The Official Newsletter of the Reno Mustang Car Club November/December 2022 Editor: Sharon Wilson

### Mustang Tales



### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Raul Caceres

October 15th, four Shelbys/eight RMCC members spent Saturday driving a little over 300 miles. Ed Rudolph organized a "Fall Colors Cruise to June Lake." It was an early start and a long drive, three hours to June Lake. Believe we hit the colors just perfect! A beautiful blue sky day along with a menu of unbelievable reds, orange and brown colors. A break for lunch in Bridgeport, CA. at Rhino's was well enjoyed, great



burgers! By the way, California gas prices started at \$7.99. So the Gauvreaus, Cacereses, Stevensons and Kalanicks joined Ed to enjoy a great Saturday.

Sunday, October 23rd for a very chilly but extremely clear day, RMCC organized a cruise to Loyalton. Our activities chairman, Misty did a great job of setting up the cruise and lunch. With 11 cars we proceeded for a 120-150 mile drive. What a beautiful day and an exceptional lunch we had!

During the 2022 season we offered many different activities and drives. The trip to Loyalton was a super way to end the year. Hopefully RMCC cruises in 2023 will be attended and enjoyed. Misty presented a large number of different drives, breakfasts and parades in 2022. We need a greater participation in the future.

Note: there will be no monthly meeting in December or January. February TBA.

Please keep abreast of future activities by referring to the website (<a href="www.RenoMustangCarClub.com">www.RenoMustangCarClub.com</a>) and <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday, November 21:
   RMCC Meeting
- Saturday, December 3: Sparks Christmas Parade
- Wednesday, December 7: Christmas Dinner Buffet
- No meeting in December or January

### RMCC OFFICERS

President: Raul Caceres
Vice-President: Joe Wyatt
Secretary: Barbara Stapleton
Treasurer: Marianne Channel
Historian: Lynn Boutilier
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Misty Peterson Activities





### Please contact the Newsletter Editor to submit items for advertising!

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

### Monday, November 21: RMCC Meeting

6:30-7:30pm South Valleys Library, 15650 Wedge Parkway, Reno. Enter on the left side of the building.

### Saturday, December 3: Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade

Meeting time and place TBA (waiting to hear back from parade organizers).

### Wednesday, December 7: Christmas Dinner Party

5:00-7:pm Toucan Charlie's Buffet, Atlantis Casino. \$40 per person, all you can eat. Show up between 5:00 and 5:30pm and ask for the RMCC table.

If you have any questions about these activities or suggestions for others, contact Misty at <a href="mailto:robbinlestat@outlook.com">robbinlestat@outlook.com</a>

### RENO MUSTANG CAR CLUB CELEBRATES 40TH!

At our October meeting we celebrated the RMCC's 40th Birthday! Long-time member Ron Wheeler did a wonderful presentation on the history of the Club, which will be featured in detail in our January/ February 2023 Newsletter.

We also took suggestions for charitable organizations for the Club to gift with a donation of \$1000. These will be discussed at the November 21st meeting and a final choice will be made.

RMCC received \$211 for assisting with traffic at Hot August Nights.

2023 Membership forms are now available on the website (or you can print the one in this newsletter). Get \$5 off your membership if you renew by December 31st.

RMCC Members can receive half-price admission to the National Automobile Museum in Reno and 10% off in the gift shop. Their guests can receive 10% off admission.

### ADVERTISING RATES

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

### **IN MEMORIAM**

My Mother, Colleen Anne Ackerman (McLeod), passed away two weeks ago today, September 12, 2022. Today would have been her 84th birthday. Mom passed peacefully at our home in Jackson, Wyoming, surrounded by her family including Grandsons Ryan (and wife Jackie) Robert (and wife Melinda) and Alex, Great Grand Children Jacob and Josephine, and my wife Sarah. Mom moved to Jackson to live with Sarah and myself after her terminal cancer diagnosis in early August. Though her time with us in Wyoming was limited, she filled our home with love and a dignity that I will never forget. In her passing, she set an example for our family. Never a word of regret, or anger, always grateful for the life she lived with Dad, my sister (Susie passed away in 2001) and myself.

