



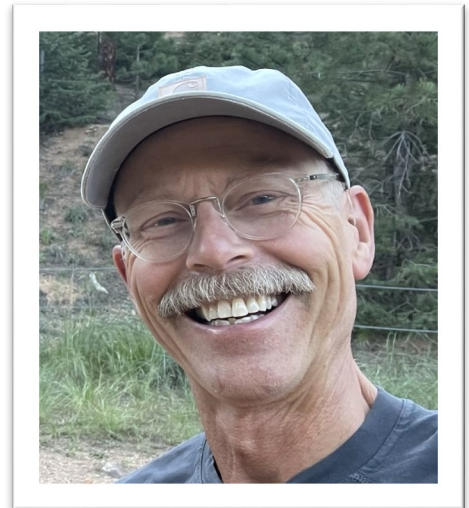
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From the Editor

JULY 2024

Dear Mustangers,

July is shaping up to be a busy month—we have our annual picnic to attend (thank you, Lynn!) as well as Rosie’s Diner’s Car Show. If you haven’t had a chance to attend or participate in Rosie’s Car Show, I would highly recommend it for a number of reasons: first, they are a long-time club sponsor, second, they provide a live surf band (think “The Beach Boys”, or “Jan and Dean”) AND breakfast and lunch. What a deal! Plus it’s a fundraiser for a good cause.



So sign up if you haven’t already and get ready for a good time. Next weekend is Cars and Coffee at University Village. Attendance has been growing as the weather has gotten better. Lots of Corvettes, Camaros, and Mopar, so let’s get some Mustangs out there (Janie and George represented in June with their Mach 1. Janie, can’t wait to see the new convertible!).

Remember, July is Drive Your Mustang Month! (I just made that up, but please do drive your Mustang—it will put a smile on your face). Happy Driving!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

UPCOMING CLUB AND NON CLUB EVENTS

Blue: Club Board Meeting

Green: Monthly Club Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Board Meeting, Phil Long at 6:30 in the Conference Room—Wednesday, July 3rd. July Member Meeting on July 21st at the Annual Picnic.

EVENTS: Club and Non-Club

July 2024 Club Meeting and Picnic: Sunday July 21st. For Details contact Lynn at murflynn222@gmail.com

July 6, 2024 - CARS 'N COFFEE, University Village Colorado, 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO <https://www.uvcshopping.com/>

July 12-13, 2024 - Thunder in the Valley Cruise and Car Show, Metcalf Park - Fountain, CO <http://www.thunderinthevalleyshow.com/calendar>

August 10, 2024 - Colorado Springs Corvette Club Maroone Car Show, Mike Maroone Chevrolet North, Colorado Springs, CO <https://www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org/Corvette.html>

August 18, 2024 - Monument Car Show - Tri Lakes Cruisers, Monument, CO <https://www.trilakescruisers.com>

August 22-25, 2024 - HOT ROD ROCK & RUMBLE 2022, Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain, CO <https://hotrodrock.com>

Get more information on events at www.mustangers.com.

Cruise Controller: Interested? Contact the Board! (cruisecontroller@mustangers.com) with assistance from Joel Newcomer (treasurer@mustangers.com).



Memories of a Car Guy *by Hap Schadler*

[Editor's Note: This is Part Fourteen of a serial article by one of our own club members, Hap Schadler, chronicling his love of the automobile and some of the many interesting cars he has owned. When we left Hap in the June 2024 issue he had his eye on acquiring a Cobra . . .]

Pat a friend of ours had recently purchased a '95 Cobra convertible with the removable hard-top and started to autocross it with some success. We soon wanted to get one as well. This new fox body Cobra was initially hard to get and the '96 proved even more so with the DOHC 4.6 engine that now made 300 Hp. I started to check the newspaper's car advertisements and happened upon one that was for sale on the north side of town. It had recently been purchased by a couple that were nurses and other than a trip out and back to California was practically new. They unfortunately had decided to take jobs overseas in Saudi Arabia for a three year tour and were leaving within the next month. They had decided to sell the car rather than try to store it during this period. The Car was lovely with a black exterior and a tan leather interior. It even had the pace car hoop behind the driver's seats which looked neat, but was not an effective roll bar. Besides the DOHC 4.6 engine the car had a five speed manual transmission, the Cobra suspension, power disk brakes and steering, air conditioning, and a lot of other nice amenities. We were able to negotiate a great price for this car due to the couple's circumstances and added it as Sara's new daily driver and autocross car.



