

MUSTANG MIRROR

C o p p e r t s t a t e M u s t a n g C l u b



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Ken Martin

I was looking through the Mustang Club of America website when I found a great article covering the history of MCA. The following is extracted from that article. Copperstate Mustang Club is proud to be a (??Year) Mustang Club of America!

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The History of the Mustang Club of America



The year was 1976. Ted Turner buys the Atlanta Braves. The supersonic transport Concorde begins commercial flights. Laverne and Shirley television show debuts. Disco music is taking the country by storm. George Bush becomes the Director of the CIA. Willie Shoemaker wins his 7000th race. Patty Hearst is convicted of armed robbery. Four men held a meeting on March 9 at Stone Mountain Park, Georgia and thus founded the Mustang Club of America.

Stan Jones, George White, Gary Goddard, and Tom Taylor had gotten together a few weeks earlier, discussing the idea of forming a club for Mustang enthusiasts. An advertisement was placed in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. A total of ten people showed up at the first organizational meeting in March. A month later, on April 11th, the first official meeting was held to establish a National Mustang Club, devoted to 1965 through 1973 Ford Mustangs. More than a hundred people attended the second meeting of the club in May. Membership dues were \$10, later raised to \$12 in July. By August, the Mustang Club of America held its first Grand National meet at Stone Mountain Park, having more than 100 entries from 20 states. By that time, membership was more than 250.

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MCA's birth was a whirlwind, as the club fulfilled a long-simmering need for Mustang enthusiasts.

Owners of Ford Mustang's interest ranges from concours or stock restoration to highly modified street-driven cars to track and drag racing. Attempting to satisfy the wide diversity of interests of the Mustang enthusiast is a daunting task. MCA's early years emphasized restoring cars to factory condition according to published judging rules for MCA sanctioned shows, which were restricted in participation to MCA members for several years. The Judging Rules were crucial for leveling the playing field for shows as well as disseminating information about how the cars should be restored. With few books or magazines (let alone the lack of the internet!) to help guide the restorer in the late 1970's, it must have been hard for the enthusiast to find reliable information. Although parts were available from Ford, the costs were only slightly lower than they are for reproduction parts today, yet the value of the Mustang was typically only a few thousand dollars for a concours-level show car. Most enthusiasts were quickly upside-down when restoring the cars. A saving grace in 1976 was the fact that there were many more Mustangs available on the road or in wrecking yards to scavenge parts or find rust-free rolling stock.

MCA is now well over 12,000 national members and more than 170 Regional Clubs with an estimated reach of over 40,000 members at the local level. The Mustang Club of America began as a club devoted solely to the first generation of Mustangs: those from 1964.5 through 1973. Today, thirty years after MCA's founding, MCA embraces stock Mustangs, Shelbys, Roushes, Saleens, and Steedas of all years, and modified Mustangs, track and driving events, and is beginning to liaison with other clubs and national events, such as the All Ford Show in Carlisle, Shelby American Automobile Club events, and the Antique Automobile Club of America. MCA sanctions three National Shows and one Grand National Show per year, and holds a Mustang Anniversary Celebration every five years, and MCA's own Anniversary Celebration, also every five years.

A nearly complete archive and database of Mustang Times articles are available for downloading at MustangTimes.net.

A LITTLE STORY

My wife asked me what I wanted for my birthday. She knows I've always wanted a Ferrari so I said "Something that goes from 0 to 180 in under 10 seconds"

She got me a bathroom scale.

FIRST RIDE

By Kathy Sebesta

My very first Mustang was actually my parents car. It was a 1966 Mustang Hardtop. It had a 289 V-8 automatic, and was Signalflare Red with a black interior. My parents purchased the Mustang used from Berge Ford in Mesa in about 1970, back when it was located on East Main Street in downtown Mesa. At first my dad was worried because the car was from Wisconsin. Being from Michigan, he was very wary of Midwest cars. However, he soon found out this was a very well cared-for car. It had obviously been garaged and had no signs of rust. It actually had air conditioning, which was added on, possibly by the dealer. The A/C was on the passenger side under the dash. Back then, A/C was not all that common in cars from the 1960s.

We had the car for about nine years. I got my driver's license in this Mustang and drove it to high school when I was a senior. I had mag wheels and white letter tires put on the back and Thrush mufflers on the exhaust. Now I cringe to think I did that, as I would keep it original now. But that's what guys (and gals) did to cars back then.

