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Exhaust Notes



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A Word from Our President

By Crispin Cruz

I would like to thank the membership of MCOH for the opportunity to serve as your President for the last few years. This is both an honor, and a privilege, I take very serious. My how the time flies. Just a short time ago, we were sitting around a table and discussing the formation of a Mustang club in Houston. How I ended up at that table, is still a mystery to me to this very day! Seriously though, it has been a long journey, but a very good journey.

Along the years, MCOH and myself, have both been blessed with good times, good people, good friends and good family. If you stop and think about it, we are a family. Sure, we may have our ups and downs, and not always agree on everything, but that's how families work. At least mine does anyway! We, your BOD (board of directors), are working very hard to provide enjoyment, encouragement, excitement, experience, enthusiasm, and even education to all our events. Please be patient with us, and know we are trying our very best. That being said, this is YOUR club. We also need your help. Ownership of a Mustang is not required, enthusiasm is. So please, get involved, plan an event, attend a car show, direct a cruise, write an article for the Newsletter, volunteer to help in any way you are able to. I promise you, MCOH will be better for it, and I think you will be too. This club has survived the test of time for almost 25 years, and is still going, stronger than ever. We have always been the best, and will continue to be...THE Mustang Club Of Houston.



Thank you,

Crispin Cruz

MCOH President

MCOH All Ford Spring Show - Ryan Ford, Sealy TX

By Lori Lister

The Sponsor and location was Ryan Ford in Sealy, TX and we want to give a shout out to them for being such generous hosts for the show. The Fabulous Road Kings band was excellent (especially the Sax). They allowed our own Greg White and Tim Hahn to join in to perform one of our obvious favorites, "Mustang Sally". GREAT JOB on the singing and the DJ work guys!

We didn't have a drop of rain at the show; however, the weather in surrounding areas prevented a few clubs from participating as they had hoped. There was still a great showing of cars. Not only were there many generations represented of our beloved Mustangs, but also a good mixture of other Ford vehicles to enjoy such as Broncos, Falcons, F100 pick-ups and even a *beauty* of a Galaxy driven by the original owner. (You can find pictures on the Mustang Club of Houston Facebook page on a drop box link dated April 25th).

As we car and car show enthusiasts know, there are always more things to see than one can absorb in such a short time. From wheels to steering wheels, gas caps to hood ornaments, interiors to die for and beautiful exterior paint jobs, the road-worthy and *not-so-road-worthy*, trailer king/queens to daily drivers, we all get a kick out of seeing what everyone has brought. And how we LOVE to talk about all that, don't we? And the engine power... maybe a bit of that too.

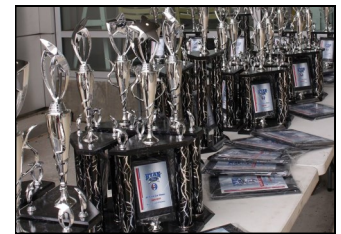
Car shows are such a good place to learn about what it takes to compete, do upgrades or fixes and find out other information from those who surround us with so much MUSTANG WISDOM. I showed the only (and partial) picture of my first Mustang to a club member who zoomed in on the dash board and identified the year as a 1965. Whether we are learning, sharing, *envying*, or just enjoying the beauty, we should admit that there is even more to the pleasure of a day at a car show. Have you

noticed that participating is just part of the fun?

Car shows allow us to bridge age and gender gaps as well as make new and sometimes, long-lasting friends. It's

such a pleasure to see someone bring along their young child and watch them explain details of the car or to see the child's excited face when he or she sees a car that they would want to have one day. For me, it was even better meeting and talking to the teens who brought their car or truck that they've been working on.

Congratulations to the 43 People's Choice Winners! Ryan Ford Top Choice Award went to Tom Mallette for a crowd favorite. It was the restored Texas State Trooper original cruiser. Wouldn't it be great to see ALL our State Troopers driving Mustangs? Next year, we'll have even more cars and hopefully word will get out that this is a "must see" car show and event. Thanks to all of those involved with set-up, tear-down and planning and of course, we would be remiss to neglect mentioning the worker bee's OR the participants that made this a great show!





