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Marc's Remarks

Marc's Remarks" or "Presidential Ponderances." When I wrote the first one of these I had no idea what to call my articles. One of the above will win out. Whatcha think? Got a preference?

June has been a very crazy month. RMMR happened and, for some, took a whole week of commitment. RMMC members that participated enjoyed a nice share of success in the events of the week, both in performance events and in the Car Show that is the culmination of a near overdose of "Mustang Love."

I for one simply could not take an entire week away from our family's budding car sales business. This new local venue provided the opportunity for me to participate in my favorite event, the Autocross where I ran a trophy winning sixth from a class of nearly 30. Mr. Hap Schadler grabbed a first-place trophy in his autocross endeavors during the event. Shannon Short (my daughter) took the second-place trophy in the huge "Open" Fox Body Stock class. For those of you not in the world of autocross the open class is considered the "Men's Class." Her time in that class gave her the non-Trophy distinction of being the Fastest Female Driver in the Autocross Event. Brandon Short, (Yup, my son), snagged the Second-place trophy in a Street prepared class. Today, I am One Proud Papa.

Others who Grabbed Trophies from Our RMMC group include past President Pat Germain who was recognized for his excellent restoration work on his 1970 Mach 1. I should have recorded all of our Club members who grabbed some of the glory of the week. Alas, I didn't and I am hoping all of you I didn't mention will contribute a write up about your achievements and experiences through the week. I am always amazed at the depth of our club members' expertise, experience and devotion; we are an eclectic group of Over-Achievers.

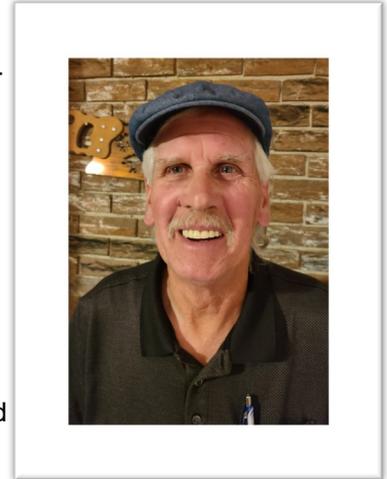
With the RMMR being right here in our 'backyard' I would like to encourage all of you to find your way clear to step up next year, even if only for one day during the week and get involved. I find the whole event to be invigorating despite the fact that it challenges me to relive the energy of my youth.

Win, lose, draw, or anything else, we become so much more than ourselves when we are together and involved with our RMMC family and the Mustangs we all find near and dear. My hat is off to you all. You make me better merely by association. I endeavor to make sure it is always a two-way street.

July looks to be interesting at the least as always it begins with The 4th of July, Independence Day. Living in the country on acreage I always work hard to be certain our place is well mowed previous to the fireworks that happen whether legal or otherwise. Fire prevention and control are top of my mind. I suggest you mow and prep as well, no matter where you live. Be safe Mustangers! Then we have our Annual picnic scheduled for the 17th in Metcalf Park in Fountain, CO. While the food question is not fully settled, I believe we have a plan as of this writing. We have discussed an informal car show but whether we do something to make it more formal or not is still in limbo. As of this writing I am hoping for a couple of weekend cruises that I could attend. Work is still a Four-Letter-Word.

Eat Well, Drive Well. Mustangers One and All.

—Marc



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2021

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 2021

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 EVENTS

Blue: Club Board Meeting

Green: Monthly Club Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m., is our next Board Meeting at Phil Long Ford. Sunday, July 17th is our PICNIC/Club Meeting at the Gazebo at Metcalfe Park, 618 E Ohio Ave, Fountain CO 80817. Hope to see you there!

EVENTS:

July 2-4th—Rocky Mtn Autocross, PPIR

July 3rd— SCCA RM Solo

July 11th—PPIR Track Attack

July 17-18—EVO Driving School

July 17—Club Picnic, 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

July 23 - 25th—MCA National Show
Kansas City

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

2019 Mustanger Picnic at Metcalfe Park



2006 Ford Mustang Shelby GT-H

Specifications:

Engine - All aluminum 4.6-liter SOHC V-8 3V

Transmission: 5-speed automatic only (Remember, it's a rental car!)

Power: 325 horsepower and 320 lb-ft of torque

Performance: 0-60 in 5.0 seconds

Base Price: Unknown. Used GT-H's were sold at auction

For 2006, Ford and Hertz decided to recreate the magic of the "Rent-A-Racer" of the mid-sixties. 500 coupes were built by Ford and rented out through Hertz. All were black with gold stripes. The Ford Racing catalog was used to spice up performance; the FR1 Power Pack added a 90mm air intake, recalibrated tune, and a tuned cat-back exhaust system. Handling was improved using the FR3 Handling Pack's lowering springs, sway bars, strut tower brace, and tuned dampers. The Shelby-unique look was provided through side scoops, hood pins, a unique hood design, and a brushed aluminum grill. "Shelby GT-H" showed up on the door sills, the gold rocker stripes and fender emblems. A special dash plaque with Shelby's signature and car number finished off the look. The 2007 GT-H came as a convertible with a production run of 500. The GT-H spawned the '07 and '08 Shelby GT that could be purchased by the public through the Ford dealer network.



