



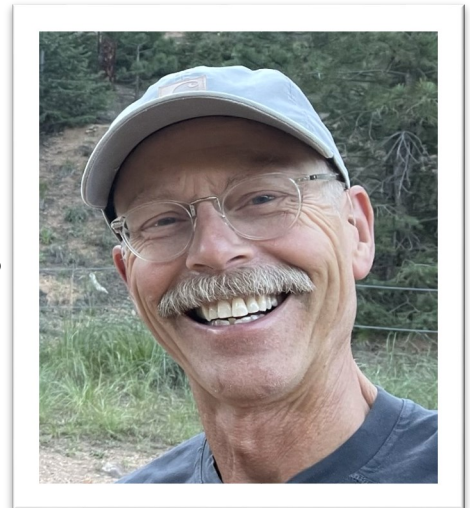
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From the Editor

Dear Mustangers,

It's hard to believe that "car season" is here! Time to check the oil, the tire pressures, and give the Mustang a wash and a wax. The first Cars and Coffee is this coming weekend, April 6, at the University Village and the weather looks good—there should be a nice turnout. Hopefully, you can make it! Stroll around while you enjoy a coffee and pastry from Panera and swap stories with other automotive enthusiasts.



This issue contains a profile on our club member, Curtis Mitchell, that was written and contributed by the folks at the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup. It's a great write-up that reminds us that our hobby is fun not only for the cool cars, but because of all the nice people involved. Don't forget to sign up for the Roundup if you haven't already.

Also, see page 11 for details on the Penrose Heritage Museum Tour being organized by Joel Newcomer. It looks like loads of fun. Thanks, Joel!

Happy Driving!



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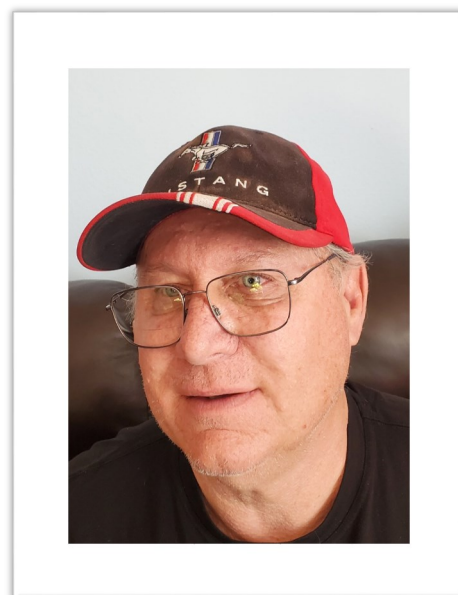
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Reed's Ramblings

Hello Mustangers,

Spring has arrived! It's time to get your Mustang out of the garage, spray it off with the hose, and get it all shined up for the coming session of car fun. And don't forget about that oil change that you have been putting all winter!

Chris and Joel have been working on scheduling events, but would appreciate input from the membership regarding events that you would like to see us do. Please submit any activities to them as soon as possible. They can be reached at:
cruisecontroller@mustangers.com and treasurer@mustangers.com.



Lynn is looking for volunteers to assist her with planning and execution of our annual picnic. This includes menu items, activities and entertainment at the picnic. The picnic will take place at Memorial Park in Woodland Park on Sunday, July 21st.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, "participate in making this club everything that you want it to be".

Thanks,
 Reed

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 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				

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	

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, April 1st.
February Member Meeting on April 20th at Phil Long Motor City.

EVENTS: Club and Non-Club

Penrose Heritage Museum Tour: April 20th at 1:30—3:00 p.m. (see article in Newsletter for more information).

April 2024 Club Meeting: Phil Long Motor City, Saturday, April 20th 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m., Dinner at Panino's afterwards for those who want to socialize.

