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Terry's Tidbits and Tales

Hello Mustangers!

Hot August nights and days have been the norm so far this month and the lack of water falling from the sky for a little while is a welcome break. Thanks to all of you that showed up for the First Saturday Car Show on August 1st – the variety of the types of vehicles, the colors, the level of mods (or not) is amazing and makes for a great start to a weekend for the vehicle enthusiasts here in Colorado Springs.



The annual club picnic at Bear Creek Park was a great success – thanks to Ross and Dottie for making the food arrangements and to all of you who brought the great variety of side dishes. Way too many calories in some of those desserts! Congrats to the winners of the RMMC logo aprons – Eric Veed for his Taco Salad and Mark Dellacroce for his Carmel Fudge Cheesecake.

Some members made it out to events of the Bullitt Mustang Nationals held at various locations here in Southern Colorado. Thanks to them for getting out there and from what I heard a good time was had by all that participated. The SCCA also held two autocrosses at PPIR in July and Hap Schadler took his class in CAM T both times with his '65 Mustang fastback and ran faster times than most of the later production cars – mine included. My son Derrick beat me in my '01 Cobra at the first event on the 19th – it's always embarrassing to get beat in your own car by someone else! Redemption came the next weekend as I was able to beat my wife Sharon – woo hoo! It makes up for the loss in front of the crowd at the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup in June (Not!). The new SCCA CAM (Classic American Muscle) classes have attracted a plethora of early and late muscle cars running on 200 tread wear tires, with the Mustang being the weapon of choice more so than all the other makes combined. Come on out and try it – it's a blast!

Check out the new Shelby Mustang GT 350 report at this link – watch the You Tube video of the GT350 hitting the track – it sounds awesome and the video does serious justice to the cars capabilities.

<http://autoweek.com/article/car-reviews/shotgun-laps-ford-mustang-gt350r-make-us-want-more>

The August monthly club meeting will be held Mimi's Saturday night and the Good Times Car Show will follow on Sunday in Old Colorado City. Sharon and I will be unable to attend either event as we will be in Monterey CA for the ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION where the honored mark this year will be the Shelby GT350, marking its 50th anniversary. We will be joining former member Fred Lofy and his family for what should be a great time on and off the track, save for the smoke from the CA wildfires.

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Our VP Ross will be conducting the meeting on Saturday night along with the other board members support.

Please make sure to respond to Ross' request regarding if you want to go to the Royal Gorge on Saturday 8/22. I for one, am anxious to see how the rebuild process after the fire has enhanced the experience that you can only get at one the highest suspension bridges in the world and the rest of the attractions at the facility

September means the Fall Colors Tour time is fast approaching so make sure to get out and enjoy the rest of the summer in your Mustang - cruising, showing, racing or out in the garage. New or old, always Mustang! <http://www.ford.com/cars/mustang/?intcmp=hp-none-brand-gallery>



Club Picnic Attendees, People





Club Picnic Attendees, Cars

Ethanol-Free Gasoline Available in Colorado Springs

A recent check of puregas.org reveals the Chief Petroleum station at 301 S 10th St in Colorado Springs has 91 octane, ethanol free gasoline. (Every other gas station in town sells gasoline with 10% ethanol.) Running 100% gasoline can improve fuel economy and also reduce the dreaded problem of boiling fuel in a carburetor. Or, if you're simply a purist, you have an option for feeding your pony, or any other vehicle, 100% gasoline. From W Colorado Avenue, take S 10th Street South until it dead-ends at W Vermijo. Click this link to see other Colorado stations selling ethanol-free gasoline: <http://www.pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=CO>



Ross's "Did ya know!"

Ross Schwyhart

Every once in awhile, the old back gets a little grumpy and putting a cold pack on it helps. In the past, I used bags of frozen peas or corn because the smaller pieces conformed to my body, but not anymore. My granddaughter sent me this recipe for a cold pack:

- 1 plastic zip top freezer bag
- 1 part rubbing alcohol
- 3 parts water

Put the mixture in the bag, seal the bag and place it in your freezer. The mixture never freezes solid and it gets nice and cold. When I use the cold bag, I put it in another freezer bag to prevent leaks.

