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**February 2017**

**JANUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

President Steve brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 28 members present. There were no minutes read of the last meeting due to it being our annual Christmas Party. The Treasures' Report was given by Judy, was motioned by Larry to approve and seconded by Joe, all passed in favor.

Kim gave the MCA Report and stated that our show was sent into "Mustang Times" now on its website also. Dates for this year's upcoming MCA Nationals were given. We have three members signed up so far for the National in Kansas City in August and they are planning to cruise out to Kansas City together and if anyone would like to join along with them contact Don, Jerry, Kim or Steve. Everyone is encouraged to join the Mustang Club of America, now offering three different levels of membership.

The History Committee had no report other then Barb Yates phone number and email address had been found. Legendary Mustang Committee had no report but will meet with Kathy to see how we can help with their cruise-in in May. Our Club website is up and running and has been "Paid in Full". We still need to get a "Classified Page" as per club by-laws. Training is to done in February-March which will work on a "Members" page and also updating with our newsletters and show flyers.

Marty and Larry are to check with the Hope Center Food pantry to see when their most critical months are so that we can better support their needs.

Car show committee reported that the badges are in for the trophy's (Gold for Class Champion and Silver for Class winners. Fred is still waiting to hear from the Model T club about assembling a Model T at our show. There was no old business to discuss.

New business--Steve brought up that the Club's insurance for cruise's or other non-show events was due by the end of January. Haggerty Insurance which we usually have as recommended by MCA runs us \$350.00 a year and provided for \$1 million in coverage. Fred had received and passed onto to Steve a packet he received from ACE Insurance that would give the club \$4 million in coverage for only \$250.00 a year. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Ron to go with ACE Insurance this year and see how it worked out--motion passed in favor.

Copies of the club's by-laws were handed out to anyone who wanted a copy. If you didn't get your copy and would like one just ask Steve for one. Discussion on whether to keep meeting at Frank's or to move to another location was discussed and the club was asked to come up with alternative location and bring them to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judy and seconded by Janet. Judy won the 50/50.

**The next Meeting will be held on Feb 14, at Franks Restaurant  
132 Macarthur, Cottage Hills at 6PM.**



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**Happy Valentine's Day!!!**



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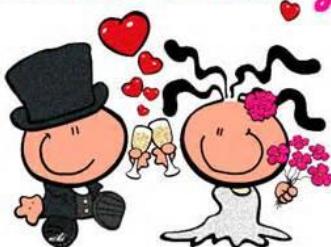
### **Upcoming Events:**

**Feb 14, 2017**  
**SIMA Monthly Meeting**  
**6 PM at Frank's**  
**Restaurant,**  
**132 West**  
**Macarthur Drive,**  
**Cottage Hills, IL**  
**62018**  
**Phone –**  
**618-258-8440**

For other events in the St. Louis, check out the Lakers Car Club event listing at the following link:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/lakerscarclub/>

*Happy Anniversary*



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

Jeff Vinson	Feb 1
Bob Bachman	Feb 1
Kurt Obrock	Feb 1
Russell Dowell	Feb 4
Carol Roseberry	Feb 8
Steve Strickell	Feb 14
Logan Meyers McGee	Feb 17
Bill Flottman	Feb 21

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ron & Donna Kinder Feb 25



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### **Note from the President**

#### A Love Story

February is always the coldest month of winter, that's why I think they stuck Valentine's Day right dab smack in the middle of it. Maybe the warmth of the feeling of love will help keep us warm in winter's deepest grip. This February also marks my 56th birthday, which doesn't seem possible yet, but getting older you develop a conscience, so I must confess that I've had a love affair for almost 45 plus years.

It all started for me when I was about 9 or 10, so it's the early 70's and my family all went to town one wintery Saturday. Now, this was a big deal, because once a month my folks went to town to do our shopping (back then all the stores were closed on Sunday's when we went to town for Church) and I usually had to stay home with my grandparents, but for some reason I got to go this time.

