

# REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

## **Birmingham Mustang Club**

Hello out there fellow Mustangers! Since we last wrote we've had our Ponies in the corral. Our display corral, that is. We decided to add a little extra to the World of Wheels show here in Birmingham with ten of our Mustangs. We modestly came away with seven trophies! The winners were Bob Wood, Clay Holland, Allen Spradlin, Tom Bowman, Buddy Holland, Rita Sale, and Earl Ginn. We also employed our club to work for the show and were able to put a few dollars in our saddle bags toward the next one! The Dixie National, June 5-7, 1981, at Century Plaza. This gave our club a taste of what it will be like when we host our regional show. We want to thank all of you who are already volunteering to support and help make this a successful show. We are looking forward to seeing convoys of Mustangs entering our beautiful Magic City in just a few months. So get those entries in now.

In addition we are making plans to have our club represented in most of the southeastern state shows that have been announced thus far.

In closing, let's make this a great year for Mustangs and our MCA. Remember, men and women of distinction drive classic Mustangs. So plan now to drive yours to Birmingham in June with pride.

Pat George  
Newsletter Editor

## **Central South Carolina Regional Group**

Our meeting on February 1st saw some warm weather and 35 Mustangs get together at the NCO Club. Our members were reminded that their dues for 1981 are now due. Please send in your renewal if you haven't done so already. With the Eastern National coming, May 8-10, we need judges. We will be holding a judging clinic and test at Bob Oswald's house on the 15th of February at 4 p.m. Study up, come out, and get certified!

Joe Collins announced the dates of the upcoming Charlotte swap meet, which will be held on the 10-12 of April. Friday morning is the best time to find some good deals at that swap meet. Let's hope this year is a little dryer than last. He also mentioned that the Sandlapper AACA Show will be the 30-31 of May at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds. The spring calendar is getting full fast.

The AACA clubs in South Carolina and some other car groups are working on a petition to the state legislature about our blue laws. I will get all the information about it and we will discuss it at the March 1st meeting. If this petition is in the interests of our club we should get behind it and push to have the laws changed.

Most of the meeting was devoted to the Eastern National show. Time is starting to close in and will accelerate as the second weekend in May approaches. All members are reminded that your help is needed and appreciated. The door

prize raffle brought in \$29 for the club and Bob Smith won a decoder book and Billy Reardon (for the second month in a row!) won a Mustang pin.

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be on March 1st, and the judging clinic will be on February 15th.

Craig R. Zion  
Correspondence Chairman

## **Copperstate Mustang Club**

Where were you on February 7, 1981? If you were not at Charlie Rossie Ford on East McDowell Road, then you missed one of the best Mustang and Shelby shows so far this year. Mustangs, Shelybs, Boss 302s, Cobras, Panteras, T-Birds, and early F-100s were all there. There was also a parts swap area. In the showroom, more of the same, with the added attraction of Robert Allen's automotive art. As expected, the Copperstate Club came out in force with 30+ cars in attendance. We would like to thank all club members who came out and participated.

If you weren't there, you really missed a great car show. Well, there's always next year. Support your club and attend regularly scheduled events.

## **First Pennsylvania Regional Group**

Twenty-eight people attended our February meeting, at which a petition, protesting other than Ford-related products being allowed on cars for judging, was circulated and signed by those who wished to do so. This is to be sent to national headquarters. (This topic has been acted upon and resolved in favor of the overwhelming majority, see "Judging" column last month. Ed.)

Dale Bowes submitted a letter of proposal sent to Montgomery Mall asking \$30 per car for display. Other malls will be contacted and if proposals are answered, the members will be informed. Coopersburg Show and Emmaus Ford Car display dates will be confirmed at the next meeting. Linda Bowes agreed to chair the bake sale for the Coopersburg show. Barbara Zimmerman will co-chair the food committee.

Our club had the sixth largest turnout of cars at the Macungie show. Cliff Zimmerman will be a committee man for the show this year.

## **First Tennessee Regional Group**

The February meeting was called to order by our president, Ernie Stout.

We welcomed as new members to our club Steven Sakota, and Paul and Joyce Curtis.

