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JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met at MaMa Mia's. Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 28 members present. A motion was made by Larry to accept the secretary's report and 2nd by Kim. All approved. No treasure's report given due to Judy not being there. She did show up later and gave her report. A motion was made by acclamation that we would meet at MaMa Mia's next month.

Kim gave the MCA report. She reported there are 25 cars registered for Mustang II and more coming the day of the show.

6/28-30 Minneapolis MN

7/18-20 Topeka KS 55th Anniversary

8/30-9/3 Fredericksburg WV Grand Nationals

7/28 Fords Unlimited @ McDonald Park in St. Louis MO

8/3 Show Me Stampede @ Pudman Ford in St. Charles

8/25 Central IL Mustangers, Landmark Ford in Springfield

Show committee report: Larry announced we had 15 sponsorship so far with a possibility of 6 more. He showed us a sample of the trophies that will be given away. He mentioned the John Clor will be at the show. He has ordered 175 dash plaques. Steve suggested he order 25 more. He showed us the Mustang II trophies. He showed us the Best of Show trophy. It will consist of a walnut wood plaque with the letters FORD that light up. Steve showed us a picture of the trophy for MustangII Best of Show.

Larry talked to Salvation Army. They are excited to be there and will have a table and someone to be there to accept a check. They also mentioned that they would gladly accept can goods, hand soap, towels, wash rags, toothpaste and cooking utensils for their Safe House. We also will be ringing the bell for donations.

MCA president coming from Topeka.

Randy and Dan will help with parking. Food committee said they have increased their food to about 25%. Still need tables, ice coolers and cookies.

Bates brothers said they will provide ice cream for Friday night. It will be Shivers frozen custard. Mustang Sanctuary will be selling snow cones at the show.

Old business: Potts sent Steve everything from the old web site. It was passed around for viewing.

Kim showed us a design for new club shirts. There are 3 different designs and styles ranging in price from \$18.00 to \$34.00. An extra \$13.00 to put a logo on the back. Larry asked if anybody needed a staff shirt.

We will not have as many judges from the Corvette Club this year so Steve asked if some of our members would be judges and some volunteered.

Ron spoke a little about the Indy trip. It was a good day but jokingly suggested we not rent a Chevy van.

Mustangs for Mustangs had a good turnout. There were 18 cars.



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New Business: Scholarship winners were announced, they are Alex Mueller and Elizabeth Mueller. Motion was made by Gary to accept and second by Dennis. All approved.

Steve mentioned about different places to meet that Bill had checked into. We took a vote and agreed to stay where we are.

Some members said they were going to Granite City for Patriots in the Park. It was announced we have 2 cars for the show room.

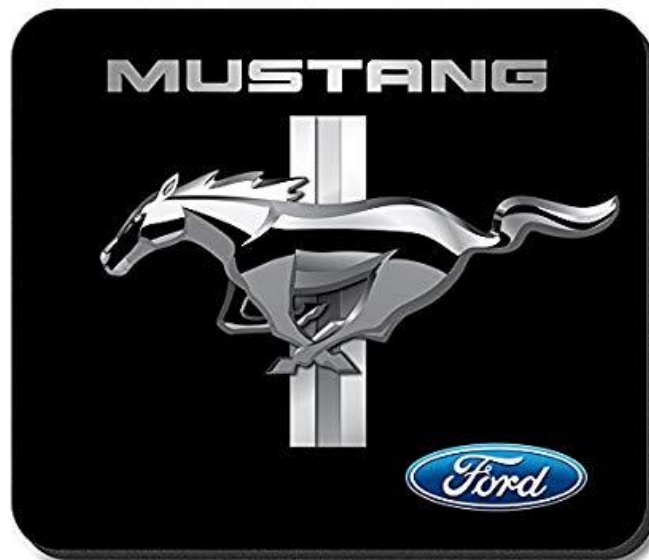
Ron announced we have a cooler for the show. Steve talked about a guy who needed a garage night, he lives in Caseyville. He asked for help. Contact Steve if you want to help. Steve handed out magazines.

Steve asked for a motioned to adjourn. Kim made the motion and Larry second it. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

50/50 drawing won by Kim.

Secretary, Dodie Brewer.

**The next Meeting will be held on July 09, at Mama Mias Restaurant
48 West Edwardsville Road, Wood River, IL at 6PM.**





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Southern Illinois Mustang Association

Upcoming Events:

SIMA Monthly Meeting

6 PM at Mama
Mias Restaurant,
48 West
Edwardsville Road,
Wood River, IL
Phone –
618-251-6262

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/>

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

July 06 Don Sloan

July 13 JoAnn Flottmann

July 18 Riley Hellinger

July 23 Barb Yates

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

July 3 Gary & Sally Koval

July 30 Bob & Fran Colter

July 31 Craig & Cheryl Steffey



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Note from the President

Stop A Second and Take A Breath

Our show is almost here and there's been lot of planning, hard work, and much effort in putting it all together from a lot of our club members to make sure it all comes off as planned and hoped for. It's a nine month adventure planning for our show with some hectic times when you want to pull your hair out and other things that seem to fall right into place that makes you think you missed something because it went so smoothly. So this month's note is dedicated to something on the easy side, a chance to stop and take a breath and relax for a minute or two knowing that show day will be here in less than three weeks as I write this and just over 10 days from our next meeting.

