

SUN COUNTRY MUSTANG CLUB

P.O. Box 556

Moxee, WA 98936



December 2023

LOCAL EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

Month	Date	Event	Location
Dec.	9 th	Christmas Party	Sun Country Estates club house

The Galloping Gazette



General Meeting:

Round Table Pizza, 1300 N 40th
Avenue, Yakima. 7:00pm 4th
Tuesday of every month

(between the freeway and Fred Meyers)

Board Meeting:

at 6pm, 3rd Tuesday of every month

Deadline for newsletter submissions is 3 days after the last general meeting.

If your submission is not received by that date,
it could be put off until the next month's newsletter.

Membership Requirements:

Attend a total of two club functions each year - meetings or events.

Have a valid driver's License

Have an interest in any Ford Mustang or Mercury Cougar, or any classic or modified Ford vehicle

Provide proof of liability insurance

Be 18 years or older or join with parents as a family membership

Stay current on paying annual dues

Single: \$20.00 Family \$25.00

www.suncountrymustang.com

Sun Country Mustang Club 11-28-2023 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mark Sires at 7:00 PM. President John Mertell was not in attendance and asked Mark to run the meeting. There were no guests in attendance.

Mark reminded members to sign in to register for the door prize and that 50/50 tickets are for sale.

Jan Anderson, the club secretary, passed away. A card and gift along with condolences were sent to Guy and the family by John Mertell.

Old Business

There was no Board meeting in November.

Doug Heilman shared that he attended the Veteran's Day parade in Yakima. The Corvette club was represented along with Model A's, military tanks and jeeps.

Jim Herriman provided the treasurers report;

- The checking account balance is \$5,389.82 and the savings account balance is \$2,017.86. The 2024 proposed budget was distributed to members for review and discussion. At the October meeting it was decided to increase the saving account balance by \$1,000. After discussion it was decided to follow through on this increase to the savings account.

The Washington State non-profit limit of \$10,000 has been raised to \$12,000. If the Club has more than this amount at the end of the calendar year a tax return must be filed and taxes paid on funds not donated to a non-profit charity. Children's Wishes and Dreams is a 501C3 charity. The YVC Auto Tech scholarships the Club awards are not considered a non-profit charity donation.

New Business

After reviewing the Club funds and the 2024 proposed budget, Velda Welch made a motion to increase the 2023 contribution to Children's Wishes and Dreams to \$2000. Rich Leendertsen seconded the motion. It passes unanimously. The scholarship amount of \$500 awarded to a YVC Auto Tech student decided upon at the October meeting was not changed.

It was decided to invite Heidi from Children's Wishes and Dreams to the January meeting to accept the donation and present information from this charitable group. Velda Welch offered to extend this invitation.

Doug Heilman made a motion to nominate Children's Wishes and Dreams and YVC Auto Tech as the recipient charities for 2024. Bruce Docken seconded the motion, it passed unanimously. Mark Sires stated that the amounts donated to these programs will be decided after the 2024 Car Show when the Club has an updated financial statement.

Craig Schenk stated that with this decision finalized the fliers for the 2024 car show can be sent to the printer.

Craig Schenk suggested a recognition plaque be given to Randy from RJ's Tires for being the MC at the Car Show. David Mitts offered to order a name plate for the plaque. David took names of members who would like a SCMC name tag which he will order at the same time.

Craig has created a letter thanking the 2023 Car Show sponsors. David volunteered to send this letter along with a Christmas card to these businesses.

Nomination of officers for 2024 was opened. It is noted that John Mertell and Craig Schenk have both declined a nomination to run for President.

David Mitts and Mark Sires were nominated to run for the position of President. Voting will take place at the Christmas Party. Ballots will be counted by the Secretary. The Board voted acting Secretary Stephanie Clark into the position allowing her to tabulate the ballots.

The ballots will list the following members running in the listed positions:

- David Mitts – President
- Mark Sires – President
- Duffy Webb - Vice President
- Jim Herriman – Treasurer
- Stephanie Clark – Secretary
- Dennis Duffield – Alternate

John Mertell will hold the position of Past President by default.

The positions of Membership Chairperson, Activity Chairperson and Sunshine Chairperson will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Mark Sires reminded members that dues for 2024 are past due. Several payments were received at this meeting. Mark will update the 2024 membership list with this information. Dues need to be paid prior to attending the Christmas party. Bruce Docken is taking names of members attending the party which he will use to provide a count for Staci's Catering. He will also call members not in attendance tonight to inquire if they plan on attending.

