

MUSTANG MIRROR

C O P P E R S T A T E M U S T A N G C L U B

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Ken Martin

It's been a great year. We had two excellent car shows. We have gone on several monthly events as a club. The website is kept current, and our newsletter is back again even better than ever. We were able to give over \$2,000 to charities that help those that are less fortunate than us.

As we are entering the new year, I'm asking you for suggestions as to what you want to see the club do over this next year. It's your club. Attendance has been down at our monthly meetings. What would you like to see in our meetings? I'm very open to your suggestions.

We had a lunch event last Saturday. It was announced at our last meeting and an email was sent. Four people attended. I understand December is a very busy time. So I'm asking—What do you want to see us do at our monthly events? An event where you would look forward to attending and even bringing your family and friends? Your suggestions will make our club even better than it is. My phone and email are to the left of this page—reach out and let me know!

I hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and Happy New Year!

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CAR STORIES

By Ken Martin

Kristen and I had been married for a couple years and our son was about six months old. We were living in WA state at the time. Kristen had a conference she needed to go to in San Francisco. We thought we would drive down and take our time. We had always wanted to see Crater Lake in Eastern Oregon.

We packed our little Datsun, yes before it became Nissan, with our camping gear and off we went. To get to Crater Lake you need to go up a steep mountain range. Near the top my clutch went out.

Not far behind us we had passed a tow company. I circled around and limped to the tow company. We were fortunate to get there just as he was closing on Friday night. He told us the closed repair shop was in the city we had passed about 30 miles down the road. He said they wouldn't be open until Monday but on the way was a nice state park he would drop us off at where we could camp.

He towed us to the park and told us he would be back Monday morning. This was way before cell phones. We had a great weekend, but I kept thinking what if he doesn't come back on Monday? What would we do?

Monday morning at 8am he showed up. What a relief. He tows us to a repair shop that had what I saw as an old guy and a very young guy. Everything had 2 inches of dust, but I had no choice. The young guy started working on the car while the older guy read his newspaper and did crossword puzzles. They said it would take 4 hours. We left and went to a nearby park. It was over 90 degrees outside. In four hours, we came back.

The young guy was all smiles and started the car. It sounded like gears grinding and made a terrible sound. Apparently, he had put in a truck clutch. He said he was wondering why it didn't fit easily. They didn't have the part in stock, so they had to order it from Eugene which is on the coast about 200 miles away. It would be delivered the next day at about noon. There was one motel in town. It wasn't a place I would have stayed in by choice but what could we do.

At noon the next day I went to the repair shop just in time to see the part delivered. I looked at the part and it seemed right, at least it was for a car not a truck. He said it would take four hours to install it. We stayed in the park all day and had fun watching the ducks and pushing our son in the swing. In four hours, we went back to check on the progress. It was finished!

We headed straight to San Francisco missing Crater Lake because Kristen's seminar was the next day. We were very tired so I wanted to get us to a motel quickly. I took the first exit I thought we could get a motel. It happened to be in a very bad part of Oakland. It seemed like each corner

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has a couple women and their boss. All the motels had bars on the windows. The rooms were probably rented by the hour although of course I didn't stop. I kept driving until I got to the Golden Gate Bridge. We found a very, very nice hotel that had a great view of the bridge. It was much more than I wanted to pay but we would all be safe and could get a good night's sleep.

A LITTLE STORY

So there's a handyman going door to door looking for work. He walks up to an old man's house asking if there's anything he needs done.

"I need my porch painted" the old man tells him.

"Ok, give me a couple of hours" the handyman says.

A few hours pass and the handyman knocks on the door to let the old man know he's done. He answers and says "Wow, that was quick"!

"Yeah, but there's just one problem" the handyman says. "You have a Corvette, not a Porsche".

OUCH!!



PIZZA PARTY AT BURRO'S

NOVEMBER 9, 2024



A great time was had by all, great food, conversations that kept going long after the food was gone!



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WANT ADS

Hello, I'm John Logsdon, a new member.

I'm in need of original equipment for a 1988 Mustang GT:
16 spoke (15"x 7") turbine wheels. Would like set of 4, but any number is a start.

Also have **for sale** 4 new Big O Legacy 215/60R16 tires mounted on 16 inch (4 lug) 1991 - 93 Mustang 5 spoke alloy wheels complete with caps and lug nuts. Less than 500 miles. \$500 for all. Call 515-321-7930.

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

SETH SUPPAPPOLA has a 1995 white Mustang GT Coupe, a 2013 black Mustang GT Coupe and a 2014 gray with black stripes Shelby GT500 Mustang.



Also new to the club is Ron Goecke. He owns a 2003 black Mustang GT convertible. We hope to get a picture of Ron and his GT soon!

Welcome Ron and Seth! We're happy to have you join our Mustang Team!

NOVEMBER 10TH MEETING



Left: Our Election Officials hard at work after the members voted for the 2025 Board.

CMC GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Meeting was opened with a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Officers and board members present were Ken, Drew, JoAnn, Alyce, Gary, Joice, Maureen, Kristen, Randy and Phyllis.

Ken thanked everyone for their help at the show. 60+ cars and trucks were registered. Many workers spent much time and were exhausted by the 90+ heat. Everyone like the church location and parking lot and thought it would be good for next fall show. It was recommended to have one show next year in October at this location. The show will be open to cars, trucks and bikes, but will have judging only on the Mustangs. The color guard and the firemen were great addition to the show and should be included next year. A final proceeds report on the show is now \$738 but we have not yet received the promised reimbursement from LH Miller which should be \$1557 or more.

JoAnn gave the treasurer report. She explained the sponsor reimbursement situation. A Few bills have not yet been turned in to her.

