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## Stable Talk

Welcome to the first edition of the Pony Express for 2017.

As the summer rolls on, Christmas 2016 becomes a distant memory and we get back into the routine of eat, work and sleep. At least being the summer there is plenty of opportunity to be getting the Mustang out. Please do check out the club events calendar on page 7 and if you are keen to register for an event contact Tony Powell to ensure your name is on the list as a number of events are limited.

In this edition, we do get a flashback to Christmas when John Dorking came to the aid of Manurewa Rotary's Christmas parade and be sure to read Andrei Serikov's account of his dad picking up his new Mustang 5.0GT. Andrei is just 12 years old, is well researched on the S550 Mustang and if you think as grown ups we get excited when we pick up a new car, imagine that through the eyes of a young boy, who had to endure a punishing 7 month wait for the car to be built and delivered. That's not all some great results at Concours this year from our two teams and some shots from February's Waipu drive and of course not to forget the annual weekend away which this year was back up North.

The Facebook site continues to generate more and more posts which is great to see.

This month's cover photo is Graham and Sherilyn Dakin's gorgeous 1969 Mach I. The photo was kindly supplied by Leo Waters.

As always we hope you enjoy this edition of the Pony Express, and do not be shy, please put forward your articles, stories of interest and photos. We would love to hear from you.

Wishing you the best in health.  
Mike & Cass

# President's Note



Happy New Year to you all. It seems a little strange saying that as the first two months of 2017 have flown by so quickly. The weather during January was very patchy but has vastly improved for February apart from one period of very much needed rain.

It was pleasing to see the large number of members attend our first club night at the beginning of February and the weather was just perfect for the BBQ. Events in January really only consisted of Kumeu on the Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. Again the weather was great and from all accounts it was a great show.

*Ian Waters, President*

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> we were due to visit the Vintage Speedway at Meremere, but mother nature threw us a bit of a storm and the event was cancelled. It is hoped to have this very popular event rescheduled.

Into February and first up was the Eilerslie Intermarque Concours and Classic Car Show. This consisted of events on the Saturday being fun runs and on the Sunday being the Car Show and competition side. I don't think the fun run was as well supported this year as we did last year which was a shame as they can be a lot of fun for virtual no cost. Sunday saw our club display 15 cars in a new position of the grounds and the site seemed to work pretty well. As we normally do we entered two teams into the Teams Event, a modern team consisting of Eugene McWatt and Harvey Wade and a classic team of Ron McRae and Mike Spray. While it was disappointing to only see three teams enter the competition our cars scored very well. In first place were two E type Jaguars with a combined score of 1109 followed by Eugene and Harvey on 1040 and Ron and Mike on 1005. Eugene and Harvey had a hard job against the Jags giving away 69 age points before any judging started. Had there been no age points it would have been a draw. Well done to both of our teams, you have done the club proud.

The Car Show was down on display vehicles and competition cars, but overall it appears that the public numbers were up making this financially one of the best shows for organisers. Also a big thank you for all the work our members do in running this event including Ian Langley, Wayne Lack, Steve Hawkins, Ashley Webb and Mike Bitossi.

The big weekend away North was on the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February and despite the weather outlook, it turned out pretty darn good. It was a good opportunity to mix with our Northland members and a big thank you to David Seymour for organising a fair portion of this. There are photos on Facebook and a following article just showing how much fun these weekends are.

Also on the 19<sup>th</sup> was the Galaxy of Cars event at Western Springs. Due to a lack of numbers we did not officially attend but some lone mustangs did show up. There has been some banter on Facebook with some members disappointed about our non attendance, but it did clash with the Northland weekend. It was not an official club event and we cannot also go to ever show that is put in front of us. Maybe next year we can look at it again?

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February a group of 40 visited Gibbs Farm on the shores of the Kaipara. What a place. The views are just fantastic but even better are the sculptures that cover the several hundred acres of mown grounds. Wild life consisted of emu, alpaca, bison, deer, giraffe, sheep, cattle and lots of water birds. This is not really a farm but a park of art. Some of these works of art were very large that it is hard to visualise until you get up close. This is the second trip that has been organised and from the number of people who were interested to go but missed out, perhaps we can try for another group in the future.

The committee has been busy putting together another packed programme. Don't forget to view the upcoming events and do watch your in box for advance notice. Coming up and not to be missed are visits to Reece Fish's garage, The All Ford Day at Smales Farm 9<sup>th</sup> April, National Mustang Day Run to Woodlands on 17<sup>th</sup> April, Anzac Run with Waikato and Bay of Plenty, and Steel n Wheels in Waiuku 30<sup>th</sup> April. On top of that Beachhop is 29<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Margaret Broadbent is organising a two week tour to Convention in Invercargill this year. Details are in a following article so do consider this as these tours are really great fun.

