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Presidents Report...

I hope everyone had a nice Easter and got to enjoy the fine weather over the long weekend, which made for some great cruising! We ventured over to Haast for some adventurous jet boating (with only 1 hour previous jet boat driving experience!) which was a huge learning curve, but got to see some amazing scenery, met some awesome people and was a weekend we all thoroughly enjoyed (even the weather was mint!).

We have had a few changes on the executive this year, with Brent Grumball and Tena McCarthy stepping down. Thank you both for your contribution over the past few years and we look forward to still catching up at future events. I would like to welcome back to the executive Aaron Stevenson. It is great to have Aaron back on the committee as his previous experience and knowledge with the car club will be invaluable and look forward to his further contributions. I would also like to welcome to the executive, Stacey Chamberlain. Stacey has kindly offered to take over Brad's job as newsletter/web site manager and look forward to her fresh approach to the club. I must also acknowledge Brad Sayer's input since the club was formed. Brad has done a huge job over the years with the website, e-mails, newsletters, many top class photos of runs etc and thank him immensely for all his hard work! Erica Johnstone has also offered to do our treasurer/secretary/membership role and is doing a fantastic job already!

We have had some great runs since the last newsletter in January, with the Cromwell car show, Waikaia dinner cruise, Summer overnighter to the Whistling Frog in the Catlins and the recent Grasskhana at Darren Dickies. It has been awesome to see such good turnouts at these events and thanks to those who organised them!

On a more serious note, I would like to remind everyone of your commitment you have made to be part of our club regarding behaviour at our events. Please familiarise yourselves with the club rules on the next page.

As of the 1st April there has been changes to the OSH rules which does have an effect on us as a club, so there will be a few changes on how the events are managed in the future – this will most likely involve pre-registering for events and a waiver form.

Regards,
Derek Ayson.
President,
Southern Aussie Muscle Car Club.
0276679601.

Club Rules...

1. Attendees of club organised events shall conform at all times to New Zealand Legislation, Local Government By-Laws and Land Transport Rules.
2. All members are responsible for their conduct and behaviour and that of their guests, families and friends, and are liable for any damages incurred.
3. Any unruly, intoxicated person may be subject to a request to leave the event.
4. Violence, arguments and discrimination will not be tolerated.
5. All attendees shall abide by the instructions of the event organisers.
6. The Southern Aussie Muscle Car Club reserves the right to immediately cancel club membership of a member (or their guests) who they believe are bringing the club and its members into disrepute.
7. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with any event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
8. These rules are subject to change without notice.

By being a member of the Southern Aussie Muscle Car Club you agree to adhere to these rules.

The 2016/2017 Membership Fees are due...

Please find enclosed with this newsletter/in this envelope the membership subs for the 2016/17 year. Please have these paid by the 30th April 2016.

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 Kevin.

Welcome along to these new members...



Arjan & Pauline Van Der Plas,
Invercargill - 1972 VH Charger



Daniel & Emma Todd, Invercargill
'73 Valiant Ranger



Jeroe & Hayley Fodie, Invercargill
1968 XT Fairmont



Jonny Hill, Gore
1974 HQ Wagon



Nathan & Kellie Grant, Invercargill
1968 Holden Kingswood



Nick Prattley, Gore
1978 XC Fairmont



Stu Fletcher, Invercargill
1980 VB Commodore

Previous Event Reports

Cromwell Car Show: 16th January 2016

The Cromwell Car Show was held on the Weekend of January 16th. Squeak, myself & our families were already in Cromwell on our annual holiday at the camp ground as were many other members of the club.



So the weekend really started on the Thursday night with a game of cards at Shannon and Kylie's camp site which lead to Bushy going MIA and the Crawford's nearly getting kicked out of the camp!

On the Friday night before the show the Alpine Street Machines organized a cruise around Cromwell which was attended by 200 cars (sorry only guessing numbers). Dug and Boner managed to keep the hundreds of spectators lining the streets entertained by their 'sustained lack of traction' while Squeak, myself quietly cruised around in the Regal by our chauffeur Trumpet. The night ended with a few drinks in the 'White Tent with the Red Light' as Dwayne was describing it, at Wally's camp site.



The next morning 16 cars meet up at lookout above Cromwell to cruise into the car show. Unfortunately Bushy & Hayley's HQ broke down outside the Pie shop and didn't make it to the show. Once we arrived at the show the parking wardens were very helpful and managed to park us all together and the start of a new row for the second year running. We quickly set up the clubs Gazebo, Flags, & Bar Leaners and with everyone having the clubs new windscreen banners on their cars the site looked awesome.



The show was once again massive with well over 800 cars and a very good variety. We settled in for the afternoon over a few quiet ones and before we knew it we were the last ones there again!. We hung round for a bit longer before packing up and getting the cars back to camp. The socializing continued well

into the night at the 'White Tent' with everyone enjoying themselves.

Previous Event Reports cont...



