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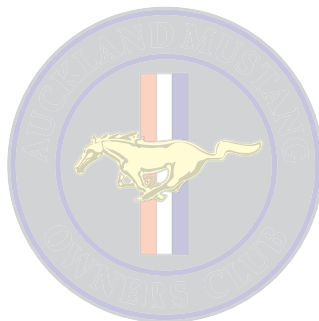
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Life Members

Ross Walker (Founding Member)
Sam Shackleton (Deceased)
Neville Barton (Club Historian)
Wayne Lack
Ken Smith
Shaun Jackson
Mike Adams
Ian Waters
Craig Borland & Dianna Bang



A word from the President and Editor...

Greetings everyone!

Happy new year to you all. I am sure that like myself most of you kicked 2020 nicely into touch at midnight back on the 31st of December. Fingers crossed we do not want to experience another year like that one. It was a shame as 2020 had a nice ring about it as we looked forward to another decade. However not only did COVID alter the way we now live and operate but as we enter 2021 there is still a ring of doubt about the future of COVID 19 and its impact on all of us in life and how we as a club operate.

Over the holiday break I attended several car related events where large crowds gathered and I have to say how appreciative I was to have those opportunities to enjoy whereas folks overseas and as close as our Aussie cousins, simply could not do that. Let us keep safe and follow all the correct protocols.

I am writing this report from the bottom of the South Island where Trish & I are enjoying a nice break away in our motorhome from the rigours of work, AMOC and other of life's commitments. It is very pleasing to see so many Kiwi tourists, that is NZers touring around their country enjoying the fantastic scenery and activities that our country has to offer. The number of motorhomes/caravans on the road is incredible including those Kiwis who have rented a motorhome probably for the first time. Another surprise for me is the large number of non-English speaking young ones in their vans (known as sliders) so yes there are still quite a number of overseas visitors here in NZ, how they happen to be here during this pandemic I don't know, other than to say they are enjoying themselves in our fabulous country.

We had a small team working vigorously on the Intermarque Concours d'Elegance arrangements and as I look over the scope of this event it really was a major task. I must congratulate all the other clubs who have worked very hard over the past 50 years to make sure that this event is the success that it is. It is no small activity to manage. A huge thanks goes to Wayne Lack for all his dedication over the years as our representative on the organising committee and to his assistants in recent times, Steve Hawkins and Ian Waters. I need

to congratulate all the past participants and the various class winners who have represented AMOC over the years, the amount of time invested in the preparation required at this level is enormous. This success is something our club needs to be very proud of. A special thanks to all the volunteers for the 2021 event, the teams event car owners and their assistants. A full report is detailed further on in this edition.

In terms of events the very first one for the year was a boomer with 50 cars attending and the following events to date have been the same with an excellent turnout of members participating. This is all good news for our club as the activities planned obviously have great acceptance. Enjoy the reports.

Finally, on a more serious matter and whilst we are still in February, I need to point out that our election of officers will be held at the AGM in July of this year and I would like everyone to seriously think about how you could best serve your club in a management role. All roles are on the table including the Presidents role which I have performed now for 5 years, (including recently as Editor), so the time is ripe for new blood to continue the work of running this very vibrant club of ours. Our membership is 350 members and the committee comprises 11 members.

I hope that you enjoy reading this edition and once I am back from my South Island adventures, I look forward to catching up with you all once again. Remember, please keep safe out there,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken". The letter "K" is large and stylized, with the "e" written in a simple, cursive-like script.

President and Editor.

Gold Card Run – 17th November 2020

Our gold Card run this month was a visit to the Te Atatu South Fire Station. Officer Matt was to be our guide, being himself a car guy with a Holden and Valiant in his stable.

A large group of us met at the Auckland Zoo car park which is normally empty on a Tuesday morning, but not this time. The car park was packed and parking was at a premium.

