



# Pony Express

## From the President's Desk by Warren Walker

(Editor's note: Warren wrote this on Nov. 20.)

Roberta and I have just returned from one of the most enjoyable trips ever when we cruised to Mt View this past weekend. We went up on Friday and were joined on Saturday morning by fellow members Dale Mashburn and Beverly, David Lockhart and his daughter, and Steve & Melinda Collins.

Starting on Friday there were over 150 cars [that] showed up for this event which was in its seventh year. Everything from classic antiques, street rods, to newer sport cars were on display in the parking lot in front of the White River Hoe Down Theater—one of The Best Selections of Show Cars I have ever seen. Free food

and entertainment was provided Friday evening; and on Saturday we took about a 50 mile road cruise through two counties with approximately 100 other cars. Most of us attended the special show at the Hoe Down Theater on Saturday evening. After a short church service and awarding of door prizes on Sunday morning in the theater we returned home. Except for a little cold wind the weather was beautiful as were the cars. If you missed it this time you should consider it for 2007. It is always scheduled on the weekend before Thanksgiving. We have already made our hotel reservations for next year.

Well, the year is fast coming to an end with our

Christmas party scheduled for December 2nd. I think the club has had a very good year. We've picked up some outstanding new members, had some fun activities, had one of the best shows ever, and ended the year in pretty good shape financially.

Roberta and I have enjoyed making what little contribution we could to the club this year, and we would like to say thank you to all you club members who helped us. We've got a good man taking over as president in 2007. Let's all give Tom the help and support that you have given me, and we'll have another successful year. We'll see all of you at the Christmas party. Cruise safely and be there.

## November 9 meeting minutes by Secretary David Green

President Walker called the 18 members present at Grady's Pizza, Little Rock, to order at 7:00 PM. The October meeting minutes were approved as published in the November *Pony Express*. Kim Riegler won a '69 Boss 302 metal col-

lectible model as the door prize. Final points of the November 18 cruise were discussed.

The December 2 Christmas party was discussed ( see articles in Nov. and Dec. *Pony Express*).

Officer nominations and elections were held (article). Sunday, October 7, 2007 was approved as the show date for our 26th Annual Regional Show pending OK by Riser Ford. [It is confirmed—Ed.]

Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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### Special points of interest:

- Central Arkansas Mustangers' Annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 2, 2006.
- Business meeting at Grady's Pizza Thursday, January 11, 2007
- Business meeting at Grady's Pizza Thursday, February 8, 2007.

# Final 2006 CAM event: Annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 2 at Roller Corporate Offices, west Little Rock by David Green

- Location: Roller Corporate Offices, 13701 Chenal Parkway. From I-430/630, go west on Financial Center Parkway which turns into Chenal Parkway. You will pass Best Buy on your right and later, Bale Chevrolet/Honda on your left. You will turn left on Parkway Place Drive at the light, then another immediate left on Chenal Parkway (eastbound). Roller will be at your 2 o'clock. We will be in the building farthest east. Lost? Call Jelaine @ 831-4810. See map. Take this issue with you. We have been here several times before.
- Time: Start arriving at 5:00 PM. We are planning to start eating around 5:30 PM.
- Menu: We are catering in Corky's Bar-B-Que with all the fixin's. Randall and Jelaine Davis have gracefully volunteered to pick it up. Those who wish to help them set up can arrive earlier than 5 PM. **Each member or family attending should bring one 2 or 3 liter soft drink.** As always, this is a family-oriented function, so no alcohol please.
- Dessert contest: There will be a first and second place gift certificate awarded for judge's choice in taste and appearance. Mustang or Christmas related themes are encouraged. The outgoing 2006 officers get the arduous task of deciding on the best two. They continue to sacrifice for the good of the club.
- Auction: members are encouraged to bring anything they want to be auctioned off. The more, the merrier. No spending limit. Bring money. Proceeds go to Humane Society of Pulaski County with at least a matching contribution from the club. You could consider cleaning out your garage by donating that old Boss, Shelby, Cobra, etc. While the club can't match funds on those, think of the things you could do with all that space.
- "Dirty Santa" or "White Elephant" gift exchange: members who want to participate should bring an appropriate gift. It can be kooky or cool, way out or neat. Around \$10 +/- is the normal price level for these. This is a real fun activity with a lot of laughs. Again, the more that participate the merrier time we will have.
- One last chance: We had requested RSVPs by November 25. As of the meeting, the count was about 35. If you haven't responded yet, please do so as soon as you get this newsletter. Call Jelaine Davis at (501)831-4810 or email at [davisjelaine@yahoo.com](mailto:davisjelaine@yahoo.com) right away. We don't want to over- or under-buy on the food, but we need a head count to know how much to get. If you decide to come at the last minute, that's OK, but there may or may not be enough food for you.

Dues are due. Please send the form (the inside back cover) and \$24 to Treasurer Davis or bring to the Christmas party.



2007 president Tom Sipes has scheduled the following business meeting dates. Both will be at Grady's Pizza, W.12th St., Little Rock. We eat around 6 and meet at 7 PM. Both are the second Thursday.

January 11, 2007

February 8, 2007

## Meet your 2007 CAM officers

As required by the CAM By-Laws, nominations for officers were re-opened in each category. There were a few changes from the initial round in October. The November, and final, nominations were:

President: Tom Sipes

Vice President/Show Chairman: Randall Davis

Secretary: David Green (**re-enlisted**)

Treasurer: Jelaine Davis (**re-enlisted**)

MCA Director: Dennis Fason

Historian: Mike Pate (**re-enlisted**)

Editor, *Pony Express*: David Green (**re-enlisted**)

President-Elect 2008: John Riegler

After the floor was closed for nominations, the listed candidates were accepted by the membership by acclimation.

They will be inducted at the December 2 Christmas party. They will take office and begin serving in their positions on January 1, 2007.

Thanks to all who volunteered to serve.

# Ain't it the Truth as sent to David Green by Tom Sipes on December 28, 2005

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Christmas is fast approaching. Undoubtedly, you will be either a giver or receiver of a tool. Here's a guide that may be of some assistance:

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching a flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted airplane part you were drying.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "ouch..."

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new disc brake pads, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4:** Used for levering an automobile upward off a hydraulic jack handle.

**TWEEZERS:** A tool for removing wood splinters.

**TELEPHONE:** Tool for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

**SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER:** Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog \*\*\*\* off your boot.

**E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR:** A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps off in bolt holes you couldn't use anyway.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the tensile strength on everything you forgot to disconnect.

**CRAFTSMAN 1/2 X 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER:** A large pry bar that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end opposite the handle.

**AVIATION METAL SNIPS:** See HACKSAW.

**TROUBLE LIGHT:** The home mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a **DROP LIGHT**, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin", which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, it's main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, it's name is somewhat misleading. [Can also be used to install painful burns on your skin in a fraction of a second-Ed.]

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**AIR COMPRESSOR:** A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts and neatly rounds off their heads.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a fifty-cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to cut hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer now-a-days is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts close to the object we are trying to hit.

**MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door. Works particularly well on contents such as seats, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts.

**DAMMIT TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "DAMMIT" at the top of your lungs. It is also the next tool that you will need.

**EXPLETIVE:** A balm, usually applied verbally in hindsight, which somehow eases those pains and indignities following our every deficiency in foresight.