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From the Horse's Mouth

President's Forward

State of the Club

Greetings Mustangers!

Here we are in October embarking upon the holiday season. Along with the changes Fall brings, we too have experienced some changes, a shedding of leaves if you will. These changes sometimes are necessary in order to grow or renew. This gives us an opportunity to re-examine, reorganize and ask the questions; what kind of club are we? What is it I want out of being a member? I do not know about you, but I joined the club hoping for the chance to meet and socialize with likeminded folks who had a passion and love for cars, and specifically for the Ford Mustang. The club was supposed to be a social, charitable and fun club, but it seems we have veered off course somewhere along the way. Over the past months, the club has become a group full of rules, regulations and club politics. These things have caused us to lose new members, as well as, old valued members. I initially was reluctant to take on this new role as club President, but since I have this chance to address the membership and think about what to say, I have concluded that maybe the Universe knew that I would speak from my heart and say what needs saying, without reservation or malice. Mustangers, let's take advantage of this moment in time and get back to basics. In the coming weeks the board and I will propose changes that will help the club engage in more fun activities including, monthly club dinners, drives and community outreach. I would like to see less politics and more socializing at our gatherings. It is my belief that club business should be handled at the board meetings, which are open to any member. October's meeting will however focus on forming audit and election committees. In addition, please come prepared to nominate your candidate for the board. If you have any concerns, please submit it to a board member in writing. The new proposed bylaws were emailed to you for review on Wednesday. I hope everyone takes time to review these changes. We will vote at November's meeting on whether to pass the bylaws. Please feel free to submit suggestions on future fun activities and gatherings. I am excited about the possibilities the coming year holds and having Mustang Fun!

Peace & Blessings! LaRon 

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News & Current Events

Changing Times

Some may not be aware that we have undergone a change of leadership. Vonda and Steve Fowler have resigned their positions. LaRon has taken over the president's position and is looking to move the club forward with a new focus on the way we handle our club "business" and thereby a change in how membership meetings are handled. Briefly, she has taken a strong target at improving our inner club social time and our outward visibility to the local community. I am very interested in this new direction.

Time Change

As many of us are aware the time will be changing to Daylight savings time on Sunday night November 6th. Just a reminder.

The Holiday Season

I nearly caused myself injury writing those words. As we are now nearly half way through October, we should begin to prep for the most confusing of all times of the year. We are Mustangers, we can handle the strange mix of challenges and celebrations this season brings. Many of us will tuck our ponies away and some will not. We are, as a group, showing our love of our cars whether we tuck 'em away or mount up some snows or just sneak in a quick drive occasionally through the winter. Yep, Mustangers take it all in stride and each in their own way.

We Mustangers begin our close of the year by Nominating and Electing new officers for the coming year. I believe this makes these meetings among the very most important of the year. I strongly encourage each of you to be very proactive in your attendance and participation. Unlike the National Political climate I am certain we will accomplish this in an intelligent and courteous manner.

I must point out that it is of utmost importance that we all participate in these annual events. When we decide to not participate we take our own individual voices. Very sad when folks stifle themselves in the matters that most provide an opportunity to voice their opinions.



Chuck Wagons and Ho Downs

Calendar

OCTOBER

15-Monthly Club Meeting at IHOP Stetson Hills. Social Hour 5:30 Meeting 6:30 

22-Car Show/ SportClips Grand Opening 11:00-2:00 Lunch Provided 9673 Prominent Pt. Ross for Info

30-Time Attack and Drift PPIR Last one of the Season More Info PPIR.com

NOVEMBER

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

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

DECEMBER

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

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

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. *ed mps*

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

Mustangers,

There two important things that are happening at this month's meeting. The club needs to form an audit committee to go over the club's finances and the other is to get candidates for the election in November to fill the offices on next year's board. We will be asking for 2 members to volunteer for the audit committee and 2 members to volunteer to call eligible club members for the election.

I am asking that, if at all possible, you attend this month's meeting and to give consideration to running for a board position. This is your club and it needs your participation in order to function. This year's remaining board is starting to change the direction of the club but in order for this to happen we need members to volunteer to help.

The changes LaRon is proposing are good ones. Doing the major club business at the board meetings and using the club meeting for socialization and enjoying our Mustangs are both ways to make the club into a more fun organization.

Thanks,

Ross



Thanks for this Ross...so important for all to be involved ed...mps

I received this very interesting/scary item from Hap

Breaking Brakes

Marc,

Here is a little personal experience note

Beware of Wilwood brake kits.

I put one of these kits on my '65 Mustang late last year and have had problems with the metallurgy of the disk/hub assemble. This broke up into pieces in one case during an autocross run and was on its way out when caught on the other side. Seems the metal inside the hub where you seat your roller bearings comes off over time. These little shavings mix with the grease and get into the roller bearings seizing the rollers up in their races. Then you have the entire bearing trying to spin inside the hub. This then creates clearance so that the disks wobble. This can be noticed by the car starting to have worse handling and a soft initial brake feel. Stripped the whole thing down and installed new NAPA rotors and bearings after cleaning thoroughly. Problem has now gone away and the car performs as it used to prior to the Wilwood kit being installed. No warranty of course on the parts even though problem developed before a year was up (7 months). I have retained the Wilwood calipers for now.

Upon talking to several people in the SCCA who autocross and had added the Wilwood disk brake kit I also learned I have not been the only one bitten by this. Several others had experienced problems with their kits and one report was that the caliper body also would flex. Needless to say I have been very disappointed in this kit and just wanted to warn others in our club that may be thinking of buying one and those that already may have a kit on their car.

