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## ***FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING MINUTES***

SIMA met at The Eagles Nest in Bethalto due to Frank's closing. We will meet there from now on. Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 29 members present.

Bill made the motion to accept the January secretary's report and Larry seconded it. All approved. Treasure's report given by Judy. Motion made by Bill to accept it and Larry seconded it. All approved.

MCA report: Our show information is in the Mustang Times and also an update on officers and members. There are 12,456 members. Kim mentioned that there will be dual membership with Shelby Mustang and working on Roush and Saleen.

Dates for upcoming shows.	2019	2020
	Houston 3-19	Indy in July
	Minneapolis 6-19	Niagara Falls
		National- NC 8 <sup>th</sup> Or 9 <sup>th</sup>

Old Business: Judy is working on getting a club debit card. She went to UCB bank and they require an ENI number. Everything is in progress to change the account.

Mustang Sanctuary show is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Info about a cruise is on Lakers website.

It was mentioned that there is no insurance yet. Judy will continue to pursue it.

New Business: Larry mentioned we have 2 sponsorships, Sam Roberts and Brian Poash. One is given in memory of Virgil.

Car show committee has met. They have settled on the flyers but still working on trophies. They are working on getting prices for trophies and ribbons for favorite cars.

Steve mentioned that we need a committee to plan a cruise. No one volunteered.

Ron mentioned about going to Mecum auction in KC. It is March 16 or 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ron if you want to go.

Steve mentioned that the Mustang Museum is being built in North Carolina.

Steve is still checking into the club being incorporated. There were questions concerning this.

It was mentioned that Rusty's Mustang of Mulberry Grove could be a possible sponsorship. Also mentioned was Gilbert Mustang specializes in 69-73 NOS parts. Theresa mentioned a man who sells 4post lifts and would be willing to bring one to the car show. We are not charging for swap space at this year's show.

Kim made the motion to adjourn and Bobby second it. All in favor.

Secretary Dodie Brewer

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



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## Member Question

I was inquiring as to whether you knew of anyone who could make some rock chips disappear on my toy. A place that custom mixes paints said I would not be happy with the ones he could make for me. Thanks again and take care. Bill Flottmann  
[flottmann716@gmail.com](mailto:flottmann716@gmail.com)

### **\*\*New Meeting Location\*\***

**Reminder** our meeting location has changed. We now meet at **Eagle's Nest** in Bethalto, IL





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**Upcoming Events:**

Mar 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/>

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

Mar 6 Judy Bachman

Mar 6 Joe Phillips

Mar 7 Fred Obrock

Mar 23 Becky Nation



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!**

Mar 14 Jack & Marilyn Kell

Mar 16 Bill & Joyce Meyers

Mar 16 Bill & Marge Schaeffer

Mar 26 Curtis & Anne Weis

Mar 30 Ollie & Judy Schwallenstecker



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### **Note from the President**

#### **A Sound so Sweet**

There are three kinds of car hobbyist, and as a club we cater to all three because we're all inflicted with the same disease-we're car nuts! Maybe it's something ingrained in us. It can't be our DNA because this problem we call the automobile has only been around for a little over 120 years and I don't think we can quite evolve that fast. Now, don't get me wrong, I'd love to go horseback riding every day. I call myself a cowboy anyway; I just ride a modern horse that just happens to be called a Mustang.

For me, it all started on Christmas day, 1966. In early December we had driven to town and went to the fire house where Santa had stopped on his way to see if kids were bad or good before he made his big trip on Christmas eve. Well, I sat right there and told Santa I wanted a horse of my own as Grandpa had his ornery old mules and Pa had his two stud horses. I figured being the ripe ole age of 5 it was time for me to get my own, and that he could bring me a pony if he had to so we could both grow together. You should have heard the laughter as the whole fire house lit up. Santa didn't laugh though, but said that pony's were still a little hard to fit into the sleigh, but he'd try his best.