April 6, 2024 - CARS 'N COFFEE, University Village Colorado, 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO <https://www.uvcshopping.com/>

April 7, 2024 - MONUMENT CARS 'N COFFEE, 581 Hwy 105 Monument CO from 8-11 a.m., <https://www.trilakescruisers.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/>

April 27, 2024 - 11th Annual Car Show, Lincoln Technical Institute, Denver, CO 303-722-5724 x43032 <https://www.lincolntech.edu/campus/denver-co/events>

Get more information on events at 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 March 2024 issue Hap's Spitfire had just been towed home behind their LTD2 . . .]

I mainly just wanted to get the car going again for Colleen as quick as I could so I removed the radiator and had it re-cored and then put the car on jack stands to work on the engine. I pulled the head which luckily had not been damaged, removed the oil pan and disconnected the con rods so that I could push the pistons out of the top of the engine. As I removed the pistons the piston rings fell apart in pieces. The pistons for all of this didn't look too bad and I was able to clean them up for reuse. The cylinder bore had been scuffed up some so I honed the cylinders with the engine in place before reinserting the pistons with new rings. I replaced the rod bearings and slipped in new main bearings. After reassembly the car started up and drove fine. I returned it to Colleen who used it for a while. She had lost her confidence in the car and didn't like the fact it was a very small car compared to the other vehicles on the road. This resulted in our selling the car later and her putting the money for the car against the purchase of my company LTD2 when it reached its mileage limit. She seemed much happier with the LTD2 and drove that car for many years through college.

Around this time I had been offered a job with my company as a Branch manager in Denver, Colorado. I had always wanted to live in Colorado and with Sara's consent I took the job in Denver. My first day of work would be April Fool's day in 1988. I left Sara and the kids in Texas and drove up 287 to Denver with a stopover in Amarillo for the night. The next day as I drove north the weather got increasingly worse and it started to snow. The car of course was not prepared for a spring blizzard in Colorado. I was forced to follow semi tracks on the highway for most of the trip along I70 until I finally reached Denver which was wet, but not snowy. That was my initial welcome to springtime in Colorado. I began looking for a house while we put our home in Arlington up for sale. Colleen was living at Nacogdoches, but an apartment for Joe had to be found so that he had somewhere to live close to the University of Texas in Arlington. We also needed to reduce our car collection.

The '80 Mustang Cobra had served well as a secondary car and for the kids during high school, but would not make the trip.

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I offered it to my secretary's son at a good price and he was very happy to have the Cobra for his new High school ride. This left us with Sara's '85 GT convertible, the '65 Mustang Fastback, and the company LTD2. The '65 Mustang was loaded on the moving truck with our possessions and Sara and I followed each other in the other two cars up to Denver. We soon found a nice house in Littleton, Colorado with a two car garage and settled down as empty nesters. I soon had put over 120,000 miles on the LTD2 with trips to Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Utah and within a year of our move I got a new black four wheel drive Mercury Topaz two door for my new company car. This allowed me to sell the Triumph Spitfire and put the money against the purchase of the LTD2 for Colleen.

We had not been able to sell our house in Texas and had both kids in College so financially things were tight. Luckily Sara had found another IT job in Denver and we were able to rent our Texas house. We were somewhat on our own as Joe and Colleen would come up occasionally on the holidays and Colleen would move back in with us during summer breaks. Winter came and we experienced real snow once again. It initially kept us house bound which Sara changed by insisting that we take ski lessons so we had something to do in the winter. We learned to ski and soon were using the Topaz regularly to get up to Copper Mountain and Winter Park no matter the weather. One such trip didn't end well. We had skied with a couple that Sara knew through her work and planned on meeting afterwards in Idaho Springs for an early supper. On the way back from Winter park we ran into the usual traffic jam on I70 so I exited onto the service road which paralleled I70 down to Idaho Springs. We were making good time this way, but just before reaching where the first Idaho Springs exit off I70 there is a stretch where the service road winds between the mountains and the river. As I came around a bend in the twilight a truck was coming in the opposing lane and then my lights shone on a large suitcase sized rock in the middle of our lane. There was nowhere to go so I decided to try to straddle the rock. This I successfully did, but the rock was too tall and as we straddled it the entire car moved up and over it. The next thing was our oil pressure going to zero. I put the car in neutral and turned off the engine. We were running downhill luckily and I remembered where a full service station was on the west side of town. Running some stop signs we were able to just coast into the service station. Upon inspection it appeared that the oil pan had been sheared off by the rock. I made arrangements with the station to keep the car and fix it. We then walked down to Beau Jo's and met our friends who were nice enough to give us and our gear a lift home after our dinner. It took about a month for the service station mechanic to get the car fixed.

