



Mustang Tales



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TROY CAR SHOW

A few members attended the annual Main St. car show in Troy, MO on 8/6.

Verna Cowden & Karen Mitchell spent time making friends with shop owners. Our new motto: friends that show together, nap together. The lady that owned the local mattress shop was a lot of fun & let us take a little break from the heat. We also spent time learning some of the town history at Hechlers Hardware. This wonderful hardware shop and fireplace store is 5th generation run and some of the nicest people we met. The small town history such as the fireplace shop originally was the Opera House before becoming a car dealership in the 20's. They have remodeled but left all the original gears visible where they would hand crank cars upstairs for repairs. In 1928 several buildings were lost in a fire & now rebuilt. The original cash register in the hardware store office (not restored, only polished once) was a special treat to see. It was beautiful & we got to see how it worked as well. We enjoyed lunch at Stefania's Pizza (also the margarita special) which is in a converted church. This is one of those cars along Main St. shows that provides a relaxing, fun day with small town atmosphere.

Although the show ran late due to judging over 200 cars, members attending left winners!

Bob Whitcomb - 2007 Mustang GT 1st Place Ford/Lincoln/Mercury Class

Jack & Verna Cowden - 1965 K Code Coupe 2nd Place Mustang Stock pre 83 Class

Mitch & Karen Mitchell - 1966 Fastback 1st Place Mustang Modified pre 83 Class



MCA-Des Moines

The weather was one of the many highlights of this trip. We were prepared for very hot & no shade and luckily (even though packing all of the items was a chore) we didn't need it.

Members gathered Thursday morning to start our caravan to Des Moines. 10 Mustangs & Fords headed for the show. It was great traveling with no problems except finding a gas station amongst cornfields. After arriving at the show site & doing some shuttles from lot to hotel, we settled in for a lot party. Some members headed off for dinner while others did a lot BBQ. Our new friends, Dan & Carol (you might recognize them as www.chockostangclassicmustang.com from various ads, etc) were extremely hospitable & fun. Their incredible motor home provided shade first & electricity for the margarita machine later. We had a great time getting to know them, sharing our BBQ & theirs and all the snacks that made their way to the tables.

Friday had showing members gather so we could pull in together & be parked together. That provided a great gathering area & nice display for the club banner. The lot filled quickly & offered endless opportunities to check out some top rate Mustangs. We gathered in front of the hotel Friday evening to trade stories & of course, Staci's famous jello shot creations. There was an interesting "theme" that kept occurring that nite during the stories & during the trip – however, can't share here, you'll have to ask Jim Sills, Terry Koch, Mitch Mitchell, Doug Turner or Brian Counts if you have to know! Jack Cowden handled a group dinner at a local steakhouse Friday nite for the 20 of us attending. The hotel had wonderful shuttle service which helped out a lot.

Another great show day on Saturday greeted members, more shopping for new Mustang swag and all the latest MCA goodies. Several members even snuck away & checked out the local zoo. Seemed to be a few naps snuck in as well. A strong wind helped the decision to have our nightly party in the hotel common area. We had 3 tables of members, a table of snacks & a table for the margarita machine. We earned the "unofficial" award for the club that knows how to travel to shows the best – such an honor we are very proud of – one of the vendors came by & bestowed this great honor on the SMMC. He said he travels to many shows all around the country but we definitely do it the best. Some members headed off to bed while a few decided to hang out til the common area closed at 11pm & then head out for a show lot walk. We were delighted to have our own personal tour guide & Mustang expert, Mitch, teaching us little known facts on some the rare cars. A few more headed in but Mitch, Karen, Wayne, Terry, Derrick & Staci ended up in the Mitchell's room to finish some drinks & chat – finally 1:30am & empty American Honey sent us all off for some rest. Sunday saw members a little slower in making it out to uncover their cars!

Sunday was award day. A group headed back to St. Louis in the morning while those showing stayed for the awards presentation at 1pm. I think it was good traveling home for everyone as well.

