

# Hoofbeats

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## Kat Tales

By Kathryn Blacharski

First of all, I'd like to thank the 2006 Board members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Add to that the participation of our membership and we had a great year, full of fun events and activities. The 2007 Board has already had its first meeting and transitioned duties to the new officers. All Board meetings are open to club members and will be held the first Wednesday of most months at 7PM at alternating members' homes. Please contact any board member for locations if you wish to attend. We have tentatively scheduled activities for this year, including the traditional Mustang Birthday Cruise, Good Times Car Show, Social Picnic and Fall Colors Tour, plus some new activities. We have much to discuss at the January meeting (at Bambino's) and encourage all of you to attend and share your ideas and interests with us.

Christmas Unlimited Event - On December 16, I left Mysti in the garage and sadly drove my Ford pickup truck to Seven Falls where I parked at the bottom of the hill and waited for the first of the Mustangs to arrive. Less than 5 minutes later, Toni McCord drove in with the Fowlers and

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Guggenbillers right behind her. And that was only the beginning! The Mustangs turned out full force, donned Santa Hats and smocks, and headed out in 3 groups to take donations, and park cars. It was cold, but the caroling and dancing kept us warm. Thank you Toni & Amber McCord, Dawn & Jim Guggenbiller, Brenda Long a.k.a Guggenbiller, Steve & Vonda Fowler, Dick Collins, Dean & Garrett Gacita, Terry & Sharon Myers, Chuck Hoyle, and Neil & Jamie Case. Thanks to your support, opening night was a special success. Thanks to everyone who donated the toys and their time. And a special thank you to Toni McCord for coordinating the event.

Happy New Year!



## Upcoming Events

### January

3 - Board Meeting  
20 - Club Meeting

### February


7 - Board Meeting  
17 - Club Meeting  
& Cold Weather  
Get Together

### March

7 - Board Meeting  
17 - Club Meeting  
17 - St. Pat's Parade  
at Old Colorado City

## My First Mustang

By Vonda Fowler


I joined the Air Force shortly after graduating high school. After basic training and tech training I was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana just after Thanksgiving. I lived in the dorms and walked 4 long cold blocks to work everyday. I needed freedom from the dorm and base, so I began looking for my first car. A coworker told me of his roommate going overseas and needing to sell his car. I fell for this gorgeous 1973 Mustang the moment I saw her. I was so proud to have her as my first car. 




## No Plans for Expanded Mustang Line

Ford Motor Company made clear that recent media speculation concerning an expanded Mustang line - including a sedan and wagon model to be sold in global markets - is not true. Mustang is an icon and will continue in its current form: a unique, two-door, rear-wheel drive, 2+2 performance car.



At the 2007 North American International Auto Show, Ford will unveil a four-door, rear-wheel-drive concept car. The concept, known as "The Interceptor", is based on the Mustang's rear-wheel-drive architecture but is not a Mustang and no production plans have been announced. 

## Club Membership Renewal

Membership in the RMMC must be renewed each calendar year. To avoid the late fee, please turn in your membership form and dues (\$20.00) by 28 February 2007. 

## Club Items for Sale

A new supply of club shirts are in and looking good. Dawn will have them at the monthly meetings.

Tanks	\$12.00
T's	\$16.00
Long T's	\$25.00
Sweat	\$28.00

To order a club name tag, see Dean.

Dean keeps a stock of:

Pins	\$2.00
Patches	\$2.00
Decals	\$2.00



## Mustangs – A Father and Son Story

By Chris Capshaw

This story begins a long long time ago. In the spring of 1970, my father had a wonderful idea. He wanted to buy a Mustang, but he had to justify it past my mother first. He came up with the plan of getting “a car” for him to drive to and from work, so my mother could have the family car (another Ford) at her disposal. You know for shopping and things like that. Another reason was that my sister and I were just arriving at the age of learning how to drive, and the second car would be used to “teach” us how to drive and serve as the car we would use when the need arose.

