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The Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan was founded in November 1975 by a group of individuals with the desire to protect and preserve the Ford Mustang as one of the most attractive and fun filled cars ever made available. We are enthusiasts of all ages with a love affair of the many generations of America's Premiere Pony Car. Whether it's a coupe, convertible or fast back from 1964 ½ to the new 2005 GT or the 2007 Cobra, we love them all. The mission of club members is to collect, restore and preserve the history of the Mustang along with the stories of the people and the roles that they played in making this one of the great cars of the 20th Century. Although ownership is not a requirement for membership, your enthusiasm, expertise and and/or love of the automobile are most welcome.

Many of our club members own one or more Mustangs in varying body styles, models and years. Club members are always exchanging information, providing sources for parts, literature and helpful hints for restoring or maintaining their Mustangs. Our members are a diverse group of individuals, located throughout Southeastern Michigan and all share a great appreciation for the Ford Mustang. Our general membership meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our monthly newsletter, *The Accelerator*, provides the members with reports on club activities, technical information, advertisements and business service locations and more. Some club activities include car shows, picnics, sporting events, cruise nights and technical sessions.

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Editors Note: If you happen to run into an mistake or too, please realize that we puttem their on purpose. We strive to print sumthin' for everyone and they're always dose who are forever luuk'n fore miztakes. *BP*



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Boy, it seems like I'm writing these President messages every couple weeks! But there is a good reason. Bob Paul has taken over the newsletter and is changing the publishing timing so that it can be delivered to your home ahead of the monthly meetings. This will allow members to read about upcoming events ahead of the meeting and be prepared to ask questions or share ideas. I think this is a great improvement and should help the club conduct more efficient meetings. Be sure to thank Bob for his hard work!

We continue to receive some of the surveys sent out in January, but I don't have final results ready to publish yet. It has been a busy month at both work and also vacation so I will try to get something in the April newsletter. I have noticed quite a few surveys from members on the north and east sides asking for MOCSEM events to be held closer to their locations. We are open to ideas such as cruise locations, but we need help regarding specific locations and nights. Those of you who live in that part of town should contact Curt Joslin or send an email to myself or the club with your ideas.

On the topic of club events, MOCSEM will be the new sponsoring club for the Warren Road Church Car Show on July 2nd. The church is located at Warren Road and Farmington in Westland. This has been a wonderful show in the past and we are looking forward to working with Mobile Trim Shop to make this show great once again. The members of the church prepare a wonderful spread of food which is included with the \$5/car registration fee. MOCSEM will only be responsible for promoting and helping organize the show, so it does not require financial obligation on our part. Mobile Trim Shop and the church are very happy to have us on board. We will have flyers ready to issue in the next couple weeks.

Finally, the MOCSEM Spring Swap & Shop at Village Ford was a great success. For the first time, the swap was held in the main dealership building in combination with a promotion for Steeda Mustangs. Over 400 people attended the swap and business at the over 30 vendors was brisk. We recruited some new members (Thanks Jim!) and hopefully we will continue to build this event for the future. Thanks to Mark Berk, Phil Smith and all the club workers who made this possible.

It's getting closer to cruise time, so do the basics to your car so it is ready for those first nice days.

Sincerely,
Neil Holcomb, MOCSEM President

'Father of Mustang' Has Mixed Views of New Version

Wards Automotive, by David C. Smith, Feb 23, 2006, 12:00 a.m. ET

Lee Iacocca, who some call "The Father of the Mustang," likes the looks of the Ford Motor Co. convertible – re-designed along with the coupe for 2005 – but he thinks the latter's styling leaves something to be desired. "I think the convertible is terrific, so why does it look terrific, and I think the car (coupe) looks lousy? Because the main roofline doesn't fit the Mustang image," he says. "They're trying to play muscle car in a market that I don't think exists, but we'll see how many they sell over time." J Mays, Ford's design chief, once told *Ward's* that he harkened back to his brother's '67 fastback when he and his crew re-designed the Mustang. And there's no denying Ford has a winner: 2005 sales climbed to 160,975, up from 129,858 in 2004. Iacocca gained fame in the mid-1960s as the driving force behind the first Mustang, which featured a long hood and short rear deck. The sporty-looking car quickly won wide appeal and went on to grab a record 417,000 sales during the '65 model year. He also oversaw development of the smaller, pudgy Mustang II in the 1970s, which never caught on. Ford was just emerging from "the Edsel fiasco" when Iacocca approached Chairman Henry Ford II in the early 1960s with the idea of taking the chassis of the Falcon compact and putting a sporty car body on it. Because of the Edsel's failure, "Henry said we needed another new car like a hole in the head," he recalls with a laugh. Iacocca nevertheless got a \$75 million commitment from HF II to develop the Mustang, and he and the little "Pony car" went on to make automotive history. Iacocca does not like fastback roofline of new Mustang. He says he was stunned when he first saw the current model. "I almost passed out," he says with typical



