

# M U S T A N G



CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

## *The Roundup*

*The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies*



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### Chairman's Address

Summer has come and almost gone now and it's time to look forward to the many rallies still on the calendar. Get your slips in early for those rallies so that the Marshals know how many to cater for.

Adrian is always looking for volunteers to run a rally so if can put one on (just yourselves or with a co-Marshal) you will make him very happy!

We have had many new members this year, some have been on the rally field and hopefully those who haven't will be able to join us on future rallies. Mustangers always give a warm welcome.

Beth Clarkson  
Chairman

### IMPORTANT RALLY INFORMATION RALLY NO 21 – CHRISTMAS DINNER RALLY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have brought the Christmas Dinner Rally forward by one week. The dates to note are as follows:

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

Thank you - Adrian

### Stapleford Steam Rally 11 – 16 June 2014 Stapleford, Melton Mowbray Marshals: Richard & Val Harvey with John & Iris Hudson Report: Beth Clarkson

The rally had started on Wednesday (we arrived Friday afternoon) and those who were there told us the weather had been brilliant - it wasn't bad for the rest of the weekend either. The site the



Mustangers had, amongst the many other caravan clubs was in a nice location next to one of the fields where steam traction engines, tractors, vintage cars and other vehicles were situated plus a couple of steam organs which over the weekend vied with one another to see which could be the loudest. The field beyond us had more steam organs plus the usual stalls along with a fish & chip van which opened at tea time for caravanners and stall holders, a pork butty

bar, chocolate fountain van and best of all a large tent selling real ale and cider which we had to sample to wash down our meal from the chippy van. Garth and I then had a wander over to see the miniature steam railway engines which had carriages for the public to have a ride on when one of the steam engine guys asked if we would like to have a free ride. We said 'lovely' and sat down in one of the little carriages. We were all told that this was a trial run and if there was a breakdown halfway round we could all be walking back about a mile and a half! Fortunately we went round without a hitch.

This rally was described as free and easy so no formal gatherings, no competition to rack our brains, just nice and relaxing. We did however have Flag during the evening to give ralliers time

on Saturday and Sunday to look around the fair. We had the usual chat, cuppa and cakes, raffle, birthday card for Richard and lucky van.

We had a ride on the little train again on Saturday - paid this time! After a while we went back to the van and 'chilled' for the rest of the afternoon. A few barbies were set to work and the rest of the evening was spent listening to about four steam organs playing different tunes – what a mixture of tunes all at the same time or just sitting out chatting in the evening air.

On Sunday we had another wander round and bought a few bits and pieces, had another cider each before going back to the caravan. About 9 pm we decided to have a wander round again and 'accidentally' found ourselves buying more cider and joining caravanners and exhibitors drinking and listening to the trio who were playing and singing many of the songs we remember so well. We got back to the van just before midnight. Many of our members left the site during the day as work on Monday was calling them home.



Richard had his vintage bakers van on display along with many other old vehicles (*when you can name them without looking at the information cards, you know you have been around for some years!*). John was found in a marquee showing his model street scene although I can't remember what era it was based on but it was lovely. Monday morning – pack up and head for home.

It was a lovely rally, relaxed atmosphere, good company - we enjoyed ourselves. Thanks to our Marshals for organising the weekend.

**Fishing Rally Venue: Bain Valley Fishery and Campsite 20-22 | June 2014**  
**Marshals: Simon, Vickie, Keiron, Ethan.**  
**Assisted by Colin and Pat**  
**Rally report “dashed off” by Garth**

Friday dawned bright and mild and a visit to a local tackle shop for maggots and other secret ingredients preceded our tow to the site. We arrived to find several vans set up with more on the way. After a cuppa and chinwag it was out with the fishing gear ready for the morning. Beth got a phone call from Keith and Marjory saying they had broken down quite near and a “very nice man” was trying to fix the car. Despite offers of help and a tow to site, they decided to let the “nice man” take them home as the problem couldn't be fixed roadside. Shame. Later we convened in the Marquee for refreshments, cakes, chip butty's and the usual catchup chat. Some deferred to the early start and left but some stalwarts continued to the small hours. Simon had devised a cunning plan, instead of the usual draw for a peg we drew for choice of a peg, i.e. lowest number chose best (?) peg. Couldn't then blame the draw or Si if it went wrong!

