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Time To Reflect

By Roy Duke



To all my Mustang Club of Houston friends. As 2020 comes to a close, we are hopeful to return to our “normal” life styles. The

question is... “When?” No one can answer that question, although many have given their opinions on the matter. This year, 2020, has been an emotional rollercoaster in many ways. We’ve seen many changes, many different views and too many political stances. 2020 has forced MCOH to try and be creative with holding Board Meetings as well as General Meetings. We tried everything possible, including ZOOM calls, conference calls, public meetings with conference calls. And the Board of Directors have been in continuous contact via emails and text. You name it, we tried it.

We finally held our first car show of 2020 to attend when we attended “Jennies Show” as the Board has come to call it. It was in honor of her husband and to raise funds for cancer research for MD Anderson Hospital. A BIG thanks to Legacy Ford for allowing us to hold the show at their facility. The first official MCOH show was just last month at Planet Ford in Spring. Planet Ford was super helpful and very welcoming to us all. We had 100 registered vehicles. That’s truly a blessing for sure. It almost made up for our canceled Spring show due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks again to both Legacy Ford and Planet Ford in Spring.

Stepping back beyond 2020, I have served as President, Vice President and

Director at Large. These have been fun years, meeting new members, old friends and faces I knew but hadn’t seen in some time. There are many great memories I can reflect on. When I took over as President we had 86 paid members. We now have 130+ paid members. If my math is correct, that’s about a 49% increase in members. We’ve even had new members join this year, via our website or mail. Thanks to each and everyone for joining and for those who continued their membership. Kinda amazing when you think about it.

As I reflect on the past years of serving in a leadership role for MCOH, it’s the members who make this car club successful and makes the Presidents job look easy. A good leader listens to its members desires and tries to act on those desires. It might be as simple as handing it off to our Activities Coordinator or someone else who I know can get the job done. Being President is more of a “figurehead” of sorts. True, I lead meetings and sometimes make the final call, but I’ve always listened to the masses and depend deeply on our Board of Directors. Without the Board of Directors, there’s just no way the club could be successful. Thanks to everyone for your willingness to jump in with both feet.

Many of our members have used Bryan’s house or mine to do work on their Mustang. We’ve done just about everything except rebuild a motor. Everything was based on a “one day” job, since Bryan and I used our garages and tools. We’ve changed brake pads and rotors, doors, shocks and struts, tune ups and much more. We’ve had several members show up to help and lend their knowledge and those who showed up

Time to Reflect (continued)...

to give us moral support and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who helps our members. That's what a successful car club does. I look forward to more garage days in the future.

Enough of reflections. Now looking forward. Our elections have most likely taken place by the time this is published. I want to congratulate everyone who is now serving in MCOH leadership roles. I do have insight of who was nominated and it's a great team. I also feel the 2021 is going to be a great year. Car shows are coming as well as cruises and other events. I hope to make as many as possible.

I would like to encourage everyone to consider taking a step forward to volunteer in 2021. Consider setting up a cruise, movie, go cart racing or eat outs. We love to eat...

I want to thank everyone for supporting me during my leadership roles through these past years. You, the membership are what the Mustang Club of Houston is all about.

Roy Duke— MCOH President



In February, we also honored two of our former board members for their service to MCOH - Dennis Osting and Zachary Applebach



The Last Ride for The Reaper, and Welcome Mantis...

By Richard Jones

Who knew the last ride for the Reaper would be the Leap Day Cruise to Beaumont, Texas in 2020. Just like its predecessor, it's time had come and gone. The Reaper held a special spot in our hearts, as many of our fellow mustang club members helped work on it, quite a few times. There were several upgrades, shocks and even a door replacement. We still appreciate all the help during the 4 years that we had him.

With sadness, just like the GT we had, it was time to say goodbye, and usher in a brand new chapter. It became time to go from the 6 speed manual transmission to a 10-speed AUTOMATIC. (this took me some getting used to after over 30 years of driving a manual!)

