

# Mustang Tales



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Raul Caceres

RMCC has had a real exciting year. Here's 2023 in review. Various lunches at A&W, Scoopers, then local drives with "a bunch" of Mustangs. During the year we drove two to three hour drives around California and Nevada. Mustang's 59th birthday was celebrated with a 3 hour drive culminating with Minden BBQ. Twenty-seven club Mustangs participated.

June 24th we had 17 of our member owner's Shelbys and Saleens for an annual "SNAKES AT THE LAKE." After a northern drive around Lake Tahoe, Raul took his group to meet the incoming California Shelby group. In total there were 85-90 snakes for the drive and lunch. As a group we went to the ACES baseball game, 35-40 of us enjoyed \$1 hot dogs, beer and an exciting game.

During the year we participated in three parades, including July 4th parades at Incline and Truckee. For our efforts we received a huge first place trophy for Truckee 4th. To celebrate our veterans, Reno Mustang Club participated in the Virginia City Veteran's Day parade.

I truly appreciate all members, especially those that chose to participate in all the activities that we offered. I also want to thank our board members. Misty provided a varied list of activities. Joe, my VP and I work hand in hand. Scott, in charge of membership, has done a fabulous job updating our current roster which includes over 60 family members. Marianne, the keeper of our "gold," has done a great job. Ron, the Sergeant of Arms, has kept control, so far no fights have occurred. Finally, a special thanks to Dave for maintaining the website and taking over the secretary position after Barbara resigned after many years of dedicated service.

Please be aware, we still have the Christmas Sparks parade and annual Christmas party at Atlantis. Look for more information about the two final activities of 2023.

I wish every member and families a wonderful Christmas and hope that you all participate in activities in 2024.

We are planning on something special for the Mustang's 60th birthday on April 17th. And how about a car show in 2024?



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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Saturday, December 2:**  
Sparks Christmas Parade
- **Wednesday, December 6:**  
Christmas Dinner, Atlantis
- **Saturday, February 10:**  
Scooper's Lunch/Cruise?
- **Monday, February 12:**  
RMCC Meeting

### RMCC OFFICERS

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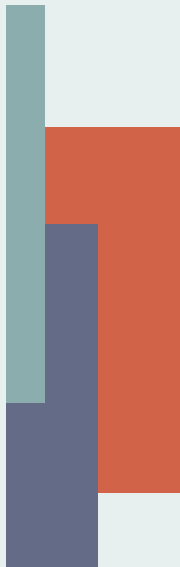
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**Misty Peterson  
Activities**



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advertising!**

## ACTIVITIES

### **Saturday, December 2: Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade**

10:00am– 2:00pm. The parade starts at 1:00pm but we can start lining up at our assigned location at 10am. We only have room for 10 cars, so you must have signed up with Dave Ramsey ([dramsey@neko.com](mailto:dramsey@neko.com)) in advance to participate. Otherwise come down and cheer us on!

### **Wednesday, December 6: Christmas Dinner Buffet**

5:30pm - ?. Toucan Charlie’s Buffet, Atlantis Casino, 3800 S. Virginia St., Reno. Members only. Arrive between 5:30 and 5:45pm to go in with the group; if you arrive later look for the group at a table in the back. Buffet is \$43 per person plus tax and tip, pay cashier at entry. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate, \$25 price limit on gifts.

### **Saturday, February 10: Scooper’s Lunch/Cruise**

Time and details TBA. Members only. Cruise depends on weather.

### **Monday, February 12: RMCC Meeting**

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

**If you have any suggestions for a fun activity, contact Misty at [robbinlestat@outlook.com](mailto:robbinlestat@outlook.com)**

## ADVERTISING RATES

	<i>Member Fee</i>	<i>Non-Member Fee</i>
<b>Business Card</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>\$20 per issue</b>
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## MUSTANG OF THE MONTH

*By Jack Janney*

Some call it “the car gene”. I know I’ve had it since I could speak. My parents, sitting out on the front porch on spring and summer nights, me sitting next to my dad, asking, every time a car drove by, “what kind is that, what year is it”.

