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Presidents Report

I am writing this after surviving both Aussie Crawl & the Overnighter in one piece & I have to admit it was quite pleasing to wake up in the morning with my Drivers Licence still in my wallet! Both were awesome events being very well supported by our club cars with 18 for Aussie Crawl & a record turnout of 22 for the overnighter! It was also great to see and meet a few new faces. A big thanks to everyone for attending these and supporting the club.

We have a busy rest of the year with a run or event for nearly every month for the remainder of the year so pencil these on your calendar and keep up the good attendance and I look forward to having a beer or two with you over the next few months.

Please if anyone would like to organize a run or would like to organize a group to attend a car show please give myself or any of the committee a call and we can help you organize this, we also have the club flags if you would like to take these as well.

Happy Cruising,

Shady

Aussie Muscle Mania 2014
Photo Credit: Leighton Smith



Welcome along to these new members...



Bruce & Tanya Eade, Gore
HZ Statesman Deville



Casey & Katie McEwan, Wyndham
HJ Station Wagon



Duncan Gardyne, Waikaka
XC Fairmont



Simon & Sally Pope, Gore
VH Regal



Simon & Rachel Smith, Gore
VK Regal Wagon



Nigel & Emma Marshall, Wyndham
HQ Premier Wagon

Cherie Moffat, Gore
HQ Sedan

Brad & Karen Newland, Gore

Previous Event Reports

Aussie Muscle Mania: 12th April 2014



On Saturday 12th April we held our 3rd annual Aussie Muscle Car Show at the Heartland Hotels Croydon Lodge car park. As per last year the weather wasn't exactly coming to the party with a cold southerly ripping through the car park again, however this did not put off the 59 cars we had attended the show.

It was great to see Members from as far as Oamaru come and support our car show. This year we asked for a gold coin donation for entry that would be donated to St Johns who also came along to man the gates and accepted donations from the public. I haven't officially heard back from St Johns but I did hear they took close to \$400 for the day, so a big thanks to all who donated.

The car show ran from 10.00am til 2.00pm with most people choosing to stay inside the bar and enjoy a warm meal and a couple of quiet refreshments before we all got ready to head away for our mystery car cruise. Myself and Trumpet jumped into Derek's Monaro to lead the cruise off (about 35 cars) down Broughton then back up Main St, by then we had realised we had no beer (as I hadn't given clear & precise instructions!) so a quick detour past home and some beers were waiting at the gate for us (what a great wife I have!).



We stopped at the Clinton Pub for our first stop. After Clinton we headed to Wyndham on Mataura - Clinton Rd where there was chance for a few of the cars to stretch their legs a bit. We stopped just before Wyndham to do some circle work in the yard of one of our new members Nigel Marshall before heading to the Wyndham pub for couple more.

We left Wyndham to head back to Gore for prize giving but took a quick detour down Coal Pit road so Bushy could show us what Eagers are good for! Very impressive! Derek's effort was not so! Valiant 1 - Holden 0.



Then off down the Main Rd where Derek thought he might have the measure on Bushy on the passing lane, Valiant 2 - Holden 0!

Once back at the Lodge we started to hand out the Spot prizes and raffles, this did not go to well as only half the people wanted to listen! Then onto the best of show awards. After all that a few of us stayed on for a few more drinks before calling it a night.

Overall a very enjoyable day with great company. A big thanks to all those who attended and to all the Sponsors and Committee members to whom without this day wouldn't be possible.

Cheers, Shady

P.S. The Committee would like to thank Derek who after 2hrs working the gate he felt he should go home for an hour lunch break.



The *independently judged* winners were...

Regional Ford	Best Ford	Tarryn Walsh	XY Falcon
Aluminium Joinery Services	Best Valiant	Chris Labes	AP6 Regal
Abernethy Contracting	Best Holden	Craig Abernethy	HQ Premier
Harrison's Supplies	People's Choice	Chris Labes	AP6 Regal

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Turns out I lost all the photos I took of this event of my memory stick!! So I would like to thank Leighton Smith for the use of his photos. Much appreciated!
Cheers, Brad.



