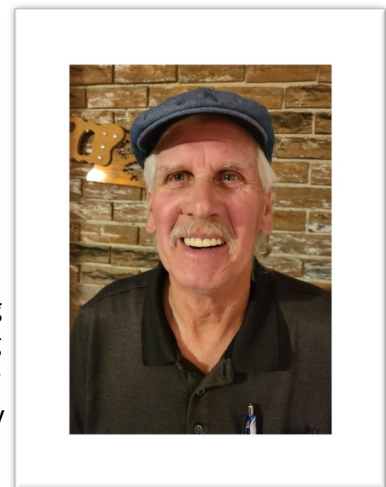




Marc's Remarks

Mustangers!! Congratulate yourselves!! You have completed yet one more trip... around the Sun!! I know that sounds rather trite. Like so many things in our lives that we take for granted and are simple parts of everyday life this is another one of those, but consider the facts. The Earth travels 584,000,000 miles in each revolution. The Earth rotates on its axis 365.256 times during that revolution. That rotation takes each of us on a "short" trip everyday of 24,901 miles. When looking at that big rather mundane picture that means, just during the rotations of a year, we all (inhabitants of earth) travel 9,095,239.6 miles. We simply experience only the weather and day/night cycles in our own portion of the globe and think nothing further about it. When that is included with the revolution distance covered during that same time, we each have traveled a total of 593,095,239.656 miles or, in other words we all traveled a "mere" 593.1 Million miles. More amazingly we completely ignore that big picture and tend to look at our odometers and suggest we traveled some piddly thousands of miles and may even brag about it. Like the way we each get picky (probably for tax purposes) about every one of those thousands of miles, we also soon start counting other things and doing other things. We move on.



So here we are a "New Year" has begun. Now we begin looking forward and planning for the year ahead. Many even pre-plan their year ahead... many days, weeks, and months ahead. Some begin planning the new year before they have even completed the previous year. We all do this to some extent but some will plan for events even longer than "just" a single year in the future and plan many years ahead.

Individually we plan things that will absolutely happen and things that will never come to pass. I would like to ask each of you to find that tiny bit of left-over time, which we all know is associated with mileage as we stand still and the universe propels us forward, to make a time commitment to Your Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club. We (the Board) have created a number of associate positions for many of the Club's Board and Committee head positions. We created these as we also look ahead, primarily to provide training without all of the time commitment that the primary positions entail. By giving your time and making a commitment to learn how and what we do for the club at board meetings and beyond we provide the needed strength for our club to grow, thrive and survive beyond ourselves. We simply must continue to plan, for not only our individual needs but, for our Club's needs.

In parting I would like to share that later this week I personally will complete 38,551,190,577.64 miles. In other words, I will be 38.551 Billion miles old. Yep, a veritable antique. LOL

Eat Well, Drive Well — Mustangers ALL — *Marc*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blue: Club Board Meeting

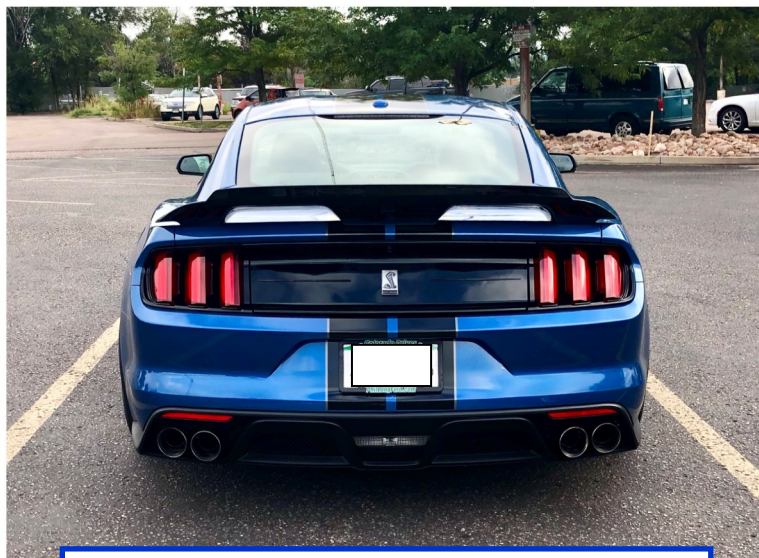
Green: Monthly Club Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Board Meeting at Phil Long at 6:30 in the Main Conference Room—January 5th. January Member Meeting at Phil Long at 4:30 p.m.—Saturday, January 15th. February Member Meeting at the same location on February 19th.

