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### STABLE TALK



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The AGM will be on Wednesday 6th May. Time to consider whether you are happy as things are or wish to be

involved in the running of the club by standing for committee. Christine and I will continue with the magazine for another year, if required, and have a few ideas for a range of changes to the format. Sourcing material is always difficult but the upside to formulating the mag is getting to know a lot of members and making a few new friends along the way.

We're moving into what is normally a quieter time of year activities wise, with the run to Whangamata on Anzac weekend promising to be a good way to catch up with Waikato and Bay of Plenty Clubs.

As you would have noticed, the upcoming events page in the mag has shrunk. The emails from Tony will keep you updated with all upcoming events with additional prompts closer to the event.

So that's it from us until the May/June edition. If you don't see yourself in the mag come and introduce yourself to us at events and we will take it from there.

P.s. We don't look anything like those two in the photo above!!



## Presidents Report A Word from the President

The weather has suddenly turned cooler and may be winter is not too far away. However there is no excuse to not keep driving your mustang, it just may need a little more cleaning after a run. The weather was however kind

for the All Ford Day at Smales Farm and thanks for the support of this event. There must have been more than 50 mustangs and we continue to be the biggest supporter of this event annually. It was a nice surprise to win the pre 1974 class and to see Craig Borland and Diana Bang win the modern class.

The big run for this month is the Anzac run to Whangamata. We will meet up with the Waikato and Bay of Plenty clubs for lunch and compete for the trophy, which I am told will be won by Auckland. A number of members are making a weekend of it by going down Friday night or Saturday morning and staying until Monday, which is a public holiday. Details of accommodation have been emailed out. For another group we will travel down on Sunday morning and back in the afternoon. This is always a fun event, so look forward to seeing a good crowd of JAFFAS.

In June we will have our traditional fish n chip run, but this year we will go north to the Salty Dog at Snells Beach. I do hope this will be as well supported as other fish n chip runs. On the 6<sup>th</sup> May, after our normal club meeting we will hold the AGM. We are looking for as many members to come along to support this meeting. We will present the annual trophies and elect a new committee for the coming year. This clubs relies on the generous time that people give to organise all the events. Please consider what you can give to the club as the more people the easier it is to organise events. I am looking forward to a good number of nominations for all committee positions. If being on committee is not for you, that's ok, there are other ways you can help, and one will be supporting others at the AGM and showing appreciation of those who are lucky enough to get a trophy.

Wayne Lack and I are selling a large number of car parts, books and magazine for an estate. Unfortunately a 6 year old boy has lost his father and by selling these items we will be helping to raise money to care for him. I will bring a large amount of books relating to Mustangs and NZ Motor Racing at the May meeting. I will set up earlier at 6.30pm so you have time to look through the reading material before we start the meeting proper. Some books and magazines still have wrappers on them while many have been read carefully once and are in new condition. On top of the Mustangs there are large numbers of books & magazines covering hot rods, muscle cars from Australia and USA, motor racing both vintage and modern, other classic cars, rallying and vintage. Because there are so many books I can only bring some to the meeting, but if you are interested in the non mustang topics give me a call.

On occasions we get a call or a member will say to us that they are not getting notified of events through the email system. Technology is great when it works but gremlins do occasionally get into the system. If you are not getting emails of events, please talk to Tony and he will get it sorted. We don't want you missing out.

I hope to see you at the next mustang event.... Ian

## Member Profile Graeme & Jeanette Madsen

What is our occupation(s) I am a director of a Display Manufacture company and Jeanette has retired to look after the granddaughter so that our daughter can return to the work force.

What got me interested in Mustangs, I just wanted a car that had a look about it. Then I came across a mustang and that was it. I waited for a few months for it to arrive from the USA and then waited for late January for the left hand permit.

Describe your Mustang, it is classy and downright indulgent to describe but an amazing ride, 2010 ford mustang.

Cleaning products, Mothers and FWL cleaning wax.

### Regards Graeme Madsen



## Club Night Wed 4 March

Ian opened the meeting at 7.30pm where Deryck read the minutes from the previous month. Daphne advised of our financial health and Tony outlined upcoming events. Ian then went on to discuss Concours and the long term planning for Convention 2016. On behalf of the Concours committee Bruce Lewis thanked the club for their effort in running the event on the day and made special mention of Wayne Lacks involvement. Ashleys fantastic concours prop depicting Mustangs in movies was auctioned and bought by Ashley for \$200. The bedroom ceiling was his preferred option for placement.

