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MARCH 2016 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met on March 8, 2016 at Frank's restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by Pres. Steve at 7:00 pm. There were 26 members present. After an amendment to the minutes of last month's meeting by Rick concerning the prizes for the upcoming show, Larry made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Ed. All were in favor. The prizes for the show will be awarded for Class champion and 2 class winners.

*The treasurer's report was given by Judy. A motion was made by Paul to accept report and seconded by Bill. All in favor.

*MCA report: Insurance papers were received. MCA is pushing 40th anniversary celebration which will be held in Indianapolis on Labor Day weekend.

*For National Mustang Day, MCA magazine is asking for pictures to print in their magazine.

*Don has flyers for car show.

*Rick talked about a collage of pictures of deceased members and their cars as a memorial at the show.

*Old Business: There was much discussion on where to go on a cruise for National Mustang Day. Final decision was selected. Everybody is to meet at Fast Eddies in Alton at 11:30 and will leave at 11:45 to Shiver's in Godfrey, from there up the River Road to Pere Marquette State Park, from there to Bobbie's Custard stand in Maryville and to Red Apple for a meal.

*Larry will order T-shirts for the show. He needs to know sizes. There will be a logo on it. The word staff will be on the back. George has donated money for the shirts.

*New Business: Joe mentioned Patriots in the Park on July 2nd in Granite City. Shirts are available. Our club will be judges.

*Bill Meyer announced he was selling tickets for a gun raffle as a fund raiser for the Rosewood Heights Fire Dept. They are \$10.00 a piece.

*Larry reported that show trophies would cost \$25.00. They need another show committee meeting. It was announced it would be March 24th at Fiona's in Wood River at 5:30 pm.

There will be a Drag Race Cruise on April 30th in Rantoul.

A motion was made to adjourn and it was seconded by Bill Meyer.

All in favor. Meeting adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Secretary, Dodie Brewer

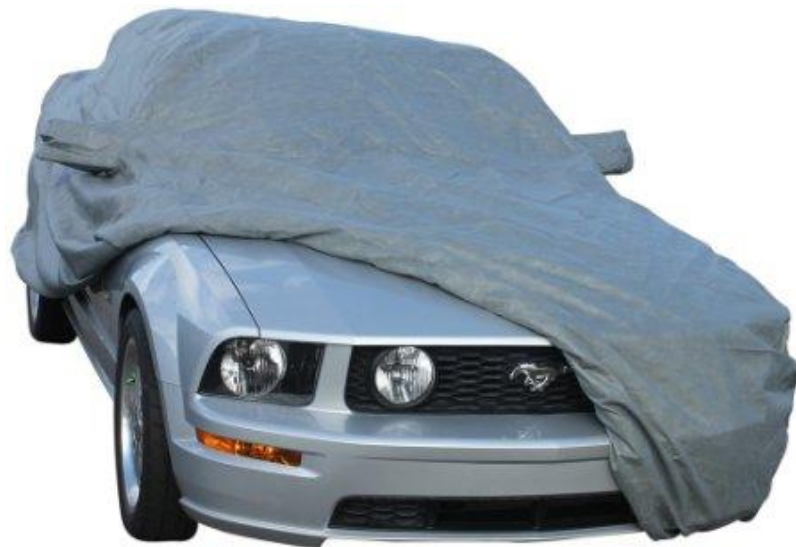
**The next Meeting will be held on April 12 at Franks Restaurant
132 Macarthur, Cottage Hills at 6PM.**



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IT IS TIME TO RIDE





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Upcoming Events:

April 12, 2016
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/>

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Ron Reid	April 2
Bob Colter	April 3
Curtis Weis	April 6
Joyce Meyers	April 23



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

Steve & Kim Strickell	April 14
Tommy & Dodie Brewer	April 24



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Note from the President

Are You the Mustang Guy/Gal?