Hap Schadler



Thank You Hap. I had no Idea, always heard they were "the best". So glad to have saved my money ed...mps

Heard in the Herd

2016 Color Tour

Every year when the local TV stations start showing the pictures of the fall colors sent in by viewers I have to resist temptation. I really want to submit a picture showing our Mustangs on the color tour! After all it is fall and they are colorful and this year was no exception.



Six Mustangs and one SUV from the club gathered in the Sam's parking lot on South Academy to head south to Florence. Greg Perry and Pam Allred's pony is still suffering from electrical gremlins hence the need to drive the SUV. Other members on the tour were LaRon and Aaron Cosley, Reed and Linda Hiltermann, Rex and Amanda Hiltermann, Steve and Claudia Niebergall, Hap Schadler and Sara Sugrue, Marc and Brian Schips, and Ross and Dotty Schwyhart.

In Florence we met up with some members from the Southern Colorado Mustang club who were scouting out the route for their color tour. The parking lot was rather full as there was a group of Harleys who were headed along the same route as us. There was some good natured ribbing about the slow Mustangs holding up the bikes.



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More from the Herd

After a short pit stop we headed out on Highway 67 to pick up Highway 165 which took us to our next stop at Lake Isabel. The colors on the northern end of the park much more vivid, slowing fading back into greens the further south we travelled.



We headed east through Colorado City to connect with Interstate 25 for the trip to Walsenburg. After a stop for something to drink and a call to let the Woods know we were on our way our group headed west on Highway 160 toward La Veta pass. After a short drive we arrived at the dirt road leading to Mary and Greg’s house where the folks from the Southern Colorado Mustang club left us.



The members were treated to some wonderful hospitality, beautiful scenery, and some great food by the Woods. It was a good time to get to know each other better and to appreciate the effort it takes for the Woods to come to club meetings!

Many thanks to Reed Hiltermann for planning the route and to Mary and Greg Woods for opening up their house and feeding us! [Ross](#)  *Thank You Ross Still bummed that I missed this 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.

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| 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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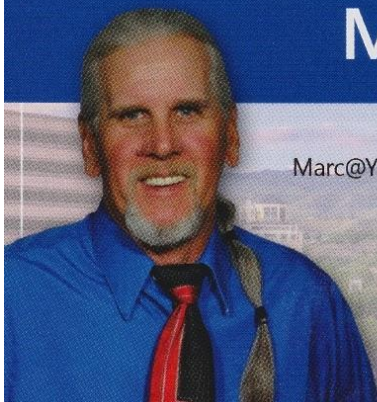
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Club Code of Conduct

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.

2016 Board of Directors

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Editorials - Found on the Trail

Realignment

Realignment is a term that we all know too well. Living in the Rocky Mountain west and more specifically El Paso County, realignment is a constant challenge to keep our Ponies tracking correctly down the road. While this is a current automotive concern for us all, we all have watched our club go through the beginnings of what some might call a shake-up but, I am seeing that this is simple maintenance, a realignment.


Over the last couple of years we have all felt the rough ride of our club in need of a return to basics or a realignment. Many have tried to bring forward some way of getting that done. Sadly this has created what at times can only be termed a rough ride. For the first time in my time with the club I am privileged to see the newness of a bold plan that may well be the direction we have needed for some time.

We each and every one must step up and participate to aid in the fruition of this new beginning. LaRon stepped in to fill some shoes that have proven to be difficult to fill. She had expressed concern about this new commitment before taking it on. Who could blame her considering the results of the recent attempts to resolve a simple update of our rather simple set of By-Laws. I must say LaRon has boldly, despite concerns, stepped into a commitment that nearly every member of the club has avoided in the last couple of years. Much RESPECT. I have read her big picture ideas. I know some may be concerned. I know some may think it can't work. I will say this, it is time for ALL of us as a club to step up and put on our Big Boy and Big Girl Pants and actually get involved. Try something new, take a chance, make a commitment, provide support, be an active member looking forward and know that our Fifty-One year old marque deserves our best. That is how Ford has looked at it's commitment to successfully building and selling these cars for over five decades. If we can't take some simple steps of commitment are we even worthy of the cars we say we love?

Read the new By-Laws proposal. Consider the positive qualities. Evaluate the negatives. Consider the big picture. Ask yourself, "Do the positives outweigh the negatives?" "Are these changes sufficient to make our club better?" "Are they a step forward?"

I have read this proposed set of new By-Laws several times through. I believe they are the best of any of the recent proposed changes. They are not perfect, neither am I (I Checked, I still cannot walk on water). I find the negatives within this proposal to be minor and readily resolvable. If we do not pass them we make ZERO forward progress. In fact, I would suggest we would slide farther backwards than we already have.

Changing gears. We are all being asked to participate in the nominating process of our Board Members for next year. Come to the meeting. Give yourself the right to complain if it does not go well. If you do not participate you have not earned the privilege to complain about shortcomings. Participation provides us the privilege to Brag some or Complain some. Come earn your Privilege.

This will be the most important meeting of our club I will have ever had the privilege to attend. We can take the first steps to go forward. These steps are in front of us, offered up to be consumed or thrown out. It is up to US, not "them or they". 

Road Apples are Either Fertilizer or Poo... IMHO Marc Short

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 _____

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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