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Mustang Tales

Newsletter of the Reno Mustang Car Club

Upcoming RMCC Events

(Next Two Months)

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March 11
Tuesday

RMCC Monthly Meeting:
RDW Automotive, 1186 Telegraph Street, Reno
Board Meeting 6:30 pm, General Meeting 7:00 pm

March 15

JT Basque Restaurant
1426 US 395, N. Gardnerville
Cocktails at 4:00 PM

March 22
Saturday

Monthly Coffee Clutch
HiPoint Coffee & Cafe
Viewcrest Shopping Center
3687 Kings Row, Reno
Begins at 9:30 AM

April 8
Tuesday

RMCC Monthly Meeting:
RDW Automotive, 1186 Telegraph Street, Reno
Board Meeting 6:30 pm, General Meeting 7:00 pm

April 26

Mustang Club Poker Run
Meet at RDW at 1:30pm
Entry fee: \$10 - \$20 for Restomod
Bring a Navigator, tank of gas, \$10 - \$20 for dinner,
patience & humor

CANCELLED

**Pot Luck Theme
for Meeting is:**

IRISH



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President's Message

Ron Wheeler, RMCC President

March came in like a Lion, wet streets in the valley and snow in the mountains. Living here in northern Nevada you never know what to expect so it can be very difficult to plan events. Years ago the Mustang Club actually had an April event called the Sock Hop which was attended very well and, as I recall, hardly got canceled due to weather. I was not able to attend that event much due to family schedules, but the wives worked hard to put together a great one day show.

Update for the club: the Draper's are the young family we supported for Christmas last year. We see Andrew Draper (the father) 1-2 times a week so Dianna and I frequently hear about their little girl, Lillian. Lillian is their young daughter and is battling cancer. Well, great news everyone. Andrew said Lillian has just one more Chemo treatment and it looks as if the condition is in remission.

Another update: If you haven't heard yet the RiR show registration is up and going. Try to register online to see what Motosho is all about. It is easy the first time and easier when attending Motosho supported events from here out. Chris will have more info available soon. We will need to acquire raffle prizes and sponsors ASAP. Please, if you

a business in mind, pass the info on to a committee member.

Please, as we attend our functions, be sure to welcome new members and, as a reminder, the general meetings are potluck. Bring what you might eat plus a few more servings.

Congrats on the February attendance at the coffee clutch, great feedback. I am looking forward to attend one someday, but right now I need to be at work. Also remember to get registered for the 50th birthday celebration in Las Vegas if you're considering going. The cost will be increasing as well as attendance may max out. Also the hotel rooms will be more difficult to get at show rates the later you wait. See you guys at the meeting.



Meet the Rider Family

Contributed by: Sid Gesh and Joel Rider

One of our newest members to become active in the RMCC is Joel and Jamie Rider. While born elsewhere, the Rider family has been residing in the Reno area for over 20 years. Joel is the Staffing Supervisor for Prologistix, a company that provides staffing services for warehouse and logistics jobs. Jamie works in retail for Carters and Oshkosh kids clothing. The Riders have two boys: Taylor age 8, and Aidan age 7. I'm told that the boys are budding car enthusiasts as well.

The Riders own a 1998 Mustang GT, black with a grey interior, 4.6 Liter V8, and five speed manual transmission. Joel has always wanted a Mustang and was partial to the looks of the '96 - '98 models. Joel was looking around a car lot one day and, while there, one of the salesmen drove up in a black '98 Mustang GT – Joel bought the car from him on the spot. Since acquiring the 'Stang, Joel has beefed up the performance with a TrippleFlo throttle body, MST ignition, BBK exhaust manifold, and FloMaster exhaust system.



While not a member himself, Joel has been around the Reno Mustang Car Club for a number of years. His best friend from high school owned a '66 Mustang and was a Club member. Joel used to accompany him to many of the Club's events and, once he acquired his own Mustang, decided to join the RMCC. I will leave it up to our tenacious Membership Chair, to root out Joel's friend and bring him in!



Joel is, and has always been, a Mustang enthusiast. Jamie, on the other hand, has been a Chevy fan. We won't hold that against her as we have other mislead Chevy people in our Club! Joel assures me that she is converting to Mustangs, however. The Riders enjoy being around other Mustang enthusiasts, and attending Club functions. They especially like our newly established monthly Coffee Clutch. In addition to being Mustang enthusiasts, the Riders enjoy hunting, camping, and other outdoor activities with the family. We welcome the Riders to the best car club in the area . . .

