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Presidents Report

I hope everyone had a great Xmas/New Year! We managed to get away camping in Cromwell for a week. The weather was awesome so spent most the time at the Lake and in the boat. Brad, Squeak and myself managed to sneak up to the Cromwell car show for a quick look and was fantastic to see an awesome turn out from the club and the site looked awesome!

The Christmas car run this year was the best car run I have ever done, so a big thanks to Derek & Kylie for the big effort they put into this! (and also to all those that attended), However the not so great was the poor numbers we got this year which was a real shame considering the amount of effort put into this. We are going to look into maybe holding this a week earlier so hopefully it fits into everyone's busy xmas schedule.

As I write this I am looking forward to the Grasskhana this coming weekend so hopefully the weather stays good and we get a good turn out and this is such a fun event.

I look forward to catching up with members over the next few events (Aussie Muscle Mania, Aussie Crawl & The Overnighter) so get these events written on the calendar.

We have also purchased some new banner/ribbons for the windscreens of our members cars when at car shows. We will have them available for the Muscle Mania.

Happy Cruising,

Shady.

The 2015/2016 Membership fees are due...

Please find enclosed with this newsletter/in this envelope the membership subs for the 2015/16 year. Please have these paid by the 30th April 2015.

Membership fees are \$30.

Easiest way to pay is by internet banking:

Name: Aussie Muscle Car Social Club

A/C No: BNZ 02-0922-0024949-000

Or if you're out and about in Gore, you can call into Harrison's Supplies and see Shady or Kev.

Welcome along to these new members...



Matt Dickie, Gore
Holden HQ Belmont



Scott Dickie, Gore
Ford XR Fairmont



Elden & Maree Abernethy, Gore
Ford XW Falcon



Travis Bastiaansen, Gore
Valiant VG VIP



Gary Fisher, Gore
Ford EL Falcon XR6



Nathan & Nicky McKay, Invercargill
Ford XR Falcon



Sean & Janelle McNamara, Invercargill
Holden HK Premier

Brett Baird, Invercargill
Chrysler CJ Limo

Previous Event Reports

Christmas Car Trail & Function: 7th December 2014

Our organisers Derek Ayson and Kylie Crawford were pumped and ready to go. Cars starting arriving at the Lodge and then they stopped arriving... at 6 cars. A bit of a disappointing turnout of member's cars after the fantastic effort these two put into this event.



We had to throw a dart at a balloon on a board to reveal the order of departure for the trial. Let's say that most of us won't be selected to join a firing squad anytime soon.

We're off. After Derek asking me to recite the alphabet backwards before I could leave the carpark at the lodge, me getting it completely wrong, the miserable sod marking us down on it, then he muffs up our car trial instructions and wouldn't negotiate some points back to us ;). (I seem to recall Derek saying that he will keep helping with this event until he gets it right. See you at the 2015 Christmas Car trial Derek)



Lots of challenges on route made this an outstanding fun day.

Challenge 1: Bobble Head - Won by Pud. A pedometer strapped around your head for one minute and see who can get the most movements. Really funny to watch but a real headache to the challengers.

Challenge 2: Car Width - Won by Mike. With an amazing 160mm clearance. Adjust the width of the pegs from a distance, then 'park' between them and measure.

Challenge 3: Marshmallow Eating - won by Pud. Stuffing the marshmallows in your gob flat out didn't work aye Grumball. You had to swallow.

Challenger 4: Scooter Time Trial around the Cycle Park - Won by Ricky 34 seconds. He smoked it around that track.

Most Words: from the words Ford, Chrysler, Holden: Won by Gary.

Name car models: Ford, Chrysler, Holden: Won by Vanessa.

Photo Challenge: Was 1st equal to Gary, Mike and Ricky. What a beaut this one was. I can't remember all the pic's we had to take but here are some...





With a stranger - we found a lovely ole dude crossing the Gore Croquet Club with his bag of groceries and he was happy to pose for us.

With a dog - Tena found a dog tied up outside McDonalds. She sidled up to it and it was barking flat out. Pic taken and we were outta there.

With a Police Officer - We went to the cop shop. Tena used the phone outside and called one back to the station. Took the pic. She

then took us into the station and while looking at the close circuit tv that poor dog at McDonalds was still tied up and barking.

Planking - Our lot used our Grandaughter Georgia Grumball. Easy Peasy as Georgia is the weight of a flea.

Beside a Rapid No (1029 I think) - We found a 1029 but it was not the one they had in mind. Still counted as a pass mark though.

A Trig Station. A Stop Sign. A Farmlands Real Estate Sign. On a Bale of Bailage. In a Telephone Box. Beside a Monument. The carload all jumping with no feet touching the ground... and more.

There was a Most Creative Photo which was won by our carload. We were inside the 'bad' part of the Police station with one member handcuffed.



Scratchy Board winners: Gary Weir & Derek Ayson

Members Draw: Ash & Erica.

The day was completed by Santa arriving with lollies and pressies for the kids and a delish buffet Christmas Dinner at the Heartland Hotel Croydon Lodge. A fantastic day out.

Many thanks to Kylie and Derek for the ingenious activities they organised. Keep this day free this year. I look forward to seeing what they come up with then. A big ask for them to better the 2014 Christmas car Trial.

