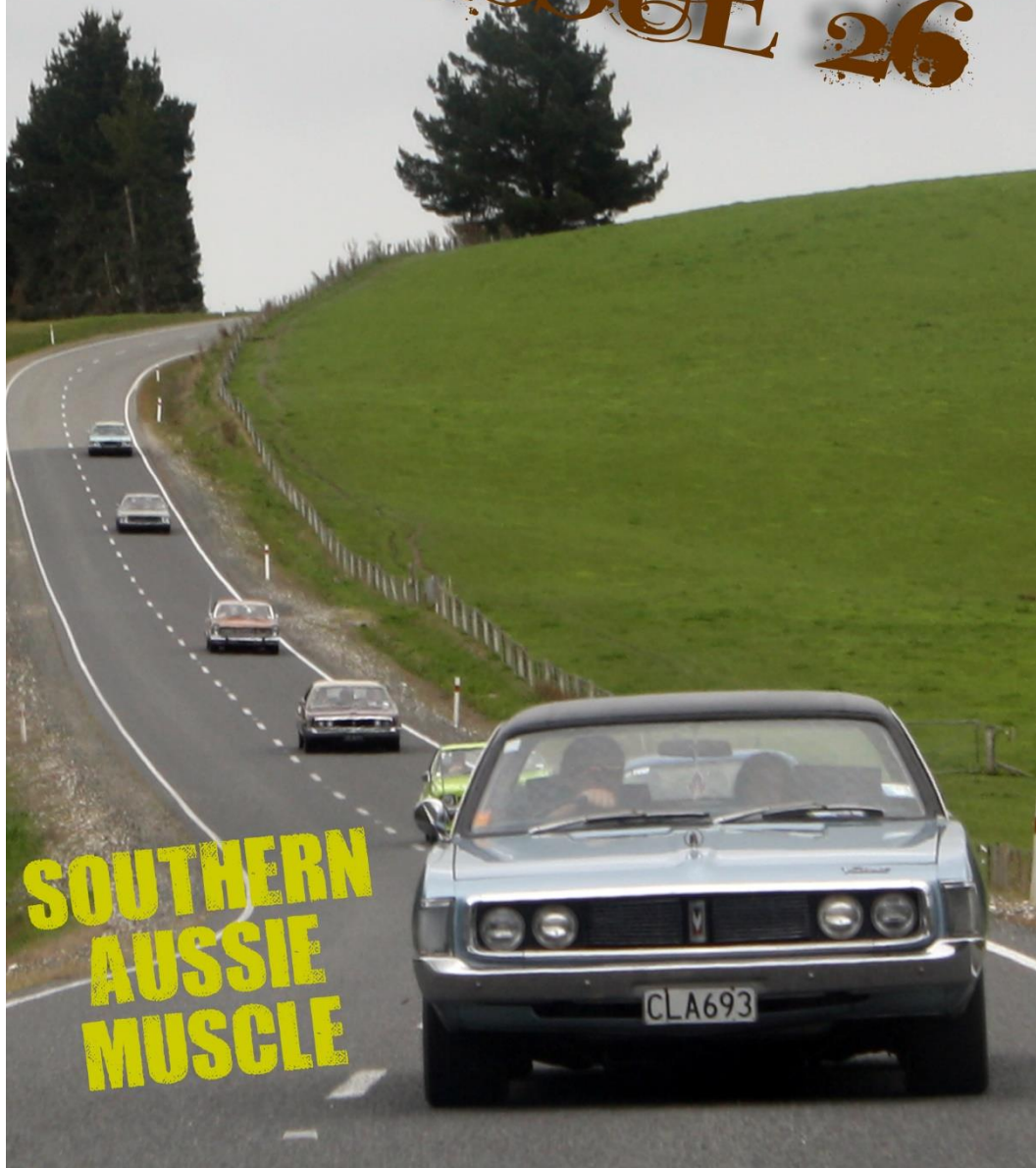




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Presidents Report

Hi all.

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend, the family and I headed up to Lake Hawea for the weekend with some friends for a bit of relaxing and a bit of fishing which was thoroughly enjoyed. It looks like there was a good turn out from our Valiant side of the club at the 'Mopars in Dunedin' over Labour Weekend which was pleasing to see. We recently held our Poker Run which we had members of the Southland Holden Club attend as well as being well supported by our club members and from all feedback I've heard it was enjoyable day had by all. We have our Xmas Function only a few weeks away so get it on your calendar and please don't forget it is compulsory to register for this one if you plan on attending the meal.

The dates for the next few events are already set for next year also, so check these out on the website and get them pencilled in. Also keep an eye out in the next few weeks on the Members Rides page on the Website as Brad will be getting this updated with all the members rides so hopefully this helps putting a 'name to the car' as such. Wishing all the Members a Happy and Safe Xmas & New Year.

Happy Cruising,

Shady

Welcome along to these new members...



Nick Stewart, Invercargill
Valiant VJ Regal



Shane Stevenson, Gore
Ford XY Falcon



John Armitstead, Invercargill
Holden Torana L34
+ couple of others in the shed...



Johnny Dennis, Gore
Ford XE Falcon Wagon

Previous Event Reports

Lunch Run: 17th August 2014

We headed off from the lodge at 11am for lunch at the Route 6 Cafe & Bar in Lumsden on a sunny Sunday 17th August.

8 cars enjoyed the short run through Northern Southland. WOW this place is pretty cool.