A short run to the Fire Station arriving at 11am. Martin then informed us the truck had gone out with all its bells and whistles going just before we arrived. At this point we decided to wait till 11.30 in the hope that they would be back by then. While waiting Neville Barton, with all his local knowledge, gave us an informative history of the site. Luckily, the truck returned at 11.20 and Matt agreed to show us around. The guided tour of the Station and its workings was extremely interesting followed by a demo of the workings of the ladder truck. This truck is one of three in Auckland and was built at a cost of \$1.3 million. Very impressive.

After the station visit we headed down to the Te Atatu Boating Club on the Whau River. Again, we were welcomed and John the chef came in on his day off to do lunch, along with the help of a couple of RSA cards the bar was able to service us.

Three raffle prizes were up for grabs with 1st prize of some Bowden's product, kindly donated to us by Dave Aucamp, going to Peter Brodeur. An interesting and enjoyable day as always with a big turn-out of 19 cars.

The Gold Card group has now reached a milestone with 50 members on the email list.

See you on the next run

John Lipanovich

Events Calendar

MONTH	EVENT
FEBRUARY	24th–28th — Americarna (should Alert levels allow)
MARCH	5th–7th — Weekend away (Tutukaka)
	21st — Visiting a private car collection
	24th–28th — Beach Hop
APRIL	11th or 26th — National Mustang Day Run (dates will be firmed up very shortly, considering the 11th due to the delay to All Ford Day)
	18th — All Ford Day
MAY	2nd — Joint BOP/Waikato/AMOC Run to Waihi



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Gold Card Run Wrap up for 2020

Some things are just so worth getting up in the morning for and not a lot better than our highly anticipated monthly Gold Card runs!

Decembers final run for the year attracted 18 cars and over 20 members with several visitors joining in for the run up to Puhoi for lunch. This run involved departing from the Northcote Netball courts and a scenic drive through some of the northern back roads was much more enjoyable than the boring Northern motorway. One of the annoying aspects involving country roads at this time of the year is the high number of re-sealing undertaken.



Whitehills Road, Waitoki, caught me out as it had been re-sealed since I was last over it on the motorbike several weeks ago. Hopefully I didn't disappoint too many as it's a nice scenic drive.

Good old historic Puhoi Pub is always an interesting, sometimes chaotic spot and under new management we were impressed with the improvements to outdoor seating etc that have been made. The food also didn't disappoint.

John Lippo had organized several prizes, one being a lovely Xmas hamper. We were asked to wear our most outrageous shirt and the prize for best female went to Dianna and male to Martin. December was turning on one of its nicest days as we sat outside under umbrellas enjoying what these runs are all about, friendship, laughter and a few tall stories.

Three cheers for John Lipanovich who continues to present these runs. Can't wait for 2021.

Ashley



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Kids Christmas at Ambury Park

Article – A very dedicated supporter of the man in red

Plastered in sunblock, we ran around on the wide open grass at Ambury Park. It was the Auckland Mustang Owners' Club Christmas party and we were in for a fun-filled afternoon.

The bouncy castle was a great place to meet people. The queue was never long and we met new friends as we bounced, laughed and chatted. Some of us even sat on the outside of the castle and were bounced up and down by the movement inside, although we are not sure whether we were supposed to!





Just like last year, we were first to line up for the food. There was sausages, bread, sauce and some healthy stuff.

After lunch, we were called over to the 'Mustang Marquee' and told that Santa was on his way! It was super exciting. There were a lot of us kids and we were very well behaved. Really, we were!

Beep, beep! Santa signaled his arrival, not in a sleigh but in an old, red convertible Mustang! We noticed that the back seat of the car was full of presents. When Santa climbed out of the car he looked hot, but his eyes were smiling and we could see that he loved this time of the year where he could see joy and delight on our faces.

It took Santa forever to move to his seat under the shade of the marquee, but we patiently waited because we knew that in that pile of presents, there just might be something for us.

Santa read out our names. Some of us were a little shy and some of us were 'ready to go' but once we received our gifts, we were all smiles. Santa seemed to get it right again, with rainbow-coloured bath bombs, nerf guns, ukuleles, tea-sets and games galore.

