

M U S T A N G



CARAVAN OWNERS CLUB

The Roundup

The Latest News and Reviews around the Rallies



Good numbers turned out to celebrate the club's 40th Birthday as you can see from this photo taken by Mark

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DO NOT RESUSITATE READ ME AND ACT NOW

Dear Mustang members, by now you should all be aware that the club carries its own functional defibrillator onto rallies.

Should you wish to be of the mind that you would not want to be resuscitated should you be in a position of requiring it, then, there are steps you **MUST** adhere too. This is not “Mustang” policy but legal requirements for the whole country.

- 1, Go visit your doctor and obtain a “Do Not Resuscitate” certificate.
- 2, Make all your friends, fellow rallier’s and acquaintances aware you have this certificate.
- 3, ALWAYS carry it.
- 4, Do not assume that a tattoo on your chest or similar is legally acceptable – it isn’t! **Only** the certificate is legally binding, **no other form** of “DNR” indication is acceptable. Without the doctor’s DNR certificate, should you need the services of a first aider with the defibrillator machine it will be used upon you.

MUSTANG 1000th Rally

Dear fellow members, you most probably have heard that the club aims to celebrate its 1000th rally in 2018 at Easter, at Wellingore, where we also do New Year.

More details will follow in due course but the bare bones are as below.

There will be food and entertainment on the Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Saturday entertainment will be Jukeboxx, whom entertained us at this last AGM.

Sunday will be George and Ginger, a 1940’s duo. So food will be in the style of the period, so why not dig out grandpa’s old battledress or something similar and come dressed for the event.

The club will sponsor the event to the value of £500.

The remainder of the costs, site fees, hall fees and food and whatever, will be divided between those attending. So if you want to join in or feel the benefit of some of the money being put into this event make sure to book early.

People who can only attend for part of the proceedings will be charged pro-rata, and a charge will be made should you be “only coming for the entertainments”

Peter
Chairman and Rally Marshall

R15 Lincolnshire Steam Rally 18th – 21st August 2017
Marshals: Adrian & Vanessa
Report: Tim

We arrived Friday afternoon whilst the sun was still shining. Legs down van levelled awning up and a large windbreak to prevent peanut from escaping. He's at that age. We had a quiet afternoon walked around the site and what few stalls were open. After the meet and greet we retired to the van and had an early night as the grandson tired us out as normal.

Woke bright and early Saturday morning to the stomping of an extremely elephant like grandchild up and down the van. Pure bliss. After breakfast did the normal jobs around the van and got things sorted for a look around the show. As always lots going on. We had a good look at the model lorries in the hanger which really amazed peanut. So wonderful to watch along with the meccano structures and the circus funfair models. After a very tiring walk round we headed back for tea. After tea we had flag as is customary at these events. The lucky van prize went to Tim and Angela. We put peanut in his pull along decorated up with lights and off we went into the darkness to see the traction engines all lit up and to watch the steam organs in the area near the beer tent. Well it would be rude not to sample the real ale being served. And a pint of old steamer went down lovely.

Sunday arrived and Jeanette and Ian were late to arrive as they witnessed an accident on the A15 and ended up assisting the police with the flow of traffic. We went for another wander around the show. Peanut had a go in a fire engine. Gripping the steering wheel like a fiend and laughing along with the sirens etc. Pulling him around is thirsty work so a Cornish pasty and a beer was just what was needed. The afternoon went too fast and it was time to say goodbye to peanut & co. And then time to relax. Sitting out in the evening just watching the world and sunset. And thinking this is life.

Monday came and it was legs up and the long tow home. Another very successful steam rally.

R16 40th Birthday Celebration August Bank Holiday 2017
Lyndon Top Caravan Site
Marshalls: Dave & Linda
Report: Debbie



Steve and I arrived on site Friday morning after quite an eventful journey through Stamford. The weather was glorious and it was lovely to see so many members on the field. Once we had set up we sat in the sunshine and chilled. Friday evening we all gathered in the marquee for refreshments and lovely home baked cakes.

