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JANUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met at the Moose Lodge in Edwardsville on January 14, 2025, at 7:00p.m. In absence of the president and vice president, Steve Strickell was filling in and called the meeting at 7:00pm. A motion was made by Larry R. and seconded by Larry W. to accept the December minutes. All approved. Larry R. updated the club on its bank account. There were expenditures for the Christmas party, updating the website, contribution for the MCA rep (Kim S.) to attend the MCA summit and board meeting, extra donation to the club's charities (Salvation Army, Legendary Mustang Sanctuary). Monies were received from membership payments as well as the 50/50 that is held each meeting. There was a motion to approve made by Kim S. and seconded by Ralph. All approved.

MCA report (Kim Strickell): Kim and Steve attended the MCA's National Director's Summit and National Board Meeting in Orlando, Florida, January 11-12, 2025. The information from that meeting is given later in the minutes. The yearly club update has been sent to the MCA. According to the roster, we had 16 new members join in 2024. We have 77 active members, 37 inactive members, and 8 honorary members. The 76 inactive members were removed. When doing the update, Kim checked MCA numbers; we must have 10 active MCA numbers to keep our club charter. We had 3 MCA numbers expire/not renewed. However, we added 3 new MCA numbers which now gives us 17 numbers. This means that 22% of active club members are MCA members. The average is 20%. Please keep renewing your membership or join the MCA if you are not a member. Kim has information if needed.

The club insurance will be due soon. The insurance is done through Hagerty as we get a discount through the MCA. Last year it was \$483.00

News from the Regional Director's Summit and National Board Meeting

Our own Steve Strickell was sworn into the National Board of Directors. Kim thanked the club for the \$300 to attend the summit and meeting.

The policy the MCA gives us for our car show costs the MCA about \$280. We can get 2 policies per year. If we want to submit a car show flyer or article to the Mustang Times, it must be submitted by the 1st of the month, 2-3 months before we want it to the magazine. Kim should send them a flyer by February 1st so it can make the May edition of the magazine.

Many MCA car clubs sent donations to Samaritan's Purse for flood/hurricane victims. \$35,000 was sent. The MCA is sending a \$5,000 donation from the 60th anniversary show and the Ozark show. '64-1/2 – '73 judges will see some judging changes at upcoming shows. If we have the Speed Demons judge our show this year, we may want to ask them not to discuss/criticize the car in ear shot of the owner. The Regional Director is responsible for the following: (1) the yearly club update which is due by March 1st, (2) gathering the information and sending it to the MCA to receive the President's Award, (3) club issues and/or questions for the MCA, (4) the Regional Director has voting rights at National Board Meetings, and (5) the position can be appointed or elected. MCA Board voting: Bios will be in the August and September magazine with voting at the end of September. If you are an MCA member, please be sure your email address is correct and that you know your password before then or request to change the password before the next election. If help is needed, let Kim know. Only 9% of ballots sent were returned this year. There are 168 Mustang clubs in the U.S. and 13 international clubs. Only 44 of these clubs got the President's Award to include our club.



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If we use the MCA logo on anything, Kim will need to know in advance to get approval for the club to use it. For our show this year, if we get dash cards with the MCA website, we need to cross it out so the MCA office doesn't get emails and phone calls with complaints or asking for judging sheets. Mustang Times annual cost is \$50,000 U.S. postage and \$4,800 international postage. MCA membership – 14,414 total members (8,871 standard, 4,288 digital, 1,143 associate, 25 youths, and 87 international). Good news – the membership price increase will not take effect until 4-1-25. If you haven't renewed there is still time to get the old price. The new prices are as follows:

- (1) Standard (get magazine) - \$60/yr, \$115/2 yrs, \$170/3 yrs, \$240/5 yrs
- (2) Digital (access to magazine online) - \$40/yr, \$75/2 yrs, \$110/3 yrs, and \$175/5 yrs.
- (3) Associate – did not increase from \$25

The Mustang being raffled off in August 2025 at the MCA 50th in Georgia is scheduled to be built March 20th with delivery in late April. The photos will be in the Mustang Times. It may also be trailered to events so it can be seen. The dealership is not charging the MCA for the car, insurance, storage or sitting in the Dealership showroom until after the raffle. This way if you win, it will be titled directly to you. \$25,000 was raised in the first 2 months of raffle sales. The website info is in the Mustang Times and can only be purchased by MCA members – another reason to join the MCA. The MCA financial statement will be in the April edition of the Mustang Times. Current MCA sponsors are Ford (\$60,000), Shelby (\$12,000), Haggerty (\$30,000), NPD (\$10,000). With this they get free advertisements in Mustang Times. Mecum did not renew their sponsorship due to restructuring, even though through the MCA they made \$30,000 in bidder passes and \$570,000 through sales. So, we will no longer get bidder discounted passes. Driving Event Changes – drivers and passengers for parade laps will have to sign a track waiver. If anyone is interested in attending a National Board Meeting, there will be one on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Lake of the Ozarks 5:30-8:00. Another one will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025, in Dallas, Texas. National Show Changes: The date for the 2026 Jacksonville, FL, show is now March 27-29. The location for the 2026 Oklahoma show has changed from Claremore, OK, to a Tulsa Marriott.