Sunday Lunch Run: 18th May 2014



The weather forecast was horrible, so we weren't expecting many for this run.

We arrived at the Lodge to find new members Gary & Glenys Egerton waiting patiently in the car park, we were beginning to think that it would be just the 2 cars... I was pleasantly surprised however, it seems our club members are a bit tougher than I thought! Good to see members coming from afar to partake in this cruise – carloads from Balclutha, Invercargill.

8 cars left the Lodge at 10.30am and headed south turning off at Dacre. We had a short stop at Lorneville waiting for the Crawford's who were running late after a big night of duck shooting antics. Another new member Anna from Balfour in her blue Valiant VC joined us at the Magnolia Tree where we were greeted by their accommodating staff and settled in for lunch.

From there we cruised back to Lorneville and had a beer at The Whitehouse Pub. A stop at Edendale pub via Invercargill then everyone went their own way home. Thanks to all the members, old and new, for coming on this cruise - hope you all enjoyed the day.

Cheers, Grumball.



Aussie Crawl: 28th-29th June 2014



It was an early start to the day and a bit of a wet and overcast one at that but still a great turnout with 55 cars and 189 people registered. It was good to see quite a few groups of people dressing up for the occasion in accordance to era of their car. Our first stop was at the Greenroofs in Wallacetown. It was good that the weather was clearing as the place was

packed so some people socialised outside.

From there it was on to Colac Bay. By this time the sun and blue sky had come out so the day was looking brighter already. Then next stop was at Last Light Lodge in Tuatapere for lunch. For most of us we didn't even know this place was there. The food was awesome and there was heaps of it. There was oyster raffles running at each pub and they were going down a treat. Also at each pub stop there was a Publican's Choice for Best Ford, Holden and Valiant. Tena unfortunately couldn't contain her excitement of getting a prize at this place and left the premises a bit loose and sideways (she happened to enjoy it that much she had a bit more fun on the way home leaving Mossburn).

From there it was on to the last stop at Manapouri before final destination of Te Anau. Some cars had the misfortune of not making it to Te Anau, or getting there much later than the rest of us (and sadly it was mainly the blue oval that had the breakdowns). Once most people got settled into their accommodation it was hitting the streets of Te Anau for some food and of course more drinking. The two main drinking holes were kept busy and even had some of the guys cutting shapes on the dance floor. Some guys however, had to leave the drinking premises or simply got lost heading back to their accommodation. Big night for most.

There were some sorry sights the next morning at breakfast. Even though the establishment took a bit to get the food out, it filled the gap and helped some people face another day ahead. Once the raffles were all drawn (and there were some very good prizes up for grabs) the prize giving was held. Congratulations to the following people.

Best Ford	Tena McCarthy	XC Coupe	2 nd Place	Norina Morris	XA GT
Best Holden	John Armistead	'02 Monaro	2 nd Place	Anthony Padget	'71 Monaro
Best Valiant	Rodney Heenan	VH Charger	2 nd Place	Regan McLeod	VH Regal

Best Dressed went to the lady jailbirds and Prison Warden. Commiserations to those that received Hard Luck awards.



Big thanks to the SFFC for another successful trip, it was a great weekend. If you have not done this weekend, then best keep it free on your calendar for 2015. Next year's event will be organised and run the Holden Club.

Annual Overnighter: 12th-13th July 2014



Wow – one of our biggest events to date! This year we headed up to Naseby, popular for its Curling, Ice Skating and the Southern Hemisphere's first luge track... but we weren't there for any of that! No, 22

carloads from the Deep South descended on the small town located in the middle of nowhere for a night of socialising, waffling some crap and hopefully not offending the locals!

