

Pony Express

Central Arkansas Mustangers



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Thursday, February 8:** Regular monthly CAM business meeting at Grady's Pizza, 6801 West 12th St., Little Rock. Eat starting around 6 PM, meeting at 7 PM.
- **Thursday, March 8:** Regular monthly CAM business meeting at Grady's Pizza, LR.
- **Sunday, May 20:** Spring Fling Mustang/Ford Show & Shine at Pinnacle Ford, Little Rock.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Wow! The first meeting as your president and only one person wanted to impeach me! Is this a great club or what? If I can keep this pace up, by the end of the year the number will be less than 20% of our current membership families. And speaking of membership numbers, I hope you renew your membership and help us to increase our membership base through active participation in our club activities.

I was really encouraged by the attendance and input of ideas at the January meeting. We touched on several topics that, I believe, will give our club the opportunity to grow. When you read the minutes of the meeting you will see that we have a committee appointed to review our regional show structure to see where changes can be made to make things run smoother and more efficiently. I want to thank Charlotte Fason,

Mike Pate, David Green, and Warren Walker for volunteering their time and energy to this task.

You will also see that a proposal was made to include in our regional show a non-judged class as well as our usual judged classes. The idea behind this is to encourage fellow Mustang and Ford powered owners to participate and to consider becoming members of CAM. This idea was tabled for one month to allow all interested members to share their ideas and thoughts on this matter. So, what do YOU think? Come to the February meeting and share your thoughts with the club. I want to call for an up or down decision on this matter at that time as we need to get our show flyers made up and start distributing to potential attendees and prize donors.

One other thing I want to touch on concerns two na-

BY TOM SIPES

tional shows that are within an easy drive for our club members. I plan to make both of them and I hope we can have some fun as a group traveling to and participating in these shows. I have not attended a national, as I know many of you have, so I am excited about going to these events as a first timer. You will find registration forms included in this issue of the *Pony Express* for both shows, as well as [information concerning] the Four States Mustang Club show in Texarkana.

I hope to see many more of you at our February meeting and look forward to hearing your ideas concerning the direction our club should pursue in the months ahead.

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES BY SECRETARY DAVID GREEN

January 11, 2007: The 25 members attending at Grady's Pizza were called to order by President Tom Sipes at 7:02 PM. The December minutes as published in the January *Pony Express* were approved with no revisions by club vote. Vice President Randall

Davis gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Jelaine Davis.

MCA shows as well as the FSMC (Texarkana) shows were mentioned [see flyers/info this issue]. Tom Sipes introduced, and David Green expanded on a pro-

posal to include and promote a non-judged division at our Regional Show. After discussion, proposal was intentionally tabled until February 8. A Show Committee was formed consisting of volunteers Charlotte Fason (chair), Mike Pate, David Green, and (con'td)

CAM CONSIDERS SPLITTING SHOW INTO 2 DIVISIONS

BY DAVID GREEN

Secretary Green and President Sipes introduced the concept of splitting the October show into two divisions at the January meeting. Division I would be our regular judged cars. Division II would be what was formerly called "Display Only".

The reasons for this are severalfold.

- The last two Regional Shows have pretty much stretched us to the limit regarding our available manpower. We don't see a huge increase in our qualified show workers coming anytime soon. But we would like to grow the show in participation. This could be done by promoting the Division II cars. Since they are not judged, this eases pressure on the judges and the tally workers.

- We could drop the price for Division II cars from \$15 to \$10 per car to encourage participation. It is proposed for them to get a dash plaque as they register until we run out. They will not be eligible for a trophy.
- Not everyone thinks their car is show-worthy or wants it to be judged. They just want to come out, enjoy the atmosphere of the show, and have a good time. Witness our high participation numbers at our informal show-and-shines and picnics.
- President Sipes, formerly our MCA National Director, notes that MCA is considering this very concept at National Shows.
- We need to get our trophy pres-

entation underway by at least 4 PM, earlier if possible. We need to be able to rank the cars quicker by the tally workers. Last year at least 5 experienced people worked as hard and fast as they could to rank the cars, and we were still late. This was mostly due to the high number of cars we had. If some of those cars end up shifting to Division II, it would certainly help.

- All these points and more will be discussed at the February 8 meeting. President Sipes has called for a final vote at this meeting. All interested members should make it a point to come and be heard. We need to decide this so we can put out show fliers with the proper information.

PINNACLE FORD, CAM PARTNER FOR MAY 20 SHOW

As noted in the January minutes, the club approved a motion to hold a spring Show-and-Shine at Pinnacle Ford in west Little Rock.

Mike Pate, CAM member and Pinnacle employee, has confirmed that Pinnacle Ford is willing to host CAM on Sunday, May 20. Although a S &

S at Pinnacle had been tossed around for years, it was not until they settled into their new location on Chenal Parkway have they had room for us.

Although many details remain to be worked out, it is expected that there will be awards of some kind, no entry fee, and perhaps a food vendor

present. Anticipate show hours to be from 10 AM-3PM with a participant vote of cars in our traditional 3 divisions: early, mid, and late models. Participants may be able to start arriving as early as 8 AM.

Plans are afoot for a summer picnic and get together at Mammel Park in (maybe) August.

JANUARY MINUTES CONTINUED

Warren Walker. The committee will meet from time to time in order to find ways for us to enhance our Regional Show to make it more enjoyable and efficient. They will report their recommendations to the club at large for discussion and voting.

David Green made a motion for CAM to hold a

Spring show-and-shine at the new Pinnacle Ford on Chenal Parkway in west Little Rock on Sunday, May 20 conditional on Pinnacle Ford's approval. Seconded and approved by the club.

Pat O'Daniel won the number guessing contest for a door prize of car cleaning supplies. Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

PONY EXPRESS FINAL ISSUE?

Does your *Pony Express* have a "FINAL ISSUE" label close to your mailing label on the front cover?

If so, that means that Treasurer Jelaine Davis has not received your dues renewal of \$24 as of the mailing date of this issue. All memberships expired at the end of 2006. Since CAM

does not mail out invoices, this is the final expiration notice you will receive. You can rejoin, however: just send in the inside back cover renewal form with your \$24 to Jelaine and you will be reinstated. You really don't want to miss out on the exciting things planned for 2007!