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From the Horse's Mouth

President's Forward

Greetings Mustangers!

As this holiday season is fast approaching, so is our annual changing of the guard. The monthly meeting will entail a vote for or against the proposed bylaws as well as electing new club board officers. It looks as though not much competition for these esteemed positions exist, but if you or someone you think would serve the club well, please feel free to write in your candidate.

To date we have the following people running: President Neil Case, Vice-President; Reed Hiltermann, Secretary: Ross Schwyhart, Treasurer: Pat Buxton.

We also would like volunteers for other committee and responsibilities. If you have expertise in a field that could help the club progress or suggestion for club outings, let us know. Remember this is your club and we value your input.

Happy Thanksgiving!

LaRon 

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Current Events

Club Election Time

It's that time of the year. We are looking forward to the coming year and a new Board. This year it will be a Bonus Ballot. We have a candidate for every board position and a Vote concerning updating of our current By-Laws.

Some may be wondering why I am not on the ballot. I am greatly concerned about my ability to dedicate the amount of time to any office, and even more so the Presidency. I think the club deserves Board members that actually can commit the time to the club that the members deserve. Once it became clear that we had the people in place that I saw had that ability it only made sense to withdraw my self-nomination. This Saturday November 19th you need to be there to Vote your opinion. I have watched and seen what the Board works through and the preparation time they invest. We all should provide them with the respect and assistance we can each provide to best of our abilities.

Bonus item!!! We have struggled to find a satisfactory rework of the By-Laws for the better part of two years. I think we have a version in hand that provides just that. Have you read it? Did you find it perfect? Did you find it unsatisfactory? I have read it a couple of times. I did not find it unsatisfactory, I also did not find it perfect. This is the nature of things created by humans, we just aren't perfect.

This is, to my mind the best effort we have seen to date. I think it is well beyond everything we have seen previously. Far and away I believe this is a much better frame work than what we have seen previously. I believe the deficiencies are minimal and can be worked out as we proceed forward. We as club members have the right to bring forward amendments at any time, as long as we follow the rules in the existing article XIII or the new article XII.

This new Board is mandated by the By-Laws to once again Review the By-Laws. I think if we put this new structure in place there should be no great changes to consider from those deliberations. This is a topic that has already consumed too much club energy, and caused too much angst.

SHOW UP VOTE AND HAVE YOUR SAY COUNTED!!!!



by Marc Short

Christmas Party & December Meeting

On December 11th we will have our Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange. This year the Gift exchange is DIFFERENT. We will actually have a gift exchange among the membership. As I understand it, it will be limited to Tasteful "G" Rated Gifts under \$25 value. We will also have a collection of unwrapped donation gifts for kids. These should also fit in the low dollar price group and will be donated to charity. The membership exchange is by drawing based on those who bring a gift. We will, as in years past continue our end of year door prize (raffle) final drawings.

Yep, it's a PARTY, Gift Exchange, December meeting, End of Year Prize drawing, Children's Christmas Gift Charity Event. Oh yeah and FOOD! Yup, we are an efficient group!

See You all there



Chuck Wagons and Ho Downs

Calendar

NOVEMBER

19-Monthly Club Meeting at IHOP Stetson Hills. Social Hour 5:30 Meeting 6:30 Annual Meeting and Elections 

26-Manitou Christmas Parade Manitou Springs 6:00pm Contact Reed for more information

DECEMBER

6- Monthly Board Meeting confirm time and place with a Board Member 

11-Club Christmas Party & December General Club Meeting 2:00pm Sarge's Grill Fountain,CO 

JANUARY-2017

3- Monthly Board Meeting confirm time and place with a Board Member 

21-Monthly Club Meeting Location TBD Social Hour 5:30 Meeting 6:30 Annual Meeting and Elections 

Many thanks to Reed, without his efforts this Calendar would not happen! He nearly lives and breathes this.

With your quick emails he can improve these events by knowing who and how many are planning to attend these events...of course let him know if you need to cancel after planning to attend.
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Official Club Events



Means GO OFFICIAL EVENT!!!

Club Membership

Great People with Great Cars enjoying Food, Fun and Friendships. Our activity calendar is always full of Good Times. Join in Today. The more the Merrier Find Your Membership Application on the last page of this Newsletter. Print it out, Fill it in, add some Funds and send it to our PO BOX

Let The Good Times Roll!

Keep your membership current so you can vote on the fun and important events we support. You must have current membership for our liability insurance to cover you during events. Our activities are Club Driven...So... Hop in and Help us Drive On !!

