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Terry's Tidbits and Tales

Hello Mustangers!

December is here and the holiday celebrations are in full swing. Gifts to buy and wrap, parties to attend (and dread in some cases!) friends and family members visiting or going to places to visit them. Whew, makes it tough to fit in quality car time on the road or in the garage!



Our club Christmas party is fast approaching: Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 PM at Rudy's BBQ. Be sure to get there early to get thru the line to order and get your food. Our secretary, Polly Roberts is sending out a reminder vis email. Remember to bring your wrapped toys to exchange for fun and then donate to Christmas Unlimited.

We had our board transition meeting Sunday, December 6th. Your 2016 RMMC board consists of the following members:

President – Vonda Fowler

Vice President – LaRon Cosley

Treasurer – Bryan Lowry

Secretary – Ross Schwyhart

Chairman – Terry Myers

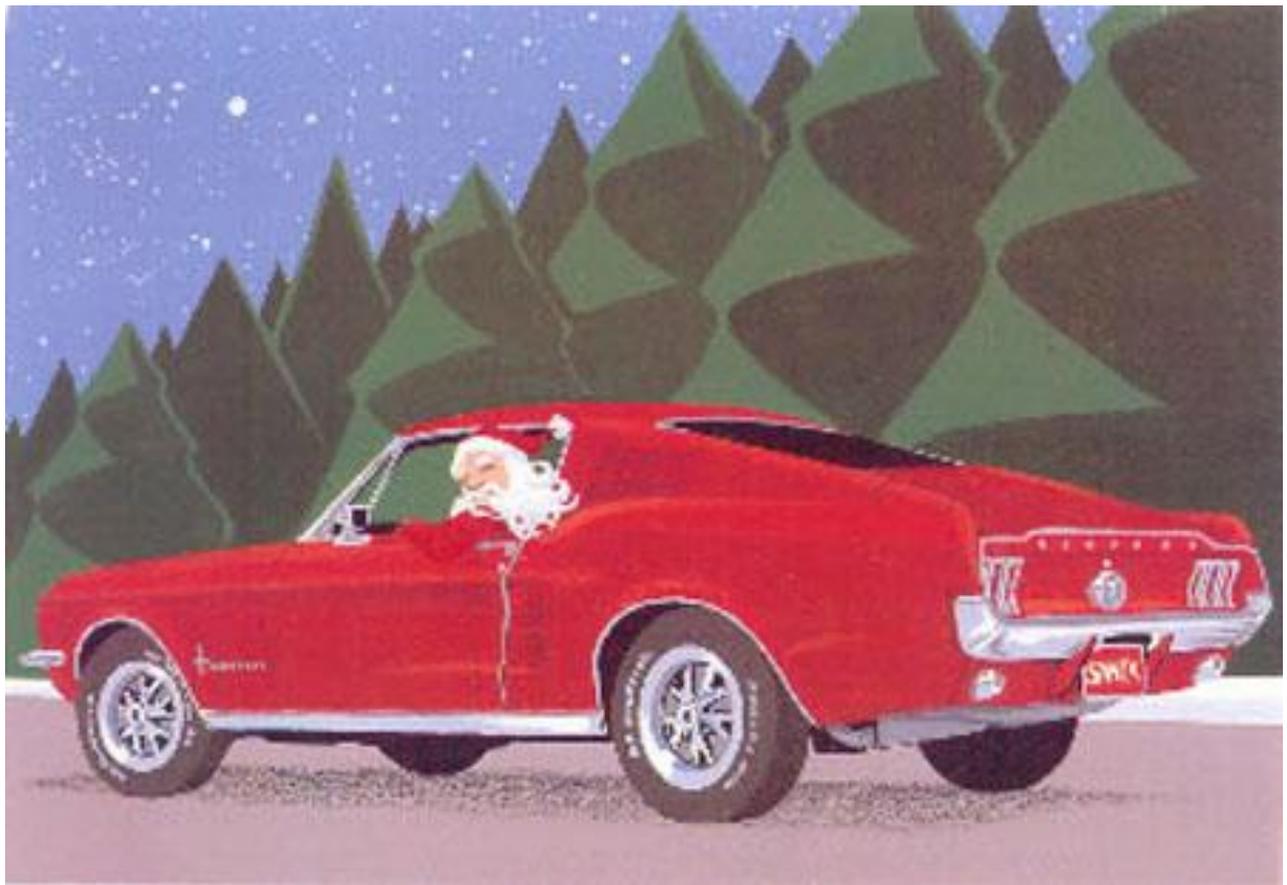
Many, many special thanks to those members who served the club as board members and in the volunteer positions in 2015:

Alan Shelton, Ross Schwyhart, Polly Roberts, Mark Roberts, Sharon Myers, Pat Germain, Dottie Schwyhart, Brandon Short, Marc Short, Gary Watson, Susan Watson, Bryan Lowry, Dick Collins, Debbie Collins, Vonda Fowler and Steve Fowler (I hope I didn't miss anybody!)