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Iacocca hyperbole. "I said they were catering to the 1 million (fastbacks) we sold, not the 11 million notchbacks and convertibles. No, they wanted to do 'Bullitt' all over again" ("Bullitt" is 1968 movie featuring Steve McQueen driving a Mustang in a now classic San Francisco chase scene). Iacocca takes issue with the new coupe's greenhouse above the beltline. The original coupe and others that followed had a distinctive notched look with formal rear-quarter windows. The fastback came 18 months later and had no rear windows. "We put in the speed line, (behind the front door, rather than a rear window) which cut the visibility, but who cares? It had a V-8; it was big time," he says. "They asked me what I liked about the new one, and I said the front and rear, but stay away from the greenhouse. "Somebody blew it putting that piece of glass in there. That is not a sexy car. That appeals to the guys who are the Shelbyites that want a muscle car (a reference to his friend Carroll Shelby, famous for developing high performance versions of numerous cars, including Ford and Chrysler models). But Mustang was never a muscle car."

MOCSEM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2-14-06

Board members present: Randy Dombrowski, Neil and Kathy Holcomb, Phil Smith, Jodi Holmes, Curt Joslin, and Bob Paul. Welcome to our pizza party and meeting at Mama Mia's! Happy Valentine's Day! Mark and Phyllis Berk are missing due to Mark being in the hospital at St. Mary's; he's doing well and expected home tomorrow. The Board has appointed Bob Paul as our new Editor. Welcome to our new members!

PRESIDENT:

79 surveys have been returned; 250 were sent to active members, and 100 to some who had not renewed; very impressive to receive this number in two weeks; people depend on the newsletter and web site for current info which they were not getting; many waited 6-8 weeks to receive their Accelerator; first class postage is the way to go; leave the dues at \$30; can still do feature stories on cars and some special issues in color.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Vendors may enter for swap at 7am; 8am for spectators; Steeda Mustang will be on display; Mustang Memories 2006 is 6 months away; please work hard to get trophy sponsors; March meeting will have sign-up sheets; the swap and show are critical to keeping the club alive and well

MCA:

Joe Odine has pre-registration info for the MCA 30th Anniversary Stampede in Birmingham, AL.

MEMBERSHIP:

249 active members, 20 due for renewal.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

We will do cruise nights 2 Mondays each month; sites in Novi, Dearborn, Westland, and Livonia; calendar available in March; Quality Care show is May 20 in Canton; fliers for Sacred Heart event February 24; swap meet set-up is Friday, 6pm, 7am Saturday workers arrive; Sunday is the Shelby Club swap at Gorno Ford 9am; March is the Eastside A's swap meet.

EDITOR:

4 Mustang calendars left of the 48; sell for \$6 each; newsletter will be mailed last week of the month so info current for the coming month; Bob wants suggestions; please e-mail; looking for someone who's restored a car to do a tech session at the swap; see Bob.

SWAP AND SELL:

1981 Mustang for sale; business cards available
Swap meet at Village Ford March 18.

MERCHANDISE:

New merchandise ideas for the New Year; stock less, special order more to free up funds.

OPEN FLOOR:

Board wants Club opinions; audience agrees we are on the right track; keep the Berks in your thoughts and prayers, maybe drop a line; the Board wants ideas so everyone can be involved and feel included and have fun.

50-50 DRAWING:

\$80 to Mary Cox, \$48 to Bill Davis, Bucket to Sue Bess

MOCSEM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3-14-06

Board members present: Neil and Kathy Holcomb, Phil Smith, Bob Paul, Curt Joslin, Mark and Phyllis Berk. Welcome! Everyone enjoyed the pizza at Mama Mia's last month. Welcome to our new members and our guest speaker, Mark from Mobile Trim Shop.

