



The Pony Express  
Red River Classic Mustang Club  
January 2021



## From the Presidents Desk

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. I for one am glad that 2020 is over, after having to spend the week of Christmas and the week up to New Years eve in quarantine. It seems that after somehow evading the virus for the whole year, I managed to get it, testing positive right before Christmas.

I went into the quick care office to get some antibiotics because the weekend prior I had been fighting what I thought was bad sinus pressure headaches due to allergies. That Monday, my ears started to hurt along with my throat, indicating my sinus pressure headaches had somehow turned into an infection in my ears. When I went in to finally see the PA, she recommended I get tested for covid and strep due to the sore throat and ear pain. Miraculously, I tested positive for both, with the only symptoms being headaches, hurting ears and sore throat. Never had a fever, never was coughing or sneezing, yes I did lose taste and smell, but I figured, if my sinuses are all clogged up, I can't smell, and smell affects taste, so it must be due to the bad infection. I mean, I heard about people who lost taste and smell due to covid who could eat and drink really hot spicy stuff and not be affected by it. I could still detect salt, and hot spicy stuff.

So for the benefit of the rest of my Family and Friends, Julane and I called off Christmas, stayed at home and waited for the CDC guideline of 10 days from start of symptoms for me which would be the Monday after Christmas. Erin, unfortunately went to her Boyfriends house over in Texas for the week, and was supposed to come back Christmas Eve. Since she ended up testing negative, we decided she needed to stay there until the 10 days were over. Amazingly, Julane also tested negative, along with my friends I had over that weekend prior to testing positive. This virus is very puzzling. I guess I was lucky in that it did not get a foothold well enough to really work me over. After 10 days of headaches and some fatigue, I was fine. I guess the silver lining is that I should be resistant to the virus now for at least 3 months, hopefully long enough to get the vaccine. Once that happens, the mask comes off.

This Virus is really controversial. No one really knows how bad things really are or can be when getting infected is concerned. Its serious enough that people of all ages has succumbed to it. No one really knows if it was just the virus that killed them or if they had some other underlying cause. I just know that with the exception of in my house I am glad that I chose to wear a mask inside businesses, and around all my customers at work, That way, while I was unsuspectingly infectious, I was not infecting others.

Julane and I did finally have our Christmas with Erin on Sunday after Christmas. We ended up getting together with my side of the family after the New year to exchange gifts, along with Julanes side of the Family as well. It wasn't and Ideal Christmas, but the important thing is that no one got really sick. I for one can say that I am definitely ready to get past 2020 and get back to normal in 2021.

Speaking of 2021, Due to Mask mandates and sanitizing, limits on group gathering etc, we will continue to cancel club meetings through March. We are hoping that maybe by April, we will be able to meet as a group. In the meantime, the board will try to get together in February to see how things are going with the vaccines and what phase we will be in, and maybe find an alternative place to start having meetings in April.



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From all your friends from The  
Red River Classic Mustang Club



# From the Secretary's Desk

Didn't We Just Start 2020?

Lookie lookie it is a new year already. Soon 2020 will be a faded memory. Your Secretary is looking forward to a year of car shows and club meetings and all the good stuff we have missed.

But do I need to make any New Year's resolutions??? Probably not! I don't keep them. So I will just bumble along per usual.

My time is my hobby that got out of hand, the Red River Parish Journal. I started it to have something to do. I would put out a few stories on Wednesday morning. No sweat.

But the Genie got out of the bottle and The Journal became immensely popular. And people started sending me news. And etc., and etc.

It took all if my tinkering with old car time. And I dug into my "Secret Mustang Fund" to pay for my news topolatry. Bah Humbug!

So my resolution is to get Sally 4.0 back on the street. Run all the sta-bil tank full out and replace it with fresh fuel. Then I take the air cleaner to the paint shop to get rid of the rust & get it painted bright gold.

The national show in Arkansas is back on this spring. Maybe I can get one of my rides going and cleaned up to enter it. I think I will enter the old gal with the oily block and rusty undercarriage & fuel tank. The judges will be chuckling a long time over this one.

I started to resolve to drive Sally to the post office once a week if it wasn't raining. I probably could not keep that resolution. We'd know by Jan 8th if that one was still standing.

Maybe I should resolve to install the new headlight bulb in Big Red (my F-150). I have been carrying the new bulb for 2 weeks now. By the time I get it installed I am sure the warranty would have run out.

So the new year brings excitement of how great things will be. Ho hum! It will be as great as we make it. So I will swim upstream and vow to have more Mustanging than during 2020.

Happy new year everyone.

