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Cover photo: 2021 RTR Stage 3 supercharged Mustang in the all-new Grabber Yellow or otherwise known as Yellow Peel. Stage 3 specification produces 750 HP. Owner: Martin Ponty

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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



Honorary Life Members

Len and Ruth Walker

2020/21 Year End Report from the President

Hi everyone and welcome to our June/July edition of the Pony Express.

Another AMOC year has passed us by and whilst the earlier part of the year made for a somewhat challenging start by having to be flexible on dates for some events, the year progressed, and the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic had less of an impact. The club is in great spirits as a group, and we have a lot of fun with our Mustang friends and their Mustangs. We are provided with a great choice of events to participate in, and the club provides excellent value for money to the members.

As at the end of June we have 390 members compared to the same time last year where we were at 338, an increase of 52 members. The makeup of the club is an interesting mix and whilst we have 390 financial members, in all reality there is the hard core of about 100 members that regularly participate in the various activities that the club provides. There is another 100 plus members whom we see on the odd occasion and the other 200 members we simply never see at all. I continually ask myself why and I do not have an answer. However, the invitation is out there for them to attend an event should they wish and hopefully one day they may just do that. They will be made very welcome.

It is interesting to note that we are now in the position of having to limit numbers at some events as it is becoming difficult to source venues or catering options for the large numbers attending. It is a challenge but what a great position to be in.

The Gold Gard monthly runs are also experiencing this same situation as their numbers increase. My thanks to John and Ashley the group organisers, the success of this club activity has been a true winner.

We have had another excellent year in terms of events for the members to enjoy thanks to our dynamic events team of Dianna and Craig. The variety has been superb, and I continually get new members coming to me saying they cannot believe the number of events and the quality, that this club organises. A huge thanks guys.

There is one event that I would like to highlight from this last year and that is the 2021 Concours de Elegance.

This event was a major success for the organisers who had tinkered with the traditional model by adding several other attractions to spice it up. AMOC was tasked with managing the event on the day where we needed 75 volunteers to manage a variety of tasks. This is a huge logistical exercise for any club. Thank you to Mike who took on the responsibility for AMOC and to those members who volunteered, the day was a huge success and as a result the club received a payback of \$12,000 for club funds. These funds will show in next year's financials.

Back in November, we celebrated another important milestone in the history of the club when we celebrated our 45th anniversary. We had a fabulous night with lots of cool prizes for the members to enjoy.

In terms of club finances, I am delighted to report that your club is in a strong financial position due to careful management of our funds by the committee. Yet, at the same time, providing good quality entertainment, which is the primary focus of what this club provides to its members. Yes, we are in the entertainment business. In summary, our income this past year showed an increase over last year of \$6,000 and our expenses were up by only \$3,000. The net profit for this year was \$8,000 over the previous year of \$5,000, a net gain of \$3,000. The members funds on balance date this year are \$109,000 compared to last year at \$101,000.

So, how did we spend your monies? Primarily, on events. We spent an additional \$8,000 this year over the amount spent last year (\$19K over \$11K). This included the provision for Convention assistance for those members who represented AMOC in Christchurch, we managed to trim out some of the costs associated with the Pony Express and we purchased the new sound system. In terms of income, other than subscriptions, the commission received from Swann Insurance was \$8,000, advertising was \$4,700 compared to last year \$2,300. Club sponsors contributed significantly to the financing of the annual car show, trophies and costs associated with the annual dinner. In addition, sponsors contributed to the prizes given out at the start of the various club runs rather than coming from club funds.

The club is extremely fortunate to have a small loyal band of committed members who willingly dedicate their private time to manage the club business and the various activities that the club offers to the members. We have a small group of non-committee members who undertake several unseen roles, being it running the raffles, those yummy suppers after each club meeting, writing articles for the Pony Express, assisting with car parking duties, volunteering as cooks on the BBQ, being Santa and other various roles – thank you.

Now to those members who have served this club for many years at committee level – thank you. You guys know who you are, and can I thank each one of you personally as quite frankly this club would struggle without you. To those out there in member land, you cannot expect these same people to continue, and NOW is time that some of you need to think seriously about stepping up for committee roles in the future. You cannot keep flogging the same ole horse. New people mean renewed enthusiasm, continued focus and importantly, fresh ideas. We desperately need new blood to come through the ranks to continue with the growth of the club in the future.

