



HOOFBEATS!



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Santa's Corner

(Just a few member's Stang Christmas gifts...)



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Ramblings

Well gang, I asked some questions of Liz at the November meeting about the newsletter, and intended to volunteer to act as an assistant editor of the newsletter to see if I could figure out how to edit it, then maybe stepping up as a full editor before year's end (by the way, how many of you are old enough to remember who Perry White was?). Liz Reeder did a bang-up job as editor, so I doubt that I can come close to her professionalism and the professional look of the newsletter during her tenure as editor. But, there's always the old college try. By the way, did you have to attend college to give it the old college try? At least I will aver to get any news from the officers out to you, hopefully close to schedule.

I noticed the title of the newsletter is Hoof Beats. Anyone care to suggest a new name? Perhaps, like that race horse from a few years ago, Hoof Hearted? Sorry, baaaaad joke.

When I left the November meeting at Ryan's in Hiram, while on U.S. 278, an '04 or so GT was waiting to turn in front of me. He did a U-turn as I passed, and pulled up beside me at the next traffic light. After exchanging pleasantries, I mentioned to him that I was leaving our monthly meeting and told him to check out the MCA website and look for regional clubs. He seemed to show some interest, but pulled another U-turn shortly thereafter. I only wish I had told him to pull over where I could have spent a few minutes talking about GRMC. I realize now that the best way to get someone new interested in the club is to take a few minutes for some one-on-one conversation. At least I think I learned something about what to do in the future.

Volunteer? You don't have to be from Tennessee to volunteer for some club activity. I always remember one of my cousins talking about his basic training, when the drill instructor asked the recruits, "who had drivers' licenses?" A few raised their hands, and were told by the DI to "grab those wheel barrows over there." When the rest of the bunch laughed, they were told to "grab those shovels from that stack." So being a volunteer isn't always necessarily the worst thing that could happen. This club has had a number of great volunteers as officers and event chairs over the years, and I am sure 2010 will continue that tradition. But remember, there are still activities and events that need chairing, so feel free to volunteer. And if none of the open events interest you, then by all means suggest something you find interesting; others might have an affinity for the same.

And if some of you really are really inclined, there are outside activities like the pistol range at Wild West Traders (Austell Road at Windy Hill Road). Wednesday night is ladies' night, so they shoot for free. I can only hope no members are so offended to decide to take out their frustrations on the officers and volunteers. And do remember the old adage, if in doubt, empty the clip. Please - no offense meant!

Oh, and do remember, you can always fire the editor if so inclined.

~ Billy Taylor

Our Past President

Well here it is another year andI'M BACK! After thousands of emails and letters, I have decided to keep writing for the newsletter. The last two years have been great and I'm really excited about the future of this club. We now have a great bunch of folks that stepped forward to take the reins and I expect great things in the future. I'm not so sure what this article will become now that I'm not in charge of the club. I spent the last couple of weeks trying to decide the purpose or direction to take. For now, I ask that you sit back and just enjoy as we both find out what this column will become in the coming months.

With the new year and all of the resolutions floating around, I wanted to talk this month about planning. The new year offers up the opportunity to make a new start and get organized for the upcoming 12 months of unpredictable life. For GRMC the planning of 2010 started several months ago. With our major events on the calendar the only planning left to be done is the little events for the upcoming year that we, the membership, can enjoy and participate in. This month, we have a nice cruise into the mountains planned. We have a Carburetor clinic in the works for February from one of our local experts. The rest of the year is wide open for suggestions. The club officers would love to hear from you about suggestions for the upcoming year. I have had several folks that have asked about having some club work days to get some of our members together and help another member get over a hurdle on their mustang project. Randy suggested having a Dyno Day as soon as the weather improves. Drag racing day? Pumpkin Run? Any favorite car shows? Cruise ins? Liz and John are working on the club calendar to keep it up to date. Please don't hesitate to let Terry, Mark, or Liz know what you would like to see the club do!

