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Mustang Tales

Newsletter of the Reno Mustang Car Club

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Mustang Tales Publication Schedule

The following schedule has been established as publication dates for Mustang Tales, the newsletter of the RMCC, for the next twelve months. This schedule may change with the newsletter Editor after January 1, 2016.

September/October 2015 Issue	October 6, 2015
November/December 2015 Issue	December 1, 2015
January/February 2016 Issue	February 9, 2016
March/April 2016 Issue	April 6, 2016
May/June 2016 Issue	June 7, 2016
July / August 2016 Issue	August 2, 2016
September/October 2016 Issue	October 11, 2016
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Charities to be supported by the RMCC will be selected at the October General meeting. Be sure to attend.

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President's Message

Joe Wyatt, RMCC President



I hope everyone has enjoyed these past few months as much as Fran and I have. It has been a great summer with the best car club in town! I am always impressed with the fantastic support by the members of the Reno Mustang Car Club for everything we do, particularly the events supporting local charities. A few weeks ago many of the club members attended the

Kars for Kids event at the Sky Tavern Lodge benefiting the Junior Ski Program. Although we didn't win the prize for the club with the most cars exhibiting, we certainly had the BMW club working overtime to win. For those who didn't attend, RMCC had 27 cars while the BMW folks eked out a victory with 30 cars. As we sat around a giant "camp fire" circle (without the fire!) among our cars, it truly revealed what our club is all about – gathering with great friends and great cars enjoying a fabulous day while helping our community raise funds for a worthy cause!

Speaking of charities, please plan to attend our next meeting to vote for your top choices from the charities nominated last month. The top 5 vote getters will receive our support this year as we fulfill one of the most important purposes of our club – giving back to our community.



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RMCC Charities Nominated

At the September General meeting RMCC members nominated the charities they would like the Club to support during the upcoming year. The nominations and a short description of each organization is provided below, as well as a link to the organization's Web site for additional information.

Operation Feedback – a foodbank that provides fresh nutritious food to veterans and the military families in the Northern Nevada area. www.operationfeedback.us

Wounded Warriors Family Support - an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide support to the families of those who have been wounded, injured or killed during combat operations. www.WWFS.org

Special Olympics, Nevada - A non profit and community service organization providing sports and charity events for people with physical and mental disabilities. www.sonv.org

Veteran's Guest House – A non profit organization that provides United States military service veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations when receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno-Sparks area. www.veteransguesthouse.org

Renown Children's Hospital - Renown Children's Hospital has the region's only Children's ER, Pediatric ICU and Children's Specialty Care that treats children and adolescents with cancer in the Reno area. www.renown.org/find/location/renown_childrens_hospital/

Nevada Humane Society – the animal shelter serving the Reno/Sparks area. www.nevadahumanesociety.org

Nevada Honor Flight - transports America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to **honor** their service and sacrifices. www.honorflightnv.org

Civil Air Patrol, Operation Santa Claus - The Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group invites pilots from throughout the region to join their fly-in (or taxi-over) toy drive at the Reno-Tahoe Airport. Pilots will be invited to adopt a family experiencing financial hardship by buying gifts from their Children's Cabinet Christmas list. www.pathwaystoaviation.org/operation_santa_claus_2014

National Guard – Care Packages for Deployed Soldiers – Should this organization be selected for a charitable doantion, the details of arranging the delivery of the care packages will have to be worked out.

Hot August Nights Foundation - established to create an instrument for individuals and businesses who work together to provide children in need or at risk with a more meaningful and productive life through the availability of continuing and higher education. www.hotaugustnights.net/foundation

Mom's on the Run - a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to local breast cancer patients undergoing treatment in the Reno community. www.momsontherun.info

JDRF of Northern Nevada - The goal of JDRF research is to improve the lives of all people affected by Type 1 diabetes by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating, and preventing T1D. www.northernnevada.jdrf.org

SPCA - Reno's original no-kill animal shelter whose mission is to be an innovative regional leader in responsible treatment of homeless dogs and cats, primarily through their rescue and placement in forever loving homes and by promoting spaying and neutering to control pet overpopulation. www.spcanevada.org

Mustangs on the Green

Contributed by: Gary Wittmuss, Club Historian

At 4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 5, the lawn area in front of the Reno A&W became ornamented with the beauty of 35 Mustang automobiles. As the afternoon progressed, more Ford pony cars slowly cruised in for a total of approximately 50 cars. The event was the annual "Mustangs on the Green," a celebration traditionally part of the Hot August Nights Celebration.