EVENTS:

No formal Club Events in January and February—wax up those Mustangs and get ready for March!

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



The Ford Shelby GT350 looks good from any angle!

Memories of a Car Guy *by Hap Schadler*

[Editor's Note: This is Part Four 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 Part Three, Hap had just finished describing roll starting his 1931 Model A . . .]

I started driving around our neighborhood when I was still 14 and became pretty good with shifting and braking before I got my license. Driving the car on the road was always a bit hairy especially at freeway speeds of 60 Mph. This was achieved with the accelerator button pushed down hard all the way to the floor board. The wheels and tires were skinny and used tube type tires. So you always felt like you were swaying around a bit as you drove. I was always adjusting the rods on the mechanical brakes to try to get equal engagement from both sides of the car. Otherwise it was giving yourself a good bit of distance in order to brake more slowly so the brakes on one side wouldn't pull the car over into another lane.

The car was a great date car with two bucket seats pulled up close to each other in the front and a big rear bench seat you could use for drive in movies. Everything was upholstered in Mole hair which seemed nicer and classier than the vinyl most cars used at the time. Craziest thing I ever did with the car was take it to an autocross to show it to my friends. Somehow I was persuaded to take it for a run on the course with three of them along for the ride. As I went into the first corner the car heeled over and I thought we might go the rest of the way. After that the guys in the car threw themselves opposite the corner we were taking to help keep the car from listing over so much in the corners. Probably was the slowest run of the day, but maybe one of the most exciting.

I did a good deal of work on the car from 1967 to 1975. Besides some minor engine work and tune up, I replaced some of the side windows with safety glass, replaced the wood floor boards, replaced tires and tubes, made new top bows for the roof, replaced the top material, and had the car painted. The car was finished with a Brewster Green top body, a Kewanee Green lower body, black fenders and black roof material, an Apple green stripe between the upper and lower body colors and Apple green wire wheels. My brother and I loved going to shows with the car and driving it in the Reynoldsburg Tomato festival parade each year, but the car wasn't really his thing. He asked Dad to let him out of the purchase deal we had made with him. Meanwhile I had slowly paid off my \$500 portion of the debt, so my father became my partner in the car. When I graduated from College my Dad gave me the nice gift of the remainder of the car. Unfortunately I married my first wife in 1975 and she felt the car was unnecessary and we could use the money somewhere else. So reluctantly I sold my first car for \$3000. The following year she took the money and bought a horse with it. Two years after that we divorced.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the last Station wagon my Dad bought. It was a 1970 Silver Mercury Grand Marquis. It was a big boat and quite the luxury car. It had a big 428 cubic inch engine with automatic transmission, power brakes and steering, electric windows, air conditioning, and just about every amenity you could get on a car back then. I actually got to drive this car a good bit during a trip out to Massachusetts. My one primary memory of this drive was pulling into a gas station with my Dad riding shotgun. It was tight due to a car being pulled over a little too far and a steel post that was on the other side to protect the pumps.

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Memories of a Car Guy (continued)

I negotiated this fine and stopped only to have my Dad berate me for pulling in to close to the car next to us. After he got out he saw how close I was to the steel post and apologized for getting on my case. However he did finish up his comments by saying discretion on my part on parking would have been the better choice.



The "loaded" 1970 Silver Mercury Grand Marquis

In 1970 I decided I needed a more practical car to use for college, dates, and work. I loved Shelby Cobras, But had no money to buy one much less the insurance payments. I had been working summer jobs and side jobs during school and had saved up enough to get something practical. That practical car was a 1968 Austin Healy Sprite. It looked closer to a Shelby Cobra than anything else, had a 1.275 liter engine with a four speed transmission, handled great, got good gas mileage, and had a much lower insurance premium. It was a fun car and for the next three years I drove it like I was racing everywhere I went. Of course issues arose on a constant basis. I had to pull the engine and transmission out at home to change the clutch out. Then there were problems with the Master and slave cylinders on the brakes. I discovered all bolts and nuts weren't metric or US SAE standard. Brake pads needed to be changed, and the SU carbs needed attention especially in the winter when they would freeze up in a full open state during start up. Other Lucas electric problems raised their head on a regular basis as well. I learned why the pilots in the old movies would tap their gages after starting up. The top was old and ripped so I took it off and drove it through a cold and wet Columbus winter with nothing but a Toneau cover. I must have looked a fright coming down the road with just my upper body showing from the one side of the car wearing a mad bomber hat and foggy glasses.