Then, in the sixties, waiting for the Sunday paper on the second Sunday in September, so I could grab the magazine section that had pictures and described the new models for the coming year. The new Corvette, with its fastback styling and hideaway headlights; the new longer, lower, squared-off, Buick Electra with the apartment-sized trunk; the Plymouth Satellite, with something called a 426 hemi.

Then it was March 1968. My friend, Randy, from grade school and junior high, whose family had moved to Littleton, Colorado, had invited me to spend spring break there. I was a junior in high school, would turn 16 in July. Randy took me to a slot-car hobby shop, where you could rent time on their track and run your slot car. The next day, we decided we would walk along South Broadway to look at the new car dealerships. South Broadway dissected the middle of Littleton and was lined with dealerships on both sides of the street.

We had breakfast. It was about a mile walk from his house, and we got to Broadway mid-morning, it was a weekday, so the dealerships were pretty slow. Looking up and down the street, seeing familiar and no longer so familiar brands. Chevrolet. Ford. Oldsmobile. Pontiac. Dodge. Plymouth. AMC/Rambler. There were no Toyota or Honda dealerships.

Overhead banners with multi-colored triangular shaped flags hung in front of the dealerships. Balloons were tied to radio antennas. Shiny chrome bumpers and bright colors caught your eye (not like the white/black/silver hues that seem to dominate today).

At the AMC dealer, I saw the new Javelins with the bullseye logo in the grill. An AMX that I had only seen in magazines.

The Chevrolet dealer. There was the Camaro. Didn’t look much different from last year. Most had 350s, a few 396s. The Chevelle body style was new, much better looking than the old version, I thought. I didn’t think much about the Impalas. The Caprice, was gross, why would anybody want something like that. Corvettes. Some with 350s. A few with 427s. Which I found slightly intimidating. Only older guys with money could afford those.

Dodge. The new Charger body style. “Coke bottle styling” they called it. Whatever. I loved the hide-away headlights. The way the body line seemed to rise and fall to accentuate the wheels, the sail panel accentuating the back window, and the slim rear bumper with the distinctive rear lights. 383s and RT 440s. Red with white vinyl tops were my favorite. It would be 4-speed, who would want an automatic. Polara, blah. A salesman sees us and walks over. I explain I don’t have my driver’s license, we just wanted to look. He nods and smiles, tells us, “look all you want, come back when you’re ready to buy something,” and walks away.

Mercury. The Park Lanes and Montereys were for family guys. The Cougar, I thought, was pretty cool. Especially the hide-away headlights, and the sequential rear turn signals. *(continued on page 4)*



Courtesy Ford. Along Broadway, they have the LTDs out front, second row, the Fairlanes and Torinos, new body style. The Torino was available as a coupe or a fastback. Some with C-stripe decals. Most had 351 or 390, a few with the CJ 428. I liked fastback styling, 351, 390s. There were Mustangs in hardtop, fastback, and convertible. I liked the fastbacks the best, still do. At the back of the lot was the showroom. Now that I've seen what's in the lot, I'm walking up to see what they have in the showroom. Then I see it. I call out to Randy, excitedly, "there's a Shelby!" as I see a red Shelby GT-500 parked in the showroom. I go through the door, into the showroom and walk up to it. It's a red with white stripe Shelby GT-500, four speed. The window is down, unlocked, so I open the door and sit down in the driver seat. Black interior. Four speed. It has that new car smell. I look at the dash. 140 mph speedometer. 7,000 rpm tachometer. Woodgrain dash. I'm pushing in the clutch, moving the shifter, from first, to second, to third. Then I hear, "hey get out of there," and I see a salesman, who is practically running over. I quickly hop out. I guess I don't look like a future buyer. We leave.

March 1991, my wife and I adopt another black lab retriever. I must've mentioned my infatuation with Shelby Mustangs? She suggests we name our latest Lab retriever "Shelby."

January 2016, after limited production in 2015, Ford was building a new Shelby GT-350 with its own dedicated cross plane crank motor. I'm at the new car show in LA and seeing them up close for the first time. I decide I want one. I look at dealer sites the next few months, but end up giving up on the idea. The thought of paying additional dealer profit just didn't sit well. So I put it on hold.