For the next few hours, Mustang enthusiasts mingled, kicked tires, and enjoyed food and conversation. The weather was perfect. Another benefit of the event was that RMCC attracted two new members, one couple re-signed, and a few others showed interest in joining the club. Great event with an outstanding turnout!

Mustang at the Movies

Contributed by: Joe Wyatt

Want to see an action packed movie about the restoration of a '68 Mustang? Can love outrun a fast car? A former speed demon and rumrunner, now an aging mechanic in a sleepy Catskill Mountains town, risks it all - his health, his security, even the love of his life - when he vows to restore and race the prized car of his wild youth, a 1968 Ford Mustang that's been hidden away for 35 years. Now a self-described "old man in an old car," Mike Ondish wants to chase racing glory one last time, hoping to rekindle the spark in his relationship, and rediscover the thrill of a fast car and the wide-open road. But will his quest to restore the car, bolt by bolt, as a tribute to Carroll Shelby (the racing legend who gave the Mustang its muscle) restore him. Check out the movie's trailer at:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/demon-on-wheels/id1034565159>

Early Threat to Mustang Production

Contributed by: Sid Gesh

I thought I was pretty much up on the origins of the Mustang and its relationship to the Ford Falcon. A recent article in National Falcon News has proved me wrong. It seems that in 1963 there was a movement within Ford to create a two passenger Thunderbird based on the Falcon chassis. Then Ford President, Lee Iacocca was looking for something classic that would boost sales. Ford searched out the original body dies for the 1955-57 thunderbirds at the Budd Company where they had been stamped out.

It turned out that the dies still existed – and it would not be hard to modify the body panels to fit the Falcon chassis. So it was. The old Thunderbird body was mated to a Falcon frame, sheet metal changes made, a new top fitted, and, to take advantage of the Falcon's longer wheelbase, an additional small rear seat installed to accommodate packages and small passengers.

When everything was ready the new Thunderbird, later dubbed the XT-Bird, was presented to Ford executives for production approval. Ford designers felt that the new car could be put into production quicker and cheaper than any other new model. It was estimated that the XT-Bird body could be built for \$350-400, and the Falcon chassis was already in production. It is reported that Lee Iacocca agonized over the production decision for a considerable amount of time before rendering his decision – no go. Instead, he gave the green light for Ford to pursue the design of an entirely new sporty model – the Mustang.



The Ford Mustang Wasn't the First Pony Car, Automobile Magazine Online,
http://automobilemag.com/features/news/1312_Ford_Mustang_wasnt_the_first_pony_car

Ford's Attempted Resurrection of the "Early birds," the National Falcon News, September 2015, page 15.

September Coffee Clutch

After laying off during Hot August Nights, the RMCC's popular monthly coffee clutch resumed on Saturday, September 12. Twenty four cars and thirty members and guests gathered at Coach's Grill at McCarran and Longley for breakfast and comradeship. It was a beautiful morning and many of the members chose to eat outside. The event was another social success.



Kars for Kids Event

The annual Kars for Kids event was held at Sky Tavern Lodge Sunday, September 13 benefiting the Junior Ski Program. Event organizers had offered a prize of \$1,000 to donate to a charity of their choice to the car club with the most cars present, we fell short of the prize with 27 cars. More pictures on Facebook.



Ron's Hobby Shop

Contributed by: Dianna Wheeler and Shirley Hopkins

Ron's Hobby Shop came with lots of information for 25 club members. The day started with Ron going over some ground rules for the event and raffle prizes. Each attendee received a goodie bag that contained a raffle ticket; there were three prizes given, one of which contained products from Justice Brothers, one of which contained products from Adam's detail products and the last was a gift card to RDW Automotive.

Ron had the seminar broken down in three sections; the group split up to attend one of the three stations, then we took a break for lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and lots of other potluck items brought by the participants. After lunch, the groups attended the other two stations.

Justice Brothers representative Reese gave a very informative demonstration regarding oils and fuels and the damage done to your engines by certain products, including the fuel that we are forced to use in our tanks. He then demonstrated many Justice Brothers products including fuel additives, oil additives, fuel injection cleaners and lubricants. His demonstrations clearly showed how their products could help extend the life of your car, and also showed their superiority over competing products.