PRESIDENT:

Reminders in newsletter about the mini car show; newsletter is work in progress; 90 surveys returned; saving \$450 a month; can still do smaller features; color for special events; member says he enjoyed reading the letter and that it was nicely done; we may look into publishing software; people want more food vendors for MM, more variety: soft serve, elephant ears, pizza; Mercurio had a conflict last year and couldn't come; we are speaking to her; GRNMD has the final contract agreement

Seraphim Pallas is helping with the restoration of a 1992 police interceptor; interesting project; car needs lots of body work if anyone interested in being involved.

Is anyone interested in joining FME each month for a track event at Milan? Shelby Club and FME go for reduced rate \$35-\$40 for unlimited laps on the track; car must pass tech inspection and people must have seat belts and helmets; Neil will approach FME to see about including us this summer; hand-outs available for the R&M Auction April 29-30 and the MCA 30th Anniversary in Birmingham, AL; 2006 Steeda calendars, CJ Pony Parts catalogs; CJPP gives free shipping for orders of \$300 or more and a 20% off sale at the end of the year; swap fliers; we usually have an informal spring show at Advance Auto, but not this year; we were approached by the Warren Road Church in Westland to be the club affiliate along with Mobile Trim Shop to run their car show; this show is scheduled for July 2; working on a flier; registration 8-11am, lunch at 12pm, fellowship, awards at 2pm, done by 2:30pm; we suggested \$5 per car to help offset the cost of food, and buckets for donations; Mark from MTS is here to speak; he truly supports this event, and wants to be involved with Mustang Memories as well

VICE-PRESIDENT:

If you want to be Gate chairperson for Mustang Memories, see Phil; Gary Kohn owns the Yellow Mustang web site; Phil and Gary Kohn for set-up and clean-up, Katy Smith to help with judging scores, popular vote the Trupiano's, parking Mike Sove, registration is Pat Milkovich, 50-50 is Curt Joslin, signs are Phil and Katy Smith; raffle is Joanne Campau and Phyllis, swap is Dave & Chantal Kalinowski and Mark, judging is Jerry Holmes, merchandise is Jodi, membership is Randy, security is Joe Milkovich, classification is Chris Bolla, advertising is Phil; Phil would like e-mail addresses of committee heads; sponsor letters available; trophies and dash plaques are being designed. (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

TREASURER:

Last month, \$542 income, \$966 expenses (car show, meeting, merchandise, postage); this month will be printing and postage; \$10,881.95 in bank today; need sponsors for the show; Phil has letters available.

SECRETARY:

Happy Birthday to Neil who is 39 March 16 and to all the other March birthdays, of which there are many!

TRUSTEE:

This Saturday is the swap; free coffee and donuts for the workers; workers see Mark after the meeting; ~20 spaces are sold; workers can enter at 6:30am Saturday.

MEMBERSHIP/MCA:

250 active members; MCA is still having their membership drive where new MCA members join and MCA gets \$20, and MOCSEM gets \$10; see Mike Sove.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Calendar available; dates subject to change; Redford Parade June 4; cruise to Culver's afterwards; please come to the swap Saturday.

EDITOR:

A few people got missed with the last newsletter; we will get a copy out to them; Saturday, March 25 the next issue will be put together; April will be the next mini car show with these rules:

1. Any Ford, one car per person, no larger than 8x11.
2. Judges will assign classes.
3. All must be on display by 7:15; Neil will pick Best of Show.

MOCSEM classifieds run 3 months; free for members; due date printed in your ad; e-mail Bob the code number, e-mail address, and name to renew the ad.

SWAP AND SELL:

Looking for a Cobra hard top for 1999 or 2001
Looking for a 4-speed shifter for a 1965-68
Looking for center caps for Magnum wheels

MERCHANDISE:

30th Anniversary stuff on deep sale/blow-out; buy one, get one.