EDITORIAL POLICY

The intent of the RMMC monthly newsletter is to provide our paid membership and other interested parties with important information, articles of interest, news and editorials. All members are encouraged to provide articles, editorial opinions or rebuttals. When providing articles please keep in mind that any article containing offensive, vulgar or otherwise questionable content may be refused or heavily edited, if possible while maintaining integrity. All articles submitted are subject to possible editing principally for length and content. Readers are advised that member articles contain the opinions of the submitting member and, are not necessarily those of the general membership, board or the club as a whole.



29th Annual

Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup
June 14-18, 2017(?)

Register online: (Beginning Jan 1st)

www.rockymountainmustangroundup.org

Heard in the Herd

Your Coolant and your car - Information on the what and whys of coolant

From visiting with one of our glycol (anti-freeze) vendors we learned that his estimation for coolant life in our equipment was 17 years. However, we normally switch out coolant much more often than that due to the perception that the coolant has gone bad or the maintenance practice of once drained, replace. The following are some general information and guidelines on coolant and cooling systems from "Motor Age".


Coolant brands are nearly identical. Nearly all manufacturers recommend a 50/50 mixture of coolant and water. Coolants are differentiated by the formulation of the inhibitors they use. Inhibitors are chemical additives that help prevent corrosion and erosion damage in the engine's cooling system. Dye color is also added. It has no relationship to the formulation of the inhibitor package. Typical coolants for domestic vehicles are green and use a phosphate/silicate inhibitor package. The inhibitor package works by forming a protective blanket that insulates the metals from the coolant. The inhibitor package is what breaks down over time more so than the glycol. The inhibitor package may require replacement or boosting every two years in order to provide protection against corrosion and erosion.

Newer technology has resulted in extended life coolants based on "OAT" coolants. These coolants use neutralized carboxylic acids which provide corrosion protection by chemically interacting with the metal surfaces rather than laying down a protective blanket. This allows the inhibitor package to last much longer with five year periods expected before replacement or boosting. Maintaining the inhibitor package is important, but more important is maintaining the health of the glycol. When the glycol breaks down it will form acids which will attack seals, gaskets, and other components. One of these acids, Oxalic, can form from overheating or air in the cooling system. Bad water can also lead to the formation of hydrochloric or sulfuric acids. The best way to gauge the coolants condition is to measure the pH (relative acidity) using a pH test strip. Normal coolants will test in the range of 8.5 to 11.0. Extended life coolants will test a little lower in the 7.0 to 9.0 range. The pH test should be used to condemn the coolant if it is outside of the acceptable test range.

The next step is to check the coolant concentration which should be 50/50 glycol to water. This should be done on an annual basis using a device called a refractometer. Add glycol or water as necessary to keep the mix at 50/50.

Why does glycol break down? If you see an acidic reading on the pH test it may well be due to having too much water in the system. Another leading cause of premature coolant failure is air in the cooling system. Air will cause overheating and hot spots. Boiling coolant will cause the same problem as air. One check to make to prevent both of these issues is your radiator cap. A bad cap can let air into the system and will allow coolant to boil at a lower temperature. Also ensure that your water is of a good quality. Water with a high mineral content or a poor pH can help cause problems leading towards an acidic cooling system. A good way around the water problem is to use a premixed 50/50 coolant that already is based on suitable water.

Combustion gas leaks into the cooling system will also cause early glycol decomposition and an acidic coolant system. This will show up in the coolant recovery tank, the radiator fill neck, the oil dipstick, and under the oil fill cap. These combustion gas leaks should be corrected prior to refilling the coolant system, since they will just lead to an acidic coolant within a short time.

If the cooling system has gone acidic properly remove all of the old coolant and refill with fresh glycol mixed properly with a good water source. If the old coolant has lots of debris and scale a coolant flush is in order. Depending on the age of the system and how much abuse it's seen a liquid sealant may be advisable prior to refilling with fresh coolant. 

Thank You Hap, So much revealed ed...mps

Tack

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club Merchandise



Get your club shirts. Special orders accepted, paid in advance. Please contact Bryan prior to the monthly meetings.

Tanks	\$12.00
T's	\$16.00
Long T's	\$25.00
Sweat	\$28.00
Pins	\$2.00
Patches	\$2.00
Decals	\$2.00

Ladies V-Neck T-Shirts
now available!



