



Getting Started

By Pete Schmidt

No more belly aching about the weather. August was an event packed month for the club. Cars&Coffee as a group, cruise to Worthington, MN, Nat'l MCA Show, Automotorplex All Ford Show, Top 21 Car Show, Sturgis Mustang Rally – work in progress as I write. Lots of great car events!

The club has grown to 63 members over the past few weeks. This has happened because there are many enthusiastic Ford and Mustang owners. Additionally the club does fun things that appeal to a wide variety of Mustang owners. I have heard repeatedly that folks join our group because we are active. That covers the websites, facebook page, car shows and cruises. But I think people's willingness to join is cemented when they get a chance to meet our members and see that we do have fun when we get together.

I need to stump for two upcoming events. First, the effort by 101 Market for the Sept 20th event is top notch. They are offering members free participation in their activities on the 20th. Please attend if you can and join our last 50th Mustang anniversary event. Second, club elections are in October. We need help and input in a variety of roles. Consider getting involved and making the SWMMC a better car club.

2nd Annual All Ford AutoMotorPlex Car Show

The 2nd Annual All Ford Car Show was held on Saturday August 16th at the AutoMotorPlex in Chanhassen, MN. The show was a great success with 65 cars registered – an increase of 20 cars versus last year. Forty five of the registered cars were Mustangs – a testament to the power of the 50 years of the original pony car. The cars ranged from 1950's classics to 2014 Mustangs. An estimated 100 spectators attended the show.

Donuts, coffee, soda and water were available as well as 50th anniversary posters, t-shirts, and placards. A variety of music was playing thanks to Ken Ohnell lending the club his PA system. Chuck Buchanan was nice enough to take a bunch of pictures (see shutterfly).

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New Members – August 2014

Welcome the following new SWMMC members:

Mark & Becky Erickson – Chanhassen, MN

Linda Hempel – Eagan, MN

Mike & Jackie Malecha – Inver Grove Hgts, MN

Gene & Marlis Mankowski – Inver Grove Hgts

Rick & Gloria Plautz – Minnetonka, MN

Jason & Kristin Santelli – Mounds View, MN

Jeff & Jill Siegfried – Blaine, MN



1624 Weston Court, Shakopee, MN

SWMMC Cruise to Dayton House in Worthington, MN

By Chuck Buchanan

Our group of seven Mustangs left Apple Ford Shakopee around 8:00 am on Saturday August 9th. We drove down 169 South, then took 60 West just past Mankato. We made a pit stop for snacks and a bio-break at the Casey's in St. James. We continued to Worthington where we stopped at the Dayton House for a tour. The house was built in 1890 by Mark Dayton's great, great grandfather George Dayton. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tour of the house. We then stopped at the Ground Round for lunch.



After lunch we drove over to the Spomer Classics & Museum. Marv, the museum owner, was an enthusiastic tour guide. Besides the classic cars, there were enumerable porcelain and neon signs on display along with a large quantity of memorabilia. The Spomer tour took over an hour. Afterwards, it was everyone for themselves in terms of staying longer or heading home.



"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide into small jobs." – Henry Ford

National MCA Car Show in Lincoln, NE

By Pete Schmidt

We – my son Luke and I – arrived in Lincoln around 9:30am on Friday the 8th. After a quick car wash and checking into our hotel, we made our way to the show site about a half mile from the hotel. Friday saw about 250 cars at the show with a wide variety of Mustangs – old, new, stock, modified, driven, trailered. The BBQ and tour of Smith Collection Museum of American Speed were a great way to complete the day. The museum has a fantastic collection of early race history and Americana.



Saturday was the main day for the show with over 400 cars on site. To my knowledge I was the only car present with MN plates. Many owners were busy preparing their rides for MCA judging. I was particularly intrigued by the number of cars with mirrors positioned to see the undercarriage (see photo below). I spoke with Mustang owners from a number of clubs and states. They all share the same enthusiasm for the car hobby and Mustangs in general. The opportunity to see so many great examples of vintage Mustangs was awesome. I counted at least 11 1969 fastbacks (my favorite).
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Upper Midwest Region SAAC Top 21 Car Show

By Pete Schmidt

The UMRSAAC Top 21 Car Show was held at Apple Ford Shakopee on Sunday August 24th. The weather was slightly threatening most of the morning, but actually worked out to be a breezy, overcast fantastic day for a car show. Six SWMMC members registered for the car show, and a further five attended as spectators. It was a good show by good people.

