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JANUARY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met at Frank's. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Steve. There were 26 members present and 1 guest: Dan Matthews.

There were no minutes to report as the December monthly meeting was our annual Club Christmas party.

Treasure's Report was given by Judy. Motion made by Larry to accept the report, seconded by Jack. All approved.

MCA Report: Kim reported that National MCA shows this year are: McAllen, TX, March 16-18, Grovetown, GA, May 25-27 and Lincoln, NE, July 13-15. This year's MCA Grand National will be held at Merrimack, NH August 31-September 2. Registration is open for all. Kim also reported that registration is also open for the Ford & Shelby National to be held in Tulsa, OK on June 13-17. Kim and Steve also will be attending the MCA Board of Directors meeting in Phoenix, AZ on January 19-21.

Old business: Judy is to check on a credit/debit card on our club account for all club transactions that cannot be paid for via check.

The club voted to remain at Frank's for our monthly meetings.

Craig Steffey who was unable to attend our December Christmas party was awarded his Club Appreciation Award.

New Business: All Club Officer's and Appointed Club Positions began their term as of January 1, 2018. All Club Officer's (by MCA Charter Regulations) must be members of the MCA and therefore their years dues are to be paid by the club. Please advise Judy your renewal date and choice of either \$35 or \$50 yearly fee. The \$25 MCA yearly fee is not acceptable as it does not give voting rights in the MCA.

The Show committee handed out Show Sponsorship Forms. President Steve and Show committee Chairman Larry asked that each member try to get a least one sponsorship. As always one sponsorship is \$75.00.

The Legendary Mustang Sanctuary and the Hope Food Pantry was again selected as club charities for the 2018 calendar year. Much discussion was held on how we can better help the Hope Center.

Honorary Membership for Jim and Heidi Todd was voted on and approved by the membership so as of January 9, 2018, Jim and Heidi will be lifetime non-dues paying members of SIMA.

Larry informed us that Roberts Ford was nominated and won as 1 of 47 for Ford dealerships in the country to be nominated for the National Award "Dealer of the Year" in Las Vegas. SIMA wished to congratulate Roberts Ford not only for their award for also for their continued support of our club.

Announcements: The January MCA Times posted a two page article about our 40th Annual Mustang & All Ford Round-up and Roberts Ford's 50th Anniversary as a Ford Dealership held last July. Kim & Steve announced that they have submitted to John Clor for the 2019 Mustang II Reunion. Larry stated that he hopes to have show fliers for this year's show by the February meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judy, Marilyn seconded it. All Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm. Drawing was won by Kim.

Submitted respectively by Kim Strickell, for Secretary Dodie Brewer

**The next Meeting will be held on Feb 13, at Eagles Nest Restaurant
117 E Bethalto Dr, Bethalto, IL at 6PM.**



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MCA Benefits-Barrett-Jackson

Submitted by Steve Strickell

As an MCA member you are entitled to attend any MCA Board and/or Regional Directors Meeting. If you are not a Board Member or a Regional Director you cannot vote on items but you can be part of any discussion prior to any vote, and if any of you that know me, know that I take part in that discussion.

The January Board of Directors meeting was held in Phoenix during the week of Barrett-Jackson car auction, and those attending are given free passes to enter (\$150.00 value per person). The only stipulation is that you work a booth for a couple of hours each day you attend Barrett-Jackson and promote membership for MCA.

Kim and I attended this year. We entered Barrett-Jackson as a group and were invited into the Saleen area in the main building where we talked to Amy Brolen (former President of Shelby American after Carroll's death) now head of Saleen and were allowed close up views of the Black Label Boss 302 race version car, the S2 Saleen Supercar (list priced at \$700,000) and the new Saleen S7 mid-engine supercar starting at only \$100,000. To go beyond the ropes where most people don't get to go and then get up close and personal with the celebs and cars was a dream come true for me.

After an hour in the Saleen booth we made our way around the main bidding area to the main staging area that you see all the time on TV, to the Shelby tent where our booth was located. Again up close and personal with the new GT 500 Super Snake and the Shelby 1000. Also on hand was the original crew that built the first 1965 GT350R's, who are now producing GT350R's using the rear independent suspension that Shelby wanted to produce in 1965, but Ford bean counters said was cost prohibitive. Another dream come true moment as I sat and talked with them for over an hour and then having them start it up to hear and feel the roar of the engine.

The MCA had an indoor and outdoor booth shared with Kevin Marti and Kim and I both did our time working the booths, but I had better luck taking application cards with me when I walked around and just talking to other people. And believe me there is a lot of walking to do. Not only cars but memorabilia, house wares, boats, vacation rentals, you name it, it was there.

I spent an hour and a half just in the Factory 5 area and got to sit in the Daytona coupe that they raced which was featured on Gas Monkey Garage. By the way- they can deliver my Daytona coupe to my door with all the options I want on it for \$30,000, sans motor, transmission, rear end, paint and assembly! Maybe if I win the lottery, but I'd have to start by buying a ticket first.

It's a great way to meet people you only read about or see on TV or in magazines like Aaron Shelby, Richard Rollins, Ryan from Count's Customs, Rusty Wallace, Reggie Jackson and many more.