John Brewer  
RRCMC Secretary



## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT "RUSTY"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! Hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas. We're starting a new year with many hopes for 2021. We've missed having meetings with friends, getting together to eat and traveling to car shows. Someone asked me about the status of the club, my response was that it's like the rest of the country....in limbo until the economy and country opens back up. I was asked about having meetings again, my response addressed a large enough place that is convenient for the attendees to access that would allow us to congregate. So many unknowns in the coming year!! Let's hope things improve!



Keep the Ponies on the Road!

Rusty

## SOLITARY WORKS

Well here it is the last of December and it's "2020 Coming to an END".

Have been busy this year, every thing from trying to build a house (for someone else) to working on and getting my project truck back on the road. Lock downs, stay at home and well other things. This will truly be a year to remember.

Let's see, going over the last few months I've (plus a good friend of mine)(bike and welding buddy) worked with friends (Rusty & Kay plus Tom) to build a cover (out of metal, welded together) for their camper trailer (18' wide 36' long 14ft high), and to getting ready to start on a 1967 Camaro rebuild (sometimes early next year) (starting from the ground up). The body is apart and from what I've been told they have a lot of parts in boxes and a motor (LT1) and trans (AUTO) ready to be installed. The plan is to turn this into a RS/SS Camaro. Plus, they want A/C placed into the car that didn't come factory installed. I'll be doing body to paint job, (make it up as I go). This should be a fun build.

Now let's talk about my Dodge Ram 1998 (4WD 200,000. 0 miles). Many moons ago I changed out the cats on the exhaust system (keep getting error codes). After pricing a new cat (\$275.00) (dual in single out) with O-2 sensors, each bung installed on them, I thought this was a little too pricy \$\$\$\$ for me. So, after "kelp" looking, I found a replacement Y-pipe from another source cheaper and install it. Soon after further down the road I notice a lack of power above the 3000rpm range (like I'm pushing a brick wall) (or more like a potato up the tail pipe). This can't be good? Running shorty headers on the engine which only have a 2 1/2" ID collector the new Y-pipe that I placed on go down to a 1.95 ID. This in turn causes way too much back pressure. So? After thinking this over I went and bought a new and better grad cat (2 1/2" ID inlet/outlet) and built a new exhaust system. Going through a box of mandrel bent pipes (90s/45s and 180 degree) I've been collecting I was able to build a full Dual system (2 1/2" all the way out to the chrome tips). I put the single CAT on the pass side exhaust (that's where the O2 sensors are) and the driver side straight back to the muffler. The muffler on the other hand is a flow master dual in dual out but have a 2" inlet and outlet on both pipes. No problem here, I just cut all 4 each of them off and open the holes (4 each) with a die grinder to 2 1/2" and welding on 2 1/2" inlet-outlet pipes and everything fit just like a "STORE BOUGHT TIMEX". It woke the truck back up so much above 3000rpm to around 5500rpm I was as happy as a Tick With My On Dog. Thought about renting it out to one of the logging company to pull stumps up? (NA)

What's next? Well my son called me about 4:30pm one day (he was headed to work, west Texas) and the water pump on his truck went out

and the fan belt went flying off and the lord be with him cause he was able to pull into a rest stop wright when it happen, (out in the middle of nowhere) (30 miles west of Trent Texas). So, myself and wife and 20ft trailer and her truck loaded on the trailer (to let him use to get to the job site) took off on a 400-mile one-way trip to get his truck and make the swap. Believe me a fun 12hr trip. A simple repair (couldn't do this on the side on the road). The seal just went bad after about 2 years use????

Now let's talk tractors. Got around to working on my Wife Daddy's 1953 IH Farmall Super A. it's been setting up about 5 years. The gas in the tank smelled bad and the on/off valve almost wouldn't turn. But any way got it turning and cleaned the tank out and placed fresh gas in the tank. Placed a spare battery on a bar stool with jumper cable and giving it a KISS & A PROMISE and a lot of happy thoughts and almost running the battery down, then removing and cleaning the plugs it came to LIFE (the Tractor Gods are well pleased). The next step was to check the oil and make sure the water pump is not leaking. Theirs no dip stick to be found??? (I see an oil filter and place to put oil in) (But where is the water pump?????) (it has a radiator with fan on the front of the engine) now I'm confused. After going on U-TUBE for about 45 mins I found some one with the same problem and learned there are two check valves on the side of the oil pan (high-low level) (you pore oil in till it runs out the high-level check valve). And as of the water pump there isn't one. The water flow through the system by heating water and going to the top of the radiator which flowed down and the fan pulls air through it cooling it. This is they same way oil is cooled in electrical transformers at electrical sub stations. Now let's check gear oil, ??? unable to find dip stick there either. Pulled fill plug off and looked inside (no oil could be seen) (gears shift was hard to move). Put enough oil in to cover the gears and finally I could move the gear shift. Now after driving it around the yard, oil is coming out of the vent holes???? U-TUBE once again. There is an oil check plug that must be removed when adding oil. It's on the rear section behind a bracket behind the left brake rod going into the rear end (C#%P). I put about 1gal to much! Let extra oil drain out. Now to the battery box (rusted through, no good). Dfghkl;sa P8\I Just happen to have some 3/8" GE Lexan so I made a battery tray and replaced both cables and rewired the tractor. Somewhere in all this I was able to replaced both belts (fan & alternator). Now let's look at her shoes. Been on there since tractor bought (40years ago), dry rotted and air showing on the inside rear tires. 4 new shoes on here and she look like a runway model now. Starts super easy and when you get it in high gear it does get "SCARY". Just be sure and smile while driving it too show people how happy you were.