On Saturday we went to Oakham and the weather was once again lovely and sunny so we headed back for lunch in the sunshine. After lunch, Steve went for a leisurely stroll with the dog around Rutland Water. In the evening we all met up in the marquee for a delicious 1970's style buffet. Linda and her helpers had provided a delicious spread and we spent a lovely evening reminiscing about previous rallies.

We woke up Sunday morning to another beautiful sunny morning. We ventured to Corby on the hunt for a pink shirt and new shoes for Steve, two hours later and a few choice words we returned to the site without a pink shirt! Graham met some of the locals whilst out for a stroll and one little boy asked his daddy if Graham had a baby in his tummy. Sunday evening we all gathered in the marquee for another fabulous meal of pie and peas. Flag took place during the evening and

birthday cards were given to Ann and Brenda, anniversary cards were given to Ann and Dave and Roger and Jenny. The quiz was won by Beth and Garth and Rose and Clive won the lucky van. Everyone had a piece of Mustang birthday cake. A couple of quizzes followed flag. Mary won a couple of raffle prizes and then refused to collect anymore as she didn't want to kiss Chairman Pete who has a very bushy beard. A lovely evening spent with good friends.

Unfortunately we had to leave early Monday morning as I had to work in the afternoon. Thankyou to Linda, Dave and all your helpers for all your hard work over the weekend. Glorious weather, great friends and a beautiful setting – a perfect weekend.

R17 Newark Autumn Show 1st—4th Sept 2017
Marshals Adrian and Vanessa
Rally report Adrian

We arrived Friday morning to be given a Pansy plant by the organizers and taken to our rally area for the weekend, Dave and Karen had pipped us at the post. They provided a cuppa very nice . 6 vans arrived on Friday, lovely to see Sue And Andy on the field. Friday nights entertainment went down very well with a tribute to Dolly Parton and sweet sensations also a comedian. We met Wendy and Neil at the Table and got talking about various ideas etc.

Saturday we woke up to a very Autumnal morning Vanessa , Carol , Graham and I went to see John and Iris at Collingham and had a very pleasant 2 hours , John showing us his toy soldiers and other bits and pieces . (John is a very talented man with his hands).We then went into Newark and had dinner at the Old Post office . Flag was Taken by Graham and Welcomed Wendy and Neil from Sheffield to the Club .When we got back we went around the Show unfortunately not very large. Saturday night the show started 7.15 prompt with Sistacated, a 70s Motown and soul band, from London Next came a called comedian . (Not to everybodies taste) The next act was a Abba tribute which soon altered the tone in the Cedric Ford Pavilion. The room was soon alive again !. the evening concluded with Sistacated.

Sunday Vanessa and myself went to North Searle car boot. The rally went well for the Mustangers with some great laughs as usual .

R18 AGM Great Limber 8th – 10th September 2017
Marshals: Peter & The 2015/2017 Committee
Report: Rose

We started out at the 10 am but did not arrive till 1.30 pm due to Clive having a senior moment at Louth filling station, putting unleaded in the Motor Caravan instead of diesel . Fortunately we knew a garage round the corner where Clive takes his car, and they sorted it out for him. There was 11 sets of wheels on site, a bit low for AGM. We joined everyone for a fish cob and a cuppa at 8 pm. We sat with Lin, Phil, Richard and Val as Richard wanted to know all about the Masons, we had an interesting talk by Phil on what they get up to.

We attended the AGM at 11 am on Saturday morning with only about 25 members present. All the 2016/2017 were voted in again. The draw for the free membership goes to Phil & Mary, David and Valerie. In her report Angela thank Richard G for getting the defibrillator for the club. The membership numbers are up to 82 and hopefully still on the rise. The evening was presentation night.

	Gents	Ladies
GOLF	Tom	Brenda
FISHING	Granville	Beth
FLAT CAP	Tom	Diane
EGG THROW	Carol & Graham	
WINTER COMP	Val & Barry	
RALLIER OF THE YEAR	Richard & Diane	
	Runners up : 2 nd Carol & Graham 3 rd Clive & Rose	

The evening continued with the group “Jukeboxx” thanks to Val and Barry for organising this for us. They covered the 60’s and 70’s including ABBA and a very good rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody, were my favourites. We had a break for food which was very good as usual this was followed by the raffle. Then it was on with the show, some Bee Gee’s they also sang “Mustang Sally” so we all got up to dance, Clive even danced a smooch with me. A very good evening.

