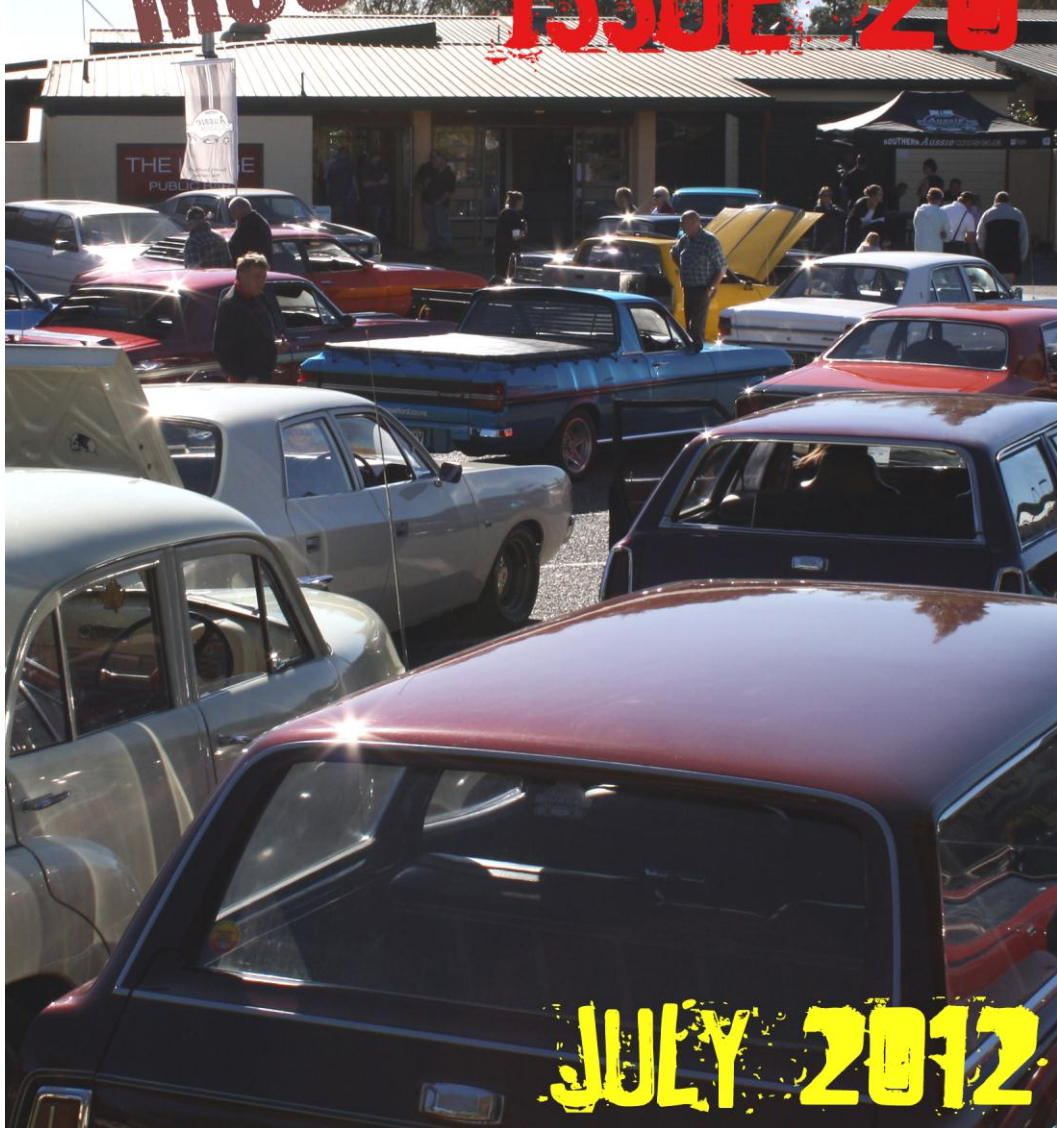


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Previous Event Reports

Kingston Flyer Trip: Sunday 25th March 2012

We left the Lodge promptly at 8:30am on a chilly Sunday morning with 10 cars in convoy. After realising that we only had one and a half hours to get there, park-up and purchase our tickets, Shady took the lead and ensured that we all got there on time despite using copious amounts of fuel!!

After getting organised we boarded the train and were just about to leave when Te Anau member Harry Aitken pulled up and managed to jump on the train just as it was pulling away - he had had some alternator trouble and had to do some spirited driving of his own to just make it on time.

All the kids really seemed to enjoy the train trip to Fairfield and back, the old Kingston Flyer rattling it's way along the tracks. Once back at Kingston we all sat down for a fantastic lunch at the Flyer Café and Bar.

The way home was a lot more sedate with a quick stop off at the Riversdale Hotel for a couple of refreshments before heading back to Gore.

A popular run this one with lots of families and a thoroughly enjoyable day out.



Aussie Muscle Mania - Saturday 21st April 2012

For the clubs 5th birthday we organised the Aussie Muscle Mania event. And the weather didn't disappoint, it was a stunning clear autumn day.