Since December our membership has increased by 15 and we are sitting at around 320 members and partners. This club continues to grow year on year, partly due to Ford producing such a great car that now spans 53 years of continuous production, but also because members want to meet other like-minded members with similar passions for the Mustang and get out there are enjoy having those wheels turn and listen to the noise from the exhaust. Getting as large as we are means the Club has to be run more like a business in terms of organising events but we still want to ensure that you as members have a fun time. We don't always get it right, but this committee put a lot of work into making sure events are successful.



When you are a new member it is a little daunting coming to your first event or club night, not knowing anyone and sometimes seeing a large number of other people there. I would ask all longer standing members to introduce themselves and perhaps buddy up with newer members until they are comfortable with us. Remember we were all new at one time.

While our AGM is still some months away I want to start sowing a seed. "What can you do for your club" Being a committee member is a lot of work at times, but you get back more than you put in. You get to meet a lot of great people and making long term friendships. You get to see the enjoyment other members get from attending events you helped organise. If this is something you could be interested in, then give one of the committee a call to discuss whether you would be prepared to stand at the next AGM. It would make AGM so less stressful if we have more members willing to stand prior to AGM rather than gang pressed on AGM night.

See you soon.

*Ian Waters*

# Event Calendar 2017

Month	2017 Club Nights	2017 Events
January	4 <sup>th</sup> No meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> National Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival (Kumeu Showgrounds) 22 <sup>nd</sup> Vintage Speedway (Meremere) 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Historic GP Meet Taupo
February	1 <sup>st</sup> Barbecue	11 <sup>th</sup> Concours Runs 12 <sup>th</sup> Concours de'Elegance 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Club Weekend Away (Northland) 19 <sup>th</sup> Galaxy of Cars 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> "Americana" 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Plymouth 23 <sup>rd</sup> Gibbs Farm (Epic Sculpture Farm) 26 <sup>th</sup> Elvis in the Gardens (Auckland Botanic Gardens Manurewa)
March	1 <sup>st</sup> Sponsors Night	12 <sup>th</sup> Naki Drag Wars (New Plymouth) 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>	9 <sup>th</sup> All Ford Day (Smales Farm) 17 <sup>th</sup> National Mustang Day Run to Woodlands (Gordonton) 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>	Fish and Chip Run
July	5 <sup>th</sup> Club AGM	Mid Winter Christmas Dinner
August	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
September	6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Car Show 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Sandown 500
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 Club Prize Giving Dinner
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> November ITM Auckland Super Sprint Pukekohe
December	6 <sup>th</sup>	

# AMOC Members Facebook




*Mooo....*

*Looking good!*

**Raewyn Townley**  
February 18 at 1:04pm

On our way to our picnic lunch. Horse power meets bull power



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0:15

You, Mike Powell, Tony Powell and 10 others

Ken Smith Could have had a big cow pat in the middle of your hood.  
Like · Reply · 1 · February 18 at 1:20pm

Raewyn Townley Yay. Free and fresh manure for the roses.  
Like · Reply · February 18 at 2:52pm

Write a reply...

Shane Rea not the kind of hood ornament ya really want huh LOL  
Like · Reply · 2 · February 18 at 4:50pm

Mike Powell Well I woke up to a cow eating grass in the garden outside the bedroom this morning.....so you have not been the only one tackling bovine frustrations today 🤔  
Like · Reply · 1 · February 18 at 9:44pm

Tony Powell For the record the cow in the garden was none of this neighbours cattle.  
Like · Reply · 1 · February 20 at 10:24pm

Write a reply...

John Dorking But the horns on this one were about 3 feet across and very sharp looking. I know this as we almost had the wet imprint of his nose on my window!  
Like · Reply · 1 · February 22 at 3:41pm

Mike Powell Jo Weir only wish you had your iPhone when this guy turned and faced you down. That would be an epic cover shot  
Like · Reply · 1 · February 23 at 7:56pm

**Mike Spray**  
11 hrs

My old girl looking good on the March cover of NZ Classic Car magazine



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Eugene Mowatt

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Mike Powell Looking good Mike!  
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Tony Powell Sure does Mike.  
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Ian Waters Congratulations. All the hard work and the recognition now in print. How many copies are you buying?  
Like · Reply · 1 hr

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



# Manurewa Santa Parade

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016

Contributed by John Dorking

Saturday dawned with a typical (yeah right) sunny Auckland day.

I had put my hand up as the organisers were looking for a Mustang Convertible for the Parade. There were to be two and one had pulled out, so the call went out among club members. I lived handy so thought, why not? Arrived 9:15 as instructed. Plenty of coming's and going's in the car park as you can see from some of the photos. As it happens I could have arrived at 10:15 and still been early. Oh well.....

I had no idea what they wanted the two Mustangs for. Turned out there are 2 Manurewa Mascots, Manu and Rewa. One per car. Simple.

Not so simple when the other car is a no show. The decision was made to put them both in my car. Again, simple one would think.