22 members enjoyed pizza Saturday night at club sponsored party. Good food and conversations made a good time. **Holiday party will be Dec 8 Nando Mexican Grill 6715 E McDowell 1:30 order your lunch and you pay. Meeting and party with gift exchange if you care to participate. Reminder at the end of report.**

Welcome to our 2 new members added to our club: Seth Suppappola and Ron Goecke.

Ballots for voting on next years 2025 board were passed out and members present voted. The winners are Alyce Ancell, Maureen Bartels, Gary Ellsworth, Joice Lange, Ethel Marques, Ken Martin, Kristen Martin, JoAnn Martorano, Drew Peterson, Phyllis Petrone, Joe Pusateri, Randy Tinsley. The board selected officers which will be announced at the December meeting.

EVENTS: December 1st, members gathering that Sunday at the Oregano , 328 N Gilbert in Gilbert 1PM patio.

December Mustang Club meeting on DECEMBER 8th, will be at the NANDO MEXICAN GRILL, 6715 E McDowell Mesa at 1:30 pm in the private room. You buy your own food. Gift exchange if you want to participate, bring a gift costing about \$15 to join in. Meeting will be there and new officers and board will be announced.

Thank you for treats, Joice. Bob and Alyce will bring treats for January.

Meeting adjourned.

Alyce Ancell, Secretary

Please send your "Frist Rides" articles, your "Members Mustang Stories" and any Mustang pictures to Maureen at GT500@twocool.net.

We're also looking for any Ford Mustang Recalls to include in the Newsletter, as well as any car show pictures or other Mustang events you attend.

Let me know of any other upcoming car shows or events to include with the 'Calendar of Events'.

By SETH SUPPAPPOLA

In 1999 my wife, Antonia, my first son, Saul, and I were living in North Kingstown, RI. My wife got a job as a professor at ASU, so we decided to move to Arizona. I had a 1990 Mustang LX (see photo). It was my first Mustang. However, Antonia did not want me to drive it to Arizona, and it was too expensive to ship it. I had mixed feelings about selling it because I really loved that car, but the Rhode Island salted winter roads were starting to affect the body in a few places, and it had been in a fender bender before I purchased it, so it wasn't absolutely perfect. But, still, it was a blast to drive. I put it in the Autotrader and a kid, eighteen or twenty years old came to my house and bought it for \$5k cash. We counted it out twice on my kitchen table. When he started it up to drive it away, the driver's power window failed to move. I told him to pull it into the garage and we would fix it. He wasn't interested. By that time it had a proper stainless tipped Flowmaster exhaust (not shown in the photo), and I could hear him revving the engine for a quarter mile as zoomed off down the road enjoying his new purchase.



A few months after we got to Arizona, I started looking for a replacement Mustang. I had my mind made up on a '94 or '95 GT because that represented the last of the 5.0 liter OHV engines, and I had read countless articles on hot rodding a 5.0. I wasn't having any luck in the private market, so I went to a few dealers and told them I wanted any color except red or white. I had gone to see a few cars, but none was right. I finally found a private seller that had a car in my price range with about 87k miles, but it was white. I bought it nonetheless. I was very happy with the car, and in 2003 I started a big project to replace the tired engine. It had about 117k miles on it by then, and

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when I opened the throttle, I could hear what sounded like a valve starting to fail. I spent a lot of time figuring what performance targets I wanted to achieve, designing the fuel system, electronic engine control, induction system, selecting a supercharger, etc. I purchased an SVO crate motor long block from Summit racing, which I had to go pick up from a loading dock in Phoenix with a friend who had a truck. The rest of the parts were delivered a little at a time as I got to that part of the build. As this was a side project for me, it took me about a year to do the swap in my garage. On the dyno it made 350 HP at the rear wheels, which was a healthy upgrade from the stock 215 HP. The instant torque from the screw type supercharger made it a lot of fun to drive.

I still have the car, and I drive it a few times each week. It is no longer my favorite Mustang, but it certainly has a special place in my heart because I spent so much time working on it. It's a total sleeper, and unlike my Shelby, no one has ever come up to me and said, "Nice car!" No one except one guy in a Home Depot parking lot. I had parked the car, was on my way in, and this shady looking character could tell it sounded not stock and said, "Wow! What do you have in that thing?" Thinking he might want to steal it, I just said, "Oh, nothing. It's just not running right." He was not buying it and he said, "I wish my car didn't sound like that." Anyway, it was still there when I came out of the store.

I have a twenty year old web page that is still up that you can read about the car and see some photos of the build if you are interested: <http://suppappola.com/engine/engine.html>



**THE LIFE OF A MUSTANGER—
STARTS YOUNG AND JUST KEEPS ROLLING ALONG!**



Mustang passion never stop 🤪



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1st, Copperstate Meet-Up at Oregano, 328 N. Gilbert in Gilbert at 1pm

December 7th— Rock & Roll Classic Car Show at 9120 Talking Stick Way, 4-8pm

December 8th - Christmas Party held at Nando's at 6715 E McDowell Rd.

December 14th—Rock & Roll Classic Car Show at 9120 Talking Stick Way 4-8pm

December 25th—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 1, 2025—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 4th, 11am - 2pm, Red's Car Show, 2015 N Power Rd, Mesa

January 18-26th—Barrett Jackson Auction at WestWorld

January 18 -19th - Casa Grande Mainstreet 24th St Fair & Car & Bike Show

January 25th, 9am - 1pm - Road To Riches Car Show—226 Washington St, Chandler Az

January 31, 5pm - 9pm - Classic Car Cruise In 11649 N Cave Creek, Phoenix

February 24th, 5pm - 9pm - Classic Car Cruise In 11649 N Cave Creek, Phoenix