Car Break In Alert

Contributed by: Darold Roy

There's a new auto theft alert making the rounds on the Internet these days. It appears that car thieves have found a new way to break into cars – by punching a hole in the door just below the lock on the door handle.

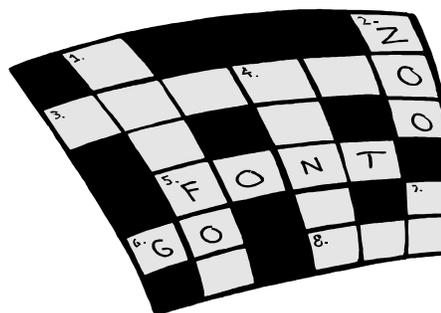


It appears that thieves, using a hole punch, knock a hole under the lock in the door handle. The action apparently unlocks the door and the thieves gain entry just as if they had a key. No alarms, broken glass, or any other tell tale sign of a break in. Not only will any valuables left inside the car be lifted, the bad guys can look at the GPS (if equipped) to see where “home” is, or check your registration and/or insurance documents for your address. Stealing your car and/or valuables may not be the only motivations for these forced entries. Now knowing where you live and what you drive, the perps can watch your home for a time when the car is missing and break into your house. https://us-mg4.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?retry_ssl=1

Mustang Trivia Puzzle

Developed by: Sid Gesh

The February newsletter included a crossword puzzle to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Ford Mustang. The solution to the puzzle appears as the last page of this newsletter. Copies will also be handed out at the March RMCC meeting.



So..... What is a Restomod?

Contributed by: Chris Waddle

Editor's Note: With the Club's annual car show fast approaching, I thought it timely to publish this interesting piece submitted by the Chairman of our Car Show committee . . .

This is a question that I have been asked several times being the organizer of Restomods in Reno (RIR) and also heard asked several times of other people. So let's find an answer. I did some research.....

Google? They seem to have the answer for everything. I was however not satisfied with what I found nor was I given an answer that could be agreed on by several sources. Many definitions for the word "Restomod" were found. A well-known and renowned specialty car auctioneer, Barrett Jackson, has a definition listed for those purchasing or bidding on cars: "A nearly stock-appearing vehicle that has been fitted with late-model chassis, drivetrain and conveniences."

Resto Mod Rods LLC – a non-specific car restoration business from Baltimore, whose definition was located by Google, says a Restomod is taking... "an early muscle car and updating it so that it handles like a modern day sports car. It is mainly going to be used for normal driving conditions."

Urban Dictionary, a common source for modern words, says: "restoring a car with updated and/or custom components (the misspelling is taken directly from their definition)."

Even Jay Leno, the famous car guy who used to host a small television show, has his own definition that he wrote into an article for Popular Mechanics: "You take an old car and modernize it with an updated engine, suspension, brakes, tires and electronics. And if you restomod the right way, you can revert back to stock at any time."

And there are many more to be found. Most of the theses definitions are either too limiting or confusing.

At issue when reading across forums, posts on the Internet and discussions among the "car" crowd is how much change or modernization makes a car a Restomod. Does adding seatbelts to an older or vintage car that was never offered with them make it a Restomod? Do you have to make more than 3 changes to a car taking it from a stock vehicle and now this is a restomod? It is required that the modifications include brakes, suspensions and powertrain for it so be a true restomod?

Then, in order to answer the question, we must look at another debated definition: what is a stock automobile? Does this require the car to be concours correct with stampings etcetera, or just have no parts installed that weren't offered as stock parts for that car of that year? This is another discussion all together.

So where do we go to get the definition? As the Chairman of the Car Show Committee for Restomods in Reno, I think we go to the registered owner of the word itself. Mustangs Plus began the registration process for this word as their trademark in 2001. They hold the trademark to this day.

Most car people had not even started to debate the meaning of the word by this time as they hadn't heard it or didn't know it was a word. With the use of the word Mustangs Plus were making and distributing parts around the country for people to modify their mustangs. Their customers were upgrading suspensions, braking and power trains. They were trying to make their classic Mustangs handle better, stop faster, and accelerate harder. They wanted cars that were better than Jay Leno's Dodge that had more

Restomods (continued)

power than the design could handle and spun out of control on him on a mountain highway near Los Angeles.