Over the next two years, I watch as the ADP finally goes away once demand has leveled out. Most have been driven sparingly, so I think, why not find a low mileage one-owner car and save on the depreciation and taxes.

I begin watching the auctions on Ebay, and in January 2019, I see a one-owner 2016 Shelby red/white stripe for sale in Phoenix, Arizona. It has 6,000 miles and has a "buy it now" price at \$16k below sticker. I fly down to Phoenix and meet the couple (it was her car, he has a Shelby F150 truck). They are "car people," and I feel good that I've picked the right one. She's only selling because she finally got the 67 Corvette fastback she'd always wanted.

I waited 50 years, but finally I can say I have a Shelby. Sometimes I just walk out to the garage with a glass of wine just to sit and look at it. And when I open the door to sit inside, I smile to myself, thinking, no one is going to yell at me to get out.



## 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 participates in many Hot August Nights activities, and schedules many social and car 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.

## MEETING!

**Monday, February 12**

**6:30pm**

**South Valleys  
Library**

**15650 Wedge Pkwy,  
Reno**

**Meeting room to the  
left.**

**New and prospective  
members welcome!**



## RMCC CHARITY DONATIONS

Every year RMCC makes one or more donations to charity, as voted on by the members. This year, we decided to make four donations of \$500 each. Recipients included the Reno Police Department (RPD) K-9 Unit, the Veterans Guest House (VGH) in Reno, Special Olympics, and the MEPC2 Duplication Syndrome Foundation. We'll talk about the first two here and the second two in the January newsletter.

### RDP K-9 Unit:

The \$500 donation to the Reno Police K-9 Unit was delivered to Lt. Mike Browett. He expressed his (and the Unit's) great appreciation for the donation. In this instance, our donation will help purchase a badly needed new "bite suit" which they use for training the K-9s. He also mentioned that the newest dog, Jack (trained in gun detection), recently helped find two guns and make an arrest on his first day on the job after being fully certified. Donations such as the RMCC's are put to a variety of uses, such as purchasing new dogs, needed gear for the dogs (bullet-proof vests, etc.), and training such as an upcoming training for the coordination of the use of K-9s in conjunction with the SWAT team. In short, they are truly grateful for the RMCC donation.



*RPD K-9 Unit, from left to right: Mike Browett and Winter, Jarret Christensen and Monroe, Ben Lancaster, AJ Weaver and Skully, and Chris Carter and Julio. Not pictured: Derek Jones and Drax, Gaylon Schmidt and Jack.*

### Veterans Guest House:

The VGH in Reno provides temporary lodging as well as meals, clothing and other essentials to veterans and their family members when veterans from out of town are here to receive medical treatment in the Reno/Sparks area. VGH is a non-profit organization and not a government program. They receive funding from corporate sponsors and other private donations. They are located across the street from the Reno VA Hospital. They also have a wish list of needed items on their website:

[www.veteransguesthouse.org](http://www.veteransguesthouse.org).

Sharon Wilson presenting RMCC donation to Patrice Klaich, Donor Relations Manager at VGH.



## ALOHA FOR MAUI CAR SHOW

In October, RMCC member Steve Richards took it upon himself to organize an all model, all years car show to raise money for relief efforts in Maui, Hawaii after the horrible fire they had there. Several RMCC members volunteered to help with the event and also entered their cars in the show. It was held at the Bonanza Casino and approximately 85 cars entered. There were some food trucks and other vendors, and t-shirts designed especially for the event were available. DJ Steve West provided the tunes and there was also a raffle.

Several awards were given out, and THREE of them were won by RMCC members! John and Cindy Lavan won the Sponsor Choice Award from Big Daddy's Elite Mustang Builders for their 1967 Mustang GT Fastback. Rick Stevenson won the Best Modern Muscle Award from Northern Nevada Muscle for his 2008 Shelby Mustang GT500. Joe and Fran Wyatt won the Sponsor Choice Award from Real Performance Speed shop—alas, not for a Mustang but for their Ford Bronco. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who participated for contributing to a good cause!



