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Presidents Report

Hi all, I hope everyone had a great Xmas/New Year's. It is still very pleasing to see great numbers to all events we are holding so keep up the good work. With the Grasskhana coming this weekend, unlike myself last year I hope all those competing come away in one piece!. Please keep in mind our big show Aussie Muscle Mania is only a month away so your support would be great for this event. It's also great to see a steady flow of new members joining the club (some as far away as Oamaru) so hopefully we will see them on a run or two.

One last thing, I get a lot of people saying that they haven't been receiving emails, if you haven't then *please* send an email to admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz and we'll update our records to keep you in touch with all the latest news etc!

Cheers Shady.



Welcome along to these new members...



Anna Wilson, Balfour
VC Valiant



Mike & Tracy Kane, Wyndham
XW Falcon



Jamie & Kylie Harrington, Cromwell
HQ Holden Premier



Jim McDonald, Balclutha
XY Ute & Sedan



Ryan & Cathy McKenzie, Wyndham
HK Holden Kingswood

Lindsay & Trish Moore, Oamaru
VK Holden



Gary & Glenys Egerton, Gore
AP5 Valiant

Colin & Adrienne Davies, Oamaru
VL Holden GTS

Simon & Kirsty Quertier, Gore
VC Valiant

Previous Event Reports

Christmas Car Trial: 8th December 2013



9 cars assembled at the Croydon Lodge for the annual 2013 Aussie Muscle Christmas car trial and prize giving on Dec 8th. First up this year was throwing an empty Gulf Oil drum to a peg on the golf course. Some interesting techniques were used here with Tracy Tyler throwing it nearly into a nearby tree that was 10m away from the peg! Closest was Michael Kane at 440mm, 2nd Stephen Stewart at 610mm and 3rd Darren Dickie at 660mm.

Next the cars set off from the Lodge, some turning right and some turning left (which was correct), but unfortunately the organiser (me...) missed counting a street for the group of cars that turned right from the Lodge (sorry about that), but after a quick phone call, most were back on track. There was nothing to collect this year, but a few counting challenges and the usual quiz, plus a train to sketch. Some very unique pictures were handed in with Ash Johnstone's being judged the best and Michael Kane's needing a bit more practise (can I have that blindfold back please...!). ☺



During the duration of the trial, all cars stopped at the Windmill corner to partake in a car width challenge. This consisted of the car being about 30m from a stationary peg and the driver pointing to a person holding another peg to move it towards the other peg and stop when they thought it was about the width of their vehicle, then driving forward to put the car between the pegs.

This was quite interesting, as most thought they were driving a Kenworth truck not a car!! Furthest was Shannon Crawford in the HUGE XW Falcon at 955mm (though Kylie was not impressed with Shannon's efforts and got behind the wheel and recorded a much better 555mm), while closest was Simon Quertier at a very close 160mm, 2nd Alan Popenhagen at 275mm and 3rd Michael Kane at 450mm.

The winner of the general knowledge questions was Simon, Trumpet and Shady's car getting nearly every question correct... mmmmm....???

"Caption this" winner (photo of a geeky looking ping pong player -->) was to Alan Popenhagen with "All Ford drivers look like this!", which was judged by a non-biased mystery judge... (who just might own a Holden...)!

The Car trial questions and counting challenges was won by Darren Dickie's car.



So overall placing's for the day including all the questions, challenges etc went to Darren Dickie in 1st with 61½ points, Shady close behind in 2nd with 60 points and Ash Johnstone 3rd with 52 points.

Members draw was won by Terry Lynch, and the two raffle boards were won by Darren Dickie and Glenys Egerton.

By now, a few more members and kids that couldn't make it on the car trial turned up for a great dinner and socialising before Santa arrived to dish out some goodies for the kids.

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to participate, as it was another great event.

Cheers, Derek.



Cromwell Car Show: 18th January 2014

On Saturday 18th January 8 cars meet at the lodge at 8.00am to Cruise up to the annual Cromwell Car Show hosted by the Southland Ford Falcon Club. We arrived in Cromwell and after a bit of confusion we meet up with the other members and our 'Queenstown Chapter' and set up our club display. We ended up with a total of 16 cars which is our biggest number for our club at this show yet!



We put up our club gazebo (not that we needed it this year as big yellow didn't quite stick his nose out this year), flags and Wally & Brent set up their cool portable bar leaner and everyone soon settled into a quiet session. The Show as usual gets bigger and better each year with a number being thrown round of 750 cars, there was also a lot more food and exhibitors this year which was good.



