



## August 2008 Newsletter

### Next Club Meeting

August 15th, 6PM Dinner & 7PM meeting

At El Corral Restaurant! 4907 Southgate Drive!

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### Meeting Agenda

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Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

### Upcoming Events

2008 International Rally  
in Saskatoon

Blondy's on Thursday  
nights (5:30 – 7:00)

International committees

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### Once Again – We're Doing El Corral!

For the July meeting, we decided to try the El Corral restaurant to see if the meeting area might be a bit roomier than Pizza Hut. All in all, everyone was pretty happy with the change. The banquet room we used was definitely more spacious, the food was good, and it even seemed a lot quieter there. Because of that, we decided to give it one more trial run for this month's meeting. Then we'll take a vote to see if we'd prefer to make a permanent switch and continue to have our regular meetings there.

### This 'n That from the July Meeting

**Burn the Point:** Scott Cranston reported that he had attended a meeting of the "Burn the Point" committee and found that everyone seemed to be interested (very interested!) in working with us to combine forces on some of the events taking place over Labor Day, 2009. For future discussions with the committee, Scott hoped to get an estimate as to how many people might participate in the Burn the Point activities, which activities they may participate in, etc. After some discussion, we decided it would be best to wait until after this year's International to make the estimates, so that's probably an issue we'll be discussing again in September.

**SCCA Stuff:** Scott also told everyone about an SCCA-sponsored autocross that would be held at SkyView on Sunday, July 27th. (Sounded like fun! Hope some of you folks were able to go.) He also mentioned that the Porsche Club is once again sponsoring a DRIVE school in Lewistown, September 13th-14th, and invited anyone interested to attend. If you'd like to get some more information on this very cool event, just hit the local SCCA website at [www.yellowstonescca.com](http://www.yellowstonescca.com) and check it out.

**High-Steaks Pig Races:** Sandy decided it was about time someone tried to organize some sort of fun summer club activity, so she suggested an afternoon cruise to the Bridger Garage for dinner, with a followup drive to catch the Pig Races in Bearcreek, afterwards. After some discussion, August 2nd was selected as the go-date, with the cruise to start from Laurel Ford at 4PM that afternoon. (Update: The cruise was a real blast! There were seven cars and about fourteen people who went along, cruising from Laurel to Bridger in an uninterrupted procession. The weather was fine, the food was great, and the pig races were something to see! Everyone's conclusion? We should do stuff like this more often!)

**International Stuff:** Scott Hecker gave us a brief report on the progress of the 2009 International Committee. He mentioned that he was looking forward to representing the club in Saskatoon, and that the Billings Chamber of Commerce would be helping to sponsor his attendance there. (The Chamber is also working on a convention book that he'll be able to take along.) Since this is the first time he's attended an International

Rally, he'll be able to get a firsthand idea of how everything works. Then, when he gets back, he can draw upon his experiences there to help with our planning for next year's event.

**The Cobra!** Scott Cranston was nice enough to respond to our invitation to bring the 427 Cobra he recently built for Jay Harris to the July meeting. As luck would have it, of course, the weather didn't cooperate. (And you don't drive a show car in the rain, right?) Even so, Scott told everyone that he'd moved the car to his garage, and anyone interested in checking it out could just show up over at his place after the meeting. Nice! So after the meeting (and a quick detour to Dairy Queen), some of us stopped at Scott's place for the "grand tour." The car itself is based on a Factory Five 427 Cobra kit. As Scott showed us, however, just because it's a "kit" doesn't mean it's simple to put one of these things together. The body is fiberglass, but the internal structures underneath are built from aluminum panels that must be carefully rivited together. (Scott lost count after about 3,000 of the little suckers.) The interesting features on this thing just go on forever. The motor is an all-aluminum Roush 427 Ford small-block that's beautiful and nasty and loud! The car sits on four authentic pin-drive Halibrand-type wheels, with real knock-offs! The tranny is a Tremec Viper 6-speed (with two overdrives, for crying out loud), which took some "extra" design work to install. Even the rear end is something special; it's a Ford Racing unit with independent suspension. All in all, with the beautiful coat of Ford Merlot Red and the silver racing stripes, this car is definitely something to see - and the workmanship is amazing. Too bad more people couldn't have seen this fantastic car. With luck, maybe we can talk Scott into trying this again sometime. In the meantime, thanks for the show, Scott! Great job!

### **Things to Remember!**

**The New YVMSIF Club Website!** I know, I know... This isn't exactly a "thing to remember," but I couldn't fit it any place else! Believe it or not, the club website is starting to take shape. Later in the week, if you'd like to get a preview, try hitting [www.kipmail.com/yvm](http://www.kipmail.com/yvm). You can see how things are progressing and even suggest some changes. If you come up with any comments or ideas, just give Jerry a call at 652-2477.

**Saskatoon!** Good grief! The 2008 International Mustang Rally is only a few weeks away! It'll take place August 29th through September 1st. Hope you can get "up there" to catch it. It's gonna be great!

**Blondy's Cruise Nights:** Thursday nights are cruise nights at Blondy's (on South 27th Street). This is a great opportunity for us to have some fun and get to know some of the other car crazy people around the area. The time to be there is between 5:30PM and 7:00PM.

**YVMSIF Club Shirts:** If you missed out on the original order of the royal blue YVMSIF Club polo shirts, OR if you'd like to get your hands on a few more, give Sandy a call. She's in the process of getting another shirt order together and plans to submit it in early September. Don't miss out on this go-around!

### **Let's Welcome Some New Members!**

Looks like we've gotten quite a few new members recently! With the 2009 International coming up next year, that's good news. The more the merrier, right? So, in no particular order, here they are: Ron Reece and Jody Bohlin (Hardin), Mark and Cathleen Messerschmitt (Park City), Travis and Kari Kale (Billings), Jerry and Lani Tillinger (Billings), Willie and Tina Tipton (Billings), David and Tanya Phelps (Billings), Jerry and Jackie Schlenz (Billings), Frank Carley (Billings), and Keith and Cindy Kober (Billings). Welcome aboard, folks! Glad to have you with us!

### **"The Word" from The Prez**

Happy August, Mustang lovers! Our summer is going by much too fast! Some of the club members went on a road trip last Saturday evening. We went to Bridger and had a great dinner at the Garage. After dinner, we went to Bearcreek to see the pig races. Although no one won any big money, we all had an enjoyable time. Let's try and do one more road trip before the snow flies. Bring your suggestions to the next meeting. We have just three weeks until the International in Saskatoon, and next year at this time it will be our Club in the spotlight. We have a lot to do, so if anyone wants to work on the International, feel free to let one of the officers know. See you at the meeting on August 15th!



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