Our Friday night banquet guest speaker was Kevin Marti who told us the real story of the found two original Bullitt Mustang's from the movie

So remember your MCA membership gives you this opportunity, so if you're inclined, take advantage, it's there. It was a dream come true for me, and as an MCA member it could be yours to.



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Upcoming Events:

Feb 13, 2018
SIMA Monthly Meeting

6 PM at Eagles
Nest Restaurant,
117 E Bethalto Dr.,
Bethalto, IL 62010
Phone –
618-377-0697

Visit our Website:

<https://soilmustang.org/>

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

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Feb 1 Bob Bachman

Feb 1 Kurt Obrock

Feb 1 Jeff Vinson

Feb 4 Russell Dowell

Feb 8 Carol Roseberry

Feb 12 Deborah Bates

Feb 14 Steve Strickell

Feb 17 Logan McGee

Feb 21 Bill Flottmann



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Feb 25 Ron & Donna Kinder



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Note from the President

Nothing is set in stone--

Let's face it, life throws us curves. Just when we think we've got it all figured out, WHAM, everything changes. Since last October there has been talk of moving our meeting site away from Frank's. Every month I heard talk of going someplace else so at January's meeting we all voted to stay at Frank's--end of all talk about moving, finally settled. Then a little over a week ago we found out that Frank's will be closing their doors on February 1st. Luckily, Eagle's Nest was open for our February 13th meeting, so we will be meeting there.

As with any car nut, I'm always looking for my next project car as we are nearing the completion of Kim's Cobra II. Being that I'm turning 57 this month, I feel that I only have one project car left in me before my age, body and cash say stop! Now, I've always been partial to 69 Mach 1's with big blocks and a passion for Factory 5's Shelby Daytona Coupe. So last October, Larry and I took a day and went car shopping. From a chance meeting of an old friend at the McDonnell Park car show in St. Louis last year I found Larry's friend had an unassembled Shelby Daytona coupe that he was willing to sell, he did not say a price but only come with cash, lots of cash.

My head in the clouds, my heart all a flutter and here's the Daytona coupe I've been drooling over for the last 20 years. It's scattered in three different buildings, body here, boxes there, parts everywhere and he wants \$20,000. I figure it will take me two box trucks and a trailer just to get everything home and if I'm missing one box I'm up a creek without a paddle. Not only that, but the initial layout would only come from selling my 68 (Beastly). I love that car! It was a labor of love that brought that car back to life and the vision I had always dreamed it to be to a reality, not to mention the 20 years it took me to do it. I tease Kim about taking it to Gateway and seeing what I could get for him, but in the end, I just can't do it.

So Daytona coupe out (for now), but Larry knew about a 69/70 Mach 1 in Fosterburg that's been sitting in a guys yard for years and is rumored to be a 428 SCJ Drag Pack car. Problem is, the guy never wants to sell it. Does that stop me--NO--money talks and if the price is right, it sells. They only made 62 428 SCJ Drag Pack cars in 1970, so this is a \$100,000-\$140,000 car when completed. We get to Fosterburg, the guys not home but the wife says we are wasting our time but can look over the car. It's a 70, and I prefer a 69, but I can live with that if it's that rare.

It's sunk in the ground and sitting on the frame. The floor pans are gone and weeds are growing up through it, but the shaker scoop is still showing up through the hood and the rear spoiler and louvers are there. The license plate reads 1990, so it's been sitting there for 27 years! The VIN verified it as a 428 SCJ but the door data tag is missing or painted over, so the rear end ratio that makes it a Drag Pack car can't be verified. There isn't one panel on the car that doesn't need extensive work and we can't open the hood because the hood lock pins are rusted in place and with the guys wife standing there I'm not going to try harder and break them but my mind is racing. I snap a picture of the VIN tag with my dumb phone through the windshield and tell the lady I'll do a Marti Report and offer her \$5,000 if the report is for a Drag Pack car. I thought Larry was going to pass out on the spot. I leave the lady my name and number to give to her husband along with my offer and say I'll be back.

That night I get home and try to make out the VIN from the picture I took but can't make out the last two numbers. It cost \$54.00 for an express Marti Report (results in less than 24 hours). I put in what I think they are and it comes back as invalid. I try three different times and still invalid. Go back to Fosterburg and looking at the VIN tag and still can't make it out, but the guys home



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and says he'll sell it, but the wife now wants \$7,000 for it! The titles at the bank and I need the VIN number for the report, banks closed, wait two more days to get it. Run the Marti Report and it's not a Drag Pack car, and it's supposed to be blue not the faded red it is now. It's still a 428 SCJ car but top dollar for those are around \$80,000, which is what I figure will be my cost to fully restore it. I call them and get their voice mail leaving a message that my offer is now \$1,000 being it's not a Drag Pack car and get no response.

Three months pass by and still no response and I figure that now I can go up as high as \$2,000. I stop there last Friday and it's gone! No one home, just a bald spot on the ground where it sat for 27 years. Another dream and long term project gone. Well at least Beastly is safe and maybe we can get Kim's Cobra II finished while my hunt for my next project goes on. Hope to see you all at the next meeting at the Eagle's Nest.....Steve

Craig Steffey 2017 Appreciation Award





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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

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