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***APRIL 2018 MEETING MINUTES***

SIMA met at the Eagle's Nest. Steve called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There were 28 members present with two visitors, Gary & Sally Koval of Troy, IL, who after the meeting was over, joined the club. Steve thanked everyone for coming out.

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as they appeared in the newsletter, seconded by Bill and all approved.

Judy gave the Treasure's Report, motion to accept by Bill, seconded by Tom, all approved.

Kim announced in her MCA Report that she has sent off to the MCA for our Show insurance and that our show is listed on the MCA Website but not listed in the MCA Times yet. Upcoming MCA National shows are Lincoln, Nebraska (Aug 13-15) and the Grand National in Merrimack, NH (Sept 31-Oct 2) and that both still have openings if anyone would like to attend.

Old Business: Ron talked about the trip club members took to the Mecum Auction in Kansas City and what a great time was had for all who went and the cost to each person was under \$50.00. Steve stated that the clubs incorporation papers have been filled with the state and at this time had not heard back from the state so hopefully all forms were filled out correctly. Steve also stated that the club's insurance has been paid for the year and that he attended the Looking Glass Corvette's club meeting and they as always agreed to judge our show again this year (There was a verbal agreement before-they just wanted Steve there to harass him in front of the club-but he turned it around on them as he wore a Corvette National's shirt under his coat and revealed it when he spoke in front of the Corvette Club).

New Business: Steve announced that the club was invited to a Custom Car Show at Woodland Park in Collinsville on June 9th from 11A-4 PM, registration is \$25.00. Steve also passed around a paper to sign up for jobs at our show which is less that 100 days away. Joe asked the club if we were willing to judge the Granite City "Patriots in the Park" car show again this year, which was approved by the membership and judges signed up.

Announcements: The Millennial Mustang Registry is looking for members. Must have been born in the mid 80's to early to mid 2000's. July 29-All Ford Show at McDonnell Park. AUG 19-Central Illinois Mustang Show at Landmark Ford in Springfield. Rusty Rod's Cruise-ins on the Highland square begin May 26th (5-8 PM) and are the last Saturday of each month through October. Troy DQ Friday night cruise-in begins May 5th 5-8 PM.

We also have been invited to be a part of the Memorial Day Parade in Highland on Monday May 7th. Lineup is at St Paul's Catholic Church parking lot at 12:30 PM.

Motion made by Bill to adjourn meeting and seconded by Kim. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Raffle won by Jeff Vinson

**The next Meeting will be held on May 8, at Eagles Nest Restaurant**  
**117 E Bethalto Dr, Bethalto, IL at 6PM.**



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

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

**It is Car Cruise Season**



**Bring your suggestion to the next meeting!**

**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\***

**The Memorial Day Parade in Highland on Monday May 28th.  
Lineup is at St Paul's Catholic Church parking lot at 12:30 PM.**



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## **Southern Illinois Mustang Association**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Apr 10, 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/>

### ***MAY BIRTHDAYS:***

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!***

May 7 Bobbie Brooks

May 11 Theresa Vinson

May 20 Kim Strickell

May 22 Sally Koval

May 22 Debi Luebbbers

May 24 Matthew Martinez

May 26 Randy Mueller



### ***MAY ANNIVERSARIES:***

### ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!***

May 5 Kurt & Tonya Obrock

May 10 Judy & Jaimi Reid





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### **Note from the President**

Dreams are Almost Always Better than Reality--

I have been a Mustang nut even before I bought my first one at age 15, and within a year I had added three more. My goal was to have seven, one for each day of the week. It would have worked to, but I moved from western Kansas to northeast Iowa and I couldn't drive all four there. So I sold one, and traded a 67 and 69 coupe off for a 71 Mach I, and headed to Iowa.

Within a month I had rented a farm house with a barn on the edge of a small town and started buying Mustangs to fix up and sell. You have to remember that this was the late 70's and old Mustangs were a dime a dozen and you could buy a halfway decent runner (the engine started and the tranny and brakes worked) for a couple of hundred bucks, and even offers of \$50 if you'd get it out of some farmer's grove.

I had a good mechanic, who would do engine and transmission work for the cost of parts plus the cost of a case of Old Milwaukee beer, who stopped by every weekend. A paint guy that charged \$10 a piece to paint (hood, fender, trunk lid, front and rear valance, plus body) which ended up costing me about \$80 a car plus cost of primer and paint.

But the best guy was the local salvage yard owner. He had 160 acres and every kind of car you could think of going all the way back to the 20's. I went there so often that people thought we were related and ran a running joke that he was my "Uncle Joe". I once pulled in with a 65 fastback and when I left it had new/used front fenders, hood and front valance (all different colors), plus a 4 speed case all for \$25! I always told him my dream job would be to work for him and all he'd have to do was pay me in parts. He'd laugh and say he'd lose too much money and I'd pull every Mustang out and try to fix it up.