The car show was well received with nearly 70 Aussie cars from all around the lower South Island attending plus plenty of locals calling in to have a look over some of the fantastic steel on display.

The car display ran from 11am to 2pm, then we loaded up the cars and cruised in convoy down Broughton Street and back through the Main Street before headed out to the Waikaia Hotel. I can tell you that looking back up Broughton Street hill to see 50-odd cars cruising together in convoy was a sight to behold!

Once at Waikaia it was time for a bit of socialising before heading back to the Lodge for the prize giving, meal and evening function.

We gave out a heap of spot prizes - car cleaning products, club merchandise and whatever else we could conjure up. After the prizes it was onto the meal before grabbing a beer and settling in to listen to the band and tell a few stories late into the night!!



Was one of our best events yet and it won't be the last time we hold an event like this - and as with everything it'll be even bigger and better next time.

A huge thank you to everyone that brought their cars down and made it such an enjoyable day.





Aussie Crawl – 23rd – 24th June 2012

On Saturday morning Jack, Kev, Dwayne & myself meet up at the lodge in Jacks Charger to travel down to Invercargill to meet up at the Feldwick gates to attend the annual Aussie Crawl car run which this year was hosted by the Southland Ford Falcon Club.



We meet up with the 'Big Boyz' Jim Cav & Lofty in the Valiant Regal & Baz Lory in his Falcon Coupe. We arrived in Invercargill to some pretty average weather. We collected our bag of goodies and our map and we soon departed only to find we were heading back to where we first came from.

First stop Wyndham pub (At every pub stop prizes were given out for the best Holden, Ford & Valiant) then onto Matarua before heading back to Gore for lunch at the T & C where Cav made sure we were fed well! By this time most of car load was feeling pissed and we really hadn't gone anywhere yet!!.

By the time it was ready to leave the rain was well and truly coming down, never mind, so off to next stop Riversdale. Once we left Riversdale the pace for us seem to pick up a bit with a bit of "racing" with a GT Falcon

As soon as we hit Mossburn the heater stopped working and the temp was up, we soon realized that the fanny belt had come off, a quick stop into the local servy then off to the pub for another beer. We then left for Te Anau for our final stop & accomodation at the Distinction. The racing continued between Mossburn & Te Anau (& once again the fan belt wasn't co-operating with our plans) against the Crawfords in their XW Falcon, I think Shannon was quietly impressed with the performance of the Hemi but I'm pretty sure he won't tell too many people this!



Once we had our rooms sorted we were off to the Moose for tea & a few more drinks. Jack & Dwyane had a bit of trouble reading the Menu, thinking they were getting RIBS but the Menu had said RIBEYE!!!.

The Moose had a good band playing that night & a great night was had by all, with some of us heading to bed early & others late.

We woke up to a beautiful morning, some feeling good some not so (there is not too much air in a charger when someone has a sore tummy!). A quick bite of breakfast then onto prize giving where Jacks Charger won best Valiant with Cavs Regal coming in second. Everyone then made their own way home, we decided to head to Manapouri for a quick beer before we headed home, but had to make a couple of stops on the way, one to empty breakfast & one to replace the fan belt that finally let go. A great weekend had and very well organised, I highly recommend this event to others members.



P.S I did hear a rumour of a certain club member that decided to have a wee (20min) burnout session on the way home that resulted in a blown motor & diff, hopefully it's not off the road for too long Shag!

Cheers Shady

The Neglige...

On their 50th anniversary, a wife found the negligee she wore on her wedding night and put it on. She went to her husband, a retired military man, and asked, 'Honey, do you remember this?'

He looked up from his newspaper and said; 'Yes dear, I do. You wore that same negligee the night we were married'

She said, 'Yes, that's right. Do you remember what you said to me that night?'

He nodded and said 'Yes dear', I said; 'Oh baby, I'm going to suck the life out of those boobs and shag your brains out.'

She giggled and said; 'So now it's fifty years later, and I'm in the same negligee. What do you have to say tonight?'

He looked her up and down and said; 'Mission Accomplished'

Upcoming Events

Bus Trip: Sunday 9th September 2012 (The Lodge – 10:00am)

After last year's successful bus trip we thought we'd better do it again!

We've organised some more sheds to have a tour through but as with these types of things it can be tricky to get everyone lined up for the same day. The bus trip will still happen but if we can't secure the shed tours we'll organise some other fun car related activity!! Will keep you all posted on the website.

The cost for the bus will be approx. \$20pp.

Please let us know of you attending this one so we can organise the correct size bus! (admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz)

Blossom Festival Classic & Muscle Car Display: Sunday 22nd September 2012

Hosted by the Southland Holden Enthusiasts Club and held at the Top Pub carpark in Alexandra. We don't have many details for this yet but will post it on the website once they come to hand.

Thunder Sunday – Alex Drags: Sunday 23rd September 2012 (The Lodge – 9:00am)

Always a great day out! Ninety vehicles raced last year and around 2000 spectators watched all the action.

For those that are keen to put their car down the track check out the Southern Dragways website for all the details (www.southerndragways.co.nz).

