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Presidents Report

Well since my last report I have had my day in front of the courts and luckily enough I managed to get away fairly lightly with only a fine and a few demerit points, so some handy advice would be if you are traveling at that speed (165km/h) and a cop runs out in the middle of the road from behind some trees, keep going!!! But probably best to stop and take your chances in court.

It still very pleasing to see excellent numbers at the last few events the Garage raid/bus trip, Poker run and The Overnighter to Ranfurly which in my opinion was the best yet! Well done Kev for organizing this run!

With our Christmas function just a few weeks away, if you are planning to attend it is really important that you carefully read the details about this as we have changed the way we are going to run this event this year. For those who can't make it to the Xmas run, have a safe & merry Christmas and I will hopefully catch up with a few of you at next year's events. Cheers, Shady

Welcome along to these new members...



Reece O'Connor, Gore
XA Falcon



Andrew Graves, Gore
AP5 Valiant



Chris Fenton, Gore
XD Falcon Ute



Callum McCall, Gore
HQ Kingswood



Peter Corcoran, Gore
CL Valiant

Previous Event Reports

Annual Overnighter: 13th – 14th July 2013

Once again the overnighter was a great success with 12 car loads meeting up at the lodge car park and Crowey meeting us in Alexandra.

Once Shady had done his speech Erica handed out a surprise quiz; we decided it was too hard to do and we would wait until we had more to drink which would make us more smarter - it didn't help that we failed to read the most important question (must be finished and handed in by Alexandra)! So as we headed into Stadium Tavern for lunch we had to quickly fill it out but didn't do too well! Although we didn't come last.

Once everyone had finished lunch we headed off to Ophir Bridge to line up for Brad to take some photos (though he was probably a tad on the happy side by then after the carload he was in were having cocktails all morning!) then on to Ophir Tavern for a quick beer.



After some entertainment from some of our club members leaving the Ophir Tavern car park, we headed to Poolburn Hotel for a couple of beers followed by a quick stop at the Oturehua Hotel and then onto Ranfurly.

We arrived at Ranfurly Hotel just in time to bet the snow, so we park up by the fire, had some tea, played pool and talked a lot of shit to the wee hours of the morning, well some did Squeak had about 10hours sleep that night!

Woke up to a hell of a frost and iced up roads. As I was heading down for breakfast I found our past president (Aaron) looking a bit under the weather, that Red Bull and Jagermeister might have something to do with it but good news for me - got a driver for the home trip.



With the roads closed back to Alexandra, we got the bar to open up while we waited, so at about 11-ish we headed off with a top speed of about 60k for most off the way, by time we got Alexandra the roads had cleared.



Tutty decided to head to Omakau for a beer and though it would be a good idea to spin the wheels up on the ice but the mighty 253 got traction and that was the end of that diff.

Shady, Squeak and I thought it would be a good day to do a pub crawl home but one very hungover driver had a different plan - straight home.

A fantastic cruise and a great night out.

Cheers, Kevin.

Garage/Shed Raid: 8th September 2013

18 of us met at the Lodge car park and clambered onto a bus and headed to our first garage of Maurice Smith's at Riversdale not really knowing what to expect, we knew he had a bit of a collection of old memorabilia from past years to do with the motoring industry but boy did we underestimate this! Collectable cars, signs, a vast array of tools including the biggest hammer selection probably in the southern hemisphere, to the weirdest looking lawn mowers you have seen. Maurice was a ball of information on all his stuff and how he came across it.



Back on the bus and headed to the Riversdale pub for lunch and to wet the whistle for an hour and a half.

We loaded back onto the bus and headed off in the gore direction to Frank and Maree Wilson's house/shed, mate this place is the go - the man cave of all man caves with very nice living quarters up stairs. From some very cool cars, the largest slot car set I think I have seen to music memorabilia, the list is long! The thought and the years of collecting and planning that has gone into this man/woman cave is incredible. This is one shed I will be suggesting to revisit in the future and I am sure I won't be alone on that one.



Load the bus again and heading south down Charlton area to Brad and Barry Newlands Maimai. Now I have been here a couple of times now but this place is amazing, from a bed room that you would be happy for the mother-in-law to stay in, to a commercial kitchen, pool table and plasma TV. This place has some better features than most houses! Brad and Barry have done an amazing job on this and I am sure they are probably not finished yet. Most guys stay at their pond on opening weekend but with this place you could quite happily stay for the full 3 months.