You wouldn't think that the day could get any better, but it did. We had a lolly scramble! Our pockets were filled with sweets and lollipops. Some of us collected so many lollies that we thought they would last till at least January! Thanks Santa.

The day seemed to go so quickly and before we knew it, we heard the call to head home.

We had such a great time that we will definitely be back again next year. Oh and by the way, we saw some pretty awesome cars too.



AMOC History for t

The history of the Mustang Clubs in NZ starts off in the early to mid-1970's with a New Zealand Mustang Club being formed by Mustang owners from the Taranaki area with the majority of the meetings being held at Gary Keith Motors in Hamilton. Members were mainly from Taranaki and the Waikato, with a small handful from the Auckland area.

Taranaki members were the first to break away in April 1975 to form the Taranaki Mustang Owners Club based in New Plymouth. Waikato followed in a few months later to form the Waikato Mustang Owners Club which left the Aucklanders by themselves.

Len Walker and his son Ross decided to get a few Auckland Mustang owners together and discuss the idea of forming an Auckland based Mustang Club. A meeting was set for Wednesday 29 October 1975 at Len Walker's home to discuss forming an Auckland club. Those present at this meeting were Len Walker, Ross Walker, Peter Jeffs, Julian Litherland, David Kirk, Don Henderson, Adrian Dukes, Rob Scott and Malcolm Hughes. It was agreed from this initial meeting that a general meeting would be held at John W Andrew Ltd, Mt Albert Rd, on Saturday 22nd November 1975 for any Mustang owner to come along and join the future Auckland Mustang Club and for a committee to be elected on that day to run the club. It was agreed that advertisements would be placed in local papers inviting any Mustang owner to come along and join up on that day. Len Walker also agreed that he would send a newsletter out to people that he knew who would be wanting to be part of this adventure.

The day at John W Andrews started at 11am. Mustang owners and others were coming and going all day and at 3.30pm Len Walker addressed the meeting and asked that a working committee be formed and to consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and approximately six committee members. It was unanimous that Len was elected President. Vice President was Julian Litherland and Secretary/Treasurer was Noelene Walker.

Nominations for the committee were difficult however eventually Mike Jacks, Chris Powell, Anne Hughes, Eileen Conway, Adrian Dukes, Malcolm Hughes, Graham Freeth, Mark Rutherford and Jeff Elliott were accepted. Committee meetings were to be held at committee members homes on a roster system.

The 45th Anniversary

The very first Committee meeting of the new Auckland club was set for Wednesday 26 November 1975 at Len & Ruth Walker's home. The club had seventeen members and two associate members. The club membership fees were set at \$15 per person. The very first bank balance was \$180. In the very first set of club rules it was written that the name of the association was to be the Auckland Mustang Owners Club – hereinafter referred to as "The Club." Today, "The Club" has been and still is referred to as AMOC.

The first AGM was held in November 1976 at the Mt Eden War Memorial Hall Council Chambers in the Balmoral Shopping Centre. Len was re-elected President for a 2nd year as was the Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer, with some of the original Committee standing down and some new faces being elected on Committee including Ross Walker.

In those early times AMOC didn't have any club rooms, several different hotels were tried including The Rising Sun on the corner of K'Road and Newton Rd, opposite where John Andrew Ford is now. In 1976 one of AMOC's members, Barry Arnold, who was an Auckland City Traffic Officer, arranged some club rooms for AMOC in a building behind the shops on the corner of St Jude's St and Great North Rd Avondale which club members called "The Barn." Then in 1980 one of our members, John Peck, was renting a property in Pt Chev Road as a workshop with an old house on the back. The old house became AMOC's club rooms for the next 10 years. The members used to take crates of beer to the monthly meetings as there was no bar. It was at this time that AMOC got the Post Office Box for our mail in the Pt Chev mall.

In 1990 AMOC moved its club rooms to the Papatoetoe Fire Station on the corner of St Georges St and Mahon Place Papatoetoe. We obtained these premises through another of AMOC's members, Chris Morton. We were there until 2003 when we made the move to the Duke of Wellington on the Mt Wellington Highway. We obtained these premises as one of our AMOC's members was the Manager. We didn't stay there long as the venue was not suitable – the upstairs room was too small.

