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**February 2024**



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Hello Mustang Family! It looks like the winter weather is behind us and a bit of sunshine is here. It is time to start thinking about renewing sponsors ,getting new sponsors, and growing the club. Club memberships are due this month. Please see Tina. March will bring the World of Wheels and once again we will have a small presence. Be thinking about our show in Sept and any ideas to make it better. Kelly can use all our help. I am looking forward to more club activities when the weather breaks. Keep the shiny side up.

Tom Hughes  
RRCMC President



# Living on Tulsa Time

My running buddy, Floyd and I loaded up “Big Red” (my blue F-150) and headed to Tulsa, OK to end a 30-year quest for the correct engine for my classic Mustang. Actually, it was a 27-year quest, but 30 sounds better. I spent a lot of years and chased many dead ends and went down a couple of rabbit holes in the interim, but in September 2023, I made a deal to obtain a correct 1964 ½ engine for my first-generation convertible.

I had found a correct 5-bolt 289 V8, with the correct part number, and the correct casting date to go in my beautiful 64 ½ convertible. At the right price! The seller sent pictures. I met twice with his dad and partner in the Mustang restoration business. Everything checked out. It was a genuine article.

Now you may ask, “Why would anyone need a 5-bolt 289? The car had a running 6-bolt 289 installed.” Because! That is why! Authenticity is why! Why not? is why!

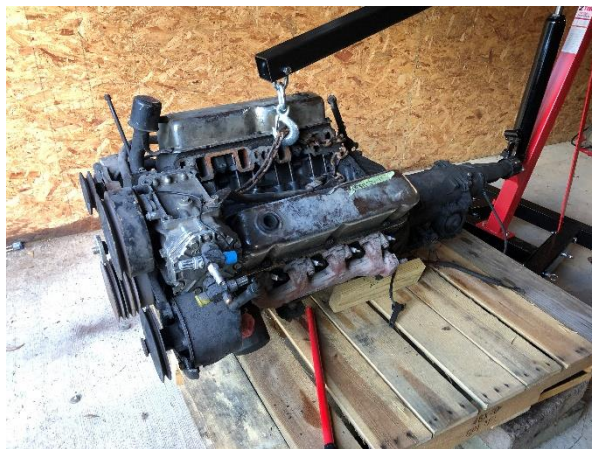
You may have heard that my precious Sally 4.0 was stolen on the way back from the MCA Grand National Show in Melbourne, FL. It was only a few days after I had sealed the deal for the correct engine. Now all I had left was an engine that I had negotiated a deal for. Bummer! Back to the road trip... Floyd and I were going to get the engine for which I had no car. Why? Lemme splane. I have another car in need of major engine work. That is the 1964 Fairlane 500. Quotes to rebuild the motor ran from \$1500 to \$2000. It also needs major work on the 3-speed Cruise-O-Matic gearbox. Those estimates ran \$1200 to \$1500. Not to mention the expense and hassle of pulling each, getting each to the respective repair shops, picking them up, and reassembling the whole mess. It was less expensive to go to Tulsa and buy an assembled, fully-functioning 64 ½ engine and 3-speed automatic and put it in the Fairlane.

And a whole lot more fun!

I don't move real fast on projects, but the recently acquired engine and transmission is securely in my garage, ready to be cleaned up and put into the Fairlane. Should be installed and ready to roam the highways of northwest Louisiana by June.

I'll keep you posted. Meanwhile, do what you need to do to keep your Mustang running, shinning, and showing this spring. I just got an email about a car show in May in Amarillo, TX.

Anyone up for a road trip?





# From Rusty RRCMC Vice President

## Happy Happy birthday RRCMC !!!

I take it that everyone survived the "Flood of 2024" .... We received over 6" of rain in 3 days. So glad for the several days of sunshine and temps in the upper 60's-low 70's. Maybe Spring will make an early appearance this year.

Reminder for club dues. February is the grace month for dues. Please see Tina to pay and don't get dropped from the membership roll.

With this mail courier job that I have, we've been super busy with all the tax forms being mailed out. I'm looking forward to car cleaning and cruising. Just have to choose whether it'll be "topless", a Roush or a classic coupe.

Looking forward to seeing y'all out there.  
ay and don't get dropped from the membership roll.

Keep the opines on the road  
Rusty





## *A Bit of Cents*



*From the Treasurer*  
Yearly club dues are due!!!

All members pay dues to remain as active members of our local club; MCA members also count towards our regional MCA club count – without enough MCA members we lose our regional club charter with them.

Remember our club raises money for charity, we cannot do that without each of us contributing and soliciting sponsors! We all know people that would probably be more than willing to support our mission, but we have to ask and make aware!

Tina Ponder  
Treasurer





# Kelly's Blog

Hey everyone! Ok everyone it is time for car shows to kick off again so pull them babies out of the garage and get them all cleaned up again if you haven't already. I don't know anything that is going on in February but beginning of March is the world of wheels and if I'm not mistaken Mopar car show. If I'm not working that day, I will be there to help them judge.

After our February meeting we will be cruising to Tamollys for dinner. I was going to do something in Shreveport, but the roads will be close for the Mardi gras parades.. We also need to start planning for our show in September. For the first time will my car I went down south Louisiana to visit my boyfriends family and the car did very well going down and coming back and I was very happy that it did know that was the first time going out of town in her.my strips stayed on known how old they are and I want to say thanks to tom for putting them on almost a year ago I still love the look on them and I get compliments on them every time I turn around. So thanks Tom for doing an awesome job.

Hope to see everyone soon got to work tonight Kelly aka ducky Activities and show director

Kelly Mayo

RRCMC Activities/Show 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**  
*Presented by the Mustang Club of America*  
**National Show and Track Event**  
**Ozark International Raceway**  
29211 MO-135  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
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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  
6111 Fleur Drive  
Des Moines, Iowa 50321  
**mustangsatthecrossroads.org**  
**OPENING SOON**

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

# RED RIVER CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB

## February Birthdays



# Upcoming Events

February 5, 2024: RRCMC Meeting at VFW in Bossier 5:30pm  
February 14, 2024” Valentine Day  
February 20, 2024 RRCMC Board Meeting Shanes 6pm

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