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# Rocket City Mustang Club

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### RCMC Web Site

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

## Officer's Note

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Another club meeting – check. Another car show – check. Fall is here – check...huh, already? Time flies, as they say. That gives us just a handful of months before St. Nick comes sliding down the chimney....woohoo! Actually, we (RCMC) are heading into the very busy “home stretch” for 2008 and we have several events planned for you to consider....*make that, to get involved in!* Fortunately, in some ways, our main competition this time of year is spending time with family. That is a MUST, and I encourage all of you to do so! But, also consider your extended RCMC family. Take time to attend a meeting and event. How about getting involved or even organizing/heading an event?! It only takes a few well-spent hours of time and you can bring along your “other” family too. Regardless of your personal level of participation, we’d like to thank you for being part of our wonderful club. You make the difference and that is why: *Heading toward 2009....We’re looking fine!*

## Club Notes

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September 16; meeting called to order at 7:08 PM; Presided over by Michael Liston – President

Guests: James and Sharon G., and former members Sam and Debra B. (who will re-join RCMC after a short hiatus). Welcome!

Re-introduction of new officers including newly-elected VP Ralph B, Chad W. as returning Treasurer, and David K. as Secretary (not present). Also introduced were Board of Directors (BoD) members in attendance: Bill T., Mike G., and Billy H. *Note: Skip H., also in attendance, has accepted a BoD position since former BoD Ralph is now the VP. Thanks Skip for your service!*

### Old Business

- Treasurer’s report
  - Club funding appears good.
  - A few near- and far-term expenditures are expected to include additional club shirts, charitable donations, trailer storage fee, P.O. Box fee, website domain renewal, and the end-of-year party.
- Website report – No official report. Reminder about website changes/new additions:
  - “My First Mustang”: Write a short/long article about yours; include a photo and send to the president (president@rocketcitymustang.com). Let’s fill this section up!
  - Calendar: Based on your comments, every effort is being made to “fill” the calendar with any and all events both locally and regionally. Members James F. and Jake M. have stepped up wonderfully and are literally flooding our inbox with shows and other car-related info. We’ll post them as soon as possible. The point is that we’re trying to give you a one-stop source so you can decide what you want to participate in. To further assist you, we’ve added a “sticky” at the top of the RCMC Forum for car shows and events. It contains a link to the calendar, as well as allows viewers to post events and/or comments. This will help alleviate scattered forum posts which may or may not be seen. YOU too can post in the forum sticky, but also can send all the details of an event to the president for calendar posting.
  - Similar to the calendar, we’re soliciting RCMC members to post technical articles on the website. There is an article section, but has been dormant to say the least. Recently, however, Ralph B. posted a wonderful article on air conditioning conversion (thanks!) Surely we have other folks who are can share their garage mechanic experience. Let’s post them!

- BOD Report
  - BOD lead (Mike G.) is coordinating with the BOD to down select the charities we will make donations to in the near future. An answer is expected shortly, donations will be given, and we'll report the update at the next (October) meeting.
  
- Mailbag: No significant mail (ads, etc.) to note. As stated above, see the rocketcitymustang.com calendar for a full list of upcoming events. One final note, also posted last month from Ford: Be sure to visit [www.the2010mustang.com](http://www.the2010mustang.com) for some great info!
  
- Reminder regarding e-mail:
  - As club members have noted, we heavily rely on e-mail to share club-specific details about upcoming events, etc. If you change your e-mail address, be sure to pass the info to us so that you keep getting important club information.
  
  - Also, remember to always put RCMC (followed by the subject) in the subject line. This ensures your e-mail will be seen.
  
  - If you are not getting e-mail, the answer may be simple: 1) are you currently a paid member? 2) has your e-mail changed and you didn't tell us? or 3) are your filters set to allow mass mailing (often files sent to multiple addresses are discounted as "spam" and not delivered to your inbox). We'll work with you if you feel "something must be wrong"; again it's usually a simple fix.
  
