

DAKOTA CRUISERS



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE November 2017 "SHIFT'N GEARS FOR OVER 20 YEARS"



Well, there are a lot of things going on in the Cruisers! I'll try and cover all of them or most of them in no particular order. First of all, will be the November meeting at The Vegas where we will be doing a few things, but the most important is elections. We will be electing all of the officers, some of whom are not re-running. Such as Dave Alberts—he will not be accepting the VP nomination. So, we are specifically looking for a VP. Consider running for this important position. The Christmas party will be on the 9th of December at The Moose Lodge. The cost of the meal to members is only \$10.00 if reserved by the 1st of December. After the 1st (with no exceptions) will be \$15.00. Call for your place today (240-6771). By the way, Gordy, "Crazy Fingers Lindquist" will be the entertainment. He will be very entertaining!!!

NDSRA Annual meeting and Christmas party is being held at "The Sleep Inn" on the 13th of January. It is open to all--members and nonmembers. Cost is Only \$25.00 for a fun-filled day of (a short meeting), garage tour, swap meet, banquet, door prizes, and a Chinese Auction! Fun day for all to enjoy.

The Clubhouse is filling up as I write this article. There are cars going in every day and it's filling up! Actually, I have a waiting list.

I'm thinking of holding another seminar with interesting/educational topics this year. I need to know if some of you would like this to happen. Probably some Saturday in January or February.

So, that's about it for now. I hope to see you at the monthly meeting at The Vegas.

George

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Club News

Here is a change to the bylaws.

Current article 6 section 5;

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- A. Incoming mail and deposits of Organization moneys will be the responsibility of a designated Officer other than the Treasurer.
- B. All disbursements of Organization moneys must have the signature of the Treasurer and one other Officer. (Two signatures required).

Recommended change;

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- B. Deposits of the Organization moneys can be made by any one of the Four Officers of the Organization with notification to the Treasurer as soon as practical to keep the finance books current.
- C. All Disbursements of Organization moneys must have the signature of the Treasurer and one other Officer. (Two signatures required).

The Board of Directors is offering the club trailer for sale by sealed bids due Jan.3 2018. It is approximately a 5 X 9 enclosed trailer. Sold as is no warranty. Bill of Sale will be provided. The Board reserves the right to refuse all bids.



History of the Ford Mustang

World Library states that the Mustang was released 5 months before the normal 1965 production year. This gave the first model the 1964 1/2 name. Production of the Mustang took place in Dearborn, Michigan, which is the birthplace of Henry Ford. The 1965 model was introduced at the New York World's Fair and quickly appeared at the Indy 500 and in James Bond movies. The name "Mustang" is derived from the wild horse of America and the World War II Mustang fighter planes.

Mustangs eventually grew heavier and larger by 1971. However, with consumer backlash, Ford reverted to the original size in 1974, thus ending the first generation of Mustang cars. However, it didn't end there. The Mustang is the only original pony car to remain in uninterrupted production for over 50 years.

According to the Tri-County Mustang Club, the convertible option was discontinued in the 1973 model Mustang, but returned in 1983. Due to the foreign import boom in the 1970s, Ford had re-created European style bodies for their cars to keep up with the competition. This would begin the creation of the third generation cars which were more compact and fuel efficient, according to Motorcities.

The current generation returns back to the classic 1964 body style. Cars received new technology and a V8 engine with a roaring sound, plus more horsepower. 2015 models also have an independent rear suspension system. This model was also to be sold overseas in 120 different countries after a long absence.

Facts and Statistics

With the long history of the Mustang spanning more than 50 years, there are many interesting facts about the popular pony car.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers has a list of 10 facts about the Ford Mustang, such as the name for the car. Names like Cheetah, Avanti, Puma, Thunderbird II, and Comet were suggested until Mustang was decided on. The name Mustang was mostly inspired by the sturdy, half wild horse but also partly inspired by the World War II plane.

The Mustang was marketed to young car buyers that wanted the sexy body of a Thunderbird, Ferrari's racy lines, and a Volkswagen price. The Mustang had all of these features with a nice price tag of only \$2,500.

This car had a manly, muscle car appearance but was generally marketed towards women. After World War II, women became a huge market to cater to. With more and more women entering the workforce, they now had the means to purchase their own car. The slogan "The Sweetheart of the Supermarket Set" was then created.

The Henry Ford Museum shows us that the first generation 1965 Mustang came in only two colors, black and white. Its 260-cubic inch engine was a V8 with overhead valves. The horsepower clocked in at 164 at 4,400 revolutions per minute. The car weighed 2,740 pounds and cost \$3,334.

