

Pony Express

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Mark your calendar:

- Thursday, May 12: seminar and business meeting, Ford Service Training Ctr., Maumelle, AR
- Sunday, May 15: Landers Ford/CAM Spring Show & Shine, Little Rock, AR
- Saturday, June 11: CAM Spring Cruise to Mt. Nebo State Park. Business meeting on the mountain.

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From the President's desk

by David Green

For the past five months, the membership has been concentrating on pre-planning our 25th Anniversary Show for October 9th. Now I feel the foundation has been laid. The framework has taken shape. The roof and sidewalls are up. We are "in the dry". But for anyone who has ever built a house, you know that it is the finishing out inside that takes the most time, and the most detailing. For the purposes of the club, we won't know exactly what form the "inside" will actually take until the day of the show. We won't know the actual mix of cars, or the numbers, until registration is finished. For those reasons, among others, we have to prepare for contingencies and prepare to be flexible.

Whenever I was trying to develop a proposed trophy budget and class breakdown, I quickly realized that to make the classes fit the proposed number of trophies, there was going to have to be some combining of classes that we haven't done before. Looking back at our shows, and others, I took into account the actual percentages of different cars/year/bodystyles we normally have show up. Due to the club's desire this year to go for quality trophies (more expensive per unit) instead of quantity, some cutbacks were in order. In order to do this, the club has given up dash plaques, T-shirt stock to be ordered on speculation with the hopes of selling them, even a special 25th Anniversary windshield decal. All this, and more, so we can reserve the maximum amount of funds for our trophy budget.

I believe the majority of the membership realize that this show is special in the history of the club. They realize that some sacrifices and changes will have to be made as compared to what we have done in the past. If we come out OK on this show, then maybe in future years we can go back to the way we were doing things in the past, if the club so desires. But we may just find that a new way of doing things works out for the better. Time will tell.

April 14, 2005 meeting minutes

by Jan Dowell

President David Green called the membership to order at 6:56 P.M.. There were 23 members present. A member questioned a point of the expanded March meeting minutes as published in the April *Pony Express*. (see article this issue—ed.). Treasurer Jelaine Davis gave her report. It was noted that our roster was within five memberships

of last year after going through renewal, a good percentage of retainment.

New business: At the membership's request, President Green read aloud the 7 points outlining additional procedures for the Anniversary show (as published in the April PE, page 4—ed.). It was moved, seconded, and approved by acclamation (cont'd)

Show and stock T-shirts to be ordered soon

As mentioned in previous issues, the club has decided on two T-shirt designs for our order this year. We are ordering earlier than usual to get them to our members sooner.

In order to get the best possible price for the membership, the club in April decided to combine ordering the special show shirt along with the stock club shirt. Minimum order to get these prices is 72. This is a one-time offer, not to be re-

peated this year. Both shirts will be white Hanes Beefy-T 100% cotton.

The stock shirt will have our logo in the familiar red, blue, and black on the white background. The price will be a new and lower \$12.00 each. The Limited Edition Anniversary shirt has: "25th Anniversary" featured in bright silver gray arched above the logo. The running horse will also be bright silver gray. In a line

below the logo, "1980-2005" will be in red. The new, lower price of \$15.00 each applies.

The majority of the membership polled at the April meeting plans on buying some of each type. Deadline on pre-order/pre-pay is June 1. Provisions are being made for shipping at a small additional charge to our out-of-town members. Please see order form this issue. Send it in or

"We need all CAM members to bring their Mustangs to this show, whether or not they consider their car "show worthy". The idea is to get maximum fun and enjoyment out of our cars. An award is just icing on the cake."—President David Green

Landers Ford/Spring Show & Shine draws near

The first of our three shows this year will take place on Sunday, May 15 at Landers Ford, 4600 S. University Ave., Little Rock. The dealership is about 3/4 mile south of the Asher/University/Colonel Glenn intersection. We are to enter in the south gate, between the showroom and the used car department.

Show set-up and committee members should plan to arrive around 7:15-7:30 to move the new cars, set up registration, and start parking our cars. Actual show hours are from 10:00 A.M. till 3:00 P.M. Cars should remain in place until after the awards ceremony for safety reasons.

There will be 4 awards given in 3 classes, for a total of 12 awards. Show participant voting will begin at 1:00 P.M. There will be a food vendor on site. NO ENTRY FEE. Speculating and participating are free. Show will be held rain or shine. See enclosed flyer for details or call Chairman Jim Dowell (501)316-1418.

Spring Cruise to Mt. Nebo State Park

A proposed spring cruise to Mt. Nebo State Park, south of Dardanelle, AR was approved by the membership at the April 14 meeting.

The cruise is scheduled to leave the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot (Chenal Park-

way & Hwy 10, west Little Rock) at 2:30 P.M. Saturday, June 11. From there, we will go west on Hwy 10, Hwy 10/9, and Hwy 7 to Ark 155. After making the climb and enjoying the views, we will have a (hopefully short) business meeting on top. After

descending, continue north on Hwy 7 through Russellville. Eat supper together at Feltner's Whattaburger (across from Ark. Tech). I-40 is 1.5 miles farther north. Distance from Wal-Mart to Nebo is about 80 miles. More in June *Pony Express*.

