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MARCH 2025 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met at the Moose Lodge in Edwardsville on March 11, 2025, at 7:00p.m. President Randy Mueller called the meeting at 7:00pm. A motion was made by Janet B. and seconded by Larry R. to accept the February minutes. All approved. Larry R. updated the club on its bank account. Monies were received from membership payments, sponsorships, as well as the 50/50 that is held each meeting. There was a motion to approve made by Steve S. and seconded by Dan M. All approved.

MCA report (Kim Strickell):

Kim shared the club has paid its yearly club insurance of \$529. The information needed to receive the club's President's Award has been sent to the MCA. The club had a total of 215 points (100 points are needed). She reminded everyone that effective April 1, 2025, the cost of an MCA membership increases to \$60 for standard membership and \$40 for digital membership. If you join the MCA please get Kim your MCA number so she can have it for the yearly club update. If you are not an MCA member, please consider joining. Raffle tickets are still available for the 2025 60th Anniversary Mustang being given away at the MCA 60th in Braselton, GA, August 28-30, 2026. You must be an MCA member to buy tickets. Ad is in the Mustang Times. Kim shared she just purchased a 2012 red Mustang. It's in the parking lot if you want to see it.

2025 Nationals – All registration is done at mcashows.com

April 4-6 Orlando, FL - Registration closed February 28th. Steve and Kim are attending.

May 23-25 Lake of the Ozarks, MO– registration is open now and will close on May 2nd. The Board Meeting will be held during this show.

June 27-29 Cincinnati, OH – Show and hotel registration are now open. It closes on May 27th
Aug 29-31 Fredericksburg, VA – Registration opened on February 10th.

Car Show Committee Report:

Discussions were had as to whether the trophy should be a wooden plaque or license plate. The directive was given to research both and at the next car show committee meeting a decision will be made. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 7th, at 6:00p.m. at Larry R.'s house.

Old business:

April is the birthday month of the Mustang. Please bring ideas for a club cruise to celebrate. The cruise will take place in April. A decision will have to be made at the next club meeting on April 8th.

At the last meeting it was suggested that the club might want to purchase a brick in honor of the club's founder Terry Yates from the Edwardsville Moose Lodge Memory Walk fundraiser. A motion was made and seconded and approved to purchase a 12x12 brick.

Bobbi has graciously agreed to do the Best of Show trophies for the car show.

New Business:

Joe and Janet brought up the VFW with which they are associated. The VFW previously put on a car show, but it was not much of a success. They have asked if any of our club members would be willing to meet with them to help give suggestions that would make a future car show more successful. Several club members gave their names/numbers to Janet to share with the appropriate people at the VFW. Janet said thank you and she would give the names/numbers to



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the appropriate people at the VFW. Janet said thank you and she would give the names/numbers to the appropriate person, and they would reach out to someone from the club to organize a meeting.

Kim shared that Derrick's wife, who was diagnosed with breast cancer, has also been diagnosed with stage 2 pancreatic cancer and requests we keep her in our prayers.

Trivia:

Trivia questions were distributed and time given for members to answer questions. Steven shared the answers. The winners of the trivia with the most correct answers were Larry R. and Brian T.

Correspondence: Magazine distributed to Larry R.

A motion was made by Dorinda M. and seconded by Kim S. to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Winner of the 50/50: Dodi Brewer

Special Drawing for Set of 60th anniversary Hot Wheels donated by Randy M. and Dan M. went to Ralph S.

Secretary, Dorinda Mueller

**The next meeting will be held April 08 at Edwardsville Moose Lodge
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/>

April Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Apr 23 Joyce Meyers



April Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Apr 13 Derrick & Staci Bilzing

Apr 14 Steve & Kim Strickell

Apr 24 Tom & Dodie Brewer



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A note from Randy

Greetings fellow Mustang enthusiasts,

Happy Birthday to the Ford Mustang (April 17). This automobile legend has been part of my life since I was 16 years old when I purchased a 1965 red coupe with a straight 6 and a 3-speed manual transmission. It didn't have a lot of power, but it looked cool (if you looked past all the rust).

