



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



This past weekend marked a significant milestone in the world of Mustang enthusiasts as Birmingham, AL, played host to the 60th Mustang Club of America Anniversary Show. This prestigious event drew Mustang lovers from across the nation, showcasing some of the finest examples of this iconic American muscle car. Among those attending were members from the Red River Classic Mustang Club, who not only participated but also brought home prestigious awards, highlighting their dedication and passion for preserving the Mustang heritage.

Rob Widner, Rusty & Kay Rhame, Andrew and Rebecca Scherer prominent members of the Red River Classic Mustang club, made a lasting impression at the show with their beautifully Mustangs. Their commitment to excellence and attention to detail did not go unnoticed, as they all received accolades for their pristine presentations. These awards serve not only as a personal triumph but also as a testament to the vibrant community spirit that the Red River Classic Mustang club embodies.

The 60th Anniversary Show was not just about showcasing cars; it was a celebration of the enduring legacy and evolving culture of the Mustang community. Events like these offer an invaluable opportunity for members to share stories, exchange knowledge, and foster a sense of unity and pride in their automotive passions.



As we reflect on the success of our club members at the show, it's clear that the spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect for each other's restoration efforts play a crucial role in what makes the Red River Classic Mustang club so special. We are more than just a club; we are a family, bonded by our love for the Mustang and the open road.

Congratulations once again to Rob Widner, Kay Rhame, and the Scherer's for their exceptional achievements. Their hard work and dedication continue to inspire all of us within the Red River Classic Mustang community. Let's rev our engines and gear up for the next adventure, as we continue to celebrate and preserve the legacy of the Mustang.

Stay tuned for more updates and stories from the road and beyond, as we continue to explore the rich tapestry of car culture together.

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Hello Mustang Family,

Hello Mustang Family !! March flew by quickly along with a lot of work. Before I start, I would like to congratulate all our members who attended the 60th Anniversary of the Mustang show in Birmingham. Most brought home awards, but all had a great time. I had to cancel due to work related issues. One of our former members called me and said he was re-landscaping his home. I helped dig up all his shrubs. After 3 loads I came home and started planting. The two 5 ft azaleas were first followed by 13 5ft boxwood. A neighbor helped dig holes with a gas auger. Two days after planting we had 5 inches of rain and heavy winds. All were bent over and had to be staked up and replanted. To add insult to injury, a week later tornadoes hit knocking out our power. No problem, I have 2 generators. Guess what ? Neither one would run properly. RRCMC to the rescue...Rusty Rhame offered one of his generators and delivered it to me. After a few minutes we had it running and appliances hooked up. It is a great feeling to have good friends and our Mustang family ! Keep the shiny side up,

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

Tom Hughes
President,
Red River Mustang Club



From Harmonica Balancer to an Empty Slot

You remember last time the article ended with a promise of an explanation of a “harmonica balancer.” Well, it’s now this time and since I made a promise of full disclosure at the end of the last newsletter article, here goes. As you may have heard this old dog is learning new tricks all about rebuilding a 1964 289 engine and transmission. I missed the first trick which would have been take the thing to an expert and apply money. Since that ship has sailed, I got out my handy-dandy Popiel engine rebuilding do-it-yourself kit for \$19.95.

I have a friend who is mechanically inclined who is assisting. And another who is suggesting, and another who is... well, a friend. Like I said, I shouldn’t have passed on option #1. My mechanically inclined friend has a unique way of putting things. Hence the “harmonica balancer.”

It’s not a musical instrument. You can’t play the thing! But I found out (once translated into English) what it was. It’s the heavy round thing that is on the outside of the block and hooks to the crankshaft. It is a harmonic balancer. They’re still laughing at NAPA when I went in and asked them for a new one.

I won’t try to explain my friend’s “get a longer” and the “upshifter.”

The big news this month is the Empty Slot. That is it in the picture attached to this article. I was supposed to have Sally 6.0, the 1984 20th Anniversary convertible backed in there at Barber Motorsports for the MCA 60th anniversary show. Two days before departure day, I pulled the plug on taking her to Birmingham.

Why? I ran out of time and could not find a mechanic brave enough to tackle an exhaust leak. And that made the car undrivable. So, what’s a Mustang to do. I found out why the Saints have a back-up quarterback. “Just in case” turned out to be my 2008 Mustang Bullitt.