Adam's detail products were demonstrated by Chip (an employee of RDW) and his son Sean. Sean and Chip have been working with Adam's products for a couple of years now and are very knowledgeable about the products and their uses. They performed some detailing of some cars at RDW to show just how efficient these products truly are. It was brought to our attention that many people were unaware that RDW offers detailing so for those who are interested, an appointment can be made with RDW to have a very thorough interior and/or exterior detail performed by Sean (who is not at RDW full time).



The final station included Ron talking about engine compartment basics and safety checks, undercarriage maintenance and upgrades, etc. He compared drum and disc brakes, talked about winterizing the cars, and emphasized the importance of maintenance. At the end of the day, I don't think there was anyone who walked away without saying that they had learned something new. It was a great day with a great group of people.

If you were not able to attend the Hobby Shop Day but are interested in any of the products or what was discussed feel free to visit RDW. All the products demonstrated are for sale at RDW and Ron and his staff are very knowledgeable about the importance and uses of these products. If you have a question that they cannot answer, they will get an answer for you.

Thank you to everyone that attended, we look forward to doing more of these types of workshops in the future.

Did You Know

Contributed by: Sid and Judi Gesh

Judi and I recently went on vacation to Washington state. We flew into Portland airport and rented a car to complete our journey to Lacey, Washington. At the conclusion of the visit we stopped at a gas station to fill up the rental car to avoid the outrageous fill-up fees charged by the rental company. As with many rental cars, I never know where the gas filler is, right side or left side, without getting out of the car to check. Judi discovered a piece on the Internet indicating that the auto manufactures have solved this problem for us. It now happens that the location of the fuel filler cap is indicated on the dash – right next to the gas

gauge. A pointer next to the gas pump icon tells you where the filler cap is. In the case of the image below, the filler cap is on the right side of the car. Didn't know that!



A Day at the Ballpark

Contributed by: Shirley Hopkins

Twenty four members of our club gathered at the Reno Aces Ballpark on Aug 29 to watch the Aces play Memphis. We had great seats at the sky box level overlooking 3rd base. The first 300 people through the gates were given free Aces lunch boxes and everyone in our group also received a free Aces baseball cap, so in addition to a great time, we also left with some swag. With Buggy's Restaurant right behind us we had quick access to food and beverages, and the Aces won 8-2. Although it wasn't really a car-related event, everyone in attendance agreed that we should repeat the event next year.

Membership Information

Contributed by: Bonnie Moffett, Membership Chair

RMCC memberships now number 99 representing 126 vehicles. I am still looking for membership number 100.



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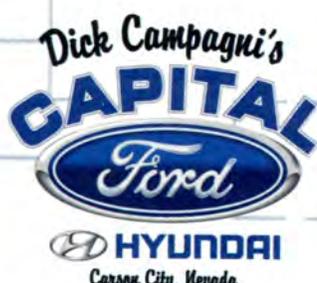
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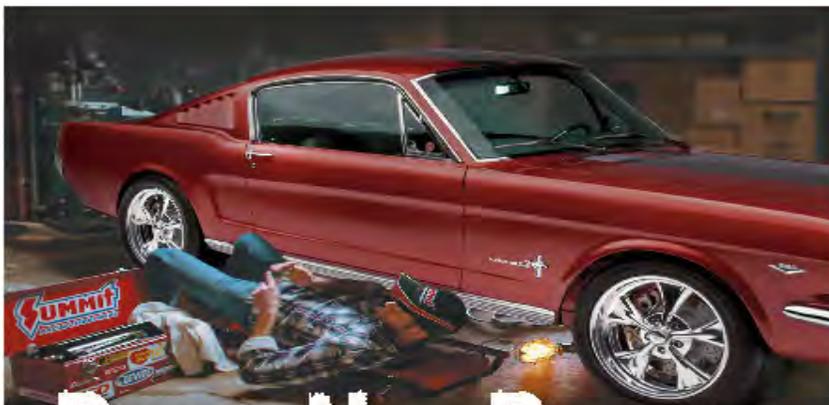
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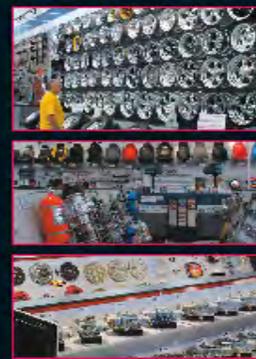
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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$20.00 per year) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$35.00 per year)

COMPLIMENTARY CAPITAL FORD MEMBERSHIP

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

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LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

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

YEAR	MODEL	YEAR	MODEL

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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.

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