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Committee News...

We would like to formally welcome Kylie Crawford as our latest member of the club Committee. Kylie and her husband Shannon have been members of the club for 6 years and own a XW Futura and a XY GT.

Kylie has organised the last two Christmas Runs and has done a fantastic job. She is also organising the new Summer Overnighter – which promises to be an awesome event! Check it out on the Upcoming Events page further on...

Brad, after 7 years of producing the newsletters and the website, is stepping down from these roles. So that leaves a vacancy on the Committee for someone computer literate. See the ad below... Brad has done a great job over those years and we wish him well for the future.

Situations Vacant...

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE EDITOR

THIS IS A PAID POSITION.

The Southern Aussie Muscle Car Club are seeking a person to update their website www.southernaussiemuscle.co.nz and edit their newsletters.

This role mainly involves using Microsoft Word, however there is also a small amount of Photoshop (or other photo editing software if you prefer) and a HTML editor (sounds scarier than it actually is!) – if you are computer literate, it will be a breeze.

Full training and backup support will be provided to the successful candidate.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in please flick me an email admin@southernaussiemuscle.co.nz or txt/call 021 239 4408

Cheers, Brad Sayer.

Welcome along to these new members...



Marius Beattie, Matura
Ford XY Falcon



Frazer & Sierra McKenzie, Gore
HQ Holden



Antony Gibb, Invercargill
Ford LTD & Holden HG

Peter and Veronica Hayward, Winton
Ford BA XR8 Falcon



Previous Event Reports

Lunch Run/Ten Pin Bowling: 23rd August 2015

Sunday 23 August saw a fine day ahead, so a last minute decision to scrape the dust off Val and join the convoy was rewarded with an enjoyable trip.

With 9 cars meeting at the lodge, we headed off to Invers and out to the Cabbage Tree Cafe, with a few more cars joining us there. A few bevies over a long lunch was had, and it was a good chance to meet other members.



Lunch over, and off to the Bowling Alley. Got to meet more members here also. Time to show off my prowess at bowling, not. Wendy absolutely whipped me and so did most of the others, we were bowling with. With bowling over, we headed back towards Gore with some stopping off at various watering holes along the way. All in all, a very pleasant Sunday cruise.

Many thanks to the organisers.

Cheers, Gary Weir.



Shed Raid: 3rd October 2015



With six cars, a full bus and a blue sky sunny day our first stop was at McLay Boats in Milton. I have to admit, I am not a huge boat fan but was very impressed with the whole process and what this company has accomplished and produces. We got to see all the stages involved from the time the metal comes in, in sheet form to being the finished product complete with trailer.

Then it was off to fuel the body with non-alcohol at the Kink in the Road. We kept the staff busy, but they done well and served a good hearty meal to keep us going for the rest of the trip.



Next stop was at SOC in Balclutha where a good display of cars were lined up out outside and we got to check out a few projects on the go. We also got to hear one very loud (but sweet) supercharged HQ.

From there it was on to Neville Cross's shed, and for some a slice of Valiant heaven. A good display and some good stories that went with the cars. Across the road, some of the guys went shopping, yep, shopping, car parts of course at Hemi Performance NZ. A very beautiful example of a VG Pacer was on display to keep those not shopping entertained.

Our last stop was a Mike Verdoner's shed, were there were a variety of machines to check out, from unfinished to finished and a stunning Chev to drool over. A quick stop to have more of a yarn and a few more beverages was had at the Clinton pub on the way home. It was a good cruise for those in the cars and those in the bus. The bus trip on the way back was somewhat louder than on the way up, we had our own in built karaoke. Some people missed their calling I think. So a BIG THANKS to Derek for organising a great day out.

Cheers

FordGirl



Previous Event Reports cont...

Riverton Car Show: 6th October 2015



On Saturday 6th October Rock, Squeak & I meet up at the lodge to head down to the Riverton Car Show hosted by the Riviera Touring Car Club. Squeak managed to make it all the way to Matura before the first toilet stop was due!



We meet up at the Whitehouse and waited on Ryan McKenzie for 15mins to catch up but he had decided to go directly to Riverton, however by now squeak had caught back up. Off we head to Riverton only to find we has lost Squeak again due to another toilet break! We meet up with Macca in Riverton and waited on Squeak and by the time he arrived Marshall had joined the queue.

This is the first time I have attended this show and was quite impressed with over 200 cars (lots of American), plenty of food stalls and stuff for the kids (bouncy castles, go-karts etc). After a good look round we decided it was beer o'clock so we headed up to the new Aparima Pub for a couple of refreshments and a quick bite. Squeak and I decided it was time to head off with the kids and Rock and Marshall in their childless cars carried on with a few pub stops on their way home. Overall a well-supported car show that is worth going down to even if it's only for a look.

Cheers,

Shady



Poker Run: 7th November 2015

Arriving at the Lodge 12.30 the weather was shit so back the car up under the lean to, trying to get out of the rain to set up.

A total of 12 cars managed to turn up with no improvement in the weather I handed out the first of the poker cards and then some maps to make sure everyone knows where to head to, first stop Wreys Bush Hotel.

