



President's Report:

As we enter August there are positive signs spring is in the air, and 2020 continues to march on, but so does covid 19!! Whoever would have thought back only 6 months ago that the world would be in such a mess and we would be living in a fool's paradise.

Now we enter the election campaign trail and its very clear the fools are sure coming out to play.

On the positive side we can look forward to improved weather and warmer days and enjoyable ACCC outings. Our last event was the Poker run / Mid-Winter Xmas at Glentunnel. We had a fantastic turnout, reasonable weather, great food and everyone seemed to have a wonderful day. What a neat venue and out look at the Hororata golf course, look forward to returning there on another occasion.

Planning is now in full swing for our two major projects over the next year, one USA Day, and two our 50th year anniversary celebrations. These will be large undertakings for your committee but I'm quite sure very memorable, we will keep you updated with progress as plans evolve.

Look forward to seeing many of you at our next event.

Keep ya motor running and have a pirfic day.

Bill Stanley

President

Welcome to new members:

Robyn & Neil Baldwin

Ann Baird & Andre Miller

Club Captain's Report

Poker Run / Mid Christmas 2020

Another successful run with 48 people in attendance and 24 sparkling clean American cars. The day started of overcast and wet under foot, but not raining. It was a very impressive club turnout. Twenty American cars assembled at the Rolly Inn and headed off to Glentunnel for our annual Poker Run / Mid Winter's Xmas.



A bit of history about the Poker Run trophy In July 1994 long time Club Member, John Robertshaw, passed away at the age of thirty seven. John had served on the committee and had been a very strong member of the club. John owned several American vehicles including a '46 Ford Truck, early 60's Pontiac Laurentian and Studebakers. John is also well remembered for his huge collection of car number plates and AA badges from around the world. John regularly organized the Poker Run and this become an annual event to honor his memory. The AA badge on the Poker Run trophy is to acknowledge the enjoyment John took in collecting these badges.



Everyone enjoyed the cruise, with the long straight stretches. Some followed the instructions and some followed the Chevy, but we all managed to get to the venue on time.



We met up with a couple of others at the venue. As the day progressed the sun shone for the first time in a while. The Willows café at the Golf Club put on a great meal for everyone. We not only had the Poker run but it also doubled as a Mid Xmas venue, where Santa greeted us all. Our members all bought a unisex exchange gift which were rearranged and given out to the members as they went to see Santa.

Keep on cruising and stay safe
Ray Bewley - Club Captain



Secretary's /Treasurer's Report:

It has been suggested it would be a great idea to involve the members more with newsletter articles. So if any member would like to submit a blurb about their travels, cars, events, or vehicle history, then please send the article through (preferably by email) to me. If you have anything that would be of interest (even how to import a classic) we would like to hear from you. Tony Condon has sent me an article about his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 - see article below. Also Jonathan Wilson sent me interesting info about the Moutere Hop held in Nelson in February. I look forward to receiving your articles

There was also suggested at the meeting about having a mid week run especially in the Summer months ... perhaps a drive and lunch for those who are interested. Let one of the committee know if this would appeal to you and we may pursue this further.

50th Anniversary - 10th & 11th April 2021

At the last committee meeting the date was set to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary. On 10th & 11th April 2021, the American Classic Car Club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary. At the AGM we had a show of hands for support to form a subcommittee - we are grateful for your help and support. This will be a momentous occasion and planning will commence shortly.

USA Day

USA Day is going ahead as planned on Sunday 1st November at Woodend. Last year we were extremely grateful for the generous support from the following sponsors:

Men At Work, Blackwell Motors Ltd, Moorhouse Muscle, Ezystore Storage, Burke's Metal Works, Albert St Paint & Panel, Haydn Brush Co, Dutton Garage NZ, Repco Hornby, KATS Kaiapoi, Waimak Classic Cars, American Auto Parts, Stadium Finance, Mustang Centre and Lincoln Whiteleigh Motel Management Ltd.

If you know of any businesses that would be interested in being a sponsor or donating prizes, please let me or any committee member know.

This year the entry cost will be the same, the only difference is that **everyone** will pay the \$5 entry including our members.

Stay safe & keep warm

Jimmi Anderson.

Secretary / Treasurer

USA Day: Sunday 1st

November 2020



Save the Date: Planning for this day is under way

Annual Run Mystery cruise - Sunday 16th August

***Meet at Halswell New World car park at 11.45am
to depart at 12.15pm***

Drive approx. 35 minutes, then light lunch, tea & coffee will be provided & subsidised by the club.

There is a charge of \$5 per head which will be payable on arrival at our mystery destination - other beverages at your own cost.



after lunch, there will be the usual annual run competition, with a trophy and prizes to be won.

(Hint: study up on tail lights, badges & grilles)

Don't forget to wear your new membership / name tags.

Kaikoura - please note change of date for September - now Sunday 13th September.

It was suggested at the last meeting that we try and have a weekend away - similar to the Caroline Bay Rock & Hop. We changed the date so we didn't clash with the Kaikoura Hop (19th Sept) ... For those members who fancy a weekend away, I suggest you source accommodation now.

For those members just wanting to go for the day, keep Sunday 13th September free to take a leisurely drive to Kaikoura for lunch - more information in the September newsletter.