Craig Borland did a short stint relaying events of the last month with a humorous slant. This was enjoyable and will be a monthly meeting item.

We have 336 cars in the club and just 40 on the website. So take a photo of your car and send it to paul@nzmustang.com with a few words of description and he will put it on site.

<u>Remember</u> May 6th is AGM night. Think about whether you would like to be on committee or takeover the club magazine.

Jackpot of \$30 not struck......\$40 up for grabs on Wednesday 1 April.

### Raffle Results:

1st Gavin Moore2nd Lance Babich3rd Warren Hadler



### Club Night Wednesday 1st April

John Devere Ellery gave a very interesting talk on various aspects of his long and interesting motor racing career.

Names such as Roger Freeth, Neil Allport and Possum Bourne were mentioned as being associated with John. The time available didn't do the topic justice so I am trying to get some more facts for a feature article in an upcoming magazine. Watch this space.

### Raffle results:

1st Judy Shackleton

2nd Ashley Sim

3rd Harvey Wade



**The Jackpot of \$40** was struck by member number 65 - Russell Douglas.

New Jackpot starts at the AGM in May.



Ford lovers, commence drooling. I'm not talking about the blue ovals rare recent win at Bathurst last week. I'm talking much closer to home. I'm talking about the 2013 All Ford Day Car Show on at Steel Blue Oval. Bassendean, this weekend. I'm talking about everything from Model As and Ts, hot rods, utes, Falcons, Escorts, Cortinas and WA's own world land speed record holder Rosco McGlashan with his jet-powered Aussie Invader III.



There will also be more than 80 new and classic Mustangs alone, which will soon supersede the trusty Falcon as the Ford of choice in Australia when it's introduced from 2015.

And one man who owns the largest collection of Ford Mustangs in WA – if not Australia – is Bruce, a humble 46-year-old in the mining business who's made collecting rare and classic ponies his obsession for the past 10 years. And the blue-collar businessman has done a fair amount of damage in those 10 years, collection 43 'Stangs from the US, with about 50 muscle cars in all.

While Bruce is understandably guarded about his prize collection, this lucky Ford lover was invited to view them at one of the three Perth properties where he keeps his cars. Spreading the collection around on three properties was a requirement by the insurance company Bruce doesn't want his suburb named and will only say that the whole collection is worth "in the millions, and enough to retire on".

And as I cruised up his long driveway, I realised Ford lovers everywhere would be green with envy. There, stretched out on Bruce's back lawn, a row of the drool-worthy muscle cars were, to quote The Shawshank Redemption, "lined up like a pretty little chorus line". There were three of his prized Shelby GT500's, all side-by-side in green, red and teal. Next to them a 1965 Shelby Daytona replica and a Ford GT40. The final beast was a very rare 1970 AAR Plymouth Barracuda, which looked mighty mean in matt black. They were all in mint original condition. "Most would get driven three or four times per year – some two or three times per month", says Bruce, a knockabout blue collar block who's only too happy to talk about his auto obsession. "My favourite is the 1969 Boss 429 in royal marine. Mum calls it 'the house on wheels' because it costs as much as a house. There's only one or two in WA and it's the one that Ford built with a Hemi engine".



Bruce's 43 Mustangs mostly hail from the late 60s and early 70s. Each is worth between \$60,000 and \$300,000. At this property alone, Bruce keeps "five or six" Shelby GT500s, as if he can hardly keep count of them all. In his one of several large sheds, I count 10 ponies including Mach 1s, Saleens and a late model Roush 427. That's his wife's wheels. A two-tier car rack is filled with all models and colours, including the yellow "Stang used to chase Gene Hackman in a scene from the Francis Ford Coppola fil The Conversation, Sheesh! At his two other properties, there are more ponies, a Mercury Cougar, a Porsche 911 and 930 Turbo, and the list goes on and on. Yet Bruce says he's worked hard and made smart decisions along the way to obtaining the enviable line up. He worked "seven days a week for about nine years" up north on the mines, then took shares in the drilling and blasting company he worked for. Eventually he bought the company. "As you are able to afford them, it blossoms from there. Meeting my wife – who loves the cars too – helped. So with the ability to do that, I look back and think I've done more than I ever dreamed of as a kid" And that's where it all started

"It all goes back to when I was a kid" Bruce says of his 'Stang-session.' "And I know exactly when I got taken for a ride in a 65 coupe when I was 13 or 14. An old beat-up piece of crap. Everyone remembers their first ride in a car like that. It was only ever Mustangs after that for me. But I genuinely love the cars. Some people will only ever buy a Ford or a Holden or whatever. That's not me, I love Mustangs but I like all muscle cars."