This unfortunately meant we would have to part ways with the '85 GT convertible. It had been a great car and apart from some jetting issues with the carburetor when we first came to Colorado had been dependable and a fun autocross car. In the over 150,000 miles we had driven it we hadn't even had to replace the clutch. It had also been a lucky car for Sara who talked her way out of a couple of tickets while driving it in Colorado. Since the car was registered in my name and she still had her Texas license (continued on next page)

Memories of a Car Guy (continued)

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with her ex-husband's last name she was able to plead ignorance of the local speed limits by claiming she had borrowed the car from her boyfriend during a visit from Texas. The car went to a good home as it was purchased by our friend John who worked for my company in Oklahoma City. He had heard from Bruce how well we took care of cars and bought the '85 GT convertible sight unseen, flew up to Denver where Bruce picked him up, and then picked up the car and drove it back to Oklahoma City. He held on to the car and drove it until 2019 when he finally sold it to a Texan for more than he'd paid us for it. It made the drive back to Texas and still hadn't had the clutch replaced.

I had been running around the West in the company Topaz and after the blizzard experience was pretty fearless on where I'd take it. On one trip out to Telluride I decided to take a short cut back to Ouray over Imogene pass. This was in the early fall and the leaves up the first part of the pass made colored tunnels that I passed through. As I got above tree line things became progressively tougher as the road became treacherous where water had washed parts out. I finally approached the old ghost town towards the top of the pass as a Jeep with a V8 conversion came alongside me. Its driver congratulated me for getting that far up the pass in my car and then headed down towards Telluride. I soldiered up the path the road had become until it went down into a little depression and then headed back up towards the top of the pass. The Topaz went down into the depression, but then would not go up the following grade. It just sat there while I revved the engine. I thought maybe I had damaged the transmission and got out and inspected the car. Everything looked fine so I got back in and backed up and tried again with a little more speed. The car still couldn't do the grade. I finally figured between the auto transmission, the cars gearing, and the altitude I wasn't going to be able to make the grade. I tried my last option which was to turn the car around and try to back up the grade figuring I might have a little more gearing that way. Still no luck. So I resigned myself to the fact that Imogene pass had beaten me and headed back down to Telluride and the long drive to Ouray.

Around this time my last company Topaz had finally reached its mileage limit and was purchased by my daughter to replace the LTD2. The LTD2 was left with her father in Michigan and continued its long life until it was well over 200,000 miles. This let me move on to my next company vehicle which was a Black manual transmission 4WD Ford Explorer with the 4.0 V6 engine. This was a great vehicle for use in Colorado for a field Salesman and it took me on many trips through the Dakotas, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, and Western Colorado. It would prove to be a key piece of an anniversary trip Sara and I took to explore Western Colorado. For years I had driven all over Colorado on trips to see my Company's customers and had driven past many spots which I would have liked to have seen, but had never had the time to stop at. Sara made the suggestion that for our 15th anniversary we take a week off and drive to all the neat places I had always had to pass by on my trips. We packed up the Explorer with our bags and several coolers full of wine, sodas, and picnic goodies and headed out south down I-25.

[to be continued in August. . . .]

PROTON COMPETITION, FORD PERFORMANCE ON LE MANS PODIUM IN MUSTANG GT3 DEBUT

June 16, 2024 | Lemans, France

LE MANS, FRANCE, June 16, 2024 – Sixty years after Ford Mustang's first win in the legendary Tour de France, Mustang GT3 delivered a third-place result as well as having all three cars finish the iconic 24 Hours of Le Mans. In the toughest endurance sports car race in the FIA World Endurance Championship calendar, the Mustang GT3 took on the ultimate challenge and delivered in some of the toughest conditions in recent memory at the famous Circuit de la Sarthe.

