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Jamie's Journal

Spring has finally sprung and you know what that means...Car Shows Galore!

I'm not kidding. I received a list of over 30 shows scheduled between April 2nd and November 24th all held in the Colorado Springs and surrounding areas. This enthusiasm is both Crazy and Amazing! I certainly hope you will be able to get out there and partake of the events whether you proudly show or simply attend. To make these events pleasurable for all comers, I am providing some tips for car show etiquette. I am probably preaching to the choir, but I want to ensure that our club is properly represented at these events, and that we are not offenders because of lack of information on do's and don'ts.

1. Remember it is a CAR show, not a dog show, cat show, reptile show etc. Please leave pets at home. I don't want to break anybody's heart, but the dogs could care less about the cars—unless there is a cat in them. Tasty!
2. Children are part of families and we love them. However, when they and their toys, bikes and candied hands come close to show vehicles, neck hairs and defensive demeanor from the cars owners have tendency to rise. Please be ex-

remely cautious with the little ones and monitor their every move. The ramifications from splatters of chocolate ice cream from a dropped shake onto a vehicle that the owner just spent ungodly hours shining up... is never pretty.

3. Bring your inquisitive minds and ask questions you are truly interested in knowing the answer for. Owners love to talk about their cars and will tell all about the cars' history from day one. "Well, back in the stone ages, great, great, great uncle Grogg forged the first wheel out of stone. This car here has four of them. Course they're made of rubber now but..."
4. NEVER reach out and touch the cars! This means you and you too! Whether they are steel or plastic, cars feel all the same. Hard and smooth. Touch your own whenever you want to.
5. Wear appropriate attire, sunscreen, and deodorant. These are family events for everyone, and **most** show goers may find it distracting to watch an "undressed flesh parade." It just gets worse when the flesh is crispy-fired and odiferous.
6. Please keep unsolicited negative comments to yourself. It is quite natural to compare cars parked next to each other but

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- APRIL 15TH MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE BIRTHDAY CRUISE AT JAMIE & NEIL'S — 6380 SAYRES RD
- ENCOURAGE MEMBERS YOU DON'T SEE AT THE MEETINGS TO ATTEND SO WE CAN GET TO KNOW EVERYONE AGAIN!
- NEXT BOARD MEETING — ASK A BOARD MEMBER TO CHECK THE LOCATION IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND — STARTS AT 7:00 PM

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saying stuff like "This one's cool, but that one sucks" is tacky and disrespectful to say the least, particularly if the owner is in hearing range. Ouch!

7. When showing a car, please be respectful of the amount of area you, your car, and your stuff are taking up. You typically pay for one spot. Therefore parking over the line and setting up a family command center with a canopy, lawn chairs and coolers is to be contained to the space directly behind your vehicle. "Contained" is the operative word here.
8. Also when showing your vehicle, it is very cool to have a tasteful display of in-progress photos and a poster detailing the finer points of the car. Refrain from stuffed animals and "For Sale" signs as they attract drooling children and drooling adults.

Enough said. Let the shows begin!
Jamie

NEW BAMBINO'S MEETING LOCATION IN MAY

Our monthly club meetings will be held at Bambino's Italian Eatery & Sports Bar, 2849 E. Platte Avenue, on the SE corner of Platte and Circle. I overheard a lot of members' positive comments on the fact that they did not have to walk through a smoking section to get to our larger, private meeting room. There is room to bring all the members of your family and recreate the family-oriented club that once was. The food is pretty good but prices are a little more than at Maggie Mae's. Rumor has it that coupons can be found in the free Pikes Peak Magazine. The only thing marginally negative I can think of is that we'll have to drape our second club banner across the Corvette pinball machine, and we'll be good to go.

CARE AND SHARE

This is just a friendly reminder that we will be collecting non-perishable food items at all of our regular club meetings. Please drop off an item or two. Let's see if we can beat last year's donation of 126 pounds.

APRIL'S MEETING

On the 15th of this month we will be having the Ford Mustang Birthday cruise starting at 9:30 am at the PPCC South Academy Blvd campus parking lot. This is a change from Memorial Park as brought up at last month's meeting. Please check the website or your e-mail for directions and feel free to print them off for a flawless cruise. Don't forget to bring sunglasses, sunscreen, lawn games and lawn chairs for the party afterwards.



Directions for the RMMC Ford Mustang Birthday Cruise April 15th 2006

The cruise will start between 9:30 – 9:45 AM at the PPCC South Academy Blvd campus parking lot – please arrive early so we can leave on time. Make sure your car has enough fuel and you make a personal pit stop before leaving as the route is 67 miles long and will take about 1-1/2-2 hours to complete. The roads are all paved in route to Neil and Jamie's place for food and fun. You will see urban sprawl, open prairie, forested plains and expanding urban development on this route as Colorado Springs continues to grow to the south, east and north within El Paso County

- Turn right out of the PPCC parking lot heading northeast on Academy Blvd staying in the far right lane
- Take the Hwy. 85 Fountain exit
- Turn right on Hwy. 85 heading south thru Security, Widefield and halfway through Fountain to Ohio Ave
- Turn left at the stoplight on Ohio Ave and follow it east to Link Rd
- Turn left on Link Rd and follow it north to Marksheffel Rd
- Turn right on Marksheffel Rd and follow it north to Bradley Rd
- Turn right on Bradley Rd and follow it east as it turns into Curtis Rd as it curves to the north
- Stay on Curtis Rd heading north as it crosses Hwy 94 (stoplight), then Falcon Hwy (flashing red light), continuing straight (north) to Judge Orr Rd
- Turn right on Judge Orr Rd heading east to Elbert Rd
- Turn left on Elbert Rd and follow it north as it crosses Hwy 24 (stop sign – be very careful crossing — it's busy!) to Sweet Rd
- Turn left on Sweet Rd and follow it west to Eastonville Rd
- Turn left on Eastonville Rd and follow it south to Murphy Rd
- Turn right on Murphy Rd and follow it west to Meridian Rd
- Turn left on Meridian Rd and follow it south to Woodmen Rd
- Turn right on Woodmen Rd and follow it west to Marksheffel Rd
- Turn left on Marksheffel Rd and follow it south to Huber Rd
- Turn left on Huber Rd and follow it east to Tamlin Rd
- Turn left on Tamlin and then immediately left on Sayres Rd
- Follow Sayres Rd north about 3/4 of a mile to 6380 Sayres Rd – Neil and Jamie's house is on the left hand side of the road and is the gated driveway to the right

Be safe, obey the speed limits, be courteous to other drivers, and enjoy the sights along the way!

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