[to be continued in May, as Hap goes upscale with a Mercury. . .]



Source: beaujos.com

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



RMMR SPOTLIGHT ON CURT MITCHELL!

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Editor's Note: RMMR recently published this spotlight piece on one of our club members—Curt Mitchell. Enjoy! (If you still haven't registered for the Roundup, but would like to, click on the link above.)

A lot of people have been committed to RMMR for a long time...some for 35 years! We thought it would be good to recognize those people and tell their Mustang Story for others to hear. Curt Mitchell is a shining example of one of those Mustang fans that are deserving of our RMMR Mustang Spotlight. Here is Curt's RMMR Story.

Curt Mitchell came to his first RMMR event in 1999 and for him it's been a family event every year. Curt's three sons, Micah, Caleb, and Matt, have grown up with RMMR as a part of their lives. "During the years at Steamboat we would spend a week creating memories as we stayed at the campground on the west side of Steamboat Springs. I added a trailer hitch to the 1985 Mustang to pull a trailer with all of our camping gear and supplies for our annual trip." Many of the RMMR participants remember seeing the three young boys helping their dad get the car ready for the show. RMMR is still an annual event that brings our family together. The family has grown since the early years to include his granddaughters.



Over the years Curt has participated in all of the different events, but his favorites have always been the autocross and the show. His first RMMR was also the first time that he participated in an autocross, and he said he immediately wanted to participate in more events. He attended several autocross events put on by the Pikes Peak Sports Car Club to work on improving his skills.

When asked "What keeps you coming back to RMMR?" Curt responded "RMMR is a perfect match of family and cars, we look forward to it every year. RMMR is also an event where I have built many relationships/friendships that are so valuable to me. I look forward to connecting with others and to meeting new friends each year."

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Currently, Curt has two Mustangs, a custom 1993 GT Convertible, and a 2001 GT Saleen. The Convertible belonged to his dad. He has owned the Saleen for two years. The convertible has many modifications including custom paint, lowered, 3:73 gears, custom interior, headers, underdrive pulleys, 1993 Cobra intake and throttle body, Cobra grill insert, a lot of chrome pieces, and Cobra rear wing. The Saleen has several suspension modifications, Corbeau seats, rear seat delete, harness bar, 4:10 gears, short throw shifter, Pro-charger HO P-1CS super-

charger with air to air intercooler running at 8 psi, and a Terminator hood. Curt plans on upgrading the brakes on the Saleen before this year's RMMR.



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Curt has great memories of his Dad's first mustang that he bought on December 24, 1964. "I come from a Ford car family, and my wife has noticed that our family photo albums include a lot of pictures of cars, and sometimes there are pictures of family members with the cars."

RMMR appreciates Curt Mitchell and his family, as well as, all of our participants over the years. Invite your friends and family with you to RMMR to create memories of your own!

Be sure and say hello to Curt at this year's event!



Which Mustang Generation is the Sales Winner?