We had visited Planet Ford back in February, just looking, and saw this new color for 2020, Grabber Lime. It caught our attention, but at the time, we were "meh". When we realized it was time to make the change, that Green just kept coming back in our memory. So here we were in April, at the beginning of the pandemic, trying to look for a new car. And there was no manual grabber lime anywhere near Houston. So the decision was made to try something new...

Voila, here came the Mantis.

It's been a joy to drive. And needless to say, upgrades have already occurred: stripes, spoiler, cold air intake, MBRP catback exhaust, quarter panel louvers and strut tower brace. And I am sure there is more to come.

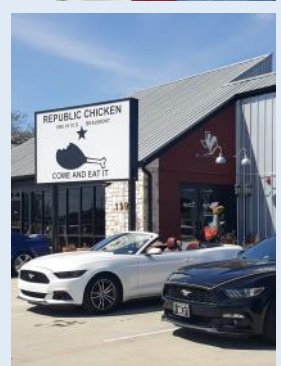


Leap Day Cruise By Jaque Jones

On February 29, 2020, we celebrated Leap Day by leading a cruise to Beaumont. We started at where else, but Buc-ees in Baytown. We joined members of our sister clubs, "Northside Mustang Car Club and Wild Horse Mustang Club." Little did we know that this would be our last major cruise for a while. This thing called COVID came along and totally messed up our 2020 Schedule of Events for MCOH.

We did have a great time though, heading through the back woods of East Texas, we met up with our

fellow mustangers in Kountze, then headed to Republic Chicken for an amazing lunch. Some of us even stayed longer and headed over to the Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum. It was extremely educating and we had tons of fun. For those who know, I spent almost 20 years in the printing business, so getting to see an original Linotype machine in action was really cool. If you get a chance, you really should check out the museum. We were even treated to a gusher reenactment! What a treat!



The Cowboy Rode Away...

On June 1, 2020 we lost a great club member and friend, Tim Windmiller. Tim was an amazing guy, a devoted husband and father. He is greatly missed. On June 7th, a celebration of life was held for him at La Ranchera on North Shepherd. He was loved by everyone he met. Rest in Peace, Tim!



Liberty Street Rally September 12th



Impromptu Cruise in May

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Most people were stir crazy since being quarantined since March, so an impromptu cruise was a great outlet! We left Buc-ees in Waller and headed all around with Roy Duke at the helm!

We were able to raise \$215 for our two charities!



MCOH 2020 Fall Open Car Show by Jaque Jones

With all of this year's challenges, we were extremely happy to be able to hold our annual Fall Open Car Show at Planet Ford in Spring on October 17th. Since everyone was itching to get out of the house, we had almost 100 cars show up. We are so grateful that everyone came out that could make it. This event raises money for our charities, Still Creek Ranch and Citizens for Animal Protection.

Here are just a few pics of the many cars that showed up, and showed out! Thanks to Joy Sutton, Kurtis Hickie, Jason Scaturro and Carlos Bah for the pics.



Seems to be a "RED" theme going on...





My Life-Changing Experience

By Ray Coe

My younger sister, Emily, drove a Mustang 39 years before I was fortunate enough to have that life changing experience.

In the summer of 1965, Emily was at home from college, in Midland, TX. I was still at college in El Paso, making up for a "bad" spring semester.

My parents had made a deal to buy a 1965 Ford Galaxy 500 XL convertible from a Ford dealer, 160 miles north, in Plainview, TX. They had planned to drive our trade-in there and return. The owner of the dealership, who also lived in Midland, said he had business there, that day, and offered to take our car and return with the new one. He said he would put his car in our garage, for my mom and sister to use. Emily and my dad had planned to go to our favorite Mexican restaurant for lunch and she was to pick him up. It got interesting when Emily went to the garage and found a virtually new 1965 Shelby GT 350 in our garage. Stick shift was not the problem, but she couldn't figure how to get into reverse. A phone call solved that problem and she was soon driving in downtown Midland at lunch hour. Folks were staring at the hot new white Mustang fastback with blue racing stripes, loud exhaust with a good looking young blonde driving.