A total of 11 cars made it to Wreys Bush with a quick head count, Shadys car missing had wiper problems (they flew off and had to walk up and down the road to find them in the rain) with the second card handed out and a hour later it was time to leave, a huge thanks to Mike and Tracey Kane for looking after us.



Lodge to set up for prize giving ,just got my first beer and the fire alarm goes off, great! Bar shut down everyone told to get out and leave the beers behind so after driving all day still no beer, about 30minutes later all clear to head back in for prize giving

1st: Brad Newland - Full House

2nd: Tania - 3 Aces

3rd: Willy - 3 Kings

Scratchy board Willy

A huge thanks to all the committee for help on the day running the poker run.

Cheers,
Kevin



Previous Event Reports cont...

Christmas Car Trial and Dinner: 29th November 2015

This year we decided to hold our annual Christmas car trial and dinner in November, as in the past December has been quite busy with other functions. This worked really well with a good turnout of cars and participants (along with about 1000 cyclists/runners that were at the Croydon Lodge for a marathon...)



First challenge before we left the Lodge (apart from trying to find a park...!) was to flip a plastic cup up the right way on the edge of a table. This proved to be quite a challenge for some, whereas others seemed to have played the game before...

After cruising through the Waimumu area and collecting a few items on the list, we arrived in Matura to a motorised scooter challenge. Well, this was fairly entertaining with some very unique riding styles on display as each person weaved their way up and back through a series of cones (which got tighter at the far end and felt like you were trying to manoeuvre a Harley Davidson around them!! Lol).



Then we headed up the Clinton/Matura back road and came across our next challenge at Pukerau. This involved shooting a gun with rubber bullets at passing motorists (actually it was at a

target mounted on a power pole with cars on SH1 driving behind it...lol). This was great fun with some good shots and some not so good shots, being blamed on wind, misfiring, alcohol and anything else that came to mind! Then we collected a few more items on our list

with a tricky question at Waipahi, "what was the old factory used for?" (it was used for making ram crayons), which only Shady's car load got it right, after some extensive detective work!

Then we headed back to Gore where another challenge awaited us over the flood bank at East Gore. This was for two members of the vehicle pushing the car (with the engine turned off) about 20 metres while another person was behind the wheel. This sorted the men out from the boys, with Shady and Trumpet proving too much for the rest by taking the win.



Then after a few laps around Gore we ended up back at the Lodge (with plenty of parking now all the fitness fanatics had left). One last challenge for 2 members of each car was a balloon popping, weetbix eating competition which Shady and Trumpet once again came out victorious, followed closely by Erica and Ash.



Santa arrived and dished out presents to all the kids, then a lollie scramble that even some eager parents took part in!

The evening was finished off with a delicious dinner provided by the Croydon Lodge with hugely discounted meals for Aussie Muscle Car Club members and free platters for the kids, plus some spirited auctioneering by Shady of some car club clothing!

Overall winners for the day (and after years of trying) were Shady's car load, congratulations!

A great day was had by all and a huge thanks to Craig Abernethy and Kylie Crawford for organising another awesome car trial!

Cheers, Derek.



Upcoming Events!

Cromwell Car Show: 16th January 2016

Registered entries are now closed, so if you haven't **pre registered** you probably won't get to park with the club. Day entries are still available at \$20 per car, payable at the gate to the event.

We need to get a small 3x3m gazebo and box of sides/pegs etc up to Cromwell to provide shade/shelter at the show. If someone could do this would be great, and you will be responsible for looking after it. Please contact Derek 0276679601.

* Cars leaving Gore are to meet at the Croydon Lodge at **6.50am on Saturday** and need to be away by 7.00am sharp!

* For those already in Cromwell, meet at the monument overlooking the lake and Old Cromwell Town on the Clyde side of the bridge (same place as last year) at **9.00am**. Then everyone can arrive together at the car show and park up as a club.

* There will be new Aussie Muscle Car Club banners for sale on the day for only \$20 each. It would be great if every members car could have one on their front window as they look very cool!

* Can we please be advised **ASAP** of who is going to be meeting at the Lodge and travelling up from Gore that morning, or who will meet at the monument at Cromwell. This is very important so no-one is left behind. Please phone or text Derek 0276679601.

Sunday Dinner: 31st January 2016

Heading out to Waikaia for Dinner: Meet at the Lodge at 3pm.

Contact - Craig: 0272104590

Summer Overnighter: 20th February 2016

This is a new event!!!! We are heading to the Whistling Frog in the Catlins where we will have dinner and stay the night.

We've booked 20 cabins, so ring them and secure yours. Just mention you're with the car club. **Whistling Frog: 03 415 8338.**

Meet up at the lodge at 9am, will cruise somewhere for lunch first before heading to the Frog.

Contact - Kylie: 0272306023

As per always, please let us know if you are attending these events.

Members Ride

- Name:* Gary Crawford
Ride: 1980 Statesman DeVille
Modifications: Standard
Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing and driving V8's
Dream Car: Dodge Challenger
Ultimate Cruise: Route 66 (USA)
Anything Else: Also own a VT Clubsport 6sp Manual.



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