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AUGUST 2017 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met on Aug. 9th at Frank's. There were 18 members present. Pres. Steve brought the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

Paul made a motion to accept the August minutes, Larry 2nd them. All in favor.

Treasures' report was given by Judy. Motion made by Bill to accept the report, Fred 2nd them. All in favor.

Kim gave report on MCA. Announced upcoming shows, Nat. Mustang Show, Sept, 30th, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Show in Joliet, Oct. 1st & 2nd, and Reg. Directors meeting, Oct. 14th. Additional shows mentioned at

Aug. meeting, CIMS, Aug. 20th, 8:30- 3:00, Irving Texas. The Grand National is in Kansas City

Old Business: Show committee mentioned we had 168 cars, 133 judged and 35 on display. Rick Knapik, service manager in Decatur wrote a thank you note to the club.

John Clark sent an e-mail saying he was very impressed with our show. He will get pictures out soon. Next year we need to work on getting enough food so we don't run out. David Kennedy did not charge for the cooler.

Steve thanked everybody for all their hard work and help at the show.

Nobody showed up from the Hope center to receive their money.

The money for the Model T Club was donated.

There are disc available for the show, contact Steve.

New Business: The web site should reflect the show.

Steve went to the Corvette show and was very pleased. Corvette club judged our show.

Matt Henley sent an e-mail concerning a family outing on Sunday, Oct. 1st from 12-5:00 to raise money for the park. He would like to have a cruise in and show at the park. Motion made by Janet, Kim seconds it.

The bonfire hosted by Jeff and Teresa will be Oct. 21, Sat.

A lady, a former member contacted Steve and said she had a 1995 Black Bullit and asked what it was worth.

Winner of the drawing was Paul Brooks. Oct. 22nd is the chili cook off.

Museum Transportation Car Show has said any car involved must be named after an animal.

Motion to adjourn. Secretary: Dodie Brewer

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



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Kansas City Grand National



Don, Kay, Jerry, Kim & Steve

Garage Crew Hard at Work





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Upcoming Events:

Sept 12, 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/>



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Sept 03 Mary Stange

Sept 05 Anne Weis

Sept 11 Monica

Sept 11 Henry Martinez

Sept 13 Jack Kell

Sept 16 Laura Meyers McGee

Sept 16 Kevin Unverfehrt

Sept 17 Dee Reid

Sept 19 Stephanie Eplin

Sept 19 Dorinda Mueller

Sept 22 Jerry Bates

Sept 28 Kay Varble

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept 03 Fred & Sandy Obrock

Sept 11 Matthew & Leslie Martinez

Sept 20 Mark & Anne Badasch

Sept 20 Mike & Marian Dale

Sept 24 Bob & Judy Bachman

Sept 24 Tom & Debi Luebbers

Sept 25 Larry & Carol RoseBerry

Sept 29 Bill & JoAnn Flottmann



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Note from the President

If it weren't for Friends...

You would be the smartest person around. You'd always be close to perfect and no one would ever see the real you. But as we all know, life doesn't work like that and even though we all think we're good at most things, it takes time with friends to point out to yourself that you're not even close to perfect..

As you know, Kim and I are restoring a Cobra II. In May of this year we had a new 302 crate engine delivered to the house and have been gathering the many items we needed for the engine before we can install it in the car. Three weeks ago, Larry came over to the house and we installed the intake on the engine. This seems like a simple thing with a small block as you don't have to pull the pushrods like you do on an FE big block.

It seems like I didn't have the right gasket sealer so off we go to the parts store to get the right type. Back home, we pull the bag off the engine and put the gasket sealer on the top ends of the block. We go to put on the intake and the valve covers stick out to far and we have to take them off. Well, I used an extension on the socket wrench I was using and it somehow got set in the upper engine valley, which we didn't find out until after we had placed the intake on and torqued down and was putting the valve covers back on and Larry asked for the extension. So off comes the intake, extension removed and on it goes again. Earlier, we ran to run back to the parts store because Larry's torque wrench didn't fit my sockets. But at least the intake was on.

My friend, Mike, has an engine lift and said I could use it as long as I wanted. Neither one of us has a pickup, so I told him I'd call another friend Jeff, who has a pickup. So I set a day for Jeff to come to supper and then we'll go get the engine lift. I let Mike know and he informs me that to get the engine lift we have to go to his Dad's house and pick up a lawn mower first. No problem, friends helping friends, right! So the day before we're set to do all this I get called to work at Menard for a week. These days start by getting up at 3:30 AM and hoping to get back home between 4 or 5 PM at the latest. Well, the night to do all this, I don't get home till 6:15. Kim and Jeff are already eating by the time I get home. I grab a quick bit and off we go. By the time we get back and off load and find a place to store the engine lift, it's 8:45 and I'm ready to shower and hit the bed.