A total of 111 vehicles registered for the car show with Ford Mustangs being the by far the most prevalent make and model. A fair number of 1940's and 1950's vintage cars made the show adding to the nostalgia to the gathering. The Apple Valley Ford dyno was set up and a number of ponies stretched their legs including Cathy Wirta's green convertible. Twenty-two trophies were awarded with only four going to Mustangs. Best in show went to Jerry Forness's 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Convertible (see image to right).



2nd Annual All Ford

AutoMotorPlex Car Show - cont'd

A total of eleven trophies were awarded with Bob Rose's 1993 Ford Mustang (Nevada State Trooper car) winning best of show

Due to the generosity of our supporters including Apple Ford Shakopee, Caribou Coffee and Cub Foods, and the AutoMotorPlex allowing us to charge registration fees, the SWMMC was able to make a \$550 donation to the Miracles of Mitch Foundation.

The SWMMC wishes to thank our supporters:
Apple Ford Shakopee - trophies and dash plaques,
50th Key Chains, and water bottles
AutoMotorPlex - awesome facility
Caribou Coffee of Chanhassen - coffee & cups
Cub Foods of Chanhassen - donuts
Donate Life Minnesota - wrist bands
O'Reilly's Auto of Chanhassen - stickers & pens
S&S Auto of Chanhassen - pens
Turtle's Bar & Grill - deal coupons



2015 Ford Mustangs can now be pre-ordered!
Contact Cathy Wirta at Apple Ford for details



Member Profile: Don Matzen

By: Don Matzen

Back in 2008, we purchased our first Mustang, a used 2008 V6 convertible. Because of the recession, we had to sell. In 2010, we purchased a used 2010 V6 convertible. That year we attended the Sturgis Mustang Rally for the first time. Because we thoroughly enjoyed the 2010 event, we went again in 2011.



In March 2012, we decided to upgrade our V6 and get a new 2012 GT. I wanted to get more involved with Mustangs with car shows and cruises. I searched the Internet and found the web page of SWMMC. I emailed Pete and he said that we should hookup at the Automotorplex Show in April. There I met Pete and the only other club member, David. I wanted to jump start the organization, so I contacted New Prague Ford and asked if we could set up our first meeting in May, 2012. They agreed. Pete, David and I conducted our first meeting and then went on a cruise to Meisville for a burger and fries. I believe there were nine members of the Club.

Later that summer I went to the Sturgis Mustang Rally. That's when the first problem with my 2012 Mustang started. The following month, I had more problems. All were repaired under warranty, but it took the car out of service for 4 weeks. When I removed the car from storage in April 2013, more

problems occurred with the car. I was done with that car. On April 27, 2013, I purchased a C-6 Corvette. Knowing the conflict with SWMMC, I resigned as President.



I joined two Corvette Clubs last year and learned many marketing ideas. Last summer I attended a Corvette Rally in Spearfish, SD and the Corvette Rally at Mystic Lake.

Then on a cold, rainy day in April 2014, I learned about Shakopee Ford having a Mustang Rally. With nothing to do, I went down to check it out. I hooked up with Pete and discussed the Club. Wow, it had grown to almost 50 members! So I joined up again and spent the remainder of the day hanging out and chatting with other members.

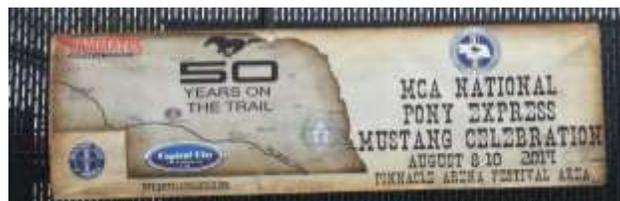
Being the motor head that I am, I checked out a new 2014 Ruby Red Mustang convertible at Shakopee Ford. Without much hesitation, I purchased it and traded in the Corvette. Now that I'm "back in the saddle" (and forgiven for buying a Corvette), I'm



National MCA Car Show – cont'd

There were three Mustang II's and a 2015 GT on display. One of the most curious cars was a 2007 GT that had been heavily modified to look like a 1969 Fastback. The fenders were all flared out, the roof line ran straight to the edge of the trunk lid and the side scoops were added – a very retro look with all the modern conveniences and performance. A couple Mustang memorabilia vendors were there as well as official MCA gear. It was a rather hot day with very little shade, but the cars were cool.

We needed to get home on Sunday and so missed the autocross and final festivities – approximately 200 awards were presented. Downtown Lincoln is set up well for a walking visit and the Capitol City Ford & Mustang Club did a great job of running a first class car show. I would gladly make a return trip if they hosted an MCA show again.



