



Red River Classic Mustang Club "The Pony Express" April 2024



Celebrating Six Decades of Mustang Excellence: The 60th Anniversary of the Mustang Club of America Show in Birmingham, Alabama

Get ready to witness a historic celebration of automotive excellence as the Mustang Club of America Show marks its 60th anniversary in Birmingham, Alabama, from April 5th to April 7th, 2024. This milestone event promises to be an unforgettable tribute to one of America's most iconic cars, the Ford Mustang, while bringing together enthusiasts from across the nation. Adding to the excitement, members of the esteemed Red River Classic Mustang Club will be in attendance, lending their passion and expertise to this prestigious gathering.

For six decades, the Mustang has captivated hearts and minds with its timeless design, exhilarating performance, and unwavering spirit of freedom on the open road. From its debut in 1964 to the present day, the Mustang has remained a symbol of American automotive ingenuity and cultural significance. The 60th anniversary of the Mustang Club of America Show is a testament to the enduring legacy of this beloved pony car.

Attendees can expect a dazzling display of Mustangs spanning generations, showcasing the evolution of design, engineering, and innovation. From classic models meticulously restored to their original glory to modern interpretations pushing the boundaries of performance and technology, there's something for every enthusiast to admire and appreciate.

The Mustang Club of America Show isn't just a showcase of cars; it's a celebration of community, camaraderie, and shared passion. Enthusiasts from all walks of life will converge in Birmingham to connect, reminisce, and forge new friendships over their love for

the Mustang. Whether you're a seasoned collector, a first-time attendee, or simply a curious admirer, you'll find yourself immersed in the vibrant atmosphere of automotive enthusiasm.

Throughout the event, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and

attractions. There's no shortage of excitement to keep visitors engaged and entertained. It's a weekend filled with memories waiting to be made and stories waiting to be shared.

Adding to the allure of the event, members of the Red River Classic Mustang Club will be among the distinguished guests in attendance. Their presence adds a unique perspective and depth of knowledge to the proceedings, further enriching the experience for everyone involved. Whether they're showcasing their own prized Mustangs or engaging in lively discussions with fellow enthusiasts, their passion for the Mustang is sure to shine through.

Beyond the confines of the show, Birmingham offers a wealth of attractions and activities to explore. From its rich history and cultural landmarks to its vibrant culinary scene and scenic landscapes, there's something for everyone to enjoy in this dynamic city.

As the 60th anniversary of the Mustang Club of America Show approaches, anticipation is building, and excitement is palpable. Enthusiasts from near and far are gearing up to converge in Birmingham for a weekend of celebration, camaraderie, and Mustang magic. It's a fitting tribute to six decades of automotive excellence and a testament to the enduring legacy of the Ford Mustang. So, mark your calendars, rev your engines, and join us in Birmingham for a celebration like no other.





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Hello Mustang Family,

As we come together in the spirit of our shared passion for Mustangs, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt condolences to the families of two individuals who were integral parts of our automotive community. Ronnie Causey, the familiar voice behind the DJ booth at our shows, brought laughter and joy to countless attendees with his humor and rapport. Charlie Patrick, a cherished member of our club, delighted us all with his ever-growing collection of Mustangs, each one a testament to his love for the iconic pony car. Their presence will be deeply missed, and I feel fortunate to have called them friends.

On a brighter note, I'm thrilled to announce that the 60th anniversary of the Mustang Show is fast approaching, set to take place in Birmingham during the first weekend of April. This milestone event promises to be a celebration like no other, with many of our Red River Mustang Club members proudly displaying their rides. To each of them, I extend my best wishes for success and good luck. Over the years, our club has consistently made a strong showing at MCA shows, garnering recognition and accolades for our exceptional Mustangs.

For those who have yet to experience the excitement of an MCA show, I urge you not to miss out on the opportunity. These gatherings offer not only a stunning display of beautiful cars but also the chance to connect with fellow enthusiasts who share our passion for Mustangs. The camaraderie and sense of belonging are truly something special and add an extra layer of enjoyment to the event.

As we look ahead to the Birmingham show and beyond, let's continue to keep the shiny side up and the Mustang spirit alive in everything we do. Our community is stronger together, and I'm grateful for each and every one of you who contributes to making the Red River Mustang Club a vibrant and welcoming family.

Until next month, stay safe, stay passionate, and keep cruising with pride.

Tom Hughes
President,
Red River Mustang Club



Bet You Have One, Too!

I spent some time last Sunday afternoon in the workshop. I had tools to put away, some spare parts to stash, and there were groups of things I had removed from one vehicle or another to label and shove aside until the re-assembly period in life. Then I came across my big box of Nut, Bolts & Screws.

My, my what goodies lie within. There is a red cap for tying two wires together. Plenty of bolts and nuts and washers. Unfortunately, they really don't go together. Probably why they got thrown in this assortment. Here is a handy Ford clip with bolt. Looks like the ones that hold the fenders on from 65 or so. There is a huge wood screw, probably a lag bolt from some project. Just found another clip for the fender but it doesn't have the bolt with it. Wait, I found the bolt. There is a heavy bolt with "307A" and "SBY" stamped into the top. Wonder what that went to? Another smaller bolt stamped "BFC" and "307A." Found about 5 short, brass wood screws. I think they were left over from building that shelf in the carport. You know the short ones that attaches the 1/2" thick plywood to the metal bracket. Has to be short or the tip will come through the shelf. They were amid a patch of grass, dirt and an acorn shell or three.