Come Christmas morning, I didn't even look under the tree, cause I knew Santa couldn't leave a pony in the house. With help from Grandma I hurriedly put on my coat, hat and boots and was out the door. There was no pony in the barn, none in the horse shed, none in the calf pen, heck, I even looked in the chicken and hog barn, but no pony. I went back to the barn, sat on my milk stool and cried. The barn cats, waiting for their morning milk my Pa always poured into an old ham can couldn't even get to me this day.

After the milking and chores were done it was into the house for breakfast and then open presents. I didn't feel like eating, but around our house, you got out of a mood before you were given something to put you into a mood. Not wanting a good paddling, I found my appetite. With breakfast done it was into the living room and time to open presents. I got socks, a pair of pants for church, a bright orange stocking cap and no pony. There was one last present left for me, but this one had a note attached to it which Grandpa said he would read it to me after I opened it up. As I tore the wrappings away, inside was a car, about the size of the die-cast ones that now line a shelf in my living room. It was a beige 65 Mustang fastback. As Grandpa read the note, I knew that Santa hadn't forgot me, which as I can remember went like this: Stevie-"5 is a might young for a pony as it's a lot of work caring fro a pony and it just wouldn't fit in my sleigh, but I hope you'll like this pony, it's a Mustang." What I'd give today to have saved that note. That Mustang was driven and driven hard. It's plastic body scared, the paint faded, a wheel that kept falling off and no amount of Elmer's glue would keep it on, it found its way to the bottom of the toy box as Hotwheels and Matchbox cars replaced it. But that is what started it for me. I can't say for others, so I'll get back to where I first started this note about in the first place. Kind of like ole Grandpa that way, start talking about one thing and then go off on something else but eventually he'd get back to it.

As I was saying, there are three different kinds of hobbyist that I can see and have known through the years.

The first kind has the craving. He/she might have had a cold car (or thought they did) back in high school, but they sold it or traded it off soon after graduation and they've wanted another one just like it or even cooler with more options on it. They'll pick up a car magazine maybe once or twice a year if there's any article about the one they used to have in it. They'll sit and watch Barrett-Jackson on TV if somehow they hear it's on to see if their old car is on and if it is, how much it would be worth today if



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they'd just hung on to it. They have no mechanical skills and other than putting gas in and maybe checking the oil once between oil changes is "high maintenance", along with running it through the car wash on their way home from Walmart on Saturday morning. They dream that "someday" they'll have their car again, but for most "someday" never comes. The itch is there but they've learned to ignore it for other things in life.

The second type of hobbyist was the "cool kid" in high school whose parents bought or helped them buy their car. You know the ones. They had a 2 or 3 year old car in school while most of the rest didn't even have one in the same decade. They beat the living heck out of those cars and if blew the motor or tore it up, Mom and Daddy would fix it up for them--no problem. After graduation they sold or traded them in for Honda's or VW Bugs to go on to college. They've made a comfortable life for themselves, but their starting to age. Their hair is not so full, their belly's are starting to bulge, muscles are sagging and they want to be young again! What better way to feel young again than being able to buy that hot car you had or always wanted in high school.

They scour the internet, Ebay Motors, Mecum Auctions on MSNBC, visit places like Gateway Motors in Fairview Heights, and finally buy the car of their dreams already done. It's perfect, just turning the key and go. They get the bug and enter a few car shows, win a trophy or two and then get bored with it. Sell it and get another and go through the whole thing again. I love those people, wish I could do that, just go out and buy whatever I want and it's show ready, but I'm the third kind of hobbyist. Always have been, always will be, because this group doesn't have the money that group one or two does, but he has the real passion found deep in every car nut. To find a car that is not in so great a shape (if running that's a plus), have a vision of what you want it to be and through time, hard work, squirreling away money for, passing up a beer with the boys for another couple of hours in the garage to work on making your dream come true. The nights spent going thru a new parts book and seeing if you can save a few dollars because this one offers free shipping if you buy more than \$250.00 in parts.

