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Rocket City Mustang Club

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RCMC Web Site

Our web site is: RocketCityMustang.com. If you would like to put information on our web site please contact our webmaster Keith Kucera at webmaster@rocketcitymustang.com. Pictures of club member cars in whatever condition are always welcome.

Officer's Note

Between the heat of Summer and the ridiculous gas prices, I don't know which bugs me more. Hmm. Even still, RCMC members have participated in several "cool" events that were well attended, and the late Summer/Fall period promises to deliver more opportunities to get out and enjoy those wonderful Mustangs!

I'm often asked, "What's next?" Well...why not go to the RCMC website (listed above) on a frequent basis to stay up-to-date. It's chock-full of great information, event recaps, upcoming events, the forum, classifieds, etc. Okay, so you've been to the website and now you're reading this, but you're still not a member...why not!? Many/most of our events are members-only which only makes sense; join us and you too can get involved in RCMC!

Club Notes

July 15; meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
Presided over by Michael Liston – President

Guests: None. New Members Jim and Rebecca Tyler joined us for the meeting....welcome! Remember, you may invite a guest to the meetings in the thought that they may be interested in joining.

The current number of active RCMC members is 69 with 47 spouses. That, along with children/other family members pushes our total in excess of 200. Looking good, RCMC! This includes our latest member(s) James and Carol F. from the Brownsboro area. Welcome aboard!

Old Business

- Treasurer's report
 - Club funding appears good.
 - A few near- and far-term expenditures are expected to include additional club shirts, charities (more later), and end-of-year party.
- Website report – No report; however, please send your items to be posted to the president and cc: the secretary and the webmaster. RCMC members may post classifieds for free, as well as pertinent photos and articles.
- BOD Report
 - New BOD member Terri S. is present...welcome aboard and thanks for donating your time to this committee!
 - BOD lead (Mike G.) will get with other Board members and discuss charitable donations and then report to the RCMC officers. Thanks Mike!
 - Regarding charitable donations, etc., the VP (Bill Mc) suggested that RCMC needs put more public emphasis on our charitable donations to enhance or public relations. This can be done in several ways and we'll look into how we can best promote our club through this and/or other means. Thanks Bill!
- Mailbag: We received several odds and ends mail and passed around during the meeting for review including items for sale and car events (see upcoming events).
- Recent RCMC attended events recap
 - Members, on July 8, once again converged on Sonic Drive-In (University/Jordan) for an old-fashion cruise in. Several cars/members came out to "beat the heat" and enjoyed good burgers, shakes, music, and swapped stories for a couple of hours. We'll try and make this an often reoccurring event and possibly change up locations from time to time.
 - Country cruise to Falls Mill and Jack Daniels, July 26. Update: 13 cars/23 members participated in this event. The morning rain held back a few would-have participants, but

we left Sonic around 9:30am and headed east toward Falls Mill. About 10 miles into the trip down Winchester Road, the rain stopped! After a “minor” detour (you just had to be there....grrrrr!), the caravan stopped at Falls Mill, TN. Most participants had never been there (nor heard of) this awesome place. Co-owners Jane and John greeted us warmly and provided an excellent tour of the late 1800s water wheel-powered grist mill and the grounds. Pleasant surprises included watching corn meal being ground, watching the sacks being printed on an old-fashion hand press, and the upstairs working museum featuring textile looms and spindles. From Falls Mill, the caravan proceeded up and down one of the most fun roads a Mustang could travel! The 20 mile back road wound through some wonderful countryside before ending a few blocks from the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, TN. The group was met by “Billy” our tour guide who showed us from barrel-to-bottle how the famous liquor was made. Some from our brave (?) group volunteered to get an up close and personal whiff from the fermenting vats. I bet their eyes are still watering....haha. Soon after, the group drove the short block to Lynchburg’s town square for shopping and a late lunch at the Caboose BBQ Café. The restaurant had us sign our names on a makeshift RCMC plaque (okay, it was a cardboard disk for pizza) so they could place it on their “ceiling hall of fame”. Thanks to everyone who participated on this great outing and to our excellent hosts. Anyone for another cruise? Here are a few photos from the event; more will appear in a similar RCMC website article.



- “Stars and Cars”, July 20. Update: 18 RCMC members met at Joe Davis Stadium and enjoyed a catered ballpark picnic that included hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, beans, cookies, and soft drinks. We then proceeded to the grandstand and had great box seats (some better than others as the fight for shade was on!) for the Huntsville Stars/Tennessee game. President Mike was one of four persons chosen to throw out the first pitch....a life-long dream! Admittedly, though, Mike really botched his pro-pitching debut as his pitch scuffed the dirt several feet in front of home plate. Argh! “I was quite nervous especially with the ball fans and club members staring...I really did pitch (when I was younger) and the ball just simply got away from me” Yeah, sure it did.....haha All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy a lazy day at the ballpark with their fellow RCMC members. Thanks to the Huntsville Stars and, of course, to all who attended this event!