Not so! With both Mascots 7 foot high with size 50 feet, how to get them in? (Check out their size in the photos')

With an early Mustang, or even a modern one without a light bar, simple. With a light bar, almost impossible! No way to get under it, and no ladder to "step" into the back.



To the rescue come 2 burly Samoans. Could have done with them when I was heaving boulders around in the garden!

They pick Manu and Rewa up like children and plonk them in the back of the car. Probably the first time the back has been used!

So off we go, walking pace, me at the front, Mascots behind. Through the shops, a few twists and turns, up Great South Rd, a few more twists and turns, and back to base. Around 40 minutes all up I guess.

More fun and games in the carpark, and everyone is off home. Lunch was supplied at the RSA for those who took part. There were hundreds of them. Brass bands, dancers, acrobats, church groups etc. Even Elvis and his twin brother were there, promoting Elvis in the Park in February.

Something different for a Saturday!

Ho, Ho, have a Merry Xmas guys!





# National Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Kumeu Showgrounds

So following 2016's return of AMOC to the Jack Daniels Kumeu Classic Car, the decision was made to attend again this year. The show took place at the Kumeu A&P showgrounds over the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January.

The day started out fine and sunny and just as experienced in the previous year turned out to be a real scorcher. AMOC took a display space for the Saturday only as we learnt last year that is the day when the crowds turn out and all the exhibitors are there. The first obvious change was the obvious thought the organisers had put into routing traffic in and out of the show, resulting in much less traffic congestion.

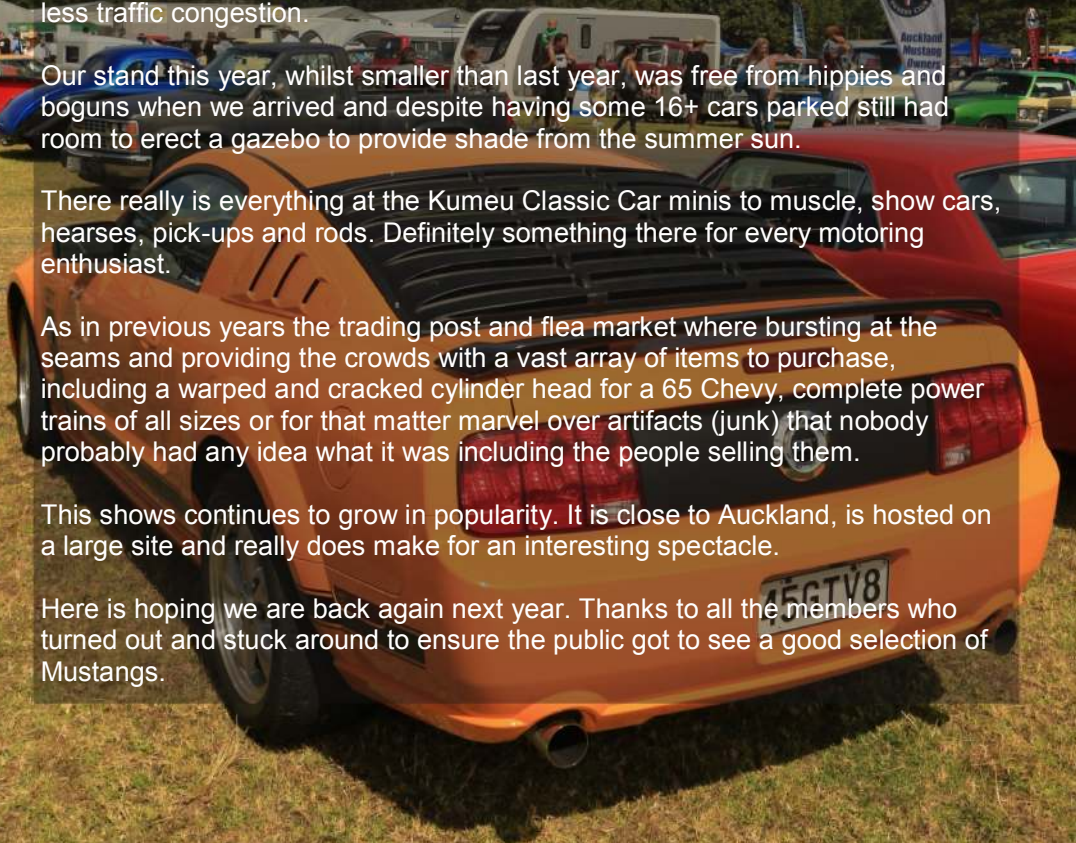
Our stand this year, whilst smaller than last year, was free from hippies and boguns when we arrived and despite having some 16+ cars parked still had room to erect a gazebo to provide shade from the summer sun.

There really is everything at the Kumeu Classic Car minis to muscle, show cars, hearses, pick-ups and rods. Definitely something there for every motoring enthusiast.

As in previous years the trading post and flea market were bursting at the seams and providing the crowds with a vast array of items to purchase, including a warped and cracked cylinder head for a 65 Chevy, complete power trains of all sizes or for that matter marvel over artifacts (junk) that nobody probably had any idea what it was including the people selling them.

