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## ***President's Corner***

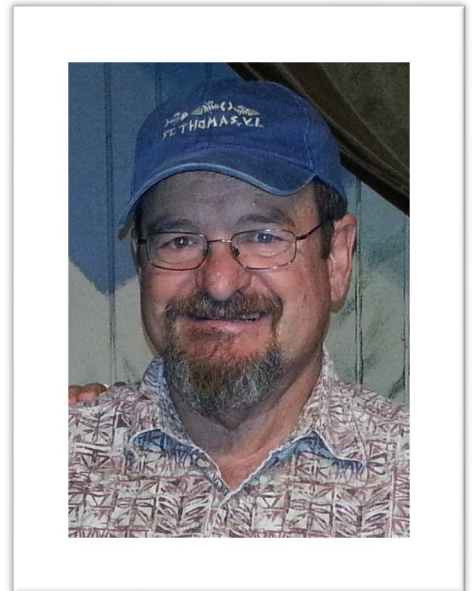
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Dear Mustangers,

Thanks to all the members that attended the April Club Meeting—it was a large turnout!

Lynn Murphy and I have delivered the Certificates of Appreciation to the club's sponsors. The sponsors I delivered certificates to were greatly appreciative. I want to thank Wes Powell for getting the Certificates completed. This has been talked about for several years and the Board Team got it done.

I also wanted to thank Joel Newcomer for getting the Penrose Heritage Museum Tour together along with an ice-cream social to boot. It was a good turnout of members that participated in the tour. As an interesting point we saw a trophy that listed Joel Newcomer under the Stock Car class of a time of 12.57.13. Joel is also working on going to the Shelby Museum in Boulder.



Lynn Murphy, previous VP, has been working hard on our Club Picnic scheduled for July 21, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. She was not able to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday so the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday was booked. That being said, the Club meeting for the month of July will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (July 21) and not on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (July 20<sup>th</sup>). Please take note of the change of date on the Club meeting. More details to follow!

Also a big thanks goes out to Marc Short for all he does with Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup. I assisted Marc Short in taking the RMMR Sponsorship Agreement to Mark Barton for Phil Long Ford who has agreed to be a sponsor. Phil Long Ford has donated \$2,000 to RMMR, provided 2 complimentary show T-Shirts, and 2 complimentary entries to the Friday hospitality night. Thank you, Mark!

The Lincoln Tech Car show has been rescheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Those individuals who registered will automatically be reregistered for the new date. Refunds can be issued upon request by replying to their email [JJONES@Lincolntech.edu](mailto:JJONES@Lincolntech.edu) There is plenty of time to get more of the club members to sign up for the car show. The registration fee is only \$20.00 and it is a fun event!

Rosie's Diner, a club sponsor, is also sponsoring their annual car show. The show is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. The registration fee is \$30.00. Included in the show fee is a pancake breakfast in the diner and a free lunch on the grill for one participant and one guest. The great turnout and live band make this a great event!

More to come for this year as "Car Season 2024" gets rolling!

Your President,

*Dave Brown*



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## ***From the Editor***

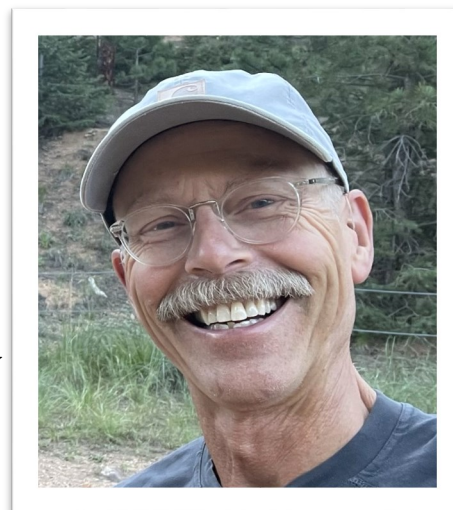
Dear Mustangers,

Even though the weather has washed out several events here at the start of car season (how is it it only snows or rains on Saturdays? :) it sounds like Joel's tour of the Heritage Museum went off without a hitch. The next Cars and Coffee is this Saturday at University Village. The weather forecast is promising at this point. My 2016 GT is getting ceramic coating this week just in time for C&C. I am anxious to see if the coating makes the Ruby Red Metallic Tintcoat really pop in the sun. We will see!

