



February, 2026

President's Message

Hello Mustangers!

We had our first Flash Cruise of the year in February and it was a good time for all those in attendance. For those of you who could not attend, the club went to Drip Queen Coffee off of Centennial Blvd and Fillmore St. The club paid for the first cup of coffee/tea; also, there were free refills. We plan for more flash cruises this year, when the weather is nice, with the club paying for some of it. So, watch your emails for these short notice cruises.

This will be a busy year for the club and multiple volunteers will be needed to support some events. So, support the club by volunteering when you can; you will not be disappointed. The St. Patricks Day Parade (14 March) is our next big event. While we have maxed out our allotment of cars (thanks to all of those who have signed up) we still could use some back-up cars in case someone has to drop out. Also, some walkers/riders are needed to hold up our club banners. Don't forget to decorate yourselves and your cars with that Irish spirit.

Be safe out there,

George Harris



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From the Editor...

I just returned from a month in Europe. It was a work trip to multiple sites in the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany. Unfortunately, constant trips by aircraft, taxi and rental car precluded me from sending out a January club newsletter. Yeah, the travel was grueling, but it would be ridiculous to complain about my job sending me to Europe for a month.



I saw a lot of Fords in the United Kingdom. My rental vehicle was a Ford Kuga. I had never heard of that model. It's similar to the Escape with the European speed limits updated on the instrument cluster. I liked it, although driving on the left side of the road was a bit disorienting as were the constant, huge roundabouts at every highway exit. Unfortunately, I didn't see any Mustangs in the United Kingdom.

In Italy I chose to rely on local taxis. Likely you've heard about driving conditions there. Chaos just doesn't quite describe Italian roads and drivers. When there are three lanes of traffic, drivers will often somehow create a fourth lane. Scooters constantly weave between lanes and cars. Road signs and traffic signals are little more than suggestions. On the trip from the airport to my hotel, a Land Rover backed out into traffic directly in front of the taxi I was in. My driver laid on the horn and shouted Italian obscenities. Nonetheless, the Rover kept backing out and slammed directly into the front of the taxi. My driver backed up, drove around to the right side of the Rover and held his left hand out the window while shouting further obscenities. The Rover driver did the same only with his right hand. After a couple of minutes, both drivers moved on. This is the way. I saw a few Fords in Italy and even a Maserati hearse for going out in style. Again, no Mustangs.

In Germany I was assigned a Volkswagen Golf wagon with a six speed manual. The rep at the rental counter wasn't going to give me the Golf since I'm an American. I assured her I could drive a stick shift which greatly surprised her. Yeah, the six speed was fun. The German Autobahn is pretty crowded here in the 21st century. There are still areas where there is technically no speed limit, but every time I got up to any serious speed, a truck would pull out in front of me or I would hit a traffic jam. Lots of Fords in Germany. I did see some Mustangs. Most were GT models, but I got passed by a Dark Horse on the Autobahn. He blew by at around 190 KPH. Then he got stuck in traffic just as I did.

Patrick Germain



Ford Mustang News

Ford Mustang Dark Horse SC VIN 001 Hammers For \$1.25M

<https://fordauthority.com/2026/01/ford-mustang-dark-horse-sc-vin-001-hammers-for-1-25m/>

Ford Mustang Dark Horse SC Will Make NASCAR Debut In 2027

<https://fordauthority.com/2026/01/ford-mustang-dark-horse-sc-will-make-nascar-debut-in-2027/>

2026 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Is an American Pony Car Worth Waiting For

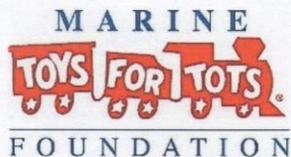
<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a65795828/2026-ford-mustang-shelby-gt500-future-cars/>

2026 Ford Mustang GT vs. Dodge Charger Sixpack: American Muscle Is a Two-Horse Race Again

<https://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2026-ford-mustang-gt-dodge-charger-sixpack-spec-comparison.html>



Toys For Tots Thanks Rocky Mountain Mustangers



January 9, 2026

Rocky Mountain Mustangers
PO Box 7102
Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Dear Sir or Madam,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$500. Thanks to your generous donation to Pikes Peak Toys for Tots 2025 campaign, we were able purchase toys to cover the shortages in certain age groups and genders.