The type of program to be used for the 1981 Grand National was discussed. We decided to use a brief layout. Archer Blevins agreed to help make up and print the programs.

Hunter Perkins volunteered to be the publicity chairman

for the Grand National.

Don Cox discussed the trophies to be given at the Grand National. Two samples were shown to the group. The red, white, and blue trophy was voted as the group's choice.

A motion was made and passed to have a Mustang kiddie car class at the Grand National show.

Next meeting will be held at 7 P.M., March 26, at Anderson Ford.

Richard J. Marcus  
Secretary

### Hoosier Mustang Club

The Hoosier Mustang Club met at Ponderosa Steakhouse on February 11, 1981, with eight members present. This may seem like a small turnout, but the meeting took place on the worst day of the winter. The roads were iced over and temperatures were sub-zero. These members should be congratulated for their bravery! Next month should be better.

We discussed the letters sent out by the national club and were pleased with the decision to allow only Ford drivetrains in modified class Mustangs. There was no old business so we got down to the new business at hand.

Our club now has a large enough membership to elect a Board of Directors. Due to the small attendance, this will be acted upon at the March meeting. Bill Trimpe, 1980's president, will select several persons as possible board members and present the list next month.

The club treasury is badly in need of replenishing. We would like to pay for the next Christmas party entirely out of club funds. Several good fund-raisers would enable us to do this. Suggestions for fund-raising were discussed and included a garage sale, raffle, auction, swap meet, and model show. We asked the members to think about this, and next month we hope to have more suggestions and also a few volunteers for a fund-raising committee.

Hoosier Mustang Club has never had a newsletter, but we decided that we would like to have one. The first newsletter will be sent to members about a week before the March meeting. This will keep members up-to-date if they miss a meeting, and will also serve as a reminder for the next meeting.

Bob Bozell gave a very interesting slide presentation showing the restoration of his 1966 GT convertible from start to finish. He did a great job and it's really a beautiful car. We'd like for him to give this program again when more members are present. It's well worth seeing. Thanks, Bob!

We had no 50/50 jar at this meeting, so after a few minutes of socializing the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Adams  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Mid-Missouri Mustangs

On Saturday, September 27th, the Mid-Missouri Mustang

Club held their First Annual Car Show and Swap Meet at the St. Charles, Missouri, Riverside Mall, which is a historic, totally-restored shopping area on the banks of the Missouri river near metropolitan St. Louis.

This setting proved to be a perfect backdrop for a beautiful display of Ford Mustangs ranging from 1964½ to 1973, from six-cylinders to the massive Boss 429s, and even a real snake — a 427 Cobra.

We started planning for the show sixty days in advance. Mark Hiatt, club president, in conjunction with the Riverside Mall Association, planned the publicity for the event. Show posters were displayed throughout the mall area and placed on Mustang windshields all round St. Louis by club members.

The Mall Association was extremely cooperative and donated \$150 to the show's trophy fund. The mall merchants also contributed a large number of gifts which were given away as attendance and door prizes.

The show opened at 9 am and by 11 am we had over fifty-five Mustangs "chomping at the bit" to win one of our twenty-four class trophies. The quality of these Mustangs was outstanding. The competition was intense and it required a total of three hours of judging to pick 'em apart.

At 4 pm, as planned, the attendance prizes were given away by random drawing. The class winners were announced and the appropriate trophies awarded. As in most large Mustang shows, the crowd was enthusiastic and appreciative of the efforts of the Mustang owners in preparing their cars. For the Mustang lover, it was truly a good time!

In our first show, I feel we have found a guaranteed winning formula. Our involvement with these retail merchants greatly limited our costs. In all, the club probably saved \$300 through the various donations of door prizes and trophies. This helped guarantee the financial success of the show. This is very important if you hope to have a second show. Our entrance fee was only \$5 and Swap spaces sold for \$8. The merchants did well, too, with some restaurants setting one-day sales records. In short, both the Riverside Mall and the Mid-Missouri Mustang Club did very well with our first show.

If your planning to have a show, get a co-sponsor. It worked for us!

