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Rocket City Mustang Club

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RCMC Web Site

Our web site is: www.rocketcitymustang.com. If you would like to put information on our web site please contact our webmaster Donathan Hutchings at dlcomp@msn.com. Pictures of club member cars in whatever condition are always welcome.



Officers Note

Our next monthly meeting will be held on 21 February 2006 at Oh! Bryan's Steakhouse in Madison. It is located near the Madison Public Library near the intersection of Hughes Road and Browns Ferry Road/Madison Pike.

If you have not paid your club dues, they are now due! \$12.

Club Notes

17 Jan. 2006 Attendees

Ralph Bischof	Carl Croy	Charlotte Dempsey	Gary Dempsey
Mark Dorner	Mike Foley	Michael Gosch	Billy Hammonds
David Kelley	Mike Liston	Scott McCusker	Bill McEwen
Edward Morfenski	Woody Pettigrew	Josh Pippin	Steve Shoemaker
Brandon Smith	Dan Thibideau	Patrick Turner	Rick Underwood
Chad Whisnant	Jennifer Whisnant		

Call to Order at 7:25 PM

- BOD Report – no report.
- Website Update – Currently in the process of changing web hosts and webmasters.
- Club Roster, 26 paid members.
- Charity donations went off without a hitch. We donated \$3500 to the Golden Rule on 19 January. We had a fantastic turnout of club members and media. The following day we donated \$2500 to the Children's Advocacy Center. This was a much smaller event and a more laid back environment. Thanks to everybody for helping out with our national show to raise this money.
- Trailer report: We completely emptied out our old trailer and threw away a lot of junk. The new trailer is well underway and looking great.
- We have received 1 cell phone for donation so far.

New Business

- Trailer – we will setup another time to finish the interior of the new trailer.
- Club jackets – we need to decide on what kind of club jackets we want.

- 2006 show – Our show on May 13 is coming up fast. We need people to step up and take charge of some key positions (trophies, shirts, & sponsors).
- Congratulations to Josh Pippin and his 71 Mach 1 for being the Young Owners Club winner in Mustang Monthly.

Trivia by Rick Underwood, won by Ralph Bischof, 7 of 11 correct!

Did you drive your Mustang?

Mike Foley did not. Next month's pot is \$20.

Adjourn, 8:00 PM

Activities

If you attend an event, send an email with a description to scott_mccusker@hotmail.com.

Jan 14 - 15, 2006, 15th Annual Nashville Auto Fest, Nashville TN

No report .

Jan 22, 2006, RCMC Dyno Day, Huntsville AL

A cold and wet day, but great camaraderie and a healthy dose of exhaust fumes made for a good time. Thanks to Arthur at Track Masters for allowing us to have the dyno to ourselves. The day ended with a trip to Hooters.

Feb 1, Dairy Queen Cruise-In, Madison AL

Another cold night.

Feb 4, 2006, RCMC Trailer Day, Madison County AL

We made great progress on the new trailer. A storage compartment for our new tables, shelving for numerous plastic bins to keep things organized, and stanchion base holders have all been constructed. Thank you Mark Dorner for letting us use your garage, driveway, tools & bbq to get this done, and thanks to everybody who helped out. We had several people working individually on the same structure and everything fit together perfectly.

Feb 5, 2006, 18th Annual Nashville Auto Swap Meet, Nashville TN

No report.

Feb 10 - 12, 2006, 35th Annual World of Wheels, Birmingham AL

No report.

Upcoming Events, please check our website for details

If anyone knows of an upcoming event please send the information to Donathan Hutchings and me.

Feb 18, 2006, Just Kruzin' February Cruise, Bell Buckle TN

Meet at the Raceway (or Racetrack) in Priceville at 7 am or at Mildred's in Ardmore at 8 am for breakfast. The cruise will head out from there. Deb Friend: alagal43@yahoo.com.