It takes me two weeks to get the front of the engine dressed (water pump, power steering pump, oil filter and sending unit, alternator and pulleys). I've had access to 5 parts cars (3 bought) and had numerous pulleys for the camshaft and water pump and trying to figure out which ones were right was a real chore as all are different as to 4, 6, or 8 cylinder, air conditioning and air pump! I finally figure it out, go to Paul's and sand blast, bring them home and paint them, put them on the engine and it won't work (didn't line up). An old non sand blasted one would work, but then I find out I have no fan spacer bolts (have them somewhere, I'll find them a years after the car's on the road). A day in the junkyard looking for the right bolts.

Two days before leaving for Kansas City for the MCA Grand National, I call Larry to get the garage crew ready to come over on Aug 30th to put the tranny on the engine and then we'll put it in the car. When I had the transmission rebuilt, the builder said to install a bronze pilot bushing in the rear of the engine for the 4 speed. It was ordered and waiting to be installed so I tapped in part way with my rubber hammer.



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The 30th arrives, I move all the cars to the street, Kim and I move the Cobra II to the other side of the garage (have a split 2 car garage) and we also had to turn it around. You see, I push, and Kim blocks the tire with a 2x4 and turns the steering wheel. After much hollering on my part, we get it turned around but going into the garage it scrapped the front passenger wheel lip (more hollering).

The guys were coming between 5-5:30, so I set up the engine in the middle of the open bay, set out in line the flywheel, clutch plate and disc, bell housing, tranny, starter and headers. As I'm waiting for them to arrive I keep looking at the pilot bushing and it looks small. I'm thinking, this is step #1 and if it doesn't work the guys will have supper and go home. Larry, Paul, Fred and Ron arrive and sure enough, it's wrong (found out they sent me one for a GM). While they eat, I'm on the phone: NAPA's closed, O'Reilly's can order one, but thank God, Car Quest has one, but they close in 20 minutes. Off Larry and I go to Car Quest (price \$4.30, the bronze one bought off line \$28.50).

Get back, bronze GM pilot bushing removed, new installed, engine shield and flex plate installed, clutch disc and plate installed, but wait...missing one metric bolt. Guy's take a break, I run to Ace. 10 minutes going through 12 metric bolt boxes, find one that might work, wait 5 minutes to check out (63 cents), run a block away to Rural King, find the right bolt and out of store in 3 minutes (20 cents).

I get back and the 20 cent Rural King bolt works just fine. Bell housing goes on, transmission goes in and while bolting it up we find the missing clutch plate bolt! We decide to fill the tranny fluid up once it's in the car. Go to put the starter on as there is hardly any room once the engine is in the car and it hits the oil pan.

I've been reading for years now on Mustang II web sites that Mustang II oil pans are different, but did I remember this. No! I got a crate engine, it's just supposed to drop in and go, right? Luckily, I have a 78 Mustang 302 engine in the shed in the garage that I pulled from the first parts car for its 2 barrel intake, brackets, pulleys and reference. So we pull it out and sure enough, there's a big difference in oil pans. Guess what else was there--a 4 speed pilot bushing! We pulled the old oil pan, but it needed a serious cleaning inside and out, so the engine install will have to come on another day.

So the moral of this story is---if you think you're close to perfect and get everything planned out just right. Just get together with some friends and just show them how really human you are. They'll let you know about it for years to come!

As always, I hope to see you all at the next meeting. We'll have a report on the Kansas City MCA Grand National and upcoming cruise-ins the clubs been asked to participate in---Steve

PS

Check out Jon Clor's article in the September MCA Times as he talks about how much he enjoyed coming to our show!

Link to 40th Anniversary 2017 Car Show video

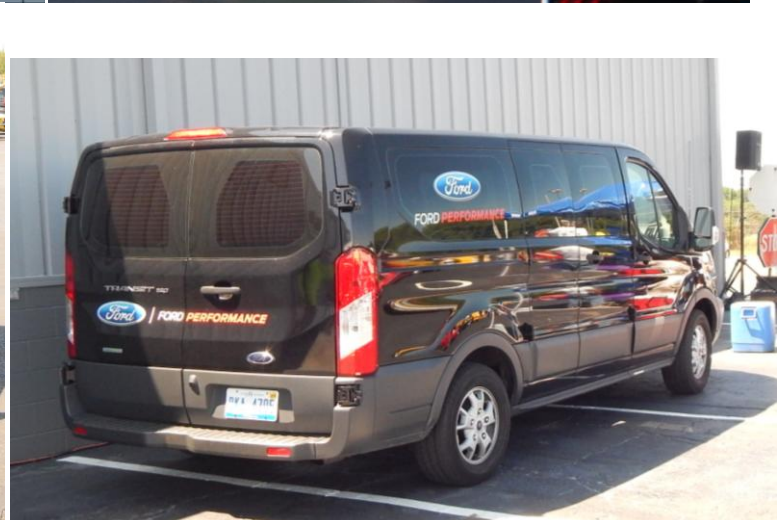
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The Southern Illinois Mustang Times

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2017 Car show pictures





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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 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

www.soilmustang.org
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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 [email: jtvinson@hotmail.com](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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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.