

## Pony Express

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### Special points of interest:

- Thursday, Sept 13: CAM monthly business meeting at Grady's Pizza, West 12th St., Little Rock. Eat at 6 PM, meeting at 7 PM.
- Saturday, October 6: Pizza cruise to Mustang Pizza from Riser Ford, 6:15 PM. We like pizza.
- Sunday, October 7: 26th Annual Regional Show, Hot Springs. See flyer.
- Thursday, October 11: Regular CAM business meeting at Grady's. 2008 officer nominations.

### From the President's Desk by Tom Sipes

Hot, hot, and hot! That was the key word for the month of August. I thought I was having a flashback to the hot summer of 1980, when we had something like 11 or 12 days of 100 plus days in a row. A tip of the old hat to all those who braved the heat and showed up at Maumelle Park on the 12th of August. To Randall Davis, who actually

stood over a hot grille to cook burgers for some of our members, a great big thank you! And thank you to all who brought extra water and shared same with one and all. Also I want to let you know we gained a couple of new members thanks to the effort of president elect, John Riegler, and Dale and Beverly Mashburn. Oh, and by the way,

Dale managed to have his potential member bring his spanking new Shelby GT500E for all to admire. Mr. Larry Carpenter is the proud owner of this very cool machine and a man after my own heart, as he says he will be driving his Shelby regularly. This car sounds and looks too fine to be a trailer queen, in my opinion. (continued)

### August 12 meeting minutes by Tom Sipes transcribed by Secretary David Green

President Sipes called the meeting to order at 2 PM. [We ended up with about 15 cars and 30 people attending the Get-Together.—ed] The July meeting minutes we

approved as published in the August *Pony Express*. Treasurer Jelaine Davis gave her report. Tom Sipes presented three bids obtained for

the show shirts and called for a vote on which vendor to use. The design and shirt proposed by Blue Dog Designs was unanimously (continued pg 2)

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selected. Tom also informed the club that the new hats will be ready by the next meeting. A time was set for the Saturday night cruise in Hot Springs, October 6. All who want to cruise will meet at Riser Ford at 6:15 PM and leave at 6:30 for Mustang Pizza on Highway 270 in Hot Springs.

A motion was made and seconded that the club set a fall cruise for October 20th to Eureka Springs by way of the pig trail, leaving at 7:00 AM from the Maumelle exit at I-40. John Riegler will work on the details and get back to the club at the Sept. 13th meeting. Motion

passed.

The new column "Pony-Tails" was discussed and members were encouraged to submit a short written description of a trip or cruise they have taken in their Mustang. These can be as short as you want and serious or funny or both. It is always a treat to hear of a neat place to travel to as we enjoy our Ponies on the open road. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Remember to make the September [13] meeting [at Grady's Pizza] as this will be our last meeting before the show in October. I will have the show shirts so come get yours so you can wear it to the show. Also you will have a chance to sign up for something to do at the show. The new club hats will also be available at the meeting. I hope to see all of you at the meeting, hot or not! YEEEEHA

Editor's note: It was 103 degrees at 3 PM on August 12. Last year it was 99 on picnic day. August 2007 was the 2nd hottest on record after 1954. So it was hotter than 1980!

## MCA raising dues to \$40.00 by David Green

The Board of Directors of the Mustang Club of America voted to raise annual dues from \$30.00 to \$40.00 effective October 1, 2007.

As noted in the August issue of *Mustang Times*, MCA's monthly magazine, the last time dues were raised (from \$20.00 to \$30.00) was in 1986.

MCA notes that a lot has changed in those 20+ years. They have a website to maintain and improve now. *Mustang Times* is much larger with more color pages. The cost of sending MCA officials to National Shows has increased. The actual cost to run the club was considered. Income produced from advertising and sponsorships was taken into account. They also projected what it would cost to run the club in the future.

MCA looked at other national clubs. The BOD agreed that MCA provides more benefits to their members than any other club they looked at; many have dues more than \$40.00 per year.