This show continues to grow in popularity. It is close to Auckland, is hosted on a large site and really does make for an interesting spectacle.

Here is hoping we are back again next year. Thanks to all the members who turned out and stuck around to ensure the public got to see a good selection of Mustangs.







# The Great Waipu Run & Bike Show

5<sup>th</sup> February

Contributed by Shane Rea

Here are some photos I took at The Great Waipu Car and Bike Show. It was a beautiful day up there.

We met up at the Mobil on Oteha Valley Road and went to The Dunes in Mangawhai for breakfast and then headed up to Caledonian Park Waipu. Had a great time wandering around and looking at all the different makes of cars and motorbikes and trikes.

Had some lunch up there, spit roast rolls and something to wash it down with before I carried on taking lots of photos then we headed to one of the guys places for some refreshments and headed back to Auckland.

The entire the time I was trying to keep up with the kit cars that were leaving me for dust AHAHAHA not happy that my 4.6 couldn't keep up with then LOL.

*Shane Rea*









*Photos on this page taken at The Great Waipu Run & Bike Show  
by Cushla and Wayne Donnelly*





# 44<sup>th</sup> Intermarque Concours d'Elegance and Classic Car Show

11<sup>th</sup> February

Contributed by Eugene McWatt

After months of preparation. The day was finely here. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Concours d'Elegance.

Up early, the McWatt Family and Steve from C.A.R.S., Weather looked alright the forecast was for rain. Mustang into the Big Black Trailer and off we went.

On arrival at Ellerislie, we had to wait before we could enter the circle. Those trees were great for shade, but all you did was wipe those damp leaves off the cars constantly.

Judging began about 9am, not sure what to expect, Harvey did try to bribe the judges only to find that he had the front wheels on the wrong way around, no marks off. They came and looked at each car. Open the Boot, Close the Boot, Open the Bonnet, Close the Bonnet and so on. Judging finished about 12.30pm, we all just had to wait for prizegiving.





There was a great display of all sorts of cars from Hillman, Jaguar, Horseless Carriages to the latest Maserati SUV and Lamborghini. And of course, our own favourite car the Mustang. We had about 15 cars on display, With two teams being judged in the Circle. And our own Charles and Heather Quintal with their award winning 1967 Notchback, with the C.A.R.S display inside as they had been invited to attend.

It turned out to be a great day the weather held it together. Prizegiving drew nearer. Then the time had come for the results to be announced.

### Team Event Results

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jaguar Driver Club – 1109 pts

Car 1: 544 pts 1966 Jaguar. Car 2: 565 pts 1961 Jaguar

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – AMOC Team 2

Car1: 531 pts 2005 GT Mustang – Eugene McWatt

Car2: 509 pts 208 Roush 428R – Harvey Wade

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – AMOC Team 1

Car 1: 499 pts 1966 Convertible – Ron McRae

Car2: 506 pts 1967 Notchback – Mike Spray

### Top Cars Team Event

1<sup>st</sup> Place 565 Pts 1961 Jaguar – Simon Crispe

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 544 Pts 1966 Jaguar – Roger Munns

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 531 Pts 2005 GT Mustang – Eugene McWatt

We would like to thank the Concours d'Elegance committee for a great day and all their hard work. And the McWatt Family would like to thank Steve from C.A.R.S Pukekohe for all his guidance and support. Also, Thank you to the AMOC Club and their ongoing support.



# Club Weekend Away

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February - Northland

Contributed by Tony Powell

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> dawned overcast with an ever present threat of rain in the air, after the all day dumping of rain Auckland and Northland received on the Thursday.