2025 Nationals – All registration is done at mcashows.com

April 4-6 Orlando, FL - Show and hotel registration is open as of January 12th. 80 spots are still available. Registration closes on February 28th.

May 23-25 Lake of the Ozarks, MO – registration is open now and will close on May 2nd

June 27-29 Cincinnati, OH – Show and hotel registration are now open. It closes on May 27th

Aug 29-31 Fredericksburg, VA – Registration will be opening soon. The location has changed to the fairgrounds.

2026 Nationals - All registration is done at mcashows.com

March 27-29 – Jacksonville, FL

May 14-17 Bristol, TN

July 25-27 Tulsa, OK

August 28-30 Braselton, GA (site of the 1st MCA show) -MCA 50th Anniversary. This will be a car show and track event. A 2025 Mustang, white with red interior is being raffled off. This comes with a 1-year MCA membership to avoid taxes. You must be an MCA member to buy a ticket.

2027 Nationals- All registration is done at mcashows.com

April 23-25 Gulfport, MS

May 28-30 – Lake of the Ozarks – Lake of the Ozarks

August 27-29 – Overland Park, KS, Convention Center

2028 Nationals - All registration is done at mcashows.com

April 21-23 – Evans, Georgia (near Augusta)

May 26-28 – Lake of the Ozarks

Old business:

Classic Cars magazine will no longer be published. February is its last issue. That will leave Hemmings as the only magazine to give away at meetings. As Larry W. was unable to attend the Christmas party, he was presented with his certificate and gift



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card. We appreciate you, Larry. 😊 Brian had the club informational post cards printed. These were distributed to club members to share with others about club meetings and contact information.

New Business:

January is the month that the club must vote on the charities the club is supporting. For 2024 the charities were Salvation Army as well as the Legendary Mustang Sanctuary. It was open for discussion to see what suggestions club members had to offer. Many stated to keep the same as 2024. Larry R. made a motion to keep the charities for 2025 as Salvation Army and Legendary Mustang Club. Kim S. seconded it. All approved.

It is time for the Car Show Committee to start meeting again to plan the 2025 club car show. The first meeting is Monday, January 20th, at 6:00pm to be held at Larry R.'s house. An email will be forth coming with Larry's address. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. A note that the club's insurance is coming due.

Steve S. introduced a new activity to the club - Mustang trivia. At the end of each monthly meeting, a sheet will be distributed to club members (from Steve) with approximately 5 Mustang trivia questions. A few minutes will be given to club members to circle their answers and write their names on the papers. Steve will then read the correct answers and people will mark their papers with the number correct (i.e. 4 out of 5 correct). This is on an honor system. The papers will be collected and given to Dorinda so points can be recorded for each member that participated. Anyone completing the trivia paper earns 10 points toward the 289 Club patch. The winner is the one with the most correct answers and the winner will receive 20 points toward the 289 Club patch. If there are ties with the most points, each person that has the most points will receive 20 points. This is a fun way to learn about Mustang history and earn points towards the 289 Club patch. For the January meeting, Jack K. and John S. tied for having the most answers. Both answered 4 out of the 5 trivia questions correctly. Anyone who turned in a completed trivia sheet with a name received 10 points. Jack and John received 20 points having answered the most questions correctly.

Correspondence: Magazines distributed.

A motion was made by Kim S. and seconded by Larry W. to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned. Winner of the 50/50 Jeff Vinson

Secretary, Dorinda Mueller

The next Meeting will be Feb 11th at the Edwardsville Moose

7371 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL

Dinner at 6:00p.m. (if desired); Meeting at 7:00p.m.



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Upcoming Events:

SIMA Monthly Meeting
Second Tuesday of the month, 6 PM
at Edwardsville
Moose
7371 Marine Rd
Edwardsville, IL
Phone –
618-251-8039

Visit our Website:

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 01 Bob Bachman
- Feb 01 Jeff Vinson
- Feb 08 Carol Roseberry
- Feb 11 Ros Healea
- Feb 14 Steve Strickell
- Feb 18 Mark Cuzzola
- Feb 27 Vicky Schorr



February Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

- Feb 13 Mark Cuzzola & Kim Meaghan
- Feb 25 Ron & Donna Kinder



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A note from Randy

Greetings fellow Mustang enthusiasts,

We now have a new president of the United States. Let us pray that each of us will prosper in our personal and spiritual lives. While watching the inauguration ceremony, I began to wonder which U.S. Presidents have owned Mustangs. It appears Bill Clinton is the only one to have the wherewithal to own one of the most iconic cars to have ever been produced.

Beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ford has been a presidential favorite. He motored around in a modified V12-powered 1939 Model K Lincoln Limousine. This vehicle was nicknamed, "Sunshine Special" because Roosevelt loved to ride in it with the top down. He personally owned a 1936 Ford Phaeton equipped with hand controls. Lincoln Limos were used for FDR, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and John F Kennedy. (NOTE: supercarblondie.com and Hagerty.com).

According to what I have read, the first car to roll off the Ford assembly line post-WWII was Truman's personally owned White Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan assembled on July 3, 1945. This car was a gift from Henry Ford II. (NOTE: autosimple.com and supercarblondie.com).

John F. Kennedy was very proud of his 1961 Ford Thunderbird convertible. It had a V8 and it rocked a redesigned "Bullet Bird" look. The car received a huge boost in sales after 50 of the '61 T-birds were driven in the president's inaugural parade. Another interesting fact is Ford executive Robert McNamara was chosen as Secretary of Defense by Kennedy. (NOTE: autosimple.com).

Lyndon B. Johnson enjoyed driving guests around his Stonewall, Texas ranch in his prized 1964 Arctic White Lincoln Continental sporting suicide doors. Apparently, LBJ would drive around his ranch with a tumbler of ice and Cutty Sark whiskey in hand. When the cup ran dry, LBJ would stick his arm out the window and rattle the ice cubes; one of his Secret Service agents would hop out and refill the cup. (NOTE: carandddriver.com and autosimple.com).

Bill Clinton's Arkansas license plate read BILL CLINTON and was attached to his 1967 Ice Blue Mustang convertible - his first car. It was beloved by Clinton, and he publicly mentioned how much he missed driving it once he moved to the White House. After campaigning for president, this car showed up at a Mustang Meet at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Upon leaving office, he purchased a 1993 Mustang convertible representing his love for the country and his connection to the American people. (NOTE: octagoninsurance.com and Hagerty.com).

George W. Bush tended to drive a stripped-down F-250. While president, he bought a fancy F-150 King Ranch 4x4 SuperCrew for his ranch. He ended up autographing the dash and the truck was sold at a Barrett-Jackson auction for \$300,000 to raise money for charity.

Barack Obama owned a Ford Escape Hybrid to go along with his environmental conscious. It is unknown if he still owns this vehicle. (NOTE: autosimple.com).

Our current president owns the muscle car rivalry Camaro – yuk! It's a 2011 Indy 500 pace car. Being a salesman's salesman, maybe Vice President Dan can convince Trump to sell the Camaro and purchase a 2026 Ford Mustang Raptor. (NOTE: autosimple.com).



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On Monday, 20 January, the car show committee met at Larry's house. Fun was had by all. We are going to need help from everyone to acquire sponsorships for our trophies. Please obtain a sponsorship form or two at our upcoming meeting. The committee is considering what to use for our trophies. Voice your opinion if you like as we always welcome new ideas. Theresa again volunteered to handle the food at our show – thank you, Theresa. Steve secured a commitment from the Speed Demons to judge our upcoming show. I will formerly attend a future Speed Demon meeting to further secure their commitment. Anyone wanting to accompany me is welcome. I will see you all on the 11th. As always, please continue to pray for our dear brothers and sisters who are ill.

Randy

A note from Steve

The Show committee met on January 20th for the first time. The changes from last year's flyer were to drop the Street Rod Class and add an Under Construction Class. The one other change is that we are raising the cost of judged classes from \$20.00 to \$25.00 and Display from \$15.00 to \$20.00 to offset the rising price of trophies, due to the fact that we had \$10,000 in our account last year and just under \$7,000 this year. Ben Titzer has already updated our Sponsorship Form and updated the Judging sheet (this was updated as the wording included judging the chassis which our flyer states we don't do and was talked about by last year's show participants). This way we should solve the problem before it becomes a problem. A call was made to Theresa and Jeff who stated they would again oversee the Food portion at our show-a BIG THANKS to them. Vice President Dan lived up to his job by bringing ice cream to the meeting. The next Show Committee meeting will be held at 6 PM at Larry residence on February 17th. All club members are welcome to attend.

Steve

Larry Wesemann receiving the Member Appreciation Award





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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!!!!!!!!!!!!



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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:
Larry Roseberry
4692 Drda Lane
Edwardsville, IL 62025
Club meetings are the second
Tuesday of every month.



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