I know our club is all about Mustangs, but I do like Ford products. I had the opportunity to drive a 2024 Ford Explorer ST several weeks ago. What a cool vehicle: it hauls 6 passengers and your dog, is quiet and comfortable, and the twin-turbo 3.0 liter six-cylinder gets you down the road in a hurry! It's one of those vehicles that doesn't make you choose between practicality and performance—good job Ford!

Speaking of Ford doing a good job, I was saddened to read about the passing of former Ford CEO Donald Peterson at age 97. Peterson was really responsible for turning Ford's quality problems around—no longer would FORD stand for "Fix or Repair Daily." Peterson was humble enough to invite W. Edward Deming, the industrial engineer who successfully taught the Japanese how to build a quality car through continuous improvement, into Ford to help stop Ford's profit free fall in the early 1980's. By 1986, Ford was America's most profitable car company, turning out high quality cars and trucks. We have a lot to thank both of these gentlemen for. Without them, there might not be a Mustang!

That's all the meandering I have for this issue. Enjoy the beautiful May weather. Make it a point to get together with some other Mustangers and drive! Happy Driving!



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	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	

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
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

## 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, May 5th.  
February Member Meeting on May 15th at Phil Long Motor City.

**EVENTS: Club and Non-Club**

**May 2024 Club Meeting:** Phil Long Motor City, Saturday, May 15th 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m., Dinner at Panino's afterwards for those who want to socialize.

**May 4, 2024 - CARS 'N COFFEE, University Village Colorado, 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO** <https://www.uvcshopping.com/>

**May 19th, 2024—Florence Car Show, 9—3 p.m., Main Street Florence, CO. Live Music, Door Prizes.**  
<https://www.florencecoloradocarshow.com/2024-registration-form/>

**May 20, 2024 3rd Annual Mash Mechanix Brewery Hot Rod & Car Show 10—2 pm. 429 E Pikes Peak Ave.**  
<https://www.mashmechanix.com/events/car-show>

**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](http://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 Thirteen 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 April 2024 issue Hap had just finished eating a Beau Jo's Pizza . . .]*

Miles went on my company cars quickly in those days and it wasn't long before I got a new four wheel drive Topaz four door. It was quite pretty with a black upper and silver lower paint scheme and a very nice interior. This one had an AM/FM cassette radio, power seats, auto transmission, shift on the fly four wheel drive, power steering, brakes, windows, and locks. The only thing it needed was a V6 or a turbo charged four cylinder engine. At Denver's altitude it was not a peppy car. It was a good reliable car though.



Joe and the Mercury Topaz 4WD after Colleen had purchased the car from me.

One thing we got used to in Colorado were Spring Blizzards. Especially in the early 90s we seemed to have a really good one each year in late March or early April. One of the worse ones of course found us away from home. I had driven down to Durango to make some calls and had Sara fly down to join me at the end of the week for some sightseeing. When we headed back there were warnings of a big snow storm that would hit Colorado, but at first the weather wasn't too bad and the roads were pretty clear. This changed by the time we started heading north towards Buena Vista. Snow began to come down and drift along sections of the road. By the time we started heading east on 285 we were in a full blown blizzard. It got dark as we progressed and the snow started to pile up. Visibility was very bad. (continued on next page)