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To accept these points as published.

The costs associated with the club purchasing different quantities of special Anniversary windshield decals was revealed. A motion was made and seconded NOT to purchase these due to the high cost. After a hand count, the results were 10 for, 4 against, the rest abstaining. Motion carried NOT to buy decals.

President Green obtained a

good price quote from Rallye Productions in Wisconsin concerning our Anniversary T-shirts and stock club shirts, providing our combined order is at least 72 shirts. As a result, the club approved lowering the prices previously estimated by \$3.00 per shirt, to \$12 for the stock CAM shirt and \$15 for the Anniversary shirt (more colors). An order form will be provided in the May newsletter. Deadline for

ordering and pre-paying will be June 1, with delivery expected in about 4 weeks after that date (*this issue—ed.*)

Volunteers were again asked for, for the Oct. 9 show. More volunteered.

President Green gave a proposed itinerary for a June cruise. (*see article-ed.*) Approved.

After announcements, meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M..

Clarification requested on show classes

As referenced earlier, a question came up from a member concerning approval of the March minutes. This member was under the impression that we voted only on the number of trophies for the October show, and that the show classes were not voted on.

An informal phone poll was

conducted in the days after the April meeting. A small but statistically significant amount of members that were at the March meeting were sampled. Most understood that the classes and the trophies were part of a package deal as presented, and voted approval of the total package.

Therefore, the March minutes should stand as published with this addendum: "The Central Arkansas Mustangers reserve the right to combine, separate, and refine show classes as needed, depending on the number and type of cars attending, for the betterment of the show."

At the April meeting, the members attending requested this clarification be published in the May Pony Express.

News tidbits

This month's cover sheet of the *Pony Express* is pink in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8. Happy Mother's Day to all moms everywhere!

Did you know... that CAM is one of the clubs featured on

the back cover of the 2005 Mustang brochure?

Pony Corral

For Sale: 1989 Ford Mustang GT hatchback, 5.0 5 spd man, 140K miles, white over gray cloth interior, one adult owner, original w/no modifications, never wrecked or raced, garaged until 1.5 years ago. Power options: windows, locks, hatch & fuel door release.

Has A/C, non-functional for 4 years. Factory sunroof, AM/FM/Cass, cruise. Car in Dallas, TX area. Owner states he wants to sell to someone in a Mustang club rather than general public. \$4,500 OBO. Day phone: 972-377-9150; cell 214-208-9023; email: kirkwilder@vercuity.com

Four States Mustang Club in Texarkana show tentative date is Sunday, July 10 pending approval of dealership.

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*"Ownership is not essential,
enthusiasm is!"*



Thursday, May 12 meeting notes

We will meet at the Ford Service Training Center, 29 Collins Industrial Place, Maumelle, AR on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 P.M. See enclosed map this issue for directions. Food will not be served, please eat before or after the meeting.

There will be a seminar conducted by Ford representatives before the meeting. Topics covered may include development of the new CVT transmission, rollover sensors and rollover prevention for SUVs, the new trailer braking system for F-250/350 and other items under development for future vehicles. Cameras are allowed. There may also be a special surprise for us. What is it? You'll just have to come and find out!

The business meeting portion will include final details of the Landers/CAM show on May 15.

More show news from all over

2005 MCA National Shows www.mustang.org

May 13-15 Mission: Mustang hosted by Rocket City Mustang Club, Huntsville, AL. Registration \$40. info: Mark Dorner (256)722-5586, dorner_mail@yahoo.com, or <http://www.rocketcitymustang.com/2005nationalshow>.

June 24-26 Kansas City National Show, Overland Park, KS. Registration fee: TBA. Info: Rick Lage (913)649-8356, dlage@everestkc.net, <http://www.vintagemustangofkc.com>

August 12-14 2005 West Coast Nationals, Lacey, WA. Hosted by Mustangs West at Huntamer Park. Registration \$45. info: Dayna Matthews (360)786-8875, daynamatthews@hotmail.com, or <http://www.mustangswest.com>

2005 MCA Grand National Stampede in Youngstown, OH. Hosted by Mahoning Valley Mustangs. Registration is \$50 non-MCA, \$40 MCA. Info: Joe Horne (330)792-1004, joehmustg1@aol.com; John Hougelman (330)448-0215 jhoug@adelphia.net; or <http://www.mvmustangs.org>

May 14, Minden, LA open car show: iluvoldcars@yahoo.com

May 27-28 High Speed Fun in Music City V. Host: Music City Mustang Club. MCA sanctioned, open to all makes & models. Open track driving @ Nashville Superspeedway. Registration: (615)867-1058, frosty347@earthlink.net. Deadline May 15.

May 28 Mt. Ida Good Ole Days Car Show, on the square in Mt. Ida, AR. Open show with special classes for Mustangs and Fords. Check-in time 8:00, awards @ 3:00. info: (870) 867-3168