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Central Arkansas Mustangers

# Pony Express

## *From the President's Desk* by Tom Sipes



Special points of interest:

- Sunday, August 12: Annual CAM Get-together at Maumelle Park. See flyer page 5.
- Thursday, September 13: regular business meeting at Grady's Pizza, W. 12th St., Little Rock. Eat starting around 6 PM, meeting at 7. Last one prior to October 7 show. You need to come.

OK, folks, here we are in the "Dog Days" of summer and all you can think of is staying in the air conditioning. Well, let me tell you, there are some cool things to do outside of the house too! Not too many of our members took advantage of the nice weather served up on Saturday, [July] 21, for our cruise in to White Oak Lake State Park, but the 10 who did were treated to some of the best cruising weather to be had at any time of the year. The temps stayed in the low 80's and the partly cloudy to cloudy skies were perfect for top down/window down cruising. Since this was the rain out second choice day a lot of people did not make it from Tex-

arkana or Shreveport. In fact, no one from the [Shreveport] Red River Club made it, and only 6 cars, 11 people made it to White Oak from Texarkana. CAM had 8 cars/10 people so all in all we totaled 14 cars and 21 people. The neat thing is we all had a great time getting to know each other and learning about each person's cars and club. I know Mac, the [Texarkana] Four States Club president, was disappointed at the turn out, as was I, but we still agreed this would make a great annual outing for our clubs. The park and pavilion are nice, and the drive is scenic. Of course, as your leader I led the cruise down and back, and it was suggested

that my wife buy me a GPS, SOON! Hey, one thing is for sure, we caused quite a stir in greater downtown Chidester, Ark.. on the way home, as 8 fine Mustangs stopped in their town to figure out where we were going!

Don't forget, our next meeting will be held at Maumelle Park on August 12, during our club social at pavilion #5. Remember what I said at the beginning of this letter? This is one of those "COOL" things to do, so come on out and bring your Stang and your picnic lunch. As they used to say when I was in school, "Be There or Be Square!"

YEEEEHA

## CAM meeting minutes from Thursday, July 12 at Grady's Pizza, LR

(Meeting notes taken by member Kim Riegler, transcribed and edited by David Green. Thanks, Kim!)

President Tom Sipes called the 17 members to order at 7:01 PM. A

new member, Suni McCarthy, was recognized. She joined at the Pinnacle Show-and-Shine. The June minutes were approved as published

in the July *Pony Express*. Treasurer Jelaine Davis gave her report.

Old Business: Tom recommended that the time to leave

The Cracker Barrel in Arkadelphia be moved to 8:30 instead of 7:00. Those who want to should meet at 7:30 at the Cracker Barrel (cont'd on 2)

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in Bryant.

A reminder was made about the cruise on 7-29 to Perryville for a picnic at Steve [Collins'] house. Those in Little Rock can meet at Sonic on Highway 10 at noon. Cruise from there to the Sonic at Perryville at 1:00.

New Business: Tom has the picture for the show shirt. He will get bids for the price of the shirts.

[Vice President/Show Chairman] Randall [Davis] gave a show update: The trophies, vendor, and DJ/music are all taken care of. Still need goody bag stuff! Saturday night before the show [October 6]: 15 rooms are blocked in at the Country Inn and Suites [for show-goers]. They will be available at a special rate, but reservations must be made before Labor Day for the special. {Be sure to mention the Mustang show.} [Member] Dale Mashburn attended the show in Kentucky [with a 1968

Shelby GT500KR he built for a customer]. The KR won a Bronze Award. Dale reported that the show venue was very nice. It was held at a Masonic Lodge complex. He thinks there were about 700 cars in attendance.

Thanks was given to Warren and Roberta Walker for hosting the show committee at their house a couple of weeks ago [June 26]. The meeting was to finalize judging criteria [for the October show].

There was a brief discussion about the classes of cars.

Member Dale Mashburn made a motion that the classes be as follows:

1964.5-1973

1974-1993

1994-2004

2005-present. Motion passed.

There will be a judging seminar at the August 12 Get-Together at Maumelle Park.

Three door prizes were awarded. They were personal fans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

## *Perryville Cruise comments*

From President Tom Sipes: "Everyone who attended the cruise had a great time. Steve Collins had a wonderful route set up and the weather cooperated until we got back to Perryville. Then the bottom fell out and the rains came down with abandon! Steve and Melinda were super hosts and made everyone feel right at home.

