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Terry's Tidbits and Tales

Hello Mustangers!

Fall is here, cooler weather, snow for some and thoughts of getting motivated to resume projects long neglected while the weather was warmer are filling some members' time.



We had some vigorous discussions regarding the bylaw review and recommendations proposed to the membership by Board at the October meeting. The bylaw changes were voted down by a majority of the members present at the meeting. It was proposed and passed that further review of the bylaws take place and if changes are to be made, voted on at a later date.

Proposed donations to Care and Share, to help them out in their cause to improve things for those less fortunate, also prompted another round of inspired exchanges. We finally came to an agreement, by majority vote by those present, to donate \$200.00 as the Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club. We also passed the hat and came up with another \$140.00. That was also donated to Care and Share, in the name of the members, for their Thanksgiving efforts to provide food for those that need it. The checks were delivered to Care and Share the first week in November and were much appreciated.

The Nominating Committee reported that they did not have any members who were willing to run for office to fill the Board positions that will be become vacant after December 2015. We did not have any candidates step forward at the meeting either. Steve and Vonda Fowler are contemplating repeating as volunteers in the positions they hold this year. It is hoped that members step forward at the November meeting so we have people to fill the positions. A transition meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 6th to be held in conjunction with the board meeting.

The Audit committee has the Treasurers and Rafflemaster records and a report of the audit results will be presented to the members present at the November meeting at Mimi's Saturday, November 21st.

The club Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 12th starting at 2:00 PM at Rudy's BBQ, located at 315 S 31st St, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. We will be ordering from the open menu and it is a pay for your own meals and drinks arrangement. It is suggested you get there a little early as the seats fill up fast. We will be exchanging wrapped gifts for kids to donate to Christmas Unlimited as in years past and having the drawing for the cash prizes. More details will be sent out by our secretary, Polly Robert, a week before the party is to take place.

See you soon at the November meeting!

Ross's "Did ya know!"

Ross Schwyhart

Remember your arithmetic teacher saying, "You need to learn this because you'll use it later on in life", but you never did? Your life goes on and, suddenly, one day your wife says that she has some pictures of the grand kids she wants hung up. Then she drops the bomb. She wants them equally spaced on the family room wall. She has 4 pictures and the wall she wants them on is $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet long. Quick now, what is $8\frac{1}{2}$ divided by 4? Here's a quick way to do it without having to rack your brain on how to divide using fractions.

Place a ruler or tape measure diagonally across the space to be divided so the number on one edge is divisible by the number of spaces you want. If you have 4 pictures, you'll need 5 spaces because the number of spaces is always one more than the number of things you want to space.



In this case, we want 5 spaces. So, if we place the 10 foot mark on the right wall and mark at the 2, 4, 6, and 8 foot lines you will have 5 equal spaces.

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Happy Thanksgiving!



What My Mustang Means to Me

A Personal Story by Pat Germain

Every person and every Mustang has a unique story. When we put those stories together, we start to understand why the Ford Mustang is more than a car to so many people. Since 1964, almost every American over forty can remember driving a Mustang, riding in a Mustang or seeing Mustangs when they went cruising, went to the lake or showed up at a party. Park a classic Pony in any public space and people will show up and start grinning. For many people, Mustangs are about memories. My Mustang memories are about freedom, fun, romance and, sadly, some tragedy as well.

I'm the oldest of four boys in my family. We grew up mostly in Southern California which many would say is the world headquarters for car culture. In our neighborhood, there was almost always someone building a car or truck. It's what people did back in the 1970s. And my brothers and I would dream and talk endlessly about one day building our own cars. I liked almost any car that was fast. Phillip liked Chevrolets. Jimmy liked Pontiac Trans Ams. Jason, the youngest, was still in diapers back then and us older boys looked forward to teaching him all we knew about cars, which was just enough to identify them on the highway.

Jimmy never got the chance to build his car. In December of 1978, he and our friend from across the street were buried in a cave-in. Jimmy was nineteen days away from his tenth birthday. I still remember the shirt he was wearing that day. It read "Grin and Bear It" and featured a cartoon of a bear in a state trooper uniform leaning on a Trans Am.

When I was in high school, my family moved to rural Oklahoma. We lived in a one-hundred-year-old farm house on eighty acres. My parents thought it was great. For my brothers and me, it was like being marooned on a distant planet. The nearest town was over three miles away and had little more than a hardware store and a gas station. The nearest movie theater was over twenty miles away in Stillwater.

Imagine my excitement when I got my first car! It was a 1971 Mustang fastback with slotted mag wheels and raised white letter tires. Under the hood was a 302 2V which was just enough to have fun without getting into too much trouble. It was white and it was my Millennium Falcon to carry me away from the distant planet. Most of my classmates were Chevy guys and not too keen on Mustangs. But the girls really liked my pony and that was more than enough for me. In fact, I managed to date a real cutie-pie from school. No doubt my Mustang helped with that endeavor. From that very first car, I was a Mustang guy!