I had a lot of fun in this Mustang but sadly, one day it spun a bearing, threw a rod and died. My parents ended up selling it to a local auto shop in Mesa for cheap as they did not want to spend the money to rebuild it or put in a new engine. It was 12 years old by then, which at that time was considered really old for a car.

Amazingly, I still have the VIN of the Mustang: 6F07C256188. For all I know, it is still cruising around the Phoenix area somewhere.....with a new engine, of course.

Here are a few pictures of it back in the day.



In our driveway

FRIST RIDE (Cont'd)



Here it is with the mag wheels in back and Thrush mufflers



Talking to my mom in my grandma's driveway. Maybe I was negotiating something from the driver's seat? Probably begging her to let me drive, lol.

Wish you could have kept that car, Kathy!

FEBRUARY MEET-UP AT THE PRIVATE COLLECTION
FEBRUARY 15, 2025



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Who doesn't want a 2 tiered garage? With room for 3 tiers!



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Room for
all types of
cars!

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SO MANY
CARS!



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The building also had
a great party room.

Don't we all need one
of these?



BELOW: lunch for
attendees at IHOP



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Cars old and new were on display.



FEBRUARY MEET-UP

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This is a fully replicated front of a Texaco gas station.

Includes an attendant and a local police officer!



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OUR NEXT MEET-UP!

Mecum Car Show, March 18—22nd!

Contact JoAnn Martorano at jdmartorano@yahoo.com for tickets!

Copperstate Pancake Breakfast = March 9th! If you want to help setup, come on out after 9:30am, breakfast to start at 11:00. General Meeting to follow the breakfast.



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'.

CMC GENERAL MEETING February 9, 2025

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

New member announced was Marcia Norton. She told all about her 1966 Mustang which has been restored.

Treasurer report was given by JoAnn. JoAnn will be checking with our bank to see if renewal applications can make their payment directly to the bank and not require writing a check. The application process of filling it out on line and emailing it will be checked into by Kristen.

Copperstate February event will be Friday 15th we will assemble at 9:30 AM at the Home Depot at Occtillo Rd and Arizona Av or 4141 S Arizona Av Chandler. From there we will caravan about a mile to the private car collection to view 100+ pristine cars Mustangs, GM, and mopeds. There is no cost for viewing the private collection. Lunch will follow nearby for those wanting to participate. Call or text BOB for questions 480 793 4586.

Copperstate's March event will be our annual pancake breakfast free for all members. Our regular meeting will take place there also Breakfast 11 AM Apache Wells Club Room 2223 N 56th Mesa.

March event will be at the Mecum Auction at State Farm Stadium on March 18-22 Free tickets for the auction are available contact JoAnn jdmartorano@yahoo.com

April event will be trip the Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa.

Gary gave a brief talk about all the cars and Mustang and other cars he has had.

Thank you Drew for the refreshments.

Meeting adjourned,

Alyce Ancell, secretary

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.

Phone me 515-321-7930

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

Gary Hall with his 2014 'Gotta Have It Green' Mustang



Terry Taylor and his 1986 Mustang.

If you get a chance, stop and chat with these guys—they have some crazy stories to tell about the mustangs of their past!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9th—Board Meeting (after the Breakfast)

March 9th—Pancake Breakfast & General Meeting at Apache Wells Club Room, 2223 N 56th Maricopa Room (same place as last year) at 11:00am, but come on down whenever you like prior!

March 15th—Mesa Cars & Coffee 2025 Village Square at Dana Park

March 18-22—Mecum Auto Auction, Glendale Stadium (Call JoAnne for free tickets)

March 22nd—Apache Wells Car Show 5601 Hermosa Vista Dr Mesa

April 5th—Streetside Classics Spring Car Show 614 E Auto Center Dr Mesa

April 13th—Board Meeting 725 E Baseline Rd. at 1:00pm

April 13th—General Meeting 725 E Baseline Rd. at 2:00pm

April 17th—ANNUAL MUSTANG DAY! Get out there and drive your Mustangs!

April 19th—Concours In The Hills, 10:00am—3:00pm at 12925 N Saguaro Blvd in Fountain Hills

May 18th—Board Meeting 725 E Baseline Rd. at 1:00pm

May 18th—General Meeting 725 E Baseline Rd. at 2:00pm

August 28-30th, 2026 - Mustang Club of America 50th Birthday Celebration In Braselton, GA.