Until 2004, I hadn't been in a situation where I was able to really think about another car. After seeing the ads for the 2005 Mustang, I decided that I needed/deserved one.

I ordered 2005 5 spd 4.6L V-8 "Torch Red" GT Coupe and subsequently made numerous exterior modifications to emulate a 1967 Shelby GT 500. Also added some under hood dress-up items.

Got tired of the 5 spd in Houston traffic, so I traded for a 2008 AT C/S 4.6L V-8 black convertible. Modified the exterior to appear similar to an original 1968 California Special. Added some under hood dress-up items.

In '10, I was attending the Mustang Club of America (MCA) show in Mustang, OK and saw a model of Mustang that I had never seen before. A 1992 LX 5.0L 5 spd "Performance Red" convertible with 29.9k miles. I told the owner (MCOH member) to call me, if he ever considered selling. He called a couple months later and we made a deal.

I soon sold the '08 CS convertible to a co-worker. His wife had seen it at company event and he could not refuse (smart guy) her.

The 1992 Mustang LX Convertible 5.0 V-8, 1 of 787 with 5 spd (1406 AT's) "Limited Edition" (also called "Summer Edition" or "Feature") cars. It was built June 16, 1992 in Dearborn, MI, and originally sold November 11, 1992 in Alpharetta, GA.

I acquired it July 2, 2010 and as it turned out, I am the sixth owner. Have all the original documentation, except the window sticker, from the first owner. It had 29,994



miles on odometer and has been driven another 22,600+ miles, to over 50 car shows, including both local and MCA National Shows.

With the '05 and '08, I had entered some MCA shows in "Display Only". With the '92, I was now ready to show in a judged class.

My first MCA show was April 2011 in Mesquite, TX and I was advised at "Classification" that "Unrestored Class" (URB) was the proper class to enter and that it would do well. That was a very true statement! The car has earned "Gold Awards" (22 pts) in all 9 MCA shows entered and was awarded the MCA "Blue" Grille Medallion in April 2016 at the MCA show in St Augustine, FL. Subsequently, I entered the car in the MCA "Conservator Class" (CON) in 10 shows and was awarded the MCA "White" Grille Medallion in October 2020.

I became a MCA "Certified" and later an MCA "Gold Card" Judge for Gen 3 Mustangs and have judged at 25+ National Shows.

One of the highlights, was when the '92 was awarded "Best in Show" at the Sept '12, "Mustang Owners Club of Austin Annual Show".

The '92 was driven to most MCA shows and now has 52,600 miles, of which +/-10,500 miles were in 2018 & 2019 to 6 MCA National Shows.

This is the only Mustang that I have owned that is in exactly the same as it was, the day it rolled off the line in Dearborn MI, on June 16, 1992. **"ORIGINAL".**

I bought a '65 289 cu., AT, Mustang in 2012. It was one of the earliest fastbacks built in Ford's San Jose, CA plant. Previously, the intake been changed from 2 bbl to 4 bbl and the single exhaust, upgraded to duals with a GT rear valence. The "Poppy" red paint was in poor condition, so I had repainted the same color, installed 16" Torque Thrust" wheels and added some chrome "bling" to the engine compartment.

When I heard about the new 2015 Mustang with IRS, I soon sold the '65 and ordered a "Deep Impact Blue" GT Premium Coupe with AT, 5.0L and most options, except navigation. Like on my earlier Mustangs, I have made numerous exterior modifications and added some under hood it dress-up items.

**Now have the 1992 For Sale!
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November 7th
Northside Mustang Car Club
Open Car Show
Conroe Outlet Mall
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December 19th
MCOH Christmas Party
Location TBD

2nd Annual DeWayne Everage Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Fund Car Show June 13, 2020



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