



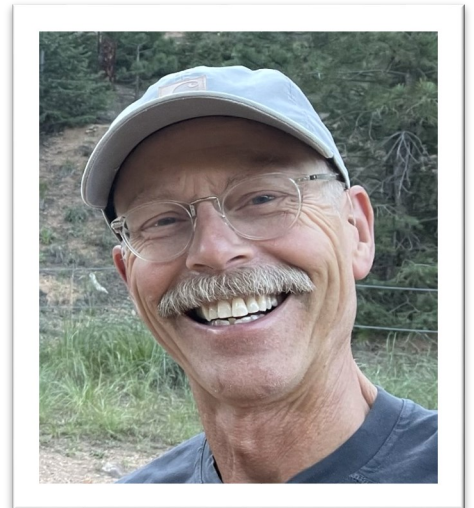
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From the Editor

Dear Mustangers,

Okay, okay, maybe I was wrong about all the great weather we were going to have in May. It seemed like every weekend the weather took a turn for the worse just as we were thinking about getting out the pony and driving. But! This Saturday the weather looks like it will be great for Cars and Coffee at University Village—promise! Also, don't forget that June is the Roundup in Cripple Creek. Go to the link on the calendar page for more info. I'll be interested to hear what folks think of the new hotel and venue. And, Lynn needs some input on the upcoming club summer picnic, so please read page 7 and get back to her. Her efforts are much appreciated.



Have any club members ordered and received a new S650? If so, I'd love to get your thoughts on the new Mustang for an upcoming newsletter issue. Just email me.

A big thanks to Joel and Chris for organizing the trip to the Shelby Museum on May 11th. It looks like everyone who attended had an excellent time.

Remember, make it a point to get together with some other Mustangers and drive! Happy Driving!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2024

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

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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, June 5th.
June Member Meeting on June 8th at Phil Long Motor City.

EVENTS: Club and Non-Club

June 2024 Club Meeting: Phil Long Motor City, Saturday, June 8th 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m., Dinner at Panino's afterwards for those who want to socialize.

June 1, 2024 - CARS 'N COFFEE, University Village Colorado, 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO <https://www.uvcshopping.com/>

June 8, 2024—Canon Car Club Car Show, The Abbey, Canon City, CO <https://www.canoncarclub.com/events/2024-car-show/>

June 13-15, 2024—Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup—PPIR and Cripple Creek, <http://rockymountainmustangroundup.org/>

June 21-23, 2024—NSRA Rocky Mountain Nations, State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CO <https://ppihc.org/spectator-guide/>

Get more information on events at www.mustangers.com. **Cruise Controller:** Chris Batiste (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 May 2024 issue he was restoring his 1965 Fastback . . .]

Bruce began work that fall, 1991, and began sanding it down to get off the old paint. I would go by Bruce's house every Saturday and Sunday with a case of Budweiser to help him work on the car. One day he called and asked if I had ever wrecked the passenger side rear quarter panel. I responded that neither I nor my mother had ever done any damage to that part of the car. Bruce showed me the next time I was over that a Ford quarter panel had been welded in sometime before my Dad had bought the car. The only thing Bruce and I could conjure up was that being the winter and a demonstrator car, someone had damaged the car during a test drive and then Rikert Ford had repaired it before putting it up for sale. My Dad had always said he got a good deal on the car and had only paid \$2300 for it which was under the list price. I suspect the damaged quarter panel was why he got such a good price for the car.

Bruce continued to work on the car and finally got to a time in February when he could start shooting the primer. I remember coming over to Bruce's place on a cold Saturday and finding the door to his garage cracked open about a foot with Bruce spraying away inside the garage. After a number of knocks on the door Bruce opened it up. He had a cigarette working between his lips, a wild look in his eyes, a gas heater hooked up by the side door, and a gray fog inside of the garage. I suggested he take a break and resume when the weather was a little warmer. In March we had better weather and the paint started going on. By April Bruce had three good coats of black on the car and asked how it looked. He was a bit dismayed when I said it looked ok, but needed to be color sanded. We drank a lot of beer over the next weekends in April and May as we color sanded with wet/dry 1500 and then wet/dry 2000 grit sandpaper. Bruce then buffed it out before I took it home to reassemble. There wasn't much time left in June before the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup, but I managed to put everything back on the car and get it entered up in Breckenridge. It looked great to my eyes, but not good enough for an award at the show. Bruce's work held up very well and it was 16 years before I decided to repaint the car after adding steel flared fenders.

