



Getting Started

By Pete Schmidt

Another car season is coming to a close. The club had a great year. Membership grew from 74 to 99 members in 2015. We had 18 club activities – shows, cruises, and gatherings. Our shows drew a total of 215 cars, and we learned a lot putting on a bigger event at Canterbury Park. That show has garnered the club a little bit of national exposure and some local credibility. Our show work and AFS's generosity allowed the club to get into the black for the first time. And we donated \$1,300 to our charitable organization – NF Upper Midwest.

Best of all it was lot of fun meeting new people and building friendships. We have good people in the club, and that makes the club work well. As a result, I am already looking forward to next year.

Cruise to Winona and Elmaro Winery – Recap

On October 10th the SWMMC held the annual cruise along the Mississippi River south from the Cities. The day's weather turned out to be picture perfect. Sixteen cars – with 32 people – made the trip from Eagan to Winona. After a minor wrong turn by the trip's fearless leader, we stopped at Sammy's Pizza & Restaurant in Winona for lunch. The buffet was good and filling.

Thirteen cars made the trek across the river to the Elmaro Winery in Trempealeau, WI. The winery itself was relatively small, but their outdoor set-up was expansive with some great views of the vineyard. The wine was excellent by all accounts (bought some Edelweise). Running home up the river on the WI side was relaxing – a very good way to end the cruise season. (Pix on page 2)

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New Members October 2015

David & Mary Anderson – Jordan, MN

Jacques & Celcelia Chasse– Bloomington, MN

Kyle & Rachel Kucin – South St Paul, MN

→ Watch your email for updates coming from

pete@southwestmetromustangclub.com as we try a new email server ←

Notes from Oct's Meeting on page 3



Apple Ford Shakopee Sponsors
the SWMMC

1624 Weston Court, Shakopee, MN

SWMMC Elections at Oct Mtg

Elections were held at the October 28th meeting.
The leadership positions for the club:

President, Pete Schmidt

Vice-President, Chuck Buchanan

Treasurer, David Kronk

Web Master, David Kronk

Secretary, Ron Broekemeier

Membership, Chuck Buchanan

Designer & Photographer, Jeff Mattson

Road Boss: Dan Nicewander

Dave Anderson

David Gohl

Mike Stearns

Brian Twit

Show Boss: Pete Schmidt

Steve Gunderson David Kronk Mark Prokop

We could use 1 or 2 more people to work on
the show committee - let Mark or Pete know if
you are interested

It would have been nice to see more than 13 of 99
members at the meeting where we pick club
leadership. Regardless, I want to thank those who
have volunteered their time and effort to making
the club grow and continue to be a fun
organization.

I look forward to next year's events and
gatherings.



*Thanks to those members who
were able to attend a show, cruise,
meeting or event this year*

Member Profile: On Hiatus – Again

SWMMC Notes

Mr. Kronk is working on a new web site – it is mostly complete but not publicly viewable yet. He is looking for ideas for content and features. Please email him with your ideas. Paypal will be linked through the site so people can pay dues and register for shows on-line. He also plans on putting past newsletters on the site as well as having a blog and some pictures.

Ron and Cindi Broekemeier have volunteered to organize this year's club holiday gathering. We are tentatively planning for a Saturday evening in mid-late January. If you have ideas for a location (expecting 50 people), door prizes or party ideas, please contact Ron at bussrwb@yahoo.com.

The Road Boss expects to schedule a meeting before Christmas to discuss next year's cruises. The committee is open to ideas – email Dan Nicewander at dan.nicewander@gmail.com. The goal is to have a mostly baked schedule ready at the holiday gathering.

The Show Boss will be scheduling at least one meeting before the new year to work on car shows. The committee could use 1 or 2 more members to help plan and execute the shows. Email Pete with ideas or are interested in helping – tk421tk421@mchsi.com.