I figured the only thing better than owning one Mustang was owning two Mustangs. Lucky for me, 1965 to 1973 Mustangs were cheap and plentiful back in the early 1980s. (Yeah, those were the days.) I saved my money from working at a local grocery store and bought a 1970 Fastback with a 351 Cleveland and a 4-speed. Wow, was that car a blast! I would sometimes give Jason a ride to school. He was always thrilled to ride in either one of my Mustangs, but I think he preferred the bright, Calypso Coral paint on the 1970 fastback.

Eventually, Phillip bought his first car; a 1972 Chevelle with a small block and an automatic. I wasn't much impressed, but it was his car and he loved it. I ended up helping him work on that car a lot more

than he ever helped me with my Mustangs. No kidding, unlike his Chevy, my Mustangs were downright reliable!

After high school, there weren't many career opportunities in rural Oklahoma. I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and, you guessed it, had to sell my Mustangs. By the time I was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, I had married the cutie-pie I dated in high school. Eventually, I set out to buy another Mustang, but by that time, I had two young kids and classic Mustang prices had started climbing. I settled for the next best thing: a 1969 Cougar with a 351W and an automatic.

As most Mustang people know, a Cougar is pretty much a Mustang with different skin. The Cougar was my daily driver for over twelve years and, in addition to fixing anything that broke, I rebuilt the front suspension and the engine. It was a great car for learning restoration skills. Unfortunately, the east coast is not kind to classic cars. While the engine and front suspension were in top notch condition, the rest of the car eventually rusted out around me. The Cougar was no more.

Soon after, I decided to move my family to Colorado Springs. I had attended technical school in Denver while I was in the Navy and really liked Colorado. I was also looking forward to being closer to my youngest brother, Jason. He wasn't doing very well in Oklahoma and had dropped out of school. I had big plans for Jason to stay with me and help me with a Mustang project.

Jason never got the chance to work on a Mustang project. While my family and I were on the road to Colorado, Jason was in an accident on a ranch. He suffered a head injury and died shortly thereafter. He was less than a month away from his twenty-third birthday. I had grown up with three brothers and, suddenly, I had one brother.

It took me another ten years to get another Mustang. When I was in high school, I had wanted a 1970 Mach 1, but even back then, those cars were beyond my budget. I also wanted a car I could rebuild myself; just like my brothers and I used to talk about way back in the 1970s. After responding to an ad on Craigslist in Las Cruces, New Mexico, my wife and I made the trip to look at a 1970 Mach 1 for sale. It was running, but it was rough and broken in many ways. It occurred to me that Mustang and I had a lot in common.

Last May my 1970 Mach 1 project had its fourth birthday. No, I didn't plan for this project to take so long. But that's OK. My Mustang project is my therapy. I'm using a lot of the skills I learned from working on my 1969 Cougar. As my Mustang gets put back together, so do I. It's the result of grandiose dreams about cars back when I was a kid. It's looking forward to one day driving it with the same girl I dated back in high school. It's a memorial to Jimmy and Jason who never got the chance to build their cars. That's what my Mustang means to me.



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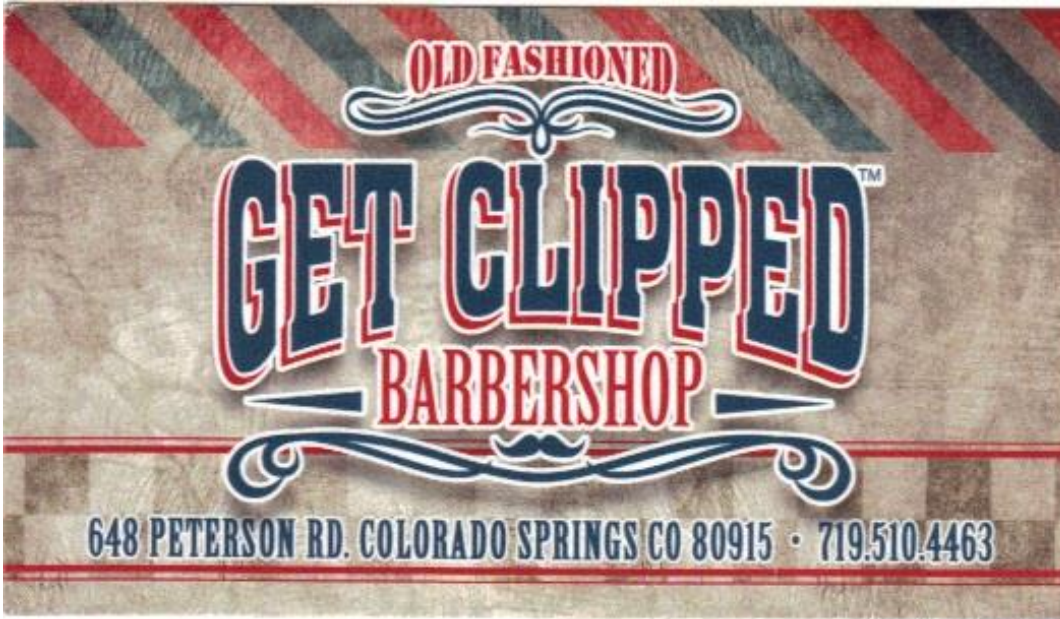


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RMMC 2015 Calendar

November 21

Club meeting and election of officers – Mimi's Café ,
Social hour 5:30, meeting 6:30



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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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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



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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 _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

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.