Ford Mustang Quotes

“For me, it started in childhood, and that Mustang Mach 1 from 1973, I think. That's a dream car. That's the dream.” - Michael Sommer, Mustang Club of Germany

NPR: Around the world: Ford's Mustang fuels a dream

“You had all these young, very persistent engineers, designers, guys from the marketing department that said 'You know what, we have a dream car in mind, and we want to do something with this,'" - Jay Follis

“People like to have their cars reflect their personalities – young, vivacious, outdoorsy, wanting to get out and go do things. That's why this car has lasted for so long. People just resonate with what it stands for.” - John McElroy

Michigan Radio: The past and the future of Ford Mustang

“But the life of the Mustang isn't just based on the car and who buys them. It's based on the culture. Throughout the past six generations owners have been doing donuts in empty parking lots, leaving elevens between street lights, and crashing backwards into curbs after jabbing the throttle. There is an eternal love for power and the thrills that come with it - and the Mustang still delivers on that front. Some things never change.” - Victor Szeto

Autoclips News: What happened to the Ford Mustang

“On my first drive, I took the car down a fast curving road with washboard. I'm so used to Mustangs dancing all over the pavement that it was shocking when the new car just rumbled over the pavement like an Audi. No shaking, no quaking, no drama. Why couldn't Ford have achieved this decades ago? Amen!” - Casey Williams

WFYI Indianapolis: Ford Mustang gallops into greatness

“The Mustang looks like a sports car, or Gran Turismo sports touring car, but—at least in the version tested here, as well as in the larger Six... it's actually a "sporty" car, or runabout, of compact size and appearance, appealing because of its lowness, easy handling, and the fresh lines that are its chief stock in trade. The more powerful V8 versions of the Mustang, culminating in a strictly competitive version, are progressively much more able (and are, CU understands, far and away the best-selling Mustangs), but even these are likely to offer sports car speed and acceleration, rather than handling.”- Consumer Reports

Consumer Reports August 1964 Issue: The 1965 Ford Mustang started a legacy



Tip #1 Use a Mild Commercial Car Wash Soap

Visit your new car dealer, an auto parts store or automotive department in a department store and you will find a variety of excellent car wash soaps. They cost only a few dollars and will deliver quality performance and peace of mind. Never use a kitchen or household liquid detergent to wash your car as these products can damage your car's paint finish.

Tip #2 Before the Wash, check for “Pre-wash” Areas

Look closely at the paint for signs of road tar (especially in the lower body panel areas). Also look for dried bugs (again, especially on the front section of the car: leading edge of hood, body areas around headlights and air dam (if so equipped)). You can find special solvents made especially for removing road tar at the same place you purchase your car wash soap. Dried bugs can be easily removed with a mixture of baking soda and water (be sure the baking soda is completely dissolved to ensure that it will not be abrasive). Remember, it's easiest to see and treat these “pre-wash” areas when the car is dry — and since of these cleaning techniques remove surface wax, don't forget to re-wax the areas after the wash.

Tip #3 Wash Your Car in the Shade

WASH STEP ONE: START WITH A SURFACE SOAK

As a first step, spray the body surface with water to soak the film of dirt, dust and grime that has accumulated on the paint finish. By leaving the water to soak for a minute or two, much of the dirt will easily float off the car when you go to sponge it clean.

WASH STEP TWO: RINSE THE BOTTOM OF THE CAR

While the top of the car is soaking, get beneath the car and rinse off the dirt, mud and debris from all of the underbody areas: inside fenders, above and below the exhaust system hardware, off of the underpan area, etc. Don't forget those potential dirt “hiding” spots behind bumpers, too.

WASH STEP THREE: BUBBLE BATH

Now with the car wash soap blended with cool water, use a large sponge or washing mitt to apply the mixture. Remember to rinse the sponge/mitt regularly to rid it of dirt that can accumulate and scratch the paint — and also rub the sponge gently as you work the suds over the body surface. Work from the roof and windows down, hood to trunk and upper-to-lower sides. It's a good idea to give a quick scrub to the headlights and other light lenses while you're on the front and back sections, too.

WASH STEP FIVE: RINSE AND DRY

It's all downhill from here. Allowing the water to dry on the body paint surface will frequently leave a spotty film, as it's difficult to completely eliminate soap with just the spray rinse. So, it's best to use a large chamois to wipe down the entire paint surface — wringing the chamois as you go — so that no areas are left to “air dry.”

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**Next General Meetings
at the Vegas:
Nov 1 & Dec 6, 2017**