Things to do in Kaikoura - Whale Watch, Lavender Farm, Fyffe House, Dolphin Encounters, Kaikoura Museum, Nins Bin, Fishing Charters, Albatross Encounters, Kaikoura Beach, Kaikoura Peninsula walkway & Seal Colony, Bernie's Diner and Harmon's Classic Car Museum and the very popular Kaikoura Farmers Market.

Club Member's Blurb of the Month

1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28

1969 The Golden Age of the muscle car. And the only time where all manufacturers produced outrageous and stunning machines.

In the early part of the 1960's, General Motors had become comfortable and dismissive. Whereas Ford introduced in April 1964 the first "Pony Car". The Ford Mustang.

Reputation was everything and GM new they had missed the boat. In the first week of April 1964 GM started to develop the Camaro. Code name, "Panther".

It wasn't until June 1967 when the first Chevrolet Camaro came off the Norwood production line.

And by the end of 1967, GM had produced approximately 95,000 Camaro's.

All "Pony Cars" are high performance cars. The Camaro was no exception to this rule. But to be acknowledged as one of the greats, the Camaro had to beat the best in racing. And as such Chevrolet created the legendary Camaro build, the "Z/28".

Mandated by SCCA (owners of the Trans-Am Racing Series), all manufacturer engines including the engine used in the Z/28, was not permitted to exceed a set limit of 305 ci. And in order to stay under this limitation, GM took a well-known engine configuration used by hotrodders. That was, to mix a 283-engine crank with a 327 bore providing a short stroke with high RPM's. This was the creation of the first commercially manufactured 302-engine.

According to Chevrolet sales material, the 302 produced 290 hp @ 5800 RPM. However, internally Chevrolet knew that power was closer to 375 hp @ 6800 RPM. Testers adding that even at 7000 RPM, the engine still wanted to pull more.

Roger Penske Racing invested into developing a competitive racing team to take on the Ford Mustang team. And in 1968 and 1969, the Chevrolet Camaro won the Trans-Am Racing Series.

The Z/28 is a special car. It is a high-performance racing car built to also drive on our normal roads. The car is beautifully designed with exceptional lines. And it is finished with its aggressive sound and its aggressive handling.

My passion for cars goes back to my childhood. And one of the cars I have always wanted to own is the limited-edition Z/28. And fortunately, I have the privilege of owning a fully original Z/28.

Point of Interest - The history of the first Chevrolet Camaro can be viewed on following URL link from YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2ulgAxJXw8>).

Tony Condon

Committee Member

Tony was the recipient of the Ian Armstrong Trophy at USA Day 2019. The Ian Armstrong Plate is presented to the best club car on display at USA Day. The plate was donated to the club by Ian's wife Dian back in 2013 in

memory of Ian. Ian was one of the GOOD BLOKES always willing to help

with club events, hardworking - he set the standard for others to follow, good humoured always with a quick response with his very dry sense of humour. His 1971 Dodge Phoenix was one of his passions.



Non-Club Events you might like to diary and attend:

1st Sunday of each month:

Rodder's Breakfast meeting at the Kustoms Car Club McLeans Island 8.00am

BellaRat's Gas & Gander:

On the last Friday of each month at 7pm. Meet at the NPD, 740 Jones Road, Rolleston.
Good food for sale ... show up in your rat rod, hotrod, classic or whatever. All welcome.

Daffodil Rally for Cancer:

Sunday 23rd August, 2020 – sorry I have no further details apart from the date

Kaikoura Hop:

Saturday 19th September

Mustang National Show:

Organised by the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club, the Grand Ford Mustang Show is part of the 2020 National Mustang Convention being held in ChCh over Labour weekend. The Horncastle Arena is the venue, October 24th is the date.

All American Vehicle Display:

14th – 15th November at Caroline Bay, Timaru

Moutere Hop - Nelson

The weekend of the Hamner Motorfest which I was unable to attend as I was in Nelson, there was the second annual Moutere Hop on which I was able to attend (although without the Galaxie) on the Saturday for a look.

The event was a two-day affair starting on Friday late afternoon with registration and a cruise to Motueka that ended back at the Moutere Hills community centre for a drive-in movie (Smokey and the Bandit). Saturday was a show and shine. Unfortunately, by the time I got there about 2pm a few cars had left but the quality of what was still there was great. There was a few trade displays along with food vendors and the main stage had music and competitions running.

The weather as always up that way was beautiful warm, and sunny and everyone I spoke to said it was a great event.

I thought for its second year running it was very well organized and well supported. It maybe one to watch the calendar for in years to come.

Jonathan Wilson

Club Member

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates -

Sunday 13th September - Kaikoura- details in the September newsletter

Sunday 4th October - Details in the October newsletter

Sunday 1st November - USA Day at Woodend

Sunday 6th December - Christmas Party

Sunday 17th January - President's Picnic

Saturday 27th February - Hanmer Motor Fest

19th - 21st March - Caroline Bay Rock & Hop

Poker Run / Mid Christmas 2020



1st

2nd

3rd

1st Prize:

Trevor & Molly Scott

2nd Prize: Murray & Wendy Marshall

3rd Prize: Mike & Lil Lilly