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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The big news for September was our 25th annual Mustang and Ford roundup at Wray Ford in Bossier city. We had over 96 cars this year, with 82 of them being judged. It's been at least 2 years since we got close to or surpassed 100 cars. When we shut down registration at 11:00, we had 5 spaces left to park cars. The used car parking lot was full all the way to the far entry driveway. We haven't gotten official numbers yet, but we suspect that a lot of the registrants were new, never showing at our show before, and our blurbs on Facebook may have had something to do with that. Next year, we are going to have to try to clean up those 2 mud pits in the new car lot because something tells me we will need those spots in shows to come.

As usual, our club members came together and put on another great show. Set up and tear down went seamlessly, parking was fine, other than scrounging for parking spaces up to 11am. Special thanks to Mopar who showed up with enough members for 2 judging groups, and also the Southern Knights Corvette club who also helped judge. We will be sending crews of our members to both of their shows next year to return the favor. Chick Fil A was unable to make our show, but they did call and let us know beforehand. They are so shorthanded, and can't find good help, as with many other businesses these days, they couldn't afford to send people to our show. They were very disappointed and upset about it, but hopefully they will get some new employees between now and next September, and will be able to help us out next year. Henry Rasmussen the T shirt vendor was under the weather and wasn't able to make it at the last minute. It seems his health has been deteriorating over the last year forcing him to cut way back on show attendance. Hopefully he will get some of his medical issues resolved

and will be able to get to our show next year.

Once again, thanks to all the club members who came out and helped set up, run the show, and tear down.

If you had a car in the show, thanks for coming out and supporting our cause. This show is only as good as you make it, without your help we wouldn't be able to pull off such a great event each year.

Thanks also to the Board of Directors, who all handle a lot of the logistics behind the scenes right up to the show, not looking for any recognition. There is a lot of pre-show tasks that have to be done before the show even starts. Many of us have full time jobs, but still seem to find time to get what needs to be done for our show. Thank you all for giving up your personal time after your 9 to 5 job to work on our show.

We are 3 months away from the end of the year, and that means Board of Directors elections are coming up quick. Most of us on the board have been in our positions for far too long, and would love for some club members to step up and take over. Specifically, we have no one in the second member at large position, and the Newsletter editor position will be vacant for 2019. If you are reading and enjoying this newsletter now, unless someone steps up, there won't be a newsletter in 2019. The hardest part is getting articles out of the board members and club members to put in the newsletter. We will most likely end up publishing it on our website and Facebook as the print shop that has printed it in the past won't be open much longer. The bottom line is, we need someone to take this on. Lane Butler will be happy to answer any questions about what it takes to put the newsletter together. If you are interested, please let Lane, or one of the board members know.



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PONDERINGS

Aug 31 - Sept 2 - Tina and I traveled the 1,700 miles to Merrimac, New Hampshire for the Granite State Mustang MCA Grand National show. Over 400 Mustangs met at the Anheuser Busch Brewery for the show hosted by the Mustang Car Club of New England. Temperatures were in the 60s in the morning rising to the mid 80s in the afternoons allowing participants to clean cars in pleasant weather for a change. The cars were parked on grass under trees giving some shade from the afternoon sun. The host club parked cars by generation mixing all classes by year, giving the entrants a chance to make new friends. The show had many spectators since the brewery was open for their normal tours, including visits to the stable to see the 16 Clydesdales housed and trained on the site. Those are some big ponies. At the awards ceremony, we received a Gold in 4th Generation Concours with our 2002 Torch Red Saleen convertible. We also received the Prestige Award for the 1994 - 2004 Driven Concours, this award is given to the best Concours car with the most cumulative points from all of the national shows, the car also has to be entered in the Grand National to be eligible. We were also inducted into the MCA Long haulers, an informal group that recognizes MCA members that travel over 1,500 miles one way to a show and also enter at least one other show during the year. Since we had never traveled to that part of the country, I tapped our truck driving member Tom Hughes for advice on the best routes to use. Tom called me one Sunday from the road and told me to get a pen and paper, he then gave me every highway and exit to take from LA. all the way to New Hampshire. Thank you, Tom, the trip was uneventful except for some of those awful northern roads that compare to Shreveport.

