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## From the Horse's Mouth

### Vonda's View

Happy Birthday Mustang,

This is the month we celebrate the birthday of the Mustang. We are having our annual celebration with Phil Long Ford of Motor City on Saturday, April 16, at the dealership. We will meet and get lined up to arrive at the dealership to show off our cars. Phil Long Ford has been making a lot of construction changes to their showroom and it looks great. They will be providing us with a catered lunch and we will start the meeting at 1 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Reed has set up a cruise and picnic for Sunday, April 17, the National Mustang Day.

Spring is here and May looks to be a busy month as the car show season begins with the 1st and Main shows on the first Saturday of the month, the annual Abby show in Canon City and the American Muscle Car Show on N. Nevada.

The Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup is just around the corner. We need volunteers to assist with judging, registration, and parking. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help.

We will be having our May board meeting at Phil Long Ford of Motor City again.

Cya at the meeting,  
Vonda 

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You're Invited!  
To THE BIRTHDAY PARTY!  
(And the After Party)

### The Party

When: Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Where: Phil Long Ford Motor City

#### The Details:

- 8:30am Meet at The Hobby Lobby Parking Lot on S 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Stage and Organize
- 9:30 Begin Groups Driving to PLF for Show Parking. (Terry Meyers will co-ordinate Stage-Park)
- 10:00 Once all Parked...Social time, Show & Tell (One that Got Away Stories I'd Bet!) Relax!
- 11:30 Phil Long will Treat us to Lunch and Desert (FOOD..A Favorite Topic of Most Mustangers)
- 1:00 Beginning of the April Club Meeting (Phil Long Ford will be Supplementing the Raffle)

**\*\*NOTE: Other than 8:30, ALL times are based on Estimated Mustangers' Internal Timekeeping\*\***

### The "After Party"

When: Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Where: IT'S A Cruise!!! (A to B, X to Y, Hither to Yon)

#### The Details:

**On Sunday, April 17th we have planned a cruise to Castlewood Canyon State Park.**

9:00 – 9:30 Meet at Rampart Range Campus, Pikes Peak Community College  
Off of Interquest Parkway (11195 Hwy 83 Just West of Powers & 83)

9:30am. Begin the Cruise to Castlewood State Park (Cost is \$7.00 per Car entry Fee at the Gate)  
Once we reach the park you are welcome to recreate and picnic to your hearts content.

**\*\*NOTE: We will not have access to the pavilions, so bring tables, chairs, blankets, etc...\*\***





## *Heard in the Herd*

### Is it real or is it Memorex?

While I was in Mexico on a business trip I came upon this little Mustang II at a car show and after seeing it I have always wondered "Is it real or..."?



Shelby was never one to pass up the chance to make a buck so when Mexican businessman Eduardo Velasquez approached him about becoming a Shelby parts distributor in Mexico and Carroll said yes. That deal turned into Shelby de Mexico. The idea was to sell "Mexican Shellbys" based on notchback Mustang GTs made in Mexico and sold through Mexican Ford dealerships. In the beginning Velasquez sold Shelby parts to local Ford dealers out of the back of his VW bus to get the business started. He had already purchased a 1965 coupe intending to race it and had sent it to California to have it modified by adding practically all of the parts Shelby offered. This is what led to his meeting with Carroll.

Production started in 1967 and has been documented until 1973. Numbers were never very large, 169 in 1967, 203 in 1968, and 306 in 1969. These cars did not receive a Shelby VIN tag and since they were modified by Shelby de Mexico. They are very hard to verify without a strong paper trail. The cars received the typical Shelby add-ons such as the fiberglass body parts, sequential tail lights, Shelby 10 spoke wheels, and heavy duty Mexican suspension parts. Engines were equipped with tri-y headers, dual point distributors, a Cobra intake manifold with 750 cfm carburetor, and the Shelby engine dress-up package. *continued on pg4*

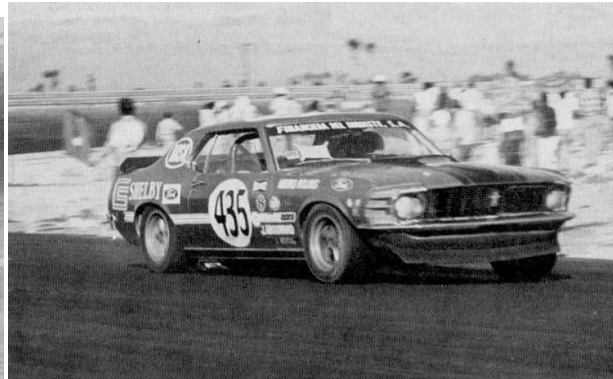
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The 1969 cars were a mixed bag due to changes in sales policies. Customers were now able to pick and choose what they wanted. With that being said these Mexican Shelybs are all different and therefore even harder to document. There were 3 hood styles and the choice to have stock tail lights or the sequential ones. All had roof extensions and vinyl roofs.

There were no 1970 models but in 1971 Shelby de Mexico produced a GT351 powered by a 351 Windsor and a Shelby Maverick powered by a 302. There were no performance modifications made to the cars. Again production numbers were small approximately 300 Mavericks and 200 GT351's. Both notchback and sport roof Mustangs were modified. The cars were equipped with the typical Shelby emblems, wheels, and engine pieces and the Mavericks were equipped with a hood mounted tach and Boss 429 style scoop.



Shelby de Mexico also raced their cars. In the beginning a '66 and '67 both built by Shelby America and they received technical help from America as well. The racing branch was very successful in Mexico and in 1969 they created their own car with a 377 cubic inch engine with 450 hp @ 7000 rpm with the help from the man himself!