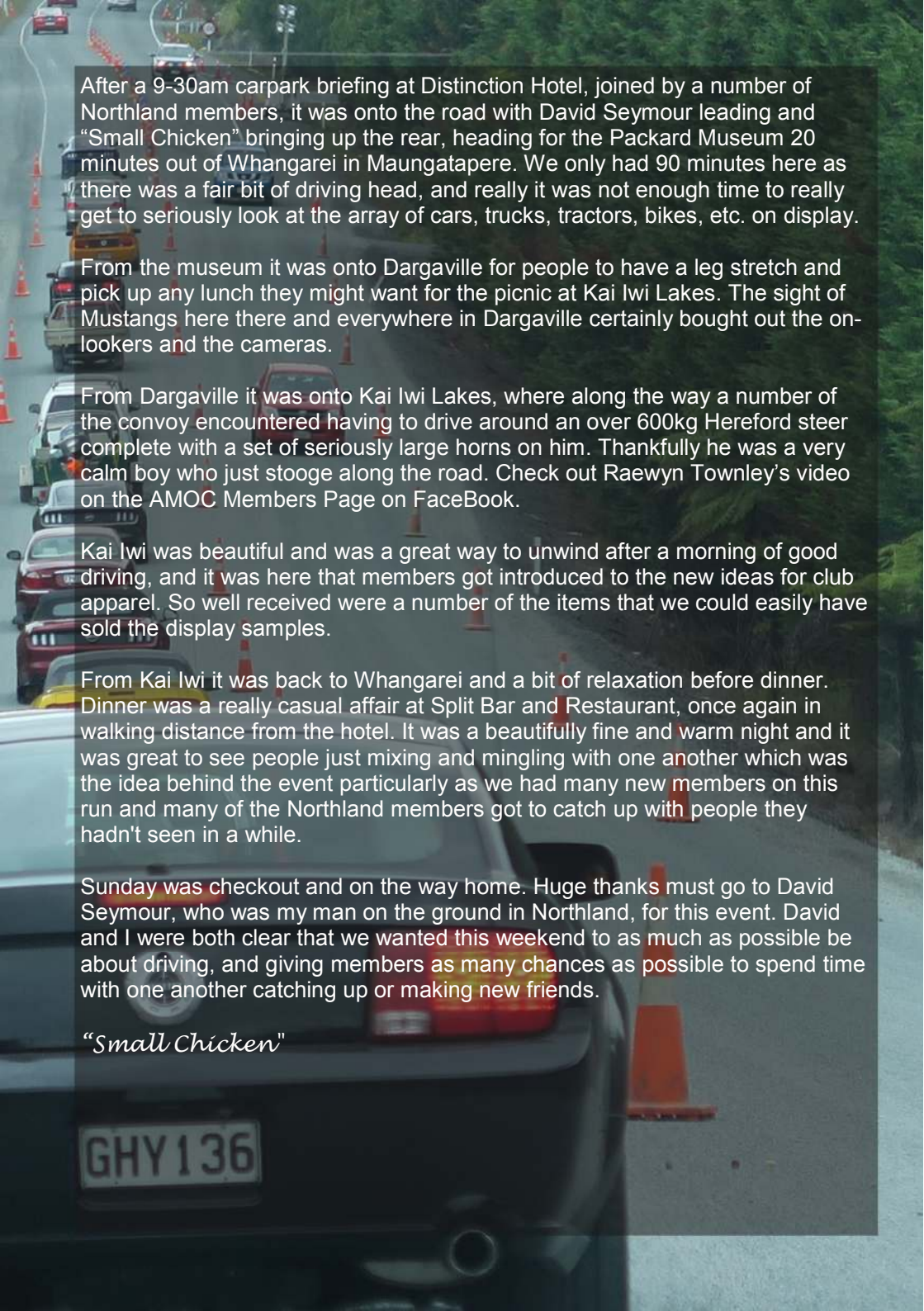
A group of 15 cars met at the Helensville Railway Cafe at 10.30am for an 11am leave. It was brilliant to have Wally Kingi from Northland join us for the cruise home, for him, after his very early departure from Turangi to be with us. Clive Lonergan just missed us at the cafe, having come over on the ferry from Waiheke that morning, and then negotiating traffic across Auckland, but those of us who know Clive well, were never in doubt that he would very quickly catch the convoy on the trip between Helensville and the first stop Wellsford, which he well and truly did complaining about having to do too many gear changes on the scenic but windy Highway 16 leg.

At Wellsford the convoy came together again, and were joined by Craig and Dianna, Pauline and John in Wellsford and we set out for Waipu for lunch via Mangawhai. The weather by now was no longer threatening rain, instead it was sunny and very humid.

From Waipu, where people could choose their where to lunch, it was on for the short sprint to Whangarei and check in at the Distinction Hotel. There were two rooms offering gatherings, Room 458 and Room 102 that had Girls on offer, well more like Tony was offering Diane, Daphne and Merrin his room mates, he paid a heavy price for this folly for the rest of the weekend.

Friday night dinner was at Frings in the Whangarei Basin, where a large group of the travellers, were able to walk to dinner and proceed to pretty much reorganise the interior of the premises into one very long table. It was here that someone got christened "Small Chicken" when the guy making the wood fired pizzas announced to the whole group that the small chicken pizza ordered by Tony was ready. Unfortunately he simply announced it as Tony Small Chicken.

Saturday dawned overcast again with another threat of rain, a little worrying when a picnic lunch at Kai Iwi Lakes was planned, but once again apart from some drizzle in Dargaville it amounted to nothing and the day was once again hot and humid.



After a 9-30am carpark briefing at Distinction Hotel, joined by a number of Northland members, it was onto the road with David Seymour leading and "Small Chicken" bringing up the rear, heading for the Packard Museum 20 minutes out of Whangarei in Maungatapere. We only had 90 minutes here as there was a fair bit of driving head, and really it was not enough time to really get to seriously look at the array of cars, trucks, tractors, bikes, etc. on display.

From the museum it was onto Dargaville for people to have a leg stretch and pick up any lunch they might want for the picnic at Kai Iwi Lakes. The sight of Mustangs here there and everywhere in Dargaville certainly bought out the on-lookers and the cameras.