The Sprite was a great car for college. When it ran out of gas I could usually push it to a gas station or someplace I could park it. It got me out of parking tickets around campus as the ticket was always written out for an MG Midget. On proof of registration as an Austin Healy I always got the ticket dropped. It was also easy to park. Many times I could fit it between two cars making two parking spaces good for three cars. It was tough to get into for a 6'1" driver though.



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Mustanger Member Profile

This Month's Member: Terry Myers

How long have you been a club member?

995 – Fred Lofy our neighbor down the street (former member of the RMMC) paid for my membership since I climbed on his roof to seal up a skylight that was leaking. I had two 1964 Fairlane hardtops at the time – one was a K code Hipo 289 – one of 433 produced in 1964 – it was Guardsman Blue.

What's your hometown?

Newburgh, New York.

How long have you been in Colorado?

Since 1963 (semi-native).

How long have you been a Mustang fan?

Since 1965 when I got my first Mustang in a cereal box.

What's your current Mustang?

2001 Mustang Cobra, 1993 Mustang LX 5.0 convertible. 1982 Mustang GT hatchback (future project) and 1967 Mustang Coupe restomod (current project) – all the Mustangs are equipped with millennial anti-theft devices – clutch pedals and manual transmissions.

What's your dream Mustang?

2012 Boss 302 Mustang w/the Laguna Seca package, black with red roof, side stripes, the side exit exhaust opened up and the Red Track Key tune.

Best vacation you've ever been on?

1992 trip to New York – we attended NASCAR and IMSA races at Watkins Glen, visited West Point Military Academy, watched live trotter harness horse races at the Historic Track in Goshen NY and visited all my relatives in Goshen, Montgomery and Elmira NY.

Any hobbies other than Mustangs?

Woodworking.

What are your favorite club activities?

Long drives to exercise the ponies.

Favorite Food?

Japanese Kobe beef Wagyu steak—had it once on a business trip to Japan—fantastic!

How long have you been married?

43 years.



Left to Right: **Terry and Sharon Myers, Joni and Stew Harding and Jamie and Neil Case at the 50th Mustang Anniversary event in Las Vegas NV**

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 _____

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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

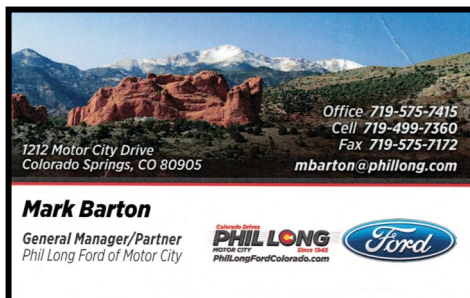
I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers, Inc., its members, and any volunteers from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which might or does arise out of participation 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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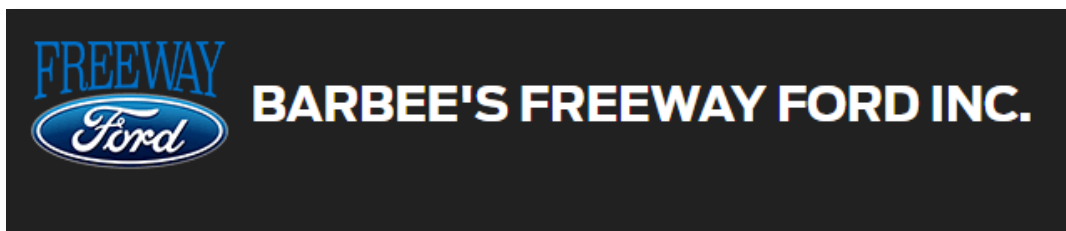
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www.mustangownersmuseum.com

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www.mustang6g.com

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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.

