



July 2008 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting

July 18th, 6PM Dinner & 7PM meeting

At El Corral Restaurant! 4907 Southgate Drive!

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Meeting Agenda

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business

Upcoming Events

- All-Original Car Show
- Blondy's on Thursday nights (5:30 - 7:00)
- International committees

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Don't Forget! We're Trying Out a New Meeting Place This Month!

That's right! If you show up at Pizza Hut next Friday night, you're going to be pretty embarrassed, not to mention - lonesome. Our July 18th meeting will **NOT** be at Pizza Hut, but will be held instead at El Corral, a very nice Mexican food restaurant located at 4907 Southgate Drive. They have a large menu selection, and they also have a good-sized back room that we can use for our meeting. After years of pizza and pasta, it'll be nice to try something different for a change, huh? (And, hey! You don't suppose they have... Margaritas?) As usual, it'll be dinner at 6:00 and the meeting at 7:00. We might even buzz over to the Dairy Queen afterwards for some conversation and dessert!

Results from the June Car Show

Turns out we had a car show recently. Even gave out some trophies, as I understand. And in case you forgot who the winning participants were, here they are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>First Place:</u>	<u>Second Place:</u>
'64 1/2 - '66 Mustangs	Dr. Rod Michael	Rod Johnson
'67 - '68 Mustangs	Dave Carpenter	Keith Kober
'69 - '70 Mustangs	Ron Kesler	Terry Struck
'71 - '73 Mustangs	Nate Murphy	-----
'79 - '93 Mustangs	Bruce Monson	Randall Richert
'94 - '98 Mustangs	Tom Secor	Ryan Miller
'99 - '04 Mustangs	Monte Steffan	-----
'05 - '08 Mustangs	Scott Cranston	Sandy Mueller
All-Year Cobra Mustangs	Mark Francis	Jerry Mueller
'39 & Older Ford/Mercury	Ed Ingwaldson	Robert Milne
'40 - '59 Ford/Mercury	Vivian Schlaeppi	Vern Woodard
'60 & Newer Ford/Mercury	Jack Rice	Mike Hirning
Pick-up Trucks	Rollie Topp	Jeff Richardson
Special Interest	Sara Firebaugh	-----
Shelby Mustangs	Jerry Schlenz	Kevin Rookhuizen
Non-Factory Special Mustangs	Jerry Tillinger	Scott Hecker
Modified Mustangs	Dusty Helgeson	Mike Deavila
People's Choice	Vern Johnson (1930 Ford Coupe)	

All in all, it was a great car show! We had 65 entries, the weather was absolutely perfect, and we had LOTS of spectators. Things couldn't have been better.

While we're at it, we'd like to give a special "Thank you!" to Laurel Ford and Ace Hardware for the use of their lots, to the Laurel Jaycees for providing us with all that

great food, and to the VFW club for providing us with all the little flags that were displayed on each vehicle. (Saturday was also Flag Day, as it turned out.) Additional thanks go out to all the club members who helped with setup work, registration, parking cars, manning the sales booth, etc. (And thanks to Ryan for taking over the microphone and handling all the announcements.) All of this made for a smooth operation! With all the help we received from the membership, we should be able to undertake ten times the number of entries - and still be able to enjoy the International show next year. Thanks to all those who participated!

By the way, we still have plenty of t-shirts available for anyone who would like to buy them for \$10 each, as a souvenir of the show. One final note: there will NOT be a car show next June. During the last meeting, the club voted to cancel next year's show, so we'll be better able to prepare for the International in September.

More 2009 Developments

Scott Hecker will be going to Saskatoon in August to represent the Billings Chamber of Commerce and our Club. Nicely enough, the Chamber will be helping with Scott's trip expenses! Scott says he plans to take lots of pictures and notes, establish some contacts and even make a presentation or two. He'll also be taking along some of the colored brochures that the Chamber is developing, with help from the Club. And it sounds like these brochures are going to be pretty amazing. Using Saskatoon's very impressive brochure as an example, Sandy and Jerry Mueller went through it, marked it up, and came up with a working copy for the Billings version. (Great job, Sandy and Jerry!) To go along with that, Scott furnished the Chamber with a CD of high-res pictures from the last car show, along with owners' names, etc., so they could be added to the brochure. (If you'd like to submit a picture of your car for possible use in the brochure, just contact Scott at 652-9479.) Of course, the brochure will also include the excellent 2009 logo and registration form that Ryan developed. (Great job, Ryan!) All in all, it sounds like these babies will be something to see. The Chamber will also furnish us the first 30 copies of the brochure for free (a \$900 value)! Once again - very nice!

Things to Remember!

All-Original Car Show: Remember Al Jenkins speaking to us at one of our meetings to promote the Billings All-Original Car Show? Well, it's almost here! **But you need to register by July 15th**, because the show will be held on Saturday, the 26th, at North Park! The show is for cars 1975 and older that are 90% original. To get your entry form, call Sandy ASAP at 245-3259.

Blondy's Cruise Nights: Thursday nights are cruise nights at Blondy's (on South 27th Street). As Sandy mentioned in a recent email, this is a great opportunity for us to have some fun - and get to know some of the Burn the Point people, who like to show up on Thursday nights, too. The time to be there is between 5:30PM and 7:00PM.

The 2008 (!) International! Despite our ongoing concerns and planning related to the 2009 International, we don't want to forget about the **2008 International in Saskatoon!** So if you can get yourself "up there" to catch it, please do so! There are some great folks up there in Saskatoon, and they deserve your support!

"The Word" from The Prez

July, mid-summer, hot fast cars and gas at \$4.00 a gallon. These prices make for a small problem when you have 2, 3, and 4 vehicles, with V-8's in all of them. All we can do is pick one and drive it. But enough of the doom and gloom, and on to the fun stuff. The car show at Laurel Ford was a big success, with a great turn out of cars and spectators. A big "Thank you!" to Laurel Ford and Ace Hardware for the hospitality and the use of their lots. Also, thank you to all the Club members that helped with the show. Everyone's efforts helped make it a great event. Congratulations to all the winners; we had several first place winners in the club. Let's have a good summer, think about some road trips - and don't forget the International in Saskatoon on Labor Day weekend. For those of us not attending, there is Burn the Point and the car show that same weekend right here in Billings. See you at the meeting on July 18th!



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