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Terry's Tidbits and Tales

Hello Mustangers!

Sensory overload season is upon us!! Visual, auditory, physical and every other sensation and experience is here for taking in or being part of. Car, truck, motorcycle and rod shows, all forms of vehicle racing – all to witness in person or experience via some sort of media – the information age is the entertainment age too! Portable or stationary you can take it with you or go to it – it is limitless and what makes it so challenging what to choose and make the time for.



For instance, the RMMC has the Mustang Birthday celebration at Phil Long Ford Motor City on April 18th, members attending the SCCA autocross at Pikes Peak International Raceway in Fountain on Aril 19th, members helping to support the Vets helping Vets Bike and Car show at the McCandless Vets home in Florence CO on May 2nd, attending the VMCCA Car Show at the Abbey in Canon City CO on May 16th, attending the PPSCC RMMR warmup autocross at Pike Peak International Raceway in Fountain on May 18th and being asked to help with the American Muscle Car Show here in Colorado Springs on May 23rd. As I said, sensory overload – hang on and enjoy the experience – however you decide to do it.

The Board has moved ahead with establishing the relationship with Phil Long Ford in Motor City. The first event that will reflect the efforts being made from both sides will be the Mustang 51st birthday celebration on Saturday April 18th. Mark Roberts, our past President and former chairman of the board, has volunteered to be the RMMC point man/single communication contact with Phil Long Ford in Motor City. On the sales side at Phil Long Ford, club member Mike Hoskins will be our new and used sales contact for all RMMC members and Phil Wingo will be the service writer tasked with working with the RMMC members. I will be sending out the details in a separate communication. Mark, Mike and I will discuss how the RMMC and Phil Long envision our futures moving forward at the club meeting held in conjunction at the Mustang 51st Birthday celebration. Details regarding the Mustang 51st birthday celebration are included in this newsletter and the same will be communicated by our secretary, Polly Roberts.

The Board has been facing some challenges and surprises regarding the business side of the Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club. A calendar is being developed to ensure that obligations like the State Of CO nonprofit status filings are done on time, liability insurance is paid on time, sponsorship dollars are collected, website costs and domain fees are paid on time and membership dues, membership rosters and email mailing lists are kept current and up to date. A more robust transition process will be developed for new officers when it becomes time for other club members to assume those duties.

Others have worked on documentation in the past, but this Board intends on covering all aspects of the Club's inner workings so there are no questions how things should be done, when they should be done and who has responsibility for getting it done. The Club Bylaws review is in process by the Board to clean up the language and to propose changes that will be presented to the RMMC members for review, comment and then voting on later this year.

My own projects have been on the back burner with both RMMC and family obligations (March is a huge birthday month for the Myers family) as well as launching a new branch operation for my employer, Purvis Industries. I need to take the time to prep my '01 Mustang Cobra for the upcoming autocross (and maybe open track events). My advice is do what you need to, but have fun with your Mustangs when you can – I am sure going to try to!



New GT350 Concept



RMMC ANNUAL MUSTANG BIRTHDAY PARTY AND CLUB MEETING APRIL 18th AT PHIL LONG FORD

Yes, it's spring time again and time to celebrate the 51st Birthday of the Ford Mustang! The annual birthday party will be on April 18th at Phil Long Ford on Motor City Way. We have been working with the new management at Phil Long Ford to make this the best birthday party ever!

- The menu this year will be a BBQ buffet, with Mustang birthday cakes and beverages.
- Phil Long will provide the prizes for the raffle club member will be issued one free raffle ticket.
- Phil Long will have fully plated 2015 demo Mustangs available for club members wanting a test drive. Extended drives can be arranged by the dealership if someone is really interested in a vehicle.
- Phil Long has acquired another 50th Anniversary Limited Edition Mustang (#1657 of 1964) that is available for anyone interested in acquiring a unique, limited edition vehicle.

This year we will stage at the Office Depot store on the east side of 8th street, just south of US24 (next to the Hobby Lobby). MEETING TIME WILL BE 8:45 AM, WITH DEPARTURE TIME FOR THE "PARADE" TO PHIL LONG STARTING ABOUT 9:15 AM.

THE RMMC CLUB MEETING WILL START AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 PM.

THIS WHAT WE NEED FROM EVERYBODY:

- <u>ATTENDANCE!!!</u> Last year we had close to 40 vehicles. This year we want to beat that number!
- **RSVP!!!** If you have not done so, please RSVP (email to <u>secretary@mustangers.com</u>) to let us know by Friday April 10th if you will be coming, how many people will be attending (families are invited), and how many vehicles you plan to bring.
- <u>TELL US WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING!!!</u> In your RSVP (email to secretary@mustangers.com), let us know what year(s) / model(s) you are bringing. Parking will be a little different this year and to the best of our ability, we'd like to have all the parking figured out ahead of the "show".