To our club supporters, sponsors, and friends, a huge thank you for your support, it is valuable, it is very much appreciated and without you all this club would not be as strong as it is today – thank you.

As has now become tradition at our AGMs, on July 7 it was my pleasure to present the silver Distinguished Members badge to a small group who have attained 20 plus years as a financial member of AMOC. Congratulations to you all.

To finish, thank you all for your support, your friendship and once again I have enjoyed my time as President. But remember, we need new committee members to drive this fabulous club forward.

Ken

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RICH HAD CARS.
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HORSES.
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Did you hear about the accident between the Mustang and the
Thunderbird?
Nothing but horseshit and bird feathers all over!

Future Events Programme

Craig Borland

It is fair to say that as the AGM approached the odds of both Dianna and I doing events for the future was highly unlikely. But as history frequently highlights, this was tossed out the window as nominations were made during the evening.

Apart from planning a July event we had not progressed any other activities. Since the AGM we had a potential visit organised for August. However, a decision was made on 20 July to park it. So it is thinking caps on for a winter event – and at this stage it is likely to be a Go Kart activity for both the ladies and the men. We are still scoping this out so no detail yet. We are hoping it will however be in East Tamaki. There will be an optional lunch after the event.

So lots of ideas but no detailed plans yet. On our agenda is the Poker Run, another potential beautiful run out to Nikau Caves, visiting Sculptureum (with a follow up boot lunch in Omaha), we have a private garden to visit in Whitford plus many more options that we are tossing in the air and seeing where they fall. Many of these however are summer events. To tease you – we may visit the Ross collection again in Cambridge. Of course you can guarantee we will have our traditional Xmas BBQ lunch – details about date and venue will be known after our next committee meeting (27 July).

Events Calendar

MONTH	EVENT
SEPTEMBER	12th - Henry Ford Day, Waikato
	26th — AMOC Annual Car Show
OCTOBER	9th — Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation
	22nd–25th — Annual Mustang Convention – Tauranga
NOVEMBER	5th–7th — SuperCars at Pukekohe

Sponsorship Packages

2021 Car Show (North Harbour Ford 26 September + Gala Dinner (9 October)

TIER ONE: \$100 - Acknowledgement in magazine . Naming rights on a trophy and a table at the gala dinner. One lucky draw to gain silver status (as per Tier 3)

TIER TWO: \$250 - Acknowledgement in magazine. Naming rights on trophies/ tow tables at the gala dinner.

TIER THREE: \$500 - Acknowledgement in magazine as silver sponsor. Naming rights on 2 trophies/2 tables gala dinner. Signage highlighting support. Complimentary invitation to our dinner for two people.

TIER FOUR: \$1000 and above - Acknowledgement in our magazine as a gold sponsor. Naming rights on two trophies (you select). Naming rights on three tables for our gala dinner. In the draw for naming rights for the full Gala Dinner. Complimentary invitation to our dinner for two people.

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Charlie's Pinstriping Visit

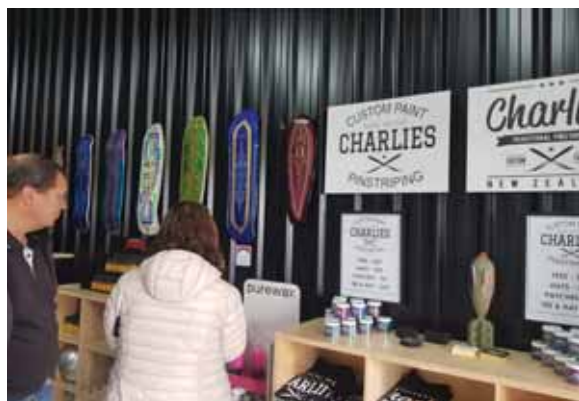
Article – Ali Maber

Sunday presented early as a workday to Mustang owners, who looked at the weather and realised there would be considerable cleaning after this run. Fortunately, there was not much rain, but enough to dirty the lower side of any Mustang and dull the look of the perfectly groomed cars driven by all our club members.

A great turn out in the carpark of Mitre 10 Mega at Westgate, with more than 40 cars in attendance. The usual carpark chat, coffee runs in to the onsite Columbus, run instructions with specifics not to take the first School Road on the Muriwai Road, and we were on our way.