Most are bought as restoration projects, thus avoiding the luxury car tax. Bruce even hires a muscle car expert to scout the US for good buys. If he finds one, Bruce sends him to inspect the car and give his recommendation. If Bruce is serious about buying it, he'll either fly to the US to see it or do the deal online. He sends his car carrier to pick it up.

Yes you heard right. The man owns a car carrier in the US, which makes it easy to transport his rides across country. He also has a car carrier here to move his rides from place to place and car show to car show. He laughs when he recalls how Australian custom's officials saw all the cars he was importing and wanted him to get a dealers licence. It took a lot of convincing that he was a collector not a dealer.

Extract taken from Article on Bruce Stewart in a Western Australian Newspaper.

I did it my Way



Craig and Julia Leece bought their 1967 Sport Sprint in 2007. Craig, after toying with buying a Corvette, settled on a Mustang. But it had to be pre 73. Craigs working life started as a mechanic at New Lynn Ford, later he got into the building game and now is an Operations Manager for a transformer manufacturer. What is interesting about this car is that Craig stripped the car to a bare shell, did the body work and painted the car in his garage at home!!!!! He actually painted the car twice, unhappy as he was with the first paint job. So What! - you might say. Well this restoration has been good enough for Craig and Julia to accumulate a very respectable trophy cabinet.

٠	2009	AMOC Show (Stanmore Bay)	1st
٠	2010	Auckland Convention	1st
٠	2011	AMOC Show	1st
٠	2012	AMOC Show	1st
٠	2012	Convention	1st
٠	2012	Best Interior AMOC Show	1st
٠	2012	AMOC Show	2nd
٠	2013	Convention	2nd
٠	2013	AMOC Show	2nd
٠	2014	Convention	3rd

Not bad!! Considering the car is a driver that did laps on the dirt track at the Vintage Midget Day.

They joined AMOC in 2009 and have been regular attendees at events. Future plans for the car include a power rack and pionion steering set going in this winter.

Craig took me for a ride in this car and it is quite a performer. Engine modifications include a cam, roller rockers, world product heads and a good set of headers all enabling a 14 second 1/4 mile. This is a real nice car and it is a credit to Craigs numerous skills.

If you get a chance look under the hood and check out the overflow and washer bottles.







### Metalman Targa Rally

**Ardmore** 

Sunday dawned overcast with the occasional rain shower. Typical after such a long period of drought! The opportunity existed for our club to provide 20 cars to lead off the Targa rally staged from Ardmore. Dry roads would have been

preferred – instead we would find surfaces a little slippery in places. The main pack arrived before 8.30am and within 10 minutes we were subject to the briefing. Prior to the rally proper, there would be a reconnaissance run (the two stages only lasted about 10 minutes plus touring to the start and back



to Ardmore). The lead pace car was followed by some 15 enthusiastic mustang members and whilst not closed roads at this stage we still gained a good feel for what the rally drivers would encounter. Winding, narrow, scenic, slippery in places – Monument Road and other roads in the Hunua's can be a lot of fun. Within 30 minutes

Monument Road and other roads in the Hunua's can be a lot of fun. Within 30 minutes we were back at base (Ardmore Airport) chatting about our experiences and whether we wanted to make the quantum leap to the next stage of Targa in the future – touring. During discussions rally cars came and left – they drove the same two stages four times and returned to base each time.

All in all the day was a bit of a teaser given the roads were not closed and with few straight stretches it was hard to really unwind. But it was fun and something rather different. Good publicity for the club with the van prominent. More than one mustang caught the eye of the competitors as well. That was a bonus!

One of our cars came to grief during the run and stepped out after a braking manoeuvre that resulted in a wheel hitting an inside kerbing. Whilst no serious injury the car was unfortunately the worse for wear. Plenty of time was spent reliving the incident. In the end a rather valuable learning incident for all the participants.