We left Gore and headed straight to the Stadium Pub in Alexandra for lunch, whilst we had warned them previously and confirmed our numbers that day, unfortunately they struggled to keep the meals flowing and we ended up staying there a lot longer than originally planned. Not to worry, we all got something to eat.

Blue lost his windscreen to a rogue rock flicked up as he and Bobby were cruising down the hill towards Raes Junction – so a cold trip for them back to Gore to pick up Bobby's Plymouth – and the delay at lunch meant they were back in the convoy with time to spare!

After lunch a quiet cruise to the White Horse Hotel in Becks, few tall stories and a few laughs there, then onto the historic town of Saint Bathans, of course Shannon up to his usual escapades while leaving!



Turns out that the turnoff to Saint Bathans is actually a lot harder to find than originally thought and only half the cars made it there... so being the useless fu#k I am I have no idea what happened there as my carload were oblivious as we gingerly cruised past the big "Turn Here" sign! Though I do have it on good authority that Derek may have also been up to his usual tricks as well!!



Once into Naseby we sorted out our accommodation - we had just about booked out the whole town!! Then basically the same old story as with any great car run, bite to eat, little bit to drink, crack a few funny's, have a few laughs, dance round like a tool, sing like the next NZ Idol, ramble on about how much each other's brand of car suck (jokingly if course), probably a few more laughs and quite possibly, without giving too much away, there *may* have been more drinks...



Sunday we woke up to a very mild morning, surprising for the home of ice activities. Breakfast was at the Royal Hotel where the president sorted out the prize giving and laid out the plan for the day, unfortunately once again I missed this due to the reason previously stated...

A few of the team decided to call into the Naseby Motoring Museum – some interesting things in there, especially the hosts!

Finally it was onto Omakau where most people decided that hangovers were for Monday's (might as well get paid for it right?!) so it was back to the usual activities! We thought we'd call into Clyde for lunch but they basically told us they couldn't serve us as the kitchen wasn't open, so we headed back to Alex for a meal though we all seemed to get a bit separated by then with people heading to different places.



Overall a bloody awesome weekend away with a great bunch of like-minded souls, a heap of laughs and fantastic memories (well that last bit may be a bit of a stretch for me...)

Bring on next year!!

Yours Sincerely, Todd Slayer



Upcoming Events!

Garage/Shed Raid: Sunday 14th September 2014 – 10:00am (Bus Trip)

Meet up at the Lodge at 10:00am, then we'll board the bus and cruise around to a few sheds with a stop off somewhere for lunch.

The cost for the bus will be approx.. \$20/head depending on numbers.

We've organised some interested sheds to have a wander through so make sure you attend!! Please flick us an email if you're going to attend so we can get the correct size bus!!

Event contact Craig: (027) 210 4590

Poker Run: Saturday 18th October 2014 – 1:00pm

This is always an awesome day out with some great prizes up for grabs!

The same format as last year – a pub crawl event with each participant receiving a new card at each stop.

\$10 for the 1st hand, \$5 per subsequent hands.

(1 hand per person, max. 6 hands per car)

Meet up at the Lodge at 1:00pm for check-in!

Event contact Shady: (027) 405 3968

Lunch or Dinner Run: Sunday 9th November 2014

This run is still be finalised but basically meet up at the Lodge and we'll go for a cruise somewhere for lunch or dinner.

More details to follow...

Future Events – (save the dates...)

There will be more details about these runs in the next newsletter but pencil these dates into your diary's!

Christmas Function: 7th December 2014

Cromwell Car Show: 17th January 2015

I would advise booking accommodation for this now! As it's a huge event and the town fills up quick!!

Other Events - (not run by our club)

Mopars in Dunedin: 25th – 26th October 2014

Sat: Optional 4 hour Cruise, includes stops/lunch.

Sun: Poker Run, Show and Shine/Lunch, Poker Run cont..., dinner & prize giving.

For more information, please email: moparsindunedin@gmail.com

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