From Dargaville it was onto Kai Iwi Lakes, where along the way a number of the convoy encountered having to drive around an over 600kg Hereford steer complete with a set of seriously large horns on him. Thankfully he was a very calm boy who just stooge along the road. Check out Raewyn Townley's video on the AMOC Members Page on FaceBook.

Kai Iwi was beautiful and was a great way to unwind after a morning of good driving, and it was here that members got introduced to the new ideas for club apparel. So well received were a number of the items that we could easily have sold the display samples.

From Kai Iwi it was back to Whangarei and a bit of relaxation before dinner. Dinner was a really casual affair at Split Bar and Restaurant, once again in walking distance from the hotel. It was a beautifully fine and warm night and it was great to see people just mixing and mingling with one another which was the idea behind the event particularly as we had many new members on this run and many of the Northland members got to catch up with people they hadn't seen in a while.

Sunday was checkout and on the way home. Huge thanks must go to David Seymour, who was my man on the ground in Northland, for this event. David and I were both clear that we wanted this weekend to as much as possible be about driving, and giving members as many chances as possible to spend time with one another catching up or making new friends.

*"Small Chicken"*

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# Epic Sculpture Farm

23<sup>rd</sup> February - Gibbs Farm

Contributed by Christine and John Lipanovich

## *A little history first.*

Alan Gibbs had three decades of significant art collecting behind him when he bought the farm in 1991. Together with his son in law, architect, Noel Lane, they formed a collection of permanent private commissions of a scale rarely seen.

Apart from the art the farm is a working farm with a staff of forty. Gibbs opens the farm to the public, free of charge, for a few days over the spring and summer months on a first in first served basis. Ashley Sim, who organised our previous visit 2 years ago was lucky enough to secure a forty person pass for the visit.

We all met at Albany Stadium for a 9.15am departure and convoyed together via Dairy Flat and Kaukapakapa to the Gibbs Farm on the shores of the Kaipara Harbour. The farm with its views over the Kaipara with well maintained lawns and lakes is stunning. The size and quality of the art has to be seen to be appreciated. The sheer scope of engineering to place some of the pieces must have been daunting. If you haven't seen this place make a point of putting it on your to do list.

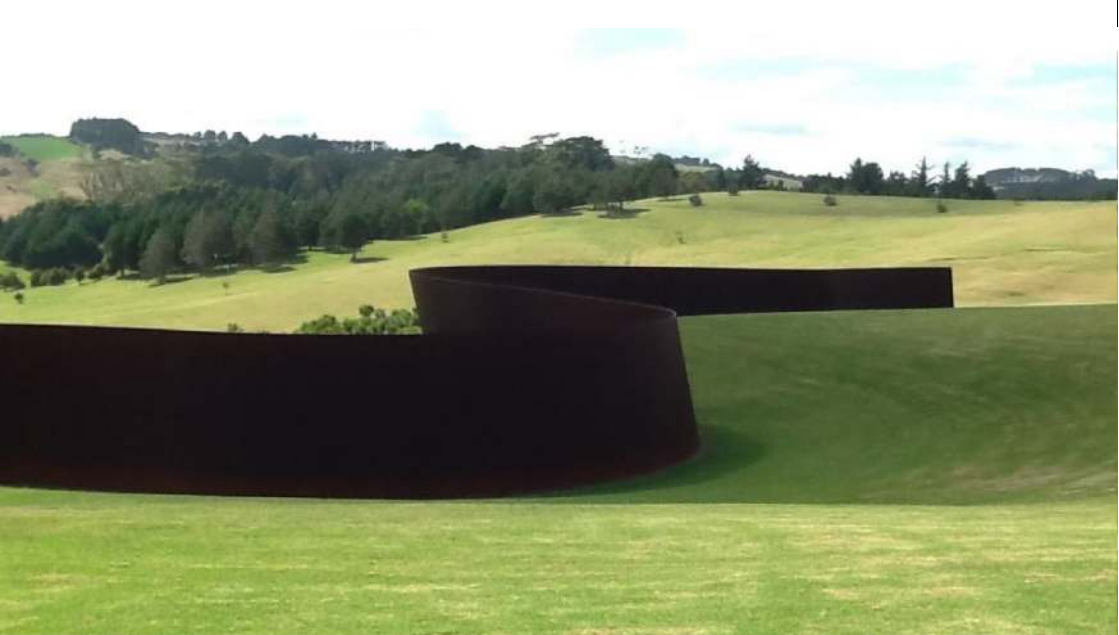
Apart from the artwork there are Giraffes, one of which I fed, Emus, Bison, Zebras, Alpacas and sheep – always the sheep.

Twenty mustangs in convoy on great country roads, farm walk, lunch with a wandering emu and all this on a Thursday.

Great day out. Thanks to all who came and Ashley for the organisation.