Article by Craig and Diana

### Mike and Charlene Stayte win Stevens Motors (Lower Hutt) Dealership Competition

"Mike and Charlene Stayte, who are keen members of the Mustang Owners Club here in Auckland, enjoyed a dinner at Restaurant Eight last night as guests of Stevens Motors in Lower Hutt.



They were joined by

Rick Wallace, Mustang guy at Stevens Motors, and his wife Debbie. The dinner was a prize from a competition on suggestions on how to be the best Mustang Dealership. The prize was 'dinner at the restaurant of your choice' and Mike and Charlene certainly made a great choice. It was a fun night out, a Corporate Cab was included so Mike and Charlene got to relax on the way home.

Both Mike and Charlene are avid Mustang fans, Mike being the only non-American administrator on the popular FaceBook page 'Show Us Your Mustang', which has a membership of over 47,000 Mustang fans. He is also a regular contributor on other Mustang sites,

including https://www.facebook.com/nzmustang.

Mike's page on Stevens Motors Mustang site is <a href="http://mustang.net.nz/2008-2014/mike-stayte-2014-mustang-gt-california-special">http://mustang.net.nz/2008-2014/mike-stayte-2014-mustang-gt-california-special</a>"

### New Members David & Rachael Seymour

David is in Real Estate with L J Hooker and Rachael in Retail Sales - shoes.

They named their Mustang JAC because of the number plate JAC96. JAC is the most amazing car, easy to drive, comfortable and very good looking! They love touring and taking JAC out to lunch or dinner



David has always admired the Mustang but Rachaels desire to own one has been a dream for a long time, coming from a family who loved American Cars.

They collect old things - firearms, bottles, musical instruments and enjoy wine and fine food.

Favourite TV programmes are The Walking Dead, and Home and Away.

Favourite Movies are The Green Mile and Goodbye Pork Pie.

They listen to pretty much anything in the way of music.

If their garage was on fire they would save JAC - for obvious reasons and David's Stella Artois sign—cos its unique.

Their bragging rights are owning the first 2015 Mustang GT in Whangarei and they hope to buy another Mustang in the future. Rachael would like a 69 Boss and David maybe a late model Shelby.





### Beach Hop 2015 Whangamata



If you have never been, love cars, it's a must see.

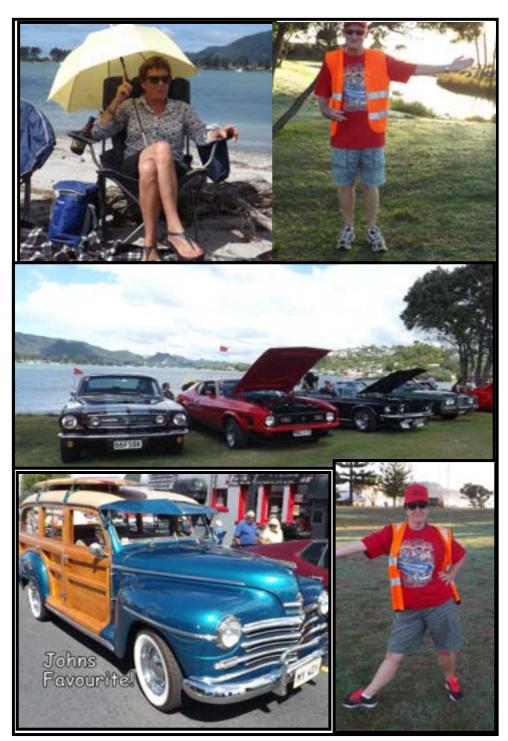
This year I decided to go to Whangamata on the Tuesday and join the run to Waihi. The warm up party in Waihi was once again a great success. Great weather, a town full of cars, a great atmosphere all made for a good start to the week.

The Robertsons and their adopted son Graeme once again played host with a bbq, drinks, banter and a good few laughs. The now compulsory main street night cruise was again a highlight and after a couple of laps got the chairs out and became spectators till the fumes got to you.

Thursday we convoyed to Tairua. You would be hard pushed to find a better venue than the Harbourside Reserve with the tide in. Unfortunately the rain arrived on Thursday night and Friday morning was wet. After a delayed start to Onemana it was decided to proceed and luckily no cars got stuck on the reserve. Due to the weather numbers were down but still the atmosphere and enjoyment were there.