Years have gone by and that would still be my dream job, but our beloved old Mustang parts cars are fading away faster than you can blink. What the EPA did by taking all those home town junk yards away, Barrett-Jackson has anyone with an old rotted out Mustang in their back yard that they were always going to fix up someday thinking they're sitting on a gold mine.

A couple of weeks ago I came as close as I ever will of being able to work in a junk yard and being paid in parts, a life long dream finally realized. Sadly the Mustang Corral in Edwardsville has been closed down. Through the years I have been there dozens of times but never out of the shop. Now, I have Mustang contacts all over and a couple of Saturdays ago one called up and asked me if I wanted to accompany him to one of his Mustang parts honey holes. I thought we were going to a place where Mustang II's were because that's what I told him I was looking for. I get off work Sunday morning at 7 AM and we meet up on 255 headed north, and the next thing I know we're at the Mustang Corral. The owner says to my contact that he can get anything he can haul out in his pickup truck and they'll settle on a price for what he gets when we're done. The owner leaves and locks us in the yard. Now I've never been beyond the inside shop, but behind it is a yard with over 200 Mustangs in it (mostly 65-73). I'm in Mustang Heaven.

But--there's always a but when it comes to a too good to be true story. I am basically working for my contact and he wants me to get front and rear window moldings. So that's my job, that's my job all day long! My special molding removing tool's points are worn down to nubs but it fared better than me.

Even though the yard contains more than 200 Mustangs, trees, bushes, vines, and sticker bushes have grown on, into, up through and all around a good share of these cars over the years. By the time I left (6:15 PM) I had a black eye after getting



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poked by a tree branch, a deep cut on my finger from a chipped windshield, and various cuts and scrapes from removing all those window trim molding all day. My back hurts and I can hardly bend over, my feet are soaked as it rained a few times while we were there. All I wanted to do was get home, strip off my dirty clothes and hit a hot shower to warm up and go to bed, as I'd been up since 3 PM the day before.

The next day was even worse. Takes me ten minutes to get out of bed, I can't stand up straight and my feet hurt from having wet feet the day before and I hobble around the whole day like a 90 year old man. I'm thinking to myself "This was your dream job, one day almost killed ya". Never knew Father Time was such a mean old buzzard! But alas, I haven't learned my lesson as my contact called and asked if I could help him again this weekend and of course, I said yes. These old Mustangs are just what this old guy loves and can't keep away from.

I hate to see April go as it's my favorite month of the year. It's full of great days, with the Mustang's birthday on the 17th, but other great days like 4-06, 4-10, 4-27, 4-28 and 4-29--Love those Ford Big Blocks! Oh, and 4-14 (our anniversary) so I don't get in the dog house with Kim!

A very special thank you to our garage squad as they got Jeff and Theresa's car running along with Kim's. You all don't know how much you are appreciated. If my wrenching down at the corral doesn't kill me off I hope to see you all at the next meeting.....Steve

## Another picture from the trip to Mecum







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Garage Crew has two cars running this month

### **Steve & Kim's**

She finally runs, thanks for all the help to Larry and Paul these last few weeks, now to get her finished



### **Jeff & Theresa's**



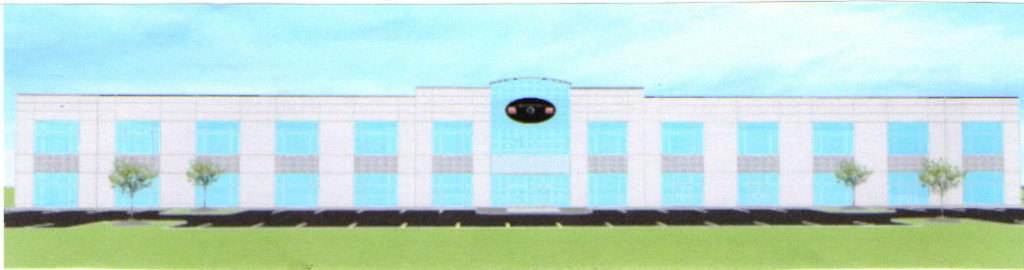
Thanks guys



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## Mustang Owner's Museum



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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)

**FOR SALE:** My mother-in-law is selling her car. Has owned since new; bought from Roberts Ford. 2001 Taurus SE 4-door sedan, V-6 3Liter, automatic. Power seat, AC, PS, Tilt, Cruise, PB, 4 new tires. 37660 actual miles, always garaged. Dark metallic red in color and gray cloth interior. Very good condition. Has small hole punched in front bumper cover only damage to car. \$3000. Larry Roseberry [roseberry47@hotmail.com](mailto:roseberry47@hotmail.com) or phone 618 259 6790 or 618 407 8723

***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

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