My Dad passed away in March of this year, at age 90, just short of my parents' 67th Wedding Anniversary. While they have been separated for a short 6 months, they are once again together, as was their wish.

Mom and Dad met and married in Sacramento, California in 1955 where Mom was a young beauty queen and Dad was a young college student. Probably too young to marry, they met, fell in love, raised a family, and spent more than sixty-six years as husband and wife, instilling in their children discipline, independence, respect, accountability, and a deep conviction that we were only limited by our own imaginations and willingness to work to achieve our goals. They were of "that" generation.

Mom and Dad will be interred together in Arlington National Cemetery, a fitting tribute to my dad's service, their life together and the legacy they leave to their family, which I now lead. While they set an incredible example to follow, their shoes feel almost impossible to fill. They set the bar of sacrifice for family very high.

Throughout this year, our family has been a source of strength for my parents, for each other, and particularly for me. When Dad's days were limited, all the family dropped everything to be together and to be with him and each other. With Mom, once again, the family rallied - to help her move to Wyoming and to share time with her, and each other.

My wife Sarah has been the rock that I depended on. The last two years had all our parents in the hospital, sometimes three of them at once. Sarah repeatedly dropped everything to shuttle between her parents in Missouri and my parents in Reno to provide for their care, advocacy, and comfort. Spending weeks at a time with my parents and hers. I would have been lost without her, and my parents knew it.

As difficult as this year has been for our family, I think we collectively learned the deeper meaning of "family". To be there for each other, wherever and whenever needed. That was the final gift and lesson from my parents. As I love them, I love all of you and am grateful for the collective strength you summoned when it was most needed. This will be my Mom and Dad's lasting legacy...

May the sun always shine upon your windowpane, may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. May the road rise to meet you...

Bob and Colleen
Ackerman were longtime members of
RMCC. Bob was
Treasurer at one time,
and they were active in
a variety of local
charities. Sadly, they
both passed away in
2022. This is Colleen's
obituary, written by
their son, Robert.

RMCC will make a donation to a charity of the family's choice in their memory.





### **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.

### WHO AM I?

My first Mustang I bought new in Sunnyvale, CA. It was a 3-speed, Ivy Green coupe. I drove it all through college at San Jose, CA. It was used during the first year in my first professional job, then traded for a 1970 Camaro. In fact, my family were definitely Mustang aficionados. My brother owned a 1966 Fastback, my father a 1967 coupe, and my mother a 1968 coupe. (By the way, my "first professional job" was flight school in Pensacola, FL. which ultimately led to NAVY GOLD Wings and a 40 year Navy/airline career.)

The next experience with Mustangs occurred with the purchase of a 1965 red coupe and a second really sharp blue coupe Mustang with large chrome rims. These two were purchased for the two sons to drive in high school during the mid-90s. The Mustangs were sold for around \$5000 each when my wife and I moved to Annapolis, MD.

With a new home purchased in Reno in 2004 we then decided to purchase another Mustang. A used Hertz Rent-A-Car was the choice. A few years later, the burgundy Mustang was used as a trade in for a brand new 2007 Shelby GT500, black with white stripes.

The next year a classic 1965 GT red convertible was added to the stable. FINALLY: a third Mustang was added in 2015 with a Shelby GT blue/silver stripe. The 2015 Shelby's name is "WOLFIE" due to the UNR similar colors.

So in 60 years I have owned seven MUSTANGS. WHO AM I?

See answer below and to the left!

### WHO AM I?

My name: Raul Caceres, your RMCC president.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES: ANSWERED!



2012: Mustangs, Mustangs, and Mustangs!

We heard from Gary Witmuss in Goodland, KS. He was the RMCC Historian for several years and reports that this is his modified '65 Fastback that he owned for 52 years. He says hello to all!



### **Topaz Lake Cruise, September 10**



# Member Photos

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Coffee Clutch, September 24

















# Member Photos



June Lake Cruise, October 15



### Member Photos

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**Loyalton Cruise, October 23** 





### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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