After the show I started to look into autocrossing again. One of the first events I went to was at Bandimere speedway. They used the upper parking lot and some of the downhill staging area to set up the track which gave it several hairpin type corners and some interesting elevation changes at a couple of the corners. At that time there were no "older" car classes and you were lumped in with new vehicles. I discovered how much of a disadvantage I was at with my old car and as my new friend Rick described it the "bricks" I had as tires. Things had changed a good bit in autocross in the time since I had last participated. The biggest change was in tire technology. New autocross tires were wide and sticky with wear rates of 0 to 20. The days of showing up with the tires you normally drove on and being competitive was gone.

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1965 Fastback in the early 90's

This brought about a rethinking on the cars suspension and what would be needed to make it more competitive with Rick's car.

A bigger front sway bar and a rear sway bar were added as well as some 620# front springs. I also added Shelby traction bars and Koni shock absorbers. After a couple of autocrosses I lowered the car by an inch in the front by cutting the springs and in the rear with lowering blocks. New 15" x 7" aluminum rims with BFG autocross tires were next as well as a front disk brake conversion. I also learned that a little negative camber would help with cornering and keep the front tires from wearing out their edges. This all helped and with a couple of local SCCA driving schools I was soon competitive at least in the class. Not good enough to win, but at least to be within a couple of seconds of the winner. Where the car really shone was at the Mustang Roundup autocross where it was at the top of its class each year. It also did well at Council of Motorsports autocross events. These were autocrosses put on at local tracks and also on city streets back before insurance became prohibitive for these types of events. They were lots of fun with two day events at Second Creek Raceway and Pueblo raceway. We also ran two day events on street courses at Crested Butte, Cheyenne, Parachute and the ski lot at Steamboat. The advantage I had for these events was they had classes for Vintage cars where the SCCA did not. I still remember two corners at the Crested Butte and the Cheyenne street autocrosses that point out some of the reason these events are no longer run. The Crested Butte course had a downhill hairpin right before a restaurant. (continued on next page)

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The Sunday morning we ran this course people were sitting out on the patio by the street drinking their coffee while we roared down the street toward them into the hairpin. Only a couple of hay bales and the curb separated the cars from the folks having their brunch. Cheyenne was almost as bad as I remember a turn on the downtown city streets that apexed at a book store/coffee shop where people were crowded on the corner watching us run. Again only a couple of hay bales and the curb provided any separation.



Sara also joined me for many of these autocross events and drove the '85 GT convertible. She was very quick and did well in the ladies classes. Mustang Roundup events had bragging rights for the year and the couple of times where she posted a better time than mine I heard about it for the year. The '85 was starting to look and drive a little rough and during one of its trips to my friend Donny Seyfer's shop for some maintenance someone climbed over his wire fence, cut through the convertible top, and tried to take out the Ford radio. The dash and radio were destroyed. Insurance covered the damages and they never found the incompetent thief although from the blood left behind we knew he had cut himself on the fence. Seyfer managed to locate another dash and a new radio and fixed all the damage done to the interior. I purchased and had installed a new convertible top and we had the car completely repainted with new black rubber side rub strips replacing the old ones. This made the car look almost like new and a new set of shocks and a brake upgrade made it feel almost like new as well. By 1997 though we were looking for something newer as the car had over 150,000 miles on it by then and the new Mustang Cobra had caught both of our eyes.

[to be continued in July . . .]

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



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSTANG CLUB**MAY 18TH, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Vice President Reed Hiltermann.

There were no new members or guests present

The minutes of the April meeting were read.

The treasurer's report was read. The balances are as follows:

Checking \$3557.33

Savings \$571.30

Raffle \$747.28

Old Business

Lynn Murphy said that she had not received many responses to her request for what meat the club would provide for the club picnic. She circulated a list to get information from the members at the meeting about their choice for the meat and what type of side dish that they would be bringing. An email will be sent out to the club to find out from members who were not at the meeting what they will be bringing and their meat choice.

The club trip to the Shelby museum was a big success. Thanks to Joel for setting that up. Joel said that the museum will be expanding in the near future.

New Business

Dave Brown has scheduled the club Christmas party at Rosie's Diner on December 21st. There will be a limited menu at the party. If this date is not good for the club he will try to reschedule for an earlier date.

Reed gave a list of several upcoming car shows that the members might be interested in attending.

Cars and parts were held.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 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 _____

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

Membership: The RMMC membership year runs from January 1st – December 31st.
Please pay by cash or check ONLY. Make checks payable to RMMC.

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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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NEW MEMBERS... WELCOME!

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Chris	Cruise Controller	cruisecontroller@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.

