

# The Pony Express Red River Classic Mustang Club April 2020 News Letter



## From the Presidents Desk

As I write this newsletter article, it looks like people are freaking out again and going to the grocery stores and in some places Liquor stores to stock up for the shelter in place order Governor John Bel Edwards announced on Sunday, March 22nd. I'm good, got plenty of Michelob Ultra. I was going to get some Corona Premier with a few limes, but I decided against it. I watched his state address and listened to what he said, and he stressed that we can all still go out and get groceries or meds and to just buy enough for 1 week. I don't under stand why people feel the need to clean out all the toilet paper at a store, or why management doesn't do anything about it.

I guess I will have to live with that Dollar "Gentral" tp I bought because I could not find my Angel-soft Lavender scented tp. That stuff reminds me of the Brown paper towels we had in the bathrooms in school and at Gas stations across the country years ago. You remember, the brown single fold paper towels that feel like sand paper. Anyway, I guess I will have to pay off the stocking guy at the Ellerbe Kroger's to hold me a 12 pak or 2 of my favorite tp so I can get a break from the cheap stuff.

Two weeks ago I was optimistic, having decided to cancel the board meeting and called Shane's to tell them we would see them next month. I hoped that things might get better and we wouldn't have to cancel the April 4<sup>th</sup> club meeting. I was really looking forward to eating at Tamollys for dinner. But then, I got response emails back from the Mopar Club and the Southern Knights club saying "thanks for the list of volunteers to judge our shows, but we have decided to cancel." Not to mention all the schools had been closed. At that point I started to realize this may become worse than most people expect. Then I got an email from Asbury UMC that they were suspending all meetings at the church till further notice. Well, that's a problem, but tasting that Guacamole, I thought, we could have the meeting at Tamollys instead, and eat during the meeting. But then the other shoe dropped, and I got cheated out of my Chile Rellenos with Queso and double Beans. The shut down

of dining rooms at restaurants order from the Governor came down. Damn, no Tamollys for Me.

That was last weekend. Now with the shelter in place order, I figured no point in putting it off any longer, so I sent out email canceling the April Meeting. Being President of this club, sometimes I have to make decisions that I don't want to make. I try to procrastinate by running it by the board and asking for their input, but the answers are usually the same. I suppose it could be worse, but I am thankful that this decision was cut and dry meaning It was already made for me by the Governor. So, the April 4<sup>th</sup> club meeting and show committee meetings are canceled.

Please take care of yourselves, and your family. Per the Governor, only go out for necessary reasons, Work, if you are fortunate enough to still be employed, and of course to get food Meds etc. Lay off the stockpiling of toilet paper and bottled water. Don't forget about the Elders. My Dad has pretty much decided to stay in his house. I occasionally get stuff for him so he doesn't have to venture out. He is in good health, but I don't want to test that. The next few days are supposed to be nice as temps get into the 80s, so that would be a good time to get the ponies out and clean them up for May. Yes we can go outside, just be wary of your neighbors, and keep 6 feet away from them. I figure a warning spritz with the garden hose and they will get the message. Oh, and don't forget about washing your hands, or using sanitizer often. I hear some distilleries are starting to make hand sanitizer now. I wonder what Jack Daniels hand sanitizer would be like.

Thanks again to all who volunteered to help Judge the Mopar and Corvette club shows. They will probably be rescheduled for some time in the fall. When I find out, I hope you will be able to volunteer again. In the mean time, hopefully we can all avoid the Kung Flu by staying home and only venturing out when needed. I don't know about you, but I always have plenty of stuff to do around the house, so when my service calls start dwindling, I guess I will start working on my to do list.

Thomas Monahan







### **CVMA-6-3 APR and Car Show**









## CONGRATULATIONS ERNIE 1st Place Muscle Class

RRCMC had a total of 7 members show up for the CVMA 6-3 APR and Car Show. The weather was kind of chilly but that didn't stop the cars and many of the motorcycles coming out and showing there love and respect t the veterans. Our very own Ernie Lane won 1st place in the Muscle Class. Way to go Ernie.