The club will likely need to order more t-shirts early next spring. I am curious if folks are interested in the same design – probably red this year. Or would a different design/approach be suggested? Jeff Mattson has built a few shirts for his own use. Let Pete know if you have an opinion either way. Maybe two shirt ideas in 2016? One for just club members and another we could try to sell at events?

Post pictures of you wearing the club colors at places of interest in the "Where in the World" album on the shutterfly site.

The club is in need of an economic means to print large quantities of flyers. If you have access to cheap printing, let Pete know.

It was suggested that the new web page include a member directory of member's names, a head shot(s), and picture of car(s). Looking for input on what people think of this idea.

A nice article was posted on Dan and Lynn Nicewander's 1972 Challenger purchase. Read the article at: <http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/car-of-the-week/car-of-the-week-1972-dodge-challenger>

We will likely print some club 'business cards' for folks to give to prospective members when they are out and about. They would be generic name-wise and list the clubs contact info and web sites. Look for them at the January club meeting.

Planning on four car shows and at least seven cruises next year. A number of annual non-club events will also be promoted. See page 4 for a tentative list.

Pete will be meeting with AFS in the near future to discuss this past year and plans for next year. An update will be sent when available.

The club voted to continue working with NF Upper Midwest as our charitable organization in 2016. Chuck Buchanan is investigating if there are ways to be more involved with NF UM.

A few members are seriously considering attending the MCA 40th Birthday Celebration in Indianapolis over Memorial Day weekend 2016. We are looking to coordinate plans among those who think they may go. Check out the details on the MCA web site. Let Pete know if you are interested.

Tentative Items for the SWMMC 2016 Calendar

Monthly meetings January through October

April 17th National Mustang Day – plans?

May 14th 3rd Annual All Ford Show at AFS (SWMMC Show)

May 29th 12th Annual Maruska Mustang Run in New Prague

June 5th All Ford Powered Show Apple Valley Ford (UMRSAAC Show)

July 9th, 16th, or 30th Mustang and Ponies All Mustang Show at Canterbury Park (SWMMC Show)

August 20th American Muscle Car Show at AutoMotorplex (SWMMC Show)

August 28th Charity Car Show at AFS (UMRSAAC Show)

