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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and is ready to get started on the New Year. I for one had a great time visiting with friends and family, eating rich tasty food and dessert, going way off the diet, but hey, that's what the holidays are all about. Family, Friends and Food!

Last month we finished out the year with the Santa Fun Run. We got the job done but not without some problems on the way. It seems that the Bossier PD were way understaffed this year providing us with escort, and were unable to block off I20 for our cruise to the Rescue Mission in Shreveport. Someone who was riding in the left lane and not part of our group tried to cut through our line to exit the interstate clipping a Mopar Madness club member consequently causing him to hit his brakes and 4 more Mopars behind him to all bump into each other. 5 Mopar Madness club members were involved 2 of which were Hellcats. All of this I have gotten second hand, so hopefully it is accurate. The first car was messed up pretty bad, and the driver had to go to the hospital, but was not seriously hurt. The other cars of course had some front and rear end damage, but not sure about the details. Thankfully no one was seriously hurt. Because of this, Tim Smith and Stuart Dubin are going to reevaluate the route before next Christmas to see if we can avoid this in the future.

Otherwise, we were all able to make the other 2 stops without any problems. We had a great turn out with over 125 cars attending. Fairfield Ave between Marshall St and Louisiana Ave was a parking lot

once all the cars got off the interstate. All lanes in both directions were blocked with parked cars while we were at the Rescue Mission. Same thing at the radio station, this time the frontage road running in front of the radio station due to the huge turnout of cars. Rumor has it this may have been the best turn out ever. I think it is the largest I have seen in the 10 years I have been participating in the run. Thanks to all who participated and donated to our three stops.

We were also able to get both of our adopt-a-families recommended by Rev. Martin taken care of the last week before Christmas. I was unable to help out with the Bello family due to an illness, but I was able to help Vickie and Kevin wrap and deliver the gifts and food to the Maxie Family. Once we got Vickie's Edge and Kevin's truck loaded up, we drove out Saturday evening just before the cold front came through later that evening. None of the 4 children or Ashley had heavy coats for winter, so we decided to deliver that afternoon so they would have coats for Sunday.

They were so excited to see us when we showed up, Kevin and I making at least 10 trips each back and forth loaded down with gifts, food and clothing. Ashley



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tried so hard not to cry from happiness, but ended up breaking out anyway. They had a small tree maybe 4 feet tall, all the gifts dwarfing the tree.

We also brought them all the trimmings for a traditional Christmas Dinner, along with pots pans and other cooking utensils so Ashley could cook for her kids.

When Vickie and I met Ashley to see what they needed two weeks before, she had 3 smoke detectors beeping in the apartment due to low batteries. It was driving her crazy, and they all were having a hard time sleeping. She called the maintenance people after we left to fix it, but when we came out to deliver the gifts, they were still beeping. Luckily, since I was on call, I was in my company van so I was able to change all 3 batteries silencing the screeching random beeping. A special gift from my company. I could not believe how well they were doing in spite of not having the basic necessities. But now, thanks to our club, they can start out the new year well rested and with greater self-confidence due to the leg up our club gave them.

Thanks to all members who helped out shopping and donating their time and money to help out our adopt a families. Special thanks to Vickie and Kevin who chipped in more of their own money above and beyond the club amount for the Chests of Drawers, and the shopping. Thanks also to Barbara Winderweedle for getting us into Walmart and utilizing her discount to stretch our money out even further. That is what Christmas is really about. Helping out someone in need.

Next up is World of Wheels at the end of the month. We need all the help we can get running and setting up the show so we can earn the donation WOW makes to our club in return for our help. This will be the money we use to support our adopt-a-families next Christmas, so please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the meeting, or on line via the invite email I sent out earlier this week. If you're not sure what you can do to help us out, just sign up, and we can find something for you to do. There is always plenty to do.



THE NEW GUY

As we begin this New Year I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The New Year brings the start of car shows and other activities for the club. I would like to remind everyone that annual dues for members are due in January of each year. A grace period of one month will carry the membership. As of March 1, the membership is subject to termination for non-payment of dues. Annual dues are \$25.00 per voting member or \$35.00 per voting couple. We are required to report our membership roster to Mustang Club of America by March 1st of each year so get those dues in before then please.

