our first USA car, first V8 and first convertible we have ever owned. It is a 97 model GT (NZ reg 96) built in Dearborn USA that I imported from Japan in April this year. It had travelled only 42000K and has the Ford SOHC modular 4.6 litre V8. It is in the colour Ford call 'Thistle' which is a deep purple that looks black at night but shows up nicely in purple shades in sunlight.

I have an SIV and LHD permit as it doesn't reach its 20 years till Oct this year. The only things it needed for compliance was a new set of tyres, resewn seatbelt and replacement headlight bulbs.

Since getting it on the road and getting used to LHD I have had only to get the transmission redone with new clutch discs as they had dried out and a few bits and pieces like gas struts and wipers. I also have had all the Jap toll road wiring ripped out and an immobiliser fitted. I still need to get a dent on the drivers door next to the A pillar and some bad scratches seen too but because of the cost of the paint will have to leave that for nearer Christmas. I also would like to open up the exhaust system and find some springs and shocks that aren't as hard as the ones on it as the ride is sweet on the motorway but quite harsh on our secondary roads. I am hoping club members can advise me on these things as I am not used to exhausts being wired up to computers and engine management systems.

## Tony Matthews & Karen Forsyth (2016 V8 GT)



**Car Details:** 2016 V8 GT Mustang race red. Street fighter exhaust. 2" ceramic headers, 3" stainless pipes. Free flow catalytic converter. Stage 2 chip etc. 410 kilowatts and 653 NM.

**Occupation:** Tony - Farmer / Karen - Architectural designer

**How long have you been involved with Mustangs?** 5 months

**If your garage was on fire, what would you save and why?** The Mustang of course because I would have to wait another 10 months to get another one.

**Hobbies outside Mustangs:** Fishing and Karen has horses.

**Bragging rights:** Still alive!

**Future plans:** Keep driving my Mustang.



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