

Extreme All USA Day Weekend 17-18 November 2012

Once again BOPMOC was invited to join with the Auckland Corvette Club for their Saturday run prior to the All USA Day. We only had 6 Mustangs amongst the nearly 20 Corvettes but we managed to get just as lost as they did. ACC had a planned mystery run that saw us departing Bethlehem shops and heading to McLaren Falls Park for a morning tea via Poripori Road and answering a questionnaire along the way. The initial brief was to read the instructions before heading off – unfortunately one or two missed that part as some were fast approaching Omokoroa before they realised that they should have turned left at the Wairoa River Bridge! Following a home baked coffee stop we were off again, this time heading to the Okoroire Hotel for lunch with a few more questions along the way. The afternoon then provided a return trip via Rotorua for those a bit more adventurous or a straight run back over the hill and home.



By this time the weather had gone from bad to worse so with speedway cancelled the plan was to then meet at the Bethlehem Hall for pizza and BYO drinks and an impromptu quiz that Einstein would have struggled with. Despite an early start planned for the next morning a few Mustangers managed to join with our Corvette cousins in what was an entertaining evening that saw some very innovative responses being put forward to answer some of the quiz questions. The weather had not been the greatest but the hospitality was – thanks very much to ACC for a great day out.

The next morning was an early start to get Wharepai domain ready for the hordes to arrive. A quick check of the forecast said we should be lucky with possibly only the odd “light” shower – for the most part, that proved correct depending on how you interpret “light”.

The response from members to help out was great and especially heartening to see a number of newer members coming along to lend a hand. Thanks very much everyone, it is true that many hands make light work and from my perspective that is exactly what happened. From an organisational point of view things went off pretty smoothly.



Unfortunately car numbers were down a bit (about 30 from last year) and crowd attendance was also well down from last year but probably not as bad as it could have been with the odd shower through the day

obviously putting people off attending. One good aspect was that instead of getting the usual rush of people around lunchtime, numbers were steadier throughout the day which gave a fuller feel to the show and appeared to keep trade stalls fairly well supported throughout the day.

As usual the quality of cars attending was very high, making some of the judging fairly tight. Thanks to our sponsors (in particular Extreme Automotive Parts) there were a number of spot prizes given out and some very full goodie bags to accompany all the category awards. (More photos and the category results should be on our webpages shortly: <http://www.nzmustang.com/Clubs/BayofPlenty/BOPevents.htm>).



So although numbers may have been down a bit, there were some very happy attendees that went home having enjoyed a great day out viewing some very fine All American cars.



The running of this show is BOPMOC's only source of fund raising for the year and the proceeds also enable us to be able to make a donation to a local charity each year. None of this would be possible without the continued support of our sponsors so please support them where you can and let them know that you are club members when doing so, it is our only way of giving them something back in return for their support.

Roll on 2013 and hopefully we will get back our more usual sunny weather next year.

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