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# Southern Muster – 38<sup>th</sup> National Mustang Convention

Invercargill – Labour Weekend 2017

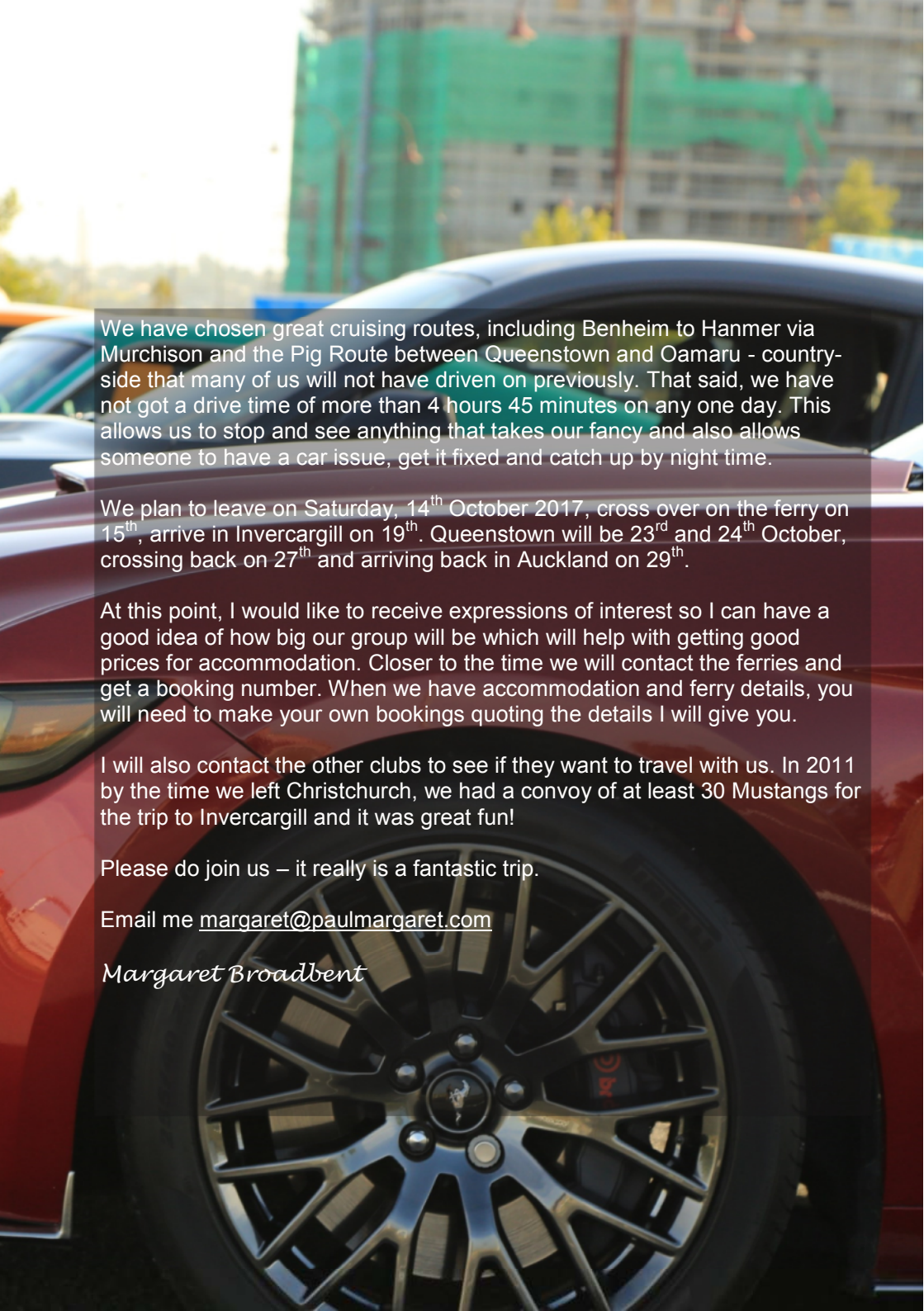
Now that our Convention is behind us, it is time to start planning for next year's one in Invercargill.

When SMOG hosted their first Convention in 2011 it has to be said that it was a resounding success. Everyone who went had an amazing time. Who wouldn't have a great time on a two week road trip in the Mustangs!

We have put together an itinerary that sees us not wasting too much time in the North Island so we can do a wee bit of Tiki touring in the South Island over the planned two weeks we will be away. We will have over night stops at Ohakune, Blenheim, Hanmer Springs, Tekapo, Cromwell and arriving in Invercargill on the Thursday before Labour Weekend. Once the Convention is over, we set off again staying 2 nights in Queenstown, and then 1 night each in Timaru, Kaikoura, Wellington and Taupo.

