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# Latest News

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Aaron Stevenson, the current club President has now resigned. Aaron was one of the original founders of the Southern Aussie Muscle car club and all that time has served as President. His leadership has helped form the club into what it is today; so on behalf of the committee and the members, I would like to thank Aaron for the huge effort he has put in over these last 6 years and I know he's looking forward to attending the runs next year purely as a member!

Following that, after a quick vote, we would like to announce Hayden Sayer (Shady) as the new President. Hayden has been on the committee since May 2009 and we look forward to working with him to help keep the club one of the best in Southland!

We would also like to welcome Brent Grumball to the Committee. Grumball has been a long standing member of the club and has attended most runs so I'm sure he has plenty of ideas for future events.

If anyone would like to become part of the Committee, feel free to register your interest by emailing us: [admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz](mailto:admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz)

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## From the editor...

Well it's been a quite a while since the last newsletter, however rest assured that all the events to date were in the last one, so I really didn't feel the need to put out one earlier.

Couple of things to note, if you are not receiving emails from the club regularly then chances are that we've either not got your email address or have it listed incorrectly; please send me an email and I'll update your details. We will be sending out more emails this year at least once a month to make sure that everyone knows what's going on with the club

The other thing is the website; we haven't had any new Member's Rides on there for a while, so if you're keen to have your car on this page flick me an email and I'll create a page for you. Feel free to attach some photos or I can just use the ones already in the Previous Events photos.

And if anyone attends any car shows, runs or any car related event that they'd like to share with the club, simply write a report, grab a few photos and I'll include it in the next newsletter. Be great to have a few more stories to read!! And if you would like to attend a show as part of the club feel free to organise it, send me the details and I'll email it out to the members. We have the gazebo and flags available too.

Have a great year everyone and hopefully I see you all on the runs!

Cheers, Brad Sayer     [admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz](mailto:admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz)

# New Club Gear

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We've teamed up with Southern Workwear to bring you a whole new range of high quality Club Apparel! The full range and pricing can be viewed on the website, just click on the "Club Gear" page or alternatively call into Southern Workwear, 64 Mersey Street, Gore.

Here's just a *small sample* of what's currently available for purchase.

Note: Clothing must be purchased through Southern Workwear, the club is no longer selling apparel directly.



**Nitro Shirt**  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$59.00



**Ladies Tee** (Blk or Grey)  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$34.00



**Hoodie** (Black or Grey)  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$49.00



**Micro Fleece Jacket**  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$87.00

# Previous Event Reports

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## Annual Overnighter: 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012

For this year's overnighter we decided to head to Frankton for the night. Numbers were low this year with only 6 cars leaving the lodge on Saturday morning.

First stop was Ettrick for a quick beer then onto Alexandra to the Top Pub for a quick bite of lunch, which as usual, the meals never fail to disappoint.

Jacks new engine decided to play up just as we got into Alexandra dropping a couple of lungs but lucky enough Craig was able to fix the carburettor and she was good to go again. We then decided to call into the new pub in Pisa Moorings, a nice pub and enjoyable standing round the open fire.

Then off to Frankton through the Gorge with a quick pit stop to call in and pick up local member and Queenstown socialite Crowy Kardashian & 2 Meter Peter. A couple of beers here and a very poor effort of a burnout in a BA XR8 (might need to get some lessons off the boy).

Off to the Arms in Frankton, which was very boring and they wouldn't cook us tea so Crowy decided let's all head to the Hilton, so off we all went. We arrived at the local for some Pizza for Tea before venturing down to the other Restaurant where we lucky enough to see a Marriage Proposal happen right beside us! After some quick marriage advice we were quickly asked to leave (perhaps it was closing time).

By this time the legs had 'fallen off' on one of our older members so off to bed for them and off to Queenstown by boat for the rest. Some of us home at a reasonable 1.00am and the rest managed to hold out for 4.00am.

Not much to report on Sunday as we headed straight home. Overall a fun weekend and was really great to see our more senior members getting into the spirit of the weekend as much as us.

Cheers, Shady.





## Bus Trip/Shed Raid: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012

On an early-ish brisk Spring Day a small group of us piled onto a bus with drinking refreshments (and coats) in hand and headed out to have a look at a couple of local garages.

First stop was to a well-known local, Stewart Quartier's. His room of numerous models was very impressive and for a lot of us took us back to our childhood memories of playing with some of them as youngsters. Now they are collector items.



