

## May 2009 Newsletter

### Next Club Meeting

May 15th, 6PM Dinner & 7PM meeting  
El Corral Restaurant, 4907 Southgate Drive

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June 14th Show 'n Shine

July 11th Club Picnic

Rocky Mountain Roundup

Bridger Days (July 17th  
thru the 19th)

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### The Mischievous Montana Mud Hen

With lots of plans popping up on the horizon for doing some club cruising and showing and shining, there's always one major concern: What's the weather going to do? And though most people are aware of the Groundhog's predictions for an early spring, most people are completely unaware of the tradition of the Montana Mud Hen, and her predictions for a wet or dry spring and summer! (Evidently, there's some confusion as to the traditional home of the Mud Hen; Meeteetse Mud Hen, Missoula Mud Hen, etc., so we've decided to just go with the more generic description of "Montana" Mud Hen. That way, the various rival communities can just duke it out on their own.) At any rate, it's said that some time during the early morning hours of May 15th (more or less), the Mud Hen hops off her nest and starts strutting her stuff. If she looks down and sees her muddy footprints – it'll be a long, wet and muddy spring (and probably a wet summer to boot). Nicely enough, since May 15th actually falls right on the next meeting night for us, we should hopefully have some sort of idea what's coming up for this May and June, and can discuss it at the meeting. The information might actually help in some of our planning. (On the other hand, since the newsletter editor appears to be the main source of information related to this supposed "tradition," and since there's absolutely no trace of any information about it on the internet **at all** - we really have to wonder...)

### Lots of Stuff Coming Up!

As the weather (hopefully) starts to nice up, there will (hopefully) be more and more opportunities to do some serious cruisin' kinds of things. (Hopefully.) During the last meeting, some of those possibilities were discussed, so here are some dates you should start marking off on your calendar.

**May Show 'n Shine:** Better take note! We'll be having a Show 'n Shine at Archie Cochrane Ford on **May 16th** (1:00PM to 4:00PM) - **the day after our next meeting!** (Many thanks to Derek for getting things lined up!) Evidently, the plans also include a live broadcast from a local radio station. That should be a great promo opportunity for the 2009 International! There's one problem, however. Due to space limitations, we'll have to **limit ourselves to 25 cars!** So if you want to be included, you'd better get to the meeting and sign up. We may have to collect all the applications, and then pull twenty-five of them out of a hat!

**June Show 'n Shine:** In June, rather than scheduling our usual car show, we'll be having a Show 'n Shine at West Park Plaza on Sunday, June 14th. Monte will be contacting the people at West Park to double-check the availability and see where we might be able to park. (Hopefully, that nasty reconstruction work will be a little further along by then, and we won't get flattened by a cement truck.)

**The Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup:** This will take place in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on June 19th through June 21st. They'll have an Autocross on Friday and a Show 'n Shine car show on Saturday, with awards being presented on Sunday morning.

You'll need to get your registration in before June 1st, or before they reach their limit of 550 cars! If you'd like more information on the Roundup, you can check their website at [www.rmmr.org](http://www.rmmr.org).

**Badlands Drifters Car Show:** On June 26th and 27th, the Badlands Drifters Car Club will be hosting their annual "Cars in the Park" car show in Glendive, which starts off with a Friday night cruise through town. Call 406-365-5342 or 406-365-2753 for more information, or go out to their website at [www.badlandsdrifters.com](http://www.badlandsdrifters.com). Oughta be fun!

**Club Picnic: (July 11th!)** News alert! We now have a **new date** for the July Club Picnic! It will be held at the Steffan's residence (1045 Nutter in the Heights) on Saturday, July 11th, at 2:00 PM. (Unfortunately, the old date was in conflict with Bridger Days.) As mentioned last month, there will be burgers and braut's on the barbecue, lemonade and ice tea, and we'll even have a swimming pool, where we can do some splashing around! Please bring a side dish of some kind, and feel free to bring your own "special" refreshments, if you'd like. (And if you have some extra room in the trunk, it'd be a good idea to toss in a folding chair or two.)

**Bridger Days:** The annual Bridger Days celebration will be held July 17th through the 19th, and the Bridger Committee is very eager to have us participate. Their parade will take place on the 18th at 11:00, and afterwards, they plan to set aside an area where we can have a special YVMSIF Mustang and Special Interest Ford Show. They're either going to block off a few streets for us or set aside a nice, grassy area in the park. And on top of that, they're even planning to supply trophies for the show! Pretty nice bunch of folks, huh? Looks like we definitely need to show up in force for this one!

### **International Stuff**

**Sponsors:** During the last meeting, Derek Dicks reported that he's picked up two \$1,000 sponsorships, and Jerry Tillinger has located another one for \$250. Derek also reported that he's been visiting with the executive director of the Montana Ford Dealers Association. He'll have some more details on that at the next meeting.

**Door Prizes:** Monte said he talked with the people at the MARS detailing shop, and they've agreed to provide us with a detailing kit to be used for a door prize.

**Security:** Monte also went to the Sheriff's office to get a list of auxiliary sheriffs who could help provide parking lot security for us. (The rate is \$25 per person per hour.)

**Shopping Shuttles:** Monte reported that several women in Great Falls had asked if there would be shuttles to the mall during the International. Plans are now in the works to handle that.

**Club Jackets:** Okay... this might not quite fit into the category of International news, but Monte mentioned that some of the people at the April International Meeting in Great Falls were wearing their own special club jackets. He asked the members if we might be interested in having some designed for **our** club. Bruce Monson pointed out that a bunch of Yellowstone Valley Mustang jackets had actually been ordered up some years back - and he still had one of them! So he volunteered to bring his jacket to the May 15th meeting to let everyone check out the design. Then we'll discuss doing some new ones!

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

Hello, folks and pony lovers! Here are a few quick notes. I'm extremely happy with the turnout we've been having at the monthly meetings. Keep on coming, and hopefully you will learn something new and have a lot of fun. I went stalking Mustangs again this month, and happened to snare Wanda Martin and Willy Johnson to invite them to our meeting. Wanda drives a '99 dark green Mustang convertible. (She says this is her fourth or fifth Mustang.) Welcome to the club, new members! I'll keep on stalking. Hey, thanks go out to Chris and Mike Dailey on approaching the Bridger Committee about our club having a Mustang and Ford show at their Jim Bridger Days celebration July 18, 2009. Lets really try to get out and support this show, as they will also be providing trophies and a nice place in their park for us to display our rides. Guess what? My wife has changed the date of the picnic at our home to July 11th, so we don't have a conflict with the Jim Bridger show. Sandy and I will provide the place, burgers and brauts, along with lemonade, iced tea and water. All members are welcome to bring their favorite beverages, if they want. Bring a picnic carry-in. Sandy and I will also provide plates and utensils. If you have a lawn chair and have room in the pony, bring them. We're also planning another Show 'n Shine at West Park Plaza on June 14, 2009. I'll be talking to West Park about the availability and where we can park. Well, this is all for now. I'll be seeing you at the meeting May 15, 2009. Happy cruising and drive safely. I still think spring is coming!

(Monte Steffan)

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