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Upcoming Meetings

April 10, 2006

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President's Message

Wow April is here and it is time to get out into the nice weather and fresh air. I have been working on my car getting ready for all the spring and summer activities. Thad has his car all stripped down and ready to take to Toledo to have the roll cage welded in. We have to drop the fuel tank yet but that won't be a problem. His goal is to have this car finished in about two years so we can go racing together. It has been fun working with him on this car and now that we have gone this far the fun is really going to begin. His plans are to race and show this car. I am going to do an article for the pony of the month soon and show some pictures of our progress.

A very special thanks to the Yoder's for finding our new meeting site. We will have to see if this will work permanently or if we decide differently. For now I believe this will work out okay. Remember we have to out by 8:00 PM. We will try to start early and hopefully we will have time to socialize afterwards. As Dave's e-mail stated there are several restaurants not far away and I want to encourage everyone to continue to gather somewhere before the meeting. The fellowship that we have in this club and with one another is really special.

A big thanks to all you put the display together for the Cavalcade of Wheels last weekend. I heard that it went quite well and had some interest in our club. I was fishing on Saturday, in the snow; rain; sleet; but I did manage to catch my first Steelhead ever. A real nice fish, at 27 ½" long. Weight was 8lbs 14 oz.

Don't forget our event this month at the Tire Rack. More news and information about this at our upcoming meeting.

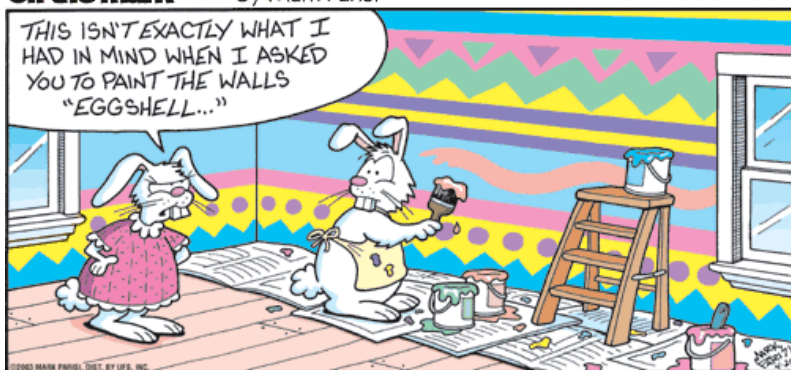
Sincerely

Howard

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March Minutes

President Howard Barrett opened the meeting at 7:10P.M. at the Four Season's Restaurant.

Howard announced that this would be our last meeting at the restaurant. The proprietors will no longer keep it open for us on our meeting night. Our thanks to them for providing the opportunity for us to have our meetings here. Members are asked to let Howard know of any suggestions for a meeting place.

Members attending were:

Scott Anderson	Helmut McClure
Howard Barrett	Nancy & Brad Milliken
Kevin Blake	Charlotte & Ron Newcomer
Becky & Bob Christena	Liz & Chris Pasternak
Dick Cornman	Blake Pierce
Carol & Dave Cooper	Diane & Kenny Reed
Toni & Sadie Estrada	Kevin Price & Janette
Connie & Vic Garrison	Robert D. Relos
Pat & Bob Goeller	Jim & June Schmidt
Beth Greenwalt	Becky & Ken Schmitt
Lola & Terry Gunderman	Mona & Dick Spitaels
Loretta & Harold Jedrzejski	Rob Killingworth
Annie & Jeff Stahl, Katie & Madie	Carl Kindig
Mark Taelman	Jane & Dave Yoder
Sandy & Joe Kraatz	Guest - Jim Boal

Toni Estrada passed around the sign-up sheets for the Tire Rack Track Event. She will also need volunteers who will not be racing: set-up/tear down crew for Saturday and Sunday, time keepers, cone setters, someone to make sure that all participants sign the insurance forms, and someone to do pictures and video.

Chris Pasternak needs members to sign up for newsletter articles for "Pony of the Month", event reporters, tech articles and make sure your correct birthday is on the birthday list.

Carl Kindig, Car Show Chairman reported that his committee had met on Saturday. Vic Garrison will be in charge of trophies, Pat Goeller will handle registration, and Toni will be collecting doorprizes. The committee hopes to have a shirt design that will be a club shirt as well as a show shirt. We will be giving our artist/member Bruce Langston a break from doing a shirt design this year. Trophies will be given for concours judging with plaques given to the participant vote winners.

