



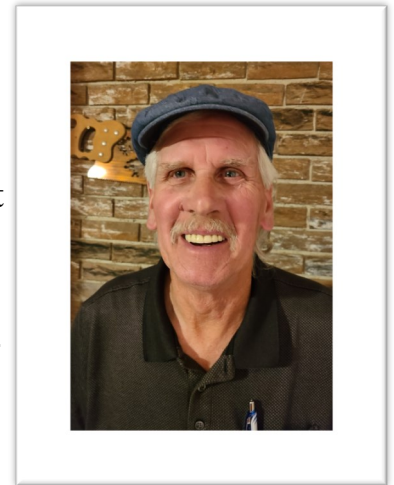
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MARC'S REMARKS

JUNE 2022

Hey Mustangers!

June brings the last month of the first half of the year. This year the winds of March's kite flying season hung on until even today. The weather guy is saying we are "likely" to have rain over the next several days. That was supposed to have happened back in April. So this year it appears our weather may be running on a delayed schedule....Our Mustangers' calendars seem unlikely to join the delay frenzy.



This coming weekend we have the Phil Long Ford Vendors Appreciation Day Bar-B-Q for Saturday. Mustangers and Guests who are showing either their Mustang or other Ford Vehicle are encouraged to arrive anytime from 10:00 am until before 11:00am. We will NOT be meeting as a group and should all arrive independently at the Motor City Ford Store. This will allow for the Ford employees to arrange show parking in a bit less cluttered way than the usual mass arrival program. The lunch BBQ is planned to begin about 11:00am. This is considered an informal event so there should be plenty of time to relax and enjoy the event. As this is a first-time event for us, I don't have much more than that for any details.

The Rocky Mountain Mustang Round-Up is apparently well in hand as we proceed forward towards Father's Day. Shannon Short will be doing the Show Day pictures for all participants. At this time, it is likely the ordering for your pictures will be at the Saturday evening Banquet. Speaking with Wendell Salas today I learned that all of the Trophies will be Photograph-Trophy style with the space to slip a photograph into your trophy. This is a new feature that is being added in for the first time this year.

Eat Well, Drive, Mustanger ALL,

~Marc Short

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2022

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July 2022

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blue: Club Board Meeting

Green: Monthly Club Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Board Meeting at Phil Long at 6:30 in the Main Conference Room—Wednesday, June 1st. June Member Meeting - Phil Long Ford Meeting Room at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11th.

EVENTS: Club and Non-Club

Cars and Coffee: NEW Location—The SoccerHaus at 4845 List Drive, Colorado Springs 80919: **First Saturday** of the month—May 7 and June 4—7 a.m.—11 a.m.

PHIL LONG CAR SHOW AND BARBECUE: Phil Long Motor City, Saturday June 4, 10:15—2:00, free barbecue and car show. Invite everyone you know with a Mustang!

Cars and Coffee: at Bass Pro Shop, 13012 Bass Pro Drive, Colorado Springs 80921: **Last Saturday** of the month—May 28th and June 25th—6:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Car Show at the Abbey: Saturday, June 11th in Canon City. Presented by the Canon City Car Club.

Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup—www.rockymountainmustangroundup.com. June 15—19th in Colorado Springs.

NSRA Nationals Car Show: Friday June 24 through Sunday June 26th in Pueblo CO at the Fairgrounds. www.nsra-usa.com.

Get more information on events at www.mustangers.com or by contacting Reed Hiltermann.



Memories of a Car Guy *by Hap Schadler*

[Editor's Note: This is Part Seven 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 2022 issue he had just taken a job as Dev Engineer at Perkins Diesel in Farmington . . .]

