

Gearjammers & Muscle Car Club

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The Gearjammers & Muscle Car Club held their annual show at Paraparaumu school grounds adjacent to Coastlands shopping mall and handy to Monteiths pub on the 17th of April so Merv and I took our cars along. Unfortunately Brian & Colleen had their cars rego on hold but came along anyway to lend us physical support.

We were encouraged by the good vibes we were getting all day not only from the viewing public but also other exhibitors. This show started very small about ten years ago and is now boasting about 150 cars, with arrivals from Wanganui, Palmerston North, Wairarapa, Upper Hutt and Wellington. This year there was not the support from the Aussie muscle cars there had been previously; only two repowered HQ Statesmen and they were clapped out, dirty and untidy, so Merv and I held the fort for Aussie muscle cars.

There were lots of Camaro, Mustang and Plymouth cars. There were ute's and hot rods in all sorts of condition but mainly they were very good.

A guy told Merv and Rose that he took a P76 out of a container at Wellington to steam clean it, having just arrived from Australia. It is now in Christchurch. We are trying to get this car into the Club; the owner is known to the Southern group and has been to a couple of their events.

I had a good chat to our local news paper reporter who gave us an excellent write up in the Kapiti Observer and the Levin Chronicle. I would like to see more of our cars attend next year as I feel this show is well worth the time and effort.



<Above: Ron and Merv's cars along with Merv and Red, his little wee dog, that's the spot on the bonnet or his glovebox warmer as we know him! I'd love to come along Ron but our little 6 cyl engine may not suit the company!>