So, next morning, those that were going to fish set off to the lake. Simon chose my fave place, my next choice I didn't like on close examination so I swapped with Des...(hmmm!) Soon everyone was ready, the start whistle blew. My first cast..a Roach, second cast..another, third cast..another. This looked ok!! Fourth cast..the tree..”Dash”. Had to snap off and re-rig everything. “Double Dash”. Or words to that extent!! By this time Des was calling for the scales, we weigh and release any fish about 3lb or more, to save them stress in the keep nets. Keiron weighed and recorded his fish. Soon the regular call for scales came from Des and Keiron started to wear a track to Des's peg. Simon brightened things up by catching a nice fish but then it jumped from his hands back into the lake...sack the juggler! I think he said “Dash” too.

Colin hooked a good fish, a carp of 8lb,4oz. The agreement was, the biggest fish caught also caught the rally report, so Colin got a lot of leg-pulling until, with less than an hour to go and a pathetic bag of minnows in my net, my reel screamed to the pull of a good fish. Another carp and it objected to being caught, tearing off all over the place. Out to the middle, weeds on the left, weeds on the right, it would not give up! Simon saw me and sent Keiron round with the scales, my rod was U shaped! Eventually I landed it...and the rally report... (“Dash”).. just 2oz more than Colin.

Whistle time came and the weigh-in started. Des was obviously the winner, needing the scales at least seven times, with over 26lbs. My small fishes helped me to 11lb 15oz,second overall, just more than Colin. There was just 1oz. separating the ladies, Beth’s 30+ small fish being beaten by Margaret’s couple of better sized ones. I think Beth murmured “dash”. Happily everyone caught this year, no dry nets. Back on site it was BBQ time, followed by an evening of serious alcohol consumption and talk. And what talk!! Deep, profound, penetrating viewpoints, you had to be there to believe it. Despite conflicting views the evening was a great success and we all parted in the small hours as the best of friends.

Flag was held at noon next day with Beth outlining the weekend's events, Adrian, without the white board (sack his p.a.,he said) detailing forthcoming rallies. Simon presented the Fishing awards, the lucky van went to Iris and John Hudson and the fiendish quiz was won as usual by Carol and Graham. Beth and Si thanked all who attended, fished and helped in the usual manner of Mustangers. A smashing little rally with good folk and good weather.

PS John Hudson asked me to thank all those people who helped him over the w.e. by towing his trailer to/from the waterside, assisting him pack up when the long day got a bit too much for him and generally helping him. I hope you join us next year John. I'm sure there will be just the same support with or without a maggot drowning session.

Can I close with an appeal for fishermen/ladies. Its going to get harder to find venues when we require so few pegs as was the case this year, most match lakes need 20 plus pegs for a match booking. Its only once a year, most of the regulars have enough spare gear to kit you out, maggots are optional, so why not give it a go and boost the numbers. Dash it all, you might even get hooked!

**Burn Gliding Club 4th—6th July 2014**  
**Marshals : Peter & Brenda Denton**  
**Report Adrian & Vanessa**

We arrived 12 noon to be greeted by our flight commander and his co pilot Peter and Brenda. Mick and Kath were already sited on the air field , the weather was great to go with the site. Granville and Jenni soon arrived , next Roy . Vanessa and I went into Selby for the afternoon , a very nice unspoilt town with loads of small quaint shops and plenty of reasonable parking .Friday tea the OZ PIG was lit to cook our tea on , the sun was shining well . 8 pm it was time to meet in the waiting room for Tea and biscuits and a great chat that went on until 10- 45 .we then retired to our bunks for the night .

Saturday . Another lovely morning after a wet night, but who cares we were all snuggled up nice relaxed and warm. The Gliders were been taxied to their runways in various ways, towed behind a car, van etc, the winch was put in situ , also there was a tow plane which came out . It was very interesting to watch the gliders. Barry and Val arrived from the West coast , they had been seeing their Australian friends Mid morning Jenni and Granville went to a local Bird Sanctuary. Vanessa , Roy and I went looking for the South Yorkshire garden that was on Roy’s map but it

seemed to have disappeared presumed closed down so we went by the scenic route to Selby for another look around . and a cup of cappuccino in a very nice cafe. In the afternoon we all sat out watching the Gliders , we could also look around the hangers and the members made us very welcome .John Parry came to see us and rejoined , He doesn't look a day older than when we saw him last .Out came the B/q again for tea . Peter and Mike s faces were glowing if we could have harnessed the heat there would have been no need to light the B/Qs. We all went into the Gliding clubs clubhouse for the evening, The evening was different as we had a game of Dog racing which was eventually won by Granville and Jenni. Flag was taken during the evening No Birthdays etc .Roy won the Lucky van .

