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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Since the Five Ds steakhouse cruise in July was such a big hit, Sabrina, our Activities Director, decided to set up another dinner cruise, this time to the Jalapeno Tree in Marshall. Thankfully, it was the third Saturday last month, so I was able to go. We decided to meet in the Flying J parking lot off I-20 at Exit 3 due to the one lane construction going on just before the Texas welcome center on I 20. I got there about 3:15 and met up with Sabrina and Ernie Lane.

It was so hot on that black top parking lot that I had to walk over to the convenience store and get a big drink since I have no air in my car. Once I got my 52 oz diet mountain Dew with a shot of Cherry syrup, and walked back out to the car, I was greeted by The Rhames, and Jean Hughes. Eventually several others showed up for a total of 22 people and a total of 10 cars. Just about all of the cars were late model mustangs, with my car being the oldest, and then John and Dawn Brewer in their 08 Bullitt.

We headed out on highway 80 with myself in the lead right out of the parking lot, the plan being to follow US 80 all the way into Marshall then turn on US 59 to get to the restaurant. Of course, half the group got caught at the light, but I was unaware and kept going till I got a phone call from Sabrina asking me to slow down so the rest of the group could catch up. At that time, I was driving through Waskom, so after driving about 10 - 15 miles below the speed limit in Waskom, we pulled over on the shoulder just past the entry ramp on to I 20. After waiting about 5 minutes, I hear someone beeping their horn at us on the Interstate. Thinking it was someone giving us a thumbs up honk, I looked up to see The Ponders doing the beeping and hauling ace on I 20 with the rest of the group in tow. We then pulled out and drove another 2 to 3 miles and met them at the 620 exit which dumped out back on US 80 just outside of Marshall. We arrived at Jalapeno Tree with

everyone together right at 4:30.

The restaurant had a long skinny section with several tables in a row along the front of the restaurant. We took up that whole section. We had about 3 servers, and we weren't there very long before we started getting our food. I guess getting there early helped because it took all of 45 minutes for the last meal to be served. The food was great as always, even after filling up on chips and that avocado based salsa dip, I still managed to eat both of my Chile Rellenos and most of my double beans. Yeah, I suffered on the ride home, but that food sure pushed all the wrinkles out of my belly, and I still enjoyed the ride through the country on US 80 all the way back to 70th street then on to the Inter loop home.

Some of the group wanted to try I-20 thinking the construction hold up wouldn't be that bad, but I wanted to go via US 80, since it was mostly in the country, a real cruising type trip. Yeah, it may be slower, but I think you can enjoy the ride more with some great cruising music in the back-ground. I swear it feels like the temperature is 5 to 7 degrees cooler in the country anyway as opposed to the Interstate. It sure is a noticeable difference in the convertible when I drive from the sun into the shade.

I think everyone had a great time, and the food must have been good because the conversations became further apart with more quiet in between mouth fulls of great food. I can't speak for the rest of the club, but I can eat Mexican food every day of the week. There are so many different Mexican type Restaurants in the area, it would be easy to do. Erin and I ate at Posados the night before, knowing I was going to be at the Jalapeno Tree the next night, but it didn't matter, as both taste totally different.

I can't wait for our next Dinner cruise, maybe to Habacu's Mexican Restaurant in downtown Minden? Just a suggestion.

EDITORIAL

The countdown is on. Only three newsletters after this one— unless we find a new editor.

Lane Butler— Your Editor For Now

Ford celebrated the production of the 10,000,000th Mustang when it rolled off the Flat Rock assembly line August 8th. A Wimbledon White convertible, in honor of the first Mustang with a serial number.



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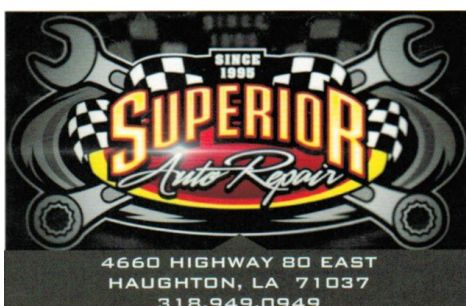
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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS PLANNER

We had a really good time cursing to Marshall to eat at the Jalapeno Tree, if you didn't get to join us this time hopefully you can make the next event.

After our October meeting we will cruise to Shane's on Mansfield Road for Dinner.

