



The Pony Express Newsletter—June 2009

Welcome to the second edition of The Pony Express Newsletter!

Thanks to everyone who has supported the development of the Pony Express Newsletter; it's been great to get all your feedback, and we hope to keep improving the newsletter as we go along.

Please keep your articles, photos, suggestions, and comments coming – without your support, we wouldn't have anything to write about!

Enough of that, here's the line-up for the second edition - we hope you enjoy it!

What's in store this issue?

Vice Presidents Report – by Pete Richardson

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Vice Presidents Report - April 2009

Hello fellow Mustangers!

Well we are nearly in the middle of the year already, and this being an important year for the MMOC - 30 years old! Some of us decided to make it a special one, so a 30th anniversary meeting was organised for the 19th April at the Palmerston North Race Course.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped put it all together and an especially big thanks to Lewis from Creative Catering for the venue and great food – they put on a fine selection indeed, including for those who required something special.

Also a big thanks to Annie & Wayne of Southern Mustangs for their generous gifts - two model Mustang Fastbacks, complete with surfboards. These were given to Lewis (of Creative Catering), for his hard work & effort, and to Louise's young grandson William – the youngest member of the club.

Palmerston North put on a great day, the weather was near-perfect. Around about 22 mustangs turned up as well as a couple of other cars, and after a bit of a chat it was inside for lunch. John welcomed everyone, and Louise was asked to relive with us her experiences as a founding member and about starting the MMOC - many thanks Louise, we're grateful to have you in the club today. Louise was then presented with a lovely bunch of flowers, and kindly cut the 30th Anniversary cake – a great cake it was too!

Once the festivities were over, Dave had organised a small run for those of us who were keen. We wormed our way through the streets of Palmerston North, and ended up out at the Leisure Plex on Railway Road, where a coffee and chat rounded off the day.

There are so many people to thank for the smooth organisation of the 30th Anniversary, and I'm sorry not to be able to name you all, but I did want to give thanks to Kathy for organising the centre pieces for the tables, and to Beth for all her hard work.

One final note before I sign off; please remember the AGM is coming up on 21st June, and this year it is also at the Palmerston North Race Course – 11am kickoff. We need numbers for catering purposes, so if you could have these to Beth by the 12th June, please.

This is a very important time of year for our club; we need as much help as possible to keep our great club going forward for the coming 12 months. Please don't be shy to step up to help. Remember, this is your club, so if you have any suggestions for runs, places of interest, or ideas for club events – please let us know.

Keep warm and drive safe – happy cruising everyone and we hope to see you on the 21st.

Pete - Vice President.

30 Years of MMOC

If we drop the zero that's how long Margaret and I have been members of this long running club, and we've enjoyed every one of those 3 years.

We'd like to extend a special thank you to Louise and the early Manawatu Members who set up this great club, and who have kept it going for us newer members to become part of. You've done a great job.

We've really enjoyed being part of the MMOC; making lots of new friends and travelling buddy's, and I have enjoyed putting the odd run together as we always get a great turn out from the MMOC members which makes it all worthwhile.

Us bloke's have to thank our lucky-stars that our wives sometimes even share our passion for motoring, and this club is a good example of that, with as many partners and woman drivers turning up & having major parts in the running of the MMOC. Our club is special and I hope we always enjoy it.

Also it's great to see we are getting lots of new members, so keep your Pony's saddled-up and let's go ride'n.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Alan Hughes

(I think Margaret has almost got over me not buying a 57 Chev...)





Pic's by Flamin Al

Meeanee Weekend

Ten Cars gathered in Woodville before heading to Norsewood for our first refreshment stop. After parking up (illegally), it was time to check what was up with the Prez's GTO before heading into the Café. (John & Sue's GTO had tears all-round the motor as it was so happy to be travelling with a bunch of Mustangs).

After finding a nut off the upper control arm and a loose belt it was time for Mach 1 mechanic Dave to get his \$2 Mustang raffle winning tool kit out and deal to the problems. Once the hose clips were tightened and the tears were gone, we were into the café for an enjoyable a bite to eat and a drink.

After a few of the ladies had a wee spend up at the only clothing shop in Norsewood, and Dave had managed to have a quick catch-up with his ol' mate - the local cop in Norsewood; it was then time to head on our way to Napier. (Nice cop, that mate of Dave's - he deferred our parking tickets!)



Before we got to Waipukurau we noticed Craig & Tania were no longer two cars behind us, and after a quick phone call we made an unscheduled stop in Waipawa, waiting for them and the others as they'd gotten a major blow-out on the rear tyre on the '65.