So, I went out into the side yard, under that elm tree, and sure enough Bullitt cranked up at first turn of the key. And only two tires were mostly flat. Other two were low. So, I started with the air compressor and went from there.

Months and months of leaves, small sticks and a few pinecones were blown away with the air gun, sucked away with the Shop-Vac and then washed off with the hose. Little bitty elm seed pods were everywhere. Seems they are born with a sticky side, and always end up sticky side down.

I had a day, literally. That very long day that began in 45-degree temps with me washing in my winter coat. Then I lifted the hood and sighed. At least I am going to Birmingham and at least in Display you can select leaving the hood closed. The day warmed up. The engine bay got some needed cleaning. The dirt melted away and the clear shine gave that deep highland green finish a mirror sharp sheen.

Had a wonderful time at the 60th. Got to meet a lot of folks. Didn’t get the Bullitt on the track. Didn’t even think of it after seeing and hearing the big gals storm through the turns and uphill and down.

Best part of all was Dawn, my wife and many times Mustang Widow, went along. We stuffed the Bullitt with gobs of stuff and cleaning supplies. My that 2008 has a huge trunk! And we’re talking about our next show road trip. And then there is how to take less stuff because the 84 convertible has a tiny back seat.

Be with us next newsletter when you may hear your Secretary say, “Well, are you roadworthy yet?”



From Rusty

Birmingham Bound-- 6 AM, the morning of April 4th, several club members met at What-A-Burger on Airline drive in Bossier City. We're off to celebrate Mustang's 60th Birthday at Barber Motorsports Park and a MCA National Show. I'd forgotten just how bright the sun is as it rises, especially when driving directly into it straight from darkness. Even with the sun visor down, it was no help.

The Brewers, The Arends, Lane Butler, Rob Widner, and Kay and I made our way over with several lead changes among us. We arrived at classification in Birmingham midafternoon. Then we made our way to our respective hotels. Check-in and a small rest period. I thought that I'd found some available water to start cleaning vehicles since Friday morning was check-in at the show site. But that was to no avail. Rob and I decided to see what we could do early Friday morning. Thought we'd found an available water faucet, but it was dry. Rob spotted a faucet at another location at the hotel and with a borrowed crescent wrench (thanks Max), we struck water. I keep a bullet hose, nozzle, collapsible bucket, with car-wash with the car. Rob and I we were in business...2 cars washed, dried, vacuumed, and detailed in the parking lot of the hotel before heading to Barber Park.

Being in separate classes, Rob went one direction and us in another for the show. Last minute cleaning and double-checking things, I stopped a couple of judges and inquired about getting judged on Friday, even though I didn't sign up for judging on Friday. One of them made a phone call and was informed that if they could find the paperwork, it would be pulled, and we'd be judged today. A couple of hours later, 3 judges showed up and I turned them loose. Even though we're in Daily Driver Class, they were all over the car like white on rice. No inclination how we did at this time.

Friday, Andrew and Rebecca Scherer arrived at the show site. They made the rounds and enjoyed various things that Barber Park had to offer. Lane spent several passes on Barbers Racetrack. He said that he had so much fun getting to run his Shelby with other cars on-track. Nothing could wipe the smile off of his face.

We invited the Scherer's out with the group on Saturday night, but they were attending the MCA Banquet. We also found out that the Arends were leaving early, Lane was leaving mid-morning, the Brewer's were making another stop before returning to Louisiana and would be leaving Barber around noon. Rob and us would be staying for the awards, but the Scherer's said that they would also leave early, and they didn't think they'd get any sort of award anyway. I told them that you never can tell, you're not competing against other cars, rather against a points sheet. Award time came and everyone awaits the outcome of their respective classes. Kay was awarded a Gold, Rob received Gold as well, and although the Scherers weren't there, they also received a Gold. We'll be proud to present it to them at the next club meeting that they are able to attend.

I'm also happy to report that there was only one small incident during the entire trip. Rob had purchased a new set of tires the Wednesday before we left, but once in Alabama, his right front tire was showing to be low. We were able to find an air supply at the hotel (thanks to a Team Shelby hauler), Rob got fixed up for the return trip back home. Only 2 vehicles coming back together, other than petrol stops, was uneventful. Another memorable event/trip for RRCMC members.

If you haven't made an MCA event, it's what memories and wonderful fellowship is made of.

Speaking of events, Our show is only 5 months away and getting here quickly. There will be a show committee meeting at 4pm before our regular club meeting at the VFW. Please plan to attend and participate/volunteer for our show. The members make the show a success.