Our route was straight forward: out to Waimauku, left at the roundabout into Muriwai Road and second School Road on our left. Somehow, we had three little sheep take the scenic route down the first School Road. I wonder if they were the same ones who turned left to go to Muriwai Beach when it was time to leave.

Charlie and his wife welcomed us all to their fabulous work set up, a large 3-bay building which would be the envy of any man and could house a full stable of Ponies. A quick explanation of Charlie's background, the equipment, and services he provided onsite and even a live demonstration as he applied a pinstripe pattern to his mother's recently custom painted fridge. The steady hand and brush control was amazing as he glided his squirrel hairbrush through a complex motion to create a unique pattern.



I was very surprised and impressed with Charlie's 'showroom'. I had not thought past pinstripes on cars. The show room was full of smaller items with intricate designs. Motorbike tank covers and wheel guards, snowboard and skateboard decks, motorbike helmets, surfboards, they were all adorn with complex and artistic designs, lots of metallic and candy-based paints.

Also impressive at Charlie's was our club park up of over 40 cars, and the first run for Simon and Krista in their 2-week-old Mach 1, which understandably received a lot of attention. We had several new members on the run as well. I personally met Alan Rowe and Elizabeth and Andrew Kingstone. However, I believe there were several more of you whom I did not get to meet.

From Charlie's, we reversed our route and stopped at Carriages Cafe in Huapai (or Kumeu... I can never tell where one ends and the other starts) for lunch. A lovely meal in the quaint old railcar carriages and good company as always. I know several people were keen to go north again to get some persimmons which were for sale roadside on the way to Waimauku. I hope you all saw the ones for sale at the Garden Centre front counter on your way out and saved yourself the trip.

Thank you, Craig and Dianna for yet another fabulously organised day out.



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Mach 1: Fast Facts



The original Mach 1 ran from 1969-1973. It was not a strict model as we understand it today, but more of an upgrade package which could be spec'd with an array of engine and transmission options. 1969-1970 had an amazing seven engine options ranging from a 250hp 5.8L to the 335hp 7.0L Super Cobra Jet! Engine options fell each year, with six available in 1971, four in 1972, and only three in 1973.

The second iteration of the Mach 1 came courtesy of the 1974 'Mustang II' which was developed during the 1970's oil crisis. The standard Mustang was fitted with a measly 2.3L 4-cylinder engine, but the Mach 1 featured a 2.8L V6 pumping out 105hp! 1975 at least saw a 4.9L (302 cu in) V8 under the hood, but the introduction of the higher performance Cobra II in 1976 pretty much put a nail in the coffin of the Mach 1. It hung around until 1978 but was not offered when the all-new 1979 third generation was launched.

It was another 25 years until Ford brought the Mach 1 nameplate back to life. The 2003-04 Mustang Mach 1 filled the void between the GT and SVT Cobra models and leveraged on retro styling features to emulate the original model. Introduced to prop up sales and interest before the introduction of the new 2005 fifth-generation Mustang, the Mach 1 featured many of the SVT Cobra's go-fast (and stop-fast) parts. The Mach 1 was again discontinued with the introduction of the 2005 models, until now... 2021.

The 2021 Mach 1 effectively replaces the Shelby GT350 in the US, despite being lower performance spec. Featuring upgrades such as the GT350's intake, as well as other handling and performance changes under the skin, it is the highest performance New Zealand 'factory' available Mustang. In the US the Mach 1 sits between the Mustang GT and supercharged Shelby GT500.

Gold Card Run

22 June 2021

Article – Ashley Sim

Our Gold Card runs must be one of the worst kept secrets in our portfolio of club events. Such is their popularity, occasionally we need to limit numbers due to constraints of either shed or lunch venue.

June's run saw 32 people in 20 cars leave Papakura BP Autobahn on a beautiful, fine winters day headed for a property in the Kingseat / Glenbrook area. One never knows what some of these rural collections can reveal. This collection spread across sheds and open spaces was reminiscent of the TV show 'American Pickers' as they visit various rural locations in the US.





Our host has an eye for mainly European 50s and 60s vehicles that, in some instances, are very rare. What a story he could tell about each one. This was a property one could spend hours at, taking in the extensive collection and listening to authoritative comments from a man with a passion for the unusual or rare vehicles.