Sunday Vanessa and I went to York for Alice's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday ( Nathan and Sophie's little girl ) We saw the Tour de France bike race, what a sight !.

All I can say about the weekend it was great in all ways and thank you to Peter and Brenda for putting the weekend on for us , We must return sometime !

**Seaside Rally Humberston– 11th—13th July 2014**  
**Marshals: dave & Val Smith**  
**Report:**

Well you've got to listen to me for a change, What a weekend, we arrived mid afternoon Friday, greeted by Val and Dave, well it was Dave actually, but got to keep the peace! Friday night over in the room we had the use of, for coffee and CAKE, demonstration of moon walking by John T, a real fine get together,

Saturday all had a good day by the sea, except when it disappeared in the fog! Three lovely children on site giving us all pleasure, one of our dogs decided to wonder off into the bar, like dog like owners, sat evening fish and chips, don't know how the hell val and Dave managed to cook that lot! Think I might nickname Val Aunt Bessie, lots of puddings which pleased the ladies more than us men, two competitions can't remember who won them, I had 4 pints by that time, we were also entertained by a group of foxes, that have taken up residence around the cricket ground!

Sunday morning flag lots of nice eats again that we were (forced) to devour , sadly Granville had a problem with hitch lock witch delayed his departure, Jenni blamed him for losing the keys, WHY is it always us men that lose things, mind you at Xmas rally Colin T, always loses his trousers, whose fault is that!

Anyway I think we owe a big thank you to Dave and Val, but also to Cleethorpe's cricket club for allowing us all the use of their brilliant facility this was the first time they had allowed the club to be used for a caravan rally lets hope we can use it again in the future.

**Laughterton Golf Rally – 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014**  
**Rally Marshal: Brenda assisted by Peter**  
**Report: Jenni Gladwin**

Friday – On arrival at Laughterton we noticed that our marshal Brenda had put signs directing us to the site and by mid afternoon all twelve caravans were safely gathered in. Some members had already taken to swinging their golf clubs about and hitting the golf balls (hopefully not creating divets). We all got together later for tea, biscuits and a chat.

Saturday – Tom and Stephanie unfortunately had been feeling unwell so left early before most people were up and about. Meanwhile the ladies and gentlemen went off for their rounds of golf to

record their scores. Early evening we were subject to a torrential downpour, fortunately half an hour later the sun came out and we met up again for tea and biscuits. (Some reminded Granville and I of our wonderful meal of Sausage with "Chicken to Night" with rice – no names but someone forgot the chicken). Later we all took part in the traditional flat cap throwing contest and the eventual winners were Kim who won the ladies with a throw of 43ft 8in and Daz won the mens event with a throw of 58ft 4in. The lucky van was won by Tom and Stephanie (well they did have one night on the rally). The Ladies Golf turned out to be a draw between Brenda and Vanessa with the result on the turn of a card going to Vanessa. The men's competition was won by Granville with a score of 39 the same as Mike. Mikes' firm had donated the trophy so in the interest of fair play it was awarded to Granville.



Storm Clouds over Laughterton

Sunday – After a thunder storm through the night we woke up to a bright sunny morning. Some members went car booting very early (no names were mentioned but you know who your are). Others went to play more golf, we unfortunately had to go home as Granville needed to attend to the bees.

Thank you to our marshal Brenda and her assistant for another lovely week-end and happy towing.

**Heroes and Villains rally**  
**Marshals Kieron and Ethan Treacher , 25<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014**  
**Rally report Adrian and Vanessa**

Here we are on one of our foals rallies , at Caistor, the sun shone down on the field like we were in the tropics, 11 vans attended including new ralliers Ray and Liz in a very nice 1983 Mustang Shetland. Friday night we all gathered in the marquee for coffee and biscuits and the usual banter. Barry and Val had a very relaxing weekend after his very hectic time doing rehearsals getting ready for the AGM Entertainment. It was great to see Tim and Angela getting back on the field after Tim's treatment on his foot