A Private Club Just for Car People!

By Pat Germain



Recently, a friend of mine showed me some classic car pictures on her phone. She knows I'm a car guy and thought I would appreciate them. She was right. She told me she saw the cars while visiting a private club for car enthusiasts. "Where is this club?", I asked her. Imagine my surprise when she said it's in Downtown Colorado Springs.

Johnny Martin's Car Central is in the Central Bank building on South Nevada Avenue. They currently serve lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday and have a full bar. For fun, there is a giant, projection television, a nostalgic slot car racetrack, pool table, darts and two amazing driving simulators. These are no arcade games. Actual racers use these CXC Motion II simulators to hone their skills. Classic cars are prominently displayed throughout the club with one on a rotating platform. Different car themes are rotated regularly.

I was curious about Johnny Martin's and thought other club members might be interested. I dropped by and spoke with the bar manager, Andrew, who was nice enough to answer my questions. The hostess, Ashley, graciously showed me the club and allowed me to take pictures.





Ashley Demonstrates the Wine Dispenser

Bar Area

RMM: I see you are currently running a membership special. Can you please tell us about this?

JMCC: For a limited time, we are offering \$50.00 memberships with a \$50 per month food minimum. http://johnnymartins.com/club/

RMM: Is it possible for people to visit your club to buy lunch or dinner to sample the food and bar, as well get an impression of the atmosphere, before deciding to join?

JMCC: Yes, please give us a call and make a reservation for lunch or dinner. Let us know the number of people in your party and that you're considering joining the club.





Entry Area

Yours Truly at the Driving Simulator

RMM: What kind of parking is available for club members? For example, if I want to drive my 1970 Mustang Mach 1 to the club, I'd like a safe and secure place nearby to park. (Of course, I'd have to finish the restoration of my Mach 1, but that's another story. A very long story...)

JMCC: Before 5:00 PM, you can park nearby. After 5:00 PM, you are free to use the reserved spaces in the bank building garage. Please do not park in the spaced marked for Wounded Warriors. The garage is not gated, but we've never had any security problems.

RMM: Is your club smoke-free? Is there a separate cigar bar?

JMCC: Yes, Johnny Martin's is completely smoke free. Sorry, no cigar bar.

RMM: Your driving simulators look like a lot of fun. Is there typically a long wait to use them on Friday and Saturday evenings? Is use of the simulators complimentary for members and guests, or is there a fee?



JMCC: On Saturday evenings, the simulators are free. We ask people to limit their time in consideration of others. Therefore, the wait isn't typically very long. Tuesday through Friday, the simulators are \$1.00 per minute.

RMM: What is your guest policy for members? For example, if I'm a member and would like friends and family to join me at the club, how many guests can I bring?

JMCC: Members are free to bring guests. Please make a reservation and let us know, especially for large groups. Obviously, if you bring the same guests repeatedly, we would ask that they become members.

RMM: Are reservations required for dinner on weekends?



Members may sell their cars, like this 1969 Mach 1, at Johnny Martin's.

JMCC: While not required, we have limited seating and reservations are very helpful to reduce wait times.

RMM: Would it be possible for the Rocky Mountain Mustangers to book social functions at your club?

JMCC: Johnny Martin's club members can sponsor an event or social function.
Therefore, at least one person in the group must be a member.

http://johnnymartins.com/ 719 999-5996



Member Profile

Kelly Hattori

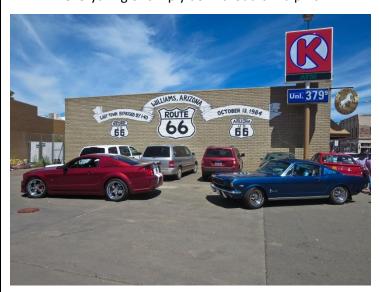
Hello, I'm Kelly and I'm a new member of the Rocky Mountain Mustangers. I drive a blue, 1966 fastback restomod I call "Calamity Jane". Although I have only owned her since September 2010, we have been through many adventures. My Mustang brought my Dad and I together for many hours of hard work and long road trips across America. It has also



helped me become a more self-reliant, competent and capable person. I'm now twenty-three and drive this car all the time provided it's not snowy, icy or hailing.

I originally bought my Mustang with the intent to learn to wrench and to build a fun weekend cruiser/show pony. Instead, I developed what some say is an unhealthy obsession with my car and spent three years building her to be the perfect blend of vintage and modern technology for my ultimate daily driver. When I got the car I was a teenager and didn't know how to change a tire, much less the oil. I dragged my Dad into the fray pitching it as a father-daughter project. I'm sure he knew how much trouble this car would be, but he went along with it and lent his wisdom. One of my Dad's best qualities is how he shows me the path to an answer instead of just giving me the answer. For every hour of wrenching, I'd have to do up to four hours of research. As soon as I knew the right procedure, my Dad was there to help me out. As a result, I am now intimately familiar with my Mustang.