August Club Meeting Highlights

Eight SWMMC members attended the meeting

Dan and Lynn Nicewander of Shakopee attended as guests

David Kronk provided a brief review of the club finances and SWMMC Facebook status

Reviewed the August club adventures – C&C, Dayton House cruise, Nat'l MCA Show, AutoMotorPlex Show, Top 21 Show, Sturgis Mustang rally

Discussed September & October club events– Rally point for Sept 6th cruise Apple Valley Ford; Rally point for Sept 20th event is Plymouth Super Target. Participation in Sept 6th car show is individual member choice. Will attend October Cars & Coffee as a club

Discussed club t-shirt order – Pete to get quotes for white and navy blue shirts

Reviewed status of next year's three proposed car shows

Previewed topics for next two club meetings:

Elections – President, Road Boss, Show Boss, Membership, etc
Select club charity for 2015

SWMMC Holiday gathering in January 2015

Length & variety of cruises/events next year

Monthly week-night SWMMC cruise-in

Members on the Go!

Don Matzen, Jerry Fear, Mark Prokop, Rick Matzen, Cathy Wirta, Mike Stearns, and Ray Duquenne (members I know for sure) are at the Mustang Rally in Sturgis this Labor Day weekend 2014. I wish them lots of fun and safe travels.

Finances – Summary for August:

Income TYD: \$3,551.63

Dues: \$900.00

Car Show Entry Fees: \$770.00

Product Sales: \$1,769.66

Misc. Income: \$111.67

Expenses: \$2,631.12

Net Cash Flow: \$920.51

Outstanding Club Expenses: \$1,050

Dues (approx. 70% of members have paid)

We can't survive or grow as a club without member participation. Please consider running for a club position. With enough hands no job is too big and tasks are more fun. Elections are in October.

Swap, Buy, Sell

One set of Revolution brand 5 spoke chrome wheels. 20X9 fronts and 20X10 rears, like new \$500

2 Nitto NT555R drag radial tires. Size 305/35R-20. Less than 100 miles. \$750 new, \$500 OBO. These wheels and tires fit all 05 and newer Mustangs
Jerry Fear 952-892-1482

Parting Shot



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." – Henry Ford

Upcoming Calendar *(more details on web)*

- September 6 SWMMC Cruise to Jesse James Days
Northfield, MN
- September 6 Cars & Coffee
AutoMotorPlex, Chanhassen, MN
- September 20 SWMMC Cruise to 101 Market
Otsego, MN
<http://nathes101market.com/pages/CornMaze/>
- September 24 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN
- October 4 Cars & Coffee – plan on club going as group
AutoMotorPlex, Chanhassen, MN
- October 12 SWMMC Cruise and Vineyard tour
Wisconsin side of Mississippi River
- October 29 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
CLUB ELECTIONS – please attend
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN

Other events SWMMC members will be attending:

- September 5 Heimatfest Car Show & Cruise
Jordan, MN
- September 27 Muscle By The Lake Car Gathering
Thole Lake, Shakopee, MN
<http://musclebythelake.yolasite.com/>

Thursday Nights – Market Fest in Le Sueur, MN

For morre local car show information try:
<http://www.autoswalk.com/state2.php><http://www.autoswalk.com/state-2.php>

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NEXT Club Meeting September 24, 2014



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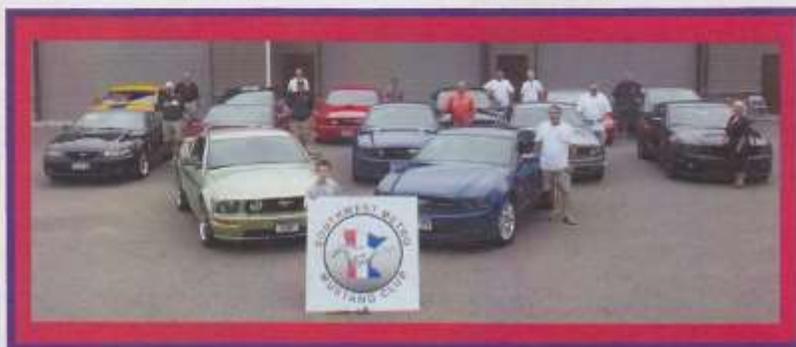
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Fall 2014

Harvest Corn Maze & Fall Festival

50 Years of Mustang Power

Over 6 acres of Corn Maze
MAZE Open DAILY
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Animal Train Corn Cannon
Corn Pit Duck Races
NEW! Joah's Ark Petting Zoo
Jumping Pillow Pedal Carts
Potato Slinger Spider Web
*Max, Giant Pumpkin Jumper
*(\$1.00 or food shelf donation)
goes to CAER in Elk River)
Food Tent is Open on Weekends
from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Southwest Metro Mustang Club is joining in our celebration of Mustang's 50th Anniversary celebration by bringing their collectible Mustangs for a car show on Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Visit with these Mustang enthusiasts while admiring their Mustang. This club is the Twin Cities' Mustang Club of America chapter. All interested Mustang and Ford owners are invited to join their 50+ car enthusiasts. The purpose of the SWMMC is to provide area Mustang and Ford owners the opportunity to share their



