



# Pony Express

## Special Points of Interest

- Thursday, May 14th: Regular CAM monthly business meeting at Grady's Pizza, 6801 W. 12th St., Little Rock. Eat at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm.
- May 13th-15th: Great American Pony Drive - see article on page 3

## From the President's Desk

by Ricky Fischer

Hello fellow Mustangers. This sure has been a busy month. Mustangs Across America, The 45th, The Eureka Show. I could not go to any of these, but I got reports and they all sounded like a lot of fun. I did make it to Perryville for the Fouche Days. Myself (just call me Richy) and Becky, Mike and Chicita Pate, Rob and Angie Crouse, Steve Collins, and Guy (just call me Bubba) Ashenberger showed up. We all took home a trophy or two. Steve got a sponsor award (rigged!) for his '70 Fastback. We went to Steve's for burgers and hot dogs afterward. The sign in his backyard that reads "almost paradise" sure is true. He has a beautiful place. Thank you for the invite. We had a great time.

We did have a couple of tragedies this month. Shane Scott's Cobra R had a hood latch malfunction doing some damage so he couldn't make it to Barber for the race. And Brian Harris' Shelby was damaged in an auto accident. Two guys that use their cars for what they where intended for, and both damaged away from the track. What a shame. I wish the best for both.

How about the Great American Pony Drive. I know some of you are going to meet up in Branson and other places along the way. Remember, we are hosting the supper at Mustang Pizza in Hot Springs on the 13th at 7:00 pm. Be there or be square. Let's fill the place up with Mustangs. They are having supper at Whole Hogg Cafe on the 14th at 7:00 pm. That is the CAM Meeting night so I'll miss it. But if you can't make it for pizza, join them for BBQ. On the 15th they are having lunch in Bryant at Mills Park from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. Then they will be off to Memphis. So please try and attend one of these and show our support.

That's it for now. See y'all at Mustang Pizza and the meeting.

Ricky

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## Mark Your Calendars with Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, May 13th - Friday, May 15th** - Great American Pony Drive Events - see article on page 3.

**Saturday, May 30th** - Four States Mustang Corral, Texarkana. For more information, go to [www.4statesmustang.com](http://www.4statesmustang.com).

## April Meeting Minutes

by Angela Crouse

President Ricky Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. We had 24 members present. The March minutes were approved as published in the *Pony Express*. Carol Sipes gave the treasurer's report. She also passed around the club merchandise list with the new lowered prices. Anyone who would like to order or buy anything just see Carol at the meetings. She also has the new club hat which is \$10.00. Anyone who has not paid their club dues for 2009, please do so.

We had two new club members for the month of April. Josh Duvall, from Little Rock. His Mustang of choice is a 2005 yellow & black GT. He was unable to attend the meeting. Our second new member is Michael Van Buren, from Benton, AR. Michael's Mustang of choice is a 2004 Redfire convertible. A big CAM welcome to them.

We had several members unable to attend the meeting; hope all are well and doing alright. Hope to see you all soon. MCA had a Board of Directors meeting to prepare for the 45th Anniversary Show. Club member Greg Stackhouse joined MCA this past month. Remember, when you join MCA through CAM, the Club gets \$10.

Kevin Olson, our VP/Show Chairman discussed our upcoming 28th Annual Regional CAM show. We will be doing plaques this year. He is in the process of working on several things for the show. The plaques & show shirts will feature one of Steve Collins' Mustangs - one of the perks of being a past president.

We discussed the upcoming events. On May 30th the event will be the Four States Car Show in Texarkana. Those that would like to will be cruising down together that morning. We also discussed the Gator Golf event. A motion was made and passed to have this June 11th after a short Club meeting at Grady's.

Warren spoke to us about the Great American Pony Drive events. They have lots of things planned, so remember let's try as a Club to support them. If you have any questions on any of these events you may contact Warren on his cell phone at 501-231-3205. Warren needs a head count by May 11th for the four Central Arkansas events: Petit Jean lunch, Mustang Pizza dinner, Whole Hogg Café dinner, and the lunch at Mills Park [see article on page 3].

Kevin Olson won the door prize, which was a Sonic gift card. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Don't forget the membership drive...keep trying to flag down those MUSTANGS !!!!

## CAM Members Attend Eureka Springs Show

Tom & Carol Sipes, Kevin Olson, Rob & Angie Crouse, and John & Kim Riegler made their way to Eureka Springs to attend the 15th Annual Mustang Show on April 17th and 18th. The weekend proved to be quite an adventure, especially for Kevin. First, as he neared Eureka Springs on Friday, the transmission went out on his truck, which was pulling the trailer which held his '73 Mach I. Luckily, he was able to limp into town and get to the hotel. Then he, Tom, and Carol went out to eat. He drove the Mach I and locked his keys in his car! Thankfully, he won a 1st place trophy the next day to make up for it.

All four cars met up at DJ's Drive-In Friday night for a cruise-in and then met the next morning to drive to the Show together. Though cloudy, the rain held off for most of the morning. The Show ended with a parade around the Historic District (no mishaps...the Corvettes could learn a thing or two). Kevin was the only winner, but everyone had fun...until the dog fight broke out, but that's another story for another day.



\*Check out more pictures on the website's Forum.

## Great American Pony Drive Comes to Central Arkansas

There are several Great American Pony Drive events in which CAM members will be involved. The group will leave Branson, MO on Monday, May 13th and head to Central Arkansas. They will have lunch at Petit Jean Mountain and tour the Car Museum. They will stay two nights at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs before heading to Memphis on Friday, May 15th.

CAM members are encouraged to attend the following events:

- Lunch on Petit Jean, Wed. May 13, noon.
- Mustang Pizza, Hot Springs, Wed May 13 at 7:00pm (CAM is sponsoring this)
- Whole Hogg Cafe, Hot Springs, Thursday May 14, 7:00pm
- Picnic in the Park, at Mills Park in Bryant, 10am till 2pm, Friday May 15th.

Warren Walker needs a head count for each of these no later than May 11th. TO RSVP, please email Tom Sides at [tsipes2@comcast.net](mailto:tsipes2@comcast.net) or call Warren at 501-231-3205.

Warren has arranged for a special package deal at the Dick Clark theater for evening of the 11th in Branson. The package includes a tour of the classic car museum, a sit-down three course dinner, and admittance to the Oldies But Goodies Show. The price is \$48 per person. Call him for more details. There's information in last month's *Pony Express* about the lodging accommodations at the Settle Inn and the phone number.

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To post information on the Club's website calendar, please email Steve Collins at [collins@arbbs.net](mailto:collins@arbbs.net).

### Did You Know?

The redesigned 1979 Mustang was the first built on the new Fox platform (a.k.a. Fox Body), thus kicking off the third generation of the vehicle, which would last through the 1993 model. The '79 Mustang was longer and taller than the Mustang II, although in weight it was almost 200 pounds lighter. Engine offerings included a 2.3L four-cylinder engine, a 2.3L engine with turbo, a 2.8L V-6, a 3.3L inline-6, and a 5.0L V-8. In all, the '79 Mustang was more European visually, with fewer traditional Mustang styling cues throughout.

Ford produced over 369,000 Mustangs in 1979 and that model came in two body styles - hardtop coupe and hatchback. Horsepower ranged from 88 in the 4-cyl to 140 in the V-8. Your *Pony Express* Editor can attest to the lack of power, as my first car was a used Light Chamois 1979 Mustang Hardtop Ghia.