



*April 2018*

## *President's Report*

We went to Dunedin on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which happened to be good timing for The Great USA Day at Tahuna Park, hosted by Stateside Streeter's Inc. We arrived in Dunedin just before 7pm and got out to Tahuna Park just in time to see the first of the cars leaving on the Friday night cruise. After they all left the grounds we went down to Forbury Park, where they were to have their evening meal. It wasn't too long after we arrived that the cars started filing into the car park. There were about 200 plus cars at the show on Saturday. I even saw four Christchurch cars in the line-up and also caught up with a few friends from the past.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March was the Timaru Rock & Hop. As usual there was a great following and the Friday night cruise was so much fun. The main streets of Timaru, Pleasant Point and Temuka were lined with spectators. I went around the cars on the Saturday and saw registration number 932 on one vehicle, so they had a better following than last year. Most of our members stayed in the Timaru Top 10 Holiday Park and we all grouped at the Pak n Save before the show on Saturday morning. Rayleen Hughes undertook the marshalling inside the gate of the Rock & Hop, so we all got to park together. There were plenty of stalls and entertainment for the ladies and also the gentlemen and the children (and big kids) didn't miss out either, with the ferris wheel etc.

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own club member Sharon Tozer. Sharon was placed 2nd in the Best Dressed Competition in her stunning four leafed clover dress – it was certainly complimentary to St Patrick's Day.

People at the Rock & Hop had a chance to win one of two 2018 Mustangs that were up for grabs. They set up a series of tyre walls for contestants to hit a ping pong ball into, with a barrier about 1.5m away from the tyres. The Mustang draw was held on Sunday but neither of them was won.



### **From The Timaru Herald – Stuff**

Hospice manager Peter O'Neill said the game raised more than \$5000.

"I don't know how many people had a go, but it was a lot of fun."

On Sunday morning, hundreds of people gathered at the bay hoping their name would be drawn from the bucket. The honours went to Mark Barber, of Rangiora, and Wanda Williams, of Timaru. Peter O'Neill said there were four possible prizes up for grabs for Barber and Williams - a Mustang, \$5000 cash, \$2000 cash or a \$500 Pak N Save voucher.

Each prize was listed on cards (five for the Mustang, six for the \$5000, nine for \$2000 and 20 for \$500), and the cards were each hidden inside numbered envelopes.

"Each contestant has to open five envelopes the same to win," he said.

The excitement, however, was short lived - in the end both of them opened five Pak N Save envelopes and each walked away with a \$500 voucher.

Timaru Motors sales manager Wayne Hitchcock said he was disappointed neither won a Mustang.

Keep on Cruising - Happy Motoring

Ray Bewley

## *Things of Interest:*

### *The Vintage Machinery & Transport Show*

This 3 day event was held in Kirwee over the weekend. ACCC members Mark & Lorraine Rainer were pivotal in getting this event underway. It had been quite wet before the event and things were very muddy underfoot. This didn't deter contestants or the public. The show turned out a great success as expected. A few ACCC members attended, but were not keen to take their cars into the grounds due to the muddy conditions. Roy and Shirley Grainger had their Diamond T there which was driven around the arena in the grand parade ... this has been restored beautifully by Roy.



### *The Great USA Day Car Show -Dunedin*

Here's an article written a week after The Great USA Day car show in Dunedin  
Sunday 11 March 2018

No more Car Shows at Tahuna Park

Car shows have been forced out of Tahuna Park and organisers are asking the Dunedin City Council to rethink its decision. Council acting parks and recreation group manager Robert West said car shows could no longer be held in the park. "Tahuna Park's primary purpose is as a sportsground, including being used for premier football fixtures," Mr West said. "We have stopped access for car shows because of the impact that activity has on the turf and the ability to use it as a football venue."

The grandstand in the park had a new roof and the council wanted to "lift the ground's profile and see it used more as a sports venue", he said. Stateside Streeters president Mike Lea said the park was used to display more than 200 vehicles in the club's Great USA Day on Saturday.