So, in 2003, at the suggestion of John Devere-Ellery who was the President of the Northern Sports Car Club and also an AMOC member we

made the move to the Northern Sports Car Club where AMOC's Club Rooms and headquarters are to this day.

In 45 years, the Auckland Mustang Owners Club has been managed by 25 Presidents of which there were 3 years where 6 Presidents served joint terms in each of those one year periods.

In summary, AMOC has had 7 Presidents who have served one term, 8 Presidents served a 2 term period, 4 Presidents have served a 3 term period and 2 Presidents have served a term of 3 years followed by another term of 2 years. Two founding members Ross Walker (Len Walkers son) and his brother in law Rob Scott are still members of the club today, 45 years later.

Auckland Mustang Owners Club has 10 Life Members:

2002	Ross Walker	2005	Sam Shackelton (RIP)
2006	Neville Barton	2007	Wayne Lack
2011	Ken Smith	2012	Shaun Jackson
2015	Mike Adams	2016	Craig Borland & Dianna Bang
2017	Ian Waters		

Len & Ruth Walker are Honorary Life Members (see below).

A special thanks to Ross & Brett Walker for assistance with this article.



AMOC Apparel



The official club shirt is the light blue and white flash polos and the black soft shell jackets. If you wish to purchase items in other colours please speak with Darryl-Anne about what you wish to purchase. Please contact Darryl-Anne via email Darryl.lynn@hotmail.com to place your orders.

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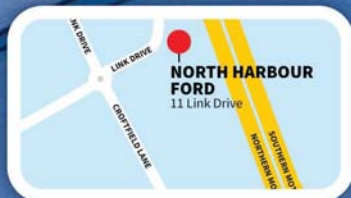
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Graham's Private Car Collection

– 17th January 2021

Article – Wendy Page



Tau and I left Hamilton early to get to Colin's place in Waiuku to pick up Ruby (my 2016 convertible) and then headed to Meadowlands shopping centre to meet up with one hundred odd like minded members with 50 cars in total.

It was a fine, slightly overcast day, perfect for having the top down! We left Meadowlands at 10.30am to meet Graham, the owner whom I had met several months earlier when Colin bought his latest car from him, a 1975 Valiant ute.

The drive to Graham's in Brookby was scenic and very pleasant. He has a huge shed on 100 acres which used to be a horse arena which now specifically houses his 100 odd car collection. We only had 45 minutes to look around his vast array of cars ranging from Jaguars, GTO's, Porsche, and even a Lincoln continental and so many more makes and models in between, he even had a fork lift and a couple of tractors.

I asked Graham how long had he been collecting cars for, he told me "for ever" he "rescued his first car, a morris minor when he was just 14 years old and was hooked on rescuing cars since then.

I also asked Graham what his favourite car was, and I was stunned by his response... out of all the fabulous cars he owns, his favourite is a Nissan cube, his daily runabout car, small enough to go anywhere!



Once we had finished admiring Graham's collection we headed off to Whitford Golf Club for some lunch and catch up with the members. The lunch was ok, it did take a long time to come out but that was expected given the number of patrons that they had to cater for. After our catch ups and lunch we headed off our own ways, us dropping Ruby off again to Colin's then headed back down to Hamilton.

A big thanks goes out to Craig and Dianna for organising our lovely day out, also thanks to Graham for allowing us to view his vast collection.



Waitangi Day Holiday Run to Dahlia Farm – 8th February 2021

Article – Raewyn Townley. Photos – Kay Shirley

The day dawned fine and somewhat sunny with some cloud cover.

Our club run today saw us meet at Mitre Mega 10 at Westgate. I don't imagine for a moment that that company was expecting around 30 Mustangs to suddenly appear in their carpark. But it did give some of their customers a mini car show and I think I spotted more than one staff member having a wander around as well.

By 11am we were off to our destination which is a Dahlia farm owned by club members Dave and Kay Shirley. What amazing hosts they are too.

