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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KEN MARTIN

The club outing to Falcon Field on Saturday made me want to share with the readers of the Mustang Mirror some of the world changing history of this place.

The planners named the location Thunderbird Field III. Thunderbird Field No. 1 and No. 2 were already in service elsewhere in Arizona.

Meanwhile, the British needed safe training airspace for WWII cadets. Wartime England was too dangerous for novice flyers and the skies in Arizona were clear and safe. The US agreed to host British cadets even though the US was not actively involved in the war. Mesa City renamed the site Falcon Field to honor the over 2,000 British Royal Air Force cadets who would be training there.

Twenty-three cadets lost their lives during training at Falcon Field. The cadets are buried at the City of Mesa Cemetery and are honored annually at a special memorial service.

Hollywood investors and concerned actors help fund the field, hoping to train allied forces to fight the German Luftwaffe.

A piece of the USS Arizona superstructure is on display at Falcon Field. In preparation for the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl harbor, the superstructure which rose above the water level was removed piece by piece and stored in a government warehouse. These pieces were later distributed for display at museums across the country. The Falcon Field Museum quickly accepted an offer to put one on display.

Falcon Field is home to the Commemorative Air Force,
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(Airbase Arizona). Airbase Arizona preserves over 50 historic military aircraft, including six fully operational World War II warbirds that still fly and offer public rides. A full roster of these planes is located online at azcaf.org/learn/the-planes/.

Today the 784-acre municipal airport hosts more than 130 businesses, is home to over 800 aircraft, and provides a multi-billion-dollar annual financial impact to the East Valley.

I hope you enjoy the pictures (on the next few pages), from our Saturday outing to The Red Mountain Café and the Falcon Field Museum.

MEET-UP AT FALCON FIELD MAY 30,2026



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Left: Rapt attention to our guide describing one of the planes from World War II.

Note the backdrop on the wall showing the B-17 Bomber.



Thanks to Art Vernon (right) our guide though the museum! He went through the history of the planes and helicopters on display.

The plane behind is a a wooden plane, covered in fabric from WWI.

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Above: The Air Force's F-16 has been in the air since 1976, with over 12,000 hours flight hours.

Below: 2 of the Army's helicopters on display.



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Above: One of the Navy's aircraft, which was used in the Viet Nam era.

Below: This is the same type of plane as the one in the movie Casablanca. This particular plane was used in WWII, sold to a corporation for their travel, and then donated to Falcon Museum, where it was repainted onsite as you see here.



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Left: Bill & Jan modeling how easy it was to get on the C-47.

Below: Jan & Bill's grandson, Emmett., has already found his seat.

Bottom: Emmett!



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We met up at the Red Mountain Café for breakfast prior to visiting the museum. The food was great!



GENERAL MEETING NOTES

MAY 9, 2026

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken then asked Gary to discuss the Meet-Up on May 30th, starting with breakfast at the Red Mountain Cafe on Greenfield and University at 9:00am, then traveling as a group to Falcon Field for a tour through the museum. Gary talked about some of the planes we'll see at the Field - should be fun!

Next Meet-Up will be at Paladino's for lunch on July 20th at 11:30. Paladino's is at 300 W. Apache trail in Apache Junction.

Our August 18th Meet-Up is at The Saddle Bronc Grill, 11056 N Saguaro Blvd in Fountain Hills at 11:30. Should be aooten-tooten good time!

Suggestions for future Meet-Ups are welcome! Send your suggestions on to Ken!

The Car Show is only 5 months away, so start collecting things for the raffle. If you need any advice on building baskets, contact Joice or Kristen. Also, if you have a lot of clean baskets you would like to get rid of, we can use them, so give them a call.

The old unused trophies are available if anyone has a need for them, or knows of someone who can use them. UPDATE: Joice found a home for them at the Broadway Christian Church. They were VERY happy to receive them!

The December Christmas Party will be held at Nando's on December 13th, Sunday, at 1:00. The November Pizza Party is yet to be scheduled, and a date will be decided upon by the next meeting in June.

This month's winners of the Ford door prizes were Alyce, Daryl, Gary and Phyllis. The 50/50 was won by Joseph. Congrats to all!

Don't forget there is a Members Only Facebook Page - join the Copperstate Mustang Club on Facebook for information on upcoming events as well as other information.

If you have any suggestions for speakers in upcoming meetings, please let Ken know.

Meeting was adjourned for treats brought in by Ken & Kristen, which was much appreciated.

Maureen (acting Secretary)



GENERAL MEETING PICTURES



Here's the gang at the meeting discussing future meet-ups, the car show, and other important issues of the day!



FUTURE MEET-UPS

JUNE 20th—Paladino's at 300 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction Meet time to be decided.

The menu is a celebration of all things Italian, from hand-tossed pizzas fresh from the oven to hearty pasta dishes and deli sandwiches.



JULY 18th—Saddle Bronc Grill. 11056 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills Meet time to be decided.



This restaurant offers a western theme with a full bar and food ranging from small bites, burgers, chicken, steak and fish. All this PLUS entertainment!

Alyce has a new set of wheels!

Check out the size of that center display on the dashboard—can barley see the road.



A LITTLE JOKE

A man goes to a very famous lawyer and asks "What do you charge?"

The lawyer says "\$300 for three questions."

The man says "Wow, that's pretty expensive isn't it?"

The lawyer says "Yes it is. Now what is your third question?"

A man meets a genie who offers him 3 wishes.

"I wish I was rich!" the man says.

"Very good. What's your second wish, Rich?" the genie asks?

"No, I mean Rich as in money" the man replies.

"Very good. You have 1 last wish, Mr. Azzinmoney. What would it be?"

"I wish you could understand what I'm trying to say!" the man yells.

"Ohhhh....now I get it!" the genie says before disappearing.

HELP PLEASE!

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

Also, please let me know of any typos or issues you find in the newsletter!

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'.

DON'T MAKE ME COME AFTER YOU!!!!!!!!!!

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Our New Member this month is Kathryn "Kay" Cutter of Scottsdale. She drives a 1965 Ford Mustang White Convertible. I'll include pictures of Kay and her Mustang (hopefully) next month!

Welcome, Kay!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

June 13th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

June 20th—Meet-Up at Paladino's, 300 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction

June 21st—Father's Day!

July 11th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

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July 18th—Meet-Up at Saddle Bronc Grill, 11056 N Saguaro Blvd , Fountain Hills, AZ

August 8th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

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September 12th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

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October 10th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

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October 24th—Monsoon Madness Car Show

November 14th—In lieu of the General Meeting, our Pizza Party!

December 13th—Annual Christmas party at Nando's, 1:00.



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