Some of us guys had to be dragged away to our lunch venue at the Village Bar Patumahoe. Dave Turner who had organized this run had also booked us a table at the restaurant, so a great lunch was enjoyed, which capped off another very successful Gold Card run.



New members

Jono Ford & Melanie Ashton	1970	Mach One
Sam Flowerdew-Brown & Anna Kirkhorn	2020	2.3
Jeff Brickle	2008	GT
Darryll & Daphne Hollamby	2008	GT
Brian Grove & Julie Han	2020	GT Fastback
Steve & Louise Pribicevich	1969	Coupe
Nelia Oosthuizen & Jacobus Robinson	2011	GY/CS GT500
Jim Nathan & Clarissa Sanchez	2013	GT
Jim & Jan Calcott	2016	2.3
David & Gayleen Redding	2016	GT
Greg & Di Holmes	2008	Convertible
Anthony & Kaye Edwards	1970	Mach 1 Cobra Jet
Jamie & Stevie Hall	2017	GT
Colin Argent	2010	GT
Brett & Vanessa Robertson	1969	Coupe
Greg & Pamela Mapp	2010	GT
David & Anne Nicholson	2010	GT
Mark Anthony	1970	Convertible
Andrew Rathe & Aira Jose	2013	Roush
Brett & Cheryl Arnold	2012	GT
Rob & Susan Medemblik	2016	GT
Don & Jo Chalmers	2019	GT
Clayton and Bernice Cumming	2008	Bullitt
Dan Fasher	2014	Shelby GT 500
Paula & Warren Rogers	1972	Mach 1
Kevin and Jillian Flanagan	1966	Mustang
Lawrence McLaren	2016	GT
Earlene and Darren Roberston	2017	GT
Carl Seymour and Meisha Rolston	2015	GT
Phil and Sue Tomlinson	2021	GT



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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Club shirt – Flash polo mens and ladies



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Kaiaua Fish 'n' Chips

13 June 2021

Article – Helen Kay

A Mustang run at this time of the year always makes me feel like it is a farewell to Autumn. We parked on the side of the old Great South Road, listening, and waiting for the roar of our Mustang mates to arrive. We chat and note the last vestiges of leaves stubbornly clinging to the branches of nearby trees and check the sky again, hoping that our flash new cut and polish will not receive a shower this day.

A bunch of cyclists whizz by grimly. Leaning into the handlebars, no waves, no smiles, too busy to relax. Then a bunch of laid-back leather-clad oldsters on Harleys roar past and give the thumbs up, we smile and respond.

Right on time, the club appears. Impressive, loud, shiny, and so exciting. They seem to move as one when they pull over and briefly stop to allow us to feed into the convoy. What a feeling - cosy and warm, and raring to go!

Craig and Diana move swiftly on foot down the line handing out tickets and instructions, then lead us to our destination. The trip is never as fast as Hoofy likes. But having said that, it was a most enjoyable pace to take in the scenery and we noted wood felling, farm work and the changing landscape – all of which helped increase the appetite for the forthcoming lunch.



The carpark at the Kaiaua Pub filled so quickly and after admiring the cars and catching up, everyone gathered for drinks and enjoyed the warmth of the roaring fire inside the pub.

This time we dined with two keen new members, Alan and Elizabeth, very proud owners of their 1965 Red Mustang – watch out for 65 Fily.

Thanks one and all for a lovely day out. I reckon the 'Kaiaua Pub' is still the best place to go for a great feed of fresh fish 'n' chips!



AMOC at the Movies

...and a Coal Range Roast

Article – Kay Shirley

Was a cold grey day on Sunday 11 July as we cruised down the North Western motorway to our first meeting point – which happened to be my work address on Rosebank Road, Avondale. We arrived to see so many different cars already there and continuing to arrive with everyone chatting about the excitement of meeting up again.

What a great sight to see around 32 cars gathered in our carpark. It's a sight that you never get sick of seeing. We then received instructions and directions from Dianna and Craig and convoyed a few minutes down the road to our final venue where we drove through the large gates of Ryders, a private museum. This was David and I's first visit to this venue, and we were certainly not disappointed. We were amazed to find out that this private venue has been operating since 1940 and is still family owned and operated today. There were comments made from members on the day who had grown up nearby that had no idea this was even here, such a hidden gem.