Among the stuff there were a couple of brass fittings. Must be from building a brake or gas line or something like that. Too bad they don't fit together. I found an alligator clip. There is no wire, it has been snipped off. That would make it difficult to get the old stub of wire out and solder a new wire in. Kind of rusty. Oh, well, just pass that by and keep digging.

Some bolts and screws have Phillips heads, some flat heads, and a bunch have rounded heads. Those usually had boxed shoulders to hold them in place while the nut is screwed down. Only most of those bolts don't have nuts or washers. Speaking of washers, I found plenty of those too. Big thick ones, small thin, some lock washers, most aren't. A couple of washers had gear looking teeth inside and out. Haven't a clue about their function.

Dig on! Here is a horse-shoe shaped stiff wire.

Most likely a spring clip of some sort. Then I came across something with a Phillips head bolt on one end but no threads.

The 1/8-inch shaft is a little over an inch long but has no threads.

There is a small hole drilled in the end. Last in the bottom of the box is a tiny maybe one-inch nail. Looks

like one to tack up paneling. Has rings all around its small shaft from top to bottom. If I am ever putting up paneling, I have to remember to get back and check out this item.



Back at the beginning I remarked that I thought that everyone had a box like this. I have seen in my travels that nut, bolts and screws were kept in old tobacco cans, coffee cans, zip loc bags, old coffee cups, you name it. As a wee lad growing up in northeast Louisiana one of my jobs at my father's business was to gather and sort all the nut, bolts and screws at the end of each day. We had a Chevrolet new car business, gas station, mechanic shop, etc. (That's where I learned to love Fords). Part of my 60-cents per week allowance was to pick up all the nut, bolts and screws the mechanics had taken off whatever they were working on that day. We had rows and rows of big old veggie cans labeled with different sizes of items. I gathered all the left-over ones each day, sorted them and put in the proper can. Next day if a mechanic wanted a bolt, he knew just where to look. I was probably overpaid!

Tune in next time when I explain why my friend calls it a "Harmonica Balancer." I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth, but there could have been grease under my fingernails!

In Loving Memory: Honoring the Legacy of Charlie Wayne Patrick

It is with heavy hearts and deep sorrow that we, the Red River Mustang Club, come together to mourn the passing of our beloved member, Charles "Charlie" Wayne Patrick. On February 19, 2024, at the age of 73, Charlie departed from this world, leaving behind a legacy of passion, camaraderie, and Mustang pride.

Charlie was more than just a member of our club; he was a pillar of our community—a true Mustang enthusiast through and through. His love for collecting Mustangs was evident to all who knew him, and he took great joy in showcasing his prized possessions at car shows throughout the years. With each trophy he won, Charlie's pride in his Mustangs and his membership in our club only grew stronger.

As we reflect on Charlie's life, we remember him not only for his impressive collection of Mustangs but also for the warmth of his personality and the kindness in his heart. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome, whether they were fellow Mustang enthusiasts or newcomers to the hobby. Charlie's presence at our club meetings and events always brought a sense of joy and camaraderie, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

In addition to his passion for Mustangs, Charlie was a proud member of our club—a true embodiment of the Mustang spirit. His dedication to our organization and his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed exemplified the values of camaraderie and friendship that define our club.

Though Charlie may no longer be with us in person, his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of knowing him. As we continue to gather at car shows, meetings, and events, we will carry his spirit with us, honoring his legacy and cherishing the memories we shared together.

To Charlie's family and loved ones, we offer our sincerest condolences during this difficult time. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that Charlie will always hold a special place in the Red River Mustang Club family.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

Your passion for Mustangs and your unwavering friendship will never be forgotten.

With heartfelt sympathy,
Red River Classic Mustang Family



From Rusty

Spring has sprung! With it comes the familiar sight of pollen blanketing everything in sight and the occasional downpour of rain. While we may grumble about the inconveniences, we know that these are just signs of the changing seasons, and soon enough, we'll be wishing for some of this rain to cool us down during the scorching summer months.

But it's not all about weather complaints; spring also marks the beginning of show season! Many of our club members are gearing up for an exciting out-of-state trip to attend an MCA National show in Birmingham, Alabama, at Barber Motorsports Park. If you've never been to one of these events, you're missing out! The sheer variety of cars on display, the camaraderie among fellow enthusiasts, and the unforgettable memories made are experiences that will last a lifetime. Make sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these shows while you can.

In addition to showcasing our own Mustangs, several club members will be lending a helping hand to the Mopar Magic club by assisting with judging. While we may exchange friendly banter about our choice of cars, deep down, we all share a common love for all things automotive.

