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Rocket City Mustang Club

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

Officer's Note

Welcome everyone to the October 2009 edition of the Rocket City Mustang Club (RCMC) newsletter. We were established in 1980 which is just four years after the parent Mustang Club of America was founded. We are now looking at our 30th year as a regional club. A few of you have asked to revive the newsletter for various reasons. As president, I will do my best to get it out prior to that month's meeting as a reminder to join us as well. My hope is that I can recap some events that club members enjoyed as well as look forward to all sorts of happenings within the Mustang world. If there is something that you would like to see in here, please write me at President@RocketCityMustang.com and I will do my best to get it in.

This is the first newsletter since I took office. I want to take a little moment here to thank Mike Liston for his holding of office the last two years. I feel that I speak for the whole club when I send along our heartfelt thanks for a wonderful job done. Mike put in a lot of hours to this club and the shows that we had in those times to make sure that each had been a rousing success. Thank you, Mike!

I want to pass along the news of a new Board Of Director (BOD) member. Mark Stafford has been an active member in the club for a while now. When I heard of a BOD member resigning his position for a very good reason, I asked for volunteers for the open position. After looking at the candidates that presented themselves, I made the choice of bring on Mark. Congratulations!

Another note is that Gary Dempsey has agreed to fulfill the position of the MCA Director for the club. Gary has done an excellent job in the recent years of handling the duties here and being the club's liaison to the Mustang Club of America (MCA). Thanks, Gary.

Take a little time and read through this edition. I have changed the format a bit and will continue to do so as the year progresses. And remember to take a look at our website now and then – <http://RocketCityMustang.com> – and keep taking a look at the calendar as well as other areas. And visit the Forum link to engage in all kinds of conversations.

This is your club. Your participation is the breath and life of this club. I hope to see you out and about this year!

Ralph Bischof
President RCMC

Member Spotlight

This club is formed of many people from all walks of life with one thing in common – the love of the Ford Mustang. When I heard of one member's move, I wanted to do something to honor his years of participation in the club as well as his service on the Board Of Directors. Personally I have spent many events with him and his family. Please join me in thanking Michael and wishing him and his family good journeys!

Michael Gosch has been reassigned by the Air Force after 8 years of service in his current position at the MSIC at Redstone. He and his wife Greta and 1 year old son Connor will be leaving Huntsville as of October 1. Michael and Greta met in 1999 when they were both serving in the military in Hawaii. They moved to Huntsville in November, 2001, and married in April, 2004. Connor was born October, 2008. Michael purchased his shadow grey mustang GT in April 2004 and joined the club shortly thereafter. He has served on the board of directors for the last few years.



First Annual Fall Cruise-In

In September, Skip Hamer and Mike Liston of the club along with Jim Sigle of Woody Anderson Ford strived to put on the first cruise-in at Woody Anderson Ford. This was a non-judged event. The date of September 12th was decided upon. The low entry fee of \$10 saw many vehicles come in and participate. Proceeds raised benefitted the Madison County Veteran's Memorial Fund. If the picture below tickles your fancy, head over to the website to find more.



5th Annual RCMC/VV Fall Rally

This year once more saw a long line of Mustangs and Corvettes (and one new Camaro) ripping through the roads and hills of Tennessee. This year our game revolved around the classic – Bingo. “Cards” were distributed throughout the course that listed several different cars. While the weather tried its best to keep people at home, several brave souls made it out to Ardmore, TN., to get it all started. After the cars were lined up and Vic soaped each with a number, the folks around the countryside (and the dogs and cows and raccoons and deer) didn’t know what hit them. Or, in some cases, what almost hit us. We all ended up at the Fried Green Tomato for a good time and good food. And I am proud to say that although there was much applause when a couple of members finally found their way, there was no breaking of cars this year. Again, if you would like more pictures, please visit the website.