We are not at the meeting tonight because we are attending the MCA Regional

Director's Summit, National Board of Directors Meeting and the Mecum Auction in Dallas, TX. Selections for the National Board will be announced at the meeting, thank you to all of you that voted for me. If elected I intend to be fully involved with the club business. The first national show next year is in Houston, TX at the Flight Museum March 29-31, 2019. The Saturday night banquet will be at the Space Center Houston and the cost includes entry to the Space Museum and unlimited simulator rides. If you're interested register at www.motosho.com, it's the Mustangs Take Flight event.

Chris Ponder



Here's some advice from a college freshman. Yea I know it's usually the other way around but bear with me.

I have dreamt about participating in the Disney College Program at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida ever since I learned that it was a thing. I think I learned about it in middle school, which granted, wasn't super long ago, but was most of my memorable life ago. Anyway, it's a program you can apply for every semester of your college career, and everyone I know that has applied has been denied. I applied this semester, for next semester, just to see what the application process was like for when I was ready to actually take it seriously. This Tuesday, I was accepted. I was accepted to the program that most freshman don't even make the final round of interviews for, and I was accepted for the advanced program.

This Wednesday, I turned my dream internship down. Timing is everything, and everything happens for a reason. This was not the right timing for me to take this offer, and that's okay. I can take my time. And so can you. If you want to get a new car, but money would be tight; wait, you'll have another chance. It might even be a better, cooler car when that chance comes. If that thing in your engine just isn't working or keeps falling apart. Take a step back. The solution will present itself. Life keeps going, you gotta go with it.

Anyway thanks for coming to my TedTalk, have a great Halloween month, and feel free to donate to my Disney fund, because I'll go eventually.

Tara Elizabeth Butler



SHOWTIME

What a great 25th Anniversary Show we had!!! 96 registered vehicles, full goodie bags and plenty of door prizes.

A special thanks to our sponsors and awesome club members!!

The Northwood Falcon Dance Line did a wonderful job on the food as well as StreetCar Snoballs!! And Ronnie Causey as our longtime DJ/Announcer, great job again!!

We had assistance from Southern Knights Corvette Club and Mopar Magic for judging this year which made things so much easier. A special thanks to them.

With an eye toward the weather during the week preceding our show, we were thinking that raincoats and umbrellas were going to be needed. Fortunately,

Mother Nature came through for us again with wonderful weather on show day.

Maybe next year we'll break 100 vehicles with another great show. A Big Congratulations to our club members that put so much into this year's show to make it a success!!!!

Just Sayin'
Kay



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 20 The Animal Paw-looza Spread Your Wings Auto & Cycle Show Lindale, TX
- Oct 20 Crusin in Grand Cane Antique, Classic and Street Rod show Grand Cane, LA
- Oct 27, 2-6 For the Love of Cars Show @ Northwood High School Blanchard, LA

We will cruise to dinner at BeauxJax Craft House after our Club Meeting in October.

I currently don't have any extra activities on Schedule for this month. If there are any Fall Festivals you would be interested in let me know and we can get a group together.

The Minden car show was a lot of fun.



MCA NEWS

The show season is coming to an end. There have been a lot of great shows this past year. The 2019 schedule looks to be another great year. The year will start in March in Houston, June in Minneapolis, July in Topeka, KS, and Labor Day in Fredericksburg, VA. As you can see, MCA will be all over the US.

In March we have a group attending the show in Houston. I encourage those of you who are still on the fence about going to do so. Even though you attend to show off your great rides, you come back with much more. You meet people from all of the world. Max and I have met people from New Zealand, Brazil, France, Italy, and Aruba. We still remain in contact with them.

The MCA is more than just a car club. Being a member of the MCA gives you an opportunity to interact with people throughout the US and other countries. If you're having a problem with your car, help is just a keyboard away. Being a member gives you discounts on car insurance, products and other services. Come check us out. You might find that you'll like us.

See you on the road,
Donna



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