- Recent RCMC attended events recap
  - Ardmore show: Several members attended this LARGE (600+ cars) show. Some photos were posted to the Forum. No further report.
  - Hooters-HSV: Small show attracting a fair mix of cars. Nice plaques were presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, but mostly folks enjoyed the mild weather and general atmosphere. Prez Mike brought out his car for display and also was the judge for this event while new member James F. also brought out his classic 'Stang. The manager stated he'd like to have an all-Mustang/Ford show....we'll work on that!
  - Toney Fire Dept. show: A few attended and said it was a nice show with a good mix of cars. David K. won in his category.....congrats!
  - Bob Jones High School Drumline Show: This was a club-attended event which had 16 RCMC cars occupying two rows while sharing in some good conversation and fun. The day began, well, kinda wet, but, the rain stopped and everyone whipped out their chamois and polish. As in the past, this was a fairly well attended show featuring various makes and models from all years. The beneficiary, BJHS Drumline, gave two "concerts" which sounded wonderful. Good luck in your competitions! Also present was the #20 Tony Stewart show car and "the world's fastest van" which features a jet engine that was loudly demonstrated for show attendees and the surrounding neighborhood. We had several inquiries about RCMC and membership which is why it's important for us to "get out there" and show our stuff. In the end, Ralph B., David K., Jim W., and Bill T. took home trophies....congratulations! We'll try and post pics on the website, but here's a few:





**My favorite photo of all.....**

- Did you attend or know of any other RCMC member-attended events? Let us know; write a recap and send a few pics; submit it to [president@rocketcitymustang.com](mailto:president@rocketcitymustang.com)
- **New shirts are in! New shirts are in!** Thanks to Gary D., we now have an ample supply of RCMC shirts in all sizes; price is \$7. Show shirts from the RCMC May show are still available in limited sizes for \$15. Get yours at the next meeting or possibly make side arrangements with the president.

#### New Business

- Activities-Upcoming Events: Always refer to the website, forum, and your e-mail for more information. Upcoming events include Crow Mountain Climb, Valley Vettes/RCMC road rally (Oct. 25), RCMC Fall Fun Run, Veteran's Day Parade (Nov. 11), Christmas Day Parade, Christmas Dinner/Party. *Note: We will not be in the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Madison Parade due to schedule conflicts/prior commitments.*

- At the Oct 21<sup>st</sup> RCMC meeting, we will have “corrected version” business-type cards featuring our logo(s), meeting and website information, and RCMC’s mission/goal. We will NOT be mailing these out due to expense. You must attend a meeting or club event to get yours.
- 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show update: Remember to contact Gary D. who is taking names for those wanting to volunteer during this enormous event at Barber Motorsports Park near Birmingham, AL next year. If you’re going to attend anyway, why not volunteer a few (3) hours time AND receive a free t-shirt. Also, remember the contestant field is very limited so you need to “pony up” quick and get registered. To participate in the show, you must be a MCA member; only 250 cars will be judged total, so register today! Spectator does not have to be a member but will be charged to enter show.
- Trivia contest given by the president; won by Skip H. who will present trivia at the Oct. 21 meeting.
- Did You Drive Your Mustang? Carl C. did and won \$10.
- The Prez’s Club Spirit Award - Did you wear your RCMC-related shirt/pin/jacket? Bill T. did and won \$5. Did I mention we have the new shirts in stock?!
- Before we adjourned, we acknowledged BoD member Mike G. and his wife, Greta – who was unable to attend, by presenting them with an RCMC rendition of a baby shower complete with cake and gifts.



“Warranty void if not cleaned and maintained”

*To our friends in the RCMC - Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the cake/gifts you gave us for our new baby. We are really lucky to have a group of friends like you, especially when we are far from home and family. The gifts were super cute and I can't wait to see our little one wearing them! The cake was great too - I ate more than I should have :-)* I wish I could have been there, but I am sure we will be bringing our son around to experience all the horsepower once he arrives! See you all soon! Thanks again for thinking of us!!  
Greta

From all of us at RCMC, we wish Mike and Greta the best of luck as they become first-time parents.