Navy Seal Danny Dietz Memorial Classic

By Jaque Jones Photos by Lori Lister and Michael V's Photography



**Ray Webb and
LTC Allen West**
Photo by Michael V's
Photography

For the last four years, there has been such a special car show held at the Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds. The Danny Dietz Memorial Classic again delivered an amazing show! Many of our MCOH members came to present their cars, or volunteer.

Over 250 cars showed out for this annual event. It was amazing, and for such a great cause, benefiting the Navy Seal Foundation!

It is quite sobering when you meet surviving spouses of fallen Navy Seals. Your heart certainly goes out to them.

There were lots of events for the entire family also! There was a rodeo, the car show, plenty of shopping with awesome vendors, a quilt auction and even a BBQ cook-off!

Hats off to our MCOH member, Ray Webb for a great show, and we look forward to next year.



For some reason, these guys keep showing up at all the shows!



National Mustang Day Cruise to Lockhart, Texas

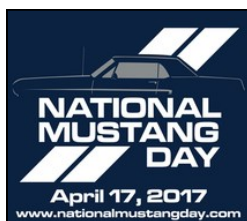
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By Jaque Jones



On April 17, 1964, the Ford Mustang made its debut at the World's Fair in Flushing, Queens, New York. This year, on April 15, 2017, Mustang drivers from all over Texas gathered on National Mustang Day in Lockhart, Texas, which is the BBQ Capital of Texas. MCOH members joined up with Wildhorse Mustang Club and Northside Mustang Club members to cruise from Katy TX to Lockhart. Fellow Mustang lovers from the Austin area also joined us there!

Of course, there had to be a stop at Bucee's in Luling on the way! We had a great time, met some new people, and

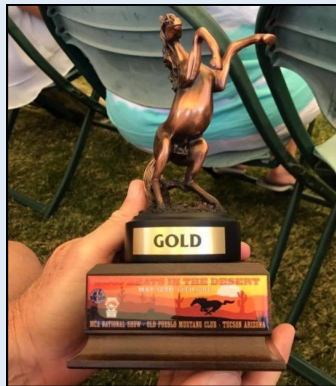


Hoofbeats in the Desert

by Roy Duke

Jeff Krall, Rex Engle and Roy Duke made the trip to Tucson, Arizona to attend the MCA National Show, "Hoofbeats in the Desert" held at Casino del Sol. While Rex drove his Mustang from Cypress, TX to Tucson, AZ, Jeff and Roy trailered their show ponies for the show. The weather was warm to hot, depending on how you look at it. With a very low 35-40% humidity it makes what is known as a "Dry Heat".

The show was held on property of Casino del Sol on the outskirts of Tucson, AZ. Debbie and I arrived Thursday afternoon, as did Rex, Maudie and their daughter Tiffany. Jeff and Gail arrived Friday. All cars were parked in their place on Friday and judging was completed Saturday. The judges were kind to all three as Jeff, Rex and Roy all were awarded "GOLD" at the awards ceremony on Sunday. It was a great day in the desert.



Congratulations Ray Coe for getting your Gold Card in Pensacola! He is now an MCA Gold Card Judge for Fox Body cars! To earn this you have to pass an online test, then judge at several shows until the Assistant Head National Judge (Chuck Wiltens from CA) is comfortable with your abilities. WAY TO GO RAY!!!

Happy 50th birthday to our MCOH president, Crispin Cruz! We enjoyed celebrating with you!



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Stars and Cars Cruise

by Chelsea Duran Photos by Zach Applebach, Ted Fontenot and Randy Weldon

On May 13, 2017, Zach Applebach hosted his Stars & Cars Cruise. Meet spot was located at Cracker Barrel in Pearland, and there were two different times. If anybody wanted to grab some dinner, before the take-off time, it was at 4:30PM. If anybody didn't want to grab dinner, meet time was at 6:30PM. Surprisingly, people who attended showed up before the meet time and were waiting to be seated to have dinner. Everybody sat down at all of the rocking chairs that sit outside on the patio of the Cracker Barrel; people catching up, walking around the shop that is inside the restaurant.

The restaurant had a section for everybody to sit down together and eat; even though, they don't take reservations. Everybody had a wonderful time while they spent their time at the restaurant; eating, having a conversation, and laughing. After dinner, we still had a whole another hour, before taking off to the observatory. So everybody had the chance (if they didn't), to do some shopping or take a restroom break, or sit outside on the rocking chair to wait for whoever else was attending the cruise.