A big thanks to everyone that attended and helped set up, the SFFC for being so accommodating and to Johnny & Pud for getting all the cars back to camp. Looking forward to next year already.

Cheers,

Shady.



Sunday Dinner: 31st January 2016

Apologies - No Report/Photos received at time of publication.



Summer Overnighter: 20th – 21st February 2016

It was our first time running this event. We leave Gore at 10am with 11 carloads in tow. The weather was a bit rough for a “summer” event but it did warm up a bit during the day!

First stop was Clinton for a quick beer – Squeak in his VC won Publican’s Choice here, then it was off to Rosebank Lodge in Balclutha for a delicious lunch. The meals (which we pre-ordered) came out swiftly and were very good!

From there we headed through to Kaka Point, the sun was out by now – so we spend a good amount of time in the garden bar of The Point soaking up the rays.

Owaka was the next point of call where Kylie handed out a few awards – one to me for ‘being dick of the day’ – In the morning we had been waiting for a member to arrive, so I ran him, little did I know he had been there the whole time arriving in the back of another members car! In my defence I was only looking out for his car! Got a sweet beany to wear for the rest of the day! We did a scratchy board and had a few more refreshments.



Finally we arrived at the Whistling Frog for Dinner and the night. They put on a fantastic banquet style meal for us, which was absolutely delicious! Kylie read out the results of the Quiz (which we completed on the way round) – then it was a few more refreshments, before a group of us headed back to one of the cabins for a ‘quiet yarn’.

Next morning there were a couple of sore heads, we headed back to Gore with a couple of carloads stopping off at Tokonui for a hair of the dog. Then back to Gore to the drags though some of the harder ones carried on through to Queenstown!!

Previous Event Reports cont...



A great day and night out, big thanks to Kylie for organising it! Roll on next year!

Also thanks to Davinia from Back Country Photography for the great pics!

Cheers, Brad.



Previous Event Reports cont...

Grasskhana: 19th March 2016

This year saw the venue back to D. I's place. The weather gods were very kind to us this year, the paddock dry and the sun out!

We setup and got straight into in, starting with the classic Slalom to get a feel for the traction and working through various other courses throughout the day.

We had 22 competitors - 5 of those females – in 15 cars. At great turnout!

Showing faultless form all day, D.I. pulled the fastest time in all the courses and took out the inaugural Grasskhana Champion 2016! Followed by Kylie Crawford in 2nd place and Mike Kane in 3rd.



The girls' competition turned out to be a tight competition, with only 10 secs between the top 3. But the winner on the day was Kylie Crawford, followed closely by Katie McEwan and Jessie Murphy grabbing 3rd place.

After the courses we got stuck into the battle royale! 2 cars head to head, opposite ends of a circle, 3 laps, winner take all!

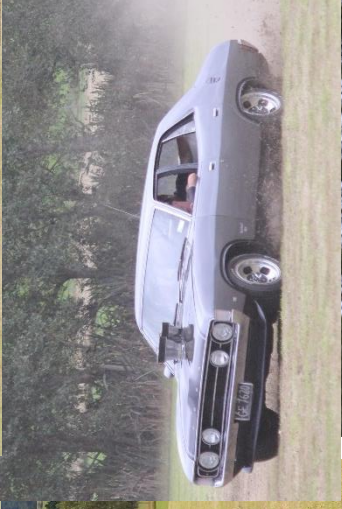
This was a fairly serious comp with Casey a stand out on one side and D.I. on the other – was very tight at the last lap but D.I. bet Casey by a mere bumper!

After all the skids, we had a quick BBQ and a few beverages to wash it down while the sun set. A few of the out of town crew were staying at the Croydon Hotel so we cruised up there to finish the night off, dancing and talking shit until the bar closed.

A brilliant day out. A huge thanks to Darren for his hospitality and the use of his paddock etc. and to Stacey for taking all the pictures during the day!

Cheers, Brad.





Upcoming Events!

Shed Raid: 14th May 2016

Meet up at the Lodge at 10.00am. We've organised some great sheds to look through this year, plus we'll stop off somewhere for Lunch.

There will be a bus again this year, but if you'd prefer to take your car then you are more than welcome to. Bus will be approx.. \$20pp depending on numbers.

Please let us know if you are attending this event.

Contact Kevin: 027 431 9188

Aussie Crawl: 18th-19th June 2016

Hosted this year by the Southland Ford Falcon Club. Will email out details/entry forms once the come to hand.

Annual Winter Overnighter: 23rd-24th July 2016

This year we're going even further afield; to Twizel! A fantastic weekend away, we'll cruise up with a stop for lunch and a couple of refreshment breaks as well.

This year we are capping the numbers at 20 cars. *You'll need to pre-register yourself and your guests. We will email out registration forms closer to the time.*

If you have not got email and want to attend this run give Brad a text on 021 239 4408 and he'll post one out.

All the details etc. will be on the registration form, just keep the date free!!