Then it was out to the garages to which all the walls were lined with all sorts of car memorabilia you could imagine, as well as being full of big boys toys as well.

Once we had all finished having a good look it was then on to Ross Ryan's garages just out of Invercargill. He too had lots of car memorabilia on the walls and had a couple of new additions to his collection. The old school hot rod was very cool and the Lotus Cortina a real rarity. His son also has a few and Australian and American cars in the old man's garage that are projects on the go.

Additional to Ross's collection he also has a few motorbikes, to which one was used in the movie *The World's Fastest Indian*. Both gentleman's passions were pretty obvious and it was good to see that the old school vehicles were still loved treasures and took pride and joy at their home, and most importantly got used.

A late lunch stop was at the new restaurant at the Northern Tavern which filled the gap very nicely. It was good food and was served within a good time frame. It was a reasonably quiet trip home and once back at Gore some continued on for more drinks.

Overall despite the weather being on the cool side it was a good day out. Thanks for to those people that organised it and to Stewart and Ross for taking time out of their day for showing us their collections. Cheers, Tena.



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## Mopars in Gore: 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012

Well while it wasn't one of our clubs runs there were plenty of our members attending this one.

Saturday morning started off at Traffer's where we picked up our registration packs before heading to Bluff for the optional cruise (which I think most people did anyway). Some of us headed down to the point, while others headed up to Bluff hill to check out the fantastic views and the rest looked like they headed straight for the pub! After a bit of socialising it was then back to Lodge for the "Meet and Greet" and a bit more socialising. Well for most, Kev found it a bit hard to stay awake after leaving Bluff!!

Sunday was the Poker Run, starting early at 9.00am, we headed up to the Lodge to register and get our first Poker Card, then it was off in convoy (well as much of a convoy as you can get with 187 odd Mopars).

Cruised down to Wyndham to get our second card – absolutely filled the pub, but not to worry considering the huge amount of cars to look at and people to mingle with. Then it was back to the Gore Showgrounds, (with a lot of people leaving rather "enthusiastically"), for the Show and Shine where we parked up while the public took a look around and we had some lunch plus grabbed another card.

Next stop was Waikaka where we once again filled the town with the sound of lumpy 8's and rattly 6's. The next card was given out before all piling back in and heading to Riversdale to get our final card then finally back to The Lodge. After the scores were tallied up and the winners announced, it was time for the meal. And what an absolutely delicious buffet the Lodge put on!

Few more beers, few yarns & heaps of laughs. A ripper of an event and highly recommended. 2013 sees this event held in Ashburton over Labour Weekend. For more info check out [www.nzmoparforum.co.nz](http://www.nzmoparforum.co.nz).



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## Poker Run: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012

Well once again we had to cancel the Grass Khana event due to poor weather – so we held the Poker Run instead.

We grabbed our first card at the Lodge before heading down to Edendale Pub with 8 cars in tow. After a couple of drinks we headed down to Tokonui Tavern – well most of us did...

Due to mucking around getting some takeaways from Edendale the convoy soon left without myself and Dwayne in his newly on the road XA – of course the rest of them waited at the turnoff but somehow (I think we were playing with the stereo at the time) we managed to drive straight past them! Stereo going again and the chilly bin full we carried on cruising, not a care in the world, with Dwayne and his carload following behind.

It wasn't until sometime later when the music was quiet enough to hear Shady ringing, asking us where they hell we were!? Quick look around revealed bloody Kennington! Dwayne's car had obviously realised this before us and had turned around a lot earlier!

So despite driving 50odd kms in the wrong direction, we managed to make it to the Tokonui Tavern and picked up our 3<sup>rd</sup> card, but because we had lead Dwayne astray he had nearly run out of gas! So we coasted to Fortrose where luckily the local gassy was open.

Finally after holding everyone up, we were finally back on the road and heading to Wyndham to grab our forth card. Then it was back to the Lodge for our final card and prize giving.

Best hand went to Rachael Woods with 3 Kings  
2<sup>nd</sup> was Gary Crawford with 2 Aces & 2 Queens  
3<sup>rd</sup> was Rachael Woods again with 2 Queens & 2 Nines

Even though the weather was supposed to be crap we somehow managed to follow the sun all day and it ended up being a really excellent cruise, looking forward to the next one. Cheers, Brad



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## Christmas Run/Function: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012

A fantastic turnout for this year's Christmas party, with 17 cars all up including a handful of new members.

