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FEBRUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met at Frank's. Steve called the meeting together at 7:05 pm. There were 24 members present.

January minutes were approved. Steve gave treasurer report due to Judy's absence. It was announced that Kendall Hall is set for the 1st Sunday in December. Everybody wished Steve a happy birthday.

MCA rep. Kim announced dates for upcoming events. Shelby fest held in Jefferson City, MO will be May 4-6. Grand Nationals will be in Kansas City, KS. Kim handed out replicas of a \$10 bill with 1965 Mustang on it.

Janet met with LMS at Eagle Nest and gave them many ideas to improve their car cruise in. They were very appreciated. There is a car cruise on May 27th.

Joe asked if SIMA would judge Granite City car show on July 2nd. Several volunteered.

No report from history chairman.

Marty took the money to the Hope Center. He was asked as to what month is money most needed.

Website training available and members can send Leslie articles and pictures.

Show committee: Larry showed off the new banner for the club. Larry will decide on a date for the next show committee meeting. Larry has lined up a Model T which will be built on the spot. It was voted on and approved to give the person \$100.00 to help with expenses. All approved.

Old Business: There was some talked about a new meeting place. It was tabled until next meeting.

New Business: Steve talked about a Ford trailer to have at the show. Ford Performance- Mr. John Clor will be at the show. Steve showed everybody the show flyer with this info on it including the Model T.

Jerry Costello is trying to raise ethanol in gasoline to 15%.

April 17th is Mustang Day. There have been 35 decals ordered. A cruise has been suggested for April 15th. Some ideas were mentioned. It was tabled for next meeting.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Joe second. Larry won the drawing.

Secretary; Dodie Brewer

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



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Garage night at Jeff's



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Upcoming Events:

Mar 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/>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Judy Bachman	Mar 6
Joe Phillips	Mar 6
Fred Obrock	Mar 7
Becky Nation	Mar 23



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack & Marilyn Kell	Mar 14
Bill & Joyce Meyers	Mar 16
Bill & Marge Schaeffer	Mar 16
Curtis & Anne Weis	Mar 26
Ollie & Judy Schwallenstecker	Mar 30



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Note from the President

Winter Projects and Learning Curves

Like most of you I've been a Mustang\Ford fanatic for more years than I'd like to mention, and I thought that I was pretty knowledgeable on working on pre fuel injection cars, but I finally have to admit that I don't know half as much as I thought I did.

Now, when it comes to 64 1/2 through 73 Mustangs, I'm pretty good. I can Concours judge any one of those right down to every little paint daub, sticker, nut head marking and so on that you'd think it was absolutely nuts to know these things. Attend an MCA National and help judge those classes and you'll better understand where that knowledge would be helpful. Plus now a days, all you have to do is go to a computer and you can find anything about those years. The same could be said for 79 to present models. The challenge is the 74-78 misguided Mustang II (it might be the misguided people who try to restore one). There only reference is the Ford Shop Manual, which I was able to find on CD. Don't get me wrong, shop manuals are great but they don't show you in detail how something goes together or where to mount it on the car. OH-by the way, there's always that special Ford tool that Ford mechanics had access to back then to complete every job.

Restorer, Bob Perkins, is famous for going around Ford dealerships in the late 60's and 70's and buying up all the old NOS parts from dealers inventories, which he uses and sells today for boo-coo bucks. I think he should have bought all those special Ford tools that the shop manual talks about to!

So last winter while our II was in paint and body, our garage and basement looked like our II sneezed and everything fell off or out of it. All winter I worked on the interior parts, restored the heater box, got club help with the wiring (making one harness out of five) and getting the seats redone (these were not seat covers, we actually had to buy yards of vinyl and cloth and have the covers made). The idea was just to keep plugging away and knocking one more thing off that list in my head.

It came home in late August from paint and body and first items tackled were front and rear suspension, brakes, and steering. You would think that if you take one old part off that a new one would go right back on. Not this car! Broken bolts, one too many leafs in the rear springs, coil springs that won't line up, you name it. But with the help of club members and more than a few choice words when it was just me it all got done. That brought us up to late fall, so it's time for winter projects.

Installing the wiring had to wait because the interior wiring harness is attached to the back of



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the dash, which couldn't be installed until the radio came back from restoration, which came back in late November, but had to wait for December because it was one of Kim's Christmas presents.

By mid January all the wiring was back in the car and engine bay items were being bolted in and hooked up, all except the horn. I knew the general area where it went but there was no attaching point. The shop manual didn't say where it went, and a three week search on six different Mustang II sites showed me that Ford put them any ole place they wanted going down the assembly line just as long as the wire to it reached. Heck, I spent a week looking for the windshield wiper vent nozzles that the body shop removed and only managed to throw one back into a can of left over nuts, bolts, clips and stuff they generally didn't know where it went when they got done with the car.

With the last couple of weeks warm weather, I was able to roll it out of the garage far enough to open both doors and put the glass in them. I learned that they don't slide in from the rear like old Mustang's do, but at a 90 degree angle between the outer and inner door skin. The shop manual showed how to replace door glass with every car except the Mustang! Thanks again to internet sites, I found out how to put the glass in, but proves the old adage that you must remove parts you already put on to make room to put something else on (this goes for door glass, brake and fuel lines, rear sway bar, and list goes on and on).

I wouldn't call myself an expert yet, but it's been a long wide learning curve and I may only get one or two parts on a day, but it progress and that's the best thing about our hobby--when you're done you can say you did it yourself with a lot of help from others. Note to Larry-No the steering wheel is not back in yet. It could be but one wire is lying on the floor under the dash that I have to unhook and run over the dash under the windshield from one side of the car to the other, but soon....

Hope your winter projects\learning curves are going better\faster than mine. I haven't even had time to work on the 68 yet! Hope to see you all at the next meeting----Steve



Happy St. Patrick's Day



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Steve's Winter Project





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

Future Home Of
**THE NATIONAL
MUSTANG MUSEUM**
Opening Summer of 2017
www.thenationalmustangmuseum.com

**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 1'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: itvinson@hotmail.com](mailto:itvinson@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

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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 Huetten Road,
Bunker Hill, IL 62014
Club meetings the second
Tuesday of every month.