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**Celebrating 25
years of Central
AR Mustangers!**

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From the Desk of the President

By David Green

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season at the end of 2004. It has been a busy year for C.A.M. The celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the introduction of the Ford Mustang, Mustangs Across America coming through central Arkansas again, to the show-and-shine in September and the Regional Show in October. Club members participated in various shows around the state and nation. Many brought home trophies and memories. Thanks to all who helped organize and put on our various events.

Thought now turn towards 2005. This year will mark another anniversary, one much closer to home. The Central Arkansas Mustangers were founded in 1980. 2005 marks our 25th (silver) Anniversary. As mentioned at the December 3, 2004, Christmas party and elsewhere in this issue, many special things are in the works. Sadly, many other mustang clubs have come and gone during those 25 years. C.A.M. has persevered through all those years

(Cont.)

Through hard work and dedication of the club's membership. Over the past few months, I have asked many members whose Mustang club this is. All have replied, "This is MY Mustang club!"

It is that kind of sentiment that has carried the club through these last 25 years. Through thick and thin, good times and bad, high and low membership counts, and money problems at times, C.A.M. has survived.

Much will be asked of the officers and membership in the coming year. I believe we are up to the task. We will rise to meet the challenge, as we have so many times in the past.

We used to have a slogan "Ownership is not essential, ENTHUSIASM IS!" I believe that still applies. After all, this is YOUR Mustang club!

-David Green

Minutes from the December 3rd Christmas party

Thirty-seven C.A.M. members and family were present on December 3, 2004, for the meeting held at The Church of Christ Fellowship Church Hall. This was a wonderful, spacious facility. Thanks so much to the Oldridge family and to Jennifer and Joe Mitchell for organizing this fun party. The membership had wonderful dinner entrée's and delicious desserts. The following topics were discussed:

- New, 2005, officers inducted & Appreciation plaques presented to Michael Oldridge & Jennifer Mitchell

- 25th C.A.M. Anniversary this year, possible t-shirts or decals. More later.
- Oct. 9th set for Regional show 2005 at Riser Ford w/ preparation towards advertising.
- Club get-together bowling party. See article.
- Jan. 13th Meeting at Grady's
- Chicita Pate & Shelly Mollette won entrée & dessert awards.

C.A.M. Bowling Party

Even though the Arkansas Razorbacks didn't get to go bowling this year, members and guest of C.A.M. will get the opportunity.

The bowling party is set for Saturday, January 15. The place will be the Millennium Bowl at 7200 count Massie Road, Maumelle AR. Members and guest should plan to be there around 5:30 PM.

We have secured a special rate of \$2.65 per game per person. This includes a bowling ball, should you not have one. Rental bowling shoes are available at extra cost.

The management has said that they would reserve up to four lanes should we need them. This alley is reportedly state-of-the-art. It was built only a few years ago.

Directions: From the northern end of I-430, take the Maumelle exit. Go west on Maumelle Blvd. After you pass the light at the fire station, the next light will be near McDonald's. Turn left (south) at the light onto Count Massie Rd. The bowling alley will be a short ways down.

As always, this is a family event. Children are welcome, as are guests. Since the club voted to do this at the Dec. 2004 meeting, a good turnout would be appreciated. A head count will be taken at the business meeting on January 13th. This will be a good opportunity for us to get together socially without having to worry about running a show or conducting a meeting. Hope to see you there!

Coming events

C.A.M. Monthly Business Meeting

Thursday, January 13th

Grady's Pizza

6801 West 12th St., Little Rock

Eat at 6:00 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

C.A.M. Bowling Party

Saturday, January 15th

See article this issue

C.A.M. Monthly Business Meeting

Thursday, February 10th

Grady's Pizza

6801 West 12th St., Little Rock

Eat at 6:00 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

C.A.M. Annual Chili Supper and Business Meeting

Saturday, March ?, Details TBA

616 Sherwood Ave.

Sherwood, AR

Welcome Back to the States Amy Olsen!!!!

I was informed that Kevin Olsen was able to pick up Amy at the airport to be home for the holidays. Welcome home Amy, you were missed!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and are able to spend some much needed time with your families!

-Shelly Mollette

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Thanks, Phillip!

C.A.M. Website Being Updated

As announced at the December 3rd, 2004, meeting, the website for the Central Arkansas Mustangs is being updated.

Webmaster Dustin Weems and President David Green have been discussing new ideas and features for the website since October 2004.

A new header will be featured. Also, a calendar featuring upcoming meetings, shows, cruises and other club related functions will be added.

The Pony Express will soon be electronically added to the site. Members who would rather get *The Pony Express* electronically (as opposed to a paper copy being mailed) will be able to opt out of the newsletter mailing list. The club will save postage costs. The member will have the advantage of getting his or her club news "faster".