Vintage Car Club will have their annual Car Show on Saturday September 8th in Minden, we will leave the Whataburger on North Market at 7:00am to Cruise over as a group. If you can't cruise with us let me know and I will save a spot for you with our club.

Harrison Paint Company Car Show is also coming up on Saturday September 22nd.

Sabrina Lane

MCA NEWS

Hope everyone is getting ready for our car show. Time is starting to go fast. Door prizes and goody bag stuffers are still needed. We'll be stuffing the goody bags on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 3pm. It will be at the VFW at 1315 Northgate Rd. in Bossier. In case you're not familiar with the area, it's the street that takes you to the north gate of the base. Hope to see all there.

Registration for the March MCA national show has been opened up. If you're planning to attend, do your registration ASAP. There is a limited number of cars due the venue where the show is to be held.

So don't be late and miss out on a great show. The date is March 28-31. Go to www.motosho.com and click on the tab for shows and events. They hope to have the contracts signed for the hotels by the Labor Day weekend. I'll get those numbers out as soon as I get them. Hope to see more cars attending. Houston isn't that far away.

See you on the road,
Donna



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Kevin's Big
Adventure!
Viva Las Vegas

September Birthdays

Nicole Ferlito
Ernie Lane
Julane Monahan
Kevin Reeves



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REGISTRATION

Red River Classic Mustang Club's 25th Annual Roundup – September 15, 2018

Entry fee: \$30 per car before September 1st, \$35 day of show. Pre-registration must be postmarked on or before September 1st. First 75 pre-registered guaranteed a T-shirt, goody bag and be eligible for door prizes. *Pre-registered entries eligible for \$100 drawing.*

Mail entry to:
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Parking will be assigned on a first come first served basis and your parking space will be your participant number. If your club would like to park as a group, please send all registrations together or attach a note requesting the number of spaces to reserve.

100	1964 ½ -1966	109	2015 to present	116	Truck
101	1967 - 1968	110	Cobra Mustang - All years	117	Early Ford 1903 – 1931
102	1969 - 1970	111	Shelby Mustang	118	Pre-War Ford 1932 – 1943
103	1971 - 1973	112	Mach 1/Bullitt – All years	119	Post War Ford 1948 -
104	1974 - 1978	113	Boss Mustang – All Years	120	Special Interest
105	1979 - 1993	114	Special Build: Saleen/Roush	121	Street/Track all years
106	1994 – 2004		Foose/Steeda/Etc.	998	Non-Ford Powered Fords
107	2005 - 2010	115	Cobra Roadster (AC)		Display Only (hood down)
108	2011 - 2014			999	Display Only

Vehicles graded on point system for cleanliness, workmanship and presentation only.

Please Print

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**SEPTEMBER 1ST
DEADLINE
FOR \$100
DRAWING**

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Due to a limited amount of space, preregistration is strongly advised. By signing the Entry Form above, I state that I understand the rules and regulations concerning this event. All vehicles entered must be in running condition and must be presentable in appearance. All entrants must be 18 years old or older. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at this event. I understand that Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc. and Wray Ford assume no liability for damage done to my property or person during this event. Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc. reserves the right to reject any entry at any time. All entrants will receive 1 Participant's Choice voting ballot for each car entered. Entrants must be present to win 50/50, Pre-registration and Wipeout drawings. To be eligible for any trophies, the entrants Mustang must be on display from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. for judging. Entrants who have preregistered should be here by 10:00 a.m. or their space may be forfeited in the event that space becomes a problem. This is a rain or shine event. Any questions should be directed to Kay Rhame at (318) 929-4226 between 10am and 7 pm, or email rrcmc.showdirector@yahoo.com.

Signature on this form acknowledges release of all responsibility of Red River Mustang Club, Inc, Wray Ford, the City of Bossier, participating clubs, all club members associated with the participating clubs and the state of Louisiana to injuries or accidents sustained before, during, or after this function.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Mathilda Returns Home

The Grateful Dead sang, "Lately it occurs to me what a long, strange trip it's been!" That could be said about a beautiful young lady from Coushatta who hit the road 50 years ago this week. Wednesday, August 1st she returned to the home she left so long ago.