Bill Cook  
Secretary

### Music City Mustang Club

Music City Mustang Club is getting off to a great new year. At our January meeting fellow member Junior Williams discussed restoring Mustangs with us. He gave a very informative talk and there were a lot of questions asked and answered to everyone's benefit. Thank you, Junior, for sharing your expertise with us. Maybe you'll consider doing this again later on. We had a good attendance but since we meet only once a month we'd like to see all of our members at each meeting.

We still need to get out there and get some new members signed up. Summer will be here soon and hopefully we'll be

able to get together for more activities.

On behalf of our club I'd like to welcome our new editor, Gregory Wells. We wish him luck on pulling together all of the MCA clubs and members to help make the *Mustang Times* a much better publication. (Ed. note: Thanks!)

We were sorry to read that the Texoma Regional Group is ending. But after spending several years with the USAF I can understand the problem well. Good luck to Jim Smart as he leaves the USAF and searches for a new home. I feel he will be a good member for any MCA regional club to get. At our February meeting we're going to discuss the project "In Search of Mustangs." Hopefully we can work together to get information on the Mustangs owned by our club members to Jim. Good luck on this important project.

Donna Westerfield  
Correspondent

### **Mustang Owners Club of Southwestern Michigan**

Mustang Owners Club of Southwestern Michigan held its February meeting on the 10th. At the meeting we discussed the coming events that will be upon us very soon.

On March 21, we are taking a train ride to the Gandy Dancers for our annual "Cabin Fever" party.

We have elected new officers and they are as follows:

Don Gillespie - *President*  
Mame Masiac - *Secretary*  
Mark Bednarek - *Vice President*  
Carmen Fennech - *Treasurer*

Our so-so drawing was won by Mame Masiac.

Tim Rice  
Regional Correspondent

### **Mustangs of Memphis**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm at the Germantown Square mall. After the visitors were introduced, the activity calendar was reviewed.

A photographer will be at the March car show to photograph the cars.

A member of a local auto cross club talked to the club and invited us to attend their driving class and auto cross which will be held on April 11-12.

The meeting was then turned over to Jerry Schreurs who gave a technical demonstration on the alignment of trunk and hood, those little adjustments we don't think about. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Robin May  
Secretary

### **Scenic City Regional Group**

The March meeting was called to order by our faithful president Jerry Breeden.

The financial report was given by treasurer Pat Downer. She stated the balance was \$1,303.26.

The new members were recognized, and the meeting got underway.

The World of Wheels Custom Car Show was held at the Memorial Auditorium on February 20-22. Four cars from our club entered the show. We discussed coming events for the club.

We are glad to report the attendance was up from our February meeting.

Our second Invitational Mustang Show at Forrest Cate Ford was a huge success, despite the chilly weather. We had sixty cars entered and everyone seemed to be happy with the way things turned out. We would like to thank Forrest Cate Ford for sponsoring the show, and everyone who worked to help make the show a success, and especially Jerry Breeden, for organizing the whole thing.

With no other business at hand the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Eidson  
Secretary

### **Texoma Regional Group**

As many of you know, the Texoma Regional Group has folded up operations as a regional group, but there are various activities going on around Oklahoma and north Texas that we'd like to relate.

For those of you in the Oklahoma City area, keep your eye out for a new regional group! The gentleman to talk to is Bill Smothermon at (405) 789-8886 in northwest Oklahoma City. He has about 50 members thus far and it looks to be a promising regional group. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact Bill.

For those in the Shawnee, Oklahoma area, still another regional group is in the works. For those that are interested there, please contact Glen Armstrong's Classic Cars in Shawnee for details on this group.

For those in Tulsa, Oklahoma, there is a Green County Mustang Club there. Whether they plan to become a regional group is anyone's guess; we hope so.

Let's see the Mustang enthusiasm thrive in Oklahoma and Texas!

Jim Smart  
Correspondent

### **Wisconsin Early Mustangers**

I would like to take some time and space in our club publication to introduce our regional group to our fellow Mustang enthusiasts. I guess the best place to start would be to give a brief history of the "Wisconsin Early Mustangers." Our group was formed in the summer of '79. The first meeting was held by three dedicated members and was used to lay out the ground rules of our club as well as to plan for an



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organized recruitment drive. Like many other regional clubs ours took the format of a family-oriented group. The response to this drive was astounding, as now, a year and a half later, our club has blossomed to fifty members all of whom have contributed much to the rapid growth of our organization.