As usual the club was the last to leave with most of us heading to the Vic for tea. Things were pretty quiet there so we headed to the Golden Gate which was also quiet so some of us headed back to the camping ground and sat round for a few quiet ones at Wally's and Brent's Camp with Dwayne and his Crew next door with most of us finishing up round midnight. We woke next morning minus a crew member but he soon

arrived with a grin on his face and introduced himself as Todd Slayer!

We decided to have Brunch at Pisa Moorings but by this time we had most of a crate down and the day was looking good! We decided to venture home through Queenstown stopping at Frankton for a beer before heading home. By the time we hit Mandeville my wheels had well and truly fallen off, I had great difficulty in standing as well as other things but we will leave it at that! Monday was a very long day!

Overall a great car show, great company and a great weekend.

Cheers, Shady



Cruise to Waikaia for Dinner: 2nd February 2014



On the 2nd of Feb we decided to try something a bit different and head out to Waikaia for a meal and couple of refreshments. We had 8 cars with about 35 people turn up at the lodge we decided just to head straight to Waikaia and soak up the local atmosphere in the sun shine.

Biggles and Wendy-Jane and their friendly staff made us feel welcome and put on some awesome meals with an unrushed service. Most cars were back on the road by 7.30 – 8 heading for home; though some got left behind!

If you looking for a reason to get the car out I definitely recommend the Waikaia Hotel as a destination for a refreshing beverage or a meal those old kiwi pubs are getting harder to find.

Craig.



Grasskhana: 1st March 2014



Well as promised another awesome event!! The weather had been a bit rough leading up to the weekend and we weren't sure if it was going to go ahead, I cruised out there with Darren and Marshall, after a quick "trial run" - it was all on! Infact the weather actually turned out pretty good.

We had 12 cars turn up and 14 people participating. Starting off with a standard slalom to get everyone warmed up, then

the courses got harder and more skilful. The grass was a little slippery on top which caught out a few early on in the piece.

Last year's winner Darren, was less than impressed when our celebrity guest driver Derek Ayson showed up - which started a fierce battle between the two! Kev struggled to handle the power of the beige beast, but put it down to no LSD & kickdown problems - not to worry Shady jumped in and showed him how it was done!



Some great driving by new member Jim McDonald in his XY Ute who had it full sideways most of the course. All of the later model cars seemed to feel the brunt of the hard core driving with both the XR8's getting a little "warm"!

After all the courses were done, Derek setup a big figure 8 to teach us noobs. While his driving skills are excellent - no one was impressed with his

showing off! Nah, we actually were - but don't tell him that... 😊

Finally we setup a huge oval and had two cars start at each end to try and catch each other, this was by far the most enjoyable way to end the day - at one stage I think there was about 5 cars out there!! There were some massive drifts going on.

Once the driving was finished with we headed back to Darren's man cave for a BBQ and prizegiving. Again this year it turned into quite a big one, with the last of us heading home about 2am!



A great event that was a huge amount of fun! A big thanks to Darren for letting us rip up his paddock, Shady for cooking the BBQ, Kylie for adding up the times and everyone that came along to make this such an enjoyable day. Cheers, Brad.

Results:

1 st	Derek Ayson	HT Monaro	3.7970
2 nd	Darren Dickie	VG Regal/XW Fairmont	4.0330
3 rd	Callum Dickson	XR6 Turbo	4.1525
4 th	Marshall Sayer	VJ Regal	4.2501
5 th	Kylie Crawford	XR8	4.2928
6 th	Dwayne Woods	XA Fairmont	4.4551
7 th	Lyle Swain	XA Fairmont	4.5293
8 th	Shannon Crawford	XR8	4.5428
9 th	Brad Sayer	VK Regal Wagon	4.5974
10 th	Jim McDonald	XY Ute	4.8882
11 th	Kevin Ryan	XC Falcon	5.4182
12 th	Mike Kane	XR8	5.9332
13 th	Sean O'Neill	XD Falcon	6.0417



Upcoming Events!

Aussie Muscle Mania: Saturday 12th April 2014

Starting with a Car Display at the Lodge from 10:00am till 2:00pm, then we'll load up the cars and go for a cruise for three-ish odd hours before heading back to Lodge for the evening function and prize giving.

Car show and cruise is open to all Australian Designed and Manufactured vehicles (Ford, Holden and Chrysler). This is a public event, anyone can come along to have a look or entry their cars!

Gold coin entry with all proceeds going to St John, Gore.

Sunday Lunch Run: 18th May 2014

We are still finalising the details, but meet up at the Lodge at 10:00am and we'll cruise somewhere for lunch!

Aussie Crawl 2014: 28th - 29th June 2014

This run comes highly recommended by all that have attended this one in the past, so get your registrations in!!

Entry form available on the website...