Memorial Day Weekend Sturgis Mustang Rally in Sturgis, SD

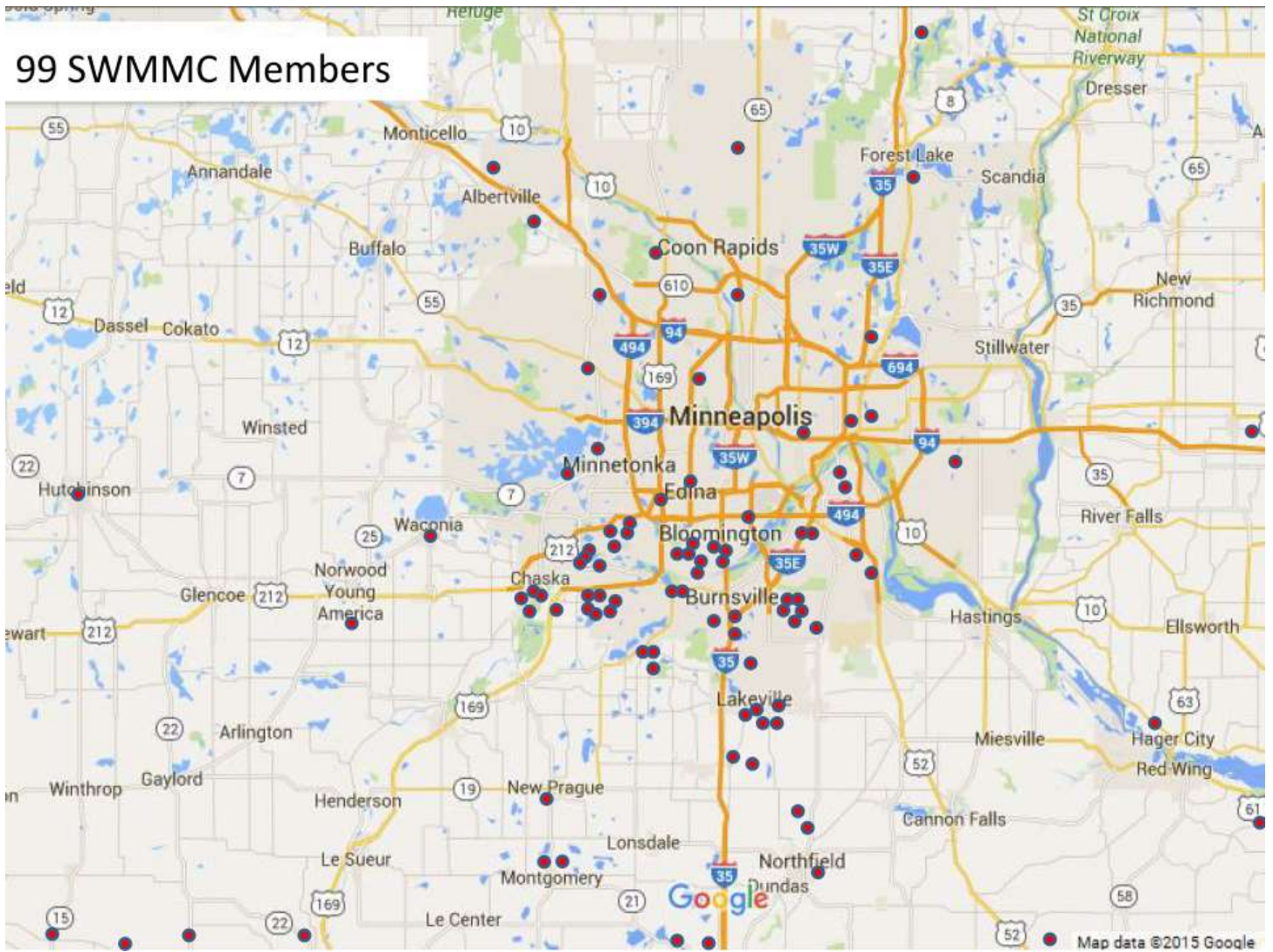
Memorial Day Weekend MCA 40th Birthday Celebration in Indianapolis, IN

September 11th 9/11 Memorial Car Show in Coon Rapids (SWMMC Show)

September 24th 5th Annual Muscle by the Lake Car Show in Shakopee

Dots equal one member!

99 SWMMC Members



The Nicewanders In Nashville

Eleven years ago I was fortunate enough to create some very special memories with my 16 year old daughter Holly when we drove our 1994 Mustang GT convertible from Minnesota to Nashville to attend the 40th anniversary of the Mustang. There'll always be something special about that Nashville trip...it was in my first Mustang, first participation in an anniversary celebration, first time to Nashville, first time tracking one of my Mustangs, and my first long distance trip in a Mustang with one of my daughters.



That's why my wife Lynn and I decided to take a long weekend and fly down to Nashville to see the sights and sounds of the city I had visited over 10 years ago. Clearly if you're a fan of country or bluegrass music this is a great place to visit. But for me, my one and only previous trip here focused on all things Mustang. Even though Nashville Superspeedway is now closed, I hoped I could rekindle some of those memories and make some new ones with Lynn finding some cool car things. I wasn't disappointed.



