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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It finally happened. I was able to get my Mustang Club friends together, and replace the duct tape top on my 93 convertible. I promised myself I would never be that guy, the guy driving around in a convertible with a ratty top covered in duct tape. But, due to different lives, different schedules, it just didn't happen until now.

The parts have been sitting in boxes in my front foyer ever since march of 2015. They had been sitting there so long there was a nice line of dirt silhouetting where the boxes sat. It's a miracle my understanding bride did not ever ask when those boxes would be moved and the top be done. Other people kept asking about it though, to the point that I had to take pictures of the boxes and show them that I really did have the new top and intended to replace it. I just needed to get the help of my Friends together to get it done.

After 20 hours of labor in a hot shop at Rusty Rhame's house spread out over a weekend, we finished it. Thank you Rusty Rhame and Mark Winderweedle for helping me get this done. Rusty did most of the stapling due to experience, with Mark and I doing the grunt work. Special thanks to the ladies, Kay for meals, and allowing me to tie up Rusty for the weekend, and Barbara Winderweedle for letting Mark spend so much time with us that weekend.

The meat and potatoes of the top is that it is a pain in the Arsenaux to get the fabric tight and wrinkle free. Now I know why the top guys charge so much for the job. The most difficult part of the whole job is getting the 2 rear pillars or sail panels of the top wrinkle free. There are 7 bolts welded to the body of the car where the corner trim stick (where the top staples to) bolts on. 4 along the side of the car, one in the corner, and 2 along the back. At the back ends of those trim sticks

beyond the holes where the body bolts to them are 2 sliding carriage bolts the ends of the rear windshield material trim stick bolts onto. Then there are 6 bolts welded to the body along the bottom of the rear windshield that the rear window trim stick bolts on. The time consuming part is getting those carriage bolts to line up with the rear window trim stick, then bolt it all down, raise the top and see where the wrinkles are and mark them. It took me at least an hour to figure out how to get those bolts to line up. The second time, after fixing some wrinkles took maybe 45 minutes, the 3rd time a little less, but after that, I gave up. In the manual that came with the top it says don't be afraid to re-staple and re-glue. It's not the fear, it's the disgust and disappointment of having to re-staple and re-glue. Yes there is a little wrinkle in the passenger side quarter sail of the top, but hey, it looks better than the top on the demo video Rusty had, and the no duct tape on my top is such a drastic change that no one really notices the wrinkle. I am so happy with the result, you just can imagine.

Rusty and I have learned a few things replacing my top, as mine was different than his 2 tops he has done. He says he is going to replace the white top on his 90 7up car. I told him several times I'm in to help him with it, eager to try out the new ways to get those damn carriage bolts to line up.

The job would probably be a little more tolerable in an air conditioned environment, but then I have been by a few of the professional shops in town, and they are doing this job in a hot non air-conditioned shop just like we did. Therefore, I would say we got great results doing it ourselves. Rusty, I'm serious about the 90. Let me know when you want to do it, and I'll be there. Thanks again for all your help.

Thomas Monahan

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July 7	5 PM	Longview Cruise Night	
July 8	All day	Collector Car Appreciation Day	
July 9	9 AM	Brookdale Assisted Living Car Show	7110 University Drive, Shreveport
July 9	5 PM	Marshall Cruise Night	
July 9	5 PM	Mt. Vernon Independent Business Car Show	Mount Vernon, AR
July 14	5 PM	Tyler Cruise Night	6849 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX
July 16	5 PM	Third Saturday Cruise Night	Elite Auto, 2915 Youree Dr
July 20	6:30 PM	RRCMC Board Meeting	Reed Industrial
July 23	9 AM	Breakfast and Fast Rides	Dunkin Donuts, 5707 Youree Dr.
Sept 17	8 AM	RRCMC Mustang Roundup and Ford Show	Wray Ford
Sept 25	10 AM	Spring Hill ISD Car and Truck Show	Longview, TX
Oct 15		High Low Fast Slow	ABC Auto, Heart of Bossier



Matthew Jones at the Downtown Shreveport show. Ironically parked next to a 25 MPH speed limit sign.

Good showing of Mustangs at Breakfast and Fast Rides



July Birthdays

Max Arends
 Lane Butler
 Wayne Lowry
 Chris Ponder
 Billy Taylor

Kevin Reeves arranged to have 15 fans donated to the club, which he then delivered to KSLA Channel 12 for their summer fan drive. He also delivered the club's annual \$500 donation to the Caddo Council on Aging to help keep their clients cool during the summer heat.



MCA NEWS

Wow there's so many activities in the local area to choose from. Hope everyone is taking advantage of them. There's lots to pick from. But while you're out there, remember the heat and drink lots of fluids and bring lots of sunscreen with you. Above all enjoy getting out, just be safe.

At this time I'm getting ready to attend the quarterly board meeting for the MCA. If you have anything you wish for me to bring up, please let me know.

Had the good fortune to attend the Shelby and Cobra show in Legacy TX. Saw lots of beautiful cars. They had an original Cobra roadster. We were told that the owner was offered 1.7 million dollars for it but declined the offer. We also saw a Shelby that was restored by the



Carroll Shelby Automotive College. We were told that this was the last project that Carroll Shelby was involved in before he died.



For those of you who are going to the 40th celebration, please take the time to bring up the registration and look for the volunteer sign-up sheet. There are several jobs that need volunteers and the times are also listed. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Till then be safe and I'll see you on the road.
Donna



Before



During



After