Since I was building a modified car to be a daily driver, I spent a lot of time scanning different years of Mustangs looking for ideas. I can appreciate modern technology, but only up until the 1990's. Beyond that, everything is too complicated for a Do-It-Yourselfer like me and I don't really like taking my car to a shop. While Jane may have some modern tech, like throttle body fuel injection, I can easily repair almost everything or simply do without it in a pinch.





In the summer of 2013, I showed up at a Mustangers' meeting totally heartbroken. I had been excited to drive Jane out to Colorado for my summer job, but instead, had been robbed of that dream by a driver who rear-ended my Mustang while driving 40 mph faster than I. I had spent three years building my perfect car only to lose her to a distracted driver three days later. I had to leave Jane behind in the capable hands of my friend and master body man, Charles Hill. He was able to take my nearly-totaled car and bring her back to 100%. The wreck was on April 25, 2013; I put her back on the road on April 17, 2014, just in time to drive to the Mustang 50th Anniversary Birthday Celebration at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Last summer, I spent two months traveling the United States and racking up over 10,000 miles on an epic, coast-to-coast road trip with Jane. When I was preparing to leave on my trip, everyone I encountered asked if I really trusted my old car on such an extensive journey. They were genuinely shocked that something so old could be reliable. To be fair, they had witnessed years of my struggles with this car. At first, even I was a little skeptical and wondered if I could depend on my Mustang. By the end of my trip, that answer was a resounding, "Yes!"

My Mustang was my ticket to freedom. We wove our way along the asphalt veins of America under spacious skies, roared through amber waves of grain, raced across purple mountain majesties and coasted above the fruited plains. From the lonely flats of Wyoming to the eternal twilight of California's redwood forests and the scorching Saguaro deserts of Arizona, my old pony ran tirelessly and flawlessly!

I'm the outdoors type and I camped most of the way while visiting America's most beautiful landscapes. I got some very funny looks while driving into a campground in a loaded down 1966 fastback. Many people said it was like watching me unload a clown car because it didn't seem possible for all my gear fit.

This road trip was truly life-changing and I met many of wonderful people. There were other Mustang lovers who let me bunk at their house and an Australian biker gang who needed a jump and knew I could do it. Other bikers and road trippers watched my back. Some people were solo, just like me, and needed some company on a hike. As much as America has recently been cultivating a fear of strangers, I found most people were friendly and willing to lend a hand to a fellow traveler. Of course, I did meet a few oddballs. Most of them were harmless, but I found it quite irritating to come back from lunch at

Yellowstone National Park and find a tourist sitting inside my Mustang and taking pictures! I started locking my car after that one.

I found it very telling how many people took note of my car. People just don't see much old American iron driving long distances anymore. Foreign tourists and Americans alike were totally enthralled with my Mustang. I was able to fill an album with pictures of people taking pictures of Jane. My Dad, who was along for the Yellowstone portion of my trip, said, "You know you have something special when you're in one of the most beautiful places in America and people turn away from the landscape to take pictures of your car." It became a morning routine to answer questions about my Mustang before leaving my campsite. A lot of people would stop to chat with me; I always made an effort to talk with them, even if I was in a hurry. After all, I get to enjoy my Mustang every day. Millions of people in the world never even get to see a car like mine.

Having seen how excited people were to glimpse a classic American icon, I now have made it a bit of a personal crusade to encourage people to drive their vintage cars. I like to think we are stewards of history and leaving them in a garage under a tarp does not bring enjoyment for anyone. Yes, it can be scary taking your classic car out on today's roads with so many distracted and poor drivers. I've experienced the worst of it, came out the other side and kept on driving. As a member of the younger generation, I wish I could reach more people to get them interested in driving and preserving our old cars. I am doing the best that I can!



In late April, I'm attending the Fabulous Fords Forever event at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California. Yes, I'm driving my Mustang. Currently, the forecast for the day that I leave is 5-8 inches of snow. That's Colorado for you. I have complete confidence we'll be just fine. After I attend the show, I'll be spending another week meandering back to Colorado. I don't think I'll ever stop road tripping this car until I have seen everything in there is to see in America; it's just too good and it's just too much fun. I will be out there reminding people of America's car history and the ideals that it inspired. That's what Jane and I do.