Things don't happen on their own and these members invested the time to make things happen for all of us in the Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club. Thank them for their efforts when you see them. It meant a lot to me as the 2015 RMMC President.

In closing, thanks to you, the club members, for allowing me to serve as your President. We tried some new things, did some of the same old stuff and learned some lessons along the way on how to improve the club experience. New members and old members shared their insights, observations and complaints. It did not fall on deaf ears. The new board is taking on the issues that were left undone and the new ones that will come up in 2016. Please help and support them in their efforts. I think we are all here for the same reasons; the love of the Ford Mustang and the friendship and comradery of the people who share those similar interests.

As it says on the Ford site: Go Further (in 2016!)



Merry Christmas!

Christmas Party Reminder

Polly Roberts

Happy Holidays, everyone!

The RMMC holiday party/meeting is this coming Saturday, December 12 at Rudy's Country Store at 2pm.

There will be a dirty Santa present exchange, with the presents being donated to Christmas Unlimited for the benefit of local children. Recommended spending limit is \$25. There will be a prize for the "best" gift as voted on by the club. Visit the link below for more information on Christmas Unlimited:

<http://www.christmasunlimited.org/get-involved/host-a-toy-drive>

Please plan on arriving a bit early if you plan to eat during the party - it can take a while to get through the line before the festivities start at 2pm.

See you there!



An advertisement for Classic Auto Sales. On the left, there are several car gauges: a tachometer showing RPM/1000, a speedometer, and a pressure gauge. A small blue classic car is also visible. In the center, the text "CLASSIC AUTO SALES" is written in a stylized, outlined font. On the right, a red classic car with white racing stripes is shown from a front-three-quarter view. Below the car, the address "3874 Mallow RD. | Colorado Springs, CO 80907" and the phone number "719-660-6624" are displayed.

A Christmas Mustang Lesson

T'was the night before Christmas and caught at the light,
Was a domestic V8 and no cops in sight,
I will try, I will try, I will try with this small motor,
To beat this darn Mustang, even with its big blower,
As the light goes green and I pull like no joke,
The Mustang erupts in clouds of tire smoke!

Now Smasher, now Rev-ver, now Stroker, now Blitzin,
These are the names of my four VTEC pistons,
Racing ahead I'm the star of the action,
But I know I'm in trouble when that V8 gets traction,
Grabbing second, I hear the RPM's sing,
My mirror is blocked by my park bench wing,

I now hear the roar of the big monster gaining,
All I can do is keep the four-banger straining,
In a second, the shock wave hits with a blast,
And my stickers go flying - now a thing of the past,
Don't bother with third, cause now it's too late,
Just try to act cool, like you can relate,
Looking up at the taillights as they get smaller,
The driver backs off just to give me a holler,
"You can't win them all, with a 9' foot wing"
You may not win any at all, in that silly thing!"



Sealing Up a Mustang Part 2

Pat Germain

One area where an aging Mustang can leak serious air is through and around the heater and air conditioning box. On a warm day, this can mean hot air from the engine compartment leaks into the passenger compartment making it seem like cruising in a toaster oven. On a cold day, this can mean the heater is cranked up, but it's like riding in the proverbial one horse open sleigh. Any properly functioning and well-sealed Mustang heater could almost roast a chicken on the floor board. If yours is doing anything less, it may be time to rebuild the heater box.

Of course, the heater core can leak coolant as well. If the carpet is wet on the passenger side and/or the windshield fogs up when the engine heats up, it's time for a new heater core.

Lucky for us, new seal kits are available and inexpensive for classic Mustangs. If your pony is over ten years old, it may be time to rebuild your heater box. My 1970 Mach 1 project is no exception. After 45 years, the factory seals were still in place, but certainly no longer doing any sealing. Close inspection revealed the heater core was just beginning to spew coolant.

Here is my heater box as it was when I removed it over four years ago. Lots of rust and dirt, but luckily, no critters had taken up residence.



Inside, all the was metal was rusted. Most of the seals were disintegrating.



I cleaned all the metal parts in the blasting cabinet and scrubbed away all the grime with warm, soapy water. To replicate the factory look, the fiberglass box should be bead blasted and reshot with clear. I simply painted my box with Duplicolor trim paint. The metal parts got a coat of self-etching primer and two coats of trim paint. I think it turned out pretty spiffy.