That lady is Mathilda, a beautiful restomod 1968 Ford Mustang GT fastback. The lady was purchased new in July, 1968 from Strange Motor Company in Coushatta. She is owned by Cindy and Jerry Ezernack of Zwolle. The Ezernacks brought the car back for a 50th reunion. Quality Ford owner Jerry Hester joined Cindy and Jerry for a photo session. Then they drove Mathilda over next to Hester's pride and joy, a brand new Mustang Shelby 350 GT. They looked great and sounded great together.

Cindy Ezernack said she did not know who the original purchaser of her vehicle was. She also doesn't know where the car went between 1968 and 1977. So our story picks up in 1977.

Cindy said the car was how Jerry won her hand, and heart, back in 1977 while she was still in high school. Jerry worked at a body shop and found the car but thought the asking price was too high. Some wheeling and dealing



later the car was bought and given to Cindy. Yep, Cindy married her high school sweetheart Jerry and they've been motoring happily along ever since.

Jerry Ezernack told the Journal when he found the '68 Fastback it was owned by David Davis. That's a familiar name to many in Red River Parish. Ezernack said that was prior to Davis buying the Coushatta Ford store. Jerry Hester later purchased Quality Ford from Davis.

The Ezernacks drove Mathilda for about 6 years. There is a picture in their album of the car covered in shaving cream and whatever as they departed from their wedding ceremony. Cindy said they garaged it in 1983 when their children came along. It sat in a barn on their property near Zwolle for about 23 years. By 2006 Mathilda was looking a great deal worse from wear and neglect.

Jerry showed the Journal their photo album that documented the long and difficult task of replacing rusted out panels, rebuilding the suspension, replacing the interior and all that goes into a project like that. Jerry did most of the work himself. The work started in 2006 and the car



was completed in 2013.

Mathilda is gorgeous! It is a lot more than a restoration. The term is restomod meaning that while undergoing a thorough restoration the vehicle was modified to include much work on the engine, suspension, wheels and paint job. The ghost flames on the hood are spectacular.

If you are wondering about the name Mathilda and how it is spelled, think back to the late 50s Louisiana rock and roll. Mathilda by Cookie and His Cupcakes was on top of the national top 100 charts in 1959. The song was the rage in west Louisiana and the town of Zwolle adopted it as their "national anthem." So Cindy Ezernack said it was only logical that their Mustang be named Mathilda (spelled the way it is on the record label).

The circle was completed on Wednesday afternoon (August 1st) when Cindy and Jerry Ezernack drove Mathilda to Quality Ford. They told their story and showed off their beautiful GT Fastback to people who could not resist the urge to stop by. Fifty years ago, this Mustang drove away from Strange Motor Company. Wednesday it drove back to Quality Ford to celebrate the anniversary.

The Ezernacks plan to show their car. They accepted a registration form for the Wray Ford show on September 15th.

Cindy said they would check their schedule when they get back to Zwolle. So we may get to enjoy Mathilda and swap stories with Cindy and Jerry at the show. Cindy says the camaraderie with other Mustang enthusiasts is the thing she likes most.



Written by club member John Brewer. This article first appeared in the Red River Parish Journal at www.RedRiverParishJournal.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 8	Minden Vintage Car Club Show and Shine	Minden, LA
Sept 8	Jefferson Fire Brigade Benefit Car Show	Jefferson, TX
Sept 9	Goody Bag Stuffing	2PM @ VFW
Sept 15	25th Annual RRCMC Mustang Roundup and Ford Show	Wray Ford
Sept 22, 11-2	Harrison Paint Car Show	Benton Rd.
Sept 28	12th Annual Natchitoches Classic Car Show	Natchitoches , LA
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

SHOWTIME

IT'S SHOW TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It's Number 25!!!

I can't believe it's here already, we are looking forward to having a great show. I can't tell all of you on our show committee how much I appreciate all that you all did to help me out. Believe me when I say that it was overwhelming to think about it. But true to your word you were great.

I just want to mention that the goody bag stuffing will be at the VFW hall Sept. 9th at 2:00 pm. We can use all the help that we can get. There is of course still time to donate goody bag stuff, door prizes and auction items.

Breakfast will be at Southfield Grill about 6 am

then on to Wray's to set up. We will need help over at Wray's the evening before the show after 5 pm to mark off spaces.

Dallas Mustang will be coming to set up a vendor tables, we plan to have several vendors available.

Our food vendors are taken care of. And, of course Ronnie Causey as our DJ. So, let's get the Rides shined up, come on out to make this Anniversary Show our Best yet!!

Just Sayin' Kay—Show Director



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