

August 2009 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting

August 21st, 6PM Dinner & 7PM meeting
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Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

Upcoming Events

Some sort of International Mustang Meet? To be held Sept. 4th - 7th?

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Into the Home Stretch...

In case you haven't noticed, we only have two weeks from the date of our next meeting to finish the final preparation work for the 2009 International. As you might expect, lots of stuff has been happening, and there's still lots of stuff going on! Here's the rundown.

TV Night at the Next Meeting! Monte, Scott, and Jerry Tillinger recently met with the people at KULR 8 TV, and it turns out they were very interested in helping us out. As a matter of fact, they've just become one of our major sponsors. They're going to give us some free commercial coverage leading up to the show - and will also be on hand to do some TV coverage during the actual event! (What a deal, huh?) What you need to know is they'll be at **El Corral at 6:00PM** on August 21st (meeting night) to take some video of our cars, so they can start putting together the commercial spots for the International. So shine up your rides, and show up on time to help us make a great commercial!

August 21st is Sign-Up Night! The big day is getting close, so if you're going to put your car in the show, we really need to have you sign up at the next meeting. (There's no need to wait, is there?) And the way the app's have been rolling in, you'd better sign up soon just to make sure you actually get a spot. So bring your checkbook and be prepared to sign up your car for the International at the next meeting.

Wow! A T-Shirt Giveaway! That's right! We'll be giving away **thirty** 2009 International Mustang Meet T-shirts to the first thirty volunteers that show up to help us out on Friday, September 4th, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. How can you pass up a deal like that? Better sign up at the meeting and show up early on September 4th!

2009 Itinerary: In case you haven't noticed, the itinerary for the International can now be accessed on the website. Check it out, and you'll find out right away that there's a ton of stuff going on over the weekend. During the last meeting, Ryan told us about the mobile dyno he's lined up, for instance. It'll be at the hotel on Friday. We'll also be having a "drag race day" at the Yellowstone Drag Strip on Saturday and an SCCA autocross event at the Rimrock Auto parking lot on Sunday.

Door prizes: We held a club scavenger hunt for door prizes on Saturday, August 8th. We started out with donuts and coffee donated by McDonald's at Veterans Park, then went our separate ways - and the rain started soon afterwards! Didn't matter. We hit a bunch of different businesses, and came away with many promises of donations for the show. But we can still use more, so if you have something you think would make a good door prize for the show participants, please bring it to the meeting!

Stuffing Goodies: As you know, whenever you put your car in a show, you receive a nice "goodie bag" of items that somebody has put together for you. In this case, we're gonna need about four hundred of those babies! But many hands can make many things

happen mucho faster, right? So at the meeting, we'll be stuffing all those goodie bags for the show, but with everyone helping, we'll be able to whip them out in no time. Be prepared!

Theme basket raffle: Sandy has invited all the clubs in the International to make "theme baskets" to be raffled off to benefit the Spina Bifida Foundation, which is funded by the Shriner's Hospital. Our basket will feature a "Made in Montana" theme, and we'd like every member to bring in an item that's "made in Montana." We need to have the contributions by the next meeting, so please bring a Made in Montana item with you, so it can be added to our theme basket for the raffle. The items need to bear the sticker that says, "Made in Montana," so you can bring anything, as long as it has a sticker. (What the heck! If it should have a sticker but doesn't, bring it in anyway. We'll find a sticker!) The Bob Smith dealership, another major sponsor for the show, is going to match the proceeds from the raffles and silent auction items and boost our donation to the S.B. Foundation. Nice!

Volunteers, Inc. Tammy Dicks is our Volunteer Coordinator, which means she'll be visiting with you at the meeting to find out which area of the show you'd be able to help with. There are lots of areas to choose from!

Scott says: I would like to convey my personal thanks to all who have contributed their time and efforts to prepare for the upcoming International show, and remind everyone that there is less than a month for us to finish preparations. At the August meeting we will be stuffing goody bags, signing up club cars and taking names for volunteers to help in the following areas: Registration, Sales, Car Parking, Security, Ballot Counting, Venue Event Ticket-Taking, Set-Up/Tear-Down for the BBQ and Banquet, Data Logging (for the Dyno, SCCA and Drag Racing Events), and Data Entry (Excel). Also, if you have been collecting door prize and goody bag items, please bring them to this month's meeting. We will also be accepting donations for door prizes, so if you have something that you think would make a good donation for a fellow Mustang enthusiast, please bring it in!

So! About two weeks to go, and our two-year commitment to this show will be a memory. We need every member of the club to show their support by (1) registering for the show, and (2) helping wherever they can to make this a memorable 30th annual event for all those attending. Let's make them all feel welcome!

Odds and Ends

Bridger Days: We had a very good showing for the Bridger Days parade and for the car show that followed. All in all, we had about sixteen cars in attendance. We managed to park pretty close to some trees, so we wound up with a great spot for sitting, sight-seeing, and all around BS-ing.

The Outlaws: Well, our supporting role in the Outlaws game got changed around a little. We wound up not doing the entrance portion, but did the halftime routine, instead. It all worked out well, though. We had about sixteen cars or so buzzing around out there on the playing field. Quite a sight! It came off quite well and hopefully gave us some good advertising for the International.

Mustang for Sale: 1964-1/2 Mustang convertible, Rangoon Red, black upholstery, black top, 289 automatic, four barrel carb. Under 20,000 miles! Show Quality! Contact Tim Diede at 656-3924.

Congrats! Special congratulations go out to Bruce and Jackie Monson, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 18th. The Monson's are our only remaining original club members from 1986! Is that loyalty or what!

"The Word" from The Prez!

Hello, folks and pony lovers! It's the middle of August and crunch time for the International is rapidly approaching. Please let our coordinators and chairmen know where you will be able to help out. There are plenty of areas where we'll need you, so please "pony up." It was quite a busy July. During the last meeting, we had so many members and guests show up that we had to find extra chairs for all to be seated. Great turnout! The picnic at our home was great fun, and the kids sure liked the pool. The turnout at Jim Bridger Days was great, with approximately sixteen or seventeen cars showing up for the parade and Show-n-Shine. The evening at Metra for the Billings Outlaws' football playoff game was also a great success with ten members and one guest taking part. Please keep up the good work, and especially the fun times. We're planning several cruises after the International, so we'll keep you updated. One last thing - members, please get signed up for the International. Being the host club, we have to make a good showing. Until next time, happy cruisin' and drive safe!

(Monte Steffan)

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