



## Getting Started

By Pete Schmidt

As I stated in an earlier email, there was no doubt when to park the Mustang this year.

A few quick notes as the 2014 year comes to an end.

This past season was a great one for the club. We doubled in membership between April and October – 38 new members joined the club. Along with that came some great new people and ideas for improving the club.

We took on a few more events this year and traveled quite a ways for some of our cruises. It was good to try new things so we can better gauge what we may want to do next year.

Taking on dues, show registrations and selling goods allowed the club to begin funding car show and meeting items. I appreciate everyone's willingness to contribute toward our club's success.

I want to thank everyone who stepped up to take on club officer positions at the October elections. We are working our way through defining who does what, but

## SWMMC Cruise to Danzinger Vineyard

On Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> a group of 19 Mustangs rallied at the Sam's Club in Eagan, MN – one of which was not a SWMMC member. We started our cars and all revved the motors as we prepared to leave

Eagan around 9:00am. Unfortunately we had to leave a man behind as Brian Twito's convertible sprung a coolant leak at the water pump (which was subsequently repaired on the next day). The weather was perfect for our largest cruise to date. Note for future cruises of one+ hours, plan for a bio stop along the route. (cont'd page 3)

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## New Members – October 2014

Dan & Lynn Nicewander – Shakopee, MN

Ron & Emily Volpi – Edina, MN

with more involvement we should get more input and build a better overall club experience.

Lastly, I greatly appreciate everyone's words of thanks and encouragement. I am involved because I enjoy my car and we have a great group of people. This was a rewarding year that bodes well for next year. I am hoping for an early Spring.



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## 2015 Mustang Review at Apple Ford Shakopee

By Pete Schmidt

Cathy Wirta was able to arrange for a 2015 Ford Mustang GT to be on hand at Apple Ford Shakopee before our club meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. At least 20 SWMMC members inspected and sat in the newest pony car. The club sprung for soda, chips and sandwiches while Apple Ford provided an appropriately decorated cake.



The car was a Ford demo model and the driver, Rob, was very knowledgeable on all the new changes. And no, there were not any test drives. They have to wait until Spring. ☺



Thanks to Apple Ford and Cathy for setting this up!

*"Next year, Ferrari's ass is mine." –  
Carroll Shelby (1964)*

## SWMMC Holiday Gathering

We will meet as a club to spread/share some holiday cheer on Saturday January 24, 2015 at the Timberlodge Steakhouse in Bloomington, MN. We have their party room reserved for our use. The room is free for our group. The plan is to have a social hour from 6:30 to 7:15ish. Folks can order appetizers or full meals from the restaurant's normal menu, and we will have access to the full bar as well. We will be assigned wait staff based on the size of our group. If you plan on going, and haven't said so, please let me know so we can give the Timberlodge a realistic head count for staffing. We will have some door prizes for those in attendance. The restaurant closes at 10:00pm.

## SWMMC Officer Planning Meeting

A reminder to club officers that we will be having a planning meeting on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Apple Ford Shakopee from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Please forward me anything you want presented at the meeting if you can't attend. All members are welcome to forward me ideas for cruises or events.

## SWMMC Charitable Organization

As a club we have decided to partner with NF (Neurofibromatosis) Upper Midwest as our target charitable organization in 2015. Chuck Buchanan has a direct link to this organization and they are relatively new. See their web site for more information. [www.nfuppermidwest.org](http://www.nfuppermidwest.org)

## SWMMC T-Shirts are Available

Our order of 50 SWMMC navy blue club t-shirts has been received. They are \$10 each.



## SWMMC Cruise to Danzinger Vineyard – cont'd

We arrived at Danzinger Vineyard on time and found ample parking. The view from the backside of the main building was a magnificent vista of the Mississippi River valley (see page 6 Parting Shot).

The owners of the vineyard, retired farmers turned grape growers, did an excellent job of working through their different wines. The explanation of dry, semi-dry and sweet was interesting. I liked the sweetest white and red wine. The fermenting set-up and equipment was neat to see too.



After everyone had their opportunity to exercise the shopping bug, we drove down to Alma for lunch at Pier 4. Some folks ate at Pier 4 while about half the group drove North to Nelson, WI for lunch.

The drive back was uneventful but did include some brief light rain along the route. All in all another great October River run and vineyard visit. Everyone said that this needs to be a staple of the Fall club calendar.

### SWMMC New Officers

Check the listing of new SWMMC Officers on page six of the newsletter. Thanks again for your volunteering.

Watch the web site as we begin some electronic renovations.



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



## Member Profile: David Kronk

By: David Kronk

I'm a lifelong car guy, having grown up in the 60's. I grew up watching Jimmy Clark, Gurney, Shelby, Andretti, Petty and others, back in the days when the only auto racing you could watch was on Wide World of Sports. A turning point for me was when my dad took me to see the movie "Grand Prix," at the Cooper Cinerama in 1966, when I was 10. That was probably the most technologically advanced movie at that time. Cameras mounted on cars, wow! After that movie, more auto racing was shown on TV, and the sport grew. My interest in cars grew with it. I still watch that movie every couple years.