More recent pictures of member's cars from various shows

will be added a little later. Dustin's wife Stephanie has volunteered to take digital photos at our shows and major events to add to the site.

Like most of us, Dustin has a full-time job and is working on this as time allows. Sometime in January, expect to see many of the improvements coming on line. Stay tuned for more info.



Don't be singing the blues, please pay your dues!

It is vital to this club's future to retain every possible interested 2004 member. It would be greatly appreciated if all the renewals came in by the middle of February.

If you have already renewed, thank you. If you haven't, please take a few minutes to fill out the inside back cover of *The Pony Express* and mail it along with your \$24.00 payment to Treasurer Jelaine Davis. Her address is shown on the inside back cover. Thank you!

"This one's almost gone. I think
whoever brought this won"
-said about entrée contest
12/03/2004

Special 25th Anniversary Windshield Decal

A tremendous amount of interest by the membership was indicated at the Dec. 3, 2004 meeting in the concept of a special windshield decal to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Central Arkansas Mustangs.

Webmaster Dustin Weems and President David Green discussed a concept in November 2004. Dustin knows "a few people" in the computer graphic arts that can help design a master logo for the club's use for the windshield decals. The membership also indicated that they would like to see this special logo carried over into our show plaques/

trophies for 2005's shows.

The actual cost for the decals is yet to be determined. The number to order will be discussed at the January meeting.

Ford GT Arrives in Hot Springs, AR

The newly designed and introduced Ford GT is stated to arrive at Riser Ford, 4201 Central Ave. Hot Springs, AR around the end of December 2004.

Paul Riser, dealer principal, states that the Ford GT the dealership is scheduled to receive will be red with white stripes.

Mr. Riser has invited all C.A.M. members to come see the GT. He said that he did not expect the car to stay at the dealership long before being sold.

The Ford GT is a modern interpretation of the classic Ford GT 40 from the middle 1960's. The new Ford GT closely follows the general body shape of the original GT 40 with many modern upgrades. Preliminary pricing starts around \$150,000.00.

Members might want to call the dealership at 1-800-264-6676 to see if the GT is there before making the trip.

We're on the web!
www.centralarkansasmustangers.com

October Show DJ Scheduled

Mark Green, The official C.A.M. DJ employed for our Regional shows for the last two years. Mr. Green has agreed to continue to play at our October 2005 show. We may also use his equipment for public announcements and awards presentation. His fee will be the same as 2004's original rate.

25th Anniversary Show Date and Location Confirmed

The Central Arkansas Mustangers' annual regional show date and location was confirmed in mid-December, 2004. The 25th Anniversary Regional Show will be held at Riser Ford, 4201 Central Ave. Hot Springs, AR on Sunday, October 9th, 2005.

The C.A.M. Membership voted on and approved this date and location for the show at the December 2004, Christmas party and meeting. This was contingent upon the approval of the proposed sponsoring dealership.

Paul Riser has also approved this date. He was excited and enthusiastic about hosting C.A.M.'s 25th Anniversary Show. Mr. Riser has agreed to co-sponsor the show expenses, as he has in the past. Dealership cars will be moved as in past years to make room for the show.

To help C.A.M. celebrate our 25th Anniversary, Mr. Riser hinted at a special, never-before-done incentive made available a month prior to the show. Show participants from C.A.M. and other clubs will be qualified for this special. More to come on this topic later!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail Applications to: Jelaine Davis
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Last Name	First Name	Spouse	E-Mail Address	
_____ (____) _____				
Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
Mustang Year and Body Style				
1) _____		2) _____		
3) _____		4) _____		

Existing or former members: Annual dues for the Central Arkansas Mustangers are \$24. This entitles you to a monthly Pony Express newsletter, membership card, and participation in Club activities. Dues for the next year are payable from November 1 through June 30.

Check One: () \$24 Renewal CAM Member # _____ OR () New Member

CAM membership dues cover maintaining the monthly newsletter and mailings and club supplies (food, awards, club merchandise, etc.). One CAM windshield decal is included with new membership. Welcome to the Club! For additional CAM windshield decals, send \$1.50 for each one desired (check or money order) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Jelaine Davis at the address above.

Checks payable to "Central Arkansas Mustangers"
Annual Dues - \$24 (November to June)
(Dues for new members joining after June 30 - \$12)

I am existing member of the Mustang Club of America. My membership number is # _____.

MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA: To join MCA, send \$30 for a one-year membership to: Mustang Club of America, 4051 Barrancas Avenue, PMB 102, Pensacola, Florida 32507, Phone 850-438-0626. Benefits include: 12 issues of Mustang Times, window decal and membership