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### **Rally 14 Foals—Chinese Cooking 28th—31st July 2016**

**Marshals: Kieron & Ethan**

**Report: Granddad Colin**



Stephanie, sporting her full body egg shampoo

I am doing the write-up as a result of being set up by my grandson Kieron so here goes. Although the rally started on the Thursday we did not arrive until the Friday. The weather was miserable and everyone must have wondered why Adrian was cutting a large square of the grass however it did become obvious when the marquees were erected on the nicely trimmed area. The evening was spent having coffee and cake, there was also a lot of joviality as a result of a rabbit on a previous rally, if you require more information have a word with Jenny Gladwin.

Saturday and it was time for a little bit of fun with a number of games namely Welly Wanging won by Adrian and Vanessa, Chopstick Challenge Pickup won by Peter Denton, Egg Throwing won by Rodger and Jenny, Aquaroll Race won the duo of Louise and Kieron, Horseshoe Throwing won by Simon. Unfortunately, my attempt with the Welly when straight up in the air and landed where I threw it, I was also disqualified from the Chopstick Pickup by Kieron for un-gentlemanly conduct and cheating, can you believe that? Also during the Egg Throwing we saw a new technique from Stephanie who tried to actually catch the Egg in her mouth!! well the yolk was literally on her as it exploded all over her face (great shot Kieron) this as you can imagine caused rather a lot of hilarity, all taken in good part by Stephanie

Saturday evening and it was time Chinese Cooking, Sabby arrived along with her mother and soon had most people gainfully employed in preparing the meal which was very enjoyable so well done to everyone involved in the preparation. Once the meal was over it was time to wash it down with a little alcohol.

Sunday morning and flag was taken by our Chairman Peter, an eighteen-birthday card was presented to Louise however as she was too shy to come out to receive the card she was carried out still sat in her chair to get it. The Quiz was won by Graham and Carol and I won the unlucky van prize namely this report. Please accept my apologies if I have missed anything but as it was sprung on me at flag I have had to do this from memory and as Pat will tell you it is not very good. So, another great rally comes to an end so thanks to the rally Marshals Kieron and Ethan and their assistants Simon and Vickie.

**Rally 15 (Extra) - Country & Western Malvern**  
**Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa**  
**Report: Mike**

This is a very unique event at the base of the Malvern Hills - a lovely part of the country and another Warners event - the Western Motorhome Show - this year staged as an 'extra' rally within the Mustangs Rally programme for 2016. We all arrived to find a very busy site, and the Mustangs camping area sited against the access ring road - a perfectly sunny grassed 'patch' within a short distance of all on-site amenities and entertainment centres.

For our part, this was not a new event - as we attended in 2015 and enjoyed the variety of events - and we were not to be disappointed this year either. We did have a few issues though - mainly with phantom electricity! We set up the van and Josie could not make the lights or power work - the panel just kept flashing on an off - and Adrian came to the rescue - to advise that the battery must be flat???. We could not believe that as the van had been on charge - and it had been serviced the week before. However - Battery was indeed flat and it was generally agreed that we must have 'overcooked' the battery by leaving it on charge for far too long - never happened to us before! Anyway - not to worry - off into the show in the morning to search out a new one. On a sunny evening we can manage - so after tea we went in search of the first nights acts - all weekend has a country and western theme.

First up was our local Mustangs favourite: Darren Busby. A brilliant show where we got a 'shout out' before he finished his set - and far too soon he was leaving the stage in favour of a Louisville band which played until 11.00pm. Anyone not interested in them could have gone to another hall where Line Dancing was the theme for the evening there. Note - Food in the Hall can be a bit pricey

Friday dawned - again another nice day - and a chance to visit the trade area - a good amount of stuff at fairly reasonable prices and a huge selection of Motor Homes as you would expect. We had taken two disabled buggies knowing the huge area the event covered - but found out that the 'electrickery fairy' had decided to pay us a visit. The new battery in the van was fine, but both buggies were dead flat by the end of the day - we used the spare buggy battery to enable Josie to chug along to the evening venue. This evening there were three separate entertainments - all I am sure - as good as before. After we prepared to leave we found that the buggy battery was flat - so left it in situ on charge. Next morning discovered that the charging unit was faulty so no more buggies for us. Off to the hire stand to discover all were booked out until Sunday - so reserved one for then.

Saturday was a day out for us - around Malvern, afternoon tea in a village then a visit to Worcester and a film - since we could not get around without buggies. The evening entertainments were various with a headliners show in the main room - tribute acts (£14 per seat) - Tammy Wynette, Johnny Cash and Garth Brooks and two other free venues open so everyone able to enjoy evening somewhere.