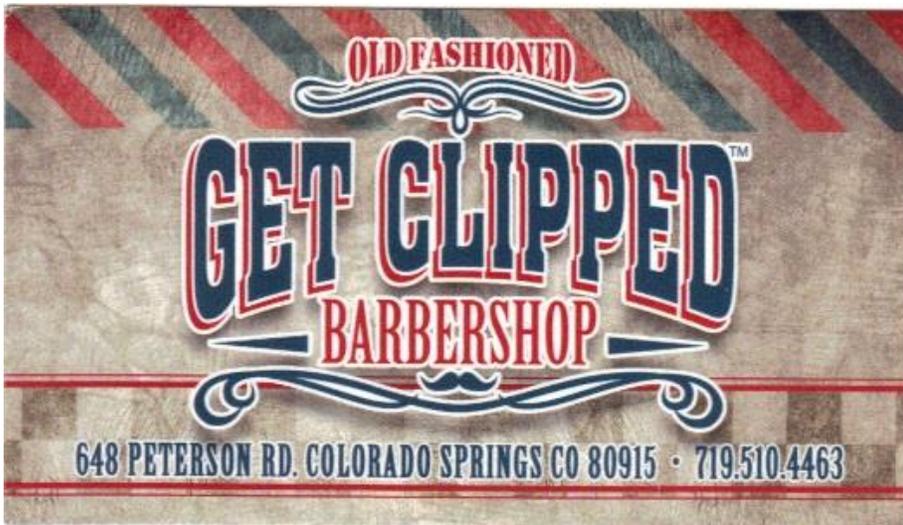
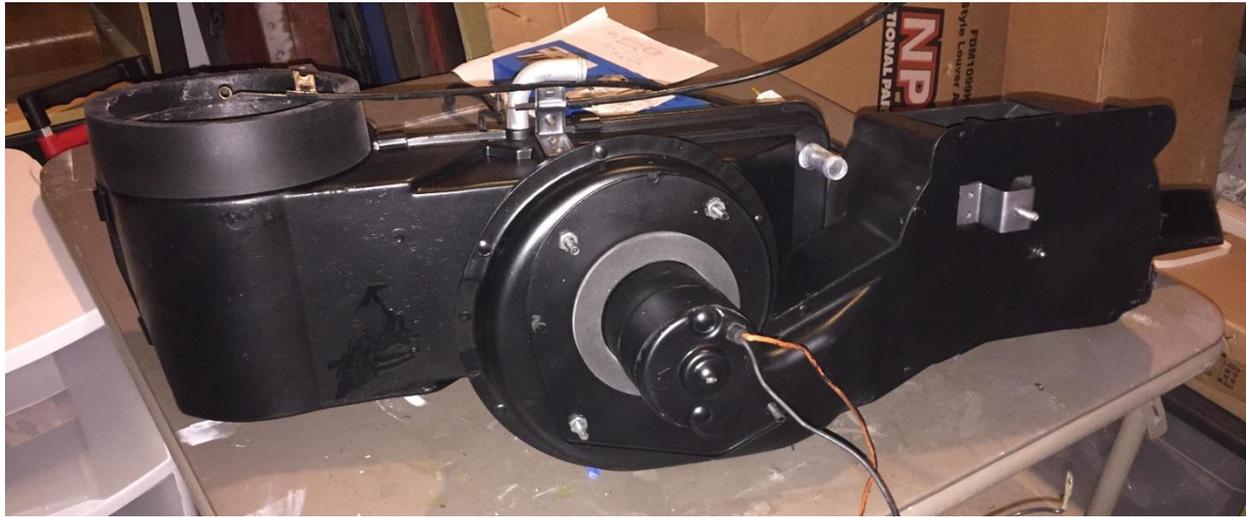
I installed the new seals using a spray adhesive. Weatherstrip adhesive will also work. The factory heater core was a brass/copper unit. Brass/copper replacements are still available, but at twice the price of an aluminum core. The aluminum heater cores are just as durable and actually transfer heat a little better.



Here's where that 3M strip caulk from part 1 of the article comes in handy. The seal kit comes with a new seal for every other area, but the area between the blower motor and the heater box requires strip caulk. I tested the original blower motor with a car battery and found it was still working just great. Replacement motors are available, but you'd be hard pressed to find one made as well as they were back in the 1960's.

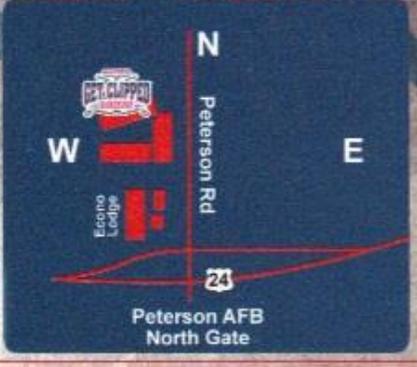


And here it is looking like new again! It should also work like new. Now I just have to make the rest of the car look just a good.



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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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Brandon	Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup	www.rmmr.org
Gary	Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup	www.rmmr.org
Bryan	Good Times Car Show	www.goodtimescarshow.com

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.