Saturday most people went out and about to various destinations around the Lincolnshire Wolds. We were supposed to start the games at 2pm but Simon decided to postpone until it cooled down a bit ( he didn't want to have to use his nursing skills on any of the Heroes and Villains when we were playing the games ). They finally kicked off at 3 pm. We had games consisting of Welly Wanging, which was won with a combined distance of an amazing 107 feet. Golf putting a tie with a play-off between Roy, Kieron and Richard and Dianne. Richard and Dianne pipped them with 1 shot. Water hero, what a great game for a very hot day, Steve tripped (ha ha on purpose) and wet Angela, but in true mustang spirit it went down with a great laugh and Angela got him back. John and Wendy were the winners. Egg Throwing the annual egg throwing competition was also combined in the games and also won by John and Wendy. Kieron got quite bossy during the egg throwing! But rules are rules. There were quite a few people dressed up for the occasion. Most of us had a B/q for tea in the still blazing sunshine. During the evening Simon did a game of guess who. Kieron was doing his paperwork during the evening in the marquee. For supper Vickie and Simon assisted by our stalwart co. Marshals Colin and Pat served us some lovely Turkey baps with stuffing and all the trimmings , with deserts of crumble and apple struddle and custard.

Early Sunday morning we had a terrific storm We kept getting the odd plane over because it was the Cleethorpes Air Show .Flag was at 11 am and Ray and Liz were presented with their first rally plaque , hope we see them soon .The young foals took the raffle .Simon gave the competition results which was won by Richard and Dianne Lucky van was won by Barry and Val. During the morning. Angela did a great job getting the subs in for next year. Pat made some lovely buns etc to compliment the biscuits. The Marshals were thanked for giving us an amazing weekend.



### **Introducing our new and returning Members**

Peter and Sandra from Nottinghamshire  
John and Mavis from West Yorkshire

Welcome and hopefully it will not be too long before we see you on the Rally field.

### **Strawberry Tea – Misterton 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014** **Marshals: Pauline and Eric Foster** **Report: Diane Good**

We arrived on Friday to find the rally field full, then realised not all caravans were on our Rally. Adrian did manage to recruit two more families. 12 vans in total were on our rally. That night we met in the tardis for refreshments and chatter. During a heavy down pour it was a case of us and them. The ones sitting in the awning stayed dry while the ones in the tardis had a shower.

Saturday – About half of the members visited Misson Mills (Bargain store) and most bought the toilet roll offer (well you cannot have enough toilet rolls). Others visited Gainsborough, Retford and surrounding areas. Adrian and Vanessa went to the market and came back with Sophie (I bet they didn't pay full price for her) In the afternoon we went for a walk than came tea. Wow, what a wonder, each plate had sandwiches, scone with jam and cream as well as strawberries covered in chocolate. We sat outside to eat, Tom and Stephanie came and joined us. The competition was won by Adrian and Vanessa.

Sunday – We got up and headed straight home as Matthew was panicking about Hurricane Bertha hitting us.

Special thanks to Eric and Pauline with their helpers Brian, Margaret, David and Carol for a lovely rally. Also thanks to the milkman for his surprise delivery.

### **Lincoln Steam Rally 15<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> August 2014** **Marshals: Tom & Stephanie Gibbons** **Report: Eric White**



We arrived at show ground, greeted by Adrian and escorted to our pitch, sorted out brief look at small part of show, then off to marshals for coffee and biscuits and to meet everyone, then back to the show, finishing up with supper with the Hambletons very enjoyable, as Roy, gave us a lengthy! Talk on his trip to America (not to be missed).

Saturday lots of time viewing the sights, then tea and scones in the camp, it was time for flag. Terri & Maurice were presented with their first rally plaque, the lucky van prize went to Phil & Mary then we had the raffle and I think we all went home with a momento sure I had seen that tea towel before? I am told that toast and tea were taken later on however Sue insisted we have a early night! I will move on. With regards to the week end what else can I say (thanks Tom and Stephanie) let's do it again next year!

Editors Note What a pleasure it was to see a well presented Mustang Shetland on the Rally Field congratulations to Liz & Ray for their restoration work, it was just as good inside as out. Also for those who were leaving on Sunday my friend the Air Marshal did send the Red Arrows over to give a display. They never fail to amaze.

### **ROUND UP 150 Winter 2014**

Could you please send any articles and Rally Write Ups for inclusion in the next edition of the Roundup (150 Winter 2014) by the 1st November 2014 to S.Gibbons,  
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Thank you.

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