16 members cruised to dinner after our March meeting. The wait was long but the food was worth the wait. Some chowed down on some steak, some had some shrimp, some had lobster and chicken and everyone enjoyed the famous fried rice and noddle's.

















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### MCA NEWS

For the first time that anyone could remember an MCA National Show was cancelled due to a National crisis. The Spirit of the West show in Tucson was cancelled due to the Covid19 virus. This show has been rescheduled to Oct. 8 - 11, 2020.

For those of you that haven't heard the Eureka Springs show scheduled for late May 2020 has been cancelled. The Midwest Blue Oval Mustang Club is looking at rescheduling in June 2022. See the MCA website Mustang.org under events if you need information for cancelling a hotel room. Refunds for car registrations will be coming from the club.

Hopefully the next two will go on.

Chris Ponder MCA National Director













### Red River Classic Car Club Birthdays



### **April**

John Daniel
Jeanette Daniel
Matthew Jones
Henry Laurence
Trey Luce
Larry McCarl
Kay Stratton



### POINTS TO PONDER

Thanks to China the world has gone crazy. Local car shows cancelled, one National show rescheduled and one cancelled. I think we all would like to get together meet and enjoy a meal, now is the time to stay at home. Locally we should be almost at the peak of the virus according to what I have been briefed and read. That coupled with higher temperatures coming this virus thing will die off soon. In the mean time stay safe and try not to let it make you crazy. Hopefully we will be able to meet in May and enjoy a night out dining with our friends.

### The Secretary's Notebook

Sheltering At Home Is An Adventure

So the Governor told everyone to stay home. What a great idea! I can get some much needed work done on my Mustangs. Your Secretary is not much of a mechanic. I could have demonstrated that with hundreds of pictures. Thankfully I did not waste the film (or digital card space) on that. I just killed some time. Saturday morning I went out to do a few car projects. That is until my wife wanted me to "come here a minute and help me with...". So I did.

Then back to the car. I got under the Fairlane 500 to check the logistics of replacing the radiator. I bought the new

one first so I couldn't back out later. I had a long conversation with Rusty and I checked out YouTube to get some great advice. Then there was "what do you think about this..." And I was briefly distracted. When I came back I was looking in the attic for something for the Fairlane when I came across a headlight bulb retaining ring for the 64 ½ Mustang. Easy Peazy! Hah. I held my tongue and found the right screw drivers (2 types of screw heads) and went to work. A sweaty hour and a half later... Voila! In and hidden behind the headlight door. So back to the Fairlane. I did a final clean on the groove around the trunk where I dug out (in crumbling pieces) the old trunk lid weather strip. I found the glue and got started. The rubber fits fairly well. The glue gets tacky in a few minutes. I did a 12 inch strip and taped it in palace.



Later today, or maybe tomorrow, or maybe next week, I will check to see if my efforts worked. Gotta give the glue plenty of time to dry. Meanwhile, I dug out the small portable radio I bought at the antique store in Robeline a couple of weeks ago. It actually works. And doesn't need that much cleaning. It is part of my Fairlane 500 display. More on that later. And so it goes. It is tough not gathering on Saturday to swap stories and adventures. I am still planning on going to the Mustang National Show in Arkansas in late May. I got a fire extinguisher. All that is missing is the receipt for the new tires I put on the Bullitt a few months back. This nice lady from MCA called to grill me on the car and if it was really classified correctly. The receipt is in case the judges think I don't drive the car enough to qualify as a daily driver. Why don't they look at the rock chips! I guess she was satisfied because she said "See you in May" as she hung up.

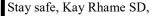
Till we meet again...you can stay at home and isolate yourself and still work on the pony! You can even drive it around a bit if you stay away from everyone else.

Club Secretary

John Brewer Editors note: The Eureka Springs show was cancelled after John wrote this.

## Kay's Corner

I know that this is a difficult time for all of us, our plans have been changed, canceled, or put on hold. But we will get through this, take this time to do something fun with your family at HOME, we will get back to planning our show ASAP. Congratulations to Rob Widner on his new purchase, and our deepest heartfelt condolences go out to Lane and Rhonda Butler and their family over the loss of his mom. We miss seeing all of you but hopefully this w end soon.