We made the most of some free time before our meal to wander around and take in the sights of the old-style buildings and artefacts from yester year. It was especially great to see a 'Ford' sign prominent on one of the buildings and were lucky enough to see a replica of the iconic 'General Lee' which is for sale.

We were then all invited into the restaurant where Dianna and Craig entertained us with some fun trivia games – a big thank you to our sponsor for the day, Garry Agent of On Water Electrical, for contributing the great prizes. I was also lucky enough to win a prize as well. Then table by table we filed up to a very generous coal range roast lunch. Our meal had everything from salads, roast potatoes, kumara, pumpkin, beans, peas, chicken, beef, and gravy – all cooked on the coal range. What a delight it was, and everything was so tender and flavoursome with plenty for seconds and thirds available. A very BIG thank you to Clint and his team at Ryders for our delicious meal and generous hospitality.

After our meal we all entered the adjoining quaint private theatre to watch 'Going in style' starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, and Alan Arkin with an ice cream in hand. Was such a great finish to a great day. Again, another well organised event and a BIG, BIG thank you on behalf of everyone who attended to Dianna and Craig for organising this amazing venue.

Committee Profiles

KEN SMITH - PRESIDENT

WHAT ARE YOUR DAY JOBS?

Ken - Semi Retired. Owner of Car Colors of North Shore Ltd, Automotive & IndustrialPaint Distributors.

Trish – Retired and now a serious golfer.



WHAT MUSTANG (OR MUSTANGS) DO YOU

OWN TODAY? 1967 Fastback S code – Beige Mist Met. 2020 RTR S2 – Grabber Lime. 1973 Ford Escort RS2000 race car. 2017 Corvette Z51.

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR PRESENT MUSTANG(S): 1967, I have owned for 21 years and attended Conventions all over NZ and won many prizes at the car shows.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN MUSTANGS AND WHY? Mid 1960's. Simply a love of the classic 60's Mustang an iconic American muscle car.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS: Motorsport, both as a competitor and armchair watcher. Travelling around NZ in our motorhome. Cycling interesting trails.

IMAGINE THAT YOU HAVE JUST WON LOTTO, WHAT ONE SPECIFIC MUSTANG WOULD YOU BUY AND WHY? 1965 Shelby GT350 and a 2021 Shelby GT500 – huge Carroll Shelby fan.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ROAD TRIP OR HIGHWAY THAT YOU ENJOY IN YOUR MUSTANG? Auckland to Tauranga

WHAT IS YOUR TOP ROAD TRIP MUSIC? Most music from the from the 1960/70's (shows my age!!!)

WHEN DID YOU JOIN AMOC? ANY PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU JOINED?

January 2000. Enjoy the interaction with fellow Mustang owners.

THINKING OF AMOC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO, ARE THERE ANY CHANGES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE? MORE RUNS? MORE SOCIAL EVENTS? MORE VISITS TO INTERESTING PLACES? IDEAS PLEASE! I believe that this club provides its members with an excellent variety of events & social activities. As members, I believe we are very spoilt for choice, however, fresh ideas would be very much appreciated.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO WORK ON?

1. Absolutely – we need to develop a plan which will encourage more members to participate at committee level.
2. More member participation in terms of the planning of club events. It should not be left to the committee all the time. Members must have some great ideas that we can tap into.
3. We need a plan to encourage more members to attend the Annual General Meetings.



CRAIG BORLAND - VICE PRESIDENT

Previous roles over a 15-year period include assistant editor (to Dianna), Vice President and President. Part of the Convention Committees. They say the longest sentence in the English language is "I do". Perhaps that could apply to me after joining committee!



WHAT ARE YOUR DAY JOBS? Daily cleaning of the fireplace in the winter! Activities based around a person who has hung up their boots from their core work tasks.