All three Mustang GT3's finished the race with the No. 88 of Dennis Olsen, Giorgio Roda, and Mikkel O. Pedersen crossing the finish line third in the LMGT3 category. The No. 44 driven by Christopher Mies, John Hartshorne, and Ben Tuck finished in fourth place.

"Today's podium performance shows that Mustang can come and compete on the global stage against the best sports cars in the world," said Mark Rushbrook, Global Director of Ford Performance Motorsports. "It is such a fantastic feeling to be able to do it in the first outing for Mustang at Le Mans. It's a great testament to our company, our employees and all our fans who are celebrating Mustang's 60th anniversary this year and all the great partners we have with Proton Competition, M-Sport and Multimatic Motorsports. We're racing and winning all around the world, but to have a podium here at Le Mans is such a special moment."



"It's always great to be on the podium and especially at Le Mans," said Christian Ried, Proton Competition Team Principal. "But also, in the first year of a new car, and in the 60th Anniversary of Mustang, there are just so many things that came together to make today possible. It's unbelievable. We saw that this was a good car at its debut in Daytona, and we've since taken all the steps in order to make this work in its first season. From Daytona, Sebring and Long Beach, to Qatar, Imola and Spa, we felt like we could bring a car here after those six months that could fight for the win. To finish on the podium in third is amazing. I'm proud of everyone."

The No. 88 endured early challenges but showed resiliency throughout the race. Olsen climbed 13 places in the first hour of action to fourth place in a great display of speed and race craft. From there, the team consistently competed within the class's top-10, capitalizing on a pit strategy that helped to propel the Mustang GT3 into the top-five throughout the race. A steady pace around Circuit de la Sarthe's 13.626 km (8.467 mi) circuit eventually delivered a place on the podium.

"I'm over the moon with this result," said Larry Holt, the Executive Vice President of Multimatic Special Vehicle Operations Group. "Le Mans is the biggest sportscar racing challenge in the world. I've had some great results here and I've also had some bad years here and I have to say that this is right up there with the greats."

"It wasn't a win but a third-place podium, followed by a fourth place and total reliability gives us a lot to be happy about. We've engineered this car over the past 18 months and run it since Daytona. We've had ups and downs but when we ran at Le Mans last Sunday, I knew that it was going to be good."

While the No. 77 of Ryan Hardwick, Ben Barker, and Zacharie Robichon experienced early challenges on the track during the race, their Mustang GT3 also shared in the overall team success. Barker recorded the fastest qualifying lap on Thursday, advancing to the Hyperpole. This marked the first Hyperpole by Mustang GT3 after four rounds of WEC racing so far in 2024.

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RMMR WINNERS!

Even though I was unable to attend the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup this year, Evelyn Lowry reached out to let me know that we had several club members that were car show winners:

***Stew Harding**

***Paul Huffman**

***Curt Mitchell**

Since these folks all own multiple Mustangs, let me know which Mustang was the winner and I'll put it in the next issue. Also, if any other club member won or placed, in the show or auto-cross, let me know as well. We want to recognize them!



ROSIE'S DINER CAR SHOW!



Rosie's Diner, one of our long-time club sponsors, is holding their annual car show on Sunday, July 28th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with participant parking from 7—9 a.m. Registration is \$30 and includes a FREE pancake breakfast with beverage between 7—9 a.m. in the diner! Rosie's will also treat each participant and one guest to a FREE lunch with soda outside the grill at 12 noon!

All proceeds from the show go to benefit "Brad's House", a local at risk youth assistance home in the Tri Lakes community benefiting youth 9 to 16 years of age. So come out and support this good cause and one of our sponsors!

Go to:

<https://eatatrosies.com/car-show/>

to download the entry form and for more details.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSTANGERS SUMMER PICNIC!

Hi there – this is Lynn Murphy, your Summer Picnic Coordinator!

We are getting close to our July 21 annual picnic! I need to make arrangements way ahead of time for the ordering of the main food items and drinks. I have provided a list of items I need comments on from YOU, the membership!

1. How many will be attending?
2. Are you providing a side dish – Salad, Hot Dish, Desert Appetizer Other?
3. What is your choice of Meat? Beef Brisket? Turkey? Chicken ? Pulled Pork? or 'OTHER'

If 'OTHER' please list your preference.