Perkins Diesel and the Detroit area was a fun time. I had gotten out of most of the debt my ex-wife had left me, the job was interesting, many of the guys I worked with were motor heads, and I started dating some of the ladies that worked at Perkins. One sassy little lady in the IT department had broken her necklace and came down to our Engineering group to see if someone could fix it. I volunteered and managed to put it back together for her. I also fixed it for her a couple of times after that which led to a joke by the other engineers that she was breaking it so she could come back to see me. One day she came by our group and announced that her Pontiac Grand Prix needed an oil change and a tune up and would one of our group be interested in doing that for her over the weekend for a home-made dinner? My buddy Jack spoke up first and said "sure Hap will do it".

I headed over to Sara's place that weekend with my tools and after introductions to her 13 year old son Joe and 11 year old daughter Colleen was shown the 1978 Grand Prix that needed the oil change and tune up. She didn't have any of the supplies I needed so I took her son with me and went to an auto parts store to get what I needed. On my return I did the oil and filter change, cleaned out the carburetor and set the idle, checked her power steering and brake fluid levels, put on a new air filter, checked her battery liquid level, added some coolant to her radiator, and checked her ignition system. She wanted to pay me for the items I'd used, but I refused as I felt that was part of the bargain for the dinner. After I cleaned up she made a great dinner of short ribs and potatoes. I remember sitting at the table with her two kids and wondering what I had gotten myself into. The girl kept asking me if I had a nickel I could give her and the son was grilling me like he was her Dad. "What do you do at Perkins? How much do you make? I see you drive that old Mustang. Why don't you get a good car like a Riviera?". The food was wonderful though and Sara was a lot of fun. After that experience I still called her up the next week and asked her out for a date. She was a motor head like I was and we had fun over that next year in Motor City.

All was not well with the '65 Mustang. It was tired out and one day the clutch went out on it while I was driving home. I had to leave the car on the side of the street and walk down to a pay phone to call a wrecker to tow it back to my apartment facility. After the call I started to walk back to the car and saw two guys pull up behind my car, get out, and lift the hood. I took off at a run towards the car yelling at them and shaking my fists. They must have not been that determined to strip my car as they hopped back in their vehicle and took off. When I got to the car the hood was still up and the air cleaner had been taken off. Otherwise everything was ok, but still broken down.

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Memories of a Car Guy (continued)

I was lucky I worked at Perkins and was dating Sara at that time. Sara would pick me up and take me to work. The development lab at Perkins also had several Dodge trucks that had been fitted with Perkins Diesels for a possible contract with Chrysler that they let me borrow while I solved my car problem. This also outed Sara and I as a couple to several of the folks at Perkins. The Diesel refit in the Dodge truck worked really well except when it was left outside on a sub 32 degree night. Diesel has a phenomenon called cloud crystal formation when it gets cold. This unfortunately is great at clogging the fuel tank filter. There is no way around this once it happens other than letting the tank defrost in a warm garage. I visited Sara one cold night after work and left the truck outside. Sure enough it wouldn't start. She wound up having to drive me to work and then I had to go down to the development lab and explain what had happened to the truck. They sent one of the mechanics named Bill out with me in the other truck to see if we could get it to start. As I was giving Bill directions we came around the last corner and Bill saw where the truck was parked and yelled out "Sara Sugrue's!". He then gave me a nasty grin. Turned out Bill had worked for Sara's Dad back when he was younger, knew Sara, and her ex-husband. The truck still wouldn't start and so was towed back to the development lab. Once defrosted it was fine. My reputation around the development lab for dating the heart breaking Sara though had been made.

One of the more interesting jobs I had with Perkins was to collect a modified US Postal Jeep that had been out on trial with the Finley, Ohio Post office. Our development lab had taken a standard Jeep Postal vehicle and swapped in a small naturally aspirated 108 cubic inch diesel Perkins engine. After testing this vehicle for a year the Finley Post office was ready to return it. I flew down to Finley and was picked up by a postal employee, driven to their storage lot and handed the keys. I asked how the test had gone and the reply was "It was alright". The Jeep started right up and so with a fresh tank of diesel I headed north. The first thing to get used to was the driving position as the steering was located on the opposite side. I got the Jeep up to 55 mph on the freeway and settled in for a noisy and creaky drive back. The Jeep and the engine match were obviously not designed for highway cruising. More for 25 to 35 mph post box runs. The slide door wobbled, the Postal body creaked, it was drafty, and the vehicle could only get to 60 mph on a downhill slope. After what seemed like a long drive back I turned the Jeep back into the development lab. It did get good fuel mileage.