### Sabrina's Blog

Hey everybody. We will plan on going to TaMollys for the May Club meeting. Due to the coronavirus outbreak we had to cancel our reservations. We are setting up a trip to go to Texas and eat at the Cattle D Steakhouse in Avinger Texas.

See yall at the meeting in May Sabrina





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## SOLITARY WORKS

Well here it is the end of March and already feels like early summer. Mother Nature does crazy things but this is Louisiana. Anyway, where did I leave off last time? Oh yeah! The project truck I'm working on. Let's start off with the rear of the truck (rear end differential). This truck started out as a Drag strip 1/4 mile race truck with lots of neat things. The first step in building it was to remove the body and strip the frame down bare and box it in and add a "4 link" to the rear end. This required cutting the leaf springs and brackets off of it and placing all the new stuff (right out of the box the factory sent us) with very little instruction and a make it up as you go plan. After setting the frame on stands and leveling and pulling strings to make sure it's centered, I started the Boxing of the frame (this took a lot of Welding and cutting and chosen words). Well it's boxed and some of the welds look like a machine did it "GOOD" and some are 10 footer. Putting on the pan bar was challenging (this bar one lets you center up the rear end with the frame). Then getting the differential at the correct angle so the drive shaft transition would be good coming from the transmission (lots of measuring 3 times and cutting once and hoping for the best.) First time I've done this (But there always a first for everything). Then putting the coil over shocks in place at the correct angle was also fun. Fast forwarding, it all worked out well and everything lined up. I placed a 4:56 RATIO gear in it so I could get

there quick (at the strip) but have remove it for a more street able 3:73 as of now. Changing out the gears was easy but I learned that after 80/90 gear oil is added it can tighten the end play by .001 to. 0015. Then had to remove everything to send it out to be blasted and powder coated (black), then brought back to place all the parts back on. Little did I know at that time was this is going to be a long road doing this. On TV it takes about 1 hour with lots of people where I'm just one man doing it all while working and raising a family. So far, I'm about 8 years into it and I do see Light at the end of the tunnel. Next month I'll talk about placing the engine in it and building the exhaust (stainless) with large tube Hooker Headers (these headers are designed for a car) with cutouts. A make shift radiator support bracket and a window box fan to keep it cool.

John Daniels



## Rob has a new ride



2020 Ford Mustang GT

## **LOOKING GOOD ROB**



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## **Upcoming Events**

April 4: 3rd Annual Tails, Tires Tunes Car Show, Cancelled

April 4: RRCMC Meeting Cancelled April 15: RRCMC Board Meeting 6:30

May 2: RRCMC Meeting 5:30

May 2: Red River Car Show in Coushatta



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Annual membership: \$25.00 single or \$35.00 family (Please circle one)

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of the Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc. We are a not-for-profit automotive enthusiast group based in the Shreveport / Bossier City area, with membership stretching west to East Texas, north to Texarkana, east to Magnolia and Monroe and south to Lake Charles.

As a club we support many local charities and causes including the Shreveport/Bossier Rescue Mission, Food Bank of NW Louisiana, The Gingerbread House, and the Caddo Council on Aging.

We have several levels of yearly sponsorship:

#### Platinum Sponsorship - \$250

Your business would be linked to our web page, Social Media page and logo printed in monthly newsletter. A large logo on the annual show shirt, on sponsor sheet given to participants and promoted at the show. Would be allowed one club membership and the club would be available for a Show & Shine or cruise to the sponsor's business if possible. One show shirt. If you have cards, pens or other advertising materials that you would like to get out to our show participants, contact a club member before Sept. 1st for pickup. We would need 75 of any item for our goody bags.

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The Red River Classic Mustang Club, Inc. was established in 1992 for Mustang, classic Ford and performance Ford enthusiasts. Club membership is open to all Mustang and Ford enthusiasts - ownership is not a requirement.

For additional information, contact our 2020 Club President Thomas Monahan at (318) 797-8385, or visit us on the web at www.rrcmc.com.

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