There will be live music and games (Corn Hole)!

The club will provide cold drinks and water!



**Please respond to:
murflynn222@gmail.com
ASAP!**

RMMC LOGO WEAR FROM ALL AMERICAN SPORTS

If you want to get club gear (i.e., shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, ball caps, etc.) printed with the RMMC logos, contact Leslie Fecteau (719-574-4400) at **All American Sports** to schedule an appointment. She is in charge of all club apparel and screen printing. You can select from the existing racks to find something you like; but if it is not in your size/color, she can order it. She already has all the RMMC logos and can usually get your gear ordered and printed within a week. Get your club gear and proudly display our RMMC logos at all car club events.

Respectfully submitted, George Harris



Raffle!

The Raffle at the RMMC meetings is now more exciting with all new inventory to choose from. There is a lot of stuff for your garage, along with mustang signs, t-shirts, mugs, miniature cars, books, and more. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Come to the monthly meetings, buy your tickets, and support your club! All the non-winning raffle tickets will be reused for a cash drawing at the Annual Christmas Party!



Raffle Master, Janie Harris



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSTANG CLUB**JUNE 8TH, 2024**

Meeting was called to order @ 4:30 PM

Treasury report and secretary minutes were read.

Guest was Ron Germain, Pat Germain's Dad.

Reed advised of RMMR coming up on Thursday, June 13th and they need volunteers to help set up the autocross course. Meet at PPPIR. On Friday June 14th they will need help with autocross as well. Be there by 9:00 AM. They need fifteen to twenty people. On Saturday June 15th, for the Show 'N' Shine they will need help judging vehicles. If interested please proceed to the white tent and let them know you are there to help judge vehicles. Any club members attending RMMR in Cripple Creek and would like to caravan together, please meet Reed at Hobby Lobby on 8th Street for a 4:00 departure time.

Reed updated club members on upcoming car shows.

Dave mentioned the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Fan Fest and discussed the possibility the club goes as a group.

Chris Batiste will no longer be able to be Cruise Controller. Email will be sent out for volunteers.

Lynn updated the club on the picnic in July. At this time there are 50 people signed up. The barbeque meat she will be ordering is, Turkey, pulled pork & brisket. Dave made a motion to vote on the club spending \$800 on the picnic. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Dave asked members to think about upcoming events, the coffin races, garage tour, fall color tours and any other events members would like to do.

Rosie's Diner car show is on Saturday July 28th. Registration is \$30. You and a guest will receive a pancake breakfast. They would also like to have help parking cars.

Cars and parts were announced.

The raffle was done.

Meeting adjourned @ 5:10 PM

Membership Form

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club
 2024 Membership Form
 Please bring to a meeting or mail to:
 RMMC, P.O. Box 7102, Colorado Springs, CO 80933



PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

For renewing members check this box if there are no changes from your 2023 information.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Mustang(s):

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

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 Please pay by cash or check ONLY. Make checks payable to RMMC.

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Renewal Family Membership (\$50.00) _____

Initial Single Membership (\$50.00) _____

Renewal Single Membership (\$40.00) _____

Honorary Membership (\$30.00) _____

NOTE: Membership renewal is due yearly by the February club meeting.
This form must be signed and dated.

Insurance Release Statement

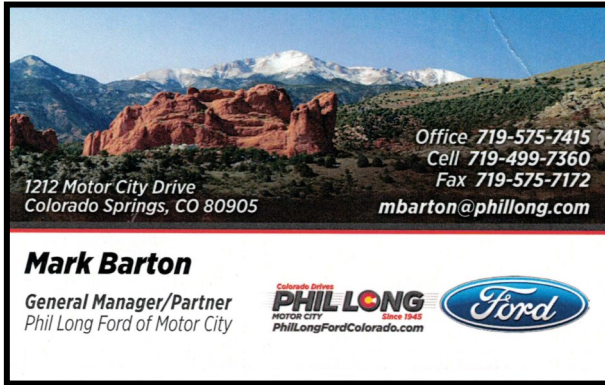
I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers, Inc., its members, and any volunteers from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which might or does arise out of participation 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: _____

Name of your Insurance Company: _____

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

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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.

