



September 2008 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting

September 19th, 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

Columbus - Absarokee

cruise on the 20th

Blondy's on Thursday

nights (5:30 - 7:00)

International committees

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El Corral Gets the Nod

At the August meeting, the club made the final decision to move our monthly meeting place to the El Corral restaurant on Southgate Drive. Tom will send a "thank you" letter to the Pizza Hut manager, and explain to him that we've just outgrown his site, but certainly do appreciate all they've done for us over the years. (Doesn't mean we won't stop by once in a while for a Meat Lovers' Pizza, though, right?)

The New Club Website is "Out There"

That's right. Believe it or not, you can punch www.yellowstonevalleymustangs.com into your web browser and actually bring up the club website now! So if you get a chance, check it out and see what you think. If you have been out there recently, you may have noticed that the "Photo" page, featuring the members' rides, has been "under construction" for some time, and has been a little slow to take shape. That may have had something to do with a certain "burn-out" factor that a certain someone has been experiencing lately. Fortunately, things are finally picking up a bit. So far, however, most of the photos posted have come from the 2006 calendar shoot. If you're a fairly new member, that means your car is probably not in the group. If so, and if you've got a digital picture (.jpg or .bmp) of your car that you'd like to see on the website, just email it to Jerry at jjaustin200@yahoo.com. He'll make sure your car gets "out there," too. (While you're at it, be sure to include the owner information for the caption, like "Bill and Irene's '68 Mustang," for example.)

News from Saskatoon

As you know, Scott and Ryan recently teamed up to make the trip to Saskatoon and check out the 2008 Mustang International. From all indications, they had a fantastic time and accomplished a lot while they were there. (And since we never got any requests from the Saskatoon Police Department related to posting bail or anything, I guess we can assume that everything went pretty well!)

Recently, Scott sent us a quick pre-meeting email report: "Ryan and I survived the trip to Saskatoon for the 29th International Mustang Meet. We worked the entire weekend with the Saskatoon club and compiled a lot of useful data for our club's own 2009 Meet next Labor Day. After the banquet presentation, we pre-registered 88 cars and came back with around \$6,800.00! Everyone there was excited to come to Billings after a successful Meet in Saskatoon. Please join us at the next club meeting for a detailed overview with pictures and videos."

Pictures and videos? Wow! Who needs a Friday night movie? Hit the September meeting and check this out instead!

Burn the Point

At the last meeting, Monty reminded everyone about the upcoming Burn the Point activities, and encouraged everyone to participate, if possible. He mentioned that the costs were \$10 for the parade and \$15 for the car show - and it was a good idea to show up early if you wanted to get in line for the parade. As always, the parade was definitely something to see. If you attended, you would have noticed a good number of classic Fords, a couple of Cobras, a Ford GT, and even some club members cruising along in their Mustangs! The car show on Saturday was quite the deal, too, and Sandy mentioned that she, Nate, Monty, Jerry T. and Ron even spent a little time handing out membership applications to various interested parties. Nice!

On a related note from the last meeting, it was decided that Scott and Ryan would bring up the subject of Burn the Point in Saskatoon, suggesting that it could possibly be an Event Option for the 2009. It was also their plan to poll the other clubs on the issue to get their opinions, as well. They'll be discussing the results of all that at the September meeting. If things look good, we'll then be able to discuss it further with the Burn the Point committee.

Another Cruise on the Horizon

At the last meeting, the people who participated in the Bridger-Bearcreek-Pig-Race cruise commented on how much fun they had, and what a great cruise it turned out to be. Naturally, the discussion then gradually turned toward planning another outing. (Not a bad idea, since we don't have many nice-weather months left at this point.) Monty brought up the idea of cruising over to Columbus and then on to Absarokee for lunch or dinner at the Grizzly Bar. Possible dates of the 20th and the 27th were thrown around during the meeting. Since then, Sandy has been hard at work firming things up and getting the cruise scheduled. Right now, the target date is set for Saturday, September 20th (the day after the September meeting), and the plan is to meet at Laurel Ford at 12:00 noon - and then head down the road toward Columbus and Absarokee in a single, organized caravan. The initial idea was to meet in Laurel at 4:00 pm, but with dusk getting here a bit sooner these days, everyone decided it would be better to leave earlier. (That might help with certain potential problems, like "deer in the headlights" syndrome, for example.) All in all, looks like it's stacking up to be another good time! So make sure you check with Sandy - or get yourself to the next meeting to pick up the final details! (And like Sandy says: "Better eat a late breakfast so you won't be hungry at noon!")

Things to Think About

The Christmas Party: Already? Believe it or not, during the last meeting, a discussion popped up related to this year's Christmas party! The plan is to get some ideas early on as to when and where we could hold our annual get-together. (Reserving banquet rooms for Christmas parties gets a little dicy if you wait too long.) For one possibility, Jody mentioned the Golden Phoenix. It has a banquet room large enough to accommodate our club, so that was one idea. It was decided, though, that we all should bring our own ideas for the party location to the next meeting. So be thinking about that, and get your favorite joint on the ballot. (Also think about whether you'd prefer to have the party in January rather than December. That might not be a bad idea, seeing as how December tends to get a little "busy.")

Absolutely Final Last Chance Order for Club Shirts: Once again - the September meeting is it! 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, make sure you give Sandy a call, or put in your order at the September meeting. Sandy wants to have the order finalized by the end of the meeting on the 19th, so don't miss out!

"The Word" from The Prez

As you all know, our club is going to step up and host the 30th International Mustang Rally. We have less than a year to make this a very special event and one we can all be proud to say we had a part in. Scott and Ryan did us proud in Saskatoon and came back with a bunch of cars registered. The boys learned a lot and we will use all their knowledge to help make our show the best ever. The committees are working hard and need everyone's help to pull this off. I'll see you all at the El Corral on September 19th for our monthly meeting!



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