



November 2008 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting

November 21st, 6PM Dinner & 7PM meeting
El Corral Restaurant, 4907 Southgate Drive

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Meeting Agenda

Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business

Upcoming Events

International committees
Club Elections at the
December meeting
Winter! Yuck!

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The Big Chill Approaches

As we all know, there's nothing that car buffs love more than the approach of winter! (Almost as much as they love the approach of a patrol car in the rearview mirror...) There's just nothing better than the heart-warming prospect of snow drifts, slick roads, sub-zero weather, arctic-driven winds, icy windshields, and snow-covered cars. You just can't beat it! But unfortunately, all of that just doesn't work well for things like street cruising. Around the Billings area, we should probably be thankful that we haven't gotten whacked REAL badly, yet. But the early September snow was a nasty wakeup call, and with record cold temps and snowfall going on all over the place, the predictions don't look too great. Of course, another side effect of winter is - there's just not much car club stuff going on! And that means there's not much to REPORT, either. So we might decide to take a tip from some of the other car clubs in this part of the country and go to a BI-MONTHLY newsletter over the winter months. We'll discuss the idea at the November meeting and let you know the answer next month.

The Christmas-in-January Party:

Last month, the club discussed possible locations for the January "Christmas" party and decided to go with Gusicks Restaurant (located at 760 S. 20th Street West, just off King Avenue in Billings). Judy Healey talked with the Gusicks people and made reservations for us on January 17th, 2009 at 5:00 PM. According to the people she talked with, the plan is to seat us off to one side of the back room, so we would be somewhat away from the rest of the crowd. They said they could also possibly provide an extra table for us, where we could pile up a bunch of gifts if we decided to do a "White Elephant" gift exchange again. One thing, however: some of our menu options will depend on how many people will attend the party, so PLEASE think about whether you can attend the party on January 17th - and PLEASE attend the November meeting, so we can get a good idea of how many people will be there!

If we have twenty-four people or less, we can order right off the menu. On the other hand, if we have twenty-five people or MORE, we'll need to choose three items from the attached menu, and make our selections from just those items. But regardless of the number of people at the party, the tab will have to be on ONE ticket. They don't do separate checks for large groups like this, so Randall and his calculator will definitely need to attend! Also, if you choose to have a few drinks, it would probably be best to just pay for them as you go. (Makes it easier to keep track of things.)

If we need to pick three items, seems like the first choice would certainly HAVE to be a nice steak (like a Top Sirloin, Rib Steak or a New York). After that, maybe we could go with Shrimp or Halibut, and then something else. For discussion at the meeting, please check out the included list of dinner selections. See which ones get your vote!

This 'n That from the October Meeting

Club Shirts: The polo shirts had to be back-ordered, but should be ready by the next meeting.

Club window stickers: Tom couldn't attend the meeting, but sent one of his window stickers along so the members could take a look at it. It was decided that it would definitely be nice to have some of these to pass out to members of the club. Bruce is going to check further and see if we still have some of them in stock. If so, he'll bring them along to the November meeting.

Christmas Party: The club decided to choose Gusicks Restaurant for the party in January, (which sounds familiar, for some reason). We'll be ironing out the final details at the November meeting.

Elections: Monte Steffan volunteered to be the club President. We're looking for other members to fill the VP and Secretary slots, along with two board positions. Elections will be held in December and the new officers will start serving in January.

International Stuff: Scott asked the International committees to report their progress. Ryan was first, and reported on the Promotions Committee. He told us that the logo for the t-shirts has been chosen, and we're currently looking for companies that can give us some bids. Dave suggested a company that he works with, and a bid sheet will be sent to them as well as to Creative Monograms, a company we've frequently used in the past. Ryan is still working on the poster design. Ryan also reported on the levels of sponsorship that have been set up for the show. The amounts range from \$250 to \$5000. Dave suggested that a thank-you plaque be given to the major sponsors, which sounded like a very good idea!

Sandy reported on the progress of the Venue Committee. She told us that the Zoo has been chosen for the location of the Saturday night picnic, and that Fuddruckers has been selected to cater it. Areas that still needed to be addressed included obtaining centerpieces for the banquet, arranging table and chair rentals for the picnic, and securing an insurance policy for the event.

Jerry Mueller reported on the Car Show Committee. He told us that he and Ron have been meeting regularly to discuss the classes for the show, and have also been planning out the parking arrangement at the Holiday Inn.

All in all, progress in all the committees has been very commendable. And, in addition to everything else, Scott reported that we have over 100 cars registered at this time. Not bad!

More International Stuff

In providing the latest update on the 2009 activities, Scott says: "Our sub-committees are all busy working on their proposed expenses so that we can finalize our budget. Our Promotions Committee is busy knocking on doors of local businesses for door prize and goodie bag items as well monetary donations, and we'll be giving a presentation at our next club meeting, asking for more members to help us do that, too. We have almost finalized the t-shirt design and are sending it out for bids, so the committee can award it to the winning bidder. To summarize: we're hitting it hard! There's a lot of stuff going on!"

"The Word" from The Prez

Hello, fellow Mustang and Ford nuts! It is Turkey time and also election time for our club. Please think about whom you would like to nominate for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also two openings on the Board that need to be filled. As the old saying goes, come prepared to nominate yourself! We are working very hard on the International and we are proud of all that's been accomplished. As you know, we have the time and the place, we just need the people to come on Labor Day weekend, 2009. Let's remember all we have to be thankful for. I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



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