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From the President's Desk

This month, I was able to attend the Jefferson Texas Lions Club Mustang Roundup and Stampede in historic downtown Jefferson Texas. The weather that day was quite cool starting out, but the sun was out all day and warmed everything up to a nice 82 degrees which made the show quite enjoyable.

We had only 5 cars sign up for the show via email, but by 9am we had 10 cars ready and waiting at the Texas Welcome Center to cruise to Jefferson. One of the cars belonged to Lou McIntosh out of Indianapolis, Indiana, who was down here visiting his Mother. He is a member of the Southside Mustangs of Indianapolis, and decided to look us up while he was here and join us for this show and the Marshall Cruise the Saturday before. We had a chance to hang out and visit, and had a great time. It was nice to meet a fellow Mustanger from another club several states away.

We finally left the Welcome Center at 9 to get to Jefferson about 9:30. Le Allen met us, and had several spots saved for us right out in front of the host store downtown. Including the 11 cars from our club, there were over 42 cars at the show, which was quite a good turnout for such a beautiful day. Several Club members came home with awards. They also had several door prizes to give away, and several auction items, one being an old Ice box or cooler made out of metal, that went for over 100.00. I don't think it was an actual antique, I think I heard it retailed for 75.00, but it looked authentic, something that would look right at home in the trunk of a classic Mustang. The two big classes are the classics, several of which had fantastic paint jobs, and of course all the Late model GTs, Bosses, Saleens, Shelbys and Roushes. There were about 4 other makes of cars there, but the show really was all about Mustangs. It was a great day for a car show, and although it was a little too cold to ride to Jefferson with the top down, when it was time to leave the temperature was in the low 80s with bright warm sunshine, perfect for cruising with the top down.

I like to take US highway 80 from Marshall to the Interstate because it goes through the countryside and it is a much more scenic route than I-20 from US 59. It is also about 10 degrees cooler out there, I guess because it is away from the city, so you can feel the pockets of cool air as you drive thru the countryside. That is what owning a convertible is all about -- enjoying the scenery and the great weather.

Thomas Monahan

MCA News

Just got back from the regional directors' summit. Lots of new things happening. Instead of just MCA officers presenting information, we were treated to hearing from Donald Farr, Mustang Monthly editor and author, and John Clor, Ford Performance Group and Mustang Times columnist. We also heard from Gary Patterson, the Shelby American vice-president. Information was also given out about our insurance program. Still not a whole lot of info about the 50th.

We had our board of directors' meeting on Sunday. The results of the upcoming executive board is as follows: Steve Pruitt, President, Ed Hockaday, Vice-president, Chris Hall, Treasurer, Jim Keenin, Secretary. The board approved a new software program and we will be a test unit for this program. This will enable all cars registered for national shows to be listed in a data base that will keep all info of your car on line. The judging will be entered as the car is being judged. This will also help with classification issues. Once you have registered for a national show, you can choose to save the info and when you register again, the only thing that will have to be changed will be the date and place.

The next national shows that are of interest are Beaumont, TX, on April 19-21, 2013, and the Grand National in Disneyworld on Labor Day weekend 2013. Those of you who might be interested, please let me know.

I know the information about the 50th celebration is slow in coming in, but please be patient. Once plans start coming in, it'll be worth the wait.

See you on the road,

Donna

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It is with great sorrow I must inform you our Adopt A Family mother, Sherry Abernathy's death this month. She has been very sick and in the hospital this past two months.

For those of you who didn't know Sherry, I will say she was one of the sweetest, and most giving persons I have ever met. Sherry had health issues from the time she was born and never let that stop her from being a great mom, daughter, cousin, niece, neighbor and friend to all of those who knew her. She had a light in her that warmed anyone who had the privilege to know her.

She leaves behind her mother, two sons, and two daughters. The youngest son, Sam and the youngest daughter, Hanna are still in school and if the club chooses to do so, I would like the club to continue helping the grandmother at Christmas as our Adopt a Family.

Thank you,
Vickie Doss
Treasurer

Upcoming Activities

Where has the year gone? Our show has passed and now it is time to gear up for World of Wheels. We will be needing lots of volunteers to work the show starting on Wednesday January 9th at 8 am thru Sunday night January 13th at 10 pm. We have all time slots available and all types of jobs. Please sign up for a time slot.

Remember on Thursday we need extra volunteers. One group to set up the club display and one group to work the show. We do not get paid to work on our club display - we are getting paid to volunteer, but between jobs you can help out on the display. Also, keep in mind not all volunteers can leave at once for lunch, take breaks in shifts. I must have volunteers on staff in the building at all times. Our club benefits greatly from this job. We make $1,000 in one weekend, and with this money we are able to help out so many families in need. Thanks to this opportunity we have been able to build up our checking account and give back to the community more than ever before. What a wonderful thing to be able to do.