Your generosity provided a brighter Christmas for several families and put smiles on many children's faces Christmas morning. Thank you!!

You truly make a difference in our community. May your New Year be blessed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russ Miller".

Russ Miller
Coordinator
719-235-1058

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Rae Smith".

Donna Rae Smith
Assistant Coordinator
815-973-0073

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This letter serves as a record of your gifts to our organization for which \$.00 of reportable goods or services were exchanged in consideration of your contribution. Contributions to TOYS FOR TOTS (TFT) are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. (Marine Toys for Tots Foundation FEIN 20-3021444)

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Club Schwag!

The owners of All American Sports have retired and the business has closed. However, the sales team have moved to a new location.

If you want to buy club gear (shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, ball caps, etc.), you can get it printed with the RMCC club logo.

Contact Leslie Fecteau at 719 553-5770 ext 113 at Colorado Sports to schedule an appointment. She is in charge of all club apparel, screen printing and stitching. You can select from existing racks to find something you like or you can order something in your particular size and color. Leslie has the RMCC logos and can typically get your gear ordered and printed within a week.

Get your club gear and proudly display the RMCC logo at all car events!

Club code of Conduct

The Rocky Mountain Mustangers take pride in our Club being an organized club with monthly meetings and events. We enjoy having members of all ages participate and show their love for the Mustang, from a new car to a classic car, a show car and a race car, and up and coming cars. We have had numerous members come and go from the Club for various reasons. The Board of Directors does not want to see any of our members treat other members, or potential members inappropriately, with comments or actions. In accordance with our By-Laws, the Board of Directors will ask anyone found causing embarrassment to the Club to resign.



Minutes of the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Mustang Club

17 January 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President George Harris.

There were no new members or guests.

The treasurer's report and the minutes from December were read.

Old Business

The club Christmas party was a success. Outgoing president Dave Brown thanked the members and the people who help to run the club. Thirty-four members attended and \$750 prizes were given out. Also 2 boxes of toys were collected for Toys for Tots.

New Business

George has contacted all of last year's sponsors and they all are renewing their sponsorships.

All American sports has moved to a new location. The address is 2935 N. Prospect St. They are the providers for club apparel.

There are 3 changes that need to be made to the current by-laws. One is to add the word "club" to Article 1 Name & Objectives Section 1 Name. Another is to change the word "nominating" to "election" in Article VII Committees Section 4 Other Committees/Positions. The sentence "The sponsorship is valid until the end of a calendar year and must be renewed annually" needs to be added to Article IX Sponsors/Advertising. These will be voted on at the next month's club meeting.

Michael Chapman gave a report on the current status of the club's website and what is needed to bring it up to date. The cost would be \$180 for the first year and \$360 going forward. This will make the site a secure site and give the club more options and space. One of the options would be the ability to pay membership renewals on line. We will also be able to track how many times our site is visited.

Dates for the club picnic and Christmas party were discussed. July 11 was suggested as the date for the picnic and December 5 for the Christmas party. Lynn Murphy has already reserved the Woodland Park pavilion for July 4th. George will contact Rosie's Diner to set up the December date for the Christmas party. Mike Taylor said that he would like to see the picnic move back to Metcalf Park in Fountain. He will see what dates are open.

The June club meeting will be on June 13th to avoid conflict with the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup.

Reed is working on getting the club into the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th. We will be allowed to have 10 cars in the parade.

Cars and parts were announced.

The prize drawing was held and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Club Sponsors



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