- Meridianville Middle School Car Show, 19 July. This 5th annual event to support the MMS Competition Cheerleaders was held in near perfect conditions.....can you say HOT! This show was the biggest to date and sported some 70 entries including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Seven Mustangs were present, as well as other great FOMOCO entries. RCMC member Jeff M. walked away with the “Best Mustang” award, and Prez Mike (again) served as the head judge. The featured also featured a car wash and many food items. Door prizes galore and 1st-3rd plaques were presented which made for a great time.
- Did you attend or know of any other RCMC member-attended events? Let us know; write a re-cap and submit it to president@rocketcitymustang.com

- We re-ordered additional Show shirts; they are here! Price is \$15. Don't forget we have RCMC (club) T-shirts as well. We have a decent supply of the (large and XL) grey/ash club shirts @ \$7. See the president to get yours. We have also ordered club shirts in different sizes.

New Business

- Activities – See “Upcoming Events” below and always refer to the website, forum, and your e-mail for more information.
 - Madison is once again having their annual parade. We've been asked to participate. If you are interested in heading up this event, e-mail the president. We'll need at least 6 cars before we commit. Deadline to register is Sept. 15 The parade is Saturday, Oct. 4.
 - RCMC meeting, Aug 19 @ West End Grill, 7pm. All members and anyone interested in joining RCMC are encouraged to attend. While no food/drink purchase is required, many folks do come a bit early for dinner and then enjoy RCMC's meeting, games, and fun! Trivia will again be postponed due to officer elections (see next bullet). We will, however, have “Did You Drive Your Mustang?” and the Prez's Club Spirit Award (wear your RCMC-related shirt/pin/jacket). You could win \$10 and/or \$5, respectively.
 - **Heads up!** RCMC elections will be held at the August meeting. All officer positions will be voted on by the primary RCMC member. We'll also be looking for an event coordinator. These positions are very important and demand your attention and time. Please consider how much you are willing to give toward RCMC.
 - We are working to arrange an all-comers car show with the great folks at Rocket City Harley Davidson. No date has been set, but most likely will be in the Fall when the weather is cooler.
 - “Wheels of Time Cruisers” in Ider, AL is a cruise in from 4-7pm every 2nd Saturday through October. For more info, Jody S. at 256-997-7798. Depending on interest, we could make this a Sept. or Oct. club event. Let the Prez know your interest!
 - Sierra Toyota of Decatur is hosting a car show benefiting the “Wounded War Regiment”, September 6. More on this as details become available.
 - Bob Jones High School is having their Band Drumline-fundraiser car/truck/motorcycle show, September 20, from 10am- 2pm (show vehicles arrive at 8am). The event has MOVED to the Madison City Football Stadium, 201 Celtic Drive, Madison, AL. For more info: <http://www.geocities.com/bjhsdrumlinecarshow/home> The RCMC will make this a club event. Details will follow (via e-mail) regarding where we'll meet so as to caravan to the show.
 - No new news regarding the 45th Anniversary Show held at Birmingham's Barber Motorsports Park. We have been asked to co-host this event; Gary D. will look into this and provide us feedback.
 - Gary D. is the MCA Regional Club Representative. He recently attended an MCA meeting in Birmingham. Here are some notes from that meeting (Thanks Gary!):
 - Get insurance next year real early as they will be preoccupied with the National Show.
 - Ford, started July 1: a one-year membership to MCA with the purchase of a Mustang.
 - Regarding the 45th Anniversary show at Barbers Motorsports in Birmingham
 - To participate you must be an MCA member
 - Two major classes: participation & judge class (only 250)
 - MCA board meetings from now on will be held in Dallas, TX as it is a more central (U.S.) location
 - Ford is starting to monitor MCA website and may start monitoring local club sites.
- No trivia given. Matthew couldn't make it to the meeting; therefore, we collectively decided to postpone it.

- Did You Drive Your Mustang? Dakota W. did not drive his Mustang; next pot will roll-over to \$20 at the August meeting.
- The Prez's Club Spirit Award - Did you wear your RCMC-related shirt/pin/jacket? Doug W. did and won \$5. Did I mention we have the new shirts in stock?!
- Adjourn at 7:58 PM

Meeting Attendees

Doug Stainbrook	Gary/Charlotte Dempsey	Paul Bryant	
David/Alicia Kelley	Skip Hamer	Patrick Turner	
Lawana Beard	Mike Gosch	Gary Workman	
Mike Sullivan	Chad Whisnant	Phaedra/Nam Nguyen	
Jim/Rebecca Tyler	Doug/Wanda/Dakota Webster	Billy Hammonds	
Mike Foley	Terri Schmitt	Michael Liston	
Bill McEwen			

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members and their families! Information established from 2008 membership forms. If we missed your name, let me know and I'll update the records. Included are June and July birthdays.