We drove out to the track on our first day with mixed emotions. This track is what drew us to Nashville before, and we knew it was no longer being used. What would it feel like seeing it abandoned from all of its former glory and excitement? Unfortunately it looked its new role of abandonment. The pavement was over grown with weeds, there were no NASCAR markings, no "track" smells, and no sounds save for the birds perched on the fence blocking our entrance. But the memories...they were alive! I relived some of those good times as I explained in detail to Lynn how the staging worked and what we saw when we first pulled into registration. We could see the infield tunnel entrance and how we had to get gas after a couple of runs on track day. I showed her the bleachers we were sitting in when Jack Roush did a very low fly by in his P51 Mustang on opening day. I doubt that this track will ever again be used for something so special, making my memories from 11 years ago all that more special to me today. It's also a reminder that we need to take time from our busy schedules to experience the things that this great country offers to us. We need to drive our Mustangs, and most importantly we need to spend time with our daughters, sons, and spouses, to create memories while we still can. Nashville Superspeedway is a reminder that not all good things will last forever and the time to make those memories is when the opportunity presents itself.

In addition to the track, we had several car places scoped out that we sprinkled into our packed 5 days. First up was Hip Rides which turned out to be more of an internet broker with no real storefront. They had close to 20 cars that were in various states of readiness which the manager was kind enough to give me a quick look at. There were more Corvettes than anything, but they did have a couple of first generation Mustang coupes.

Next up was Rockstar Motorcars. Their motto is, "You deserve to drive like a Rockstar," so they're beyond just classics and focus on preowned sports and luxury cars as well. It was a quick fun tour, but too many early 2000's Mercedes and BMWs for my taste.





Then it was time for a place where they've got more cars you've never seen than those you have - the Lane Motor Museum. Their museum is in a converted old bread manufacturing plant giving it a turn of the century historic feel with its brick floors and high natural lighting. They start you off with a short video explaining the history of their building and the Lane family, and then you're free to wander around a

large open area with about 150 cars and motorcycles. They claim to have the largest collection of European automobiles in the US, and I would believe it. They focus on Microcars, Amphibious vehicles, propeller driven Aero cars and competition cars. They have a fair number of prototypes and one-of-a-kind vehicles, with a total of over 45 different marques representing 4 different continents all in working order. Their goal is simple and well executed: to show you how to do exactly the same thing - take a person from point A to point B - in over 100 different ways. If you have the time this is the one place around Nashville not to miss.

Cooter's Garage was our next quick stop for all things Dukes of Hazard. They had the obligatory Charger you can sit in and get your picture taken with (for a fee of course), Cooter's wrecker, Daisy's jeep, and one of the Hazard County police cars. There were samples of the hundreds of merchandizing collectibles from back in the day, and lots of things you can trade your hard earned money for. I watched the Dukes growing up and my first Muscle Car was a '72 Charger so there's a bit of Mopar orange running through my veins still today, so I'll be wearing my Cooter's Garage #01 baseball cap at our next club event!

Last on our stop was Maple Motors which is set up exactly as a Used Car Lot would have been back in the 70's if they had specialized in muscle and sports cars. They had Mustangs, Camaros, Corvettes, Firebirds, Chevelles, Roadrunners, and others. The neat part about Maple Motors is they post the price and description on all 60+ cars in the lot and you were welcome to look inside and under the hood as well. To visit a car lot like that where you can just wander around was a pretty cool way to wrap up our trip.

Music at the Opry, picking at Antique Archeology, dinner and a show on the General Jackson riverboat, history lessons around every corner, honky tonkin' down on Broadway, great BBQ and steaks, some really welcoming people...and fun times looking at cars and petroliana. What more could you want out of a quick few days away from Minnesota in the fall with your best friend?



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Financial Highlights September 2015

Bank Account Balance (Oct 28, 2015): \$1,199.33

Purchased two years of web hosting for \$88

10 of 99 members have paid \$20 dues for 2016

Note: new web site will have Paypal link to pay dues electronically.



Calendar (more details on web site)

- Nov/Dec Car Show and Cruise Committees to meet as Possible ??????, MN
- Jan 2016 SWMMC Holiday Party
Date and location TBD'd
- Jan 27 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN
- Feb 20 Minnesota Car Club Association Meeting
St. Albert's Catholic Church, Minneapolis, MN
- Feb 24 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN

Parting Shot



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NEXT Club Meeting January 27, 2016



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