Chris Ponder
Secretary/Regional MCA Director

ACTIVITIES

Hey all you Mustang Fans Happy New Year. Not much going on this month so we are 100% focused on World of Wheels. First, we start off our month with our Club meeting Saturday the 7th at the Asbury Church on Airline Drive in Bossier City 5:00 pm. We will be cruising to Tamollys after our meeting. Our monthly board meeting is Wednesday the 18th at Reed Industrial Systems off Mt Zion Rd 6:30 pm. We will be finalizing our finishing touches on the World of Wheels volunteers and display. We will be needing lots of volunteers to work World of Wheels. If everyone could just volunteer for one shift, then those of us who work several shifts over the weekend won't have to work as much. If you can volunteer for a shift please call or text me at 318-470-7581 or sign up thru the sign-up genius email Thomas has been sending out. We need volunteers starting Wednesday morning the 25th all the way thru Sunday night the 29th. For all the young folks please sign up for the 7-10 shifts on Friday and Saturday Night. Those are always the hardest shifts to fill.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work and dedication to the Red River Classic Mustang Club.

Nicole Ferlito
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January Birthdays

Mark Brady
Brien Kautzer
Sabrina Lane
Chester Mullins
Kay Rhame
JoAnn Wheless

MCA NEWS

I hope all had a safe holiday season. It seems that now I feel like I'm in a rut and can't get started with the new year. World of Wheels is upon us and I'm looking forward to it. It's hard work, but still fun to work with our members and those of the Mopar club. So, don't forget to sign up to help. Our group seems to have fun no matter what we are doing.

We have our first national MCA show coming in March. We'll be heading for Pensacola, FL on March 23rd. We'll be returning on the 26th. If you haven't made plans, it's now time to do so. Go to this website for all the information.

www.gulfcoastmustangclub.org. Hope to see more of you attending.

I'll be attending the first MCA board meeting of the year the week before the World of Wheels. It's held in Phoenix. I'll be receiving the other board meeting dates and places at this time.

Till then please be safe when out on the road.

See you on the road,
Donna



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FROM THE TREASURY

Well, it's another year gone by! Come on 2017 - I hope everyone had a great time with friends and family during the holidays. Barbara Winderweedle, Stephanie (one of her daughters) and I had the pleasure of shopping for the two adopt-a-families Rev. Martin from the Rescue Mission put us in touch with. Unfortunately, we did not receive their names and request until after our meeting so it was hard for us to ask for help in furnishing their needs. That being said, we were able to supply almost everything on their list and then some.

The first family is a mom and teenage daughter. We were able to give school uniforms, bedding, hair accessories, microwave, art supplies, a controller for their Wii with a charger, DVD player (I cannot believe how inexpensive these items are now a days) and a gift card to Albertsons for food (they live next door and do not have transportation).

The second family is a single mom with 4 kids, that's right 4. Eight, four and three year old boys and a 3 month old baby girl. Thomas and I had to pry out information on things this family needed. The mom didn't want to seem greedy. She only asked for 1 toy each, coats, set of clothes for each child. She had no bedding, nowhere to store clothes, no coffee maker, no pots and pans and we didn't see any toys. Barbara, Stephanie and I went a little crazy. The kids received a coat, pair of sneakers, pants, shirts, underwear, socks, and two toys each. Then we found bedding, sheets, pillows, pots and pans, football, basketball, board games, hats, gloves. Kevin Reeves and his mom Linda Dumas with the help of Dane Terrell of Ivan Smith purchased two small chests to store the kids clothes in, (Lane and Garret Butler helped deliver and assemble, since our truck was acting weird -- that's a Chevy for you lol). We finally had the mom to give us a list of what she would normally cook on Christmas Day and the club bought them food, along with a coffee pot. Every time we went over to deliver something these kids brought tears to your eyes. They were the most courteous and well behaved young boys, and the hugs - we were over loaded with hugs. The baby boy gave us candy canes off the Christmas tree. This family is the reason we do what we do. The mom is trying to better her and her kids' lives, she has a job to go back too as soon as she can find a babysitter at night. She takes all four of those kids on the bus to Super One for groceries, the oldest boy helps. This is one family who is thankful and grateful for all we did and is willing to go the extra mile to improve their situation.

A BIG THANK YOU TO BARBARA WINDERWEEDLE – because of her employee discount we are able to get more items than we could otherwise!!!!

I want to personally thank Lane and Garret Butler, Thomas Monahan, Barbara and Stephanie Winderweedle, Ryan Peters, Kevin Reeves, Linda Dumas, and Dane Terrell for their help in delivering, wrapping, shopping, transporting and buying for these families. Without you guys I would have been a total psycho (more than normal LOL)



I love our club!

Vickie Doss
Treasurer



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Children(s) Name(s) & Birth Date(s): _____

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