When out driving around running errands the other day, my mind turned, as it often does, to cars and Mustangs. We all have our favorite Mustang years and models, but which Generation was the “Greatest Generation” and how did the other generations stack up? I did some Googling and found a great article on Mustang production on the CJ Ponyparts website. See the entire article [here](#). The article provided the first three columns of the table below, giving the total production by generation. According to this metric, the First Generation is #1 and the Third

Name	Year Range	Total Production	# of Years	Avg Yearly Production	Rank
First Generation	1964.5-1973	2,981,259	9.5	313,817	1
Second Generation (Mustang II)	1974-1978	1,107,718	5	221,544	2
Third Generation (Fox Body)	1979-1993	2,608,812	15	173,921	3
Fourth Generation (SN95)	1994-2004	1,562,529	11	142,048	4
Fifth Generation (S197)	2005-2014	1,006,975	10	100,698	5
Sixth Generation (S550)	2015-2023	672,677	9	74,742	6

Generation (the Fox body) is #2, followed by the Fourth Generation (SN95) at #3. Source: CJPonyParts.com

However, which generation sold the most per year on average? When we look at that, the generations stack up in order, with the First Generation at #1 and the Sixth Generation at #6. Why? The Third Generation, 2nd in total production, also had the longest run of 15 years. So, it only sold 173,921 on average per year compared to 221,544 on average per year for the Second Generation. So, even though the Second Generation doesn't get as much love from Mustang enthusiasts, it was the second best selling Mustang by average annual sales volume and kept the Mustang alive during the oil crisis and gas shortages of the mid-70's!

—Editor

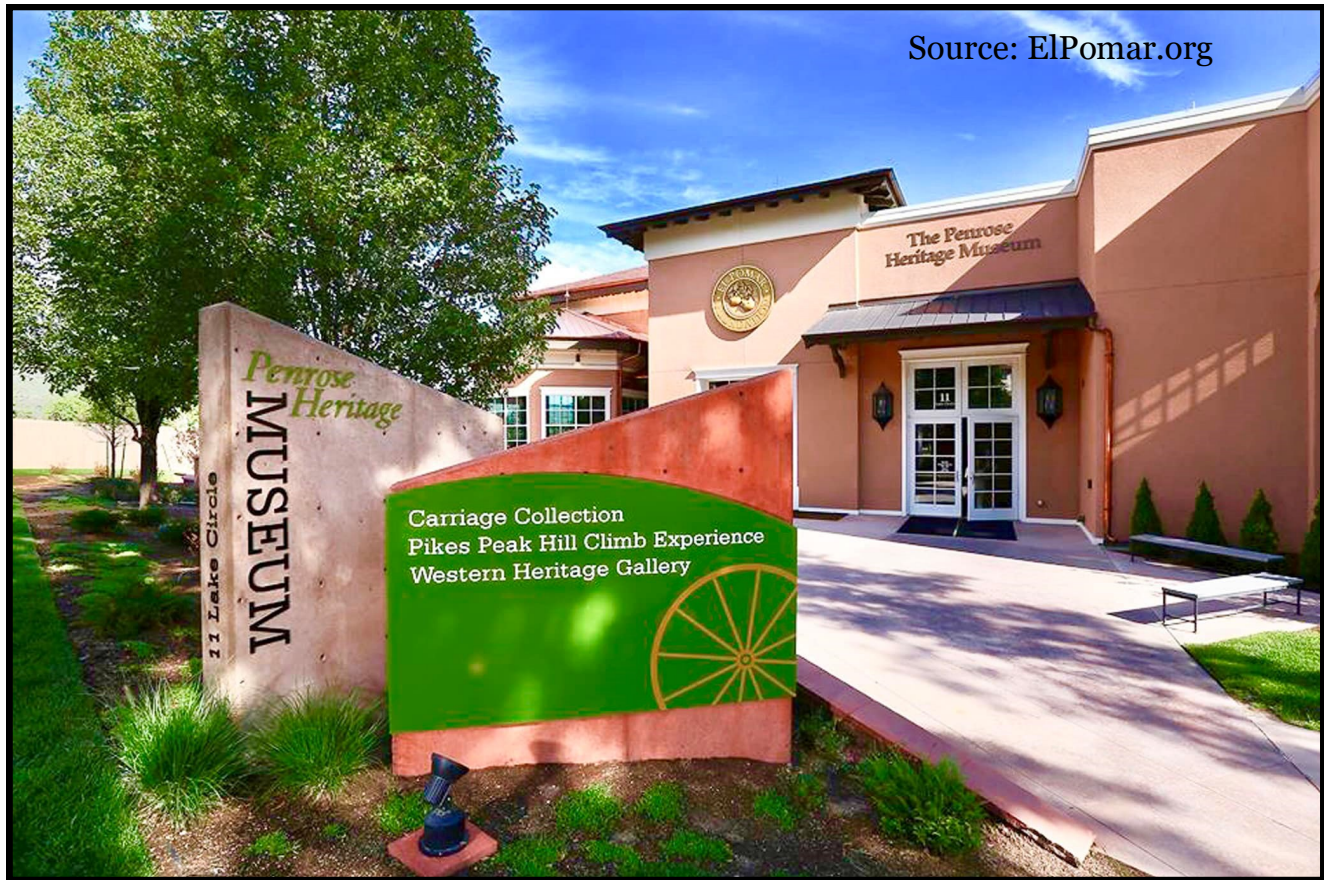
Raffle!