We need to have some fun in our cars very soon to celebrate Mustang's birthday and the coming of spring. Steve has our stickers ready to affix to our windshields commemorating yet another year of fun.

John Clor wrote an informative article which I will borrow for this month's newsletter. It is entitled, "It's Easy to Find the Best Way for You to Celebrate National Mustang Day (or Weekend) – Join the Club!" WHAT'S HAPPENING – If season-opening car shows taking place in March seem a bit too early to head out to the barn and fire up your Mustang after a winter's slumber, there's one date most owners would agree that deserves taking your Mustang out for the first drive of the year. Of course, that would be April 17, 2025 – Mustang's official "birthday" that marks the anniversary date of the Mustang's public introduction back on April 17, 1964. The problem is that this year, April 17 falls on a Thursday, which is a workday for many Mustang owners who'd surely prefer to have the day off to go out to play with their iconic Ford Pony Car. So, what's the best way for them to celebrate this notable day in the Mustang hobby? It's simple – just check out (the Southern Illinois Mustang Association and what we are doing).

Ever since the Mustang turned 50, the idea of owners and fans getting out on April 17th to celebrate National Mustang Day has grown into a global phenomenon. National Mustang Day was originally set up to be an annual fundraiser for the Mustang Owner's Museum via the sale of windshield stickers to participating clubs.

No matter where or how, we hope all Mustang owners all over the world get the chance to get out and enjoy their Mustang on National Mustang Day.

Another article in Autoweek explains the 2025 Ford Mustang 60th Anniversary limited-edition birthday package which is capped at 1,965 examples. These cars take inspiration from the first-generation Mustang. This special package is only available on the Mustang GT Premium model but is available on coupes and convertibles.

Limited to 1,965 examples, this package packs a special set of 20-inch wheels, unique fender and trunk lid badges, and special graphics. This package also comes with a new grille with a unique grille insert that's inspired by the first-generation Mustang, smoked headlight housings, and a serialized anniversary badge on the instrument cluster.

This special package does come with some constraints: It's only available in Wimbledon white, race red, or vapor blue paint. While this package is only available on Mustangs that pack the 5.0-liter V8 under the hood, Ford doesn't care what transmission you choose, or if the top comes down.

Ford says that this package will become available to order in the summer, with pricing coming closer to its launch. With the '24 Ford Mustang GT Premium starting at \$48,075, it wouldn't be a huge surprise for the 60th Anniversary Package to break the \$50,000 barrier.