Now on to November business. We are having our monthly meeting this Saturday the 5th preceded by our Club picture at 4:00 pm before the meeting. We will be cruising to Southfield Grill on Benton Rd. 6:30 pm for dinner. On Saturday the 10th Marshall will be hosting their last downtown cruise of the year. Bundle up, it may be cool out. Our monthly board meeting has been moved up to Wednesday the 14th due to Thanksgiving. That is all for November and be thinking about your work schedule for World of Wheels.

Concerns about our meeting move:
As the activities director for the past 5 years I have watched this club grow in amazing ways with membership up and soaring participation from members. But after our move in September the attendance has dropped tremendously. Remember this is your club. Yes the board members are a part of the club but we only help lead the club. This is YOUR club and we want YOUR opinions and participation. If you are concerned about our move or do not care for the location we want to hear from YOU. Do not be silent and let YOUR club suffer. We want to hear both the positive and negative opinions.

We do know we can't please everyone but we want to please as many as possible. Be heard and speak out.

We will be discussing this issue at the November meeting and thru emails and phone calls. SPEAK OUT!!!

Happy Thanksgiving to all and don't forget next month is our annual Christmas Party. This year we will be partying at Silver Star Smoke house on East Texas St off I20 in Bossier City. Don't forget about the round robin gift exchange, and yearly awards are given out at the party too.

Your Activities Director,
Nicole Ferlito
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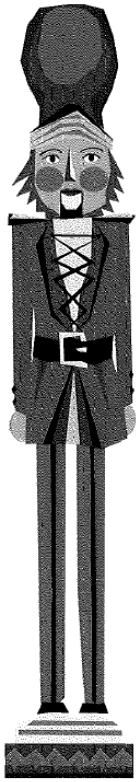
TECH TIP: The next time you take your freshly cleaned Pony out for an evening cruise and come home covered with bugs, take it to the laundry. Seriously. Grab a clean dryer sheet, moisten it a little and wipe down the Pony. The bugs “Bounce” right off.

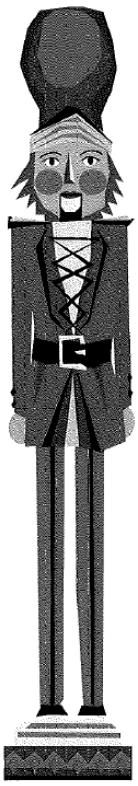
This tip courtesy of Tom Hughes, who knows a thing or two about bugs in the grill.



It's that time of year again, for Parades YEA!!!!!

We have been invited to partic˙pate in the City of Man:field's Annual Christmas Parade this year. It is December 8, 2012.

They are very excited we are coming, I need to let them know how many cars will be going. This will be immediately following the Santa Fun Run. Depending on the time frame we might not make the last stop at the Mission or it will be a short one. The line up is 1:30 and the parade starts at 2:00. Matthew Jones's sister-in-law is co-organizing and Sabrina Lane is chauffeuring a relative. We would like to show our support.----- So sign up today and bring candy, beads, or trinkets to throw.



From the Editor

Traditionally we have a ballot in the November newsletter to elect our Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The ballot is conspicuously absent from this newsletter. I decided to not waste time printing one since we only had one platform submitted, and that was from an existing Board Member.

The majority of the existing Board Members have served for five years or more. Maybe not in the same office, but in whatever position they were needed. They have "served." They have gone above and beyond for the betterment of this Club. Some have even moved out of the country but maintained their Board positions, and maintained them well. Maybe it is because they have done such a great job that no one will step up to replace them. But even Congress has term limits. I personally have been on the Board since 1999, and have been filling multiple positions for the last several years. Like the other Board Members, I will happily step aside for new, fresh faces on the board - - faces with new ideas and abundant energy. But alas, no one has volunteered.

Every year we announce the upcoming elections. Very rarely do any of the positions have more than one applicant. Every January we have to start recruiting to fill an empty position or two because one of our dedicated Board Members has been transferred, or has a work schedule change, or has just burned out. It appears this January will be no different.

There are over 100 members in our Club. That's a large pool of untapped talent and leadership. With fresh faces.

Lane Butler, Secretary / Newsletter Editor
General Flunkie (AKA Show Director's Whipping Boy)
Former Internet Director and Member at Large
The guy with the lift in his garage.

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- 3 Club Meeting. 5 PM,
- 10 Downtown Marshall Cruise
- 14 RRCMC Board meeting @ Reed Industrial, 6:30 PM
- 17-18 Austin Grand Prix
- 22 Thanksgiving Day

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- 1 Club Meeting. 5 PM
- 8 Santa Fun Run
- 8 Mansfield Christmas Parade
- 19 RRCMC Board meeting @ Reed Industrial, 6:30 PM
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve

November Birthdays

Michael Amos
David Barnhill
Daniel Daniels
Edwin Fowler
Theresia Kveder
Cindy Lawrence
Pam Shankle
Dennis Shoup
Renee Temple
Frances Wolf

Photos from the Jefferson Texas Lions Club Mustang Roundup