The Official Newsletter of the Reno Mustang Car Club January/February 2023 Editor: Sharon Wilson

## Mustang Tales



#### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

#### Raul Caceres

Happy New Year everyone!

Some highlights from recent months:

We lost a very special member of our RMCC family in December, past President Bonnie Moffett. Please read the lovely tribute to her in this issue, written by past member Sid Gesh. She will be greatly missed. RMCC made a \$100 donation to the Reno Police



Department K-9 Unit in her memory, per her and her husband Bob's request.

Unfortunately we were not able to participate in the Virginia City Veterans Day Parade due to bad weather. However, the weather cooperated just enough for us to drive in the Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade on December 3rd. Several of us had a great lunch afterward at Ijji Sushi in Sparks. Then on December 7th we had our Christmas dinner at Toucan Charlie's Buffet at the Atlantis, with gifts and smiles all around.

At our November meeting we were visited by Reno Police Department K-9 Officer Sean Schwartz and his canine partner, Rone. They rely largely on donations to fund their program. RMCC members voted to make this their charity choice for a donation this year. A total of \$1200 was donated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 13th meeting at the South Valleys Library, and at our 2023 events.

Please keep abreast of future activities by referring to the website (www.RenoMustangCarClub.com) and Facebook.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

• Monday, February 13: RMCC Meeting

#### **RMCC OFFICERS**

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Misty Peterson Activities



Officer Schwartz and Rone

Please contact the Newsletter Editor to submit items for advertising!

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Obviously it has not been great weather for Mustangs so far this year.

Misty will keep us posted on plans for future activities once Mother

Nature settles down!

If you have any suggestions for a fun activity, contact Misty at robbinlestat@outlook.com



#### RMCC CHARITY PICK

At our November meeting we were visited by members of the Reno Police Department K-9 Unit. Officer Schwartz brought his Czech Shepherd Rone and talked about the program, which is funded in large part by donations. It is separate from the Washoe County Sheriff's K-9 program. The dogs are generally obtained from overseas (Rone was born in Hungary in 2016). The officer/handler and the dog go through training together somewhere else in the US and then return to the RPD. Different dogs can be trained for different tasks, such as drug detection, explosive detection, apprehension of suspects, and emotional support. Rone is certified in narcotics detection, tracking, suspect apprehension, handler protection, and article/location searches. Dogs live with their handlers where they can enjoy a typical dog's life. RMCC made a donation of \$1200 to the RPD K-9 Unit following a vote by members.

Officer Schwartz has worked for RPD since 2003. He joined the K-9 Unit in 2017 which is also when Rone reported for duty.

#### ADVERTISING RATES

	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
Business Card	Free	\$20 per issue
Classified	Free	\$5 per issue

### Fly High Redhawk A Tribute to Bonnie Moffett

The Reno Mustang Car Club has lost one of its long time and active members of the car club. Bonnie Moffett, recent President of the Club, lost her battle with cancer and has passed away. To say that Bonnie was an active member of the Club is an under statement. Bonnie and her husband, Bob, joined the Club in 2004. In addition to attending most of the Club's monthly meetings and activities over the years, Bonnie was very much involved with the RMCC; taking part in most Club meetings, poker runs, cruises, parades, dinners, and Clubsponsored car shows. Whenever and wherever the RMCC members gathered, you could count Bonnie being there. In fact, Bonnie and Bob won the Club's annual participation award a few times.

From 2006 to 2017 Bonnie was the Chair of the Club's Membership Committee. In this capacity she kept and maintained the record of Club membership, welcomed new members, and requested and distributed member name badges. Not content with just



keeping the membership records, Bonnie was known for approaching Mustang owners at car shows, and even at traffic stops, to inform them of the Mustang Club and invite them to attend Club meetings and/or events. To say that Bonnie was tenacious in recruiting new members is an under statement.



Bonnie's contributions to the RMCC did not end with the job of maintaining club membership records. With her graphic arts talents, Bonnie often created designs for event announcements, tee shirts, and other advertising products for the Club. In fact, Bonnie was instrumental in receiving permissions from Ford Motor Company to use trademarks and Logos from Ford for Mustang specific Cobra, Ford Oval and Ford Script in any and all correspondence relating to Reno Mustang Car Club and any shows produced by the RMCC. She also often lent her graphic

arts talents to the Club Webmaster for the Web site.

Bonnie often stepped in to organize the annual food drive at Christmas time each year. Working with the Wheelers she would "encourage" Club members to contribute food items to the barrels set up at RDW for this purpose. At the conclusion of the drive she would put together a parade of Mustang Club cars to drop the food off at Evelyn Mount's residence for distribution to families in need.

Every member who has been involved in putting a RMCC car show together knows how much work is involved in preparation for the show. Bonnie, also known as "Redhawk" professionally, worked long hours in setting up the show and making sure all details were attended to. In 2016 the RMCC was selected to host the annual national Mustang show here in Reno. The motto selected for the show was "the Magic of the Mustang." The logo of the show was created by Bonnie. The editor of the Mustang Times, who happened to attend the show, stated that he loved the logo and that the show was "the best he had ever seen." Here again Bonnie was a major contributor to the success of the show.

