

Dear Mary Jean,

I read your article in the April issue of the *Mustang Times* and I have to admit that it brought me to tears! That is saying a lot since I am an engineer and having been one for over forty years, I guess I tend to look at things from a rather black on white perspective. What I read about in your article really has made an impression on me. The fact that a total stranger was so unselfish as to give of himself like that literally tore me up! In this day and age where everyone is so caught up in self indulgence and the lack of self discipline, and all of the bad news that we hear of every day, it was so phenomenal to read about someone being so caring as to give of himself so that another may live. That has helped to restore my faith in mankind!! Isn't it amazing how much of a ripple effect one act of kindness can have! I definitely admire Joey for all that he has done. Please pass my thanks on to him...he has also given another type of life to someone else in a way he never imagined!

Sincerely,
Jack Strassner # 69488

Hello,

I e-mail to you from France because I have a funny story to tell:

The restoration of my '68 hardtop is still in progress, and I found the build sheet behind the instrument panel. It was bent and tightly taped to the main wire harness. It was in good conditions, except a few missing pieces eaten by mice. (8T01S139736, carline: Z, scheduled date: 26M, DSO: 91 0027)

As I was removing the skyliner, I found a rat nest built with pieces of paper coming from another build sheet.

The related car was built on the same car line (Z code) and was scheduled 3 days after mine, on the 29th of December (29 M).

Here is its serial number: 8T01C140511. As its DSO code is 38 (Pittsburg), this car was not intended for exportation, so its build sheet could only have gone into my car at the plant of Metuchen. I really don't know whether this car is still in use or registered in your files, but it could be fun to be in touch with the owner. If you have any information, please email me at the address below.

Best regards
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Dear Mary Jean,

I thought you might enjoy sharing a letter we received from a new member. Marty Rupp, Regional Director Capitol City Ford & Mustang Club

I was not excited about joining any car club. I would usually act like I didn't hear my husband when he mentioned joining, or I would point out how busy we were right then and wouldn't have time for that. I was hoping it would never happen.

I considered most classic car owners (not all, but most) stuffy, arrogant losers. I usually saw their facial expressions of "I own this and you don't. And by the way, don't touch the car." Plus, I hated the idea of sitting in a chair by a car on hot pavement during the hottest days of the year. How stupid is that?

Bob really wanted to join, or at least hang out during some events to see if we would like it. I whined, drug my feet; I didn't go easily. I went kicking and screaming (internally, at least). I told him that if he joined, I'd go to

SOME events, but I would stay home most of the time.

He talked me into going to Mustang, OK, with the club in our '72 Mach 1. I complained to my co-workers it wasn't fair. I didn't look forward to the heat or long drive.

We drove up to the meeting place, to meet other members, and it was BOOM...I liked them instantly. There was no clique; they were warm and welcoming as if we'd been friends for a long time.

The ride to OK was a riot. We stopped for food and got to know each other a little better. We were given a toy on loan—a walkie talkie—to communicate with some of the others. The car show was fun in spite of the heat and having to hear the song—oooooooooklahoma where the...over and over. We bonded with the members and had a great time. I was fairly excited about the next outing, a lunch meeting, and a ride in a golf cart at Quarry Oaks. The food was good, the meeting informative. (I won that great Mustang watch, Thank you.)

We joined CCFMCC, and I'm very glad we did. Bob now has to drag me AWAY from the events. Thank you for being such a cool club.
—LoyAnn Rossell

With her wit, LoyAnn has to be an asset to the CCFMC. —Ed.

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