Planning also plays a larger part for you and your cars life! As many of you know, I do Classic Car Restoration for a living. One thing I can never stress enough is to have a plan before you do anything with your car! Is this the year you finally go to the track with us? Time to dig out Mustang project and get some progress going? Or even what car shows do I want to attend this year? Every member should have some plan in place to accomplish their goals. For some it may not mean anything more than spending the day detailing their favorite pony for battle on the show field. For others it might include a trip to the CPA to see if they can really afford this new project! For me, I find most people buy/ start restoring classic cars with no prep work done and no real plans made. Restoring a car should be fun and relaxing. Something you look forward to getting out in the garage and doing. If you take the time to lay out the projects you need to do, be realistic with the cost involved, and figure out how much you can really afford, your project will move forward. I have lots of people that don't ask questions or research their options. Their car ends up in a million pieces and they loose interest because the car has become too much to handle. For most folks, the answer is to drive and restore the cars. Instead of stripping the car down for paint and a full restoration, why not get it running and enjoy driving the car (even if it's ugly) for a little bit. I try to tell everyone - Make sure the car is ready to drive in the Spring and the Fall. Do your work in the hot of the summer or in the cold of the winter! Enjoy it in the nice weather and work on it when it is not. If you have a project you would like to do or questions about anything Mustang - Ask! Use the club membership and all of their experience for your own good!

~ Patrick Kelley

P.S. #1 from Patrick

Lark Bragg, a long-time MCA National Board of Directors, passed away after fighting cancer. Lark was actively involved in MCA activities, attending nearly every national show as classification inspector, judge, and helping out with the MCA booth. His trademark straw hat and wide smile will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to the Bragg family.

P.S. #2 from Patrick

The Carburetor Clinic in February will be in conjunction with our monthly meeting in February. GRMC's own JB Oller, who owns a 1984 Anniversary Hatchback worked many years tuning Holley carbs for racers throughout the Southeast has offered to spend a few minutes explaining

how carburetors work and offer some tuning advice for us novices. This presentation should be very informative and offer some insight into these mysterious devices that control our engines. Free admittance. Open to all. Details in the next newsletter.

~ Patrick Kelley

January Event

Assuming the weather is acceptable, "cruises" are to meet at Andretti Speed Zone (<http://www.andrettikarting.com/>) at 11000 Alpharetta Highway in Roswell on Sunday, 17 January at 10:00 AM , for a cruise up GA 400 to Dahlonega for lunch at the Smith House. Wagonmaster: Eric Lippman (ericlippman@bellsouth.net or 770-590-0424). Since table(s) need to be reserved for lunch, please RSVP to Eric by 6:00 PM, Sunday, 10 January.

Following lunch at Smith House, the caravan will return to Mazzy's in Marietta for monthly club meeting at 3:00 PM.

~ Eric Lippman

Little Talladega

Annual track event – Talladega Gran Prix Raceway (<http://www.tgprace.com/>). The club has put a deposit down for the 5th of June. A flyer is being put together now, and notice has been forwarded to the MCA national magazine. Participants and volunteers are always needed and welcome. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

~ John Rehder

2009 GRMC Christmas Party

The 2009 GRMC Christmas party was held, banquet style, at Mazzy’s. There were 30 plus members who attended and enjoyed the delicious food. It was great to see everyone dressed up for the occasion instead of the usual T-shirts and jeans. You all clean up very nicely!

The white elephant gifts were of a higher caliber this year and there was the fewest trading of gifts of any year in the past. The most “coveted” item was a “hand crafted” Santa mask decoration. Next year try to find the old fruit cake that Aunt Hilda gave you and please re-gift it!

The members were generous and there were lots of toys to give to the Toys for Tots drive. Thanks to Henry and Tina Gosnell for taking the toys to the donation location. I enjoyed planning the party with the help of the Mazzy’s staff. I also learned all little about planning a meal centered event for many people.

Thanks to all of the members who attended! Hope to see all of you next year!

~ Gail Phillips

Our Past Vice President

Two years ago I accepted the position of the Vice President of the GRMC. I asked what my duties would be and I was told there were no duties, other than to conduct the club meetings in the absence of the President. I have never able to just watch other people work, I prefer to pitch in and help. I learn new things by helping others and I enjoy the look on people’s faces when I do offer and help to them. I noticed there was only a small, core group of people that did the work necessary to keep the club functioning. I also noticed how frustrated and somewhat resentful these few dedicated people were, at always doing all the work at the events. This left them little or no time to participate in the event, which was the reason they joined the club to begin with.

I began asking for “assignments” as I was learning, about all the different events and what was needed to make them successful. I have done many different tasks from ordering trophies to setting up club events and conducted one meeting. I enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment each time and learned new things as well. I always had someone to answer my questions and keep me from making any big mistakes.