Erica (Gran)



Previous Event Reports cont...

Cromwell Car Show: 17th January 2015



About 6 cars gathered at the Croydon Lodge in Gore bright and breezy at about 6.50am ready to head to Cromwell for the annual Cromwell Car Show. We left on time at 7.10 am and cruised up the road at a good pace, arriving at the monument just south of the bridge at 9.00am on a sunny but breezy morning. The other cars which had gone up the night earlier, and our Central Otago members met up with us there and we all cruised

in a convoy into the rugby grounds and managed to all park up in a sweet spot right at the front! There were about 20 cars representing our club at the show which was awesome to see! It was another very impressive display of



about 800 cars, trucks and bikes with something to inspire just about everyone. No skids were attempted by those leaving the event this year as the "fun police" were present. Roll on the 2016 event!



Cheers, Derek.

Sunday Dinner Run: 8th February 2015

On the 8th of Feb 6 car loads met up at the Croydon Lodge and after we all had a good look over Shannon and Kylies new car we set off to Waikaia for a couple of drinks and a meal.

Waikaia once again turned on the sun shine and there was nothing better than sitting in the garden bar enjoying a cold beer and a great meal. All very laid back and easy.

Shady won the members fuel voucher and Darren won the scratchy board. Most set off for home by 7-7.30.

Thanks to the Waikaia Hotel for an awesome meal once again If anybody has any suggestions on a lazy sunday afternoon drive for a beer and a meal please let me know.

Craig Abernethy

Grasskhana: 21st February 2015

Well unfortunately the weather didn't play the game for this event this year.

As you know our usual venue fell through this year, but thanks to Shannon & Kylie Crawford we got ourselves a paddock to rip up! Shady, Squeak and I headed out to Hedgehope first thing to start setting up. Whilst it was cloudy, it had that 'going to clear' feel about it, so we carried on and put up the club marquee, bar leaners and setup the cones ready for a day of hoonary and the general club mayhem that goes along with big cars doing big skids!



Shooting back to Gore to meet everyone at the Lodge was when it started going down hill... it started to drizzle,. By the time we got back to Hedgehope it was fair pissing down, but we had committed ourselves to spend all day sideways, so the event began.

We had 6 cars and 8 drivers, 3 of those cars being late model Falcons. Turns out those low profile directional tyres don't like wet grass at all! The first run from the sidelines looked like we were watching a slow motion movie while the cars struggled for traction!



The Second course was a little faster, but as the course was on a slight hill, this also caused problems with traction! Dwayne's FPV may have done a few too many burnouts previously as his times were up to a minute over the fastest.

We started the third run, but now not only was the grass wet it had also turned muddy. The wind had picked up and the rain was coming in sideways, people were getting cold, shit was getting wet so with much pain in our hearts, we made the call to cancel.



As it was still early we all helped pack up and headed back to Shannon's man cave to socialise for the rest of the afternoon. As we all boosted up the hill towards the gate, we noticed Dwayne's car having to slowly snake it along the side, luckily he managed to get out. We then had the prize giving.

1st place went to Bushy who bought his better half's HQ prem and preceded to cover it head to toe in grass and cow shit! (Hopefully it was all clean when you got home Hayley!!)

2nd was new member Gary Fisher, who did an outstanding job of maintaining some grip in his XR6.



In the girls competition (there were only 2)

1st place went to Jessie, who had never even pulled a skid before, then totally schooled me on how to drive my own bloody car around the course!! (Though in my defence I'm used to the back seat and she's probably put more kms on it than I ever will!!!)

2nd went to Rachael. Though her time was significantly slower due to Dwayne's forementioned antics!

Gary cranked up the BBQ and did a fine job of cooking us all a meal, then it was onto a few more drinks, few more laughs and all the other awesome shit that goes along with being a member of our club!



Big thanks to Shannon & Kylie for hosting this event. It was still a great day despite the weather. Hopefully next year it plays ball!

Cheers, Brad Sayer.

Upcoming Events!

Aussie Muscle Mania: 28th March 2015

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 Gore Volunteer Fire Bridgade.

See Poster on last page...

Aussie Crawl: 13th – 14th June 2015

Always an awesome event and highly recommended. Will email out entry forms once we have them.

Annual Overnighter: 18th – 19th July 2015

This year we're heading back to Central, this time to Omarama!! 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 you're attending this one so we can let all the pubs etc. know before we bombard them!!

Email: admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz or call/text Shady on 027 405 3968.

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

Omarama Hotel - (03) 438 9713

1 Chain Hill Highway
10 rooms (mixed single, twin & doubles)
\$50 per single, \$99 double
All shared bathroom.
(we will be socialising here for the night)

Heritage Gateway Hotel (03) 438 9805

12 Omarama Avenue
60 Rooms
\$130 per room (with ensuite)
www.heritagegateway.co.nz

Unfortunately both the Country Hotel and the Holiday Park are closed for the winter.





AUSSIE MUSCLE MANIA 2015

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2015 - THE LODGE PUBLIC BAR, GORE

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

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

EVENING FUNCTION/PRIZE GIVING: FROM 6:00PM

**ENTRY/ ONLY A GOLD
COIN DONATION**

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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