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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

Welcome everyone to the 2009 edition of the Rocket City Mustang Club (RCMC). We were established in 1980 which is just four years after the parent Mustang Club of America was founded. This, our 29th year, promises to be better than ever with many activities for our members to enjoy. Last year, we touted over 80+ paid memberships and by the looks of the current (2009) membership drive we should at least equal that many for this year. I, the president, took a small self-imposed break from writing the monthly newsletter but am now fully charged to bring you a new copy every month. We'll highlight recently past events, inform you of upcoming activities, as well as touch on key club-related information. The latter is key if you haven't joined us because although you will see "what's going on", you will be limited in your participation unless you become a member. Furthermore, most of the club-related information is sent directly to members via e-mail. So don't miss out and join us for this fun-filled year. You'll find our membership application at www.rocketcitymustang.com. Take a moment and peruse the website and see all the great things RCMC is doing.....and join! In 2009, we're looking fine!

Club Notes

January 20; meeting called to order at 7:01 PM; Presided over by Michael Liston – RCMC President

Guests/New members: Some of our new members joined us at the West End Grill for our monthly meeting including Chad W., Chris W., Thomas, and Desiree M. Welcome to RCMC! We always welcome those folks interested in joining RCMC to attend one of our monthly meetings and to see first-hand how great RCMC is!

Old Business

- Treasurer's report
- Website report :
 - Reminders:
 - Send in your "My First Mustang" article and photo, as well as any technical articles for the website.
 - Members can send us their "for sale/wanted" items for posting in the newsletter and website.
 - ONLY post car or car-related items in the forum. This area is monitored daily and entries will be deleted at our discretion.
 - The calendar section is constantly being updated thanks to Keith, Jim, Jake, and others who keep a close eye on local/regional events. If you know of an event, send it in and we'll post it. If you're looking for something to do, the calendar is a great place to start your search.
 - While not website specific, remember to send (to the president) any personal data changes most specifically e-mail address changes. We can't contact you if you don't let us know. Also, remember to put "RCMC" with the subject in the subject line for any correspondence. This helps decipher actual club correspondence from spam. P.S. Some of you need to clean out your inboxes because e-mail is being "kicked back" for this reason.
- We have business-type cards that list club-related info (ideals, key dates, web data) for members and are being distributed at meetings/events. Be sure to get yours! They are a handy reference to not only our members, but also can be given to potential members.
- BOD Report: Nothing significant to report.
- Mailbag:
 - Scott Drake Industries has donated a 1966 mustang that needs to be rebuilt. \$10,000 in parts are also given to the winning club to assist in the restoration. Club would build the car for one year and then give it back so that it can be auctioned off. Clubs that are interested in doing this project need to submit an information packet and the winner will be chosen. This would be a great project for RCMC, but ONLY if members "pony up" to the cause. Contact the president for details.

- Recent RCMC attended events recap
 - RCMC participated in the WAAY-TV Christmas Parade held in downtown Huntsville in December. Photos from the event are posted on the website. Twelve RCMC members drove the 2.5 mile route along with our club trailer (Thanks Chad!) Everyone did a great job shining and decorating their cars for the annual festivity. We had a great time and the crowd always seems to be pleased with our entry. Afterward, several of us went to Applebee's Restaurant for a well-deserved break, good food, laughs, and story swapping. Thanks to all who participated!
 - The RCMC Christmas Party and Dinner took place the 17th of December at the Holiday Inn-Madison. Over 50 members shared in this annual event that featured great food and lots of fun! A slideshow presentation continuously showed photos as captured throughout 2008 of members and their cars at various events. Also, the prez donned his Grinch/Santa cap and once again read a Christmas poem which (lightly) poked fun at some members. The evening concluded with the (groan) "Dirty Santa" game that always brings laughs to the crowd. This year, the popular items included barstools, movie tickets, and a shop vacuum. The RCMC would like to send our sincere "thank you" to all the staff at Holiday Inn who helped make this night special....your service, facility, hospitality, and great food was truly wonderful!
 - World of Wheels Auto Show, Chattanooga, TN occurred January 9-11. While no club members entered, a few did travel the short distance to enjoy a great indoor car show. The president worked behind the scenes with the promotion staff in order to learn more about all the things that go into a huge production. In turn, the knowledge gained should help us in our own show in May. As an exciting side note, the Prez also got to get behind the wheel of the Knight Rider Mustang used in the TV production.....pretty cool! Hey, somebody had to park it..... ☺
 - Friday, Jan. 23 was a special night at the Woody Anderson Ford - Madison Square Mall showroom. The event, sponsored by WAF, featured Col. Leo Thorsness who recently wrote a book describing his account as a POW in Vietnam's infamous "Hanoi Hilton". Col Thorsness spent time with everyone who came by and also signed his book, "Surviving Hell: A POW's Journey". The evening's other purpose was to gain attention to the Huntsville-Madison County Veteran's Memorial Fund. Donations received will help build this fitting tribute to all who served. In that, the RCMC president was present and met with local civic and business leaders and then presented the Fund with a \$500 donation. The event was covered by local print and TV. Thanks to all the club members who were able to stop by on such short notice.
 - Did you attend or know of any other RCMC member-attended events? Let us know; write a recap and send a few photos; submit it to: president@rocketcitymustang.com
- RCMC shirts are available in most sizes; price is \$7. Show shirts from the RCMC show held in May 2008 and are still available in limited sizes for a discounted \$10. Back by popular demand, we also have an extremely limited number of RCMC sweatshirts for \$15. These will be available at our Feb. meeting.