We then fall back to the definition that was presented and came with Restomods in Reno from the beginning. The show was started in Reno by the Bramlett clan, the owners and purveyors of mustang parts and upgrades at Mustangs Plus in Stockton, CA.

A Restomod Mustang is a Mustang that has been intentionally changed by using products that are not original for that Mustang.

And their definition comes with an explanation:

The key words in this statement are intentionally changed, because that tells us that a decision was made to change the car from factory original. Restored and modified, or restored and modernized, if you prefer. Some of these intentional changes can be stereo systems, aftermarket tires and wheels, engine dress up kits, paint work, interior color combinations, and anything else that someone does to their Mustang that intentionally makes it look, drive or perform differently than when it came off the assembly line.

So from this explanation we can see that any changes intentionally made to a car to improve or alter from what was available from the factory can be considered making it a restomod of some type. Now what must be decided is how we categorize these cars. That is better left for another time.....

Another Great Coffee Clutch

Contributed by: Sid Gesh, Pictures by Judi

Saturday, February 22 was a great day from many perspectives. First of all, the morning was gorgeous – sunny and bright with a temperature around 50 degrees. Not bad for a February Saturday. (I ordered up the day, you know). In addition to the beautiful morning, the venue was delightful. Dee's Bakery was kind enough to open early and add additional staff to accommodate our event. The breakfast meals and pastry's they served were excellent. There was ample room to eat inside, and a very nice patio to gather in later for socializing. More than one member told me that they would return to the bakery in the future for breakfast or lunch.

The Coffee Clutch continues to grow in popularity and attendance. We filled Dee's parking lot with 23 cars – 19 Mustangs and 4 other vehicles. I tried counting attendees a number of times and concluded that we had at least 25 people participating in the event (everyone kept moving while I was counting). Pictures of the event appear on the following page.

As I mentioned at the event, we are looking for additional locations for the monthly Coffee Clutch. We want to try and hold the event at a different location every month. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Judi and I will follow up and check out the establishment. The criteria we have established for the event are:

- The business is open at 9:30 AM on Saturday and serves pastries and/or breakfast
- There is a room large enough for our group to sit and eat inside (until the weather warms up)
- There is ample parking – ideally, we would like to park our cars together
- Locations outside of Reno/Sparks (up to 45 miles) will be considered



Member News

One more time . . . As most of you know, the RMCC has an annual award to recognize the members who are most active in the Club. The Club awards

participation points to its members for attending Club meetings and driving their cars, participating in Club events, writing newsletter articles, serving as a Club officers, etc. Gary and Dottie are not new to the participation award. This year the participation award was once again presented to Gary and Dottie Wittmuss at the January meeting. Not only is their attendance impressive, but they probably have to drive the longest distance to participate in our events as they drive in from Stagecoach! Congratulations to Gary and Dotti . . .

Farewell . . . Two of our long time members left the area for the East coast this month. Terry and Darlene Mueller have traveled across country in moving vans to settle in Virginia. Terry has been the RMCC Activities Chairman for many years and spent countless hours every month coordinating Club events and preparing/updating a schedule of car activities in and around our area. Terry tells us that he may show up for Restomods this summer. We wish Terry and Darlene the best of luck in their new life – they will be missed!



Mustang Sale . . . As you may recall, Dave and Carol Klein left Sparks to return to Portland, Oregon last year. Dave tells me that he has not found another Mustang car club to join up there. In fact, Dave no longer owns his gorgeous '67 Mustang. Deciding that he no longer needed the car, he put the Mustang on Craig's list - and sold it to a fella in Germany!

Let's Do Dinner

Contributed by: RMCC Historian Gary Wittmuss

There is a motto familiar with motorcycle riders that goes like this: "eat to ride, ride to eat." This saying is quite appropriate with our RMCC group as evidenced by our many group dinners such as the trips to Bertha Miranda's Mexican Restaurant in connection with the quarterly Wax and Shine events. Other gatherings where food is prominent include our yearly Christmas party, miniature golf and pizza, our annual progressive dinner, our monthly meeting buffets, the monthly Saturday morning coffee clutch, goofy bowling followed by a visit to Johnny Rockets and the Veteran's Day parade luncheon to name a few. Certainly, food is something we often do as a group.