Next morning, it was time to go home, while I was cleaning up to go, Clive wanted to help. So I was cleaning the grill and I ask Clive to “just throw the crumbs on the grass for the birds please” so he took the grill pan off me and threw the lot (the pan, crumbs and all) on the grass. I was gobsmacked and we could not stop laughing, Clive looked at my face and me the way the pan flew through the air, you really had to see it, it was so funny, we kept laughing all the way home. Here’s to our next rally, which in our case is the End of Season Finale at Lincoln.

We enjoyed a great rally thank you Peter and your team.

R19 Lincoln End of season finale 21st—24th Sept 2017
Marshalls: Adrian and Vanessa
Rally report: Graham



Although the rally started on Thursday we didn’t arrive until the Friday evening, just in time for the entertainment. A Beatles tribute, followed by a David Bowie tribute.

Saturday morning we took advantage of the bus into Lincoln, as it seemed, so did everyone else. There was a Gay Pride procession and the whole place was rammed but nevertheless very enjoyable. The group playing that night were much more like it, getting on a bit but, they had the dance floor full from the off, with a good mix of 60’s 70’s and a few more recent ones thrown in.

Sunday morning after a quick flag we had a walk around the show. The weather was quite good so the show had a good turnout. It must have been better than expected because the on site restaurant had sold out half way through the day. The entertainment for the evening was a 40,s themed event which went down very well. The dance floor was full and much flag waving from the seats. After this I did my usual dash for home because I was at work on Monday morning. All in all an enjoyable rally, I admit the only reason I go is for the entertainment and what I saw was well worth the site fee

R20 Dave and Carole's golden wedding Wrawby 6th –8th Oct 2017
Marshals: Dave, Carole, Eric and Pauline
Rally report: Adrian.



Vanessa and I called to get the key and put signs up, soon to be joined by Eric and Pauline. We got the plastic cones put out for the pitches. We then went to pay the deposits for the bus trip to the Tour company while Eric saw the vans into their pitches for the weekend. Vans arrived at an alarming rate with 19 members attending. What a great turnout for a special couple. Friday night we were fed with a thick veg soup and a bread roll, and cake. The evening went very quickly and was enjoyed by all.

Saturday the kitchen was a hive of activity getting ready for the evening celebrations. Graham, Carol, Vanessa and I went to Caistor lakes to check the Christmas dinner venue was all in order for the forthcoming Xmas dinner. We called at Brigg garden centre on the way back to choose a plant for the lucky couples wedding Anniversary. 5.30 the group arrived to get set up for the evenings entertainment, group called The Elderley Brothers. 6pm we all went to the appropriately decorated hall it looked amazing. Food was served at 6.30 with a starter of Pate and toast with trimmings, Main course. Beef, potatoes, cauliflower, peas, carrots, yorkie pud, and trimmings. Dessert was a very nice portion of fresh cream sponge cake. With bottles of wine on the tables. Graham presented Dave and Carole with the planted arrangement and card complete with donations received. A toast was given to them. The group started after the meal and played with a real enthusiasm for a great couple, dancing soon began, with plenty of laughs, little Chloe soon joined in it was great to see her enjoying herself. The group had a 15 min break to replenish their voices and fingers. Back to the dancing until 10.30, what a night. (I have booked them for next years A G M .)

Sunday flag was at 11 am which Graham took and the usual things went on. and thanked all concerned for an amazing weekend. Lucky van was won by Tess and Derrick.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Valerie & George from Lincolnshire
Michael & Jackie from South Yorkshire
Wendy & Neil from Derbyshire

Leigh & Margaret from North Lincolnshire
Kel & Raynor from Warwickshire
Sandy & Pat from Essex
Lucy & Mark with their two children from North Lincolnshire
Derek & Angela from Nottinghamshire

Welcome to one and all and we look forward to seeing you on a rally field in the near future.

