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CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

*The Roundup
The Latest News and Reviews around
the Rallies*



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Chairman's Address

Garth and I have just returned from a very successful 900th rally at Dunham on Trent. We had 31 units on site and the weather was very kind to us – a few rain showers, no snow, just a little frost early morning. There will be a 900th rally report in a future Roundup. My sincerest thanks go to the Committee attending and all the members there who helped in one way or another with cooking, cleaning, washing up, decorating the hall and showing vans to their pitch on arrival. A great team effort. There were a few members who had to cancel due to illness and we hope that they are well on the way to recovery now.

Well, the weather should have improved a bit more by the time you read this and the nights getting lighter. It's lovely to see new members joining our Club and rallying with us. Let's all look forward to another successful year – the Rally Marshals are waiting eagerly for your slips to arrive.

Beth
Chairperson

Christmas Dinner – Caistor 28th Nov – 1st Dec 2013

**Marshals: Carol & Graham – Vanessa & Adrian
Report: Jenni**

Ralliers started arriving Thursday by Friday a majority of campers were present and all were “safely settled in” Unfortunately Brian was taken ill and he and Mavis returned home and we wish him a speedy recovery. In the evening we made our way into the grotto where we were welcomed by our hosts, Carol, Graham, Vanessa and Adrian. The grotto was delightfully light with fairy lights and a flying Santa. We had a lovely buffet, with many different treats on offer.

Stephanie and Tom arrived on Saturday having had baby sitting duties the previous evening. (Who said retirement was easy and laid back) That evening when we were all “suited and booted” in our Christmas finery we headed off to “The Forge” where we enjoyed a lovely meal waited on by very pleasant staff. To our utter surprise Santa arrived and delivered “prezzies” for everyone he was helped by a pretty female elf. We had a visit from Gracie who brought her mum and dad with her. Hopefully she will grow up to be a third generation member of the Mustang Caravan Owners Club. After a couple of games of “Throw the Parcel” it was “Strictly come Dancing” time!!!!!!! The evening sadly came to its end and many thanks must go to our host, the taxi drivers who got us back to our Caravans and Motorhomes safely.



Sunday morning tea, coffee and cakes in the grotto this was followed by flag. Beth gave out Birthday cards and thanked everyone for attending the rally with a special thank you to our hosts for all their hard work over the weekend. Graham thanked Santa for his special appearance at his very busy time.

PS I won Brandy Liquers in the raffle, I came home from town and guess who had found the box at the back of the work-top ate the whole box in her dog bed (she slept well)

NEW YEAR 2013/14
Colin Pat and the crew
Report: Barry

Well I got the short straw and ended up by being volunteered by Mandy to do the round up ,just for arriving on site just before Adrian, So here goes, We got settled in and it was not long before the evening was upon us ,so it was into the hall, where we were fed and watered ,jam tarts ,mince pies ,tea/coffee .and of course the odd can or two,

SUNDAY. Woke up to a sharp frost ,Mandy and I went into the hall and helped with the decorations many blowing the balloons up also Brenda/Beth/Barry A .Pete had to make a trip to Wicks ,he had got a leaking skylight so that kept him busy for a while, all fixed now, well done Peter, Jobs a good un .8pm saw us all in the hall again and the theme for the night was THE BLUES BROTHERS a lot turned out in fancy dress ,those who had ended up on the dance floor to do the Blues Brothers dance routine which was videoed onto the wall, several tries were had ,and Pat and Paul got a prize for their efforts. The judges were friends of Des and Margaret, who have now got the bug and joined the club, More food!! Meat loaf with corn fritters and potato wedges ,followed by apple charlotte ,choc sponge with choc sauce, quizzes was once more on the cards ,and Christmas bingo, Josie won one and her daughter Corrina won the other, back to the dancing to Simons sounds.

MONDAY. Weather, bit windy, rain mixed in but you don't feel it in the hall . More vans arrived, and once more into the hall for the Wacky Races during the evening ,Hotpot was on hand ,and various sweets ,that lot cleared away in time for a couple of quizzes which were won by the Chapman team, how did they win, they cheated pulling the answers up on their phone ,they quickly owned up and forfeited the prize to the Pat & co team.

