



February 2013

One month down and 11 to go. Xmas and New Years already seem so long ago. Please see below Dave and Julies report on the run held in January, on the hottest day ever!!

The annual Xmas run, as we call it, was held on January 20th. The idea of this run is to have a short fun run so new members can get to meet everyone. It was a 40 min run followed by a picnic lunch and our customary game of Secret Santa.

We had 11 cars (numbers down a bit due to the clash with the Denny Hulme weekend) but many had families or friends on board so there were a good number of people who enjoyed the lovely picnic weather. We headed south on SH29 from the Lakes starting point and then West on Pori Pori Rd (I did see a few late u turns, lucky for some their picnic wasn't in the Waikato). We weaved our way through the lovely country side on roads that many had never been on before, finally coming out at the Wairoa reserve and then into the country again going through the heart of the kiwifruit growing region. We finally hit SH2 for short stint before turning down to Omokoroa beach where we had the picnic in the reserve. Many of the locals and visitors to the beach were browsing and asking questions of the 11 mustangs all parked in the car park. Over lunch we had everyone introduce themselves and tell us a little about their car. (Amazing to hear that one new member was given his car as a surprise birthday gift).



We had a fun game of Secret Santa which is always riddled with poaching and stealing of presents, and I am sure everyone will start looking for that surprise gift for next year, we even had an old car horn turn up as a surprise gift (I am not sure Julie knows what to do with it). On our return back towards Tauranga we stopped off to see a special car a friend of mine has. It is single seater (Buick motor) that was specially made in the 90's for a series of the American Indy Light series that was going to be run in Europe, it never happened and the cars were sold off. Tony bought the car and shipped it to NZ where he has had it run in several races and demos. Kenny Smith who is legendary for his single seater experience says it would probably be the fastest single seater in the country. He has it for sale and is planning to replace it with a late model Shelby so his wife can also enjoy his passion for speed.

If you thought this part of the run may have been boring for the ladies, think again, as they were shown around the expansive gardens that Tony and Nickie have, they were part of the recent BOP garden tour where they had over 1000 people per day through their gates.



Well that's this year's Xmas fun run over, I look forward to finishing the planning for my next run in March to Okoroire Springs (dust off your golf clubs) as it will be a hit and giggle on the 9 hole course before lunch.

See you then Dave and Julie Flett

PS If you have some clubs could you please contact Dave as we are trying not to hire any flettda@yahoo.com.au

Feb 13	8/9/10 th Club Overnighter, Gisborne/Napier	Paul/Gillian
Mar 13	3 rd All Ford Day 10 th BOPCC Bike & Car Show, Cherokee Place, Mt Maunganui 16 th Organ Donors Awareness Car Show The Strand – 9am-3pm Gold coin donation 17 th Golf Run – St Patricks Day theme, Okoroire 20-24 th – Beach Hop	Ford Muscle Car Club/Grant Dave Flett
Apr 13	14 th AGM (TBC) 21 st Tri Club ANZAC Run - Okoroire?	Committee AMOC

I would love a few words from some more club members about themselves and their cars, bopmustangclub@gmail.com. Hope you all have a great Valentine's Day. Check out this - http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=kRaviWMjT7U Muscle Car Rescue – send money now!!
Cheers Debra