Members Attending:

David & Karla Cain 1965 Coupe Gold in trailered class
Mitch & Karen Mitchell 2008 Shelby GT500 1st Place in Shelby Class
Jack & Verna Cowden 2004 GT Convertible 1st Place in Occasional Driven Class
Brian Counts 2001 GT Coupe 1st Place in Modified class
Terry Koch 2008 Bullitt 1st Place in Occasional Driven
Wayne Gallagher 2011 Coupe Popular Choice new models
Great & Sandra Turner 2006 Convertible Display
Barb Dennis (Steve's Truck)
Steve Dennis & Terri – 2010 F-150
Derrick & Staci Bilzing – 2009 Flex
Jim & Joanne Sills – Lexus (couldn't fit stuff in the Mustang)
Doug & Deanna Turner – 2006 GT Coupe

I've asked members to share their fave car at the show or moment, here are the replies:

Jack Cowden – Burgundy Boss 429

Greg Turner - Special recognition to Wayne who had a great looking car just not enough Club members to compete with those other two huge clubs. Wayne gets my vote for favorite vehicle.

Mitch Mitchell – 1966 Shelby GT350 Hertz (black/gold)

Karen Mitchell - white & blue Mustang II (I know it's a Mustang II but that was my 1st Mustang & it was just really a neat looking car that had this cool shadow of the hood ornament in the late afternoon)

Brian Counts – favorite moment of when the fighter jets took off right next to us Thur

I have to give props out to the MCA prez, Steve Prewitt and the host club show chair, Cecil O'Neal. Both were very accommodating, hospitable & approachable. It was a pleasure to meet both & be a part of this show. Jack Cowden presented MCA President, Steve Prewitt, with our club pin to add to his Panama Jack hat. He was very appreciative & added to his hat with other show & club pins he had collected.

Looking forward to 2012 where MCA takes us to Mustang, OK. Start saving vacation days now!



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Mondays, Mustangs & Meatballs (& Meeting)

The Old Spaghetti Factory Chesterfield, MO



Ted Drewes Cruise



Toys for Tots Drive

Yes, it's that time of year again to start collecting for Toys for Tots. Please bring an unwrapped, new toy, game, puzzle, etc... for \$5 or more to any September, October or November meeting. If you don't want to shop, than a Red Stocking will be passed around at the meetings for your donation of \$5 or more & I will go buy the toys. Last year Barb & I shopped & bought over \$600 worth of Toys. Thanks, Jan Kneemiller.

USO Tour

On Saturday, August 27th a few SMMC members received a nice tour of the USO facilities at St Louis Airport. Keith, Jan & Zech Kneemiller, Jerry Grimmer, Ted & Linda Peterson, Jack & Verna Cowden were in attendance. Our tour guide was Kathy O'Connor who came to our meeting in January & gave a talk about the USO. The major area was the "Canteen" where military personnel can get various items such as **Free** coffee, juice, soda, sandwiches, cookies, chips, etc.. all donated by various organizations. Next we saw a nursery where families can be together in a quiet place. They have 14 extra-long twin beds in a long dark room where all the headboards are numbered, so if they need a wake up call, the USO staff can wake up the correct soldier. They have a Wii game area, hook up for free Wi-Fi service, plenty of outlets for charging PC's & cell phones, PC's for there use too. They have a small changing room & shelving space for duffel bags. We presented Kathy with our donation of over \$130 that was collected at the July & August meetings. Jan & Zech went shopping and bought items on the "USO Wish List" such as: snack cakes, puddings, mini candy bars, deli meats, cookies, bottled water & much more. Also, presented to Kathy was an individual check from a SMMC member. Our group picture was taken with some military personnel waiting in the USO for their next flight out. We thanked Kathy & we were each given a Flag pin.