MN Hardy Perennial Hibiscus

What stunning beauties and with proper care, your hibiscus will grow for many years and rewards will astound you in 8-12 inch flowers. Your hibiscus grows best in full to partial sun. Dead head seed pods for continuous flowering. After a hard freeze in the fall, the tuber will take in proper nutrients for winter storage. Cut the foliage 3" from the ground and cover with a large plastic bag half full of wood chips with a twist tie and place on top of plant for winter protection. In spring, remove winter cover and be **PATIENT**, as hibiscus are sleepers and will not shove runner up until the first week of June. Use mild fertilizer in the spring and water regularly. **ENJOY!**

automotive experience. Whether it's the pride of ownership, the drive to be the fastest, the effort of modifying your ride, the desire to share car stories, or the fun of being associated with like-minded car owners, the SWMMC hopes to provide a place to explore and enjoy your automotive journey. They host two car shows a year and have one or two club cruises and/or events a month April through October.

All club meetings are held at Apple Ford Shakopee at 6:30 pm the last Wednesday of each month February – October.

For more information and latest calendar updates check:
www.southwestmetromustangclub.com or
Facebook@ southwestmetromustangclub.

New! Joah's Ark Petting Zoo

A place where laughter and smiles runs wild with the animals. You'll enjoy watching your child's reaction when encountering an animal previously only seen in their reading books. **Joah's Ark** offers the perfect mixture of fresh air and sunshine among sweet-natured animals. Some of the animals include: bunnies, donkey, ducks, potty belly pigs, ponies, lama, miniature ponies, a goat, fainting goats, sheep, chickens, and a MINI COW!! Visitors will be able to wander among the four-legged pets.

Sit with all the animals, give them a snack, and even hug them! **You'll fall in love with Joah's Ark.**



Harvest Corn Maze



September 20- October 31, 2014

Come Join Us!

14th Annual
Jordan Heimattfest

Classic Car

& Motorcycle

Cruise

& Street Dance

In Downtown Jordan

Friday Evening

September 5, 2014

Registration on Water Street

5:00 to 6:00 PM

Cruise from 6:45 to 8:00

Street Dance to follow

Great 50's, 60's & 70's music featuring

The Castaways

With their national hit record "Liar, Liar

Beer Garden open until Midnight

Large variety of food booths

Dash plaques and goody bags to the first 200 entries



Also, join us Saturday, September 6, 2014 for food, fun, beer, music and 9PM Fireworks in Lagoon Park

Classic Cars-Muscle Cars-Antique Cars-Street Rods-Motorcycles

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Muscle By The Lake

Welcome to *Muscle By The Lake*

An Auto Enthusiast's Fall Gathering on Thole Lake in Shakopee Minnesota

This year's date is Saturday September 27th!

Muscle By The Lake is a private gathering that celebrates all things surrounding the automobile...especially the fact that they're meant to be driven and enjoyed! We've taken the best ideas from the hundreds of car shows that our family has attended over the years, and wrapped them into a single family friendly event. We do this to preserve the hobby, encourage young people to get involved in cars, meet new friends, and burn some hydrocarbons! Some of the characteristics of our gathering include...

Beautiful location with great photo opportunities for you and your ride

Easy to get to with simple in-and-out parking

No pressure ... it's not a judged competition

All automobiles are welcome ...bring-what-you-love-to-drive-because-it's-yours philosophy

Short - only 3 hours or so - so that it doesn't tie you up all day

Family friendly with everyone welcome

Food ... LOTS of good food

Plan on joining us at this year's fall gathering ... ***Muscle By The Lake 4 on September 27th, 2014!***

Email us for more information at MuscleByTheLake@gmail.com

Look what ***Muscle Car Review*** magazine said about
Muscle By The Lake in their Feb 2014 edition!



South Main St., Le Sueur MN

MARKET

Thursdays

fest

July 24th – Oct 2nd

4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Vendors, Food & Activities

Come Check Out The Classic Cars & Motorcycles

Join the business owners of South Main Street as they kick off Market Fest, a FREE community celebration in Downtown Le Sueur on South Main Street every Thursday night. Come check out the food and craft vendors, the cars, the bikes, the entertainment and the weekly activities.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Fun for all ages!

[For vendor registration and additional details go to www.MarketFestLS.com](http://www.MarketFestLS.com)

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