## Memories of a Car Guy (continued)

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The Topaz was in four wheel drive and I luckily had a good set of snow tires on it as well. Finally 285 got down to two tracks in the snow. If another vehicle approached from the opposite direction each driver would take one of the tracks and slowly pass on by. The snow had fallen quickly and by the time we had gotten over the pass and headed down towards Denver we were pushing snow with the car. Yet we continued and as we got closer the snow got wetter and the road icier. We finally came to the turn off for Soda Lakes Road. There were a dozen cars left on the exit in various positions, I told Sara to hang on and accelerated up the ramp weaving between the stranded cars to get through to Soda Lakes road. From here we were able to proceed south until we finally got to Ken Caryl Ave. As we approached the Overpass for the uncompleted C470 I saw some lights and quickly stopped before running into a partially drifted over stranded RTD bus that was blocking the road. As it was late and the road deserted I was able to back up to a side road and take this back to Kipling and then south to C470. In this way I found an alternative route past the bus into our sub division at Ken Caryl Valley. Upon getting off the freeway I discovered that much of the right lane was drifted over to the height of the Topaz's fenders, so I completed driving to our house on the wrong side of the road. Our driveway had about four feet of snow drifted over it so I gunned the Topaz and rammed a way up into our driveway before the Topaz was so high sided that it stopped. We were able to get the garage door up and worked our way in from the car. We got inside the house and exhausted went straight to bed. It would take a lot of digging over the next several days to free the Topaz and get out of our subdivision.

In the early 90's things were going well enough that I was able to look at redoing the '65 Mustang Fastback. The Texas weather had been tough on it and the Lacquer paint was peeling off the roof and other areas on the body. The Carburetor had also blown its Power valve and needed rebuilding and rejetting. The car had sat much of the time in Texas and I decided to fix it up and use it for autocrossing so that it would get some regular use besides going to occasional shows and cruises. My friend Bruce at Cooper did body and mechanical work out of his garage to make some additional income and agreed to paint my car if I supplied the paint and \$1000.00. This also meant my preparing the car for painting and helping Bruce on the weekends working on the car. I proceeded with stripping off all the body trim, the bumpers, the front grille and headlights, the wipers, front turn signal lights, rear backup lights, door panels, rear seat panels, door handles and locks, and the side vents. I then drove the car across town to Bruce's house in Aurora where I removed the tail lights and gas cap.

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. ***[to be continued in June, as Hap continues the restoration of the '65 Fastback. . . .]***

## Happy 60th Birthday to the Mustang!

I was four years old when the Mustang was introduced on April 17th, 1964. I don't ever remember a world without a Mustang. More importantly, I can't remember a year where you couldn't buy a NEW Mustang. That's quite an accomplishment for any car model, considering my advancing years!



Photo: Ford.com

There have been many articles in the mainstream press and well as many specialty publications about the Mustang's 60 year run. It really is an incredible story that hasn't reached its end; there are over 11 million Mustangs that have been produced and they are still rolling off the assembly line. We are now looking at the 7th generation of Mustang on the car lots.

Club Member Bob Randolph brought the following article to my attention about the first buyer of a Mustang in the USA—Gail Wise. Here it is in the Chicago Sun Times: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/ford-mustang-first-sold-in-united-states>.

On another note, many long-time Mustang enthusiasts complain about the limited colors available on the newer models. I went on Ford.com and, yes, there are only 11 paint colors available—most of them muted in nature. The two colors with a “look at me” attitude are Race Red and the new Yellow Splash Metallic. According to Hagerty, the 1965 Mustang was available in 24 different colors! I'm sure 11 colors is a much more



## Happy 60th Birthday to the Mustang!

manageable number for Ford, but some of the early colors sounds great—Phoenician Yellow, Tropical Turquoise, Skylight Blue, anyone? However, I am grateful that Ford still makes the Mustang—the only car left in Ford line-up!

Photo: CJPonyParts.com



Another piece of Mustang trivia that I picked up from reading the history of the Mustang pony logo on Hagerty.com, is that the enclosure around the running pony is called “the corral.” It made perfect sense

when I read this, but it never occurred to me before. I think with the new 7th generation Mustang that the pony corral is gone, leaving the pony to roam where it pleases.

One of the main reasons, in my opinion, for the long running popularity of the Mustang, is that there is sure to be a Mustang variation that will meet the buyer’s wants and needs. Addressing this point is an interesting book by Jonathan and Jeffrey Klein entitled Mustang Special Editions. In the book, they detail more than 200 special categories of Mustangs from 1964 to 2018. Broadly speaking, they lump them into Regular Production Special Mustangs (like the SVO), Anniversary Editions (such as the 50th Anniversary Limited Edition GT), Pace and Race Car Mustangs ( think ‘68 Cobra Jet Race Car), Commemorative and Tribute Mustangs (Bullitt, anyone?), Limited Special Production Mustangs (remember the 1992 Feature Summer Special?), Local and Territorial Special Edition Mustangs (1968 High Country Specials, and the like), and Dealers, Tuners, and Third-Party Special Editions (Shelby American, Roush, Steeda, Foose, etc.) It’s a well written and documented reference book and a welcome addition to the library of any Mustang enthusiast.