This hobbyist is a hand on guy. He's turned every nut and bolt not once but multiple times. His hands, knuckles, shins and anything else you can cut, scrape, bruise or abuse has been done with only the satisfaction that you did it yourself. Well--mostly by yourself--there's paint jobs, engine rebuilders and hopefully lots of friends that helped you along the way to! Their car might not win Gold or "Best of Show" at any car show but that doesn't compare with the satisfaction of knowing you did it yourself.

As you all know, Kim and I have been working on this Cobra II for going on four years now. It's been a lot of steps backward to one step forward. With the engine in and hooked up it wouldn't start--no spark. Larry over twice, every wire checked with an ohm meter twice, trice and still no spark. Larry and Paul over, every wire checked again, still no spark. Do every test we can find on the internet--still no spark. Finally Larry puts the connector back onto the coil for the umpteenth time and it snaps in loud, never happened before, turn the key--engine cranks, only now no fuel. Pour gas in the carb, will fire off then dies. It's a crate engine, it's supposed to run, have dyno results in hand. Larry and Paul leave--maybe bad fuel pump or no eccentric on cam. Next day call crate engine place, they say bad pump. So I take it off and seems I initially put it in wrong, re-installed (the right way), hook up the battery, turn key, fuel all over engine (pump works). Reconnect fuel line to carb, have Kim turn the key, engine starts and runs. To a car guy like me it's "A Sound so Sweet!" Now if I can just get Larry and Paul back to help me set the timing....

Hope to see you all at the next meeting----Steve

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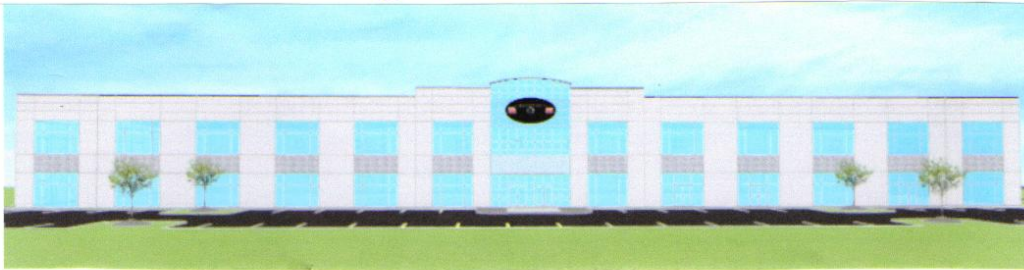
In writing this note I said there were three kinds of hobbyist, I was wrong. There is a forth and it's the one that needs our help the most. The forth type has the bug, the urge, they want, to be a part of our hobby with more than just attending a meeting, reading a article or drooling over Barrett-Jackson. They want our help to find that car or maybe they already have it and don't know how or have the means to go about getting it road worthy. For years in my old Mustang club in Washington state I drove an old battered six cylinder 67 coupe. I was always working on my 68, but no one ever saw it. Even when I moved to Illinois in 2001 it was a striped in primer, no glass or interior and crammed full of parts and tools, but underneath it was new suspension, rear end, disc brakes, rebuilt 390 with tri-power and C-6. Another 12 years went into it before "Beastly" was done. It's this type of hobbyist we need to reach out to. People think they need a show car to join a club or become involved. This is not and has never been the case, our motto is "Enthusiasm is the only requirement". Let us find those and help them along wither they be the guy down the street or the kid who thinks the hottest car around has a four cylinder and twin turbos. This car bug has been around for 120 years and I'd like to see it continue for the next 120 years and beyond.



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## ***MARKET PLACE:***



**For Sale** '99 Limited edition GT. Purchased new in May

of '99 from Tri-Ford. 43,800 original miles, always garage kept and stored winters. VIN checked by "VOORHEES" on Stangnet as number 282 of 4,628 built based on vin-sequencing by Ford. Haggerty valued at \$15,000.00 asking \$13,000.00. Thanks, Tom Luebbers [tss90@att.net](mailto:tss90@att.net)

***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!***

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



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