Chris reported that he has received our registration forms, so that we are officially in the Calvacade of Wheels. He plans to have a committee meeting after the regular meeting tonight.

Minutes continued...

Ken Schmitt reported that the Goshen Freedom Fest will be July 1. The car show this year will be all brands of cars, not only Mustangs. If our club decides to handle the show, all responsibilities and expenses will be ours.

All revenue from the car show will be ours also. Toni will be attending a show meeting in the next few days. Ron Newcomer made a motion, seconded by Vic Garrison, and passed, that we hold off making the decision to take on the show, until after Toni gets more of the facts for us.

Ballots were passed out for vote on the Bylaw change. The vote was 36-7 to change Article VIII, Sections 2 which previously read that "Member and spouse shall not serve simultaneously as elected officers of the club." It will be changed to read "Member and spouse shall not serve simultaneously at President and Treasurer."

Brad Milliken, activities director, reported that the trip to the Studebaker Museum was very poorly attended due to the bad weather. Those who did attend, enjoyed it. Our thanks to Brad for making the arrangements.

Registration forms for the Brown County Spring Fling, May 19-21 are being mailed. Diane Reed will mail yours in with theirs as she has in the past. This is especially important if you are planning to stay in the cabins and want to be near our group. Diane and her crew will be performing their chiefly duties for our Banquet in the Woods on Saturday night. As many of us know, this has been a tasty, tummy-filling feast in the past years. (Especially if the weather cooperates.)

Bob Goeller reported that he will no longer be able to garage Neal Decker's Mustang. There have been no buying action on it and it is no longer insured. Howard offered to garage it and many members seem to think that Ebay will be able to sell it.

Frank Schmidt had contacted Bob Goeller about locating a front seat belt for a 88-89 Mustang.

There are five motels rooms left for the Birmingham trip over the Labor Day weekend. He will hold them until June 30.

Shirley Wachs is still having some problems. Let's keep her in our prayers and shower her with get-well wishes.

Bob Christena made the motions, seconded by Becky, that we adjourn.

June Schmidt, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

MEMBERSHIP DUES

April-

Christena Bob & Becky
Filson William & Suzanne
Ippolito Alan & Lisa
Wilson Paul & Rochelle

Delchambre Pete & Chris
Garrison Vic & Connie
Springer Vince & Helen

May-

Barrett Howard & Karen
Clements Floyd & Carla
Eisenbeiss Terrie
Langton Bruce & Becky
Milliken Brad & Nancy
Rose Rickey
Sheets Mike & Kim
Weldy Michael

Barrett Thad
Deppe Linda
Goeller Bob & Pat
McClure Pete & Marilyn
Pierson Mary
Ross Randy & Lorelei
Stubbs Angela

Treasurer's Report:

Mar 2006

Income

50-50

Meeting 26.50

Total 50-50 26.50

Membership 120.00

Total Income 146.50

Expense

CAR SHOWS - Expense

Flyers 41.34

Postage 39.00

Total CAR SHOWS - Expense 80.34

MCA Discount 15.00

Newsletter

Copies 47.70

Postage 39.00

Total Newsletter 86.70

Total Expense 182.04

Net Income - 35.54



April Birthdays

TERRY GUNDERMAN 13TH
FRANK SCHMIDT 15TH
CHRIS PASTERNAK 17TH
BLAKE PIERCE 27TH

If your birthday is not listed and you would like it to be, please let either Chris or Elizabeth Pasternak know at the next meeting. Thank you.

Urgent info on new meeting place

The April 10th meeting for the Michiana Mustangs will be held at the Centre Township Library in South Bend. The Library is located on the corner of Miami Rd. and Kern Rd. (there is an entrance on Kern but I am not sure about Miami) approximately 1 mile south of where the Scottsdale Mall was located. We have reserved there large meeting room which will seat 65. The Library closes at 8:00pm so we will need to start the meeting promptly at 7:00 to make sure we have enough time. We reserved the room from 6:30 on, so you are welcome to come a little early if you would like to chat before the meeting. There are plenty of places to eat just north of the Library (the new mall area) if you would like to gather with friends to eat either before or after the meeting.

If you are coming from the west on the US20 bypass you can take the US 31 south exit and then turn east on Kern rd.

If you are coming from the east on the US20 bypass you can take the Ironwood exit, go south on Ironwood and the turn west on Kern rd.

Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Dave



NEW! Tech tips

April 2006 edition

Good news Mustangers!.....Spring is nearly here, and the Mustangs will be out on the road soon. Now is the time to plan your Spring program to get the car in shape for the coming season. We need a plan to include all the regular maintenance, and the things that need to be up-graded and improved.

