



Pony Express

Special Points of Interest

- Saturday December 8th:
Annual Christmas Party and meeting. Western Sizzlin Benton 7:30pm. Remember to bring donated items for the auction and those that participate in Dirty Santa bring a gift.

December Christmas Party in Benton

This year's annual Christmas Party will be held in Benton at the Western Sizzlin restaurant. A room has been reserved for our members and their families to meet, eat, and participate in our Dirty Santa and the Auction for charity.

For those traveling from the Little Rock area, take 1-30 to Benton, take exit 117 and follow the signs to cross over the overpass and head back east on the service road. Turn right on Fleming Drive, which is a short street that goes up the hill to the back side of the restaurant. Our Hot Springs guests will exit 1-30 eastbound at exit 117 and stay on the service road to Fleming Drive.

Our room for this year is immediately to your left as you enter the restaurant. Bring your gifts and auction items in, then go order your food. Each member will be responsible for their own dinner. Our use of the room begins at 7:30pm and lasts until the restaurant closes.

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Jingle all the way!



Minutes of November 18th Meeting

by David Clement

President Dale Mashburn called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. with 18 members in attendance.

New member David Pierce was introduced.

Carol Sipes gave the Treasurer's report. We have 46 current members.

MCA Representative Tom Sipes gave a report on the Regional Directors' Summit in Dallas on October 13th and 14th:

- Donald Farr of Mustang Monthly was in attendance.
- There will be two 50th Anniversary shows, one in Charlotte, N.C. and one in Las Vegas, N.V. There will be a get together in Norman, OK a few days before with MCA members headed in opposite directions to each show.
- There are just under 12,000 current MCA members. It costs MCA \$46/person to service each membership.
- Ford, Shelby American, and BF Goodrich all made sizable donations to MCA.
- The modified class judging has been changed from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd to gold, silver, and bronze.

The Christmas Party on December 8th was discussed. It will be at the Western Sizzlin in Benton at 7:30 P.M. There will be no meeting and no desert contest.

The next order of business was officer elections for 2013. There were no contested elections. A motion was made and accepted to accept the slate of nominated officers for 2013. They are:

Cliff Koonce-President 2013

David Green-President Elect 2014

Vice President/Show Chairman- Mike Pate

Madison Davis-Historian

Tom Sipes-MCA Representative

Carol Sipes-Treasurer

David Clement-Secretary

Becky Fischer-Pony Express Editor

President Dale Mashburn gave an update on the Mustang Museum that he is building.

President-Elect 2014 David Green spoke about a potential special 50th Anniversary Regional Show in 2014. Please see the article in this issue for more information. The issue was tabled until the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

News from our Members

From Ron and Sharon Baker: Ron has a 20 ft. long tilt trailer with 10,000 lb. axles. Trailer retailed for \$4,500 and has never been used. They will sell for \$3,500.

Contact Sharon at ronsasphaltpaving@windstream.net.

Thoughts from President Elect 2014

by David Green

Hi everyone:

Thanks for electing me President-elect for 2014. The years 2013 and 2014 will be very important to our club and the Mustang hobby.

Every since the 45th anniversary of the introduction of the Mustang, I have thinking about what we as a club could do for the 50th anniversary in 2014.

I spoke to the members present at the November club meeting about some of the things I would like to see us do. As I outlined some of the activities I have envisioned, I saw a lot of enthusiasm and excitement as we discussed some of the possibilities.

In order to pursue and develop concepts for 2014, we as a club are going to need to decide if we want to do this at all. But we cannot wait until just a few months before all this is to take place to make decisions. This is going to take pre-planning nearly on the level of a National show for us.

I don't want to scare anyone, but should we as a club decide to do this, it is going to take everyone's participation and hard work to pull this off. We are talking a long-term commitment here.

I believe that should it have been put to a vote, the members present at the November meeting would have voted in favor of it. But I didn't want a motion to come to the floor yet. I purposely tabled this so that we could have some time to think about it.

The annual Christmas party, which is upcoming on Saturday December 8, generally has the largest participation of any meeting of the year. We don't normally have much of a business meeting at the party, but I would like for us to look at this again. If the membership is ready, we could go ahead and vote on it.

The 50th Anniversary only comes around once. I would like to see us celebrate it in style. I believe we are up to the challenge. Think about it. I'll see you at the party.

David Green

Thoughts on the 2012 Show

by Kevin Tullos

The Central Arkansas Mustangers 31st annual MCA regional show was held at Riser Ford on October 7th, 2012. With the horse racing track, bath house row, spas, hotels, and restaurants all within short distances, Hot Springs Arkansas is a nice little tourist town. Perfect setting for a car show.

Saturday was top priority for getting the dealership ready for the event. We cleared the parking lot, unpacked boxes, set up tables and chairs. Afterwards, the club members went out to take a tour of a restoration shop on Central Avenue, followed by dinner.

Sunday the show was on! Cars began arriving 8 am. Most cars are driven to the show, while just a few are brought in by trailer. Long distance cars were coming in from Texarkana, Shreveport, North East Texas, and Tulsa. By 11:30 am, our lot was filling up.

The first row on the left had a pretty good looking display. A '69 Mach 1, a '70 428CJ Mach, a '70 Boss 302, a '93 R model, a '66 GT 350 and a 2013 Boss 302. Over on the right was the main body of the show. Every year model of Mustang was well represented of course. Late models were outstanding. Shelby, Roush, Saleen and GT were out in force. Classic were on hand, restored, unrestored, occasional drivers and daily drivers. If you liked concours then you had to see the 65 convertible, 65 coupe and the 71 SCJ on display also. Fox bodies were present too.

All day the show had a slow, easy feel to it. Talking about cars and meeting new friends was a frequent activity. Brian played good music. Steve made the announcements. Other participants had displays of their own, including Falcons, Fairlanes, Trucks, and even a Model A roadster. Ford fans were pleased when two Rancheros came in, one a 428CJ, the other a 390 with four speed. Both restored very nice. Partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures made the enjoyable day even better. Local people from Hot Springs were dropping by to see the great looking cars. A total of 94 cars were in attendance that day. Two kids were seen out on the lot pushing a plastic toy Mustang. One was driving, the other was pushing. How fun is that!

The end of the show brought a light sprinkling rain upon us but no one seemed to mind it, really. President Dale Mashburn announced the winners. The trophies were handed out with a little moisture on top. The Young Owners awards went to Kayla Cook, Brice Shepherd, Christopher Bradshaw and Dillon Garibay. Sandra Sinyard won best of show for the '65 gold coupe in concours. LMA awards went to Scot Sindle, Gary Eppenbach, and David Bright. Proud owners with radiant smiles were the mainstream of the day.

Founded in 1980, the club has held together over the years with lots of Mustang enthusiasm and Ford product loyalty. Helping out friends, having fun, and giving to charity have always been with us. Our club has gathered members from around our central part of the state of Arkansas. Places like Little Rock, Benton, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Conway, Sherwood, Jacksonville, and the Little Rock Air Force Base. Don't forget Bryant, Perryville and Rosebud too.

Feel free to visit our website www.centralarkansasmustangers.com. Keep on Stangin!

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“Ownerships is not essential...enthusiasm is!”

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