



## October 2008 Newsletter

### Next Club Meeting

October 17th, 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  
November meeting  
One more cruise?

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### The Grizzly Bar Cruise

As you may remember, we scheduled another Saturday cruise last month. The date was set for September 20th, the day after the September meeting. As planned, the group met at Laurel Ford and then ventured out from there. As Sandy reported: "What a beautiful day for a cruise! We met at Laurel Ford at 11:30. Friday night at the meeting, we welcomed a newcomer - Donna Fanyak from Laurel. When we met at Laurel Ford on Saturday, she had already found another potential new member that she introduced to us. (He was unable to go on the cruise because he thought the Griz game was more important!) Anyway, there were six cars that stayed together throughout the trip. As we all paraded through Absarokee, a teenage girl and her friends said, 'Look! They're all Mustangs!' The fall colors were beautiful and the road was great. Those attending were: Bruce and Jackie Monson, Randall Richert, Donna Fanyak, Sandy and Monty Steffans, Mike Dailey, and Jerry and Sandy Mueller. We had a wonderful lunch, then all departed for separate places."

With the weather continually on the cool (especially lately), we probably won't have many more opportunities to try this again. Maybe one more Saturday in October if it decides to "nice up" again? That'd be great! We'll see!

### This 'n That from the September Meeting

**The Saskatoon Report:** As advertised, Scott and Ryan gave us quite a report on the Saskatoon Meet. They started off by showing everyone the video that the Chamber of Commerce produced for us that was shown at the International in Saskatoon. Everyone was quite impressed, and decided they'd done a fantastic job! After the video, Scott dug into the stash of digital pictures that he'd taken, and took us on a slideshow tour of the International. What a beautiful bunch of Mustangs, and what an impressive show, indeed. Ryan told us about all the different things he and Scott had done while they were at the International, and it sounds like they met a lot of great people and did a fine job of representing us. Not to mention - the fact that they came back with eighty-eight cars already registered for the 2009 is just amazing!

**The 2009 Committees:** Well, it goes without saying that the 2009 Committees have been pretty busy - and have accomplished a lot already. To better inform the members about what's going on with the planning, Sandy handed out a sheet outlining the job descriptions of the various committees working on the International, so club members could get an idea of the areas where they might want to help.

This is a great opportunity for all the club members to pitch in and participate! We've set up four large committees (along with various sub-committees) to do the prep-work for the 2009 International. This is stacking up to be a HUGE show, and we really need

your help and support! The committees are: the Promotion and Sponsorship Committee, the Financial Committee, the Venue (Social Activities) Committee, and the actual Car Show Committee. We'll be sending all the members a list of each committee's area of responsibility, so everyone can look it over and hopefully find some areas of interest. Of course, the initial work on the 2009 has been under way for quite some time, but we do need and would certainly appreciate your help! As time goes on, Sandy will also be sending out meeting notices for each committee, so anyone interested can make plans to attend.

**A Little P.R. Work:** With the 2009 coming up, there's no question that bringing in some new members would certainly be helpful. With that in mind, we discussed various ways of doing a little "advertising" here and there to help attract attention to the club. Sandy passed out a bunch of packets containing club applications, letters about the club, and club information cards that could be slipped under people's windshield wipers.

Jody Bohlin brought in a mock-up of a personal "business card" that club members could have made up, featuring a picture of their own car and information about the club. (Accent Printing was a possible source she mentioned for doing the print work.) As an alternative to a car picture, Scott also suggested using the International logo on the club card, instead. Either way, it sounds like a great way to advertise the club! As for the business card pictures, Jody said she'd even be willing to meet members at their own selected locations to photograph their cars for them.

Someone also brought up the idea of making some special club window stickers. (In prior years, people used to get them when they joined the club.) Tom said he still had one, and would bring it to the next meeting so we can decide if we want to have some made up again. They'd be another good way of advertising. We'll be discussing all these ideas again at the next meeting and making some decisions, so make sure to be there!

**Club Shirts:** Sandy took down the last of the orders for the Club's polo shirts, and prepared to send in the order on the following Monday. With luck, they'll be ready for pickup by the October meeting.

**The Christmas Party:** The early decision-making process is moving right along for the club's Christmas party. After some discussion, we decided to go for January 20th - because Santa isn't quite as busy then. Jody volunteered to research some local restaurants and come back with prices and availability at the next meeting.

**New Members:** That's right! Some more new members who joined us at the last meeting were: Mike Dailey, Derek Dicks, Donna Fanyak and Dave Phelps. Welcome aboard, folks!

### **Reservation Problems for the 2009**

As we've mentioned on our website, people who tried last month to make early hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings experienced a number of problems, due to the fact that Holiday Inn's Holidex reservation system was not geared to accept reservations that far in advance. Good news! All the problems have been fixed! As of October 1, 2008, Holiday Inn has advised us that people can now even access the Holiday Inn reservation web site directly. (And we've added a special link to our website to take them right there!) Our group rates are now locked into the system and are valid through September 8, 2009.

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

Hello fellow Mustang and Ford folks! As we wind down this year, it's time to start thinking about the election of new officers for our Club. Nominations will be made at the November meeting and the voting will be at the December meeting. Please give it some thought who you'd like to see as officers of our club. I won't be running for President again; it's been a good ride but it's time for someone new to take over. I'll be busy working as co-chairman for the International and supporting our club. A fresh horse, so to speak, with new ideas may be the change this club needs. On a lighter note, things are going well with the planning of the International. We have almost a hundred cars registered and money collected. We're off to a great start. Let's keep it going!



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