These people have gone the extra mile with the decor in this place. Excellent memorabilia, style, service and a really good lunch too. Very nice outdoor area. It would be well worth a visit to check out the dinner menu.

Good job the local constabulary was asleep that day. Nice parking Grocer!

Congratulations to Gary Crawford who won the lucky club draw for the day.



Onto Winton for a refreshment break at the Top Pub. Duane/Dwayne, in his plastic car, performed rather a spectacular burn out and it must have been me asleep this time as I missed it.

A quick pit stop at Browns pub and on our way home. Good wee cruise with great company. See you all the next one.

\Regards Erica.



Garage Raid: 14th September 2014



10am Sunday morning, 12 of us jumped on a bus for our annual garage raid.

First stop was the Duncan's shed in Gore. They have a huge collection of Australian and British cars and were keen to have a yarn about some of the more interesting ones. Man they were jammed in there!

From there we headed off to Edendale Pub for a quick bite to eat and a beer. Next up was Roger's shed in Dacre. He is a Ford man through and through and has a stunning collection of GT falcons... which model you ask? Well bloody all of them!! Including the latest one! It was a real honour to be able to see all of his collection and hear about how he'd come across them all.

Next stop was to John Mikkelsen shed to look at his Valiant's. What a sweet workshop at his place, huge! Following there we shot up to his brother Gary's place. Gary is a motorcycle enthusiast and has been collecting bikes for years, some of his collection dating back to the 1890's including an old Roper steam powered bike! Currently he is building up a custom bike utilising 3 engines for a bit of fun. Also in his collection were some old coin operated games, we had a bit of a laugh trying to play these!

Heading back to town some of the boys decided it'd be a great idea to annoy Craig as he was supposed to be on this run, so we bused out to his and enjoyed a beer with him before heading home.

A massive thanks to all the guys that opened their sheds up for us and to Dene for driving us round. A great day out with some truly amazing sheds.

Cheers, Brad.

Poker Run: 18th October 2014



A gathering of around 13 cars (including cars from the Invercargill Holden Club) met at the Croydon lodge on Saturday 12th October 2014

Kevin handed out poker cards and we were then pointed in the right direction. Leaving the lodge, we cruised along the Waipahi Highway towards Clydevale, where the Clydevale pub was to be our first stop.

The first raffle was drawn (Winner Derek Ayson) and the second round of cards were dealt.

Publicans Choice was John Armitstead in his 74 Torana L34.

After being kicked out of the driver's seat and Derek taking over, as you can imagine, it was a very quick trip to our next stop The Lawrence Pub.

With more beers and a toasted sandwich consumed, the second raffle was drawn (Winner Simon Quartier).

Publicans Choice went to Brad Sayer in his newly acquired VC Regal.

Back into the vehicles we headed to Beaumont Pub, where more alcohol was drunk and more stories were told. Another round of cards were dealt, and before leaving Beaumont, few tyre treads were tested leaving one or two rubber marks on the road.

Our last stop was at the Tapanui pub, before heading back to the Croydon lodge for the prize giving.



1st - Helen - Ace High Straight
(passenger in John Armitstead's car)

2nd - Jude - Ace High Two Pair
(passenger in John Armitstead's car)

3rd - Kara Shanks - Two Pair



Poker Run continued...

Apart from the crappy weather, this was an awesome day, and was my first trip back with the club since moving back from Invercargill.

A huge thankyou to Hayden and Kevin for organizing the days activites and also Erica who did a great job at selling the raffle boards!!

Johnny Dennis.

Mopars in Dunedin: 26th October 2014

We have just returned from another great gathering and reunion of MoPar people. 85 cars & 219 people registered for this event held in Dunedin this year. Great effort again from the south with the registration of 34 cars from Southland and 19 from Otago/Central Otago area. There were a few car loads that blew in on the Sunday to join the cruise and poker run. It was a pretty crap day so unfortunately the Dunedin Crew were unable to show off their province on the cruise to its full potential but was still a really good run. This gathering started around 2006 with approx 16 cars and has just got bigger and better.

The next event is 2015 MoPars in Blenheim at Labour Weekend. Check out the facebook page "MoPars in the South".



Upcoming Events!

Christmas Function: 7th December 2014 **The Lodge from 12:30pm**

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.

There will be a 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 28nd November! Or you can call/text Shady on 027 405 3968.

Finally is the Santa gifts – as per last year, parents can purchase presents 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

Please let us know sooner rather than later if you and you're family will be attending this event.

Cromwell Car Show: 17th January 2015 **Meet at The Lodge – 7:00m sharp**

We'll have an area set aside for our club cars as per previous years and the marquee 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 ASAP! 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 **7:05am** sharp. Early start but we left at 7:30 last year and still didn't get there early enough!

For those that are already up there we'll meet you at the Lookout (the one before the bridge) at 9:30am. If you want to park up as a club we need to arrive together so please pre-register, we cannot save you a parking space.

Upcoming Events cont...

Grasskhana: 21st February 2015

Meet at the Lodge – 1:00pm

This event is an absolute blast! Been watching the new Ken Block gymkhana video on the net? Well now you can try that shit out for yourself!!

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

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

Even if you can't be bothered washing your car the next day, then feel free to come out for a look. It's well worth it just as a spectator.

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 (most of the time). It's up to you how hard you go!!

Event contact: Brad (021) 239 4408