I needed to get some transportation. I had liked the '79 Mustang when it came out, especially the Pace Car version of the Car. I started looking around the Detroit area Ford dealerships for one and found a dealership that had one. Unfortunately by the time I got there it had been sold. They did have a nice 2.3 liter turbocharged 1980 Mustang Cobra hatchback in black with the laser graphics along the bottom sides and a buckskin interior. It was a four speed with manual brakes and steering. It didn't have air conditioning or power windows and locks, but did have a nice radio. I negotiated a price, got a loan, and now had a new Mustang. *[to be continued in July, as Hap and Sara move to Kansas . . .]*



May Cars and Coffee—Soccerhaus

Saturday May 7, 2022



Looking Back . . . Again!

(She's real fine!)

By Ross Schwyhart

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." So says Charles Dickens in *A Tale of Two Cities*. It describes my year going from 15 to 16. Getting my driver's license was on the horizon but for now I was stuck with either my feet or my trusty Schwinn bicycle for transportation.

Cañon City was not a hot spot for cool cars. But, just like in *American Graffiti* we had our own John Milner. His name was Denny Wilson and he had a super nice red '57 Bel Air 2 door hardtop with a bored 283 and a 4 speed. The rest of us motor heads were stuck with either our parent's cars or whatever we could afford to buy with our minimum wage jobs. But I'm getting ahead of myself here.

It was a Saturday morning in the late summer of 1962, when the phone rang and I answered it to hear the voice of Jim, the parts man at the Chevy dealer, telling me that I needed to get down to the dealership pronto! Jim knew me as a car crazy kid with 10,000 dreams and just as many questions about cars. He patiently answered all my questions and listened to my dreams. He didn't laugh when I asked him to order the crossed flags and the 409 script from the front fender of a '62 Chevy. (They are the ones in the picture at the beginning of this article.) The Beach Boys song *409** along with the results of NHRA drag racing that I read in *Hot Rod* magazine had convinced me that this was my dream ride.

I jumped on the trusty Schwinn and pedaled down to the dealership. There sitting in the service bay was the car of my



dreams, a bright red '62 Impala SS 2 door hardtop with red interior and best of all it was "4 speed, dual quad, posi-traction 409"! This was about the coolest thing that I had ever seen. It was just the beginning of some of the great things that happened in the year between 1962 & 1963.

In the summer of 1962 Chevrolet came to Cañon City and the Royal Gorge to film commercials for the upcoming 1963 Chevys. (See the link at the end of this article to see the commercial filmed on the bridge at the Royal Gorge.) When they moved to film on Skyline Drive there was one car that they kept under wraps until it was time to film. When they uncovered it my dream car went from that 409 to that car. It was the '63 split window Corvette! I could not believe this was happening in Cañon City! (continued on the next page)

Looking Back . . . Again! (continued)

Fall turned to winter and winter to spring and I was back working at the Royal Gorge on weekends, doing homework, and studying for my driver's test. I had just about worn the print off the pages of the manual. This was one test I was not going to fail! Finally, I was old enough to take the test and get my learner's permit and drive legally. I had been driving on the back roads for a while so I had that part down. I got my driver's license in May and my freedom but no car other than my mom's el-cheapo '60 Rambler American 4 door. It's hard to be cool in a Rambler 4 door!



Mom's 1960 Rambler American with my touches!

Since I was 16 I was able to move from "tag boy", putting bumper stickers that said "Royal Gorge World's Highest Suspension Bridge" on incoming cars to park maintenance. This was a major pay raise from .48¢ an hour to .75¢ an hour! I was lucky enough to work in the parking lot so I could see all the cars that came into the park. Every once and a while I would see cars that I knew were upcoming models that were being tested and I got a sneak preview of next year's cars.