Looking ahead to our own show coming up in September, there are a couple of important updates to note. Firstly, we'll be missing our usual DJ, Ronnie Causey, who sadly passed away this past February after a period of illness. Ronnie was a beloved member of the car club community, and his absence will be felt by many. September may seem far off, but time flies, and before we know it, show day will be upon us. We'll need everyone's help to make it another memorable and successful show for the Red River Mustang Club.

So, let's keep those ponies on the road and continue to make memories together as a club.

Keep Cruising,
Rusty
Vice President, Red River Mustang Club





A Bit of Cents



As the treasurer of the Red River Mustang Club, I have the privilege of overseeing the financial aspects of our organization. It's a role that comes with its challenges, but it's also incredibly rewarding to see the impact of our club's activities on our members and the community at large.

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a renewed sense of excitement and anticipation for the upcoming months. Despite the occasional inconvenience of pollen and rain, our members are gearing up for a season filled with events, shows, and, most importantly, camaraderie.

One such event on the horizon is the Mustang Club of America Show in Birmingham, Alabama. Several of our dedicated members are preparing to showcase their prized Mustangs at this prestigious event, where they'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts from across the country. For those who have never attended an MCA show, it's an experience like no other—a chance to marvel at the beauty of these iconic cars and forge lasting friendships along the way.

In addition to participating in external events, our club is also hard at work planning our own show, slated for September. While there's still plenty of time before the big day, preparations are already underway, and every member's contribution is vital to its success. From organizing committee meetings to securing sponsorships and coordinating logistics, there's no shortage of tasks to be completed. But with the dedication and support of our members, I'm confident that we'll once again host a show that exceeds expectations and leaves a lasting impression on all who attend.

As we embark on this new season, I want to express my gratitude to each and every member of the Red River Mustang Club. Your passion, enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to our shared love of Mustangs are what make our club truly special. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to the fold, your presence enriches our community, and I look forward to the memories we'll create together in the months ahead.

In closing, I encourage everyone to keep an eye on our club's finances and expenses. Transparency and accountability are key to maintaining the financial health of our organization, and I'm committed to ensuring that every dollar is put to good use for the benefit of our members and the Mustang community at large.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a successful and memorable season ahead!

Warm regards,
Tina Ponder
Treasurer, Red River Mustang Club



Kelly's Blog

Hey everyone,

I hope you're all doing well and getting your ponies polished up for the upcoming car show season. The Mopar show was a hit, and I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who showed up to help judge. Your dedication and support are what make our club truly special.

As we gear up for more exciting events, I wanted to remind you all that on April 6th, some of our club members will be heading down to Birmingham, Alabama, for a car show. I want to wish everyone making the trip a safe journey there and back, and of course, have a blast while you're there. Also, don't forget that it's our meeting night, so be sure to join us before we cruise over to dinner at Tamolly's in Bossier. It's always a great time when we get together, and I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone.

On that same day, there's also the Barksdale Air Force Base car show. If you're in the military and have an ID, you're good to get on base. Be sure to contact Brandi and give her your information if you're interested in attending.

As for other events happening this month, I'm not aware of anything else on the calendar, but if you hear of something, be sure to let us know!

On a more personal note, I wanted to share some exciting news—I've been at Kroger for 5 months now, and I've already been promoted to cashier supervisor. I'm absolutely loving it, and if you happen to stop by, be sure to say hi and give me a shout-out.

Well, that's all for now, folks. Keep those engines revving, and I'll see you all at the next event.

Kelly, aka Ducky
Show/Activities Director





MCA 2024 National Shows

60th Anniversary Mustang 60 Years -
April 5, 2024 @ 8:00 am - April 7, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
Presented by the Mustang Club of America
National Show and Track Event
Barber Motorsports Park
6040 Barber Motorsports Pkwy
Birmingham, AL 35094

60th Anniversary (mcashows.com)
Mustang 60th Anniversary @ Barber Motorsports Park
(motorsportreg.com)

MCA National Show and Track Event
Ozark International Raceway
May 24, 2024 @ 8:00 am - May 26, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
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Ozark International Raceway
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Mustangs at the Crossroads National Show
August 9, 2024 - August 11, 2024
Presented by Mustang Club of Central Iowa
Holiday Inn Airport
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mustangsatthecrossroads.org
OPENING SOON

Mustangs in Historic Savannah National
October 11, 2024 - October 13, 2024
OPENING SOON



Hey Mustang Family,

Let's take a moment to celebrate some special members of our club who are celebrating birthdays this April! Join us in wishing Kay Stratton, Jeanette Daniel, Henry Laurence, and John Daniels a fantastic birthday filled with joy, laughter, and of course, plenty of Mustang magic.

As we gather together at our meetings and events, it's these moments of camaraderie and friendship that truly make our club feel like a family. So let's raise a toast to our April birthday celebrants and show them how much they mean to us.

Happy birthday, Kay, Jeanette, Henry, and John! May your special day be as amazing as you are.

**Red River Classic Mustang Club
April Birthdays**

**Kay Stratton
Jeanette Daniel
Henry Laurence
John Daniels**

Upcoming Events

April 5-7: 60th MCA Show in Birmingham Al.

April 6, 2024: RRCMC Meeting at VFW in Bossier 5:30pm

April 16, 2024: RRCMC Board Meeting

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