**TILL NEXT TIME  
JOHN DANIEL**

## *A Bit of Cents*

From the Treasurer

As 2020 draws to a close, we can only hope that we will see a better year in 2021 for car events!

Income for our club in 2020 was obviously dismal to say the least, thankfully we had a successful prior year that enabled us to still donate to our charities!

We were not able to be as generous this year, but we still managed to give – that's what we do!

With that being said, it is time for our membership renewals for 2021. At this time we still don't know when we will be able to meet as a club... this covid junk is not going away anytime soon... so I ask that you mail your renewals to the Post Office box with the membership form filled out – to include your MCA number if you have one.

Additionally we need sponsorships!!!! If you're in contact with businesses in your day-to day covid environment activities.... Please promote YOUR club!! Our charter and by laws state that our funds (in excess of operating expenses) be used for charitable endeavors... we cannot do that if we don't raise some funds!

I wish our club members and families a safe and Happy New Year!!!



Tina Ponder

## A MEMBERS MEMO

Hey Gang!

Not much going on lately because of everything being cancelled or closed. I have been spending time at the land building fences and camouflaging my shipping container. I think when everything comes together we will enjoy it here. Hope the new year finds all of us and our families well. Maybe we can all get together again soon. Till then be safe and keep the ponies rolling.

Tom Hughes

Member at Large



## POINTS TO PONDER

Even though we haven't been able to meet as a group in almost a year, we're still a club. Many of us stay in contact through Facebook, emails, text and calls.

Whether we meet or not I can say that we are friends and friends miss one another and the socializing we do.

My hope is we get through this soon and we can all get back to doing car things, but most importantly visiting with each other. Until we can meet, stay in touch, be safe and look out for your families.

## MCA NEWS

COVID-19 struck again causing the cancellation of the first national MCA Board meeting scheduled this month.

Registration for the Road Atlanta Anniversary event in April is open along with Kansas City and Mustang, OK. Hopefully we will be able to conduct the scheduled shows and get back to something close to normal.

Not an MCA member check out the benefits of membership at [Mustang Club of America](https://www.mustangclubofamerica.com)



## Red River Classic Car Club

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# January

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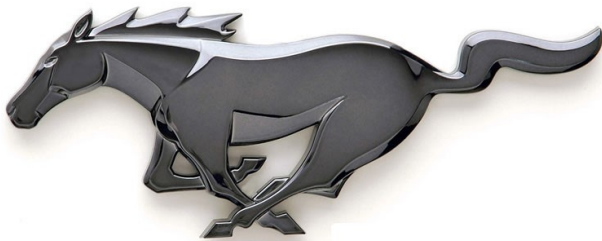


## Upcoming Events

Jan 1st: New Years Day  
Jan 2nd: RRCMC Meeting (Cancelled)  
Jan 20th: RRCMC Board Meeting (Pending)  
Feb 6th: RRCMC Meeting (Cancelled)  
Feb 17th: RRCMC Board Meeting (Pending)  
March 6th: RRCMC Meeting (Pending)  
March 17th: RRCMC Board Meeting (Pending)



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## 2021 Membership Information

Annual membership: \$25.00 single or \$35.00 family  
(Please circle one)

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Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc  
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of the Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc. We are a not-for-profit automotive enthusiast group based in the Shreveport / Bossier City area, with membership stretching west to East Texas, north to Texarkana, east to Magnolia and Monroe and south to Lake Charles.

As a club we support many local charities and causes including the Shreveport/Bossier Rescue Mission, Food Bank of NW Louisiana, The Gingerbread House, and the Caddo Council on Aging.

We have several levels of yearly sponsorship:

**Platinum Sponsorship - \$250**

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The Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc. was established in 1992 for Mustang, classic Ford and performance Ford enthusiasts. Club membership is open to all Mustang and Ford enthusiasts - ownership is not a requirement.

For additional information, contact our 2020 Club President Thomas Monahan at (318) 797-8385, or visit us on the web at [www.rrcmc.com](http://www.rrcmc.com).

**Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc.  
2020 Sponsorship Information**

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**Shirt or Newsletter Layout (attach business card if preferred.)**

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