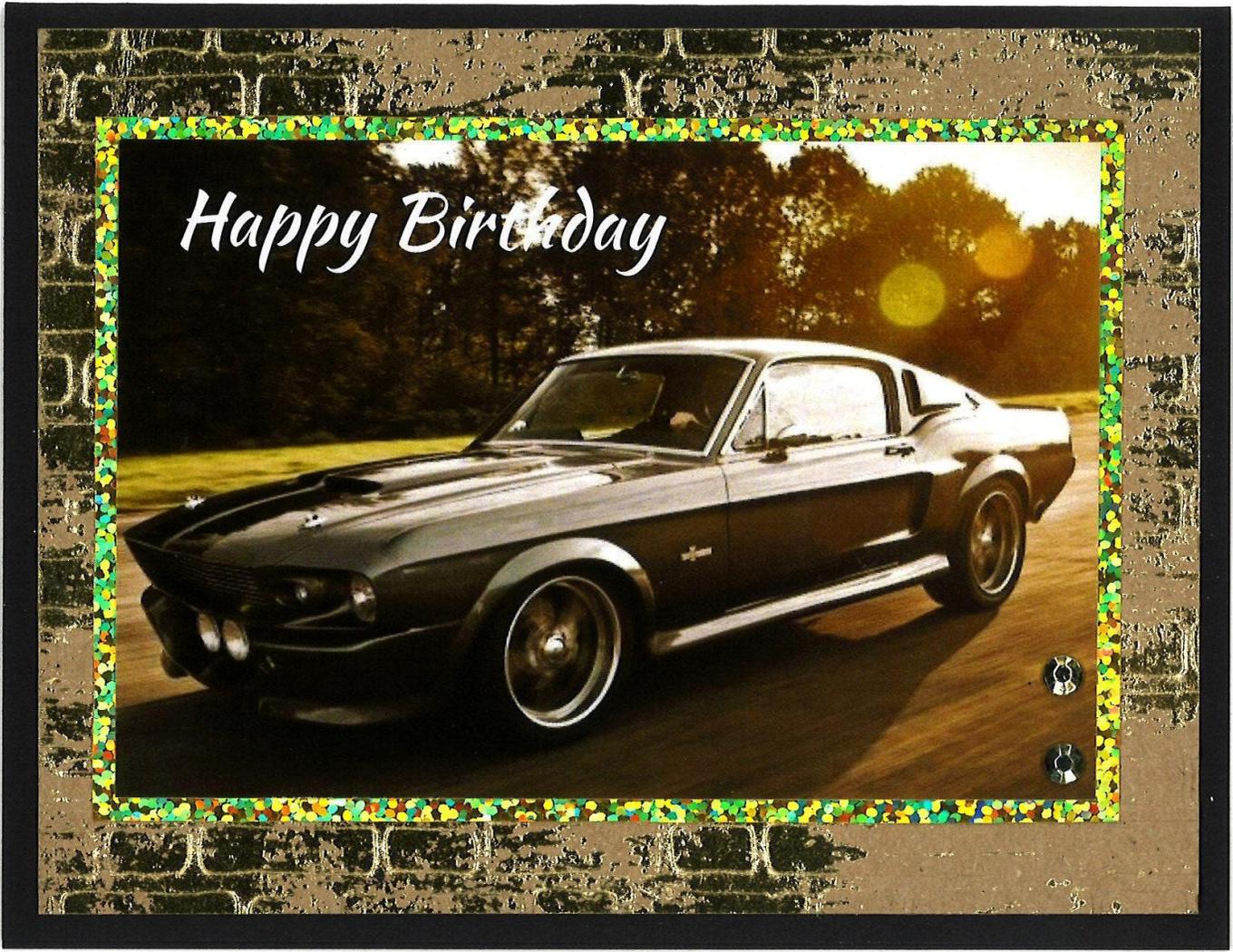
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Dorinda and I have bought a couple of raffle tickets for a chance to win one of these cars. Talk to Kim for details on how to get your tickets if this is something you would like to have.

Well, I guess I'd better get out to the garage and start polishing the old 'stang for yet another fun-filled summer of driving. I hope each of you will join us for what we love. Many thanks to all those who work hard at making our car show the best southern Illinois has to offer. I will be visiting the Speed Demons in Bunker Hill on April 2nd at 7pm; feel free to join me to request their judging services for our show. See ya soon! As always, please continue to pray for our dear brothers and sisters who are ill.

Randy





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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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MEMBERSHIP FEE WILL BE INCREASING FOR 2025

MCA MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASE

At the First Quarter BOD meeting in January, the Mustang Club of America' Board of Directors voted to increase membership dues. The following rates for Standard and Digital memberships will be effective beginning April 1, 2025. Associate memberships remain the same at \$25 per year, while International membership is now offered for only one-year at \$120.

Standard Membership (Print and digital *Mustang Times*)

- 1-year: \$60
- 2-year: \$115
- 3-year: \$170
- 5-year: \$240

Digital Membership (Digital *Mustang Times* only)

- 1-year: \$40
- 2-year: \$75
- 3-year: \$110
- 5-year: \$175

Associate Membership (no change; does not include *Mustang Times*)

- 1-year: \$25
- 2-year: \$50
- 3-year: \$75
- 5-year: \$100

International Membership

- 1-year: \$120