After the fleet departed on Saturday, no-one would be able to tell the park had been used to host a car show. The club had been holding its show in the park for about 20 years. Now the club was forced to search for a new place to hold its annual show. "The concern is now we don't have anywhere to hold it." The council should allow the show to continue in the park because it was a sports event and raised money for charity, he said. The club had rejected the council's offer to hold the show in Kensington Oval, away from the sportsgrounds. "You'd get about 50 vehicles in," Mr Lea said.

Otago Community Hospice Charity Cruise and Car Show organiser Ken Schumacher said eight annual shows had been held in Tahuna Park to raise money for the hospice.

About 250 cars entered the latest show last November. The council had also pitched the Oval to him as an alternative, but it was impractical, as it was a "boggy" area and the vehicles would make a mess.

He was "disappointed" the council would not allow them to stay at the park. He had applied to hold the next show in Forsyth Barr Stadium but would prefer to use the park. "I want the council to rethink its decision." He preferred the park to the stadium, he said. The park was "ideal", as it was sandy, dry, and more space was available. Vehicles would not be allowed on the stadium turf and would need to be packed in like "sardines" in the concrete area in the end of the stadium. Football South chief executive Chris Wright said the park was "the most used facility in the city" by Football South clubs.

"It is our only all-year-round ground we can utilise, so it gets heavy usage."

As it was used in winter and summer, it was difficult to find time to renovate the ground and it was an "uphill battle" to keep grounds in top condition. "We want it to be the best it can be."

I had a phone call from ZB Newstalk on Sunday 11th and the interviewer asked for me to give my opinion on the above article. I told her I was not aware of the problem. Even though I had attended the show the week before, I had not heard anything about the ban on the grounds. I gave a telephone interview and included that the people that attend these events are not there to do wheelies or dig up the grounds in any way. Although I knew the grounds were always used for rugby I could understand why the cars would be forbidden to use it anymore. The interviewer asked if The American Classic Car Club have their own show and if it is difficult to find an area to park up the cars. I said we go to the same rugby grounds every year without any problems. The interview was aired on Monday March 12th, I didn't hear the radio clip, but four people I know told me they heard it. Many Thanks Ray

## *Renewal of Membership*

Has it been a year since we asked you to renew your membership? Well looking at the calendar it is and you will see along with this newsletter an invoice for subs. A reminder that if you have joined the club in the last three months that you don't need to renew your membership as we have a policy that new members carry over to the following year. It is worth mentioning that subs need to be paid before the AGM as only financial members may vote at the AGM or have a say at the meeting. We have also included a copy of our club rules.

## *Important AGM Matter*

**The AGM is set for the 17th June.** Details will be in the May Newsletter. In order for any changes to be made to our club rules, changes need to be circulated to all members at least twenty one days prior to that meeting. If you are planning on presenting a remit for a change to the club rules please forward the proposal to the secretary on or before the 16th April so that we can circulate the information to all members in our May newsletter.

## *Events:*

**Saturday 7th April Poker Run - Wings and Wheels display:** This event is run by the Sheffield Fire and Ambulance and is a fund raiser for this very important service which we all hope we never need! Meet at the Yaldhurst Hotel to leave at 10.30am. A cruise has been set out to enable the Poker Run to take place. On arrival at Kimberley Road Darfield we will regroup and enter the display area as a group where upon the Poker Run presentation will take place. We can then have all our club cars in one group and display our club banners, flags etc. Please wear the club clothing as it promotes the club and makes it easy for new members to recognise other members. This will leave the remainder of the day for you to enjoy the aero display and car display. Entry will be free to club members as the committee have decided to make a donation to the Sheffield emergency services.

**May 27th Annual Run:** It is planned that there will be a run ending at the Darfield Recreation Rooms (Darfield Domain) Details will be in the May Newsletter.

**June 17th AGM:** This will take place at the Harewood Golf Club at 2pm. It is planned to hold a short run prior to the AGM. Details will be in the May newsletter.

## *Non Club Events:*

**1st Sunday of each month:** Rodders Breakfast meeting organised by the Kustoms Car Club McLeans Island 8.00am - Noon.

**Sunday 6th May Ashburton Plains Rotary Club Annual Classic, Vintage & Veteran Car Run.** Registration is between 8.30am and 10am at the Ashburton Showgrounds Cost \$20 per vehicle.

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