Racing starts at 11am at the Alexandra Airport.

Mopars in Gore: 20th – 21st October 2012

Hosted by the guys on the New Zealand Mopar Forum.
(www.nzmoparforum.com).

Each year they hold an event in the South Island with last year in Geraldine and this year it's coming to the Valiant Capital of the World – Gore!!

Check out the registration form enclosed for more details.

So make sure that you have all those Valiants out of the shed, this promises to be a great event!

Grass Khana: Saturday 3rd November 2012 (The Lodge – 1:00pm)

We didn't have much luck with this event last year due to the weather but we're still keen to give it a go!

Now we're not out to wreck your pride and joy so don't think of it as paddock racing but more of a series of obstacle courses designed to test your driving abilities... on grass!

We'll even have the BBQ cranked up for the afternoon, just bring something to cook!



Please come out even if you aren't keen on participating, I'm sure watching everyone else will be just as entertaining!!

Of course with this type of event it is weather dependant. If it turns out that the ground is too wet for this we will be running a Poker Run instead and we'll hold this event in February.

Keep an eye on the website for updates.

Upcoming Events cont...

Christmas Party/Car Run – Sunday 4th December 2012 (The Lodge – 12:30pm)

Same format as last year. We start off with a short game (last year was a golf hit, closest to the pin, with a left handed golf club – we'll think of something better this year!). This gives us a chance to space out the cars for the car trial, as like last year there will also be a bit of a quiz to keep your passengers occupied.

Then it's back to the Lodge hopefully in time to catch Santa who has agreed to pop in and give all the *good* children some early Xmas pressies! Then it's a BBQ dinner and prize giving. We have some great prizes to give out this year! Kevin has a few activities organised for the children to keep them entertained as well!

Prices as follows...

\$10 per car for the car trail

\$5 per head for BBQ (paid members & their immediate families)

\$10 per head for BBQ (non-members)

Kids under 12 free!

Couple of things - the car trail is around 120kms long so make sure you've got enough gas! And so we can get the correct amount of food and gifts etc (we would hate to run out!) can you please let us know if you are coming along and how many guests/kids etc you'll be bringing with you and what ages/sex. (Note: Only kids under 12 will receive a free gift from Santa.)

Brad, ph/txt: 021-239 4408, email: admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz

Cromwell Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival Saturday 19th January 2013 (The Lodge – 8:00am sharp)

Last year this awesome show attracted over 600 cars – and no doubt it'll be just as awesome this year!

We'll have an area set aside for our club cars as per previous years and the marque will be setup so we've got somewhere to hang out for the day!

You'll need to book your accommodation in early as the town fills up fast, last year some of us got in at the Top 10 Holiday Park across the road from the show, others went to the Golden Gate Hotel.

Entry forms will be posted out once we have received them.

Old Man and the Beaver...

An 86-year-old man went to his doctor for his quarterly check-up...

The doctor asked him how he was feeling, the 86-year-old replies, "Things are great and I've never felt better. I now have a 20 year-old bride who is pregnant with my child. So what do you think about that Doc?"

The doctor considered his question for a minute and then began to tell this story.

"I have an older friend, much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season. One day he was setting off to go hunting. In a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun."

"As he neared a lake, he came across a very large male beaver sitting at the water's edge. He realized he'd left his gun at home and so he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature."

"Out of habit he raised his cane, aimed it at the animal as if it were his favourite hunting rifle and went 'bang, bang'."

"Miraculously, two shots rang out and the beaver fell over dead."

"Now, what do you think of that?" asked the doctor.

The 86-year-old said, "Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that beaver."

The doctor replied, "My point exactly."

Welcome along to these new members...

Roger Dunage – Dipton, Ross & Joan Sivertsen – Gore,
Bruce & Julie Sandri – Oamaru, Ash & Erica Johnstone – Riversdale,
Bruce McFadzien – Gore, Rob & Jane Scott – Lumsden,
Blair Strachan – Clinton, Gary & Hilda Grawford – Clinton,
Trevor & Kara Shanks – Gore, Leanne Ridder – Invercargill,
Evan Pascoe – Invercargill, Jeff Shaw – Invercargill,
Bradley May – Invercargill, Shaun Kerr – Invercargill.

(apologies if we've missed you off the list!!!)

Members Profile

- Name: *Bruce & Julie Sandri, Oamaru*
- Ride: *1969 XT Falcon 500*
- Modifications: *Running 302 Windsor, C4 Trans and Chev 10 bolt diff, (yuk!) 8" Tridents & Eagers*
- Hobbies: *Love mucking around with old stuff like my collection of chopper push bikes and old stuff in my shed, drinking flagon beer and general tom foolery!*
- Dream Car: *Nice VH Charger like I had years ago or 63 1/2 Galaxie*
- Ultimate Cruise: *Travel the old Route 66 in the States and go to Bonnierville*
- Anything Else?: *Plan to do up the car a bit more and keep enjoying driving around in it lots as I believe in using it not letting it collect dust in the garage*



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Then send an email with the above details to
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