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MARCH 2025

Hello RMMC Members!



Welcome to the March 2025 March newsletter, The Club has planned some great events for 2025. I want to thank Reed Hiltermann for stepping up to be our Cruise Director.

Reed is looking into organizing some spot cruises as the weather allows and will be reaching out to members when the time arises. Take the time and join other club members for the fun and good times — let those ponies loose and run free — and of course while obeying the laws and rules of the roads!

Your President Dave Brown

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2025

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March 2025

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Upcoming CLUB and NON Club Events

Blue: Club Board Meeting

Green: Monthly Club Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Board Meeting, at the Culver's at 6:30 in the customer dining area
Wednesday, March 5th.

EVENTS: Club and Non-Club

March 15, 2025 Club Meeting at Rosies Dinner. Social hour starts at 2pm and meeting starts at 3pm

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

Get more information on events at www.mustangers.com.

Cruise Controller: Reed Hiltermann (cruisecontroller@mustangers.com)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSTANGERS SUMMER PICNIC!

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Hi there – this is Lynn Murphy, your 2025 Summer Picnic Coordinator!

We are looking for ideas for this next annual picnic! I need to make arrangements way ahead of time for the ordering of the main food items and drinks. At the last Board meeting it was suggested using a food truck for the picnic. Will have to look into reserving a food truck early. Will appreciate comments 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!**

More from Hap Schadlers' " Memories of a Car Guy"



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 subdivision 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. 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.



1965 Fastback in the early 90s.

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. 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. 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.



Autocross at Parachute, Colorado

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. More to come....

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.

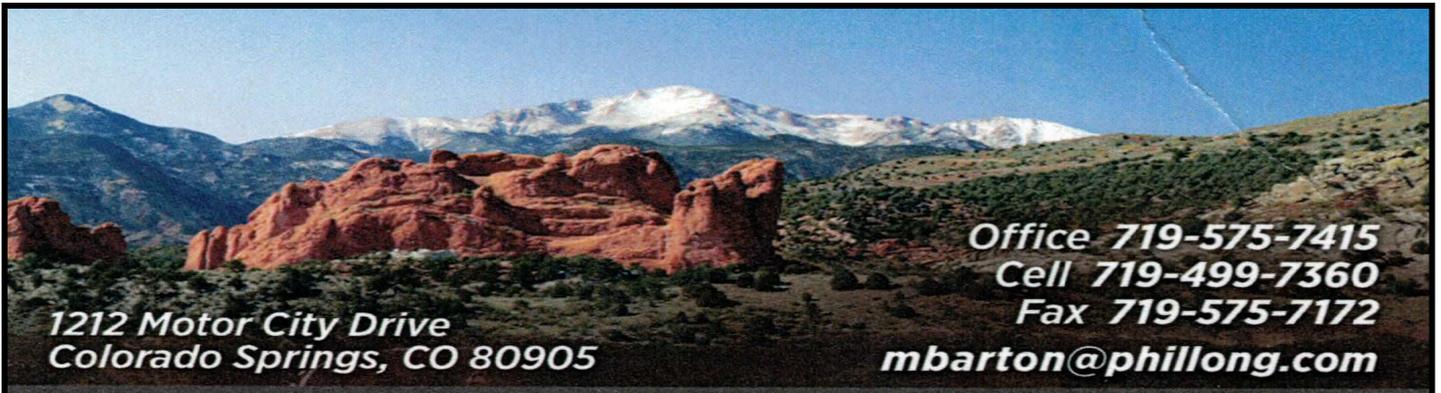
Respectfully submitted, George Harris



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15 February 2025

Meeting was called to order at 2:53 PM by President Dave Brown.

There were no new members or guests present.

Old Business

Dave checked with Mark Barton about the club benefits at Phil Long. The details are still being sorted out. Some members are complaining that this is not being honored by the dealership. There is a question of whether the pricing in the service department is only for Ford products or does it extent to all member vehicles.

Lynn has been in contact with Woodland Park and has reserved the pavilion for Saturday July 5th. The picnic will start at 11 AM. We will be allowed to have a food truck as long as it is for the club's use only. There is also a possibility of having an ice cream truck.

The club still needs sponsors and there is a need for a member or members to update the club flyer and see about having them printed.

Also members need to help with planning club events. If you have an idea for a cruise or event give your suggestion to Reed or better yet organize the event on your own.

New Business

At this time there is no new club business.

Cars and parts were announced.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

Membership Form

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club
2025 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 2024 information.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's name: _____ Children's names: _____

Mustang(s):

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

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

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.

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

Board of Directors and Committee Members

Dave	President	president@mustangers.com
George	Vice President	vicepresident@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.