The group decided that a new column should be added to the *Pony Express* and be called "Pony Tales" and feature reports from our members on trips or cruises they have made in their Mustangs. We also agreed that John Riegler should write up this cruise. Look for it in the next issue of the *Pony Express*. Yeeeeha."

So for your enjoyment, pages 3 and 4 feature John's article just as I got it via e-mail.—

Editor David Green

Club Members:  
Remember to  
attend the annual  
CAM Get-  
Together and  
August meeting  
at Maumelle park  
This Sunday,  
August 12. See  
Flyer page 5 for  
details.

The September  
13 meeting will  
be at Grady's  
Pizza, Little Rock,  
standard times.

## *CAM members take awards at big show*

Report from Archey Fork Car Show, Clinton, AR on June 30, 2007, 200+ cars.

Jim Lunsford, 05 CVT, 1st

Scott Moon, 01 Saleen, 1st

Frank Crowder, 65 HT, 2nd

Guy Ashenberger, 03 Mach I, 2nd

Mike Pate, 84 SVO, 2nd

Results contributed by Chicita Pate. Thanks!

All show goers please note: We are always glad to get results from shows you attend. Send to David Green.

## Sunday cruise to Perryville was “hive” of activity!!!

Greetings to all of you. This is a new feature starting this month in the Pony Express. Anytime someone goes on a cruise or other Mustang related trip please take a few minutes and drop a note letting us know where you went, what you did, and any other interesting things that happened on the trip. It does not have to be long or extremely detailed, but a good overview of the highlights. Who knows, it may be something that we as a club might like to do together in the future. We can even do multiple Pony-Tales if several of you did different trips around the same time. It also gets everyone involved in the Pony Express and we all enjoy the stories of others. Now, on with this inaugural edition of Pony-Tales.

On Sunday, July 29, we were scheduled to meet at the Sonic on Hwy 10 at noon to cruise to the Perryville Sonic by 1:00 p.m. and meet with Steve and others to have a cruise around the area and have a cookout at Steve's house.

Kim and I got there first and a few minutes later Mike and Chiquita showed up. We were the only ones to meet in Little Rock. We left there about 12:10 and hit the road to Perryville.

Steve came along a few minutes after we arrived, then Tom showed up. He, by coincidence, had run into J T and his girlfriend (JT is a CAM member) and talked them into tagging along with us for the day. We soon saddled up our ponies and headed out to the great sights that the Perryville area has to offer.

After a brief stop for gas, we all headed for Petit Jean and several scenic overlooks where we all got out to see the different views. The first overlook had a wonderful view of the Arkansas River and the surrounding valley.

The next stop per Steve's suggestion (my personal favorite and hence the title of this article) was the honey store. They offered several different types of honey; i.e. honey apple butter, regular honey, etc. They also worked on the “honor” system. Their sign read, “Take your honey and leave your money.” I didn't think anyone was around and wondered aloud if someone would “bees” right with us. It was a “sweet” experience. The weather was a

little on the warm and “sticky” side. Sorry if these puns “sting” a little. We then “buzzed” on to the next overlook that looked out over a waterfall. We had to walk down a series of ramps to see the falls. They were nice but not flowing very fast. The most surprising thing was that on the walk back up the ramps to our cars, Kim and I made it up first!!! Man am I out of shape.

We then drove to a store for a break and to get something to drink and headed for the big cookout. We were just a few minutes from Steve’s house and the heavens opened up for a long hard rain that lasted about 2 hours. Tom had to stop to put up his top and on a two lane road with no shoulder to speak of, somehow he found an intersection that had a good wide spot for him to pull over and safely do so.

Steve and his wife Melinda have a beautiful house. We all sat around, talked and joked with each other, and then the wonderful food was ready. Hamburgers and hot dogs were the main course for dinner. It was very good, even cooked on the grill in the rain by our gracious host, which by the way, the rain stopped after the food was done cooking. How is that for timing? We also had a good chuckle over a large man, who seemed to be in training for a “plumber” job, that we all had seen walking his dog along the side of the road.

We then headed for home with full bellies and hearts from the food and company. We did miss those of you who could not make it but talked about you anyway...did I say that out loud?

I hope to see all of you contributing to the future editions of Pony-Tales and letting us know what we missed out on. Maybe it will be enough for all of us to get together and let our presence be known throughout the state!

Writing off into the sunset,

John Riegler