On March 15th we will participate as a club in another RMCC tradition as we revisit JT's Basque Restaurant in Gardnerville. This popular annual get together provides an excellent chance to get your ride out of the garage, put a few miles on the odometer and socialize with fellow Club members. Menu entrees are quite varied and there's always plenty of food. Hope to see you there. Here are a few pictures of our 2010 visit to JT's:



Membership Notes

Contributed by: Bonnie Moffett

At the end of February, the RMCC has received **59** new or renewing memberships, representing **82** individuals and **79** cars. Members are reminded that membership renewals are now due. A blank membership application is presented at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

Car Emblems Wanted

Contributed by: Sid and Judi Gesh

As I have mentioned in the past, as the owner of a Falcon Sprint, I am registered in the National Falcon Registry, and belong to the Falcon Club of America. One of the benefits of membership in the FCA is a monthly subscription to their newsletter, *The National Falcon News*. When I receive the newsletter, I always browse through classified ads that always appear. The last couple of months I have noticed the following ad:

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

My name is Marc Veenhuis. I'm from Holland and I love cars as long as I can remember. I had six strokes (cerebral infarctions. CVA or other medical terms are used for this) so I am in a wheelchair most of the time. Between my physical treatments, I try to collect car emblems; this is not only a hobby but a kind of therapy too because it keeps my memory active when I try to remember car names and the cars they belong to. Maybe you have got some spare or slightly damaged car badges lying around. Just plastic or metal badges you cannot use anymore. I really would love to receive them for my collection. I will appreciate that very much. With kind regards and respect, I hope to hear from you soon.
Marc Veenhuis, Boomgaard 10, 7021 KZ Velswijk - Zelhem, The Netherlands.
Email Carnut8@hetnet.nl or carnut@kpnmail.nl.

Judi and I thought that it would be a nice gesture to canvass the RMCC membership for car emblems that our members might have and no longer need/want (any make or model), and forward the emblems to Marc in Holland. If you would like to participate in this endeavor, please bring your emblems to the next Club meeting. We have also placed a box at RDW to collect the emblems if you happen to drop by there.

Auto Museum Wax-N-Shine

Contributed by: Lisa Shores

On Thursday, February 20 members of the Reno Mustang Car Club converged upon the National Automobile Museum to clean the 1965 Mustang in the collection that we sponsor. After performing the clean-up chores, the group adjourned to Bertha Miranda's across the street for libations and Mexican food. The dinner was also planned to celebrate Lisa Shores birthday. Happy birthday, Lisa, and what a neat jacket . . .



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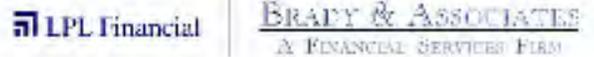
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2014

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Membership type – Please check one in each section:

NEW MEMBER RENEWING MEMBER RETURNING MEMBER MCA MEMBER#

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$20.00 per year) (From last year) (From lapsed membership) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$35.00 per year)

COMPLIMENTARY JONES WEST FORD/CAPITAL FORD MEMBERSHIP

* IF 2014 dues are paid before December 31st 2013, there is a \$5.00 discount.

MUSTANG OWNER MUSTANG ENTHUSIAST
(I own or have financial interest in a Ford Mustang) (I have interest in Mustangs and wish to support purposes of RMCC)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ DOB: _____
IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – SPOUSES NAME: _____ DOB: _____
ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____
FAMILY MEMBERS & birthdates (under 18 living at home): _____

STREET: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE(s): _____
E-MAIL: _____

YEAR	MODEL	Mustang(s) currently owned (use back for additional room)			EXTERIOR COLOR	INTERIOR COLOR
		ENGINE	TRANSMISSION			

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT RENO MUSTANG CAR CLUB?

CAR SHOW _____ MEMBER _____ OTHER _____
FLYER _____ INTERNET _____ MAGAZINE _____ NEWSPAPER _____ RADIO _____

All members and enthusiasts receive a name badge and monthly newsletter. Only a "Mustang Owner" is eligible to run for or hold elective offices and to vote in elections. All members and enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in club functions, although participation is not mandatory. Dues are payable thirty (30) days from the beginning of the calendar year. Membership period is from January 1 to December 31. **New memberships accepted after July 1 is half price. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RENO MUSTANG CAR CLUB.**

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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RMCC meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at RDW Automotive, 1186 Telegraph St. Reno, NV 89502, 775-323-1362
Board Meeting at 6:30 General Meeting at 7:00. Call with any questions or see if changes have been made to meeting time and place.

Mustang Trivia - The Early Years