TUESDAY (nearly done) Big bash night . Starters ,Main course, sweets, Mandy went up for her sweet, Adrian presented her with a bowl of SPROUTS WITH WHIPPED CREAM !! cheese biscuits ,coffee mints ,paint stripper sorry I mean white wine lol tables! cleared let the party begin, which went on to about 0300hrs .



WEDNESDAY. Breakfast was served up to those who could face it ,followed by flag, Beth to the floor, thanking all those who had helped during their stay, and the cooks for great meals (as always) I would like to add this comment made by Beth, thankThere is one person who deserves a medal and who has helped with fighting with sprouts leaves, potato peelings, carrots, parsnips, and blowing up the most balloons. she really has pulled all stops out this year, Mandy I thank you. Table tennis winners were Dom, Jessica, darts Colin ,Pat
Lucky van Angela, Tim
New ralliers Corrina & Kira welcome

Editors note: We have all come to expect 100% from the catering crew, Adrian, Pete, Vanessa & Pat, Colin says he is happy to be in the background but who does all the up front organising before our thoughts turn to the summer holidays,

he does. We expect 100% do we get it no, we get 110% How they manage it year on year is amazing, long may you all have the energy and the appetite to carry on for many more New Years to come.

Valentines Rally – Wrawby
14th – 16th Feb 2014
Marshals: Brian, Mavis, Eric and Susan
Report: Paul, Clare & Chloe

We arrived Friday night to be greeted by Brian. After settling in we went into the village hall at 8pm and sat down to a lovely two course meal of Jackets potatoes with a choice of three different fillings, cheese, beans and Mavis's delicious homemade coleslaw with salad. This followed by three lovely cakes, carrot cake made by Mavis, a Victoria sponge made by Eric and a heart shaped cake made by Sue. There was an adult competition, a name the person or persons in the pictures, this was carried on all week-end. Eric did a quiz which was won by Vanessa and Carol and it was time to chill out and chat with lovely background music playing on both Friday and Saturday. Thank you Garth.

Saturday morning was still a bit windy with the vans taking the brunt of the severe wind (blowing up to 60-80 mph gusts) all night. During the day which was free easy you go visit Brigg Garden Centre or Scunthorpe etc. That evening we were in the hall for 6.30pm to be greeted by Brian with a glass of sherry, then we were seated at the beautiful laid out tables. Our menu for the evening was the starter of Melon or Soup, Main course Gammon or Beef with all the trimmings, followed by dessert of Apple and custard. The meal was cooked by Mavis, Sue and Eric and our waiters for the evening were Brian and Paul. As it was Valentines the ladies got a red rose and two chocolate hearts. Then we had two games of pass the parcel, one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen. Graham Kirkman won the men's, a tea towel with a note saying he had to wash up for a month. Which I am sure Graham is doing. I won the ladies, I received a hand bell, which said "you can ring my bell" The evening continued with dancing and chatting.

Sunday morning I rang my bell in the van, but it fell on deaf ears. The morning was lovely and sunny. At 11am we held flag and were given home made cookies with our names on very Moorish. These were made by Mavis, there was also cake to go along with the tea or coffee. Steven received a trophy for the Flat Cap Throwing. Steven and Mandy won the trophy for the Egg Throwing Competition (both competitions had taken place in summer 2013, but they were not at the AGM to receive their trophies.) Chloe won the week-end children's competition and the adult picture quiz was won by Vanessa, Carol and Kim. Richard and Val won the lucky van prize. Then it was time to say our goodbyes and head for home.

We would like to thank Brian, Mavis, Eric and Sue for a fantastic and thoroughly enjoyable week-end.

Winter Competition 2013/2014

This years competition was very close with several members just missing out on the top spot. I did eventually find just one winner, with 80 out of 80.

Congratulations to
Dave & Val

Thank you to everyone who took part, and I look forward to seeing your entries for the 2014/2015 quiz.

Stephanie.

INTRODUCING OUR LATEST MEMBERS



Terri & Maurice
Jim & Terry
Barry & Lynda
Paul & Chrissie

Welcome and we look forward to meeting you on the Rally Field.

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Could you please send any articles and Rally Write Ups for inclusion in the next edition of the Roundup (148 by the 1st June 2014) to Stephanie at: mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com
Thank you.