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APRIL 2026 MEETING MINUTES

SIMA met at the Moose Lodge in Edwardsville on April 14th at 7:00p.m. Both President Randy M. and VP Dan M. were out of town for work. Steve S. was acting President and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Motions were made and seconded to accept the March minutes. All approved.

New Members: New members joined the club's meeting tonight. The new members are Paul and Nancy Boyer. They have a 2025 Mustang which is the color scarlet. Welcome to the club!

Treasurer's Report

Larry R. updated the club on its bank account. There was a motion to approve made by Paul B. and seconded by Dodie B. All approved.

Car Show Committee (given by Brian T. since Steve S. was acting President):

All members are welcome to attend the Car Show Committee meetings. We have plenty of 5-pack Hot Wheel cars and are now in need of single cars. The club will again provide free water throughout the show. The trophies will again be metals signs like last year's trophies. If anyone has trophy ideas for next year, let the committee know your thoughts. Sponsorships are still needed. The next meeting is Monday, April 20th, at 6:00pm at Larry R.'s house.

MCA report (Kim Strickell):

The Jacksonville Show was March 27-29. About 350 cars attended. Kim and Steve's red mustang got gold. Friday was hot but Saturday was cold and windy (but no rain).

Information was sent to the MCA for the President's Award. Thank you, Kim S. for putting together and submitting that information.

Tickets remain on sale for the Mustang being given away. Steve and Kim saw the Mustang in Jacksonville at the show. Go to mustang.org to get your ticket(s) today.

Please help the club by becoming an MCA member or by renewing. If you don't know when your membership expires, Kim S. has the dates

2026 Nationals – All registration is done at mcashows.com

May 22-24 – Lake of the Ozarks – registration closes May 2nd. 7 members currently attending, board mtg from 5:30-9:00 if interested in checking out a board meeting

July 24-26 – Tulsa, Oklahoma – registration closes June 24, 2026 – this show is at the host hotel

August 28-30 – MCA 50th – Braselton GA – car show and track event. Registration is open.

Old business:

April 25th - Speed Demon's Cruise-in and Swap Meet in Bunker Hill on New Lake Road.

May 9th – Mecum Indy trip for those that signed up. Meet at the Moose at 5:00AM. Ralph and Vicki will drive their Explorer.

Mustang Day Cruise – Saturday April 25th – meet at the Moose at 9:00AM. Will leave at 9:15AM. Drive to Bunker Hill for Speed Demon's cruise-in and swap meet. Stickers will be handed out.

New Business:

Steve S. was contacted by a lady in O'Fallon, IL, who wants an idea of what price to sell her husband's 2002 red Mustang convertible V6.

Steve S. needs a garage night. Will meet April 22nd at 5:00PM at Steve's garage.



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Upcoming Events/Car Shows

- April 18 – Culvers – Collinsville
- May 2 – Troy – DQ Cruise In
- May 3 – Caseyville VFW – Car Show
- May 9 – Lebanon – Cruise-in
- May 9 – Staunton – Car Show

Possible Group Events

- May 1-3 – 10:00-4:00 Rt. 66 Festival at Missouri History Museum
- May 15 – Litchfield Drive-in Car Show + 2 movies (Smokey & The Bandit plus Dukes of Hazzard)
- May 30 – Glo Bingo at the Moose – Doors open at 6:00, Bingo at 7:00. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 6 cards/10 games. More cards are available. Fundraiser for parking lot.
- May 31 – Cruise Rt. 66 from IL side of Chain of Rocks Bridge to Springfield. Starts @ 8:00AM. You can stop wherever you want.

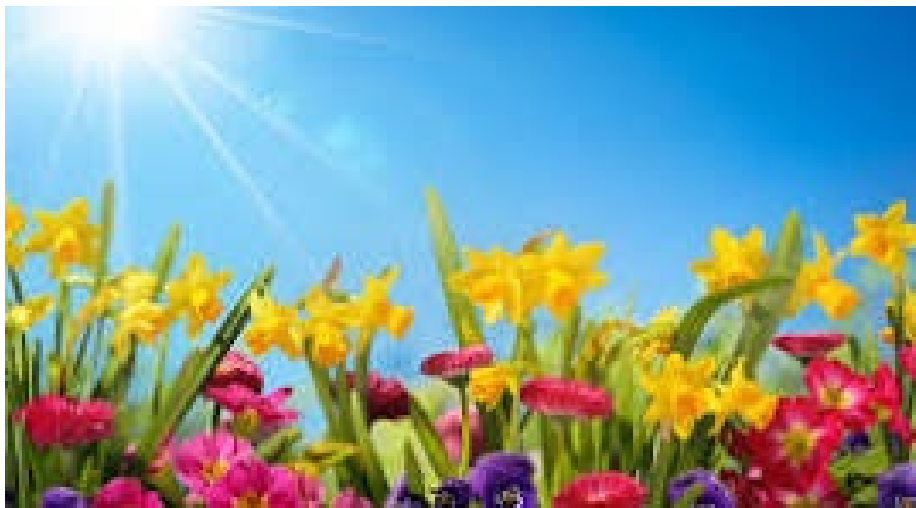
Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Dodie B. and John S. seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:0PM.

