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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 Doug Stainbrook at webmaster@rocketcitymustang.com. Pictures of club member cars in whatever condition are always welcome.

Officer's Note

Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's a new year that is now upon us! I am always filled with an anxious expectation of what is to come the next 365 days. There is a calm sense of awe within me that is hopeful to see good things happen for all of the friends and family that I know. This year should hopefully prove to be one of the best for all of us!

Our 30th anniversary show is coming up very soon! Yes, I know we are just shaking off all the snow while it was 10 degrees and it is hard to think of a May show. But there are months of preparation that goes into this show. Some of you have been behind the scenes in arranging and working the several committees that we have – Registration, Parking, Judging, Advertisement, Sponsorship, etc. I ask each and every one of you to think about helping out in any and all of these areas. We want this to be another fantastic show that makes the club proud to sponsor. This show draws folks from all around the region as well as the United States. It is what most people see what the club is about. So give it some thought and let us know where you would like to help.

Let's get a little business out of the way. As most of you know, January not only marks a new year when we are playing with all of the new Mustang toys that we got for Christmas, but it is the time when the club President holds out his hand, sticks it in your pocket and draws out that huge amount of \$12 for you. Yes, yes... I am talking about the annual club dues. As you know, \$12 is a paltry amount to fork over to keep the club alive and well for a whole year. There are several business relationships that the club needs to keep up that comes out of that \$12 including the trailer tags, storage fees, web and domain names, etc. After all, we are a non-profit organization.

Organization. I like that word. We are an organization of people that have one thing in common – the appreciation of the Ford Mustang. We are an organization from all walks of life. Yet, when we come together, we are friends and family. I, for one, would like to see us come together more times this year. Each year I see people slip away from the club as well as new members slip in. I want to hold onto the members that we have while attracting new folk. I would love to see ideas from every one of you on what events and get-togethers you would like to do this year. We have our traditional events – May car show, Fall Rally, parades – and I would like to see others as well. Drop a line with your ideas and let's go play!

There are a few things that I have thrown in here for you to peruse in this newsletter. I am asking for volunteers for the Member Spotlight. I wanted to start this section to tell a little about a person and their family. I think of it as an introduction, or meet-n-greet if you will. So send in your photos of you and your family and give me a couple of paragraphs about you. You may just see your mug plastered in the newsletter for all to see.

We had several events that we got together and had a good time. I am hoping to see you at the next one as well!

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

Veteran's Day Parade

Gee, with Alex in short sleeves it even looks warm! Several of us made it out to pace our cars in the annual Veteran's Day Parade. The day turned out to be gorgeous as we idled and revved our cars throughout the course. I cannot say if all of the cars made it through the grueling course. BAD MOOD had to pee. We tried getting together at Applebee's after the ride. They were giving a free meal to veterans. After an hour and many grumbles of stomachs, we decided to slip away to other food places on our own. Thanks to the cars in the picture below (and of course the people that came with them) for making an appearance and representing the Rocket City Mustang Club for the community.





Thanks to all of the veterans that keep us safe and secure.

Christmas Parade

This year's annual Christmas Parade proved to be a landmark for the club. It was the first parade in several that we had all of the cars make it the whole route! There were some very proud faces as we all finished seeing that many of us survived. Of course, we had our share of wheel/tire issues on this one. Running around trying to plug tires and tighten lugnuts are very interesting stories. As you can see from the first picture of my car, it was a bit of a cold start. Afterwards there was much merriment at Applebee's. Thanks to the cars in the picture below (and of course the people that came with them) for making an appearance and representing the Rocket City Mustang Club for the community.



RCMC Christmas Dinner

The Christmas party was a wonderful time! Holiday Inn Madison was once again a wonderful host to this event. This year we made a change asking for the club members to bring an unwrapped toy for their dinner's cost. What a wonderful group we have. We collected toys that spread underneath two trees. I just know that there were some very special extra smiles Christmas morning due to your generosity. You make me proud to be a part of this group. Also, a special thanks to BOD member Mark Dorner and his family for stopping by to pick up the toys and deliver them the next morning.



November meeting

November 17th meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Presided over by Ralph Bischof – President

Guests\New Members: Bob Williams, Dave Powell

Old Business

- Treasurer's report read
 - Storage fee, trailer tags
- Web site traffic
 - Traffic still up
- BOD report
 - American Legion charitable donation to Wreaths Across America - \$300
- 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.
 - Veteran's Day Parade recap
 - Jack Daniel's cruise

New Business

- Activities
 - Christmas parade upcoming
 - Christmas dinner at Holiday Inn Madison
- 30th Annual Show
 - Need volunteers
 - Registration, Parking, Sponsorships, Advertisement, Judging
- Trivia given by Ralph and was won by Jake getting 5 out of 11 correct.
- Did You Drive Your Mustang? Charlotte Dempsey did and wins \$10.
- Did you wear mustang apparel? Jack did and wins \$5 out of president's pocket.
- Meeting Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Last notes

Please have a thought about supporting your club events. Come out and meet the people that make this club unique and one to be proud of. We have several meets and events that will be happening this year. And if you want to arrange one yourself, feel free to contact me and we will discuss what you would like to do.

According to the MCA (Mustang Club of America), you should be a member of the MCA to be eligible to be a member of a regional chartered club. If you have not done so, submit your membership to the MCA. You may find them online at <http://mustang.org/>.

I hope to see you at our next meeting – January 19th 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