Starting off with a good ol' gumboot throw (closed to the pin) followed by a car trail that Derek Ayson had put to together. Now if you know Derek or have done one of his car trails before you'll know that he takes great pride in ensuring that it's not going to be easy! Plus with the added bonus of having to complete a quiz, and not just your run of the mill daily Southland Times quiz either!



One of the first "tasks" lead us out to Croydon Cemetery to find some old lady that had died aged 101 – this proved to very difficult and resulted in a lot of adults sitting in cars while the kids ran up and down the aisles reading headstones. Some of us got lucky and preparing for a quick escape drove right round the cemetery to park at the exit, lo and behold here's the old duck staring me straight in the face! Brad – 1, Derek – 0!

Unfortunately our lead was short lived as trying to get a 30cm piece of flax without a ruler or knife proved to be most challenging! Though not as challenging as trying to count the painted white lines on the Gore Mataura passing lane at 100kms an hour!!



Following the directions of left here, right there proved difficult for some, I'm pretty sure I passed Brad Harris coming at me in the wrong direction at least 3 times!!

Having all these challenges to do was a great way to catch up on people and gave us a bit of a chance to have a yarn while the missis/kids were off counting vertical mounted timber cladding (*not* the horizontal) and although we were doing it individually it felt like we were still cruising around as a group which was really awesome.





So after we had all collected, counted, foraged, searched and navigated our way back to the Lodge where the gruelling task of finding a winner began. While this was happening the kids ran around, did some colouring and generally had a good time, the adult's pretty much doing the same thing – having a good time that is, not colouring!

Kevin organised a lolly scramble to make sure the children were fully hyped up for when Santa arrived! Many a gift was handed out to some very excited faces and some not so excited faces.

After all this excitement Derek had finished tallying the scores and prize giving was about to start...

3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Shaun Kerr

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Shelley Clark

And the winner was Erica Johnstone.

Closed to the Gumbboot was Brent Grumball followed closely by myself!

The hard luck award went Shannon Crawford for his close encounter with the law!



And for the booby prize Dwayne won himself – well a big bag full of everyone else's collected things!

From there Jack gave a short speech announcing his resignation as President and officially handed over the reins to Shady. Then onto the meal followed by a few drinks until it was time to take the kids home to bed.

A huge thanks to Derek and Craig who organised this run and also to the members who came along and made it such an awesome event.



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## Cromwell Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013



As always this event is a great start to the year. This time we left the Lodge with only 4 cars – I think the early Saturday morning start may be too much for some, as we had another group of 5 meet us there that had stayed Friday night.

Trip up was pretty standard, bar one mishap with Marshall's window wiper flying off into the unknown! (so if anyone has a spare window wiper for a VJ val please email the club!)

Once in Cromwell and with the other group in tow we head into the venue and start setting up the Marque. Of course the sun was out at this stage and once again the weather didn't disappoint! Another huge show for 2013 with over 700 cars, plenty of different vehicles and a heap I hadn't seen before.

The day seemed to fly by, wandering around the cars, chatting to fellow car enthusiasts and finishing off with a couple of cold ones.

Prize giving went on and unfortunately this year none of our club cars got anything but there's always next year!



One thing that they were selling this year was the chance to take a drive round the new Cromwell race course after the show, which some of our members partook in and by all accounts it's going to be a hell of a track when it's finished.

We then headed over to the Top Ten Holiday park where most of us were crashing the night, (others went to the Golden Gate). After hanging out there for a couple of hours having a few laughs we booked a courtesy coach to the Victoria Hotel for Dinner.



We were almost a bit late as the hostess must have been keen to go home but

luckily the manager was more than welcome to accommodate us. And what a fantastic meal it was too though the highlight of the meal was Shady's beautiful comedic timing which may have "inadvertently" got him placed into a large family photo of some other restaurant guests!!

After a finishing off with a few drinks we headed back to the camp ground to bed.

Sunday was another cracker day, so Trumpet and Marshall carloads decided to take the long way home through Queenstown, though I think Trumpet may have preferred to go straight home!!

Had a bite to eat at the Frankton Ale house and caught up with Dwayne's carload who were also on their way back.

Once again a really great weekend! Make sure you make next year's one!



# Upcoming Events

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## **Grass khana: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**

Meet up at the Lodge at 1:00pm, then we'll cruise down the road (literally) to Darren's paddock to test our driving skills!

We will be having a late afternoon BBQ afterwards - \$10 adult, \$5 kids.