We departed from the Cracker Barrel at 6:30PM promptly, heading to the George Observatory in Brazos Bend. Throughout the entire cruise to the observatory, the sky was clear and sun was setting very nice, and we had everybody in line with a few other vehicles riding along with the group.

We arrived at the George Observatory with no problems, and everybody paid their fees to enter the park and the observatory. As we walked through the trail to the observatory, an alligator caught everybody's attention, and decided to examine the creature. Christi managed to scare the alligator off with her water bottle by dropping it into the swamp. Afterward, one of the employees that works in the observatory informed the group that there would be an orientation at 8:00PM, ex-

plaining the basics of astronomy and what planet and stars we would be looking at. That night, we were going to be able to see the Planet Jupiter and four of its moons. After the orientation, everybody went upstairs to check out the big telescopes, to look up at the planet Jupiter. There were three different telescopes; unfortunately, some were only able to use two out of the three.

The total count of 13 vehicles and 30 people, who attended the cruise. It became a great turn out, and everybody had a wonderful time. Thank you all MCOH and Northside members who attended to this great event, and thank you Zach for hosting it.





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Back to East Texas Cruise

by Jaque Jones

Most stories begin with "Once Upon A Time" - so, here is MY story!

Once upon a time, a 14 year old girl was transplanted from Oklahoma to a small town in East Texas called Warren. Their school was very small and was consolidated with the neighboring town, Fred, Texas. She played sports and their biggest rivals were the Woodville Eagles and the Kountze Lions. In 1980, she went away to college and rarely went back to her high school town.

Fast forward to 2017. A call comes in regarding a Mustang cruise to East Texas. As I was reviewing the agenda, I began to laugh. "You have GOT to be kidding! We are going to meet in Kountze at the Park, and then head to the Pickett House in Woodville!!!" Well, of course, I had to say yes!

Thank you Northside Mustang Club and Wild Horse Mustang Club for bringing a little nostalgia to my Saturday. Over 75 Mustangs converged into Kountze at the Park! What a sight! I had to laugh at some of the bystanders. You don't normally see ANYTHING like this out there. Then we left Kountze, and went through Fred, Texas! More stares and waves, and honking horns. It really was a lot of fun! Some of my high school friends said they saw our group as we went through.

Next, to the Pickett House in Woodville, "Chicken and Dumplings Every Day!" It was the same as I remembered 37 years ago when I was a senior.

I enjoy these cruises so much because, first, life is TOO short to be boring, and you never know where you will end up, or who you will meet!

Rich and I had three Mustangs before we even knew about MCOH. I am so glad for the friendships we have made and the fun we have had, and I certainly look forward to MUCH MORE!!!



What's Happening...

June 17th Sat. Conroe Cruisers 2nd Annual Father's Day Car, Truck & Bike Show At Outlets At Conroe, I-45 & League Line Rd., Conroe
Rain Date June 24th--\$30 Entry--Registration 8AM-- Awards 3PM

July 4th Tuesday The 4th Annual Fest Car Show At Pasadena Convention Center & Municipal Fairgrounds--Pre Entry \$15 Day Of \$20--Set Up Noon

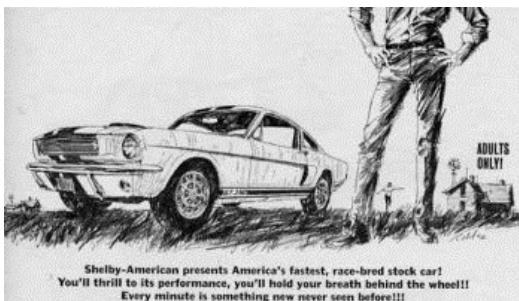
Sept. 23rd. Sat. The North Houston Krewzers' Club Car, Truck & Bike Show At Baker Street Pub & Grill, 17278 Tomball Parkway 9AM To 2 PM
All Vehicles Are Welcome--Benefiting Lone Star Survivor Foundation

Oct. 14th. Sat. Mustang Club Of Houston Open Car Show At Bear Creek Park Pavilion No. 6 --Rain Date Oct. 28th--\$30 Entry Fee--Fire Extinguisher & Proof Of Insurance Required



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