Selkirk, Kansas isn't a very big town, but it was a metropolis to me. It had two stop lights and on one end of town was a Dairy Queen (closed in winter) and an A&W on the other side of town. We had finished up our shopping when my Mom suggested we stop in and get a burger at the A&W (Wow, two treats in one day). So under protest from my Father because it was in the opposite direction of going home, we started for the A&W, and got a red at the stop light before the bridge over the river.

Here I am, sitting in the back seat when the light turns green and looking out the side window I see this candy apple red car. It looked like a Mustang, but there's no horse in the grill and it's got white stripes down the side and a side scoop. My face is pealed to the window in awe. I jump up and looking out the back window I notice what looks like Cougar tail lights on it. It's love at first sight with a capital "L". I'd noticed Mustang's before, but the only one I'd ever seen close up had a bench seat in it and didn't think it was very sporty at all. But I dreamed of that car for years, a tiny spark that would ignite the fire ablaze a few years later when I ironically bought a candy apple red 67 Mustang.

I know now that it was a California, but more likely a High Country Special that I'd seen that day, but it was the spark of love that day that still burns a blaze to this day with an undying and satisfying love.

This love has thrown me head over heels ever since and there has only been one three month period when I didn't have one (Oct-Dec, 1985). During all these years I've had three wives come and go. They knew I was a car guy long before we married, but they just didn't get it. Don't get me



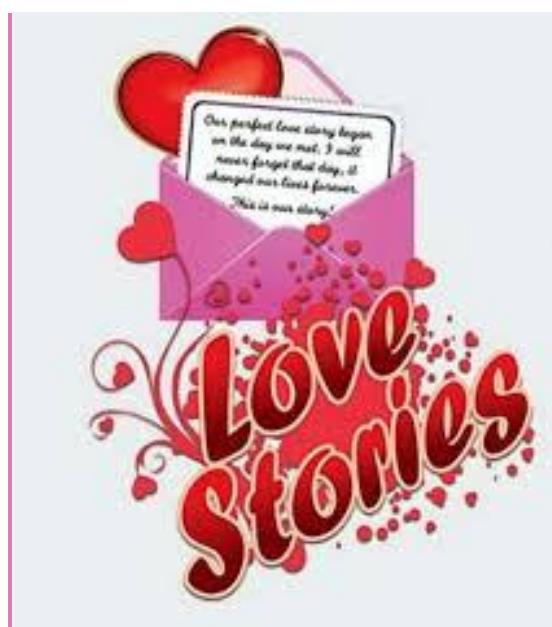
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wrong, we did lots of things together, but when we didn't I was in the garage fixing up, working on, buying or selling a Mustang. Every child/stepchild got a redone six cylinder Mustang on their 16th birthday after we worked and bonded on it together. One ex even called the garage my "mistress".

Finally in August of 2012, I met a woman who said she like cars, even though her preference was for Firebird's. By October she moved in, time to see if she really understood what living with a car guy was really like. Well, as you can see, it turned out alright. There were awkward moments--if you remember my introduction at our first club meeting, but I married the girl in Las Vegas for what was of course, no other then the Mustang's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

This is true love! She not only converted to Mustang's (though deep down I know she yearns for that 79-81 Firebird), but talked me into buying and restoring a Mustang II, now that's true love and devotion. As anyone who knows Mustang II's can attend that only a hand full of retro parts are made for them, so you don't buy new. If you can find used parts you totally have to go through every piece. On the bright side, I don't have her calling the garage "my mistress", but pointing out it's in the garage and need attention! Now that a love story that never ends and I feel it's warmth all year round.

The Show committee has a big announcement to make about our show at the next meeting so as always I hope to see you there--Steve





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### **JEREMY'S CAR**

I want to tell a story of a sad little Mustang brought to life! My son wanted a 1965 – 1970 Fastback but did not want to spend a lot of money. I had restored a 1969 Mach I. I kept looking for a car over a time period of one year. I live in Illinois and wanted as little rust as possible.

I found a Mustang in Champaign, IL area. My good friend, Fred, went with me to look at it. It was a 1970 Mach I. The seller said he had gotten a divorce about 10 years ago and the car was in his ex-wife's garage. When we opened the door it was in pieces. Parts were everywhere even in the rafters. The car parts where new. Fred and I have restored several Mustangs so decided to go ahead and purchase car, parts and all. We came up on a cheap price so we thought!