R 21 Lincolnshire Wildlife Park 13 - 15 October 17
Marshals: Steve & Debbie
Scribe Chairman Pete

The morning was a bit overcast and as I was swinging the lead after just coming back from Canada with work I awarded myself a morning off and we duly packed the car and set off for the rally. The journey took longer than I remember from last year, but the smooth tarmac for the last few miles had not changed and was made a bit worse when I missed the turn and we took the longer

scenic route to come from the other direction. Arriving on site we were met by Debs who was immediately replaced by Steve who was gesticulating we should pull onto the next peg. For the first time in I don't know how long the field and it was a very firm flat field indeed was pegged out, into four lines for vans. We settled in and had a lazy afternoon, saying hello to people as they arrived. Later in the evening we gathered at the awning for a timely brew and to help devour the mountains of cakes that Debs had prepared for the rallying masses. Debs they were great. Still being jetlagged we took an early leave and crawled off to bed. Not too much later the evening broke up and people drifted off to their own sanctuaries and relaxed.

The sun was up well before me and a number of the campers most with that not so rare breed of grandchildren in tow had already headed for the magic of the park. There were parrots to feed and talk with, a Tapir, Emus or Ostriches, or Kiwis? a Puma called Nigel and a anti social black Panther, otters and a number of Tigers all of which were captivating. and enthralling. and magical. We ventured in late morning and had a very leisurely stroll about the place. Saturday evening saw us all ensconced into the nice warm cafe, not that it was cold outside, and Steve the owner of the park, gave us all a short but interesting and light hearted insight into how a lad from Sheffield,



Photo sent in by Steve

ended up having a vocation where he looks after hundreds of parrots and a larger number of very big impressive cats. Look out for his books which will be appearing soon, they should be a good read. During the course of the evening flag was taken and trophies from the AGM were delivered, new ralliers Sophie and James, Rayner and Kel both received a first rally plaque, and an invite was extended to all members for the 1000th rally at Easter by our rally secretary, Adrian. Since the weekend was so enjoyable and the site owner so giving of his facilities, we passed the hat to offer a little bit of extra cat food money to say thank you. Richard and Diane, were the lucky van winners. Because many people were active grandparents the evening drew to a close quite early and tired grandparents dragged energetic children off to bed.

Sunday was somewhat cool and overcast and most people headed for the zoo and cafe where a good breakfast was reputedly imbibed. The animals were revisited and wished farewell until next year. Steve the zoo owner in his talk to us suggested a early tea next year and he would give us a better talk about all things animals and his road to being dad to so many animals. I shall personally look forward to that as I do like visiting the zoo and just wandering and enjoying the sights and sounds of the worlds jungles and plains in deepest rural Lincolnshire.

If nothing else its nice to visit and spot all the improvements that have occurred like the large very firm very flat field we camped on this year, so if your coming next year there is bags of space and a honest welcome from your host and of course Steve and Debs, who put a lot into ensuring we all had a memorable stay. Thank you Steve and Debs we enjoyed it so book us in for next year.

**1000th Rally 2018
Wellingore
Easter 2018**

If any members planning to attend the 1000th Rally Easter 2018 and they have any memorabilia of their time in the Mustang Caravan Owners Club could you please bring it with you. Carefully put your name on the back of anything you bring and you will be given it back at the end of the Rally.

Unlike at the New Year Rally we would ask that you use your own Crockery and Cutlery through out the Rally. This will help Peter and the committee.

Don't forget to get your booking slips to Peter a.s.a.p

Thank you

Peter (your Chairman)

New Year Rally 2017/2018

The Theme Night for this years **New Year Rally** is the “**PYJAMA PARTY**” so go into the depths of your wardrobes and dig out those **garish pyjama's and baby doll Night wear or nighties**. For those of you who are not of a certain age you are in for a surprise.

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Could you please submit any articles or write ups up by **1st March 2018** to

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Thank you—Stephanie