When Shelby sold the Cobra name to Ford he could no longer sell parts labeled "Cobra" in the US but he could through Shelby de Mexico and he sold a great deal this way. This no doubt helped him in his "retirement".

In 1974 when the Mustang II was introduced there was no V-8 but that was not the case in Mexico. When it came time to put the 302 into the Mustang II Mexico helped get the project up and running in the US. Just to add insult to injury '74 Mustang IIs had available 302s with toploader 4 speeds while US Mustangs when they got the V8 in '75 could only be had with a C4 automatic! So with that plus the lax documentation of Shelby de Mexico I wonder... "Is it real or is it Memorex?!" You decide. Submitted by Ross Schwyhart

(Many Thanks to Ross for the Wealth of information you provide this publication!! Ed.)

**Want Your Name Up in Lights ? Write and submit an Article/Story. Fact or Fiction, Just for Fun Very Serious. Have your Say (Just stay within the Editorial Bounds)**



## Chuck Wagons and Ho Downs

### Calendar

#### April

**16**-The **Mustang** birthday party and Club Meeting at Phil Long Ford in Motor City

**17**-NPD Mustang Day cruise to Castlewood Pines State Park. Meet at the north campus of PPCC off of Interquest Parkway to leave at **9:30** am

**On Saturday, April 30th we have our Dyno Day at RMCR.** I must pay a deposit of \$200 to RMCR before Friday April 15th. If we have less than 10 cars to run, the cost per car will be \$50, with 10 or more cars, the cost will be \$45 per car. The release form and other information is available at [rmcrperformance.com](http://rmcrperformance.com). I need a deposit of \$20 from everyone who intends to run a car on the dyno. Please call me at 719-229-8787 to arrange payment of your deposit.

Thanks,  
Reed

#### MAY

**1**-Time Attack at PPIR. Information at [www.ppir.com](http://www.ppir.com)

**7**-First and Main Car Show Meet at Mimi's parking lot to leave at **7:30** am

**21**-Cruise to VMCCA Car Show in Canon City. Meet at the north side parking lot at PPCC off South Academy to leave at **8:00** am Information at [www.canoncity.com](http://www.canoncity.com)

**21**-Club Meeting at Mimi's at **6:30** pm.

**22**-Cruise to the Florence Car Show. Meet at the north side parking lot of PPCC off of South Academy to leave at **8:00** am Info at [www.florencemerchants.org](http://www.florencemerchants.org)

**28**-Time Attack at PPIR Info at [www.ppir.com](http://www.ppir.com)

**29**-Time Attack at PPIR. Info at [www.ppir.com](http://www.ppir.com)

#### 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, hope 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.



28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup  
June 16-19, 2016  
Register online:

[www.rockymountainmustangroundup.org](http://www.rockymountainmustangroundup.org)

## 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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**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

Why *you* should join The Mustang Club of America.

This is the opening line on the MCA website. The club was started in 1976 by four enthusiasts in Stone Mountain Park, Georgia on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They wanted to form a club for other Mustang enthusiasts so they placed an ad in the local paper. A few weeks later, ten people showed up for the first organizational meeting. On April 11<sup>th</sup> (why not on the 17<sup>th</sup>) the first official meeting was held. By the second meeting, in May, more than 100 people showed up. In August they held their first car show with more than 100 entries from 20 states. By this time membership was over 250 members.

MCA then goes on to tell you the benefits of being a member. It also lists the price to be a member. For \$50 you get one year, with a small savings for multiple years purchased at one time, up to \$50 for a five-year membership.

The benefits...well... you do get a twelve-month subscription to the Mustang Times, the "official club publication" and, two windshield decals. There are a lot more benefits for members, but I was able to find the same "benefits" on-line just by searching. I also found old copies of the Mustang Times.

The Mustang Club of America does have an estimated 12,000 members from over 170 clubs. These clubs total more than 40,000 members. That's more than 250 members *PER CLUB*. MCA has these clubs organize car shows in different areas and puts their name on the headlines. It appears MCA's main goal is to get the glory while they recruit members.

Please keep in mind that I am not against MCA but, I am not really for it either. In the early 1980's I was a member of the Mustang Club of California (local Visalia club) and one of the requirements was to join MCA. I was a young college student working full time with my first Mustang, a 1979 coupe. I joined, went to two meetings and realized I was an outsider. I didn't have a classic, I was very young and I knew no one there. My taste for both clubs was soured and I never went back. I was not in a club, until 2003, when I started the Countryside Mustang Club in Fountain. A few years later, with no more members in the club, I joined the Mustangers.

The talk of we Mustangers joining MCA was brought up at a recent meeting. A few members belong to both clubs and there seemed to be mixed emotions from those members. It appears there is nothing to gain from joining MCA as a club. If there were real benefits, such as MCA sponsoring ANY part of a car show, or providing great daily insurance or while at shows for our babies then maybe I could see joining. Yea, at this time...not so much.

An observation by Greg Perry



## More RoadApples

Final Thoughts...

As of this writing the Long Range Forecasts are painting a gloomy picture for our Birthday Party weekend. It occurs to me I haven't heard a master back up plan for that contingency, only a possible plan for rain.

I found Greg's Observation very insightful. It made me think. Assuming that, we as a club aspire to leave a club behind to the "next generation", as they say. The things we consider as a club that would substantially increase the cost of membership may be an impediment to that future. On the other side, maybe we need to get tuned into what that future membership finds important in an Enthusiasts Club. The other thing I took away was that as presented it was suggested that the "Club membership to MCA would have to be 100%". Yet, I noticed that Greg discovered current participating clubs only sport about a 33% membership to MCA. HMMM???

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 \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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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**