Saturday dawned sunny and all looked good. After arriving at the Rugby Ground I set to cleaning the car and - yes - just finished and a shower arrived. Time to chamois and dry again. A few showers later in the day didn't detract from another fantastic parade and display of beautiful cars.

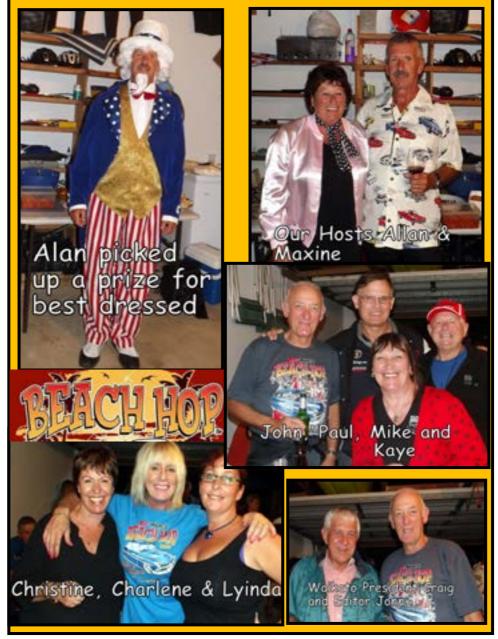
Attended both the prize givings but yet again the second bay in the garage is empty. Got close up to Barry Meguair but he didn't share his brand of tooth paste. We stayed on in Whangamata till the Tuesday, in glorious sunshine, all car'd out for another year. If you haven't been make it a must do for next year!!!!!!!!





### A big thank you to the Waikato Mustang Club for the BBQ

invitation on the Thursday night. Our hosts Alan and Maxine made us most welcome and despite the weather it was a good night. My only regret is that we will be taking the inter-club trophy off them back to Auckland on Anzac weekend.



## AMOC Trip to the Bay of Islands

After what seemed like months of talking about, checking on numbers and advising people 13<sup>th</sup> March rolled around a lovely fine late summer, early autumn day.

The outlook for the weekend weather wise was potentially not that great as much of the news for the days leading up was telling us all about the imminent arrival of Cyclone Pam which was due to make its first landfall in the Northland. I of course



was taking two sides on the weather, from a club trip perspective, hoping it would hold off longer than predicted, and from a farm perspective seriously looking forward to the drought breaker.

Undaunted by the possibility of being caught in a decent cyclone, 8 cars arrived at BP Silverdale for coffee, a chat and then hit the road at 10.30am. Not naming any names but apparently one couple was seriously held up due to a slight accident with some keys being locked in the car. Very quickly the trip north was characterized by seeing either Harvey and Linda Wade's Rousch, or Justin and Tracy's Rousch appear in your mirrors and then go flashing past you. On this occasion they didn't have Clive Lonergan to join in the fun, as Clive and Michelle had caught an early ferry over from Waiheke and were going to meet us all at Paihia.

A pretty uneventful trip up to Wellsford, first through the Waiwera Tunnel and the obligatory, slow the car down ahead, drop the windows, then plant it in the tunnel to hear the aural pleasure of each cars exhaust. Made me think how brilliant it will be when the Waterview tunnel is complete as that will be over 2 kms long and will be just magic for doing the same thing.

Quick stop in Wellsford to make sure we still had everyone, and were joined by Jennifer Brandon, and then it was on to Whangarei and wherever people wanted to stop for a quick bite to eat, as we were under a tight timeline to meet the Northland team just outside of Kamo at 12-30pm.

We met up with the Northland team and then carried on in convoy through to the Copthorne Resort in Waitangi, where we caught up with others who had come directly from further North and John and Peggy Barker who this time bought their beautiful 02 Thunderbird.

Possibly the only thing of real note on the way up was Wayne Ward's magnificent braking job ahead of one of the notorious Northland One Lane Bridges, that we heard so much about in the recent by-election. By all accounts from my source in the red Ford Ranger there was much smoke and it looked like Wayne had a fair old time restraining the Mach 1.Unbeknownst to us we were sharing the Copthorne that night with the Hire a Hubby Black Tie Awards Evening, so there were Hubbies and Hubbiets all over the place, even one who looked like he was wearing a dressing gown to the event, but it was in fact a smoking jacket. After a few drinks around the bar, and a chance to socialize, it was off to dinner, at either the Copthorne or one of the many eateries in Paihia.