- 1966 Mustang Fastback
- 289 V8 With Fuel Injection
- 4-Speed Top Loader
- 9" Differential
- Power Rack and Pinion

2015 Rocky Mountain Mustangers First Gallup

Ross Schwyhart

Did you ever wonder what a house that cost \$61,000 in 1891 looks like? Club members Richard and Linda Gabe, Neil and Dawn Schoon, Eric and Tami Veed and Dotty and I got to find out as we toured Rosemount, the former home of John Thatcher, in Pueblo. This 24,000 square foot home has been preserved in its Victorian splendor so we can see how the wealthy lived at the turn of the last century. The craftsmanship and wood working is fantastic, as are the home's furnishings of which 85% are original. The cost of the home's woodwork alone was \$19,850; and that's 1891 dollars!



The Gallup was the maiden cruise for the Veed's 2015 red convertible. The Gabe's drove their '89 convertible and the Schoon's drove their 2010 convertible. We drove our Bullitt. After touring the museum and lunch we cruised Highway 50 to Penrose and then up Highway 115 to home. A nice start to the 2015 season which promises to provide more of the same.









RMMC 2015 Calendar

April 18 Mustang birthday event and club meeting

Phil Long Ford - Colorado Springs

May 16 VMCCA car show and club meeting

The Abbey, Canon City

June 13 Club meeting and tour – Garden of the Gods

Trading Post

June 18-21 Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup,

Steamboat Springs

June 26-27 Mecum Auto Auction, Denver

July 11 Annual club meeting and picnic

Bear Creek Park, Colorado Springs

July 17-19 MCA car show, Loveland

July 23-25 Bullitt Nationals, Colorado Springs

August 1 1st Saturday Car Show, Colorado Springs

August 16 Good Times Car Show and club meeting,

Old Colorado City

September 26 Fall Color Tour and club meeting

The Roberts' home, Florissant

August 22 Royal Gorge tour

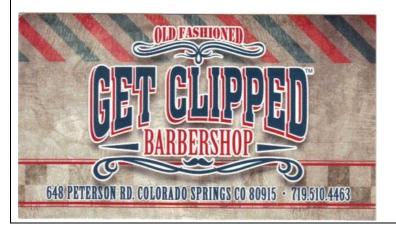
September 19 Forney Museum Dust and Shine

October 17 Garage Tour / Progressive Dinner and club

meeting Woodland Park / Teller County

November 21 Club meeting and election of officers – Mimi's

Café, Social hour 5:30, meeting 6:30/Event TBD





Ross's "Did ya know!"

by Ross Schwyhart

I have been blessed with what I like to call an extra wide part or as some of you like to call it being bald. With it comes some problems, most notably sunburn if I don't wear a hat when I'm outside. As with all things, there comes a favorite ball cap. You know the one that just feels right. Over time that ball cap gets dirty. Once that happens here's how to get it looking like new again.



Place it on the top rack of the dishwasher and let it ride through the complete wash and rinse cycles. If you use the heated dry cycle remove the ball cap before completing the dry cycle. Take the ball cap outside and grasp it by the bill and swing it a few times to get out most of the excess moisture. Back inside find a round bowl that just fits inside the ball cap without stretching it. The bowl keeps the top of the bottle from making a dunce cap point as the ball cap dries. Place the bowl and the ball cap on top of a bottle (I use a gallon milk bottle) and allow to dry overnight and your favorite ball cap will be good as new!

PS don't tell anybody but, the dishwasher also makes a GREAT parts washer!

Links of Interest

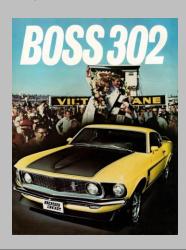
New GT350 Flat Crank Engine Explained

http://jalopnik.com/what-is-a-flat-plane-crank-and-why-is-it-so-loud-an-ex-1659688239

Just a Funny TV Commercial Prominently Featuring a Mustang http://www.angelfire.com/ak2/intelligencerreport/hammer.html

Ford Sales Brochures Going Back to 1905

http://www.lov2xlr8.no/ford.html





Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club Logo Merchandise

 Tanks
 \$12.00

 T-Shirts
 \$16.00

 Long T's
 \$25.00

 Sweat Shirt
 \$28.00

 Pins
 \$2.00

 Patches
 \$2.00

 Decals
 \$2.00

Ladies V-Neck T-Shirts now available!







For information on how to order Rocky Mountain Mustangers club apparel from Lands' End, email Pat Germain at:

newsletter@mustangers.com

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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Bryan Good Times Car Show <u>www.goodtimescarshow.com</u>

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club, Inc. 2015 Membership Form Please take to meeting or mail to: RMMC, P.O. Box 7102, Colorado Springs, CO 80933



PLEASE PRINT

Name:				
Address:				
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Home Phone:		Mobile Phone:		
Email:		Spouse Email:		
Spouse's name:		Children's nar	nes:	
When did you join	the RMMC?	How did you hear a	bout the club?	
Vehicle(s): YEAR	MAKE	MODE	L	
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What type of event	ts do you enjoy? Popu	lar Vote Show Judged Road Course Parades	l Show Rallying	Cruising
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