Rocky Mountain Mustangers stitched logo apparel is now available from Lands' End

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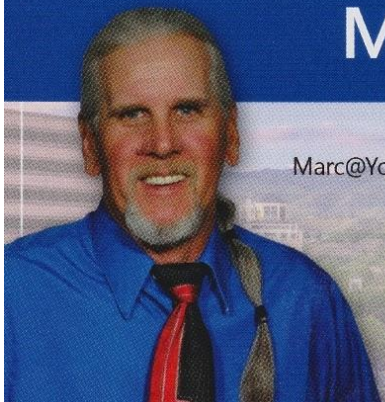
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Club Code of Conduct

The Rocky Mountain Mustangers take pride in our Club being an organized club with monthly meetings and events. We enjoy having members of all ages participate and show their love for the Mustang, from a new car to a classic car, a show car and a race car, and up and coming cars. We have had numerous members come and go from the Club for various reasons. The Board of Directors does not want to see any of our members treat other members, or potential members inappropriately, with comments or actions. In accordance with our By-Laws, the Board of Directors will ask anyone found causing embarrassment to the Club to resign.

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Editorials - Found on the Trail

These editorial pages have provided me a voice over the better part of the past year. I started this adventure thinking that club members would provide a substantive part of these editorial pages. I was wrong (happens a lot). I still am very anxious to provide a way for our membership to express their views in some way.


This has been a very enlightening experience. I have expressed numerous times and with a reasonable consistency that I always need articles for these newsletters. That is still always true.

During the past year some of you have stepped up and provided articles on a variety of subjects that, in retrospect have been, well surprising, very wonderfully so. I have said before we have a membership full of interesting people. In this area you have proved my point. Your articles about where you went and what you did have appeared here. They were (at least to my mind) very interesting, informative and almost always with some light humor. Articles of what you did right there at home or in your workshop and what you used that was new. Articles about your Mustang or other people's Mustangs. Articles about problems you have encountered with your Mustang provided members warnings of pitfalls and solutions that aid others to avoid those issues.

I say to each of you who provided articles, "Thank You, Thank You Very Much". (Read that in your best Elvis Presley Voice) You have proven that we are indeed a group of interesting folks. The fact that we all also have this simple common affection for an individual model of car not only demonstrates just how widely this one vehicle makes it's impression on people but, it shows clearly how widely we individually can have an effect on people just through this one commonality.

As personal time constraints continue to become more restrictive I see that I am having more and more trouble dedicating time to this Newsletter endeavor. I have made many changes to how generating this newsletter works to streamline the process. Still the time crunch is becoming worse. Every time I miss a self-imposed deadline I am required to acknowledge that I am not living up to what I believe the club deserves from the Editor of this publication.

With that said I would like to find among our group someone who has the time and desire to take over the Newsletter Editor position. I will provide anyone who is willing to take this over at least one month's publication of assistance in learning the use of the templates I have created to make this more time friendly. No, I will not leave the club in a lurch without a Newsletter Editor. I am providing this information now in hopes that someone will step up to this before next spring.

So, what do you say folks? Want your name up in lights? Want to be in charge of a world renowned publication? (Okay that was a bit of an overstep) Always wanted to write your own opinion piece every month, on anything you want??? This Job can be yours, If the price is right. Think you can step up to FREE???? 

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club, Inc.

2016 Membership Form

Please take to meeting or mail to:

RMMC, P.O. Box 7102, Colorado Springs, CO 80933



PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ Spouse Email: _____

Spouse's name: _____ Children's names: _____

When did you join the RMMC? _____ How did you hear about the club? _____

Vehicle(s):

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

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YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

Do you have any talents? _____

What type of events do you enjoy? Popular Vote Show _____ Judged Show _____ Rallying _____ Cruising _____
Auto Crossing _____ Drag Racing _____ Road Course _____ Parades _____ Tours _____

What activities interest you? Public Relations _____ Club Relations _____ Programs/Meetings _____
Tech Presentations _____ Sponsor Development _____ Club Publications _____ Social Activities _____ Show Activities _____

Membership: The RMMC membership year runs from January 1 – December 31. **New members joining after January will have dues pro-rated at \$2.00 per month. Check or Cash ONLY.** Please make checks payable to RMMC.

Initial Membership: \$16.00 + Dues: \$2.00 per month _____ (pro-rated) = TOTAL: _____

Initial Membership reflects \$2.00 per month member dues, \$8.00 club insurance surcharge, \$8.00 initiation fee to include one club logo window sticker, one club logo patch, one club logo lapel pin, and RMMC name tag.

Renewal Membership: \$32.00 _____

Renewal Membership reflects \$24.00 member dues, and \$8.00 club insurance surcharge.

NOTE: Membership renewal is due yearly by the February club meeting. Late Renewal will result in additional \$10.00 fee.

Insurance Release Statement

I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers, Inc., its members, and any volunteers from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which might or does arise out of participation in any club sanctioned activity. I further attest that my automobile(s) in a club sponsored event is/are covered by liability insurance as per the requirements of the State of Colorado.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____ Your Insurance Company: _____

Information provided on this form is club confidential and not to be released without the club member's knowledge and permission