*John & Cindy Lavan*

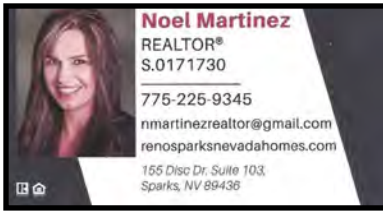


*Rick Stevenson*



*Joe & Fran Wyatt*

## MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS



### 2007 Shelby GT (Custom)

- ◆ Black with silver Le Mans stripes.
- ◆ Authenticated into the official Shelby American Registry on June 21, 2013. CSM # 075GT2982.
- ◆ Personally signed by Carroll Shelby on 01-27-2010.
- ◆ Two time Gold winner at the Mustang Club of America (National Event) 2013 and 2016.
- ◆ Winner (Gold) at the 50th Birthday Celebration (Las Vegas, Nevada, 2014).
- ◆ MCA Award of Excellence.
- ◆ Several more awards.
- ◆ Too many custom features to list!

**Contact Ed Rudolph at 775-781-7011.**



**Member submissions of articles and photographs for the newsletter are always welcome! Your car could be "Mustang of the Month!"**

**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, renomustangcarclub.com**

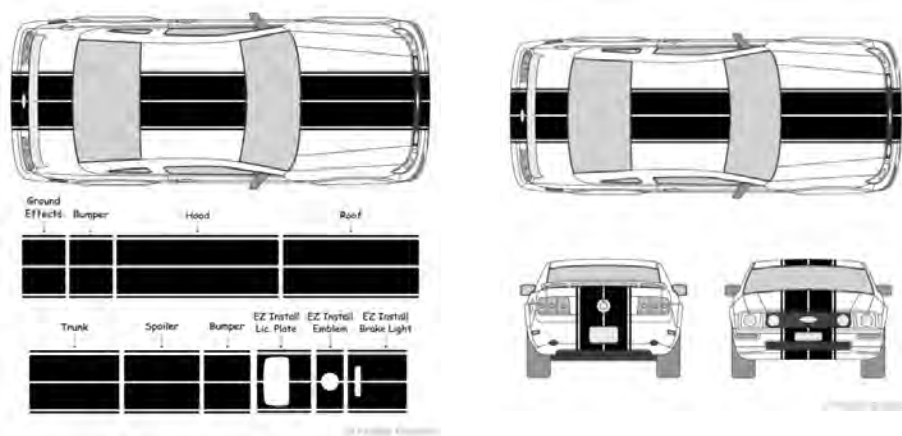
MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

**White Stripe Kit 2005-2014**

Brand new, still in box. \$50.

Contact Darold Roy:

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**Have You Renewed?**

Save \$5 on your 2024 RMCC membership if you renew by December 31st! Use the form in this newsletter or complete online and submit with your payment.

Click here:

[www.RenoMustangCarClub.com](http://www.RenoMustangCarClub.com)





## BE CAREFUL IF YOU GET A FLAT TIRE IN ELKO...

*By Joe Wyatt*

In late October 2018, Fran and I were driving our F150 to her family's ranch in Ruby Valley (northeast Nevada, south of Elko on the south side of the Ruby Mountains). As usual, around noon we stopped in Elko for lunch (the ranch is about 75 miles and 1½ hours from Elko). As we were getting out of the pickup to go into the restaurant, Fran told me it looked like there was a nail in the right rear tire. Since I was hungry, I said I'd look at it after we'd eaten. After lunch when we came back to the pickup, I checked the tire and sure enough there was a nail. It looked like a "short" nail, so of course I pulled it out. Immediately the air began hissing from the tire – the "short" nail was 3 inches long! I told Fran to jump in and we would run down to the closest tire store, Les Schwab. When we got there, they said "sure, we can fix it – it'll be about 1½ hours." We didn't want to wait that long, so after getting some air in the tire, off we went to Big O Tire. Big O said "sure, about 45 minutes."

