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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This month really kicks off the Car Club scene. Since there is something going on every weekend this month, and we have gotten a few new members, I thought it would be a good time to go over some pointers regarding out of town shows and cruises to restaurants for any new members we have gained over the winter.

Any time we cruise anywhere as a club, we always want to have headlights on for safety. We also want to drive 5 miles below the posted speed limit not only to enjoy the cruise to where ever we are going, but also to allow the folks at the end of the line to be able to keep up. If we are traveling on a four lane highway, it is best to stay in a single file line to allow other traffic to pass. We also need to keep from pulling out into the left lane and passing other club members down to a minimum. After all, we are taking our time to get there and enjoy the drive, hence using the word "cruise" to our destination. We all want to arrive alive, as they say in Florida.

It is always a good idea to get driving directions beforehand so if you get lost, you can find your way to where we are going. I usually try to send maps, or driving directions via email on out of town trips, and also include fliers or web addresses to sites when available so club members can familiarize themselves with the route. If you don't know how to get somewhere, don't hesitate to ask someone. I always try to get cell phone numbers of some of the members who are going so I can call someone up ahead in a pinch.

If we are going to cruise as a group out of town, we always try to plan a meeting place and time beforehand. The time we talk about in meetings or email is when we are going to leave the designated meeting spot, so be sure to get there at least thirty minutes early. Also, if we pass out a sign-up

sheet at the club meeting before the event, be sure to sign up and put a cell phone or other number where we can reach you. If you are late to the meeting place and have signed up, we can call you to see if we need to wait for you or not. Our usual meeting places are the Whataburger on N. Market and I-220 for functions north of town, and the Texas Welcome Center on I-20 for most East Texas adventures. I always try to send out email the weekend before the event so everyone is aware of the when and where we are going to meet for an event.

The most important thing to remember on any club outing is to have fun and be safe. I try to visit with other club members, talk cars, and meet new people. You never know who you will meet at an event, especially out of town.

See you out there! Thomas Monahan



There is a rumor that Jean is replacing Tom with an alligator. It will eat less and be tell better jokes.

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THE EVENT PLANNER

It's official Spring has sprung and show season is here.

We start our month off with our monthly club meeting at Asbury Methodist Church on Airline Drive in Bossier City 5:00 pm. We will be cruising to Ming Garden on Shreveport Barksdale Blvd after the meeting. High Low Fast Slow will be having their second Pop Up Meet on Sunday April 3rd 3-5pm at the new location of the ABC Auto Parts 221 Benton Rd in Bossier City. Food will be on site by Some Like it Hot so bring your ride and come hungry. Her burgers are awesome.

The second weekend of April is quite busy. Starting on Friday the 8th the Street Rod Reunion begins at the Boomtown Casino in Bossier City leading into Saturday. Also, on Saturday the 9th the Mustang Club will be cruising to Marshall for their monthly 2nd Saturday Downtown Cruise Night. The club will be leaving the Texas Welcome Center at 2:00 pm to cruise to Marshall. If your staying in town you can check out the Southern Knight Corvette Show at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City.

Third weekend of the month we have the 3rd Saturday night cruise night at Elite Auto in Shreveport on Youree Drive. Our monthly board meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Reed Industrial off Mt. Zion Rd. 6:30 pm.

The fourth weekend of the month is a very busy weekend. So get your calendar out and write this down. First on Friday the 22nd The Club will be cruising to Thunder Road Raceway for a night of Test and Tune and grudge racing. We will be departing from the Whataburger on North Market 6:00 pm. They are very slow so if you want to eat before we leave I recommend coming early. Saturday the 23rd we start with Breakfast and Fast Rides 9-11 am Southfield Grill on Benton Rd. We will have tables reserved for the meet. Next the Trail Lizards will be having their Jeep Show at Landers Dodge on Benton Rd in Bossier City 9-4pm.

The last weekend of the month we start with Friday the 29th. Thunder Road Raceway will be hosting their first Test and Tune night with Roll Racing. Come check out the fun. They will have regular test and tune, grudge racing, roll racing, and a car show hosted by High Low Fast Slow. Event begins at 6:00 pm and runs past midnight. Their will be a live dj and other entertainment. On Saturday the

30th their will be a car show in Coushatta the Red River Car Show at the Grand Bayou Resort 8-3pm.

That is all for April. Stay tuned their will be lots for May.

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SHOW NEWS

Is it show time yet? Not quite, but save the date of September 17, 2016 for the Mustang Roundup at Wray Ford. It is never too early to start thinking about our show. It is a very busy year for me, so I'm going to need extra help this year. I'm blessed that I have such a wonderful board and many special club members that help each year. Wray Ford is ready for us and plans are starting to take shape. If you have ever thought about wanting to be Show Director, this would be a great year to learn what it takes.

Back to my day job – don't forget to file your taxes! But seriously, the IRS and Louisiana has declared many parishes in Louisiana as a disaster area. With that designation comes some tax relief. For those living in the affected areas, any return or payment due between March 8th and July 15th has been automatically extended until July 15th without interest and penalties for late filing or payment. So, if you owe, you might want to take advantage of this. Questions? I'll be happy to talk with you.

Rhonda Butler Show Director Top 10 Spring Car Care Tips

Here are the top 10 items to check before heading out on that Spring Cruise. Checking these items for wear and tear will help you stay safe and keep your vehicle running smooth. Fact: 2,600 deaths a year occur from neglected vehicle maintenance. – National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration

- 1. Batteries, Plugs & Wires
- 2. Tire Pressure
- 3. Belts and hoses
- 4. Brakes
- 5. Suspension & Wheel Alignment
- 6. Fluid Levels
- 7. Engine Air filter.
- 8. Windshield Wipers
- 9. Clean the interior
- 10. Clean the exterior

In search of a newsletter editor, If anyone is interested in taking over the position, please step forward!



April Birthdays

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Matthew Jones
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