So Happy Birthday to the Mustang. Let’s hope we are celebrating its 65th birthday in another five years! —-Editor

## It's the Season for Cars and Coffee!

It's Cars and Coffee season until the end of October. Cars and Coffee events are a great way to interact with car enthusiasts of all different types in a relaxed, come as you are, leave when you want environment. There are several Cars and Coffee events in Colorado Springs each month. University Village holds one on the first Saturday, Bass Pro Shops, on the north end of town, holds one on the 4th Saturday of each month. The weather for the first C&C at University Village was not the best, but a number of cars showed up! Reed was representing the club in his S197. I was there, but drove the Bronco. One of the more unique vehicles was a Holden HSV truck (think of it as a Pontiac version of a SVT F150 made in Australia). The Corvettes were more heavily represented than Mustangs as I only saw one other than Reed's, a black Fox-body Cobra. The British invasion produced a Triumph Spitfire GT6 Mk3 that looked all original, and the Audi boys were well represented with A and S4's. May turnout should be much higher as the weather will be much improved! See you there!

**Place:** University Village, 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs

**Date and Time:** Saturday, May 4, 7 a.m. to 11:00ish

**Limitations:** None! Bring your coffee and a donut!

**Parking:** How about next to another Mustang?





## 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****APRIL 20TH, 2024**

Meeting was called to order @ 4:30 PM

Secretary minutes and treasury report were read

Dave thanked Joel for organizing the Heritage Museum tour. Joel is working on club members going to the Shelby Museum sometime in the first two weekends of May.

Lynn & Dave have delivered sponsorship certificates to the current businesses who sponsor our club.

Lynn presented to the club some ideas for entrees to be served at our annual summer picnic. She asked members to let her know what they would like to have. Juleen will send out a mass email asking club members who did not attend the meeting for their input on the entrée. A decision needs to be made by the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are asking members again this year to please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM is the Lincoln Tech car show. Club members who are attending this event will meet at the Starbucks on InterQuest Pkwy @ 7:00 AM to caravan there together. Wes is organizing this event.

July 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM will be Rosies Diner car show. Participants and one guest who enter the show will receive a breakfast and a grill lunch.

Dave had Mark Barton fill out a sponsor form for RMMR and Mark will make payment as well.

Dave asked club members for ideas on how to get more members to participate in events. One suggestion made was after one of our cruises we stop at Rosie's Diner for dessert.

Ross would like to know how many members are attending RMMR and get an idea of how many would like to caravan up to Cripple Creek on Friday afternoon and the possibility of having lunch together on Saturday. Juleen will send out an email to members and have them contact Ross if any are interested in doing this.

Cars & parts were announced

The raffle was done

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mustang(s):**

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ BODY STYLE \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Initial Family Membership (\$60.00)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Renewal Family Membership (\$50.00)** \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

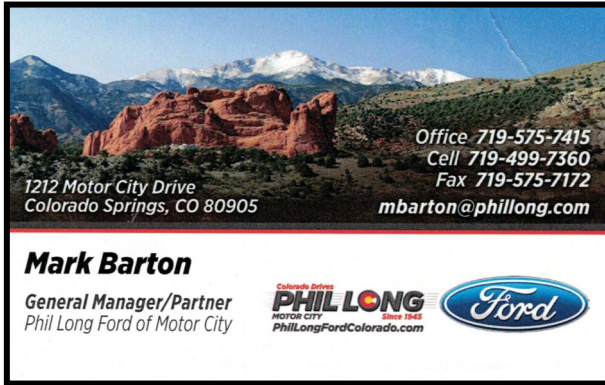
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Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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!**

Below is a list of club members that you may contact for suggestions and/or questions.

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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.