Along the way we will stay mostly at Top 10 Holiday Parks which have accommodation choices to suit your budget from tent sites right through to motels. Where there is no Top 10 we will choose probably motels and will be aware of price in our choices. We are in the process of looking for interesting lunch stops and activities that will ensure we have an amazing holiday. We will arrive at Hanmer on our way south in plenty of time to enjoy the hot pools, and we will revisit Peter Jackson's superb WW1 museum at Omaka just outside Blenheim on our return journey. On our Tekapo night, I am looking at booking us into a night time session at the Mount John Observatory – I hope we have some star gazers among us! We will of course take in the SMOG day at Highlands Motor Racing track in Cromwell, and my sister has already invited the lot of us to her house for a BBQ dinner that night. In Queenstown there will be time to do any number of activities – the world is your oyster here! When we pass through Oamaru on our way home, we will time the journey to stop for lunch at their historic area which includes the steam punk quarter.





We have chosen great cruising routes, including Benheim to Hanmer via Murchison and the Pig Route between Queenstown and Oamaru - countryside that many of us will not have driven on previously. That said, we have not got a drive time of more than 4 hours 45 minutes on any one day. This allows us to stop and see anything that takes our fancy and also allows someone to have a car issue, get it fixed and catch up by night time.

We plan to leave on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017, cross over on the ferry on 15<sup>th</sup>, arrive in Invercargill on 19<sup>th</sup>. Queenstown will be 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, crossing back on 27<sup>th</sup> and arriving back in Auckland on 29<sup>th</sup>.

At this point, I would like to receive expressions of interest so I can have a good idea of how big our group will be which will help with getting good prices for accommodation. Closer to the time we will contact the ferries and get a booking number. When we have accommodation and ferry details, you will need to make your own bookings quoting the details I will give you.

I will also contact the other clubs to see if they want to travel with us. In 2011 by the time we left Christchurch, we had a convoy of at least 30 Mustangs for the trip to Invercargill and it was great fun!

Please do join us – it really is a fantastic trip.

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*Margaret Broadbent*





# New Members' Corner

We welcome the following new members who have joined AMOC in January & February.

Yuri and Andrei Serikov – 2017 GT 5.0 Fastback

Grant & Liz Duncan – 2015 GT 5.0 Fastback

Clive & Catherine Dennis – 2011 GT 5.0 CS

Nigel & Carol Arkell – 2016 Ecoboost 2.3 Fastback

Steve & Robyn Beetham – 2016 GT 5.0 Fastback

Mark & Catherine Lim – 2017 GT 5.0 Fastback

Margaret Loh – 2016 GT 5.0 Fastback

David & Lesley Webster – 2017 GT 5.0 Fastback

Adam & Lucy Staub – 1967 289 Fastback

Jeff Carline – 2002 4.6 GT Fastback

Eden & Jan Thomas – 2017 GT 5.0 Fastback

Mike & Sonya Stopforth – 2017 GT 5.0 Fastback



## Yuri and Andrei Serikov – 2017 GT 5.0 Fastback



It was February last year when we first saw the yellow mustang in Tauranga. We thought it was some kind of super car just because of the looks. So we started to do some research and turned out it was a Ford Mustang. We kept discussing about the car with my dad. He decided to buy it. The hardest part was picking the colour and if we were going to have stripes or not, first we picked magnetic then yellow and after a while we decided to go with the black stripes.

The waiting time was the hardest time because we counted every month than every day till the arrival of the Mustang (probably like everyone else). When it finally arrived we went to North Harbour Ford to pick the car up and pushed the start button with excitement and joy.

It started, and it gave me a shock of how loud it was and how I expected the v8 to sound (higher pitched and less aggressive). When we first sat in the car I loved the new car smell and the heated and cooled seats. Then Mike Powell gave the two keys to us and he drove the car outside of the show room and of course we drove off.

To celebrate the coming of the new family member we decided to go to Taupo. When we went on the motor way I surprised of all the technology and how after four hours sitting at the back I was not as tired as I would have been if I went in a different car (I had to sit in the back because of my mum). When we were going home I was a bit sad but at the same time I knew I was going home in a mustang at the same time.

I also loved how you have the switches next to the start/stop button it made me feel like a was a co-pilot of a Boeing A380 airbus, all I need is a bit more passengers and some airplane wings. I like how you can change the gauge colour and the colour of the cup holders and other lights. I nearly forgot about how you have a small projector on each side of a car mirrors, it's a small thing but all the small things make a car a car, right?

In a nutshell I love the mustang because it has all the qualities a great car has to have: to be comfortable, have good looks and to be fast!

*By Andrei Serikov*

*12 years old*



# Clive & Catherine Dennis

## 2011 GT 5.0 CS



### Car Details:

2011 California Special. First registered in Texas December 5, 2011.

### Occupation:

Electrician

### How long have you been involved with Mustangs?

Only had it for 8 months but have been looking for years.

### If your garage was on fire, what would you save and why?

Cars and beer fridge - Both are obvious.

### Hobbies outside Mustangs:

Shooting and water sports.

### Favourite thing to do with your: Mustang:

Cruising

### Future plans:

To own another one.



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