

February 2009 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting

February 20th, 6PM Dinner & 7PM meeting
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Spring! Coming soon!

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The January "Christmas" Party

Well, the January Christmas Party has come and gone. It was held at the Golden Phoenix on Saturday, January 17th, and eighteen people showed up for an evening of good food and great conversation. As it turns out, the hot items this year in the white elephant exchange were a big "EASY" button and... a chicken? As always, some of us took home some real treasures that we may want to "re-gift" at a later date!

"This and That" from Here and There

General stuff: Monte, the new president, began the January meeting by passing out nametags to everyone who came. To make it easier for everyone to get acquainted, they'll be used at all events. If you were at the meeting, you already know Monte has some great ideas for meetings and for events we can have this year. Of course, cruises are at the top of the list, so we'll need some ideas for places to go. (Food should be the main reason for the trip!) Monte would like us to be in some parades, attend several show and shines, and take part in one (or more!) family picnics sometime this summer. Also, if you know of anyone we could invite to speak at any of our meetings, please contact Monte and he'll schedule them in.

June Show & Shine: Since we're so involved with the upcoming International, we've decided to forego our annual June car show. In place of it, we're thinking about holding a fancy "show and shine" at a local car dealer's lot on the same weekend in June. We'd just advertise in the free sections of the local papers, and there'd be no charge for entries, no trophies, no t-shirts (except the leftover ones), no music and no sponsors. Just a chance to get together with those who like to attend our yearly car show. Scott and Ryan mentioned that one of the car dealers they've been talking with for a sponsorship, might enjoy hosting us for a day. More discussion on that later.

YVMC business cards: Those who attended the January "Christmas" dinner received some of our new club business cards as a bonus - but they'll also be available at every meeting. (Get there and grab some!) Along the same lines, we're still considering the idea of club window stickers again, and will research the costs of having them made.

International stuff: According to Scott Hecker: "Incoming registrations are really starting to pick up! We even have our first Super Snake signed up! We're currently receiving around five registrants per week, and have everything from old special interest vehicles to new modified Mustangs. We're also working with the Chamber so we can have a link to their website on the club's site. Sandy, Randall and I have been busy with the registrations, and Sandy has been helping folks with lodging needs and answering any questions they might have. The fear of the economy's future doesn't seem to be slowing folks down a bit. We're at 125 cars and climbing. The Budget is moving forward, and so is the sponsorship drive. A weekend event of this size takes a lot of careful planning, and the members on the committee are working hard nailing down the details so they can give us an accurate spending amount."

Ideas for Mustang Surfin'

Okay. It's still winter. So you're out surfin' around out there on the internet, and you're getting pretty bored. "Hey," you think to yourself, "I wonder if there's some kinda neat Mustang website out there with some interesting stuff going on? Yeah! That'd be cool. I wonder... Where the heck could I go to find something like that?" Gotta be something out there, right?

Well, you're in luck! Here's a hot tip for you that'll take you to a GREAT Mustang website. It's called "www.allfordmustangs.com", and man, have they got some great stuff going on! Mustang news? If there's anything new going on at FoMoCo or Shelby, it'll be there. If there are some hot new parts coming out from any well-known Ford speed part manufacturers, they'll be there. Actually, if there's anything interesting going on anywhere - and it's Mustang-related, it'll be there!

You want to browse through some pictures of old and new Mustangs? Bingo. You want to check out some cool videos of Mustangs racing around, like maybe a late-model GT500 kicking butt on a (pardon my language) Corvette Z06? No problem! You want to see some interesting pictures of nice-looking female Mustang owners posing with their cars? Sure! Got a problem with your car and you want to post a question on a Mustang forum to pick up some advice? Absolutely! Like I said, there's no end of stuff to see and do! Want some examples? Okay, here's a list of some interesting stuff I found out there just the other day:

- There's an absolutely insane video of an 80's Mustang doing such an incredible wheelstand that the car almost goes over backwards! Does the driver take it a little easier when the front end starts to come down? Oh, no... of course not. Let's just hit the gas again, right? So, once more, the front end heads for the sky, and this time when it comes down, the car's heading right for the wall. Boom! Good grief... Pretty amazing, but wouldn't you think the guy's heard of wheelie bars?
- If you want, you can check out some pictures of the two Mustangs that George Barris customized especially for Sonny and Cher, way back in the 60's. (You can draw your own opinion about how they came out. I won't bother to give you MY opinion...) At any rate, they recently brought a couple hundred grand at auction. Whatever...
- You can read about how Don "The Snake" Prudhomme and Shelby Automobiles are reuniting to produce a limited-edition 800hp drag-race version of the GT500. They're gonna produce 100 of these babies, and they'll only cost an extra \$100,000 over the standard GT500 price tag! How can you beat that? Of course, even though this GT is designed specifically for the drag strip, it'll still be street legal. (And THAT oughta be interesting...)

So what are you waiting for? It's still cold outside! Get out there, start surfin', and check this site out!

"The Word" from The Prez!

Hey, folks! By the time you read this, Sandra and I will have been to Arizona and back enjoying the wonderful sunshine. Would have been nice to have the Mustang to enjoy the convertible weather, but didn't so we had to rent a hardtop. The club had a fun late Christmas party on January 17th, and it was fairly well attended. Wish more could have been there, but a great time was had by all - great food and great fun. During the present exchange, it seems as though the highlight of all the presents was a scrawny chicken! (You had to be there!) We've already had some great ideas for spring and summertime cruises. (You'll all be filled in at a later date.) We had a short Directors' meeting right after the regular club meeting on the 16th of January, and it seems that, due to some by-law oversight, we'll have to elect another director. Please be thinking of who you'd like to fill this office. We'll talk about it during our next meeting. Also, I now have some of the YVMC business cards, and if you'd like a few, please see me at the next meeting. On behalf of Sandra and myself, I want to thank everyone that attended the Christmas party, because we got to know some of the members that we didn't know very well. I think that the new name badges also helped, as I got several comments from members that they liked the idea. See you at the next meeting, and drive safe!

(Monte Steffan)

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