Mustanger Member Profile

This Month's Members: Marc and Cathy Short

How long have you been a club member?

Great question, Officially I probably joined in 2015. My first affiliation with the club was back in 1976, when I almost joined but a life event prevented that. I attended meetings for a couple of years without being an Official Member for 2 years before joining as I was helping Brandon Short with the running of the Autocross for the RMMR.

What's your hometown?

Roanoke, Virginia

How long have you been in Colorado?

Since February 1965. Military Brat status causes many changes.

How long have you been a Mustang fan?

Since 1967. I never really cared for the tail of the 65/66 cars. I just thought the taillights gave the whole car a thrown together look. Early in 67 we lived on base and a neighbor bought a 67 coupe in pale Yellow. I saw the tail-end, and that just tipped the scale hard toward having a passion for Mustangs. My dad being a "Ford Guy" might have added to that.

What's your current Mustang?

I bought my first Mustang from my Dad for \$350 in 1976. I still have that first Mustang, a 67 V8 Convertible with Deluxe Exterior Trim. You would never know that to see the car today, as it is now a nearly full-blown CP SCCA car that needs a serious update to once again be competitive. I also have an '08 Mustang BULLITT, car # 2750. Due to the 67 being so expensive to field I currently autocross the BULLITT. It is almost completely stock and is simply a wonderfully enjoyable car to drive both on street and track.

What's your dream Mustang?

That dream is ever evolving. It has changed constantly over the years, I sort of stay current, or truthfully a few years behind. Most recently it was a "new" 2019 or 2020 BULLITT. That boat sailed when the model year ended, so it may be a gently used unmolested 2019-2020 BULLITT, I'm still dismayed that life prevented the "new" part of that.

Best vacation you've ever been on?

I've been self-employed most of my life so since childhood most of my/our vacations have been limited to a few days, 3-5 days typically. I have very fond memories of a vacation Cathy and I took around 2008. We stuffed a slide-in camper I reworked on the pickup and headed off to do some back woods truck camping in the fall. The fishing was so-so, the Elk bugling, waking to a snow covered morning with the world not prodding us to do this or that. Yup, that was the one.

Any hobbies other than Mustangs?

Quality Fresh Food! It is such a strong desire that I garden and have even tried pretty hard for about 4 or 5 years to make a living raising "All Natural mostly Heirloom Veggies. I will eat junk food but quality fresh food is worth the work. And, of course, most any autocross that I actually have the time to do.

What are your favorite club activities?

The ones where both Cathy and I can be there. The activity is second to the company you keep.

How long have you been married?

Cathy and I celebrated our 40/45 Anniversary this year. We dated 1 week shy of 5 years so, 40/45.



TOP FIVE HIGHS AND LOWS OF OWNING A CLASSIC MUSTANG

For some people, classic cars are a business or investment. But for most of us, owning a classic Mustang is about passion. There's not much practicality in a 1960s American icon sitting in the garage most of the time. But just looking at it can instantly bring about those cherished feelings of nostalgia. And when you can take it out on the road, wow! Of course, it's not all good times. Owning a classic Mustang can also be frustrating, annoying and even downright heartbreaking. So, here's my list of highs and lows of being a classic Mustang owner.

High: Whenever I park my classic Mustang in public, people want to talk to me. They tell me about the Mustang they owned, their brother owned or their friend

owned. Their eyes get big as they scan the clean lines of my car. They smile wide as they talk about the great times they had in that Mustang going to the lake, going to the mountains and going to the drive-in. Sometimes they even tear up. They thank me for bringing back such memories as they walk away; constantly looking back.

Low: Sometimes people wanting to talk to me can be annoying or even exhausting. What I dislike most are the clowns who immediately pop off with, "What's it worth?" or "How much horsepower?". I'm certainly not ashamed of those numbers. The value of my 1970 Mach 1 has increased quite nicely in the years I've owned it. And the 351 Cleveland under the hood gets up and goes, thank you. But those questions miss the point. Prices and power numbers are not what my classic car is about. Then there are the self-proclaimed experts. They want to tell me about the Mustang they had with a 289 that preposterously made 500 horsepower. An-

other oft-told tale is the Falcon, Ranchero or Country Squire wagon they drove that had a factory Boss 302. They're sure of it. No amount of polite correction can sway them. After all, although they drive minivans, what do I know?