April is here and we once again celebrate the Mustang's birthday. This year we have the Mustang Club of America calling all owners/clubs to make Sunday, April 17th, "National Mustang Day", so that the general public can see our cars in public and help generate more interest in our hobby/club or Mustang's in general. We as a club will be cruising from Fast Eddies to Grafton, back to Pere Marquette Park and then to finish up at Bobby's/Red Apple in Maryville. We'll have decals coming to hand out to all participants. I have personally asked/invited Rusty Rods from Highland and the Looking Glass Corvette Club to join us.

"National Mustang Day" should not be just about Mustang's, but our overall hobby as well. Sure, we would love if someone saw us and decided to purchase and/or fix up a Mustang. But does it really matter, if it's another Ford, Mopar, or GM for as hard as it is to say an Asian or European import. So relax and let's have some fun, enjoy some ice cream and good fellowship with others who share their love for cars as much as we do.

Personally, I don't need a "National Mustang Day" for people to know I'm a Mustang guy. I bought my first Mustang in January, 1976 (one month before I got my driver's license), by the end of August that year I had 3 more. I could buy them cheap cause they were a-dime-a-dozen back then, usually for under \$200.00 (and they ran), do a tune up on the motor, buff the paint and turn around and sell it for a profit. Parts were easily found in the local junk yard, and the local salvager and licensing lady at the court house knew me as that Mustang kid.

When I left Kansas and moved to Iowa the following February to become a radio disc jockey in Cedar Rapids, I rented a two bedroom house with an old barn in back. With all the money I was making, it was soon filled up with Mustangs. On Saturday's I would work at the sale barn until 2 in the afternoon (can't take the country out of the boy even though he hated working in it) then come home and be working on Mustangs till midnight, even made a paint booth in an old calf pen. On Sunday's I'd drive an old Mustang to the junkyard that's fenders were rusted through and by the time I left it would have new fenders, hood, valance, or door, all for under \$100.00. I can't say they were all the same color and many time they were, but I was always known as the Mustang guy.

In High School, I was known as Mr. Rustang. At least 2 or 3 times a week I drove a different Mustang to school to work on in shop class. Thank God for Mr. Eiler's who taught me the fine points of spark plug gaps, changing points, setting timing with a timing light and setting a carburetor by ear.



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After High School, I needed a change and joined the Army. Going from \$2,400 a month at the radio station to \$247 a month on Private's pay, as soon as I hit Ft. Riley, KS, I did the same again. Young GI's loved those Mustangs's I'd fix up and sell. In 1982 I bought an old Victorian house mostly because it had a huge carriage house that came with it. The house looked great from the street when we were finished fixing it up, but along the back fence were parked 7 69-70 Mustangs, with two in-progress 69's in the carriage barn.

Again, I was known from Kansas City to Hays as the Mustang guy.

Everywhere I've lived, I've been know as the Mustang guy. I may not have a lot of close friends, but everyone knows me as the Mustang guy. Today, mention Mustang's and the price skyrockets, and there is more Mustang parts suppliers than you can shake a stick at (unless you own a Mustang II, but that's for another day). Our Mustangs that were once so plentiful are drying up fast and for the last 20 years I've just worked on my 68 because prices for everything have shot up.

Recently I was reminded that I'm the Mustang guy, after going to the Looking Glass Corvette Club meeting to ask them to judge our car show again this year. Within a month, Kim and I went to 3 places we usually don't go to and someone shouts "Hey Mustang Man", and the next we're talking about cars, Mustang, Corvettes, Hellcats, it our calling and/or our culture.

So, we'll have our "National Mustang Day", but I know some of you are just like me and every day is Mustang Day. Hope to see you all at the next meeting--Steve, an eternal Mustang Guy.



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MARKET PLACE:

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 <mailto:jtvinson@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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Southern Illinois Mustang Association
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 Huetten Road,
Bunker Hill, IL 62014
Club meetings the second
Tuesday of every month.