You might not believe this but my whole life I've been what you'd call a radical non-reformist. Never really fit in with the in-crowd, always bucking the system to see what I could get away with and saying my piece, mostly before thinking about what I was going to say, no sugar coating it-just out it comes. Doesn't sit well with some, but if you don't want to know the truth, don't ask.

Well, I've always been the same when it comes to Mustangs as well., I joined the Mustang Club of America (MCA) back in 78. It was only for 65-73's back then, and they had better be as delivered from Ford, meaning bare stock, or at least appearing that way. I thought of this as kind of weird because who wants a Mustang that looks like every other one. With millions sold and still on the road every day I liked to stick out from the crowd. The MCA was mostly an East Coast club back then and it was a long way from Kansas to go to a show that just featured stock Mustangs, but being a Mustang nut, I stayed with them through the years.

Six years pass. I'm in the Army, stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas and just bought an old Victorian three story house (14% interest on the house loan-thank you Jimmy Carter) and have a side business fixing up 69 Mustangs with big blocks (mostly all bought for under \$500.00). I'm known all over as the Mustang Guy, and guess what I bring home next--a 76 Mustang II fastback with a 2.8 six cylinder. It was a partial payment that I helped a guy working on a 70 Twister. The thing got halfway decent gas mileage compared to my CJ5 I used as my daily driver and was a great parts hauler with the hatchback and fold down rear seat when junkyard hunting on Saturdays. Seems these days that everyone hated them back in the day, but they sold like hot cakes. But I always had a place in my heart for the II's, even if they were the black sheep of the Mustang world.

Ten to twelve years pass, I'm now living in Tacoma, WA and join the Pierce County Mustang Club and lo and behold one of my best friends in the club, George, has the club's lone Mustang II. He has owned this car for years, rebuilt it after it was partially ran over by an Army tank while he was stationed in Germany and says he'll never sell it. We hang out at cars shows cause I'm not afraid to say that I like II's. By the way, George still owns his II, only now he's turned it into a Monroe Handler and it looks killer!

Fifteen years pass and now I live here in Illinois. Meet and latter marry Kim, who drives a Ford Explorer, but has a passion for early 80's Firebirds, which won't work in our house. Right before I meet her, I worked out a deal to buy an 82 Mustang GT (been looking for one for years). I tell her it could be hers, but every time I said something about it, she'd wrinkle up her nose. A couple of months go by and she see's this II sitting on the side of the road for sale and she wants it. I tell her she doesn't want a II, everybody hates them, nobody makes parts for them and their pollution era dogs. To make a long story short, we go check it out, I low low ball the guy a price and two days later it's in my driveway.



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Four years, three Mustang II parts cars, and a lot of cash, headaches, late nights (Ask Larry) and problems after problems it's almost done. Kim can actually drive it and take it out as long as she doesn't go fast as the speedometer cable rubbed against the exhaust and bounces at 20 mph no matter how fast or slow you go and we get the right gear in it that matches the tires, motor and rear end. It got a few bumps and dings in the paint since we bought it home from the paint and body shop and it just closed down (Owner retired, must have heard thru the grape vine our II was coming back for touch-ups). I think I've meet my match in Kim, as she's turned into a Mustang nut as bad as me, even worse since she's so much into these II's. But as much as I give her a bad time about her II, I have to admit that I love that little Cobra II as much if not more than she does. It was a challenge, but a worthwhile one.

So don't forget the check out the Mustang II's at our show this year. I promise you, you won't see this many gathered in one place again unless you attend Mustang II Reunion V next year. These Mustang II's were the black sheep of the Mustang world for years, but their owners are the real die hard Mustang fans who endured and stood up for and by their II's, so we could still have new Mustangs today. Every Mustang is special to us from a 64 1/2 to 2019 and beyond.

Well, I rested long enough, time to figure out how to mount these signs on plaques for Best of Show, get decals for the Mustang II trophy, pack attendance prizes, this, that, the other things....Hope to see you all at the next meeting at Momma Mia's on July 9th....Steve



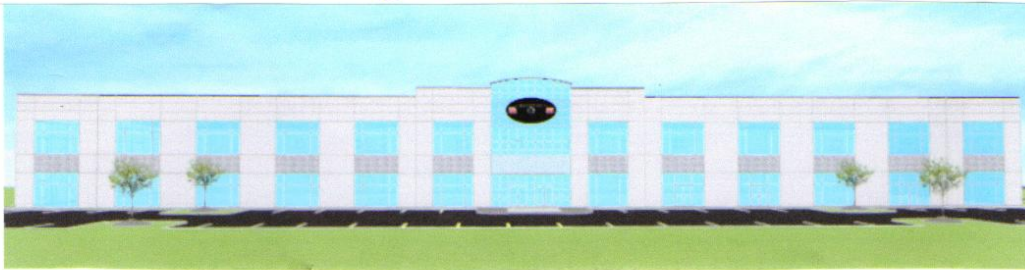
July 20, 2019
**42nd Mustang Round up &
All Ford Car Show**
Plus Mustang II Reunion IV
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&
Southern Illinois Mustang Associations
4350 N. Alby Street Alton, Illinois
Rain or Shine



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