They had erected gazebos, put tables out one had cold drinks from which we could help ourselves. There was also tea and coffee makings for those who wished for it.

The property is large enough for us to have a designated paddock for parking which was signposted with a huge American flag and a sign stating "Mustang Parking only". We were made to feel very special.

We did hold up the traffic for a short time while we all drove in. We were 'tail end Charlie' so were not aware of some 4 legged ponies being trailered





elsewhere that somehow managed to squeeze in behind our lead car with Craig and Dianna. Nothing in the rules about real ones not being allowed to join, is there??

Once parked, everyone grabbed their directors chairs and picnic lunch and headed into the home grounds of Dave and Kay. Before us was a huge grassed front lawn embellished with pear, apple, lemon and who knows what other kinds of trees. They all provided much welcome shade for the humans and homes for the birds, bees and butterflies.

And then of course we come to the dahlias. Wow!!! They were just beautiful. Some were as big as your head. All of them were grown to perfection. All the petals were where they were supposed to, they were straight and tall. Some so heavy they had supports on their stems. All colours of the rainbow made this a spectacular sight. Dave and Kay grow these purely for show purposes they have a big show coming up next Saturday and I am sure we wish them all the best of success for that. Maybe some more trophies for the mantelpiece?

Once our club members had finished their picnic lunches and caught up on all the news others had to impart we were treated to some homemade sweet treats from Dave and Kay. Cream filled lamingtons and chocolate chip cookies. How spoilt were we??? See Don Bloodworth enjoying them above!!

By about 1.30pm members were packing up and heading home after a really lovely club run, organised, once again by Craig and Dianna (masters at what they do for our club members).

Huge thanks go to Dave and Kay for opening up their home, property and their hearts to our club and allowing us a sneak peak at their prize winning hobby of growing dahlias. We really enjoyed our day. Thank you so much.



I had my 1965 Fastback booked in to Clem's Auto Services in Silverdale to get a new security system fitted a few days prior to leaving home to go to the Taupo Historic GP weekend. A few days before departure I found out my brake lights weren't working so asked him to fix them at the same time. It was a pretty tight time frame as a result of Christmas holidays.

Panic set in when I had a phone call from Clem at about 8pm at night to say he might have problems getting the part to fix the brake lights. This was Tuesday and Taupo loomed Friday. It might even involve ringing around wreckers as it was such an old car.

Not knowing anything about car parts I decided to ring the only persons phone number I could find from the Club – and help was immediate from Craig. He suggested I contact Rob Donaldson at the Christchurch Mustang Centre. Tell him I was member of AMOC and he was sure the part would be available swiftly. I took the details in to my auto electrician as soon as he opened next morning. Immediate success. The part was available. It was delivered the next day (within 24 hours). Brake lights fixed. Brilliant service all round. Mustang Centre were my savior. I was on the road to Taupo the next day.

I have been a member of AMOC for a year or so and it is really excellent to have the support from the Club. Thanks so much to everyone.

Jenny Thomas

New members

Mike & Angela Casey	2015 GT 50 th limited edition
Kevin & Elaine Purdy	2016 Mustang GT
David & Vicky Templeman	1966 Convertible
Rod & Corrina Skelton	2016 Mustang GT
Mike Henwood	2003 GT Convertible
Tony Frost	2017 Convertible
Justen Maxwell-McGinn & Melanie Burt	2003 GT Convertible
Gordan and Pamela	McCauley 2007 GT
Leanne Roberts-Wilson	2007 Mustang GT
John Honeycombe & Karyn Graham	1965 Fastback
Logan and Linda Clarke	2015 GT
Debra Bell	2020 GT
Brian & Jill Rosnell	2003 Mustang GT
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Taupo Race Meeting – Celebrating Ford

Article – Craig Borland

Many of us headed to Taupo on the Friday to enjoy a festival of historic racing with Ford being the marquee brand. There was certainly an abundance of these. Members were scattered throughout Taupo for their stay although Wairakei Resort was rather popular. On Saturday night (buffet dinner) there were 32 of us enjoying each other company over a wonderful variety of food – and seated outdoors. On the final night – Sunday – 20 of us had a fun night in the bar wining and dining.