- Adjourn at 8:00 PM
- Next RCMC meeting, OCT 21 @ 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 early for dinner and then enjoy RCMC’s meeting, games, and fun! We’ll also have our trivia game, “Did You Drive Your Mustang?”, and the Prez’s Club Spirit Award (wear your RCMC-related shirt/pin/jacket). For the latter, you could win \$10 and/or \$5, respectively.

## Meeting Attendees

Ralph Bischof	Bill Tucker	Jim Ferris	Paul/Shelby Bryant
Skip Hamer	Chad/Jennifer Whisnant	Billy Hammonds	Michael Liston
Mike Gosch	Doug/Wanda/Dakota	James/Sharon Griffis	
Jennifer/Cliff Sombke	Jim/Tricia Wood	Sam/Deborah Barnes	

## 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 September and October birthdays.

Laura Chargualaf (Sep)	Cody Manis (Sep)	Brandi McEwen (Oct)
Jim Tyler (Sep)	Jayenne Stainbrook (Sep)	Nathaniel/James/Drew Stainbrook (Oct)
Marcy Simms (Sep)	Vic van Leeuwen (Sep)	Kim & Bill Tucker (Oct)
Mary Anne Bryan (Sep)	Gary Workman (Sep)	Ralph Bischof (Oct)
Liana & Allison Long (Sep)	Joshua Sombke (Oct)	Sheila Dunwoody (Oct)
Ashlee Gatlin (Sep)	Christian Nguyen (Oct)	"Boeke" Goebel (Oct)
Gloria Blackwell (Sep)	Rob & Robert III Brown (Oct)	Lisa Greene (Oct)
Tracy Long (Sep)	Charlotte Dempsey (Oct)	David Kelley (Oct)

## Classifieds

Any RCMC member who wishes to place a free ad in the classified section, please send information to [president@rocketcitymustang.com](mailto:president@rocketcitymustang.com).

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 Woody Pettigrew –

1969 Mach 1 for Sale. Acapulco Blue with Blackout Hood treatment. Black Clarion Interior with Mach 1 Hi-Back Bucket Seats. 351 Windsor Engine. FMX Cruise-O-Matic Automatic Transmission. Magnum Wheels. Dual Exhaust. Marti Report. \$34,000. Woody Pettigrew at 256-653-7303 or e-mail at [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net).





Ed Morfenski -



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Chad Whisnant at (256) 566-6298 or E-mail cawhiz@charter.net

- #1 Set of 289 Heads (Large Valves) Ready to bolt on. \$ 500.00
- #2 1965-1966 Back Glass \$ 250.00
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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

Steve Spatola (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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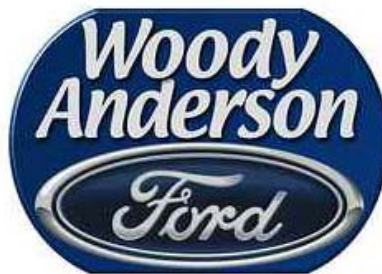
Mudslinging elections, ridiculous gas prices, corporations failing....Can I afford to retire? Can we afford (fill in the blank)?....geez, can't we catch a break?! Kinda reminds me of those 1970s "doomsday" movies I grew up on. About the only solice I get is looking out in the garage and seeing that perty lil Mustang just sitting there waiting for me to take him (Pegasus) out on the highway. I own it; it's mine, and it still gets an occasional "nice car" comment. So yes, the world seems to be turning upside down, but the one thing they can't take away from us....our love for cars and our beloved Mustangs....not yet at least. So fill that tank and get out and enjoy! You really didn't need to eat this week anyway, did you?

Peace and Happy Motoring.....

*Michael W. Liston*

President, Rocket City Mustang Club  
MCA #59637

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