Keep Cruising,
Rusty
Vice President, Red River Mustang Club



A Bit of Cents



Spring Forward with Mustangs and Gardening - A Note from Tina Ponder

Hello Red River Mustang Club Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and as excited as I am that tax season has finally concluded! It's a relief to close the books on this busy time. Now it's time to gear up for the show season. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the 60th in Birmingham due to it being in the crunch time of tax season, but my judging team covered for me and I hear it was a great show with many attendees!

From Spreadsheets to Soil and Spark Plugs

Now that the numbers are crunched, I'm eager to trade in my computer screen for my zeroturn and my microfiber for polishing a car. Whether it's mowing acres or polishing chrome, spring is the perfect time for all of us to breathe and enjoy the outside. I encourage each of you to embrace this season's potential both in your yards and garages.

Mark Your Calendars: Next Stop, The Ozarks!

Our next Mustang Club of America (MCA) show is on the horizon, and it's set in the picturesque Ozarks in Gravois Mills, MO. Here are the key details: This is more than just a chance to show off our Mustangs; it's an opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts and to put that Mustang on the track! Who's joining us on this next adventure??

Stay Informed and Connected

Keep an eye out for further communications via email and our social media platforms for updates. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about an upcoming MCA show or if you need assistance with preparing your Mustang to show.

I'm looking forward to a season filled with new and old friends and shiny cars. Can't wait to see many of you in the Ozarks!

Safe travels and keep those cars clean,

Tina Ponder
Treasurer, Red River Mustang Club
MCA Regional Director
MCA Asst Nat'l Head Judge OD/DD

Kelly's Blog

I hope everyone is doing well and want to say congrats to the ones that came back with a trophy from Alabama. May 4th is our monthly meeting we will have a show committee meeting at 4:00 at our normal spot. Then we are going to cruise to H Latin food in Haughton for dinner. May 18th is the 4 State Museum Car Show.

Kelly RRCMC

Kelly, aka Ducky
Show/Activities Director





MCA 2024 National Shows

MCA National Show and Track Event

Ozark International Raceway

May 24, 2024 @ 8:00 am - May 26, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

Presented by the Mustang Club of America

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Ozark International Raceway

29211 MO-135

Gravois Mills, MO 65037

[Show Registration Open](#)

[Track Registration Open](#)

Mustangs at the Crossroads National Show

August 9, 2024 - August 11, 2024

Presented by Mustang Club of Central Iowa

Holiday Inn Airport

6111 Fleur Drive

Des Moines, Iowa 50321

mustangsatthecrossroads.org

[Show Registration Open](#)

Mustangs in Historic Savannah National

October 11, 2024 - October 13, 2024

[Show Registration Open](#)



Mustang Club of America

The 60th Mustang Anniversary is finally over. There were Mustangs from 41 states, 185 registered for the track and spectators from 11 countries made the trip to Barber. It is a unique property with many things to see.

Lane and I participated in the High-Performance Driving Event (HPDA) one day each. Although I would have liked to run another day, but MCA duties didn't allow me to get on the track until Sunday.

The next show is at Ozarks International Raceway, May 24, 2024, - May 26, 2024, Presented by the Mustang Club of America. This is another Show and Track event. Registration for the show is still open. For those interested in driving the track Ozarks is a 3.9 miles track with 1,200 foot of elevation change and 19 corners. Weather in the Ozarks in late May should be great!

August promises to be hot in Iowa at the Mustang at the Crossroads National show. This show is conjunction with the Iowa State Fair, also in Des Moines.

The last show of the year is Mustangs in Historic Savannah National, October 11, 2024 - October 13, 2024. Savannah is a city rich in history and is known for its many tourist attractions. October the weather should be cooling off to make this a desirable show. Registration information for these shows on previous page.

Not a Mustang Club of America (MCA) member, you should be. MCA provides our annual show insurance, goody bags and dash cards at no cost. There are four national shows per year and normally a track event with costs well below what most tracks charge for driving. MCA is also published the last magazine dedicated to the Mustang, its Owners and the Club.

Chris Ponder
Vice President
Mustang Club of America



May Birthdays

Jean Hughes



Upcoming Events

May 4th: RRCMC Monthly Meeting at VFW in Bossier 5:30pm

May 21st: RRCMC Board Meeting Shane's in Bossier

May 24-26: MCA Show in the Ozarks

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