Kristen Bryan (July)	Bill Dunwoody (July)	Joey Simms (Aug)	Lisa Hodges (Aug)
Claire Philadelphia (July)	Scottie English (July)	Ray Bryan (Aug)	Alicia Kelley (Aug)
Ed Morfenski (July)	Michael Gosch (July)	Laura Chargualaf (Aug)	Patrick Kucera (Aug)
Richelle Long (July)	Christopher Kucera (July)	Cindy Gatlin (Aug)	Jeff Manis (Aug)
Alison Burke (July)	Pat Martin (July)	Larry Burke (Aug)	Michael Sullivan (Aug)
Lawana Beard (July)	Doug Stainbrook (July)	Jennifer Napier (Aug)	Linda Underwood (Aug)
Jim Brewer (July)	Quinnie Thompson (July)	Derrick Ackerman (Aug)	Mark Dorner (Aug)
Elizabeth Brown (July)	Shelby Dorner (July)	John Beard (Aug)	

Upcoming Events (Send notices to president@rocketcitymustang.com)

Aug 19 – RCMC Monthly Meeting. 7pm, West End Grill (meeting room). RCMC officer elections! Be there, or be square...or be volunteered! ;-) (See website for map)

Other events discussed above in New Business section; also refer to the website and/or e-mails for upcoming events.

Classifieds

Any RCMC member who wishes to place a free ad in the classified section, please send information to president@rocketcitymustang.com.

Ed Morfenski -



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- #1 Set of 289 Heads (Large Valves) Ready to bolt on. \$ 500.00
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- #4 1965 Mustang Hood ( small dent in center) \$ 150.00
- #5 Stock 289 Heads \$ 100.00
- #6 Stock 289 Cast Manifolds \$ 50.00
- #7 Front and Rear Window Chrome \$ 75.00
- #8 1965 Front Bumper \$ 50.00
- #9 289 Crankshaft (ground 0.010" undersized) \$ 50.00



#1



#2



#3

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Steve Spatola ([colsteve@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colsteve@sbcglobal.net))

Car and 67/68 Cougar Parts, via

1. 2 hoods, very good shape, one has a slight dent in the nose.
2. XR7 right door. You can tell because of the door panel.
3. Three stainless wheel moldings - need to be reconditioned.
4. 1 RH Fender and one other RH fender with 6.5 Liter logo attached
5. 2 rear bumpers, straight
6. 3 front bumpers, straight
7. 4 lower valances for front end with parking lights, slight damage on them but easily repaired
8. 3 complete front grills with vacuum reservoirs, and 1 RH half of a grill.
9. 1 sequential light box. Unknown of its operability.
10. 1 pair of rear lights
11. 1 ignition switch, no key.
12. 1 pair of front R&L brake drums and shoes. He converted his Cougar to disc brakes.
13. 1 rear decklid with XR7 badge. Good condition, no dents.
14. 1 hood latch assembly. This is what is between the grills.

15. 1 front headlight ballast.



*And finally.....*

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As I write this newsletter, I am also pondering my “next move” regarding the August meeting and the officer elections. Hmmm....Regardless, win or lose/run or not, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of RCMC who made this year a great experience for me.

I went into this position afraid beyond belief. I have always been a keen supporter; the second guy; the person others looked to for support. But then I found myself in the leader role. Pretty frightening. And then, I realized this group (RCMC) was the kind of friends that I would look forward to leading. I enjoy participating in various events, but could I get others to also join in the fun? This is RCMC....of course they will! And boy did you ever! Our membership is looking great and we hit events like barnstormers. Month after month, familiar faces joined with new ones to show off their beautiful cars and just plain have fun. I hope you felt the same.

And while we had fun, we also pulled together to acknowledge the loss of a great member, Deb Hamer, who inspired many of us. But soon, we'll all share in the happiness with Mike and Greta G. as they welcome a new little Mustang! You see, that's the group I want to be a part of and to lead....happy and sad; good and bad....RCMC has been so much a part of me this year. Many of you “endured” club meetings with me rambling on and on (hehe). And I admit that I bent many members' ears with endless frustrations (i.e. whining), but all-in-all everything seemed to turn out well.

Simply put, thanks to all the RCMC members for a great year....let's keep it going!

As said before, please remember that “fun” does not mean “careless”.....please be safe and responsible. See you soon.....Peace and Happy Motoring.....

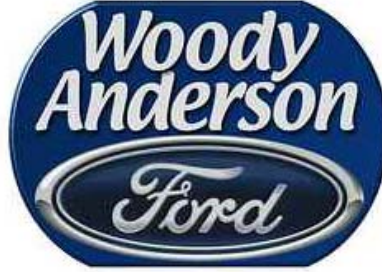
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