High: I really like the simplicity of my classic Mustang. The lack of electronics, automation and insulation makes for a great driving experience. I can feel the road through the steering wheel. I can choose exactly when to change gears with a big knob on a mechanical shift stick. No beeps. No bells. No buzzers. No kidding.

Low: Real world driving situations can make me long for modern automation. When caught in the rain on a



hot day in bumper-to-bumper traffic, nice wipers and an automatic transmission sure would be nice. Air conditioning? A gift from Heaven. But no. I'm pushing in the clutch, again and again, trying to see out the windshield and getting a serious case of swamp bottom.

High: Few things are more satisfying than restoring, reconditioning and repairing a classic Mustang to get it back on the road. Hearing the motor roar and feeling the wind rush through the windows is exhilarating. Sure, you can get those things from a new Mustang, but there's something extra special about it after so many hours, months or even years of sweat, struggle and maybe even a little blood. Yeah, Baby!



Low: The reconditioning and repairing never ends. Sometimes I just want to turn the key and go, but my classic Mustang has other ideas. Maybe it's just a misadjusted choke. Or maybe the clutch stayed on the floor when I pushed it in. Either way, I'm not going anywhere. My buddy with the 2019 Bullitt Edition is going to make the cruise, but I'm not. Time to get out the tools; again.

High: Most classic Mustangs were not street terrors. But a few models were downright fast. And with a little massaging, it's not hard to make those Mustangs a fire-breathing dragon of the road. That speed, along with a slight sense of danger, makes a classic Mustang even more fun. And, shoot, a 1970 Mach 1 looks like it's going 100 MPH just sitting in the driveway.

Low: A fast classic Mustang on the road can be like a gunfighter walking through old Dodge City. Every two-bit cowboy wants to take me on and prove his worth. Sure, I get on it now and then. But no, I'm not going to race that Asian sport coupe through a school zone. "Slag off, punk!"

High: When you own a classic Mustang, you are a part of a very special community. My very first car was a Mustang and I soon learned that other Mustang people welcomed me and appreciated me. My fellow high-schoolers and old-timers alike offered me advice, assistance and encouragement. That sense of belonging is a big reason why I'm still a classic Mustang guy.



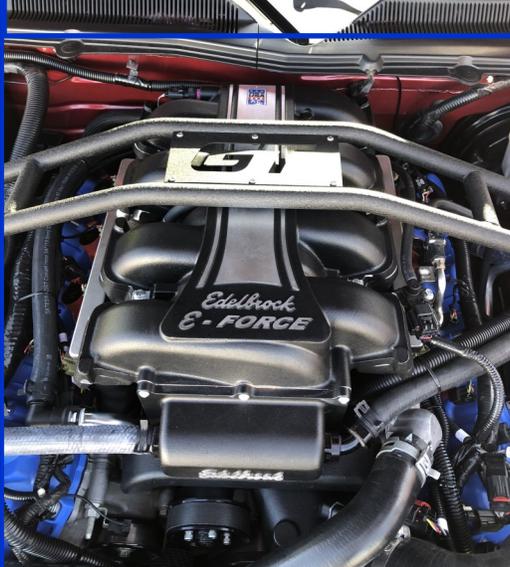
Low: Here in the 21st century, that community is getting smaller. Calling that go-to machinist and learning he retired is a bummer. But not getting an answer and learning he has gone to the Great Big Garage in the Sky can be downright heartbreaking. My high school friend Troy drove a clean, 1969 fastback in Acapulco Blue. A few years ago I got a call informing me Troy had lost his battle with cancer. I miss the classic Mustang people who have passed and I pause at the reminder of my own mortality.

—Patrick Germain

BLAST FROM THE PAST—DYNO DAY FALL 2019



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Mustang Museum:
www.mustangownersmuseum.com

Latest Generation Mustangs:
www.mustang6g.com

Mach-E Forum: www.macheforum.com



NEW MEMBERS... WELCOME!

Below is a list of club members that you may contact for suggestions and/or questions.

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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.



2021 Membership Renewals
Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club, Inc.

Please take to meeting or mail to: RMMC, P.O. Box 7102 Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

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

When did you join the RMMC? _____

Vehicle(s):

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

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

Initial Membership consisting of:

(1) \$8.00 club insurance.

(2) \$8.00 initiation fee which includes one club window sticker, one club logo patch, one club logo lapel pin, and RMMC nametag.

(3) \$2.00 per month times the number of months remaining in the year: from \$24.00 (full year) to \$2.00 (joining in December). Total: _____

Renewal Membership consisting of:

(1) \$8.00 club insurance.

(2) \$24.00 club dues (not prorated)

Total: \$32.00

NOTE: Membership renewal is due yearly by the February club meeting.

Insurance Release Statement

I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its/their contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club, 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's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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