It is always difficult to choose a feature for a meeting such as this as in my mind it is always about just going out and enjoying the racing – bragging rights aside. As always however there are highlights – two for me personally. The first one involved the Dale Mathers Boss 302 Mustang dicing with either the Escort RS1600 of Paul McCarthy or the BDA Escort of Greg Goudie. On the Saturday in particular these races were sensational with a near photo finish for each race. Paul Fahey (who was present at the meeting) must have been suffering heart palpitations by the end of each race! The other highlight, which again was on Saturday, was to see Angus Fogg arrive by helicopter only minutes before his race piloting the famous CRC Alfetta. From last on the grid, he stormed through



a large field and won on his only appearance on the track. There were a number of other impressive cars in this class – the Historic Sports Sedans and Allcomers – not the least being the Chev Monza of Roger Williams.

So, a wonderful two days (and three nights for many) with time provided for in excess of 100 invited Fords to do parade laps in the lunch break – dominated in numbers by mustangs with many club cars doing their bit. Speeds of up to 180kph were achieved in the straight. That is an absolute hoot!

A fun weekend away and as always, a terrific group gathered to enjoy each other's company. The 5pm meeting for drinks each day was a critical component – basically no variation on this over the three nights unless we decided to start 10 minutes earlier! Not sure why Harvie was always first at the scene!!!





When your chair breaks, find another for an afternoon nap!!



Classic Cover Ellerslie Car Show

50th Anniversary Intermarque Concours d'Elegance

Article – Ashley Sim

Having won last year's Teams Event with two stunning Mustangs, we were charged with hosting this year's event.

Over 80 clubs participated with displays of over 600 cars. Events this year included Masters, Teams, Survivors, 50-50-50, Barn find and Park and Polish.

Our AMOC participation included two stunning Mustangs – Mark Pritchard's 69 Sports Roof and Tony Reid's 69 Shelby GT350 – in the Teams Event.



As Host Club we had centre stage in front of the main grandstand with a display that included 50 cars from the 6 Generations of Mustang. Members arrived from 6.00am onwards to bring their cars for display or to help with the numerous tasks and duties assigned to our Club as Hosts. Can I say, that is a mammoth task and all concerned did an amazing job. The weather performed with a brilliant day and the event went exceptionally well and indications are it will be very profitable for our club. Wow, were we lucky, 24 hours later Auckland went into level 3 lockdown.

Anticipation heightened as we got close to prize giving. Members moved to where the announcement and presentations were to be made.

On hearing our two Mustangs had achieved 2nd place in the Teams Event with a score of 1078 points – 41 points behind winners Porsche Car Club – congratulations were in abundance. A wonderful achievement and satisfaction for the owners and those volunteers that spent many hours preparing these two cars. Not to be left out of further prizes, member Graham Thoms with his blue 2016 GT came second in the Park and Polish.

Our club can look forward to Concours 2022 in the knowledge that we played a big part in the success of this years event.



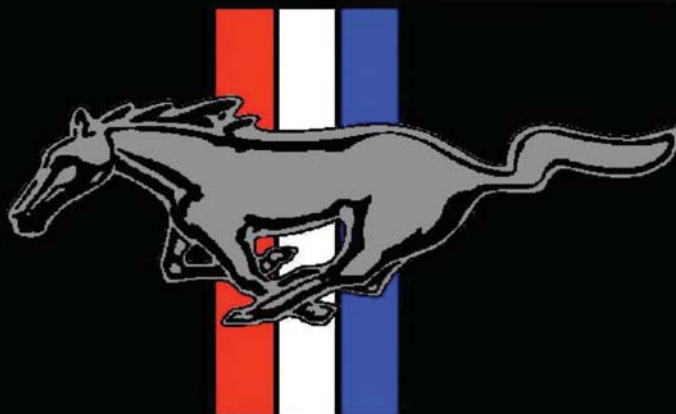




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