Feb 26, 2006, 1st Huntsville Car Scene.com Photo Cruise, Madison AL

Meet at the Madison Dairy Queen on 72 at 10:30 am. The cruise will head north into Tennessee and back to Huntsville with many nice photo opportunities along the way. All makes and models welcome. This should be a great event. See the events calendar at www.huntsvillecarscene.com for more info. Email Samir Darji: samir@huntsvillecarscene.com to sign up.

Mar 1, 2006, Dairy Queen Cruise-In, Madison AL

Monthly cruise in to the Dairy Queen on 72 in Madison. Every month on the first Tuesday 6 – 9 p.m. Inclement weather moves the cruise-in down the street (west) to the covered parking of the Sonic Drive-In.

Mar 4, 2006, Cabin Fever Cruise-In, Snead AL

Snead BP gas station at Hwy 278 & Hwy 75, 3 pm to 6 pm. Info: Sandie Brooks (205) 466-3031, Malika Watkins (205) 466-3684, Steve Hall (205) 466-7356, www.crossroads-cruisers.com.

Apr 7-9, 2006, Central Louisiana Hot Rod Reunion, Alexandria LA

Car, Truck, & Cycle show, England Air Park. Proceeds go to Shriners Childrens Hospitals. www.centralhotrodreunion.com. Info: Leon (318) 613-8649, Jerriot (318) 748-8663.

Apr 22, 2006, Cruisin' For A Cure for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Trinity AL

Joe Wheeler EMC 25700 AL HWY 24. Prizes with \$500 CASH as the Grand Prize. Swamp John will be there serving up fish and chicken plates. \$20 1st Vehicle, \$10 each subsequent vehicles. Contact: Kenneth Hanvy, (256) 552-2347, (256) 303-1370, (256) 685-0587, E-mail: bynum@jwemc.org

May 13, 2006, Rocket City Mustang Club Mustang & Ford Show, Madison AL

Our show is coming up fast and we need help setting it up.

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members and their families:

Beverly Burke
Jennifer Fisher
Jamie Hutchings
Brandon Smith
Chong Sun Tucker

Amandalyn Dorner
Joshua Fisher
Judy Pettigrew
Mike Smith
Chad Whisnant

Michael Eder
Ken Gullatt
Andrea Smith
Scott Thrasher

Classifieds

Any RCMC member who wishes to place a free ad in the classified section, please send information to Scott McCusker scott_mccusker@hotmail.com. RCMC promotional items available on our website. For those listing ads, please advise when the ad can be deleted.

1966 Mustang Coupe, \$8000 obo, Daniel James. Restored original 6 cyl. auto 45k miles copper with tan interior show winner appraised \$12000.00 day time 256-332-3757 ask for Daniel, night (256) 332-0193

1967 Mustang Coupe, \$11,000. Ed Morfenski. 289 V-8, Automatic, power steering, factory A/C, deluxe interior, new paint, new vinyl top, new tires, excellent conditions, complete maintenance records. Contact Ed phone 256-883-8245, email morfenskie@bellsouth.net.



RCMC trailer, \$500. It is a single axle camping trailer with bunk beds, refrigerator, stove, shelving, and locking door. Scott McCusker 256-772-5340, scott_mccusker@hotmail.com.



Set of 289 heads (large valves) ready to bolt on. \$500



1965-1966 Coupe back glass. \$250



65 - 66 Mustang front bench seat. \$200



Ford 8" rear end (5 lug). \$100



1965 Mustang hood (small dent in center). \$150

Stock 289 heads. \$100

Front and rear (coupe) window chrome. \$75

C4 Transmission (may need rebuild). \$75

Stock 289 cast manifolds. \$50

1965 front bumper. \$50

289 Crankshaft (ground 0.010" undersized). \$50

Contact Chad Whisnant (256) 566-6298

cawhiz@charter.net for all these 1965-1966 parts.