Safety, reliability & improved performance are the goals. Here are some reminders that can help to get a plan on paper, and jog our memories of what needs to be done.

1. The oil change is always important, but we also need to think about a change of transmission fluid, anti-freeze, and bleeding the brake system and re-filling with the proper fresh brake fluid. It's so important, particularly with the older cars, to perform these "changes" as well. Be sure to re-fill with the proper materials.....do some re-research here and be sure you are using the right fluids and lubricants! The old Ford C-4 & C-6 automatic transmissions take fluid with the "F" rating, not the fluids which are common today
 1. Carefully inspect radiator, heater hoses and belts,.... now is the time....not at the side of the road. How's the water pump.....any sign of leakage? This might be a good time to install a new radiator cap with the correct pressure rating. Most of the older systems call for 12 pounds per square inch.
 1. For those of us with cars equipped with Ford's old type power steering, using a "slave cylinder" and control valve, activated by the standard steering mechanism, some special attention is needed. The hydraulic hoses that connect the power steering pump and the control valve may be very old and deteriorated. (We often find seal leakage at the cylinder and the control valve as well.) Change the hoses, and, in the process, you will also change the power steering fluid, which is probably needed. These hoses are readily available, but special care is needed in the replacement process.....a bit of a nasty job but very necessary.
- Cars dating from 1971 may also need replacement of the power steering fluid. The hydraulic hoses need to be inspected for leaks and cracking of the rubber. If they fail....no power steering, and a big mess in the engine compartment. These hoses can be difficult to locate so look to them now.
1. Change that little fuel filter on the carburetor. It's probably been a long time, and it's very cheap insurance. The air filter may need replacement as well, also check the crank case air intake filter located inside the air cleaner assembly.

That's all I can think of for now.....more later!

Bob Christena



2006 Activities Schedule MCA National Show list 2006

March 24 - 26, 2006

Mustang Club of America Nationals Gulf Coast Regional

Mustang Club – Gulf Coast National Pensacola, FL
Location: University Mall

May 26 - 28, 2006

First Tennessee Regional Group – Mustangs In The Mountains

Johnson City, TN

Location: East Tennessee State University

July 14 - 16, 2006

Mustang Car Club of New England – New England Mustang Nationals II
Sturbridge, MA

Location: New England Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center

August 11 – 13, 2006

Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club – Flagship National Mustang Show
Erie, PA

Location: Millcreek Mall

August 31 – September 3, 2006

MCA 30th Anniversary at Barber Motorsports Park
Birmingham, AL

Location: Barber Motorsports Park

September 29 – October 1, 2006

Mustang Club of Las Vegas – Bright Light City Cruise
Las Vegas, NV

Location: Stardust Hotel Pavilion

Tire Rack Events! - April 29-30, 2006 &
Sept. 23-24, 2006 .

Weekly Cruise Nights

Monday: Fenders drive-in Mishawaka across street
from Twin Branch Park

Tuesday: Hooters Mishawaka or A&W KFC Mishawaka
on Bittersweet & Lincolnway

Wednesday: Rural King (old K-Mart) Niles MI or
Simonton Lake drive in Elkhart

Thursday: Long John Silver corner of 33 & 19 Elkhart

Friday: Advance Auto Grape road Mishawaka

Saturday: Fenders drive-in Mishawaka or Pizza King
on 23 Granger

Sunday: Bonnie Doon Lincolnway Mishawaka

2006 Car Shows & Events

April 29-30, Michiana Mustangs Tire Rack event South Bend

April 30, Pioneer auto club show St. Joe county fairgrounds for information call 574-674-6111

May 12-13, Mustang and All Ford Show Sellersburg, Indiana Hosted by Falls City Mustang Club at Jim O'Neal Ford. Event hours are Fri 8-3 Sat 8-4 with check-in running Fri 8-9 Sat 8-12. Registration fee is 15 (pre-registration 15 before May 1, 2006) For more information, call Charlie Smith at 812-283-6543 or email bigblockgt@fallscitymustangclub.com or call Joe Thornsberry at 502-223-1369 or email BThornsberry@msn.com or visit the website at <http://fallscitymustangclub.com>.