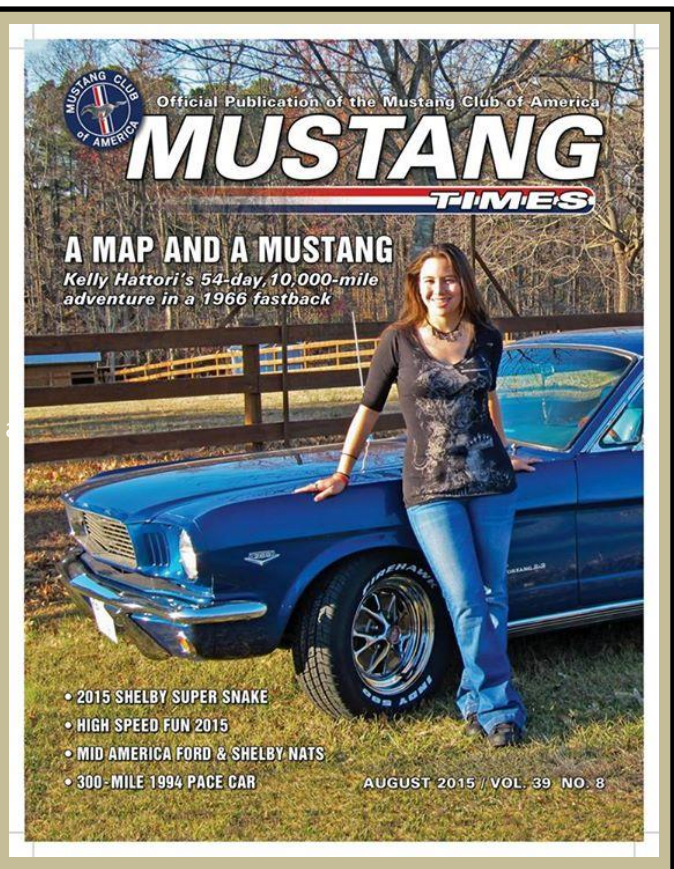
As you know, sometimes finding parts for your ride can be a pain. The internet has made the task much easier than it was in the past. I have a Mazda pickup which, for the most part, is just a "re-badged" Ranger; except when it comes to parts. Here's an example. New headlight housings for a Ranger are \$22 per side. For the Mazda \$107. I have found that going to a website like www.rockauto.com, I can look up the part for the Ranger and get the part number then look up the same part for the Mazda and see if the number is the same and if it is the same price. Many times, there is a difference. Also, if you have a part number, you can search the web for an even better price. I learned this trick back when I owned an Opel and found that many small block Chevy parts worked just fine on the Opel!

Cover Girl Kelly

You may recall the April newsletter featured a story about Mustangers member Kelly Hattori and her cross-country journey in her 1966 fastback. The folks at Mustang Club of America knew a good story when they saw it. Kelly and her pony are prominently featured on the cover and inside the August issue of Mustang Times. If you're an MCA member, you've likely seen the article. If you're not an MCA member, you can see the article here:

<http://imgur.com/a/qY9by>

Remember. You saw it here first!



Shop Tool Reviews (Part 2)

Patrick Germain



As a follow up to last month's article, here are a few more tools I've been using for my Mustang build. One tool that's an absolute must for cleaning up parts in use for over forty years is a blasting cabinet. You can find many examples on the market in multiple price brackets; most of them very high. When I thought about it, I came to the conclusion it's just a metal box with a window and a door. So, here again, I decided to give the Harbor Freight example a try. I opted for their largest example which has its own legs. Although it has a light inside, it's pretty much useless. I have an adjustable light on a magnetic base that I stick on top and that works very well. I also added a small air dryer. Blasting media works much better when it's good and dry. I use aluminum oxide, also available at Harbor Freight. It's inexpensive and is long-lasting.

When it came time to blast the bottom of my pony, I needed a pressure pot blaster. I looked at many online examples and it became apparent everyone was selling the same thing with a different name on it. Since the Harbor Freight version had the lowest price, and was available just down the street, it won out. The trigger valve that came with it was junk and I replaced it with a "deadman" nozzle. Harbor freight also sells replacement blasting tips in multiple sizes. For this blaster, I used coal slag or "Black Beauty". It's less expensive than aluminum oxide, although it doesn't last as long. Overall, this pressure pot blaster performed very well. Once I had the hang of the distribution valve on the bottom, I was able to strip the bottom of one 1970 fastback down to bare metal in short order.



You'll start to notice a common theme here. When I took a break from sheet metal work to rebuild my engine, I needed an engine stand. So, here's the Harbor Freight engine stand. Yep, it's just some square, steel tubing and wheels. It's surprisingly sturdy and has been holding up my 351 Cleveland for many months. A crank assembly to rotate the engine would be nice, but for the price, I can't complain.

When rebuilding an engine, a parts washer comes in very handy. And what's a parts washer but a steel sink with a pump? Here again, Harbor Freight to the rescue.

I thought long and hard about what to use for a solvent. I wanted to avoid the fumes and fire hazard of petroleum based solvents. Since my local Costco had a great deal on Oil Eater, I went with that. It's a non-toxic, environmentally safe solvent. At room temperature, it works OK. I read online it works a lot better when heated. Likely, it would scare certified electricians, but I installed a 120V water heater element and attached it to an electrical box and an extension cord. Instant hot solvent! (Don't try this with petroleum solvents.)