Sunday arrived - we hired a buggy and the kind people on hearing our story of the weekend electrics - let us have a second one free - so we spent all day within the trade area - and enjoying a traditional afternoon tea with huge cakes at the open air tea room - Nice!! Then we managed to find a reasonably priced quiet generator to use in the future if the 'fairy' messes with our electrics again. There were a couple of shows in the food court today - similar to the Great British Bake Off - where campers had the chance to enter a cake and win a prize - next year maybe Vanessa or Sue? Throughout the day - every day - were re-enactor shows within the Lone Star area where the shoot outs between costumed Cowboys and Indians entertained the crowds.

This is an unusual and enjoyable long weekend and reasonable camping fees. - so hopefully we can go again. The distance travelled is well worthwhile and thanks to Adrian for arranging our visit. Hope we can go next year

### **Rally 17 August Bank Holiday Lichfield 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**Marshals: Paul & Louise**

**Report: Steve & Debbie**



We arrived on site Friday evening and joined our fellow ralliers in the marquee for refreshments and cakes. Louise had prepared a quick quiz of only 42 questions, which was won by Vanessa's team and Jenni's team were the runners up.

On Saturday we ventured into Lichfield to see the Cathedral, there was also a food fayre in the streets surrounding the Cathedral. Later, we all met up in the awning for an American supper and

had to dodge the rain showers to get our food. Louise provided an assortment of delicious desserts.

Sunday arrived and the weather had improved. We were intending to go to the Arboretum, but ended up at Twycross Zoo hunting the Snow Leopard who was too shy to put in an appearance. After a lovely cup of tea, we headed back to the site to have a rest before the games began. We all congregated near the Marshall's awning to play four games – why is it when grown men get a water pistol in their hands they turn into five year olds? After all the scores were added up Jane and Beth tied in first place. A tie break game of knocking the flower pots of the shelves ended with Jane being victorious. After the games Louise read out the answers to what we found to be a very difficult music quiz which Beth and Garth won. Katie won the children's quiz. After a quick break for food we all went into the awning for Flag. Graham and Carol won lucky van and Katie was given a gift for her help over the weekend. More delicious desserts followed with tea and coffee. A couple of quizzes took place won by Vanessa's team and Pat's team.

Unfortunately work beckoned and we had to leave the rally early Monday morning. We had had a lovely time and were sad to go. The site was in a lovely location beside the canal. There was a busy train line beside the site, which didn't seem to bother anyone on site and Jane and Graham's grandson Alfie absolutely loved seeing all the trains.

Paul and Louise had put so much work into running the rally from the games they made to the delicious food, the time they had spent was evident. Well done to both of them and we can't wait for their next rally in 2018.

It did become apparent over the weekend that padlocked gates can cause a problem for some ralliers. A few of them after driving through the gates relocked the gates, but unfortunately forgot to stand on the same side as their cars – Eric, Beth and Granville !!

**Rally 18 Newark Motor Home Show 2nd - 5th September 2016**  
**Marshall Adrian and Vanessa**  
**Report: Mary**

We arrived at Newark showground just after 1 o'clock after a 200 mile journey to be escorted to the mustang area and greeted by Karen and Dave temporary marshals and made very welcome, no getting lost and riding around at this venue everything is made easy for you, well worth the trip and value for money our car did not move again until Monday morning with so much to see and do. Although it rained Saturday morning there was plenty of interesting stalls and vehicles to look at inside and out to while away the time, entertainment Friday and Saturday evening, free shuttle bus every hour into Newark, Rose and myself went to line dancing lessons Saturday and Sunday afternoon everything included in the price of the rally.

All weekend in was funny to keep seeing fellow mustangers and compare our bargains as it was almost the end of the seasons bargains were to be had. We picked out a new motor home way above our means never mind in our dreams.

Flag was held on Sunday new members Janice and Dave aka Sailor joined us, Lucky van was won by Karen and Dave, Dave also won a medal for standing in the entertainment queue too save tables so that we could all sit together. I was the only person at flag not to win a raffle prize but ended with a handful of raffle tickets and low and behold I was lucky.

Only Karen and Colin and ourselves stayed on site until Monday morning and after saying our goodbyes we continued on our holiday UP NORTH

Our thanks to Adrian and Vanessa for organizing this brilliant rally, roll on next year.

**R19 A.G.M. Great Limber 9th – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**Marshals: The Chairman & Committee**  
**Report: Stephanie**



We arrived in the afternoon on Friday, we just had time to get set up and say a few hello's as well as picking up a beautiful 1<sup>st</sup> birthday cake, this had been made by Val Harvey, (thank you Val you did a great job at short notice) before we headed back to Scunthorpe for our great-granddaughter, Harper-Lily's first birthday. It is hard to believe that it is a year since she was born. She has now been joined by another great-grandchild, Jacob, this is to another of our granddaughters (we have six as well as three grandsons). Later that evening we joined our Mustang Family in the village hall for the usual get together. In

total on this rally there are eventually 18 vans on site, not bad for an AGM, but we can always accommodate more. Don't forget this is the meeting where you can have your say as to how the committee run the club on your behalf for the coming year, so members thoughts and opinions are always welcome.