Halsey Food Service

Late August, I had a note from Cathy Anderson through Robin Frey of Woody Anderson Ford that there was an asking of classic Mustangs. Halsey Food Service was having a banquet/party. This was their annual get together for people in the food service industry here in town. A quick email was put out for volunteers. Due to the short notice and that it was being held during the day, there was a slight showing of one car. With that, I want to thank Jim Ferris for taking the time that he did to bring his Mustang in for the display. Here is a picture of such that he sent to me.



September meeting

September 15th meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Presided over by Ralph Bischof – President

Guests\New Members: Richard & Carol Foster, Jim Peters, Patrick Sergeant

Old Business

- Treasurer's report read
- Web site traffic
 - No official report, but forum was wiped out and only restored back to Jan. 09
 - Home page flash issues are currently being worked through
- BOD report
 - Looking for new member to replace Mike Gosch position
- Club T-Shirts still for sale at \$7 each.
- Club Calendar is consistently being updated with new events daily, so be sure to check it out frequently.
- Mike Gosch has relinquished duties as BOD member, since he has moved. Send Ralph e-mail if interested in being on the BOD.
- Woody Anderson cruise in was held on September 12th.
 - Show was a huge success with 146 total cars.
 - Woody Anderson definitely plans on holding this show next year.
 - 12 new members were also recruited at the show.
 - Over \$600 was donated to the club by Woody Anderson.

New Business

- Activities
 - Annual Vally Vettes & RCMC rally will be held October 10th.
 - Will meet at Sonic in Ardmore at noon, followed by drivers meeting at 1, and first car off at 1:15.
 - Flyers for a bunch of upcoming shows were also passed around.
 - Havoc has invited RCMC to purchase discounted tickets and be recognized at a game. Tentatively club decided on Saturday March 27th, since this will be close to our show.
 - Club has been registered Veteran's day parade. Ralph will send out an e-mail as the event gets closer to determine the participants.
 - Newsletter will be revived and sent out one week before the next meeting to help as a reminder that the next meeting is coming up.
 - Annual Christmas party ideas were discussed.
 - Possible locations to look into are Station at Bridge street, and Four Winds at Huntsville Airport. Club is also open to other possible locations depending on price and availability.
 - BOD has been asked to set limit on how much should be spent on Christmas dinner party.
 - Club still needs show chairman for next year's show in May. E-mail Ralph if interested in this position.
 - Discussion about shortening show hours from 8- 4 to 9-4. Thus registration would be only 3 hours instead of 4 hours long.
 - Order will be placed to order some XL and XXL club t-shirts. Hopefully will be in by next meeting.
- Trivia given by Ralph for Chris Walker and was won by Bill Tucker.
- Did You Drive Your Mustang? Patrick did and wins \$10.
- Did you wear mustang apparel? Shane Griffiths did and wins \$5 out of president's pocket.
- Meeting Adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Last notes

This club has a lot of activities in the coming months. First, we are registered for the Veteran's Day parade on November 11th. I have estimated ten cars. It would be wonderful if we had more than that. Please come out and show your support for our veterans by cleaning up the vehicle and coming out. Email me and let me know if you will be able to make it. Would be glad to have you! We normally meet at about 8:30 in the morning and go in as a complete club.

There is also the Christmas parade that we normally make. This is when Santa is welcomed to Huntsville. This parade throughout the years has been a wonderful time for all club members. There's something special about seeing the magic in the kid's eyes as they are waiting for Santa to officially open the season for them. Again, please email me and let me know that you would like to join us for this event.

Speaking of Christmas, I know many look forward to the Christmas dinner that is always put on each year in appreciation of being a member of the Rocket City Mustang Club. More details will be coming soon on this event. It's now a tradition to play Dirty Santa just to see who gets the pizza stone. Will it be you this year?

And, just something to keep in mind, our 30th show is just around the corner. Keep this in your mind.

I hope to see you at our next meeting – October 20th at the West End Grill. Although the official start is 7PM, come early and have a little dinner and drink with the folks. I hope to see you there!

Ralph Bischof
President RCMC