Even though the Moffetts owned a number of Mustangs, Bonnie's favorite was her red 1998 Cobra convertible. Bob relates a story where a friend brought his Mustang over for Bob to work on. The troubleshooting strategy that was employed was to selectively remove engine parts from Bonnie's car and install them on his friends. When they reached the point that the part from Bonnie's car solved the problem, they knew that they had found the offending part. When Bonnie found out that parts from her beloved Cobra were missing, she was not at all happy. Needless to say, the parts that had been removed from Bonnie's car were immediately replaced!



All of Bonnie's contributions to the RMCC over the years are too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say that Bonnie was a valued member of the Club and one of its most active members. Furthermore, we have found Bonnie to be a hard working, loyal, and personable member of the RMCC who made significant contributions to the Club – she will be sorely missed. *Fly high Redhawk!* 



#### RMCC HISTORY

At our October meeting, we celebrated the Reno Mustang Car Club's 40th birthday. Member Ron Wheeler, with assistance from his wife Dianna, put together a nice presentation of the club's history, which we will recap here.

The Reno Sierra Mustang Club was originally formed on July 8, 1982. Its original stated purpose was "to operate and maintain the Classic Mustang," 1964-1/2 through 1973. Bylaws were drawn up containing basic purposes, membership, officers, and miscellaneous sections. The initial officers (1982-83) were Jim Stauffer, President; Tom Salisbury, Vice-President; and Nancy Porter, Secretary/Treasurer. All members paying dues prior to July 8, 1982 were considered Charter Members.

Effective January 1, 1989, the Club name was officially changed to the Reno Mustang Car Club by a vote of the membership. One reason was to abolish any notion people had that the club was somehow associated with the infamous Mustang Ranch! Some minor changes were made to the bylaws, but the basic purpose was kept intact. Since the early 1990s, the Club was expanded to include all years of our beloved Mustangs, not just the "Classics."

In the past, RMCC has been the host for two Mustang Club of America national car shows, in 2012 at Boomtown and in 2016 at the Peppermill. This involved a lot of work by members, but was very good for our treasury.

We have had many officers and members over the years that have contributed to RMCC and the community in many ways. Some of the activities that have been organized in the past include progressive dinners, pot lucks, poker runs and rallies, wine tasting at a member's home, hosting and/or participating in many car events, Easter egg hunts, taking Amtrak to Sacramento, miniature golf, go-kart racing, participating in parades, cruising to Apple Hill/Tahoe/Loyalton and other nearby locales, and many local cruises to local restaurants (just to name a few).

In addition to all the fun events, RMCC has also always made donations to various local charities and non-profits, even when the treasury wasn't so flush. Over the years, we have made \$70,000 in donations!

We are hoping the RMCC will be around for many more years. That means we should always have an eye to recruiting new—and also younger—members. What Mustang owner doesn't want to get together with like-minded individuals and talk about their cars?



Member submissions of articles and photographs for the newsletter are always welcome!

Email submissions to

Newsletter Editor
Sharon

The newsletter is published every other month and distributed to members by email. It is also available on our website,

renomustangcar club.com



#### **ABOUT US**

The Reno Mustang Car Club always welcomes new and returning membership by those with ownership of or interest in the Ford Mustang Automobile. We are a chartered organization established in 1982. RMCC sponsors a major car show each year, participates in many Hot August Nights activities, "adopts" a classic Mustang at the National Automobile Collection in downtown Reno, and schedules many social events for the enjoyment of its members. Join the fun and share the joys and challenges of owning any year or model of an American automobile icon: The Ford Mustang.

#### WHOSE MUSTANG IS THIS?



**Roger's Mustang** 



Lisa's Mustang

Submitted by member Roger Shores

**MEETING!** 

Monday, February 13th 6:30pm South Valleys

15650 Wedge Pkwy, Reno

Library

Meeting room to the left.

New and perspective members welcome!



#### FROM THE ARCHIVES



2005: RMCC Street Hop Winner

Anybody know whose car this is? It won Best Mustang and Best Paint at this show at Diamonds Casino in Reno, April 24, 2005.

# Member Photos Shap

#### November Meeting Officer Schwartz and Rone Donation to Reno PD K-9 Unit







Lunch at Ijji Sushi after Sparks Christmas Parade December 3



# Member Photos



Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade December 3





#### Christmas Dinner, Toucan Charlie's at the Atlantis December 7





- The Mustang Club of America is the largest organization of Mustang enthusiasts in the World. The camaraderie of fellow MCA members is legendary. Wherever you travel you will find MCA members that are willing to help with assistance, advice and/or comradeship.
- The MCA Board of Directors has adopted a Commitment Statement of support for all members of the club regardless of the Mustang they own or the level of involvement in the hobby.
- All Members receive free classified non-business advertisements in Mustang Times, and on the MCAWEBSITE.
- The Mustang Club of America has a Members-Only section on this web site with club news and features. The WEBSITE also contains club information and a comprehensive listing of Mustang events throughout the world.
- All Members receive two (2) Mustang Club of America windshield decals.
- All Members receive members-only discounts, including Ford X-Plan pricing on new Ford vehicles.

#### Visit us at www.mustang.org

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5 Years	\$100	\$140	\$200 (\$350 Non-US

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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2023

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