WHAT MUSTANG (OR MUSTANGS) DO YOU OWN TODAY? 2007 Roush 427R, 2017 Hurst Kenne Bell and a 1969 427

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR PRESENT MUSTANG(S): The Roush 427R (2007). Have owned since 2009 and currently recording 26,000 miles. Drives like a charm. The Hurst Kenne Bell R Code Mustang (2017 - named "Brandy"). Rated 750hp and drives as such. Extremely comfortable to drive despite the modifications from standard. This car has been used for a lot of charity work through Race4Life. Driven 9000kms. The 1969 Mustang 427 (depicts engine size). Named "Folly" after its colour (Fall Foliage). Currently rated 600hp. Still having minor battles to get it to where I want it. Built in the US and unfortunately better suited to US roads (which a beautifully smooth). But we are getting there. Only 1100kms on the clock.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN MUSTANGS AND WHY? As a 19-year-old watching Allan Moffatt racing his Boss 302 (1969) and the PDL Mustang. One day I said! And at 54 years old we borrowed the full amount against the house and purchased a 1969 Mach One.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS: Enjoy the garden, cycling (mountain bike – not electric!), walking/tramping, visiting grandchildren and playing with my cars. Dianna and I enjoy our flat white coffees. We cook all our own meals (alternate this duty) – none of this food box stuff! Love my sport (football, rugby, cricket, motor racing including Nascar). Play table tennis, golf, cycling – switched from the physical sports. Body cannot cope with making head on tackles!

IMAGINE THAT YOU HAVE JUST WON LOTTO, WHAT ONE SPECIFIC MUSTANG WOULD YOU BUY AND WHY? Any older heavily customised mustang built by Ring Brothers or a car builder with that capability. Their cars are to die for.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ROAD TRIP OR HIGHWAY THAT YOU ENJOY IN YOUR MUSTANG? Love driving in the US – we have driven close to 15000 miles there. The likes of Route 66. In NZ you cannot beat the roads in Central Otago – smooth and little traffic. Scenic routes include travelling the coast through the Buller Gorge and the Blenheim to Kaikoura route and just south of this.

WHAT IS YOUR TOP ROAD TRIP MUSIC? Strangely I prefer the modern music rather than classic, although not rap and generally not too heavy. I am also inclined to listen to talk back (ZB) but I never ring them despite being frustrated by many of the comments passed by listeners. It makes for interesting personal debate!

WHEN DID YOU JOIN AMOC? 17 years ago, with my lovely partner Dianna (who was a little reluctant to attend our first club night). Luckily, we were both warmly received.

ANY PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU JOINED? To meet with fellow car owners and to gain a foothold into the classic car scene. If we had not enjoyed the club, we would have found another.

THINKING OF AMOC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO, ARE THERE ANY CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE? As the current events person, we would welcome ideas from fellow members. We struggle to gain traction in this arena. Most are happy to sit back and wait for what unfolds. That said we have plenty of ideas. Perhaps a trip to Chernobyl – I have had glowing reports!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO WORK ON? Plenty – as usual I tend not to sit and star gaze at committee meetings. Enjoy good vigorous debate!

GRAEME TOWNLEY - TREASURER

WHAT ARE YOUR DAY JOBS? Part time Accountant for family engineering business and Treasurer for both AMOC and All Ford Day. Presently Facebook gatekeeper and have been updating new club website and closing old website.



WHAT MUSTANG (OR MUSTANGS) DO YOU OWN TODAY? 16 Mustang RHD Magnetic Grey, black wheels.

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR PRESENT MUSTANG(S): Standard ex showroom except for sequencing rear lights, fluffy dice and petrol door change.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN MUSTANGS AND WHY? Always been interested in cars and motor racing. Was Foundation member of Mansfield in Feilding, when living in Lower Hutt. Remember Leo Leonard (PDL Mustangs), Jack Nazer (V8 Victor) and Jim Richards (Sidchrome Mustang) battles. Bought the Mustang six and half years ago out after working in various parts of the Challenge and Fletcher groups for 41 years and then being made redundant.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS: Family first, bit of a geek, fantasy, superheroes and sci fi novels. Love my IT. Started Lego in last few years. Built large and small models e.g., Death Star, Millennium Falcon and some smaller pieces. Music. A bit of family genealogy and have collected stamps, that my mum started, of NZ and GB.

IMAGINE THAT YOU HAVE JUST WON LOTTO, WHAT ONE SPECIFIC MUSTANG WOULD YOU BUY AND WHY? Shelby GT350 or GT500 of any year.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ROAD TRIP OR HIGHWAY THAT YOU ENJOY IN YOUR MUSTANG? Never done any of the USA trips and have never travelled in a car through Europe on OE. Quite like the new expressways between Hamilton and Auckland, and the expressways North of Wellington. Enjoyed the road trip from Picton to Christchurch last year.