After getting more air, we decided that I could drop Fran off at the local Albertsons to do some shopping for her mom (as I mentioned, it's a 3 hour round trip to come into town from the ranch), and I could bring the pickup back to Big O to get the tire fixed. Once we got to Albertsons, I mentioned to Fran that since the Ford dealership is right next door, I might as well see if they could fix the tire sooner. I drove over to Gallagher Ford and, great news, they could fix the tire without waiting. I cancelled my appointment at Big O and then wandered into their showroom to see if they had anything interesting to look at while I waited. There sat a 2018 Ruby Red GT350 – Fran really liked the 6th generation body style (we didn't have one) and Ruby Red was the color she liked best. The tire was repaired (it only took them about 20 minutes) and off I went to pick up Fran at the grocery store. Once the groceries were loaded and Fran was back in the pickup, I told her there was something I thought she should see at Gallagher's. Back at the dealership, of course Fran loved the Mustang! We talked to the Fleet Manager and General Manager whom we knew well. To make a long story short, they'd had the car since early summer and with winter coming up (nobody buys cars in the winter in Elko) they wanted to sell the car and made us a very good deal. So, we ended up with a 2018 GT350 because of a timely flat tire! By the way, Fran named her Eleanor.



# Member Photos



**Veterans Day Parade, Virginia City  
November 11, 2023**



# Member Photos



## Veterans Day Parade, Virginia City November 11, 2023







## Why you should join The Mustang Club of America

- 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](http://www.mustang.org)**

MCA Membership Levels & Benefits			
	Associate	Digital	Standard
MCA Membership Number & Card	✓	✓	✓
MCA Member Benefits (X-Plan, etc)	✓	✓	✓
Can enter MCA Shows	✓	✓	✓
MCA Website Access	✓	✓	✓
Can vote in MCA Elections		✓	✓
Can run for MCA National/Regional Office		✓	✓
Digital Mustang Times Access		✓	✓
Mustang Times Subscription			✓
Membership Length & Cost (in USD)			
1 Year	\$25	\$35	\$50 (\$80 Non-US)
2 Years	\$50	\$70	\$95 (\$155 Non-US)
3 Years	\$75	\$105	\$140 (\$230 Non-US)
5 Years	\$100	\$140	\$200 (\$350 Non-US)

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

MCA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Level: Associate \_\_\_\_ Digital \_\_\_\_ Full \_\_\_\_

Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail this Form Today to:*

**Mustang Club of America**

4051 Barrancas Avenue, PMB 102, Pensacola, FL 32507

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2024

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
RENO MUSTANG CAR CLUB  
PO BOX 12453  
RENO, NV 89510



**Membership type – Please check one in each section:**

NEW  RENEWING (From last year?)  RETURNING (From lapsed membership)

MCA (Mustang Club of America) MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$20.00 per year)
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$35.00 per year)
- COMPLIMENTARY CAPITAL FORD MEMBERSHIP-FREE!!

*\* IF 2024 dues are paid before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, there is a \$5.00 discount. NEW memberships accepted after July 1<sup>st</sup> are 1/2 price.*

**Do you want your name and contact information included in a membership list for all member access?**

NO  E-mail address  Cell phone  Home phone

MUSTANG OWNER (I own or have financial interest in a Ford Mustang)

MUSTANG ENTHUSIAST (I have interest in Mustangs and wish to support purposes of RMCC)

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*If Family Membership* – SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS (under 18 living at home) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mustang(s) currently owned (use back for additional room)**

YEAR	MODEL	YEAR	MODEL

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT RENO MUSTANG CAR CLUB?**

MEMBER (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ CARSHOW \_\_\_\_\_

FLYER  INTERNET  MAGAZINE  NEWSPAPER  RADIO  OTHER

All members and enthusiasts receive a name badge and 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.**

**FOR RMCC USE ONLY: AMOUNT PAID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CASH**  **CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly meeting information can be found on the calendar at  
[RenoMustangCarClub.com](http://RenoMustangCarClub.com)

**DISCLAIMER**

I/We certify that the insurance coverage on my/our vehicle(s) operated at RMCC club functions is in compliance with at least the minimum set forth in the current edition of the applicable Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles Codes. It is understood that the Reno Mustang Car Club shall not be held liable or otherwise responsible for damage or loss to any vehicle or its content at any time.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_