Some of the highlights of the last year and a half included a scenic trip along the Mississippi river with a long caravan of ponies, a weekend trip to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, with another string of our favorite cars lining the I-system, and a club picnic in the summer of '80. Added to this were a couple of parades, and a car show. Our first annual banquet was held in February of '80.

The biggest adventure for our gang is now in the planning stages. This is a 800-mile round trip to Dearborn, Michigan. We hope to take in the Henry Ford museum as well as a tour through the Ford Motor Co.

We feel that after a few growing pains were eased our club is on its way to becoming one of the finest. We are always receptive to suggestions, and would appreciate other regional groups sharing with us any ideas that will aid us in our growth.

Bob Zimmerman  
Vice President

### **National Minutes**

The February, 1981, meeting of the MCA was called to order by our president, George White. Roll call was made and the minutes of the January meeting were read by our secretary, Ruth Ann Winchester, and approved as stated.

The December, 1980, and January, 1981, financial statements were given by our treasurer, Bill Koivu, voted on, and approved as read.

The 1981 Rule Book is almost ready to go to the printers. Discussion on how many to print was influenced by the fact that the rules are to be printed in the magazine. Therefore, it was decided to print no more than 500. Gus Winchester made a motion that since it would be printed in the *Mustang Times*, we run extra copies of the rule section and have a cover made for them. The motion was seconded by Gary Harter and approved. Our new editor, Greg Wells, was welcomed to the meeting and asked when he thought that he would be able to get the magazine caught up and out on a current schedule. He hoped to have the magazine caught up in a couple of months and that his goal is to have the magazine out no later than the middle of the second week of the cover-date month.

Bill Koivu brought up the question about advertising records for the magazine. Greg Wells said he did not have any record of who has paid or who has not paid. He is planning a mailing to go out to all advertisers in the *Times*. He also plans

a mailing to potential advertisers to increase revenue from ads to offset some of the typesetting expense. Greg Wells said that he would handle the advertising. Gary Harter made a motion to let Greg Wells handle the advertising. The motion was seconded by Warren Shore, voted on, and approved.

Discussion of a lot of advertising for little money was the next topic. Since we are in the process of upgrading the *Mustang Times* and having everything typeset, this is expensive.

Classified ads are free to all members, but it was brought out that a number of the classified ads in the *Mustang Times* are commercial ads. Sam Bright made a motion to do away with commercial ads in the classified section and send these people the prices of advertising in the *Mustang Times*. The motion was seconded by Gus Winchester, voted on, and approved.

George White read a request from the Scenic City Regional Mustang Club in Chattanooga, Tennessee, asking for the Grand National show for 1982. We will send them a form to fill out and return.

The Treasure State Mustang Club in Great Falls, Montana, has requested that their show in September be nationally sanctioned. We will send them a form to fill out and return for further discussion.

Bob Vickery brought to the clubs attention that an item in *Mustang Monthly Magazine* indicates that the national Mustang Club of America is considering incorporating their "Recognition Series" into the judge's packets at the 1981 Grand National Mustang show in Kingsport. Since Bob Vickery, as national head judge, knew nothing of this and no one else on the national board had heard anything about it, a motion was made by Bob Vickery, seconded, voted on, and approved, for a letter to be sent to *Mustang Monthly Magazine* informing them of this.

It was brought up that we have been having problems with the computer service on new memberships. Bob Vickery and Gus Winchester were asked to check into other computer services available.

Frank White reported that we have 570 dash plaques left from past shows and made a motion that all dash plaques be put on a special for \$1 each. The motion was seconded by Glenn Totty, voted on, and approved.

A petition from the Mississippi Coast Stangers from Gulf Port, Mississippi was presented along with their map. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the group and their map.

Any group wanting to hold the Grand National for 1982 should petition the National Headquarters by June 1, 1981. Any other show for 1982 should be petitioned by August 1, 1981.

A motion was made by Glenn Totty to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Harter, voted on, and approved.