At the rate I was saving it was going to be a long, long time before I would have my own wheels. My mom insisted that I save for college, so three quarters of everything I earned went straight into a savings account for higher education.

I knew that any high performance car was out of the question if mom was buying it but I did think that the Corvair was pretty cool. I must have worked on my mom for months to buy a Corvair to replace the Rambler. Finally, I think to stop my pleading, she agreed to at least go look at one. The salesman did his job and mom bought a black with red interior Monza coupe with the "high" horsepower 102 HP engine and 4 speed! This was a major upgrade from the blue Rambler and as long as I maintained my grades and helped pay the insurance I could use it on weekends. I had some really good times in that car.

Looking Back . . . Again! (continued)

I think every car guy has a car that makes him feel 16 again and a '63 Corvair Monza coupe is mine.

Two other events happened during this time. The first was for some reason the Chevy dealer got a '63 split window Corvette. It was not a fire breathing fuel injected 327 with a 4 speed of my dreams but a tame 250 HP Power-glide model. But it was red and it was a Corvette! Imagine my disappointment when I found out that mom had a chance to have it overnight and didn't do it. I would have had some real street creds if I could have said I got to drive a Corvette!

The second event was a sports car club from Denver came to Cañon to have a hill climb on Skyline Drive. This brought a flock of rarely seen cars to Cañon. My buddy LeRoy and I had to go see all the cars. As we were taking it all in what did we see? A red with black interior 289 Cobra complete with white side walls and chrome wire wheels. I can still see that car in my mind. I commented to LeRoy I wondered why the owner wasn't competing and I heard a voice behind me say "Because the driver is too old." I tried to talk to him but, he didn't seem too interested in sharing anything about his Cobra with a couple of kids. Side note here – when you are out with your Mustang and a kid wants to talk to you about your Mustang please take the time to talk to them. You are driving an American icon and you taking the time to talk to that kid will make a lasting memory and could make them a car person for life.

As Kermit the frog says "It isn't easy being green"; it wasn't easy being a car crazy kid in a small town with the only connection to cool cars was what I read in the car magazines. I spent many an hour sitting on the bottom shelf of the magazine rack at Helm's Drug reading the articles in *Road & Track*, *Motor Trend*, and *Hot Rod* and dreaming. Looking back I guess they really weren't such bad times after all. Driver's license and freedom, some pretty cool cars, asking a pretty girl for a date and getting yes for an answer – not too bad at all!

*I went to the Abbey School for high school. It was a private school run by the Benedictine monks and was much like college as books were not provided so students were required to purchase their text books from the school book store. The book store also served as gathering place to have a coke, talk, and listen to the juke box. The monk that ran the book store got so tired of hearing 409 that he unplugged the juke box and removed the 45 from it!

The engine sound in the song is not a 409 but rather a 348 that was in the '60 Chevy belonging to Gary Usher one of the writers of the song along with Brian Wilson and Mike Love. 409 was released as a 45 "B" side to *Surfing Safari* in June of 1962.

Link to the 1963 Chevy commercial: <https://vimeo.com/38994936>

Hoofbeats Classifieds

For Sale:

Pair of Carroll Shelby Wheel Company CS-11 Rear Wheels—20x11 in Gloss Gun-metal with Polished Lip. These fit any 2005—2022 Mustang. You would need to acquire front wheels that are 20x9.5. **New in box.** Selling as I ended up with an extra set of rear wheels. \$249 per wheel; normally retail for \$422.99 on CJ Pony Parts. Call or email Wes at wpowell@builderfunnel.com or 719-440-1395.



For Sale:

Corsa Axle-Back Exhaust with Polished Tips; these are currently installed on my 08 Shelby GT. I am wanting to take the exhaust back to the original Ford Racing Axle-Backs and so the Corsa's are up for sale. If you are interested, these are still on the Shelby, so you can listen to them before making a decision. If you like the sound, we can work out a price. Call or email Wes at wpowell@builderfunnel.com or 719-440-1395.