Saturday dawned a beautiful day, and after breakfast it was time to meet for our departure for a run north to beautiful Matauri Bay, which is about 56kms north of Waitangi. Having never been to Matauri Bay Di and I had no idea what to expect, and didn't realize that on the road out to there is the famous Kauri Cliffs Resort. It was on this road that we met the road works from hell, these were not just road works they were complete road rebuilding. The funniest thing was seeing the Stop/Go guy who is probably used to seeing one or two cars at a time, turn around and see this line of Mustangs old and new alike. Needless to say everyone took it very carefully over this section, but once passed there it was back into good open road cruising out to the bay. In short Matauri Bay is just stunning. We stopped and spent a couple of hours at the bay where we lunched and took the obligatory photos of cars against wild scenery. While the weather was fine, you could tell a storm was on the way as the surf was really starting to surge into the bay. The local kids of course were completely undaunted by this and continued their precarious dodging breakers on the rocks.

It was then back in the cars for all to spend the afternoon as they wished, some choosing to head further north, some to Kerikeri and some to Russell. If we thought the road works on the way up were bad it was nothing to the scene that greeted us as we pulled up behind the other Stop/Go guy. A truck and trailer unit was dumping a massive load of the seriously heavy and mucky stones into the road for compacting. The guys took one swipe at it with the roller and then left it to the cars. So a group of Mustangs old and new have provided part road roller service in the rebuilding of that road.

Dinner Saturday night was a Buffet at the Copthorne, with many hanging around to take the opportunity to chat, catch up and meet new people.



There was reasonable rain overnight Saturday and Sunday dawned windy, showery and just grey, with the very clear threat that a big storm was making its way towards landfall.

After breakfast it was off to the Village Green in Paihia to park the cars up, have a coffee and say our goodbyes. Jennifer Brandon managed to entertain many of the passers by with the seriously impressive stereo system in her beautiful Shelby GT 500 KR.

Like all club weekends away, it was great to meet new people and get some time to get to know better people you only see at events or at club nights.

My thanks to Wayne Ward and Roger Parsons who were our people on the ground in Northland organising the guts of the weekend. Guys your help and knowledge was absolutely invaluable and very much appreciated.

For those who are thinking maybe I should come on one of these weekends away in 2016, do it. At this stage planning is underway on where we will be going and what we will do, but will be notified to all around June 2015 to give people plenty of to plan and save.

### Article by Tony Powell



## All Ford Day 12 April 2015



Smales Farm was once again the setting for the All Ford Day.

Approximately 80 Mustangs were on display in the special Mustang enclosure with Fords of all description in the adjacent car parks..

Charles and Heather Quintal, Harvey and Linda Wade, Ashley Webb and Kate Mallen and David Head all had recent purchases on display (see photos).

Amoc did well in the prize department with President Ian Waters taking out the pre 74 and Past President Craig Borland the 05 till present.

These prize packs were very generous including Insurance vouchers, dyno tune vouchers and various other goodies.

A Good day for the club with good representations and some very well presented cars.







## AMOC Area Rep Co-ordinator

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The following club members are able to supply Valuations for your car for insurance purposes :

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### **New Members**



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Robin Hosking

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Jack & Jo Weir

(Assoc member 1992-2010

Returning)

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2012 GT Premium

2001 GT Convertible, silver

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1966 Blue

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## Tech Talk



For anyone interested in how to prepare your car for showing help is available. Go into

nzmustang.com and at the top of the page, below the galloping horse image, is the prompt technical. Click on this and the Mustang Technical Data page will come up. Under the heading of General click on line1. Download AMOC Detailing Guide. Now get to work.

### **Northland Members**

Any new members in the Northland area should contact either Wayne Ward, ward@ubernet.co.nz, or Roger Parsons, 0274 425 489. Between them they look after the Northland members and organise localised runs and Outings.





These sashes will be available for members to purchase. It is thought that the price will be around the \$25 mark.. Expressions of interest should be directed to Mike Adams 021 930 326 or mandvadams@gmail.com

### **Upcoming Events**

*Club Night* - 1st Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at the Northern Sports Car Club, Mt Richmond Domain. Enter from Great South Road.

*Mark your calendar* for Sunday April the 26th. We are organising a run to Whangamata in conjunction with the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Clubs. Monday is a public holiday so think about an overnighter and making a long weekend of it. .