Annual Overnighter: 12th - 13th July 2014

This year we're heading North again, this time to Naseby!! As always this is a great weekend away! We'll cruise up with a stop for lunch plus a couple of refreshment stops as well.

Meet up at the Lodge at 10:00am. Please let us know if your attending this one so we can let all the pubs etc. know before we bombard them!!

Email: admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz or call/text Kevin on 027 431 9188.

Plenty of accommodation options (which you'll have to organise yourselves!!).

The Ancient Briton Hotel

16 Leven Street
03 444 9992

ancientbriton.co.nz

Try here first as the majority of us will be staying here...

The Royal Hotel

1 Earn Street
03 444 9990

naseby.co.nz

Larchview Holiday Park

8 Swimming Dam Road
03 444 9904

larchviewholidaypark.co.nz

Members Ride

- Name:* Sean O'Neill & Holly Wilkinson, Invercargill
- Ride:* 1980 Ford XD Falcon
- Modifications:* 460 Big Block, 9 inch Diff, C6 trans, Custom interior and some detailing (very purple!)
- Hobbies:* Car addictions! No time for hobbies!!
- Dream Car:* Supercharged '67 XR Falcon (Sean)
Purple Mk1 Lotus Cortina (Holly)
- Ultimate Cruise:* To Summer Nats in OZ - one way ticket
- Anything Else?:* Trying to break up the purple on car with a bit of black here and there, as you can see a bit more to go. Owned over 60 Fords, 2 Valiants and 4 Holdens...
Guess my favourite...!



Like to see your ride here?
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AUSSIE MUSCLE MANIA

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL 2014 - THE LODGE PUBLIC BAR, GORE

PUBLIC EVENT CAR DISPLAY: 10:00AM - 2:00PM ALL WELCOME!

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

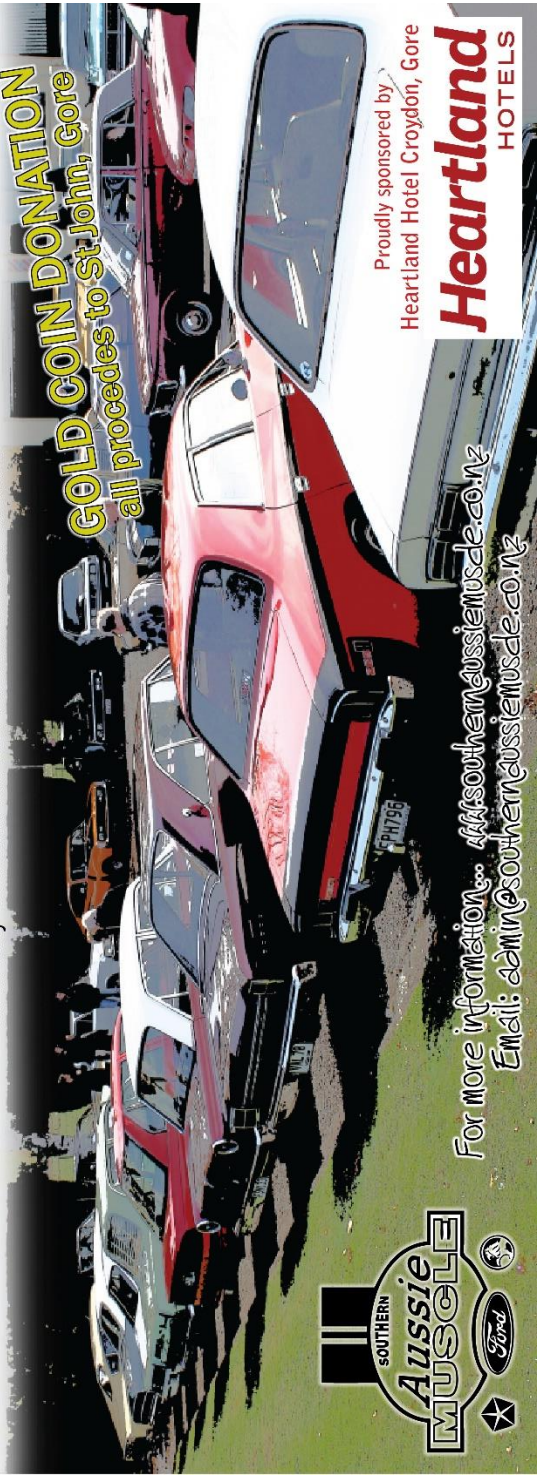
EVENING FUNCTION/PRIZE GIVING: FROM 6:00PM

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

Meals and Drinks available throughout the event.

Courtesy coach and Accommodation available.

GOLD COIN DONATION
all proceeds to St John, Gore



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