New Business

- Activities-Upcoming Events:
 - Always refer to the website, forum, and your e-mail for more information. Upcoming events include a Winter Fun Run-Rally in late February, the 45th Anniversary Show in April at Barber Motorsports Park near Birmingham, and OUR OWN 29th Annual Mustang and All Ford-powered Show on May 9th.
 - The Prez, during the meeting, inquired as to a preference for "either Saturday or Sunday" for the Winter Fun Run-Rally. If you have a preference, e-mail the president. The event will feature a poker run, road rally, and scavenger hunt. We'll end the event at a local hot spot for food and more fun. Watch your inbox for more details!

- Regarding the 45th Anniversary Show, remember to contact Gary D. who is taking names for those wanting to volunteer during this enormous event at Barber Motorsports Park near Birmingham. 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; if you haven't registered by now it may be too late. To participate in the show, you must be a MCA member; only 250 cars will be judged.
- **The BIGGIE:** The 29th Annual Mustang and All Ford-powered Show, May 9, Madison Square Mall-Sears parking lot, Huntsville. NOW is the official kick-off for this show. All club members need to not only consider, but to also contact the President (who is also the show's chairman) to sign-up for a committee. Our more pressing needs right now are for members to "pony up" for judging, parking, goodie bags and door prizes, and sponsors
- **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2009:** As always, it is time for **ALL RCMC members** to renew. Dues are \$12 and help offset club-related expenses. Do not delay! This period of renewal usually runs through mid-March. Soon after, if you haven't renewed, you won't be able to participate in club-sponsored events including being excluded from (e-mail or other) notices. Everyone, every year needs to fill out a NEW membership application which is found on the website conveniently under the "membership" tab. Yes, a new form every year....the info is data based per year so we do not simply pull your last year's application.

NEW MEMBERS: Same application applies, but you receive a discounted (pro-rated) membership fee. See application for details or contact us with your questions. Membership is not restricted to local folks as we have several members that live outside the Huntsville-Madison County area....including California! So please consider joining us whether near or far.....and thanks in advance!

- Final note: Woody's has a fresh stock of t-shirts, hats, and other Ford-related items in their Parts Dept. Stop by and check it out.....and tell them you're an RCMC member!
- Did You Drive Your Mustang? Jim F. did and won the pot.
- The Prez's Club Spirit Award - Did you wear your RCMC-related shirt/pin/jacket? Once again, Jim F. did and wins \$5 from the Prez (I sense a conspiracy here). Did I mention we have shirts in stock?!
- Trivia: Given by the Secretary, David K. and won by Treasurer, Chad W. Okay, is this another conspiracy?
- Adjourn at 8:18 PM
- Next RCMC meeting, Feb 17 @ 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.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members and their families who are celebrating (or demising) their special day in January and February! Information for this area is established from membership forms which are currently being compiled for 2009. In order to get a more correct account of "whose birthday is when", I'll defer listing names until the February edition of the RCMC newsletter which will include both months....similarly each newsletter after that will cover two month intervals. If we missed your name or misinterpreted your birth month, let me know and I'll update the info.

See February's newsletter for a listing		
of birthdays for both January and February.		

Make sure your application lists yours, your spouse, and children's special		
month and we'll include it here!		

And finally.....

Another great year has come and gone for RCMC, but now we can look forward to an even BETTER year in 2009. Of course, as I keep saying, that really is up to you. The RCMC officers and myself will continue to strive for excellence, but we need your ideas and support. We've shown that with a little hard work and dedication we can bring you some great events to participate in. If you are new to RCMC or still just considering joining, then I encourage you to contact us and we'll show you why RCMC is often looked upon as a model club for others to follow. Our increasing membership can't lie, nor can than consistent "visits" we get for our website. RCMC is a great "family" and I personally am looking forward to seeing you at as many events as you can attend. We looked great in 2008, and we're looking fine in 2009.....

Peace and Happy Motoring.....

Michael W. Liston

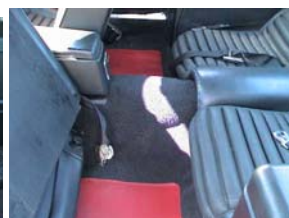
President, Rocket City Mustang Club
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Classifieds

Any RCMC member who wishes to place a free ad in the classified section, please send information to president@rocketcitymustang.com. Information can also be place in our separate classified ads website location.

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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 - 1967 Mustang Coupe, \$11,000. Ed Morfenski. 289 V-8, Automatic, power steering, factory A/C, deluxe interior, new paint, new vinyl top, new tires, excellent conditions, complete maintenance records. Contact Ed phone 256-883-8245, email morfenskie@bellsouth.net.



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
- #3 Mustang Front Bench Seat \$ 200.00
- #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

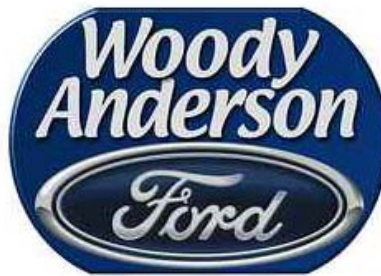
1. 2 hoods, very good shape, one has a slight dent in the nose.
2. XR7 right door. You can tell because of the door panel.
3. Three stainless wheel moldings - need to be reconditioned.
4. 1 RH Fender and one other RH fender with 6.5 Liter logo attached
5. 2 rear bumpers, straight
6. 3 front bumpers, 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.





Jim Sigle at Woody Anderson Ford has his personal 2004 Mystichrome, convertible Cobra for sale. See Jim for details and pricing. 256-517-1359

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