With no further stops we all got to Napier, and Clive, safely in time for a break before meeting up for the afternoon cruise.

By this time we now had 12 cars in our group, and some chose to go shopping and catch-up with friends etc, while the rest of us headed off to Havelock North to meet up with our afternoon tour guides, Tom & Karen. The MK II took us for a lovely scenic drive out towards Ocean beach and to the Trading Post owned by ex- MMOC members Murray Walker & Jacqui Cane. Their Ranch style café and work shop is set in a

lovely area with scenic views, and Murray makes his own furniture for the Trading Post where they also sell hides, and Jacqui runs her café.

After grubbing-up again & a friendly chat it was time for Murray to call his Bison down from the top the hill, as she made her way down their Texas long horn cattle came down as well to try and steal the show. We'd like to thank Murray & Jacqui very much for having us.



*At the Trading Post - Checking out the stock and being checked out by the stock!
(Look at the size of those horns!)*

Saturday evening started with a social gathering at unit 16, good on you Craig & Tania. Once everybody arrived we headed into the Kennedy Park restaurant for dinner, and we pretty much had the place to ourselves – it was great to see everybody there - all 28 of us having a fun time.

Thanks to Tom & Karen for joining us for dinner and putting the Trading Post run together for us.

Sundays Swap meet was excellent with a great show of Mustangs, Rods, Muscle, classic etc. Not many stayed for prize giving as the weather was looking to pack up. But just as well John & Sue did, as they picked up a prize for **Best American in show**, congratulations!

A great time was had by all who went, and we look forward to next year.

Alan Hughes

New Members

We'd like to pass on a big WELCOME to our new members.

A warm MMOC welcome to Ross and Anne Armstrong from Wellington! Ross and Anne have been long-term MG owners – in fact you might have come across them at the Manfeild Charity Classic, where Ross races an MGB. Now they own a Mustang, though as Ross says both start with M and end with G so it's not as big a step as you might think.

While Ross and Anne might be new members, their Mustang has been in the club for ages. The ex-Mike Hampton, ex-Roslyn, ex-Diffey candy apple red '67 convertible is still in as good a shape as when Mike did it up (with a little help from the sheriff).

By the way, if anyone can help Ross with a second Mustang – ideally another 67 convertible but all offers welcome – for a wedding in Havelock North on Saturday 13 February 2010, call or text Ross on 027 443 8826.



And apologies to Vic & Liz Louk – in the last newsletter we welcomed them and their 66 fastback to the club; however it appears we got that one wrong – as much as they'd love a 66, they actually have a 78 fastback. One they're looking forward to introducing us to in (hopefully) the not too distant future, once they're up and mobile.

Coming Events

June 21st

MMOC A.G.M at Palmerston North Race Course at 11am.

July 19th (tentative date at this stage - to be confirmed)

We're hoping to have an outing to the Kapiti Ten Pin Bowling lanes like last year. We'll need to confirm numbers for this, so we know how many lanes to book etc. We will be tentatively booking some lanes for Sunday 19th July, and will advise the costs etc in the next couple weeks. It will be a user-pays scenario, but it would be lovely to see you there if you can. An email will be sent separately about this event with times etc shortly; but if you have any questions in the meantime, please email Lee on leelee.henderson@gmail.com.

Do you know the whereabouts of the Push'n'Grunt Trophy?

We've had an email from Graham Snell, the secretary for the Taranaki Mustang Club, asking if any of our members know the whereabouts of the Push'n'Grunt Trophy. It appears to have made a break for freedom, and Graham could do with a hand tracking it down. They believe it to still be in the North Island, and any help or suggestions as to its whereabouts would be gratefully received. If you have any information as to the missing trophy, please email Snelly at snelby@xtra.co.nz.

Final Notes

A big thanks to Pete Richardson and Alan Hughes for their contributions this month – without their articles and photos it would have meant I would have had to have made up a lot of Mustang Trivia and filled the newsletter with photo's of dream cars! <Phew! Thankfully it didn't come to that...> Please feel free to send us any pictures of your cars, or little tid-bits you'd like to share – the newsletter is for you, after all! 😊

Thanks! We hope you enjoyed this issue and we look forward to seeing you again real soon!

For the next issue please send your Member Stories, Pictures, Coming Events, Wanted to Buy, For Sale, Mustang Trivia, etc to Lee Henderson (leelee.henderson@gmail.com) or Beth Richardson (richardson.clan@xtra.co.nz).