The Raffle at the RMMC meetings is now more exciting with all new inventory to choose from. There is a lot of stuff for your garage, along with mustang signs, t-shirts, mugs, miniature cars, books, and more. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Come to the monthly meetings, buy your tickets, and support your club!

Raffle Master, Janie Harris



Penrose Heritage Museum Tour—April 20th!



Source: ElPomar.org

Join us at the Penrose Heritage Museum on April 20th at 1:30 p.m. for a personal guided tour of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Museum and the Carriage Museum! This fascinating tour showcases legendary race cars that have competed in the Race to the Clouds, personal artifacts of Spencer and Julie Penrose, as well as a bevy of antique carriages. The tour is 1 ½ hours in length and is free! Parking is also free in the covered garage at the Broadmoor. Once the tour ends, mosey over to Phil Long for our monthly membership meeting! This tour is limited to the first 25 responders, so RSVP today!

Place: Penrose Heritage Museum, 11 Lake Circle, 80906

Date and Time: Saturday, April 20th, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Limitations: 25 attendees

Parking: Free Voucher for the Broadmoor Parking Garage

Questions & RSVP: Joel Newcomer, email: joelcarolyn@aol.com, phone: 719-332-7331

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSTANG CLUB**MARCH 16TH, 2024**

Meeting was called to order @ 4:30 PM

Treasurer's report and secretary minutes were read

Reed advised members the Board discussed points on the attendance record for a family membership and have decided the point system will stay the same.

Reed spoke about how participants from the club who planned on being in the St Patrick's Day parade decided because of weather we would not participate. Reed did advise the organizers.

The food entrée needs to be decided as soon as possible for our summer picnic. Lynn is working on getting some ideas together to present to the club. Reed reminded members the annual picnic will be on the third Sunday of July. Any and all suggestions regarding the main entree and the possibility of doing games/ game at the picnic are welcomed. Members will still bring a side dish.

We have no information on Coffin races to date.

Chris Batiste our cruise controller spoke with Vibes Baseball about our club having an event with them this summer. If you are interested let Chris or Joel know and if you would be interested in doing a Switchback soccer game as an event let them know as well.

Joel updated the members on the Penrose Heritage Museum tour at the Broadmoor on April 20th at 1:30. There is no charge for the tour. It is limited to twenty-five people for a guided tour. It will take an hour and a half for the whole tour, so it should be done by around 3:00, which will give people plenty of time to attend the club meeting at Phil Long at 4:30 PM. They will provide us with vouchers to park in their underground parking garage.

Joel is also working on doing a Shelby Museum tour in May.

The Florence car show at the Abby is May 19th from 9:00 – 3:00 PM.

The Canon City car show will be on June 8th.

If there are any cars or parts you would like to have listed in the newsletter, please let Wes know.

Cars & parts and the raffle were done.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Mustang(s):

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

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

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Initial Single Membership (\$50.00) _____

Renewal Single Membership (\$40.00) _____

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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.

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Chris	Cruise Controller	cruisecontroller@mustangers.com

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.