WHAT IS YOUR TOP ROAD TRIP MUSIC? I have an eclectic taste in music from Classical to Rammstein. Anything I like. For a road trip, classics/rock from the 70's and 80's. Coast, The Sound or Magic radio stations.

WHEN DID YOU JOIN AMOC? ANY PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU JOINED?

Joined February 2016 following delivery of my new Mustang. Joined so we could get use out of the Mustang and go on runs and to meet like-minded people. Then I decided to join committee to meet more people. Now have firm friends.

THINKING OF AMOC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO, ARE THERE ANY CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE?

I am happy with the main events and Gold Card runs. Most places we visit are new to us. Raewyn and I support where we can – Raewyn catering and me with collecting numbers and associated personal money as required.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO WORK ON?

Some effort in getting photos of cars on the website.



Foggy's Garage

Gold Card Run

Article – Ken Smith

Around 40 members gathered at Hooten's Reserve in Albany for the Gold Card run up to race car constructor, engineer and driver Angus Foggs, Foggy's Garage, to view the various projects going on in his workshop. Angus is one of New Zealand's most experienced drivers with a racing career spanning over 30 years. When he is not racing, he runs his own auto shop specialising in building, preparing, and maintaining all types of race cars as well as road-going muscle cars and classic and sports cars.

Starting motorsport as a teenager, Angus soon became well known for dominating NZ Mini racing for many seasons, culminating in several overall wins of the New Zealand Mini Seven Championship. Then a step up to the NZ Two Litre Touring Car class as a privateer proved successful, with a string of wins against the previously unbeatable BMW factory team.

This success led to Angus joining Team Kiwi Racing to race in the 2 Litre Touring Car Championship, and then the Australian V8 Supercar Championship – one of the most competitive touring car series in the world. While there, Angus built and prepared Team Kiwi's cars in New Zealand and assisted with race preparation of the team's Larry Perkins-built Holden Commodore V8 Supercars.



The following years saw him join Auckland's International Motorsport to run their successful V8 Touring Car programme with a team of two Caltex-backed Ford Falcons for three years, following which he won the 2011-2012 NZ V8 Touring Car championship title in his own NZV8 Ford Falcon. Angus then joined the NZ V8 Supertourers Championship for two seasons running his own Hydraulink and Property Tutors-backed Holden Commodore. In late 2017, Angus built his own 1970 Ford Mustang Fastback, which he now competes in the New Zealand 'Central Muscle Cars' series (in the Group 1 category) alongside several cars he has built for fellow competitors. Our members were able to have a good look over the fire spitting Mustang along with several other racing machines.

Lunch was at the Beekeepers Wife Restaurant in Riverhead where we all enjoyed a nice meal. Once again, another very successful AMOC Gold Card event.



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Leigh Sawmill Brewery

Article – Craig Borland

Thanks to our new Northland representative (Peter Brodeur) under his guidance some 17 cars (and 30 people) made the journey to the Leigh Sawmill Brewery for lunch on Sunday 18 July. Despite promoting to Auckland members to join us, unfortunately only one car made it. Perhaps next time!

The weather was kind most of the day despite being brutal on the Saturday. How lucky were we. A bit of a sprinkle as we approached Whangarei on the way home.

The venue was very nice and during lunch there were lots of questions about the Club which was positive, and there was some interest when talking to them about the upcoming Conference.

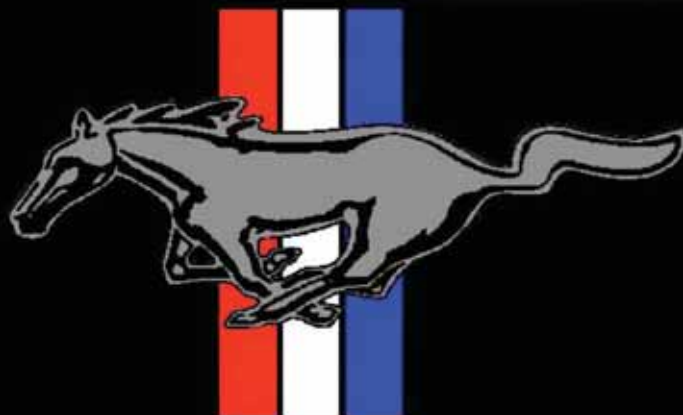
So, early days, with confidence that we will see an increase in membership in the Northern region as time goes by. For consideration are mid-week runs – like the current gold card events.



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