This office is what you choose to make it. There is always something that needs to be done and I have had no problem

finding tasks to complete for the benefit of the club. The secret is to offer your help and not wait for someone to come to you. Use your creativity, if you see a better way to complete a task, speak up at the executive board meetings. Many ideas are always better than one. Enjoy accomplishing as much as you want in this club position.

~ Gail Phillips

Monthly Meeting Minutes

There are no minutes for the last club meeting since there is no longer a club secretary. Refer to Gail Phillips’ article on the 2009 GRMC Christmas party for the last club “meeting”. New 2010 officers and volunteers are listed on the masthead of this newsletter.

~ Billy Taylor

Monthly Treasurer’s Report

\$0,000	Last Month’s Balance
\$00.00	Deduction
\$00.00	Addition
\$0,000.00	Current Balance

The treasurer’s report was not available at publication deadline. New figures should be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

~ Billy Taylor

Area Events

CRUISE-INS

Every Saturday:

Chamblee, GA Donut Derelicts at Dandy Donuts.
8:30am-11:00am. Info: Mike Dailey 770-458-3262

1st Saturday:

Villa Rica, GA Ingles Shopping Center. Info: Paul Debick 770-832-9857.
Cartersville, GA Town Square downtown Cartersville.
5pm – 9pm Usually has live music and most of the restaurants are open.

1st Sunday:

Marietta, GA Caffeine & Octane cruise-in at “The Avenue” in East Cobb (Roswell Road east of Johnson Ferry). 8:30am -11:00am.
Info: Frank 770-565-2281.

2nd Saturday:

Bremen, GA Tallapoosa St downtown. Info: Raymond Priest 770-537-9157
Marietta, GA Wendy’s at Dallas Hwy and Barrett Pkwy. Info: Randy Cline 404-925-5099

3rd Saturday:

Canton, GA Riverstone Shopping Center.
Info: Ted Thomas 770-479-7637
Villa Rica, GA Main Street downtown. Info: Danny David 770-328-9663 or Matt Careins 770-459-4628.

4th Saturday:

Dallas, Ga Downtown Dallas.
Info: Larry 770-445-1481
Cartersville, Ga Hwy 41 and Main Street.
Info: Ken Barrett 770-424-7639 or Richard Chatham 770-974-0327

5th Saturday:

Powder Springs on Town Square. 5-10pm.
Push Rods car club, Info: Larry Pearson 770-324-3759

SHOW STUFF

2008 MCA National Events

March 28-30: Pensacola, FL (New location)
June 20-22: Dublin, OH
August 1-3: Oakville, Ontario (yes, that’s Canada)
October 24-26: Chandler, AZ
August 29-31: Park City, UT (Grand Nationals)
See www.mustang.org for info

Personal Classified Ads

FOR SALE:

WE WILL GLADLY PUT IN ANY PERSONAL CLASSIFIED ADS FOR CURRENT MEMBERS AT NO COST. JUST CALL BILLY TAYLOR AT (PHONE NUMBER) OR E:MAIL TO habu03@earthlink.net OR PASS THE WRITTEN INFORMATION OVER AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING OR EVENT.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF THIS IS FOR YOUR BUSINESS, WE CHARGE \$30 FOR ONE YEAR (AND THAT INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP IN GRMC) FOR A BUSINESS CARD SIZE ADVERTISEMENT.

ASK **RICK CONQUEST (770-459-2304) ABOUT CLUB SHIRTS – THEY ARE TERRIFIC AND LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO WEAR ANYWHERE – DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOURS!**

T-SHIRTS:	\$10.00
SWEATSHIRTS:	\$15.00
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS:	\$20:00

(To join, please detach and return)

Georgia Regional Mustang Club

Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Address: _____ MCA #: _____
 City, State ZIP _____
 Telephone: (home, work, and/or cell): () _____ Email: _____
 Birthday: _____ Spouse Birthday: _____

Would you have any objection to your name and phone number be provided to other members? Yes/No (circle)

Tell us about your Mustang(s) ! Year: _____
 Model: _____
 Body Style: _____
 Color: _____
 Engine _____

Daily driver _____ Show car _____ Weekend driver _____ Other (race car, etc.) _____
 Restored _____ Unrestored _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

Please mail this application to:
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 P.O. Box 1803
 Kennesaw, GA 30156

Annual dues are \$15, \$30 w/ business card ad
 (please send checks only)

Note: It is not a requirement but GRMC encourages you to become a member of the Mustang Club of America. You can obtain MCA information at www.mustang.org.

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