



# Pony Express

### Special Points of Interest

- **Thursday May 13th:**  
Regular CAM monthly business meeting at Grady's Pizza, 6801 W. 12th St., Little Rock. Eat at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm.

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## From the President's Desk

by James Ireland

Hello 'Stangers,

It is now the middle of spring and I hope that most of the pollen has run it's course, both for the sake of our cars, and many of our sinuses. I love this time of the year. There's a car show just about every weekend if you wish to attend. For me, it's the usual "which one?"

About a dozen CAM members attended the Mustang Rally in Branson last weekend. It was a blast. Beside the hoards of beautiful ponies, we were made to feel right at home and entertained with a show and shine, car cruise, poker run, bar-b-que, and live entertainment, including Elvis. If you didn't make this one, you missed it.

On Saturday April 17th (Mustang's Birthday), a group of us cruised out to Perryville. Steve and his wife welcomed us with an old fashioned picnic, which included grilled hamburgers, brats, sausages, and the works. A dozen or so of us cruised from Little Rock, taking the scenic route through highways 10, 313, and who knows where else. It was so much fun. I look forward to doing it again. We all have our various schedules and business affairs, but if you haven't had a chance to join us yet, I encourage you to do so. You will have fun and we will grow as a family. We have events each month, and we're always open for ideas. As a club, we're planning to attend the Four State Mustang Show in Texarkana, Texas May 29th. Let's make plans now, and get the award for the largest club attendance. They always support our show.

Our next meeting is Thursday May 13th. We'll meet at Grady's as usual. Prior to that, there is Cruizin' The Rock on the 7th, and the Hot Springs Cruisers Show on the 8th. In you plan to attend these events or any others, remember "invite cool looking 'Stangs to check us out." Well, I guess this is it for now. I'll see you all then if not before. Eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Later.

VAROOO!!! James

## Don't Forget!

## It's time for Membership Dues

All CAM memberships expired on December 31st. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2010, please bring your \$24.00 to the May 13th meeting at Grady's. You can also mail them to: Treasurer Carol Sipes

7319 Debbie Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72209

Make checks payable to "Central Arkansas Mustangers".

Thank you!

## April Meeting Minutes

by Beverly Mashburn

James Ireland, President called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The March minutes were approved as published in the Pony Express.

Treasurer Carol Sipes reported 46 members currently paid up for this year. Ricky and Sherry Pridemore were introduced as new members. They have a 2004 GT convertible. Motion to accept treasurer's report made and approved.

Old business:

1. Tom Sipes, reporting for Warren Walker who was unable to attend, went over the agenda for the Branson trip. Some members plan to meet at 9:00am, Cracker Barrel in Conway, for breakfast with plans to leave out around 10:00 for trip to Branson. Room rates for the Classic Motor Inn are still \$55.00 a night for participants. It was mentioned that a group of 15 or more going to the Automobile museum will get a discounted fee of \$9.00 each. Steve suggested the group may try to assemble after 2:00pm Friday to tour the museum.
2. Tom Sipes gave the MCA report. Tom attended the national MCA show in Pensacola. The show was at the fairgrounds this year with 379 cars. Tom enjoyed 4 1/2 hours of the show, reporting a good mix of car, tons of late models and fox bodies, lots of parts. The Pensacola show also uses popular vote for their 2009 and 2010 entrants.
3. Mustang Magazine, a new upstart publication, contacted Tom for more information on CAM. Tom handed out some of the magazines. Publication appears to be well-written with an emphasis on technical information, particularly for the earlier generation Mustangs.
4. Tom reported that the North Texas Mustang Club is pushing to host the 50th Anniversary show in Ft. Worth. Members commented on the high quality shows in Ft. Worth.
5. Show chairman Dale Cole reported schedule conflicts prevented a show meeting. Charlotte received a commitment from Riser Ford for \$1,500.00 sponsorship at this year's show.
6. Pat Kirwin reported speaking to Carol Dolens and others about planning a Mustang birthday party. Those contacted were enthused about the idea, but the consensus was that there was not enough time to properly prepare. It was suggested that the club target the 50th anniversary in 2014. Dale Cole asked Tom Sipes if the MCA had plans for the 50th. Tom mentioned the NW Texas club's plans. Pat was asked if he would be willing to work on a 2014 event. It was mentioned that the 40th anniversary Mustangs across America enjoyed the hospitality Little Rock offered the participants. Steve Collins offered to have a cookout at his home on April 17th and the club heartily agreed.

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7. Membership—James reminded members of the free membership offer for anyone bringing 5 new members into the club. Warren Walker had designed, commissioned, and paid for attractive handouts that members can place on Mustang windshields, a means to introduce the club to Mustang owners encountered in the community. Club members enthusiastically voted to reimburse Warren for the expense. Fliers were extremely well received by the group.
8. Steve asked to be informed of any upcoming car shows. Contact Steve with information at for the calendar at [steve.collins@centralarkansasmustangers.com](mailto:steve.collins@centralarkansasmustangers.com).

### New Business:

1. James stated that as a result of attending the planning committee with other area clubs earlier this year, he has received 30-40 show fliers. James reminded members to report trophies and awards received at other shows to the editor, so they can be included in the Pony Express.
2. Jim Wilson brought beautiful sample jackets with the CAM logo for the members to view. Jim reports the lightweight lined windbreaker style jacket displayed cost \$40 for jacket with logo on front, adding \$20 for the large logo on the back and \$5 for person's name on front. Jim also showed a picture of an attractive polo shirt with chest logo for \$20.
3. Steve confirmed the cookout for Saturday April 17th. A blast email will be sent with details. Preliminary plans are to meet at 1:00 pm in the Shackleford Crossing parking lot (Shackleford exit off 1-430) in front of J. C. Penney and cruise to Perryville.

Kevin Tullos won the door prize, a sharp Jeg's cap and a bottle of cleaner.

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:04 pm**

## First Annual Spring Mustang Rally Branson Report

by Beverly Mashburn

The Green Country Mustangers of Tulsa Oklahoma hosted a first ever Spring Mustang Rally in Branson in April. The host hotel provided comfortable lodging for all attendants at a reduced rate. This was an excellent opportunity to spend a little down time in Branson while at the same time visiting with old and new friends in the Mustang hobby.

Between 50 and 100 Mustangs appeared on the parking lot at various times throughout the Rally. Late model specialty Mustangs like Roush, Saleen, and Shelby were well represented, along with a sampling of every Mustang generation.

Central Arkansas Mustangers club made their presence known at the Rally. CAM walked away with the \$75.00 award for the most members in attendance.

We would like to commend the Green Country Mustangers Club for their hard work and commitment to make this an excellent event. Even though the weather reports were dire, things went on as planned, only interrupted a few hours on Saturday while a serious thunderstorm roared through. The sun finally came out, as well as lots of smiles and fun.

In addition, a special thanks goes out to Warren Walker for helping our club members get involved in this rally.

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

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### Mustang Birthday Cookout with the Collins Family

by Beverly Mashburn

In spite of short notice, Steve Collins and wife Melinda hosted a wonderful cookout for the club Saturday April 17th. Members met in Little Rock for a cruise out to Perryville. Rolling up to the house was a delight to the eyes with nearly every color and decade of Mustang framed by the beautiful spring flowers blooming in the Collin's front yard.

The conversation was lively and the setting was so relaxing. It is great to have members that are willing to share their homes and their time with all of us. Thanks Melinda and Steve!