Note: This is not a paddock racing event – it is a skills event which will have timed courses, one vehicle at a time. It's up to you how hard you go!!

Event contact: Brad (021) 239 4408

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## **Aussie Muscle Mania: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show, held at The Lodge, 100 Waimea St, Gore.

Car Display: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Mystery Cruise: 2:15am - 6:00pm

Evening Function/Prize Giving: From 6:00pm

Open to all Australian Designed vehicles (Ford, Holden & Chrysler). You do not need to be a member of our club!

Meals and Drinks available throughout the event.

Courtesy Coach will be running. Accommodation also available at the Heartland Hotel Croydon – 03 208 9029

**FREE ENTRY - SPOT PRIZES - LIVE BAND!!**

This is the Clubs biggest event of the year so it would be great to have the support from as many members as possible!

Event contact Brad: (021) 239 4408

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## **Sunday Cruise: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

We haven't quite decided what we are doing for this one yet, but it'll be a leisurely run to somewhere for Lunch – maybe dinner.

Will send out an update closer to the time.

Event contact Shady 027 405 3968

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## Overnighter: 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013

This year we're heading to Ranfurly, Central Otago. We will be staying at the Ranfurly Hotel, but if they run out of room there is also the Holiday Park (5min walk to the Hotel).

You'll need to organise your own accommodation, but mention you're with Southern Aussie Muscle and you'll receive a 10% discount off the room rate at the Hotel.

Ranfurly Hotel  
Ph: (03) 444 9140  
[www.ranfurlyhotel.co.nz](http://www.ranfurlyhotel.co.nz)

Ranfurly Holiday Park  
Ph: (0800) 726 387  
[www.ranfurlyholidaypark.co.nz](http://www.ranfurlyholidaypark.co.nz)

Meet up at the Lodge carpark at 10:00am. We will be stopping in Alex for lunch.

We would like members to register for this event so we can get an idea of numbers. Please send an email to [admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz](mailto:admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz) or contact Kev on 027 431 9188.

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## Silence in Court

The judge says to a double-homicide defendant,

"You're charged with beating your wife to death with a hammer."

A voice at the back of the courtroom yells out, "You bastard!"

The judge says, "You're also charged with beating your mother-in-law to death with a hammer."

The voice in the back of the courtroom yells out, "You rotten bastard!"

The judge stops and says to Paddy in the back of the courtroom.

"Sir, I can understand your anger and frustration at these crimes, but no more outbursts from you, or I'll charge you with contempt. Is that understood?"

Paddy stands up and says, "I'm sorry, Your Honour, but for fifteen years I've lived next door to that arsehole, and every time I asked to borrow a hammer, the bastard said he didn't have one!"



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## Memberships

The 2012/13 memberships expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

Renewal fees are only \$30 if paid *before* **30<sup>th</sup> June 2013**. After that you may have to pay the new members fee of \$40, so your swift payment will be greatly appreciated.

Pay by internet banking:

Name: Aussie Muscle Car Social Club  
A/C: BNZ 02-0922-0024949-000

Or send us a cheque to, Southern Aussie Muscle, PO Box 301, Gore 9740.

Or call in and see Shady or Kev at Harrison's Supplies on Mersey Street, Gore.

Couldn't be easier!

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# *Members Profile*

- Name:* Dwayne Woods, Invercargill
- Ride:* 1972 XA Falcon
- Modifications:* 302 Cleveland, Tunnel Ram, C4 Trans & 8" Tridents & Eagers
- Hobbies:* Tinkering on cars, having a few brews with mates, going for cruises and general interest on anything to do with motorsport.
- Dream Car:* XC Cobra
- Ultimate Cruise:* A lap around Bathurst in an old school V8.
- Anything Else?:* Hope to do a bit more mods under the hood on the XA in the future and keep the old girl cruising!



*Like to see your ride here?*  
Then send an email with the above details to  
[admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz](mailto:admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz)

# AUSSIE MUSCLE MANIA

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013 - THE LODGE PUBLIC BAR, GORE**

**ALL  
WELCOME!**

**CAR DISPLAY: 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**MYSTERY CRUISE: 2:15PM - 6:00PM**

**EVENING FUNCTION/PRIZE GIVING: FROM 6:00PM**

Open to all Australian Designed or Manufactured vehicles (Ford, Holden & Chrysler).

Meals and Drinks available throughout the event.

Courtesy coach and Accommodation available.

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**PUBLIC SPOT PRIZES - LIVE BAND - GOOD TIMES**



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