May 19-21, Brown County spring fling Brown county In

May 23, Spring car show Valparaiso IN, Sunset Hill Farms Park Hwy 6 & Meridian Rd, Registration 8am-Noon -Call (219) 462-3670

May 23-24, Car Show Coldwater MI, 4-H Fairgrounds

May 27, Lane Automotive Car Show, Watervliet MI

May 28, Valpo-Fest Car Show Valparaiso Fairgrounds & Expo Center

June 3rd., Cruise Night 2006, Registration at the La Porte County Fairgrounds, State Road 2, West, 3:30 PM to 5:30 Donation of \$10.00 per car. Phone: 219-362-6958.

June 4, Motionfest '06 St. Joe county fairgrounds South Bend

June 10, 25th. Silver Anniversary Mustang & All Ford Show Grand Rapids, Michigan Hosted by West Michigan Mustang Club at Tony Betten & Sons Ford 3839 Plainfield Ave. NE. Event hours are 8am - 4pm with check-in running 8am - 11am. For more information, call Steve Morgan at 616-891-2139 or email www.neecee@triton.net or visit the website at <http://www.westmichiganmustangclub.com>.

June 10, 13th Annual Nude Car Show Turtle Lake Resort Union City MI

June 17, Summerfest Car Show Merrifield Park Mishawaka (574) 259-9515

June 17, Classic Car Show at Zolman's Tire South Bend (574) 299-4768

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June 18, 22nd Fuzz Follies Car Show & Swap Meet
Riverview Park Lake Station IN (219) 962-1186

June 25, Blind Date Car Show Hart City Street Rods the
Elkhart Moose Lodge CR 6

July 1, Goshen freedom fest, Goshen airport

July 7-8-9, 3rd Annual Toyo Tires NMRA Ford Nationals
US 131 Motorsports Park Martin, MI

July 15-16, Mustang Club of Indianapolis 27th Annual
Mustang & Ford Show Indianapolis, Indiana at Indian-
apolis Motor Speedway For more information, call Diane
Rhyne at 317-297-1142 or email dirhynee@aol.com.

July 23, Michiana Cruisers 2nd Annual Benefit Car
Show, gate Stop In Restaurant at the corner of Barron
Lake Road & Hwy 60 Niles (Howard Township) MI

July 27-30 Motive Gear NMRA/NMCA Super Bowl of
Street Legal Drag Racing I Presented by Nitto Tire Route
66 Raceway Joliet, IL

July 29, Still Cruising` Cruise to the Studebaker Museum
South Bend IN

August 5, Niles Riverfest River Front Park Niles MI

August 12, Michiana Mustangs all Ford car show, Con-
cord Mall, Elkhart IN

August 13, 30th Car Show / Swap Meet Elkhart, Fair-
grounds (574) 259-3425

August 13, Mustang Memories All Ford-Powered Car
Show and Swap Meet Livonia, Michigan Hosted by Mus-
tang Owners of SE Michigan at Greenmead Historical
Park, For more information, call MOCSEM Hotline at
(313) 438-4174 or email editor@mocsem.com or visit the
website at <http://www.mocsem.com>.

August 19, Woodward dream cruise Woodward ave.
Pontiac MI

August 20, Michiana Mopars & Friends Open Car
Show -8am-3pm George Wilson Park Mishawaka

September 1-4, MCA 30th Anniversary Stampede Bir-
mingham, Alabama

September 3, Blueberry Festival Plymouth IN -Cars
1991 & older (574) 936-2547

September 9, The Markle Mustang Stampede Markle,
Indiana Hosted by Crazy Horse Mustang Club at Markle
Fish & Game Club Park, Mustang and all Ford Show,
For more information, call Bob and Sharon Shumaker at
260-758-3316 or email snakebite@onlyinternet.net or
visit the website at <http://www.crazyhorsemustangs.com>.

September 10, Swap Meet & Car Show St Joseph
County Fairgrounds South Bend (260) 483-6144

September 16th., Car Show from 9 to 3 PM in down-
town La Porte, IN, on Michigan Avenue, presented by
the Michiana Antique Auto Club. Fee, \$10.00 per
car. Phone: 219-778-2285

September 23-24, 2006 SVT Cobra Nationals South
Haven, Michigan Hosted by SVT Cobra Mustang Club
at Gingerman Raceway Registration fee is \$310.00
(pre-registration \$285.00 before September 10, 2006)
For more information, call Brian Groth at 507.304.3864
or email grothimp@cannon.net or call Tony Sorrentino
at 803.371.0725 or email mrmach@cetlink.net or visit
the website at <http://www.svtcobraclub.com>

September 23-24, Michiana Mustangs Tire Rack event
South Bend

October 1, Applefest Car Show Niles MI



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