Saturday morning to say the least dawned very wet, we had our own private lake under and around the van. The meeting was started by 11.00am with as usual Fred & Beryl Birkett joining us, I believe they have only missed 3 AGM's since joining the club in July 1978. The meeting went well and finished in a record time by all accounts. That afternoon our entertainment arrived "Jukeboxx" to set themselves up and do sound checks etc. Our member Barry Ashcroft is a member of the group and Val his wife acts as a roadie and sound engineer, power to your elbow Val. The hall is set for the evening which consists of the Presentation of the Trophies for the various competitions that run throughout the year. This is followed by the first set performed by "Jukeboxx" then it is time for the American Supper, what a spread. Then the final set for the group is back on centre stage and what a performance. This is the third time they have performed for us and they never fail to surprise and delight, the dance floor was never empty and their performance of "Ernie and the fastest milk cart in the west" had us in hysterics with hoots and laughter lasting quite a while. They still had many more numbers to do. Fabulous evening, well and truly enjoyed by all.

Sunday and things are beginning to dry out on the car park and the sun is shining, if the hall had not been already set out for flag it was warm enough to have held it outside. Then as all things must come to an end every one has to pack up and head for home always a sad time tinged with the thoughts of the next rally to be going to.

I would like to thank Pete, Brenda and the rest of the committee for putting on a splendid rally and to all the members of the club who turned out to put wheels on the field thank you as without your support and willingness to show up for the rallies, things would not go as smoothly. Lastly a big thank you to "Jukeboxx" for travelling all the way from Bridlington to entertain us.

**Rally 21 Lincolnshire Wildlife and Parrot Zoo 7th—9th October 2016**  
**Marshals Steve and Debbie**  
**Report Adrian**

The first obstacle was to negotiate the road works that had closed the road off to the parrot zoo, for repairs to the carriage way , (what a laugh ). 2<sup>nd</sup> one to see how slow you could go on the notorious Lincolnshire fen roads , you don't have to pay to go on a roller coaster just go to the Fens. When we arrived Steve on site putting his awning up with the help from Eric. Pauline made us a very welcome cuppa .Vans soon started to arrive from various directions (courtesy of the diversion not been properly signed ). The site is in the heart of the fens sign posted parrot Zoo but that is very understated , there is approx 2,000 parrots, 11 tigers, Meerkats, Owls, Reindeers, Tortoises of different sizes ,plus many more creatures of all shapes and sizes. We paid £26 for the total weekend that included unlimited admission to the zoo, which we all made full use of. There was a free flight experience where you were in with the parrots, they soon came and settled on your head, arms and anything else they fancied, one took a liking to Vanessa's earring, he thought it belonged to him ! The parrots were amazing every colour and size you could think of , some gave you a conversation. Evening soon arrived 14 vans safely sited coffee, tea and cakes baked by Debbie and Susan were served in Steve's awning .

Saturday heavy rain overnight gave us a very interesting one and in the early hours it was like being in the Amazon jungle with the Dawn chorus , mainly the Cucka Burra .

Most people made use of the unlimited access to the zoo with the rally plaque and then to explore the fens. At 4 pm we were invited to gather in the cafe for a guided tour around the purpose built Tiger enclosures which are in the process of being built and what a experience it was, you would have paid a fortune for such a tour! The tigers believe it or not were just 1 metre away from us obviously behind some very strong wire.

Saturday night the owner gave us use of the cafe area for social and flag.

Flag was taken by Peter .

Lucky van, Eric and Susan  
Counting the Meer Kats, Richard and Diane.  
Weight of tigers , Roy.

We did a collection for the zoo charity to show appreciation for what great value we had experienced over the weekend . needless to say it is booked for next year.

The mustang club is the first to rally at the Zoo. All there is to say what a great weekend would not have missed it for anything , thanks to Steve and Debbie for finding the site and putting on such a fantastic weekend and Eric and Pauline for assisting

### **NEW YEAR RALLY THEME NIGHT**

This years theme night is to be the Victorian Era. So Lords & Ladies, Servants and trades people can all be there, and maybe the odd street urchin will sneak in. Enjoy yourselves.

Your Hosts for the evening soirée Are Lord Peter of Leeds & Squire Adrian of Caistor.

### **ROUND UP 159—Spring 2017**

Could you please submit any articles or write ups up by **1st March 2017** to Stephanie via e-mail: [mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com](mailto:mustangcaravanoc@ntlworld.com)

Thank you—Stephanie



### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Dave & Janice from East Yorkshire, who have already received our warm welcome on the Rally field.

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