Hey Mustangers!

If you would like to sell your automotive and Mustang related items, or if you are looking to buy, place an ad for FREE on this page.

Just send your ad info to wpowell@builderfunnel.com:

Info should include:

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I will run the ad for 3 months, unless the item sells and you let me know to remove the ad sooner!

Minutes of the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Mustang Club

21 May 2022

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President Marc Short.

There were no new members or guests present

The minutes of the April meeting were read.

The treasurer's report was read.

Old Business

The new club business cards were passed out to the members. Many thanks to Steve Nyrhinen for providing these to the club at no cost.

Lynn and Wes are still working on the policies and procedures from another club and need to simplify and change the wording to fit the Mustangers.

Terry stated that the autocross for the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup has been setup. The event has a photographer for the Show and Shine but still needs someone to take pictures at the track events.

The club was well represented at the Manitou High School graduation parade with 13 Mustangs. There were also 13 Mustangs that participated in the club cruise to Westcliff. Other things that Reed mentioned were the cruise in at the Bass Pro Shops on May 28th and the car show at Phil Long Motor City on June 4th starting at 10 AM and lasting until 2 PM.

Reed reminded the club that the June club meeting will be on **June 11th** the second Saturday in June to avoid conflicting with the Roundup.

The club banner that was purchased to display at Phil Long was presented to Mark Barton and he gave a short talk on how the dealership supports the club. He also gave the club \$250 to put toward the cost of the club picnic. He also said that the list of club benefits at the dealership was in the works.

Lynn and Reed checked on the possibility of getting purchasing meat from a shop in Woodland Park but it would be too expensive.

A motion was made and voted on to allow the board to spend up to \$800 for the club provided items for the picnic.

Marc presented the idea for the dual membership and after some discussion it was decided that there would be a change to the club by-laws calling membership a family membership and all members living there would have a vote. This will need some clarification going forward.

Also a motion was made to change the club membership fee to \$50, the new member fee to \$10, and that members joining in November or December would have their membership begin in January of the following year. This will be presented for a club vote at the July meeting and if approved the by-laws would be changed following the process outlined in the by-laws.

Dave Brown has been in contact with Texas T-bone concerning the club Christmas party. The club has reserved 2 rooms on December 17th from 2 to 4 PM. There is a \$100 refundable deposit for this.

New Business

The board needs to see about procuring new supplies that are given new members. This will be discussed at the June board meeting.

It was suggested that a sign stating the Mustang club meets at Phil Long on the third Saturday of the month. Marc said he would talk with the dealership about this.

Cars and parts were held.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Membership Form

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club

2022 Membership Form

Please bring to a meeting or mail to:

RMMC, P.O. Box 7102, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

PLEASE PRINT



Name: _____

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. **New members joining after January will have dues pro-rated at \$2.00 per month.**

Please by cash or check ONLY. Make checks payable to RMMC.

Initial Membership: + Dues: \$2.00 per month _____ (pro-rated) = TOTAL: _____

Initial Membership reflects \$2.00 per month member dues, an \$8.00 insurance surcharge, and an \$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 _____

NOTE: Membership renewal is due yearly by the February club meeting.

[] Check if you are willing to share your Name, Email, Cell Number, & Year of your Mustang with other club members.

Insurance Release Statement

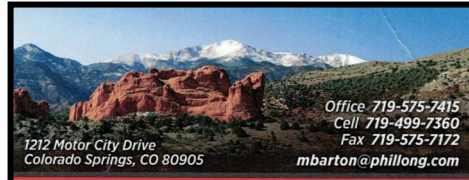
I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers, Inc., its members, and any volunteers from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which might or does arise out of participation 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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|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
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| Ross | Secretary | secretary@mustangers.com |
| Wes | Treasurer | treasurer@mustangers.com |
| Terry | Chairman of the Board | chairman@mustangers.com |
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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.