MARK FROM MOBILE TRIM SHOP:

This has been a great show in the past; we honor those in the military; the Dude and Dudettes could not support the event anymore, happy to work with MOCSEM; MTS specializes in full interiors; 10% club discount, or 15% if you're a senior; advertising in MOCSEM newsletter; call with questions; Sunday, July 2 is the show at Warren Road Church on Warren Road in Westland at Farmington Road; Venoy is the next nearest main road. July 30th is the Telegraph Cruise; Pat Milkovich is checking with Pat Milliken Ford to see if they will host us again. Memorial Day we are again invited to the Yankee Air Museum. Any membership issues see Kathy at the end of the meeting

50-50 DRAWING:

\$55 to Sheila Wahl, \$39 to Mike Bibik, and Bucket to Lilly Errante

Respectively Submitted: **Kathy Holcomb**

MOCSEM Calendar of Events 2006

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APRIL 2006

- 1 – 2 Columbus Ohio Spring All Ford Swap, Ohio Expo Center, I-71 and 17th Ave., Columbus, OH.
Sat: 9am-6pm, Sun: 9 am-3 pm, (Contact Neal 614-475-7774)
- 4 MOCSEM Board Meeting
- 11 MOCSEM General Membership Meeting - Angelo Bros. Restaurant 7:30 pm
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 17 Pizzalato Frozen Custard, 22431 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, Southwest Corner of Michigan & Military, 6 pm
- 25 Ritter's' Frozen Custard, 31227 8 Mile, 1 Block East of Merriman on the South Side, 6 pm

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- 2 MOCSEM Board Meeting
- 8 MOCSEM General Membership Meeting - Angelo Bros. Restaurant 7:30 pm
- 15 Culvers' Frozen Custard, 6500 Newburg Rd. 6 pm (SE Corner of Newburg & Warren
- 20 Quality Care Center Car Show, 9 am to 4 pm, 6181 Canton Center Rd. Between Ford & Hanford
- 24 CRUZ'N 528, Every Wednesday, VFW Hall, Lilley St., Plymouth, 5 pm to 8 pm
- 29 Memorial Day Display, Yankee Air Force Open House, 8 am to 4 pm
- 29 Ritter's' Frozen Custard, 31227 8 Mile, 1 Block East of Merriman on the South Side, 6 pm

For Sale: 1981 Mustang Notchback:

This fine looking red coupe is looking for a good home. I've been parked in the garage when not in use. My owner has taken very good care of me and now we must part ways. I have a 4 cyl. 2.3l Engine, Auto Trans, Power Steering, Power Brakes and only 53,200 gentle miles. Asking \$3,300. If interested, please contact Dave Tomayko at 586.755.0901 (MAA 05/06)

For Sale: Numerous 69/70 Mustang parts, some NOS. Contact Darrell Basman at 734.207.3197 or towerjockey@hotmail.com (MAB 05/06)

For Sale: 1982-87 Mustang T-Top panels w/bags & locks. \$250.00 for all. Contact Ron Wahl at 734.675.5565 (MAC 05/06)

Wanted: 1999 / 2001 Mustang Cobra Coupe. Prefer unmodified with reasonable mileage. Contact Mike at 734.671.8812 (MAD 05/06)

For Sale: 1994 Supercharged SVT Mustang Cobra. Immaculate SVT with all the options from factory. All modifications professionally performed, including the supercharger installed by Ford. Sold Florida car, has never seen snow. Have all performance charts, modification sheets and Ford Motor SVT Certificate. 17,475 miles, asking \$16,500. Contact John Ford 313.535.4140 or johnford@visitrol.com (MAE 05/06)

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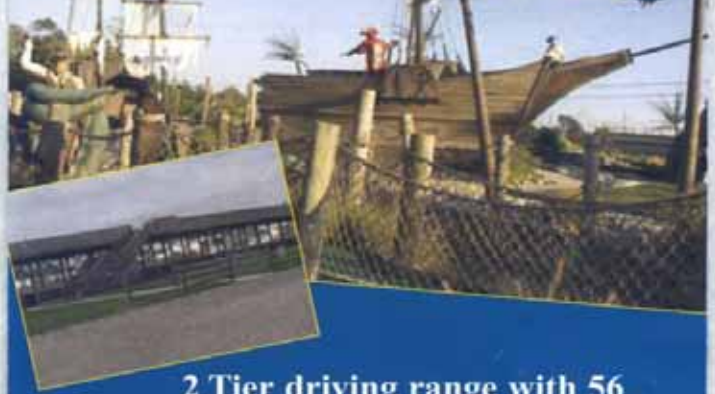
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