God Bless Our Troops



BLUE OVAL CRUISE



Next SMMC Events

Sunday, Sept 11 ♦ 9 am

Wheels in Motion

Westport Plaza

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Wed Sept 14 ♦ 7 pm

Fast Lane Classic Cars

St Charles

Signup for Car Show, Bring Chairs and Deserts to share

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Saturday, Sept 17 ♦ 8-4

SMMC Mustang & All Ford

Car Show

Crestwood Plaza ♦ Sunset Hills, MO

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Saturday, September 24 ♦ 11 am

Apple Pickin Cruise Lunch at

**Pierre Marquette Lodge & winery
visit**

SMMC Mustang & All Ford Car Show Crestwood Court

First off a **BIG** Thank You to all the members that have been selling classes, getting attendance prizes & silent auction donations, handing out flyers & volunteering for the day of the show. It is MUCH APPRECIATED!

We are down to the final days of preparation in hosting our biggest event of the year. Anyone hitting shows, cruises or other car events – please pass out flyers to all the Fords, Lincolns & Mercurys. We have an exciting new class this year: Vintage Mustang Stock – JUDGED We will be using MCA judging criteria for this class. We are hoping to see some of the highest quality Mustangs in the area enter this class. The dash plaques and awards are being prepared. The forms necessary to handle the show are being printed along with all the other last minute details to make our show great. There are many tasks that are required to hold an event of this magnitude and we strive to provide our show participants with the best show of the year.

Sign up for workers will be at the September 14th meeting at Fast Lanes in St Charles. If you can't make the meeting than call me and let me know where you would like to help out at. Jan Kneemiller at 314-830-2919.

NOTE: SMMC members may show your car(s). SMMC members however do not participate in the voting so that it is truly our guest show participants picking the class winners.

If you have any questions regarding the show, how it works, what you can do – please don't be shy & contact Jan Kneemiller.

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Tanya Cato	9/12
Jeff & Cindy Krieger	9/15
Jay & Laura Wisa	9/19
Ralph & Yvonne Meek	9/21
Jerry & Ann Wood	9/23
Robert & Carol Wilshusen	9/23
David & Charlene Spaeth	9/24
John & Rosemary Harty	9/27

Happy Birthday!

Jan Grosch	9/2
Joey Dodson	9/4
James Rigley	9/4
Mike Kienzle	9/7
Jay Wisa	9/9
Craig Anderson	9/9
James Clapper	9/11
Gloria Stukenbroeker	9/13
Norman Cohen	9/13
Pam Ostby	9/15
Zachary Lasbury	9/16
Lindzy Dodson	9/17
Derrick Bilzing	9/19
Michael Perkins	9/19
Becky Rottmann	9/19
Steve Dennis	9/20
Jim Goodrich	9/20
Katelyn Clapper	9/22
Lonnie Waller	9/22
Joel Wisa	9/22
Katie Melton	9/25
Brian Gattra	9/26
Karen Mitchell	9/28
Judith Shields	9/29
Larry Moran	9/29
Kevin Wright	9/30

New Members!

Ashley Oberdieck '66 Coupe 289 V8 Dark Green
Sharon Midyett
Gary Latham '68 Shelby 67 500KR 428 Cobra Jet
Lime Gold, '88 Mustang GT 5.0 Red, '70 Mach I 351
Cleveland '86 Mustang GT Conv.

John Wilmas '66 Mustang Coupe 289 V8 2 Barrel C4
Trans Auto Pony Seats Vinyl Hardtop PS A/C Works
Org. wood grain steering wheel

**Well wishes to Dave Smith hope to see
you soon!**

Garage Grub

Although the name of this recipe is a little scary especially for cars; Staci assures us its perfect garage grub.

Pigeon Poop Snack Mix

Peanut Butter Cap'n Crunch Cereal
Pretzel Sticks – broken
Rice Krispies
Melted white chocolate
Mini Marshmallows

Mix together – stir in melted chocolate
Spread on wax paper & cool
Break apart

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

AUGUST EVENTS

* **O'Reilly's Auto Parts Cruise - Wentzville, MO**
**Friday, September 9th, 7PM. We've been
asked park in the rear area of the store.**

Map:

<http://www.oreillyauto.com/site/fi/storerresults/Wentzville/MO/5.0a>

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