

## September 2009 Newsletter

### Next Club Meeting

September 18th, 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

Rest and recuperation...

Fall cruises TBD

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### And What a Time It Was!

Well, it's a wrap. The 30th International Mustang Meet has officially passed into the record books. But, no question, it was an amazing experience! And as you already know, it came off very well, with "quite a few" classic Mustangs and Ford-powered vehicles in attendance. (Hey, we even had THREE Panteras and TWO '60's Cobra's! Wow!) Scott Hecker sums it up quite nicely:

The 30th International Mustang meet is finally over, and no one can argue that it wasn't a lot of work, but the hard work paid off, and the spectators and participants alike had nothing but praise for our club's efforts. Toward the end of the weekend, I heard the same statement several times, "this is one of the best Internationals ever!" There were a few minor hiccups, like the Elvis impersonator and sound system that failed to show a few short hours before the Awards ceremony, but we worked through them with ease and most of them went unnoticed. To say the least, the Yellowstone Valley Mustang Club made quite an impression.

Here are a few interesting facts about this weekend:

- The annual Most Accumulated Miles Per Club Award was given to the crew from Saskatoon, SK, with just over 22,000 combined miles.
- We had folks travel a combined total of over 100,000 miles to make our event, one way!
- We had over 350 cars show up for the car show, 375 if you count the cancelations, disqualifications, and those who decided not to tech their cars.
- With the help of Bob Smith Lincoln Mercury, we wrote a \$6000 check to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Spokane. That was awesome!
- We handed out over 160 trophies. Our own club members did very well, some with more than one trophy.
- We sold over 500 T-shirts in 2 days.
- The entire event was done by volunteers. Every task, every job. The only people who were paid by the club were the two night security guards.

To take on an event this size with a membership of less than fifty people is a very huge undertaking, but to make it the success that it was is nothing short of amazing. The efforts of the committee members, coordinators, club members and volunteers from other clubs need to be commended. Everyone involved did an outstanding job. Thank you all for your help!

(Scott Hecker)

### Website Updates

In case you haven't checked lately, the Events page on the website now features pictures and information from the 2009 International. So if you'd like to get the final scoop on

“who won what,” just hit the website. You can find out: who won the Poker Run, who had the highest horse-power rating on the dyno, what the lowest ET was at the drag strip for stock and modified classes, who trophied in the various car classes, and - most of all - who won Best of Show in the pedal car category! By the way, congratulations to Monte and Sandy Steffan for winning the People’s Choice Award! Good job! Way to win one for the club!

By the way, if you’ve been waiting to get a copy of the picture that was taken of your car right after you passed through tech inspection, those links are now “out there” on the website, too. All you need is your IMM30 vehicle number. Then, just locate and click your numbered link, display the picture, and download it back to your computer. Once you’ve done that, you can then port it off to your local picture processing center and print up some 8x12’s for all your friends, relatives, and admirers.

At some point, we may collect some more pictures from the show and put them out there so people can download those, too. So if you happen to have some particularly dynamic pictures that you took while you were at the show, please let us know!

### **This and That**

**Free IMM30 Stuff!** Yep. If you show up at the next meeting, you’ll get a free IMM30 water bottle, commemorative pin, can cozy and sticker. You’ll also be able to buy an IMM30 T-shirt for the special close-out price of \$10! Not a bad deal, but as you might suspect, sizes and colors are pretty limited by this time. (So you’d better get to the meeting EARLY.) You might also remember that we had a lot of unclaimed (and extra) door prizes, and some of them were pretty doggone nice. Well, we’ve decided to set up a drawing at the meeting, so we can give them all away. You’ll probably be able to draw more than one number, so who knows what you might win? Better not miss that!

**Missing!** Our Yellowstone Valley Mustang Club international banner that was on display in the banquet room somehow managed to go missing in action. If you have any idea where it might have gone, please let us know! This was not a “memorabilia” item, and we definitely want it back.

**Autumn cruises:** Once we all get past our “burned out” phase, we need to start thinking about some more nice, easy-going fall cruises. Think of some cool places to go, even for a “lunch” cruise or whatever, and bring your ideas to the next meeting.

**Shriner’s Hospital Donation:** Her’s a bit of trivia regarding our donation to the Shriners. Yes, it is true that, with the help of Bob Smith Lincoln Mercury, we were able to donate \$6000 to the Shriner’s Hospital for Children in Spokane. What you may NOT know is that the Yellowstone Valley Mustang Club donated \$4500 of the total! That amounts to 75% of the entire donation, for crying out loud. Not bad for a little Mustang club in Billings, Montana, huh? Of course, all this was due to the great work of our volunteers, who sold - how much? - \$4500 worth of raffle tickets over the course of the weekend! Nice work, folks!

### **“The Word” from The Prez!**

Hello, folks and pony lovers! First of all, a great “Thanks!” to Scott Hecker for the super job he did in organizing the great IMM we just hosted. All the comments I received from all the other clubs indicated they were very impressed while being here in Billings. A special thanks also goes out to Marci and the kids for letting us borrow Scott for a whole year. You guys are super! And congratulations to all of our members who came away from the IMM with trophies. You all did our club proud. Special thanks to all of the volunteers at the IMM. You guys did a fantastic job, keeping everything running smoothly and efficiently. Great job! I’d also like to welcome some new members that we picked up at the IMM: Chris and Tonya Paul (1969 Mach 1), Gene Burton (1948 Coupe, custom hot rod), and Cindy Reed (2008 Roush, black and silver). (Look out, Tilly!) Most of our lives should mellow out a little now, so let’s think about a couple of cruises before we put the ponies away for the winter. Maybe we can even do one more show-n-shine at Albertson’s in the Heights. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, so happy cruising and drive safe. You club members are great! Keep up the good work, and thanks again!

(Monte Steffan)

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