



April 2017 Newsletter

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Hi team,

This is a real busy month for the club....I hope you have your fuel card at the ready. We have some great runs coming up, please come and join us.

Regards,
Gareth
Editor.

17th April - Club Run, "National Mustang Day"

We will meet at the Bethlehem hall on the main road at 11am and bring picnic lunch. It's Mustang's birthday so bring out your car and celebrate!!!

23rd April - Club Run, "ANZAC Run"

We will meet at the Bethlehem hall on the main road at 10am to leave soon there after.

Just to confirm that the ANZAC Run is being held at Sapphire Springs in Katikati.

<http://www.sapphiresprings.nz> It is \$5.50 to enter the pool area. There are a couple of lovely heated pools so bring your togs.

It will begin at 11am with fun and games and lunch about 1pm. There is also a hall that we will use if the weather doesn't co-operate. We are going to do BYO picnic lunch. There are coin operated BBQ's on site.

30th April - Club AGM

The AGM is being held at the RSA in Mount Maunganui on Sunday 30 April. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible. There are some jobs to be filled, think about what you could do, it's not a large job and you make some great friends along the way.

21st May - Club Run, "Pink Ribbon Fundraiser"

May's run is a Pink Ribbon fundraiser on Sunday 21st, donation is a minimum of \$5 per car with 100% going to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

Everyone is to come in their best pink outfit with a prize for the best dressed man and woman. So get into the theme and pimp (or should that be pink) your ride as there will be a prize for the best.

Guys for you we have a best decorated bra competition, so get your creative juices flowing and get decorating for you to showcase in the fashion line up. Don't worry we have something planned for the ladies in September for blue September!

We will be meeting at BP Tauriko for a 10am start. There will be an activity to kick the morning off then we will cruise to a cafe for lunch so RSVP is essential by 12 May to the club email.

This is a great cause so come along and help us support it.

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Beach Hop 17

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Auckland man Graham Bailey, a self-confessed petrolhead who has owned more than 100 cars in his lifetime, went home on Sunday a very happy man - and with another car to add to his stable.

Mr Bailey, who spends six months of every year in Whangamata, is the proud new owner of the 2017 Beach Hop Limited Edition Mustang GT [pictured below] after his name was drawn from the thousands of hopefuls who put entries into the bin at the Ford Reserve (Williamson Park).

He said he was “very surprised but very happy” to have his entry selected.

“I was in with a chance just like everyone else,” Mr Bailey said.

He got his first car - a Ford 8 - when he was 15 but his favourite is a Bugatti Veyron, an Italian vehicle.

He has attended every Beach Hop since it began and has entered the prize draw each year.

Prizes for the various competitions were handed over on Sunday at the close of the Hop just after midday, after which there was a mass exodus from Whangamata and life returned to normal for the permanent residents.

Mr Beach Hop himself, Noddy Watts, described Repco Beach Hop 17 “hugely successful”.

“It’s probably the smoothest running hop we’ve had - everything went like clockwork.

“The trip to Whitianga was sensational - they gave us a huge welcome. We will consider repeating that next year.

“As for the Ford reserve on Saturday, everyone who came up on stage said the crowd was the biggest they’ve ever seen.”

He said he had not heard of any trouble in town as experienced in previous years.

“The behaviour of people was great, the bands were world class, and our two American guests, Chuck and Gene, said there was nothing like this in the United States. They were amazed.”

The rain stayed away, everyone was happy and there to enjoy themselves, and there was little trouble reported to the police.

Apart from a light drizzle at one stage, the rain waited until almost 1pm yesterday to give everyone the chance to enjoy the final moments.

The Elvis caravan was auctioned and went to a keen fan for \$19,500.

Thousands of participants and spectators, in vehicles worth many millions of dollars collectively, poured into Whangamata over the past week for the annual event, boosting the permanent population of about 3500 to an estimated 110,000-plus.

Wednesday is always the official start day for each Beach Hop but many cars and their occupants arrive early and begin the “night cruise” which sees spectators in their thousands line the roads.

The Go Waihi Warm Up Party attracted more than 200 entrants with lots more enthusiasts joining them in Waihi.





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Thursday was different this year, with a cruise to Tairua being extended to include Whitianga where the cars and their occupants received a warm welcome. Friday saw the Thunder Cruise to Onemana - a popular event where the cars visit the small seaside town about 10km north of Whangamata and park up for a few hours overlooking the ocean so participants can enjoy music and admire the mix of vehicles. Locals can talk to the owners who have spent hours - and sometimes years - building their dream machines.

This year, unofficial "vehicle recorder" Jim Lee, using a little click counter machine, notched up 603 cars heading for Onemana - and they were just the official entrants. All around Onemana, there would have been twice that number parked up on properties or on roadsides.

People with tents, gazebos and barbecues lined the road all the way to Onemana, just to be a part of this huge event.

The Beach Hop Idol contest was this year won by 22-year-old Whangamata crooner Kristin Dillon whose Frank Sinatra sound won the crowd over.

Many who attended Beach Hop this year have re-booked accommodation for Beach Hop 18 — from March 21 to 25, 2018.



WHAT'S ON

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When	What	Who/When
15 April	Happy Days Car Show - Katikati	Digglemann Park - Main Road, Katikati from 8am
16 April	Talisman Hotel Breakfast	7/9 Main Road, Katikati 8am - 11am
17 April	Club Run - National Mustang Day	Meet Bethlehem Hall @ 11am
23 April	Club Run - ANZAC Run	Meet Bethlehem Hall @ 10am
28 April	Drivers Bar Cruise Night	11th Ave Plaza, Tauranga from 6.30pm
30 April	Club AGM - Come One, Come All	Meet Mt Maunganui RSA me TBA
7 May	EBOP Classic Car Breakfast	Red Barn, 237 Thornton Rd Whakatane 8am - 10.30am
21 May	Club Run - "Pink Ribbon"	Meet BP Tauriko - 10am

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