Then I got my license. With it came a borrowed 1970-ish Mustang, from a cousin, who was doing a year of college in London. It was a 6, with a three-on-the-floor, and I had an absolute blast driving it, even though it had about 20hp. Same green as Pete and Brian's.

It came time for me to buy my first car, in 1972. I looked around, and picked it out. A beautiful 1969 Dodge Charger R/T, with a 440, dark green metallic, four speed. I got home, told my dad (my financier) about it, and was ready to go get it. He side-tracked me, and said he had just won a new car in a raffle, and I could buy it from him for the cost of the taxes. So I did. Had I bought the Charger, you would'nt be reading this, because there isn't a snowballs chance in you-know-where that I would have survived it. Waaaay too heavy of a foot. Drag racing, street or strip, was my hobby.

So my first car ended up being a new 1972 Cutlass S, with a 350-2bbl. It was a nice car, but it wasn't a muscle car. It did work very well at the strip, running in brackets for money, because it was super consistent, running about 17 seconds in the quarter mile. (ooooohhhh.....) About as fast as a good sprinter! My friends all had muscle cars. How's this for a list? 69 Mach 1, 70 AAR Cuda (red), another 70 AAR Cuda (lime green), 70 Challenger T/A, 69? GTX, 68 Super Bee, 69 Chevelle SS396, and one had a Volkswagon Bug. So my Gutless, other than the bug, was the sled of the group. But is was nice, with great Keystones and J60's on it, and perfect for me.

Oh, this is supposed to be about Mustangs?

OK, fast forward about 35 years. I needed a new car. My requirements were that it had to be fun, sporty, have enhanced sound, a stick, and reasonably economical, since it had to be my daily driver on a 35 mile commute. (I do have an SUV for the worse days.) Enter the 2007 'Stang, V6, bought used. I



absolutely love that car, and put 100k on it in the last 4 years. Just once (yea right) I winked at my son, all but dumped the clutch, and left about \$100 of rubber at a stoplight. Jeez, 210 HP in a 6!

But alas, with 140k on it, I decided to break down and buy a new one. Enter my new "gotta have it green" 2014 V6. This sucker has 305HP. I know for some of you, that's chicken feed, but it's twice the HP (and 2-1/2 times that gas mileage) of the 350V8 that my Cutlass had. (cont'd page 5)

## Member Profile: David Kronk cont'd

Finally, after a month of driving, I got to time it in a standing start 1/8 mile. Turned 11.2 at 80mph.

Then I had to stand on the brakes to avoid rear-ending people on the freeway..... I'm perfectly happy with that time! Need a little more sound in the exhaust though.....



That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!  
Looking forward to fun cruising next year!



## October Club Meeting Highlights

Seventeen SWMMC members attended the meeting

Dan Nicwander of Shakopee attended as a guest (and then joined the club)

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

Reviewed the October club adventures – Cars & Coffee, River Run to Danzinger Vineyard, 2015 Mustang Review

SWMMC Club Elections

Charitable Organization – NF Upper Midwest selected

Upcoming club events– Holiday Gathering TBD'd, 2015 planning meeting

Discussed club t-shirt order – navy blue shirts to be ordered by Pete from Rixstine

Reviewed status of next year's three proposed car shows; Cathy confirmed Apple Ford's interest in all 3 shows

### Previewed topics for next club meeting:

Holiday Gathering site/date need to be selected

Length & variety of cruises/events next year

Monthly week-night SWMMC cruise-in

## Members on the Go!



## Finances – Summary for October:

Income TYD: \$3,865.63

Dues: \$1040.00

Car Show Entry Fees: \$770.00

Product Sales: \$1,943.66

Misc. Income: \$111.67

Expenses: \$2,631.12

Net Cash Flow: \$1234.51

Outstanding Club Expenses: \$1,050

Dues (approx. 75% of members have paid)

## 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

New Granatelli weld-in sub frame connectors 2005-2009, \$80, Pete Schmidt

Stock front & rear sway bars, front & rear shocks/springs take off from 2005 GT, 50K miles, contact Pete Schmidt

## Upcoming Calendar *(more details on web)*

December 3 SWMMC Officer/Planning Meeting @ 6:30pm  
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN

January 24 SWMMC Holiday Gathering @ 6:30pm  
Timberlodge Steakhouse, Bloomington, MN

January 28 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm  
2015 kick-off meeting  
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN

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For local car show information try:

<http://www.autoswalk.com/state2.php><http://www.autoswalk.com/state-2.php>

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### OFFICERS:

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Web Master & Facebook: David Kronk

Road Boss: Don Matzen with Mike Corrigan and Mike Stearns

Show Boss: Mark Prokop with Tom Wagner

My thanks to Liz Matzen for keeping the web site up to date over the past car season.

**SWMMC Dues for 2015** - we will begin asking for \$20 dues after January 1, 2015. Those who joined after September 1, 2014 are paid through 2015.

## Parting Shot



*"It was fun to blow off a Porsche with a \$3900 donkey [the 1965 Shelby GT350 Mustang]."* -

*Caroll Shelby*



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# ***NEXT Club Meeting January 28, 2015***

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