Finally back onto the bus, now this is the point where I should have got off at the end of my road and been home at a reasonable hour in a reasonable condition, but "no" we had to check out a local bar just to ensure we weren't going to wake up too refreshed on Monday! Over all a bloody great day and I am already looking for more garages/man caves for next year so if anybody has any suggestions please let us know.

So to Maurice, Frank and Maree, Brad and Barry; Hey guys and girls what can I say but "Bloody Awesome" and thank you very much for letting us view your sheds/homes was very much appreciated - Craig Abernethy.

Poker Run: 5th November 2013

On Saturday 5th November we had 12 cars meet up at the lodge for our annual poker run. Dwayne Woods was, as usual, on time! It was a beautiful hot day and we quickly departed to our first stop Clydevale to receive our second card and to enjoy a beer or two in the sun. The Clydevale pub kindly donated a bottle of wine for a Publicians choice



award which was won by Ash & Erica Johnstone in their VF Valiant VIP.

We then loaded up to head to our next destination, Beaumont. Apparently it was a very quick trip to Beaumont

for the Crawford's in their XW and Derek 'Racin' Ayson in his Monaro (those rally driving skills must've paid off going over those blind brows aye Derek!).

Everyone received there next hand at the Beaumont pub and a bit of lunch. The publican's choice was won by Shannon and Kylie Crawford in their Falcon in which Kylie celebrated by taking a couple more inches off their back tyres, followed by Dug in his AP5, then Derek who kindly managed to shower my car in Gravel.

Next stop Heriot for the 4th card. They also kindly put up a Publicians Choice prize which was won by Steven Stewart in his Pacer. After very little encouragement Shannon put on the 'Big Finale' for all the locals to enjoy before we all headed back to the Lodge for Prize giving. Unfortunately new member Reece O'Connor in his XA Falcon didn't make it back for Prize giving due to making a couple extra stops on the way home.



It was really great to see a lot of members stay and support the Lodge after price giving. Overall an awesome day and night. A big thanks to all that made it for the day and to Erica for selling the scratchy boards and Marshall, Nic & Kirsty for taking the photos.

Results:

1st: Kirsty Quertier (Shadys Car) - Flush
2nd: Mark Wilson (Dwayne Woods Car) - 2 Pair Aces & Kings
3rd: Dwayne Woods - 2 Pair Kings & Nines

Members Draw (\$50 MTA voucher): Trevor Shanks

Cheers,
Shady

Upcoming Events!

Christmas Party/Car Trail: Sunday 8th December 2013 The Lodge from 12:30pm

This year we are changing the format a little, so please read carefully!!

As per previous years we will start the day off with the Car Trial, Derek is organising this again, so be prepared for some hard questions and tasks, though always fun!! Also make sure your cars are fuelled up.

The price for the Car Trail is \$10 per car. For those that don't want to participate on the trail we expect the first cars to be back at the Lodge around 3.30pm.

So the first change we're making this year is the meal, instead of doing a BBQ we will be having a proper sit down buffet meal – it is Christmas after all! Because it is a catered meal, booking is essential! No booking – no meal! We will still put on kids platters (chips & chicken nibbles) as per previous years but if you want your children to have a full meal, you'll need to add them to your booking numbers.

Price for buffet:

Members: **\$15 per head** ("member" includes your husband/wife/partner & kids)

Non-members/Guests: **\$25 per head** (The club is subsidising the member's meals)

Please email through your booking numbers to admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz by the **22nd November!** Or you can call/text Shady on 027 405 3968.

Finally is the Santa gifts that we normally give out to the kids. Purchasing and wrapping presents is very time consuming (plus we're now subsidising the meal), so this year we've decided that the parents can purchase present's for their own kids. Please wrap and write their name on it in vivid. There will be a sack or something to place them in at the Lodge, then Santa will dish them out later on. Maximum of \$10 please.

One other thing to note is if you don't want a meal or haven't registered you are still more than welcome to attend it's just really important that we have numbers for the buffet meal. Event contact Shady 027 405 3968

Cromwell Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival: 18th January 2014

Meet at 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 own accommodation and I strongly recommend doing it now, like today! 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.

We will be leaving the Lodge at 8:00am sharp, for those that are already up there we'll meet you at the Freeway Orchard (the one just past the bridge) at 9:30am.

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

Grasskhana: 1st March 2014

Meet at the Lodge – 1:00pm

Last year this event was just awesome!! I highly recommend coming out to this one!

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 around cones, one vehicle at a time. It's up to you how hard you go!!

Event contact: Brad (021) 239 4408

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