For all other events check your emails as Tony is constantly updating.

Remember the 1st week in May is the AGM. Now is the time to start thinking about whether you would like to stand for the committee or work on this magazine.



## How to Decode Vin and Data Plate on your Mustang

#### Where to Find the Number:

- Engine Compartment on drivers side fender apron, under the fender.
- Inside the car where windshield and dash meet (passenger side 1968, Drivers side 1969+.
- Partial VIN stamped on the back of original engine block (1968-1973)
- Door jam of drivers side door on data plate.

#### The Original Data Plate

The most valuable find is the vehicle's original data plate. This is located on the door jam of driver's side door. If you can find this you can determine the original colour, trim style, date it was manufactured, DSO (District Sales Office) number, rear axle identification, and the vehicles transmission. Very often the original data plate is missing, or does not match up with the vehicle you're inspecting. For instance, if someone took a drivers side door jam from one Mustang and put it onto the car you're checking out, the VIN Number on the data plate will be different than the VIN under the hood or on the dash. Use good judgment when investigating a vehicle's history. If something doesn't seem to match up, dig deeper to find out why.

### Decoding the Information

Once you find the VIN number, it should look something like this: #6FO8A1000005. This number tells a lot about the car. For instance the 6 signifies a 1966 model year. The F tells you this was produced in Dearborn and the 08 says this is a convertible. The A is your engine code. For this particular year we are looking at a 289 cubic inch V8 engine. Finally the 100005 is your consecutive unit number which describes the order in which this Mustang was built in the factory. For instance, a Mustang built early in the run would have a lower consecutive unit number than one built later in the year.

This is all fine and dandy, but unless you're an expert, you're left with a bunch of numbers that mean little to nothing. Thats where a Mustang decoder comes in handy. For many years people carried pocket VIN decoders around to identify Mustangs. The following are a few online decoders that will decipher just about any classic Mustang VIN and Data Plate you have:

http://www.mustangdecoder.com/decoder.html

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### Deceased Estate Items for Sale

Club President Ian Waters and Life Member Wayne Lack, are in the process of helping to collect together and sell items from a Deceased Estate with the funds raised to go to the 6 years old boy who recently lost his Dad.

Those of you at the All Ford Day will have seen the Mustang that Wayne is trying to sell on behalf of the estate but there is much more of a car related nature.

- Engine Stand/Trolley (Doesn't appear to have ever been use) \$40
- 2 RCA 1kg safety ace fire extinguishers A,B & E (Both units re registering as fully charged) \$20 each.
- Wyco Trolley Jack believed to be 2.5 tonne with a minimum height of 145 mm to a maximum of 510mm (in almost new condition) \$150

If you are interested in any of these items, and would like to see pictures reply to this email and I will forward you the pictures that Ian has sent to me.

If you would like to view or buy any of these items then please make contact with Ian Waters on 09 294 9117. Also note there is a massive collection of car related books and magazine which will also be available for sale at an upcoming Club Night. More details on next page......







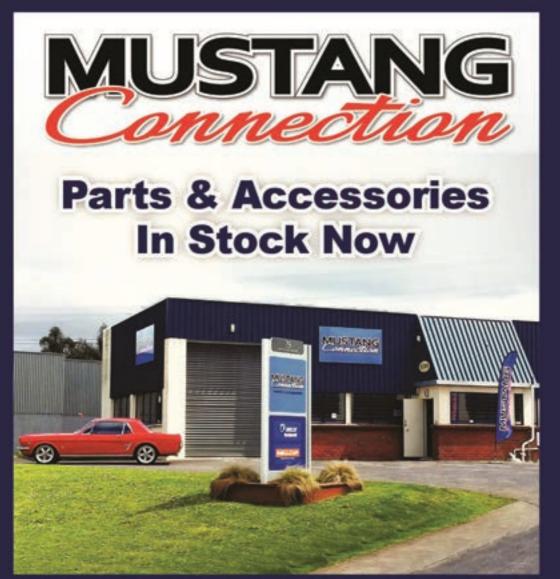


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- 2. RCA 1 kg fire extinguisher. 2 units \$20 each
- 3. Wayco Trolley Jack \$150
- 4. Battery charger by Electro Products in Christchurch. New price \$400 plus g.s.t. asking \$150



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