

April 2009 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting

April 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

May Show 'n Shine

(Date TBD)

June Show 'n Shine

(Second Saturday)

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Please Sign Up!

Registrations for the 2009 International continue to roll in every day, especially from those fired-up folks in Canada. But the U.S. registrations have been pretty doggone slo-o-ow. So if you're planning on having your car in the International, **now** would be a good time to sign up! You'll be able to get your spot locked in, and you'll help the International Committee with their planning as they work to get things set up. (**Also**, if you'd like to see a picture of your car out on the club website, please send a picture to Jerry at jjustin200@yahoo.com - or bring a CD or diskette to the meeting.)

"This and That"

Club Vehicle Stickers: Monte decided to have some Yellowstone Valley Mustang Club window stickers made up, so members could display them on their vehicles. They were a big hit, and those people who were present for the March meeting made sure to grab a good bunch of them. We'll still have some at the next meeting - don't miss out!

Club Business Cards: The business cards we handed out at the February meeting were also a hit. They're bright, colorful, very impressive, and are great for handing out to prospective new club members! (Sandy calls that "stalking with class!") Because they were so well received, we decided to print up about 500 more - and the next batch will be available at the April meeting. That's something else you shouldn't miss!

The Board Member "Problem": Recently, after we elected Jerry Tillinger to the Board of Directors, we realized that our list of directors was still short by one member. Since then, a little research has shown that Ron Kesler should still be an active director, and will remain on the board until January 2010. We were sorry to see you go, Ron, but, hey... welcome back!

Club Picnic: We now have a locked-in date for the July Club Picnic! It will be held at the Steffan's residence (1045 Nutter in the Heights) on Saturday, July 18th, at 2:00 PM. There'll be burgers and braut's on the barbecue, lemonade and ice tea, and the swimming pool and hot tub will be open for business! Feel free to bring your own "special" refreshments, if you'd like.

Winter International Meeting: Monte and Ryan drove up to Great Falls last month to represent the club at this year's Winter International Meeting. As you'd expect, they met a lot of great people up there, and found there were a lot of folks ready and willing to pitch in and help us out with the 2009. Ryan presented his report to the International Committee and did a great job for us. Of course, while there, Ryan and Monte took part in all the great socializing that's always a standard part of any International get-together. As the saying goes, "a good time was had by all!"

Nifty Airbrushing: Jerry Schlenz showed us a cool new feature he recently added to his slick little GT500. A fellow named Bob Koschel with "Toxic Design" airbrushed a huge cobra onto his hood liner. It's a great addition to an already beautiful car. If you get a chance, stop by Toxic Design and check out the stuff that Bob can do.

2009 International Committee Reports: Scott gave a review of the budget that had been set by our committees. Each committee gave a prediction of what they would need for each area of the event. The final budget came in at close to \$60,000. (Yikes!) Even though this seems like a very large amount, Scott says that all their careful planning has given us a realistic predication of what we'll need to spend and what's needed from our sponsors. The club has chosen to go with Hagerty Insurance - and the coverage will be for the entire year rather than the event only! As a sponsor, they'd like to be able to advertise on our website, so we'll need to get them out there, as soon as we can. Other news: Dave Phelps has set up some advertising for the show in Mustang Monthly - and he's also agreed to emcee the banquet for us. We'll also be running a series of radio ads the week before and the week of the show. Aside from that, we're still looking for more sponsors and vendors for the show.

The Lucky Winners!

Out on our website, we mentioned that anyone who registered for the 2009 International before March 1, 2009, would be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing, with a chance to win a free room at the Holiday Inn for the whole weekend of the International! Well, the drawing was held recently, and the winners turned out to be Lyle and Sue Manly from Mead, Washington! They're with the Inland Empire Mustang Club. Congratulations, folks!

Spring Thoughts

With spring just around the corner, a lot of us are ready to wake up our 'Stangs from their long winter's nap and start getting some things done to them, as we dreamed of doing over the winter months. One such person is Jerry (Tilly) Tillinger, who, in case you don't remember, has a black 2008 supercharged Roush Mustang. As if he didn't have enough horsepower already (at 435), Tilly plans to increase it to around 500, although he insists the upcoming modifications are more for the nostalgic sound, rather than the horsepower increase. All this was still a dream until Monte (the Prez) took Tilly down to Shafer's Auto, which specializes in Fords (and especially Mustangs). After talking with Eli Shafer, Tilly was convinced he wanted to go ahead with his winter's dream. Eli and his dad, Ole, are very knowledgeable, especially when it comes to Fords and Mustangs. The first item they'll install is a Ford Racing camshaft. (Two, of course, since the 4.6L 3V engine is an SOHV engine.) The second item to go on will be a set of full length Kooks Custom Headers. Both of those additions will transform Tilly's already good sounding engine into a **great** sounding Mustang that will sound and perform like a real hot rod. Not only will people see him coming - they'll **hear** him coming as well. The final item to be added is an Auto Meter three-gauge dash pod, mounted in the center of the dashboard. These gauges will display information presently only available through the idiot lights. All this great stuff should be installed and ready for our first Show 'n Shine this spring. (I know **someone** who's very excited about these new additions!)

"The Word" from The Prez!

Hello, folks and pony lovers! Guess it's that time of the month again to get my "Prez Sez" column in to Jerry, so here it is. Ryan and I just got back from the International Meeting held in Great Falls, and it was really great to meet the representatives from all of the other clubs. In all, twelve clubs were represented, and the meeting was very informative for me. The 2010 International will be held in Red Deer, Alberta, and should be a great getaway. Ryan gave his report to the International Committee and did a very fine job. There were a lot of folks that were ready to volunteer to help us out at the Billings 30th International. We got out of Great Falls ahead of the storm, and got back to Billings in time to watch some basketball! The International Committee people do some great socializing, of which myself and Ryan had to take in. **** Gee, our meeting in March was really well attended, and I hope we can continue getting the crowds there. Remember to get your reservations in for the International as soon as you can. I hope our local club can get as many cars registered as our out-of-towners have. We had some guests at the March meeting, Gary and Dorothy Glasgow. Turns out that Gary was once the president of the Yellowstone Valley Mustang Club! Welcome back, guys! Hey, here's a great website to visit if anyone would like to dress up their trunks: granddesignmat.com. They make some great trunk coverings for the inside of the trunk lid and the floor mat area. Mine are on order now and should be installed by our April meeting. Oh, by the way, Jerry (Tilly) Tillinger has a great article [above] in the newsletter! If anyone else has something to say, please let Jerry Healey, Sandy or myself know, and we'll see that you get published. Well, that's all for now! See you soon, happy cruising and drive safe!

(Monte Steffan)

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