MCA says that it is not their intent that this \$10.00 a year increase should be a reason for the club to lose any of their MCA family. They say that if the extra \$10.00 per year is a reason for you not to renew your membership, when your dues become due, please contact the club. There may be a special program available to you to keep your membership intact.

If your membership dues come due before January 1, 2008, the MCA invites you to renew your current membership at the old

**"The Mustang Club of America has not raised its dues in 21 years. We all know what has happened to the price of everything else during that span of time."**

**--David Green**

rate of \$30.00 per year before your renewal date or December 31, 2007, whichever comes first. All new members will join at the \$40 rate effective October 1.

If you have been considering joining MCA, now is the time. Fill out the inside back cover and send to Jelaine Davis your \$30.00 check before 9-15-07 made payable to CAM. We will forward your membership app to MCA. CAM gets to keep \$10.00 for our account.

## October 7 show preparations and itinerary

I talked with President Sipes on September 5. All the major items are done or on their way.

Country Inn and Suites on Central Avenue is the hotel right next to the show site. Make your reservations if you plan on staying there.

Last meeting before the show is Thursday, Sept. 13 at Grady's.

This is the last *Pony Express* until mid-October.

Saturday, October 6: a cruise is planned to Mustang Pizza in Hot Springs. Meet at Riser Ford at 6:15 PM, leave at 6:30. Call Charlotte Fason (501)276-4188 for info.

Sunday, October 7: Show Day!

7:00-7:15 AM: Members working the show should plan to be at Riser Ford to set up.

8:00: Registration begins

10:00 approx: DJ begins

10:15: Judge's meeting in conference room

11:00: Registration ends. Judging begins.

2:00 Judging ends. Final tally results coming soon.

3:30: Hoped-for time to start announcing awards; earlier if possi-

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ble.

4:00: Show ends. All CAM members will stay to help break down show and clean up.

5:00: We should be done and gone by this time with I hope many happy memories.

It was too hot to have a judging seminar at the Maumelle Park picnic. We would like everyone who judged last year to help out again. New members can be judging assistants and learn as you go. We are using the same 120/140 point judging sheets as the last 2 years.

## Coming Events

**Thursday, September 13: CAM business meeting at Grady's.**

Saturday, September 22: downtown El Dorado, Ark. Car, truck, motorcycle show 10-2. Registration begins at 9. \$20 fee. Trophies & door prizes. 870-863-6113.

Saturday, September 29: Hazen, Ark. Benefit Car Show at the City Park. Open to all makes & models

of **antique** cars & trucks, any year Corvette. Pre-register \$20 before 9-21; \$25 at the gate. Raffle & 50-50 drawing, food vendors. Awards: top 10 cars, 5 trucks, 5 bikes. 870-255-4531.

Saturday, September 29: Camden, Ark. Antique & Classic Car Show at Camden Fairview High School. Registration 9-10 \$20 first car, \$5 ea. add'l. Judging @ 12,

awards @ 2. Large arts & crafts show too. Steve @ 870-836-5701.

Saturday October 6: Paris, Ark. town square 2nd Annual Mt. Magazine Frontier Day Festival. Parade @ 9AM, other entertainment, car show (479)963-2244 C of C.

**Sunday, October 7: Hot Springs, Ark. 26th Annual Regional Mustang and Ford Show. See flyer.**

## Last meeting before show on September 13, Grady's Pizza, Little Rock

All need to plan to attend the club business meeting on September 13. We will start gathering at 6:00 PM to eat the buffet or order from the menu. Please remember, all meals are self-pay. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Members who ordered club caps need to bring their \$6 to pay for them. If you want a show t-shirt, bring \$10 for sizes up to XL, \$11.00 for 2X, or \$12 for 3X for each shirt desired. Bring \$30 if you want to join MCA before the price goes up. Club license plates or static

cling decals are \$5 each. We accept checks or cash.

Our newer members need to plan to attend, also. Assignments will be made for show day. All members need to be at the show even if you are not showing a car.