Oil Eater and Electric Water Heater Element

Sure enough, when heated, Oil Eater easily melts away grease and grime. It's also quite nice to have heated solvent when cleaning parts on a frigid morning in February.



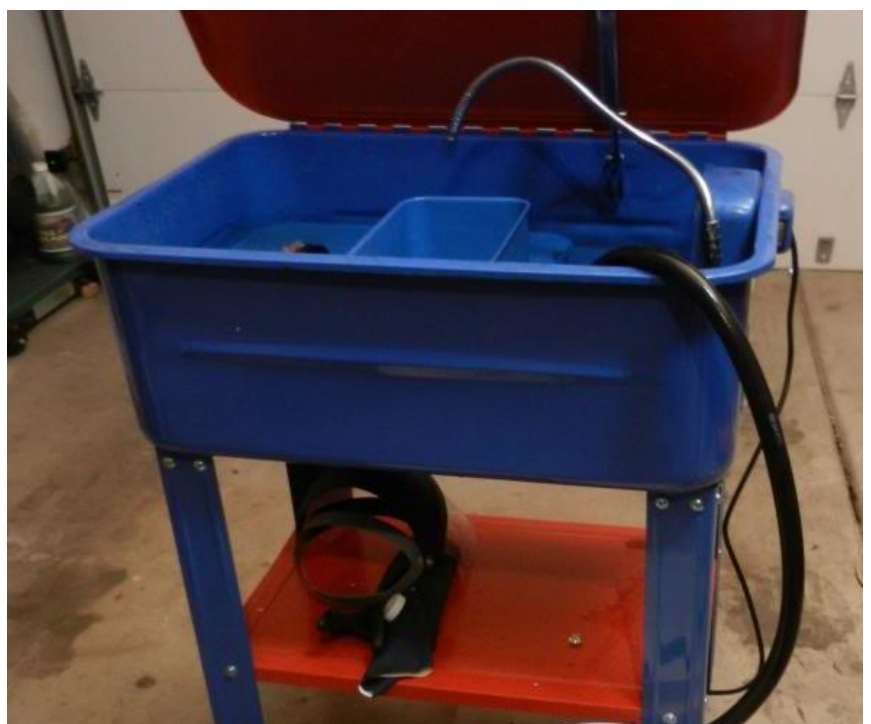
For smoothing out the panels on my pony, I wanted an inline sander. I talked to some professional body men online and most of them did not use inline sanders. However, I'm not a professional and can use all the help I can get. Since my Ingersoll Rand die grinder has worked so well, I wanted to go with that brand. I found some online, but on a whim, checked my local O'Reilly Auto Parts. By golly, they got me that sander at a good price with no shipping charges! It's a great tool and blows right through body filler. It's very nice for keeping flat areas flat. If you want air tools, you can't go wrong with Ingersoll Rand and be aware you can order them from your local O'Reilly auto parts.



I hope you found my tool reviews helpful. Restoring a car is expensive. Saving money on tools that actually work is a big help!

Ingersoll Rand Inline Sander

Harbor Freight Parts Washer



Picnic Recipe Number 1

CARAMEL FUDGE CHEESECAKE

(Quick Cooking, November 2000)

Submitted by Mark Dellacroce, RMMC 2015 Annual Picnic Dessert Winner

- 1 package fudge brownie mix (8-inch square pan size)
- 1 package (14 oz) caramels
- ¼ cup evaporated milk
- 1 ¼ cups coarsely chopped pecans
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 squares (1 oz each) semisweet chocolate, melted
- 2 squares (1 oz each) unsweetened chocolate, melted

Prepare brownie batter according to package directions. Spread into a greased 9-inch spring form pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, in a microwave-safe bowl, melt caramels with milk. Pour over brownie crust; sprinkle with pecans.

In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese and sugar; mix well. Add eggs, beating on low speed just until combined. Stir in the melted chocolate. Pour over pecans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until the center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Run a knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool completely. Chill overnight.

Remove sides of pan before serving.

Yield: 12 servings

Tips:

Line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper.

When pouring caramel over brownie crust, do not pour to the edge of the pan.

Before slicing, put in freezer for about an hour – this makes slicing much easier.

RMMC 2015 Calendar

- August 15 Club meeting, Mimi's Café, Powers Blvd
Social hour 5:30, meeting 6:30
- August 16 Good Times Car Show and club meeting,
Old Colorado City
- August 22 Royal Gorge tour
- September 19 Forney Museum Dust and Shine
- September 26 Fall Color Tour and club meeting
The Roberts' home, Florissant
- 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



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!**



**Rocky Mountain Mustangers stitched logo
apparel is now available from Lands' End**

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

pgermain@comcast.net

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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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: _____

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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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.

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.