65 - 66 Fiberglass Shelby style front valance. \$100

Wanted

68 ½ Mustang fastback 428CJ. It must be an original matching numbers car. Willing to pay market price for a car of driver quality or better. Contact Gabriel DeFeo at 401-241-7538, email mrgguy2001@cox.net

Scott's Garage

Dismantling a car sounds pretty easy at first, but rusted and seized nuts & bolts will make you think twice. On the bright side of that is eventually getting rid of all of that rust and ending up with a brand new car. It is a good idea to

have some sort of organized storage for all of the parts and bolts for those parts so it will be easier to reassemble. Taking pictures is also a good idea if you don't restore cars for a living.

I decided to start at the front of the car and work my way towards the rear. Off came the bumper and lights. The hood is the next item on the list. If you don't care about your paint job (like mine), it is easy enough to remove the hood by yourself. If you don't want to scratch the paint, get some help. Remove the hood and set aside in a safe place with some sort of padding for the hood to rest on (a towel or newspaper). Now we get to the messy part – the engine compartment.

First, make sure you have some cat litter around. It will clean up any mess you can make. The cheapest stuff works great. Also make sure you have lots of containers around to catch all of the fluids you will be draining. Remove the battery. Next remove the fan and then drain and remove the radiator. Clean up the mess. Remove the power steering lines from the pump. Clean up the mess. Turning the steering wheel back and forth will pump more fluid out of the hoses. Clean up the mess. Disconnect the throttle linkage. Disconnect the ground wire to the firewall, the negative battery cable, and the starter cables. If you have screw in type freeze plugs, you can remove some of those to get more coolant out of the engine. You can also crank the engine to get the water pump to help with the process. The method I used was to blow into to upper radiator hose, which caused most of the remaining fluid to be pushed out the lower hose. Whatever method you use, clean up the mess afterwards. Pull out the transmission dipstick and tube. That should about do it for the engine compartment for now.

Crawl under the car and drain the oil from the engine. Clean up the mess. Drain the transmission fluid and remove the cooling lines (automatic only). Clean up the mess. Unbolt the driveshaft from the rear end and remove it. It will just slide out of the transmission. Clean up any fluid that comes out of the end of the transmission. Remove the exhaust pipes from the header or headers back. Disconnect the shifter linkage from the transmission and the clutch cable if you have one. If you have the foot actuated parking brake, disconnect the parking brake cable while you are under the car. I believe it is connected to the transmission cross member. Finally pull out the speedometer cable.

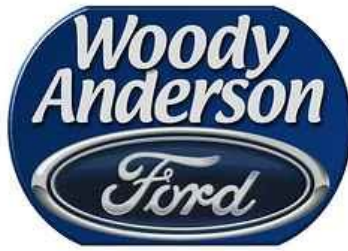
Enter the cabin and remove the shifter.

Now you have two options, remove the engine and transmission as a whole or as separate units. Having an extra person or two is a good idea at this point. First make sure that the engine hoist will not hit the ceiling or garage door when it is at its full height. You will need every inch to get the engine out. If it can't be fully raised without interference, move the car outside. I learned the hard way and had to manually lift the engine over the front of the car when the engine hoist hit my garage door above it. As separate units, get a transmission jack and support the transmission. Remove the transmission cross member and unbolt the transmission from the engine. Slide it back a little and then lower the jack. If there isn't enough space to get the transmission out at the side of the car, you might be able to remove it from the front once the engine is out. Attach an engine hoist and jack it up until the chain is tight. We don't want the engine to fall. Crawl under the car and remove the transmission cross member if removing them as a single unit. Then remove the bolts from the motor mounts. Raise the hoist paying attention to where the engine/transmission might hit or become snagged on anything. If you can't get the engine high enough, remove any jack stands under the front of the car, let out the air in the front tires, and raise the rear of the car to put more weight on the front springs. Set the engine down someplace, inflate the tires, and celebrate your accomplishment.



Stay tuned for next month's installment.

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Newsletter

The Rocket City Mustang Club regularly meets the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at a location to be announced. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Next Meeting: Feb. 21, 2006

Next month's meeting will be at Oh! Bryan's Steakhouse 190 Plaza Blvd, Madison AL, phone 325-2792. The meeting will start at **7:00pm**

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