Trivia Winner: Brian T., Larry W., and Paul B.
Winner of the 50/50: Joe Phillips

Acting Secretary – Kim S.

**The next Meeting will be May 12 at the Edwardsville Moose
7371 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL
6:00pm dinner (optional)
7:00pm meeting**





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Upcoming Events:

SIMA Monthly Meeting
Second Tuesday of the month,
6PM 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/>

May Birthdays

May 07 Bobbie Brooks
May 11 Theresa Vinson
May 20 Kim Strickell
May 21 Patrick McDougal
May 26 Randy Mueller
May 28 Dan Corey

May Anniversaries

May 22 Rob & Lisa Simons



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A note from Randy

Greetings fellow Mustang enthusiasts,

With Spring sprung upon us, I find things are picking up a bit. I am happy to say I will be at the next meeting and not in LA. I decided with the help of my oldest daughter to delve into the world of ChatGPT for a little assistance with this month's blurb. I will say it was extremely time efficient and provided lots of ideas/structure which I could then take and revamp. So what follows is a mix of ChatGPT and my own input from my tired brain.

As winter fades and spring sunshine begins warming the roads, Mustang enthusiasts across Southern Illinois are gearing up for another exciting car show season. For owners of Ford Mustangs—from pristine 1965 fastbacks to supercharged modern GT500s—this time of year means polished chrome, rumbling V8 engines, and weekends filled with community, competition, and cruising. And, of course for our club in particular, eating ice cream 😊

Southern Illinois has long been home to a strong Mustang culture, led by organizations such as ours - the Southern Illinois Mustang Association - which has been bringing Ford enthusiasts together since 1977. Our annual "Mustang Round-Up & All Ford Car Show," held in Alton has become one of the largest Mustang-focused events in the region, drawing participants from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, and Kentucky.

What makes Mustang season in Southern Illinois so special is the diversity of the vehicles and the people behind them. At any given show, spectators can see everything from first-generation pony cars with original 289 engines to modern Ford Mustang Dark Horse models featuring cutting-edge performance technology. Owners often spend the colder months restoring interiors, upgrading suspension systems, or perfecting paint finishes, all in preparation for unveiling their cars during spring and summer events.

The season typically kicks off in late April and builds momentum through July, when attendance peaks. Regional events such as the Southern Illinois Mustang Association's annual July show bring together dozens of classes for stock and modified Mustangs, while offering awards, raffles, and charitable fundraising opportunities. These events are about more than trophies—they're a celebration of automotive heritage and shared passion.

Beyond organized shows, local cruise nights throughout Southern Illinois and neighboring communities give Mustang owners a place to gather casually. Towns across the Metro East, as well as areas near Carbondale, Marion, and Mount Vernon, host weekly or monthly cruise-ins where enthusiasts swap stories, compare modifications, and inspire the next generation of car lovers. These meetups often feature Mustangs parked side by side with classic Fords, proving the Mustang's lasting influence on American car culture.



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Surrounding states also expand the calendar for local enthusiasts. Many Southern Illinois Mustang owners travel to regional events in St. Louis, central Illinois, and beyond, making the car show season a summer-long adventure. Larger national gatherings like Mustang Week and Mustang Club of America regional shows also attract Midwestern participants eager to showcase their vehicles on a bigger stage. Several of our club members will be attending some of the upcoming car shows this summer. In a few weeks there is the MCA's Ponies in the Ozarks May 21-24. There's Mustangs on the Mother Road in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 24-26. To end the MCA season is the MCA 50th Anniversary car show in Braselton, Georgia. I am looking forward to sharing time with my fellow club members at these shows and enjoying the fun along the way as we travel to them.

At the heart of every show season is the enduring appeal of the Ford Mustang itself. Since its debut in 1964, the Mustang has symbolized freedom, performance, and individuality. That spirit is alive and well in Southern Illinois, where each spring marks the return of the roar, the shine, and the camaraderie that make Mustang season unforgettable.

For Southern Illinois Mustang fans, the upcoming months promise packed parking lots, friendly rivalries, and countless memories—proof that the love for America's pony car is stronger than ever. Get those ponies on the road and show them off and relax and enjoy the wayside!

As always, please remember to pray for those in our club who are under the weather and/or struggling with daily life. See ya soon!





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MARKET PLACE:

Rob has a few things available:

I've got a 69 Mach I

Couple things up for grabs

There's two door panels and a dash pad. Poor shape, Red. Free Not done with the dash pad yet, but soon.

Will soon have a brand new small block starter. \$40.

Got a 4 blade fan and spacer \$30

FMX transmission cross brace, \$20

Rob Simons phone: 314-409-0225 email: rws3512000@yahoo.com

***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



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