After some sweet-talking and such, he got my mother’s approval and shortly thereafter came home with a 1966 Mustang convertible. After getting by the “Why did you get a convertible with air conditioning?” questions from all of us, my father took on the task of introducing me to the art and skill of driving and modification. I was in “Mustang-Heaven” when we put on those Cherry-Bomb glass packs making that 289 cubic inch V8 come to life, and those Gabriel Hi-Jacker air shocks (remember those?). A Hurst shifter and some wide rear tires and I, uh we were set. Since this car had a four speed manual transmission, my sister didn’t want to drive it, and opted instead to stay with the family sedan. It was at that point I truly began to see the wisdom my father had.



*A 1966 Convertible very similar to Chris's first Stang.*

So it was that the last two years of my high school days, were filled with the joy of driving a car, which was destined to be a true classic. Dates, proms, driving to the New Jersey shore, and my first speeding ticket (can't mention some of the other “firsts” that happened in that car). Ahhh, what great memories. Life was good, but it was going to change. Now it's 1972 and I'm about to graduate high school and strike out on my own. I contracted that dreaded new(er) car disease and ended up trading that Stang in on a 1969 Ford Torino GT. It wasn't long before that Torino ended up in a junk yard in South Carolina after impacting the rear end of a semi, and I ended up in the hospital after impacting the windshield



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*Chris didn't have time to enjoy this rare classic 1969 Torino GT very long before its demise in 1972*

We now fast forward twenty-one years to 1993, and I am now the father with a sixteen year old son. I guess it was genetics or maybe his upbringing, but Chris Jr. inherited my affection for that galloping pony. One day we both traveled to a small out of the way airport near El Paso, TX where a Mustang rally was being held. The excitement was high because it was rumored the new SN95 Mustang would be revealed, and sure enough it was. As Junior and I were walking around that shiny new convertible, I thought back to that 1966 drop-top I had, and appreciated my father for allowing me to learn the importance of having a job and developing a strong work ethic in order to support that car, etc., etc. It was at that moment I decided to pass on that work ethic to my son. In hindsight I think the real reason was to allow him to have his own car so he wouldn't be bugging me for mine. In order to avoid the problems my father had with my mother, I just went ahead and bought a 1988 Mustang LX Hatchback and told the wife about it later. After all sleeping on the couch is just like camping anyway, right guys?

Remembering how that V8 always seemed to get me into trouble, I found one with a four-cylinder engine. Well speed wasn't Junior's problem, school was. It became apparent that I had inadvertently given my son the "vehicle" to get out of school. He didn't need to work for gas money because he had friends lined up giving him money to take them places when they should have been in class. I cherish the memory of the time I asked a coworker to help me collect the car from Junior's high school parking lot, after I received a report that my son had skipped a few classes the previous week. Just as we were pulling up to the car, what do I see? Why it's him with a couple of his classmates climbing in the car to take an unauthorized break from class. Let me set the stage here. I was a law enforcement officer at the time and was driving an unmarked patrol car. I allowed him and his passengers to have a few blocks of freedom from school before I turned on the lights and chirped the siren. I wish I had a camera to capture the look on his face, when I walked up to his car and he realized it was me. I took that car away from him so many times; I questioned my sanity for buying it in the first place. Things finally came to conclusion when finally I took the car back permanently and traded it in on a pickup truck.



*It didn't look like much, but that 1988 LX was enough to get Chris Jr. in trouble time and time again. But hey, it was a Mustang.*



To Be Continued ...

# Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club, Inc.

Membership Form

Please take to meeting or mail to:

RMMC, P.O. Box 7102, Colorado Springs, CO 80933



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Fee:

Initial Membership reflects \$15.00 member dues, \$5.00 club insurance surcharge, \$6 initiation fee to include one club logo window sticker, one club logo patch, and one club logo lapel pin.

Renewal Membership reflects \$15.00 member dues, and \$5.00 club insurance surcharge.

Initial Membership: \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Membership: \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Prorated Membership: \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(for new members after September 30<sup>th</sup>)

**NOTE:** Membership renewal is due yearly by March 1st. Late Renewal will result in additional \$6.00 late fee.

## Insurance Release Statement

I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers, Inc., its Board members, and any volunteers from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which might or does arise out of participation in any club sanctioned activity. I further attest that my automobile(s) is/are covered by liability insurance as per the requirements of the State of Colorado.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information provided on this form is club confidential and not to be released without the club member's knowledge and permission.**

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