We pulled the car out of the garage with Fred's truck. We had a 20 foot trailer and filled it with the car and parts which overflowed into the truck bed and crew cab. I did some of the repairs: floor pad, inter and lower fenders and the rough work. We found a guy who would restore the Mustang. We negotiated the price with all the parts that we did not need. We loaded everything up and took it to him. He did good work but did not stay with the price we agreed upon. I took the car home and found someone who does street rods. He finished the body work and painted it. It was an excellent job.

While we were having body work done, my son decided he wanted more power so I had Part Stop stroke the 351 motor to 396 or 450 to 500 horsepower. Then we added a 5 speed transmission and possie rear. We redid the front seats and reinstalled the flop down rear seat (sport deck), what a challenge.

Some of the problems we had, Mustang Unlimited sent us a new hood, with a shaker hole. The shop that did the finishing work on the car could never get the hood to line up with the fenders. He measured the front end and it was exacted. Come to find out, the hood was not made correct. I measured from front to back, 1/4" shorted on one side. I called Mustang Unlimited and they would not stand behind it. They said their supplier would do nothing for us so we ordered another hood.



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We had parts that were missing, bought a Parts Car for miscellaneous clips and small parts. Taking a car that was torn apart by someone else ten years ago and you put back together is awful.  
Ron Kinder

**Before - UH**



**After- Awesome**





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**Special Announcement  
for all Mustang Owners  
and Enthusiasts!**



**Finally!  
There is going to be a  
Ford Mustang Museum!**

The Ford Mustang was first presented to the public on Friday, April 17th, 1964, over 52 years ago. Ever since that day, you have been able to go to any Ford Dealer and buy a new Ford Mustang. Over the years, there have been hundreds of different models and Special Editions. Shelby's, Saleen's, Roush's, McLaren's, Bullitt's, "K" Code's, GT's, Boss 302's, Boss 429's, MACH I's and so many more. The Mustang has appeared in hundreds of motion pictures. At one time, there were no less than seven magazines dedicated to the Mustang. If there ever was a car deserving of it's own museum, it's the Ford Mustang! Come celebrate the Mustang with us!



Meeting:  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.  
Frank's Restaurant  
Cottage Hills, IL

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## **MARKET PLACE:**

### ***MIKE AND MARION DALE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR SALE:***

Rebuild FMX transmission \$200, Antique Oil Can \$75, Power Washer \$175, 24foot ladder \$150, Unfinished gas pump \$150, 4x8 trailer \$225, Large fan \$100, Tire Changer \$75, Air Compressor \$200, Engine Stand \$50, Sandblaster \$200, Chrome Trim for Mustang \$20 and car dollies \$200.

Please call Mike or Marion at 618-216-3118-H or 618-301-7986-C

***IF YOU HAVE ANY CARS OR PARTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIST,  
JUST SEND 'EM IN. WE'LL GET YOUR AD POSTED IN THE NEXT  
MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.***

## **CLUB PICS AND NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS!**

If you have any pics of your cars, friends' cars, project details or just general car stories you'd like to share ..... send 'em to the newsletter at [email: jtvinston@hotmail.com](mailto:jtvinston@hotmail.com) ! If you are looking for parts or a new project, let us know and we'll put it in. Or, if you have to clear out parts or projects you can't get to, we'll post that, too. We'd love to add things to the newsletter that would show what shows or cruises our members are attending, what projects you are working on, etc. Just send them by the first of the month and we'll try to get them in that month's newsletter.

Thanks for your support!!!!!!!

**Please send any Birthday or Anniversary information, I may have missed. The membership list has several blank dates. Thanks!**



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Membership Application



Name

D.O.B.

Partner Name

D.O.B.

Wedding Anniversary Date

Address

City  State  Zip

Phone  E-mail

Mustang Club of America Membership #

List Your Mustang/Fords with Brief Description

List Club Activities you would like to participate in:

Send this completed application along with \$20.00 to:

Judy Schwallenstecker

2900 Huette Road,

Bunker Hill, IL 62014

Club meetings the second  
Tuesday of every month.