The Christmas party is being held at Sun Country Estates, 3701 Gun Club Road #76 (the Club House). The gate is unlocked until 6 PM. Happy hour is from 5 to 6PM, dinner will be served at 6 PM. Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert.

David Mitts is getting a banquet permit allowing alcohol to be served, it's BYOB. Debbie Mertell will coordinate decorating and David Mitts volunteered his wife Marci to help. Mark Sires suggested the group stay after the gathering to assist Guy Anderson with the cleanup. There will be a gift exchange; each gift should cost no more than \$20.00. Exchange rules from previous years will be followed. A gift once opened can be stolen twice and is then frozen. The person who takes the first gift is allowed the last steal and may steal a frozen gift. Contact Bruce at 509-945-1244 if you have questions.

The 2024 Ponies in the Sun Car Show is in the planning stages by chairpersons Craig Schenk and Bruce Docken. It has been decided to add two classes to the show for modified and unmodified Rancheros, twenty or more are expected to attend the 2024 show. The show fliers will be finalized and printed in the next few weeks. The 2024 show award plaques are in the planning stages. Work is being done which will allow digital payments to be accepted at the show.

A motion was made by David Mitts and seconded by Craig Schenk to offer honorary 2024 Club memberships to Mary Clark and Guy Anderson, members who lost their spouses this last year. The motion passed unanimously.

Members were asked to save the date of April 13th 2024 for a gathering at Reno's on the Runway, located by the Yakima Airport. This is on a Saturday and is held to celebrate the birthday of the Ford Mustang.

The 50/50 amount of \$21.50 was won by Heinz Humann. Duffy Webb won the door prize, a \$25 gift card to Round Table Pizza.

Mark Sires adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Clark
SCMC Secretary

Happy Birthday to the following members:					
December	Don Champoux	2 nd	January	Heinz Humann	9 th
	Alan Frazier	12 th		Pat Champoux	15 th
	Joe Koreis	15 th		Magnolia Portocarrero	16 th
				Andy Benfiet	26 th

Sun Country Mustang Club Dues need to be paid in October

The actual dues (money) should be given to the Treasurer along with the updated application. This signed application is the only way we know that the member paying the dues has the necessary paperwork and insurance to be a member of the club. The membership chairperson needs to only track the members' information on the application form and forward some of the information to the web master and the newsletter editor.

Resembles the same steps as registering for a car show, would we accept last year's show registration?

SCMC Merchandise – Show Your Pride in Our Club

See David Mitts for:

Nametags: Free to members Club sew on patch: \$5.00@ or 2 for \$
Window Decals: \$3.00 (blue, yellow, orange & green) Club hats: \$10.00
Antenna Flag: \$7.00

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Sunshine person:

² I noticed something when backing up my pickup the other day: When I was very young the first television, I remember my parents having was a small black and white TV with its own cabinet. Here I am today using a monitor located on my dash that shows where I am backing in color. I've taken so much for granted.

Sun Country Mustang Club Membership/Renewal Requirements and Application

Send this completed form along
with the necessary funds to:
SCMC
PO Box 556
Moxee, WA. 98936
C/o: Membership Chair

To be a member you must:

- 1) Have an interest in any Ford Mustang or Mercury Cougar, or any classic or modified vehicle
- 2) Possess a valid Washington State Driver's License
- 3) Carry insurance that satisfies the WA State Financial Responsibility Act.
- 4) Be 18 years or older or join with parents as a family membership
- 5) Stay current on paying annual dues.
- 6) Attend a total of 2 club function (meetings or events)

*The Club's Executive Board may waive a requirement that poses a hardship on the applicant.

Type of membership: _____ Single \$20.00
 _____ Family \$25.00 (includes two adults and children *residing at the same residence*)

(Please print all information requested on this form)

Name: _____ Birthday _____
 (Applicant/Current Member) (month/day) _____

Cell Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
Unless otherwise notified, this is the e-mail the club will use to send information

Mailing Address: PO Box / Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Make/Model of car: _____ Year of car: _____
(Mustang/Cougar)

Make/Model of car: _____ Year of car: _____
(Mustang/Cougar) (if additional vehicles, please use the back side of this form)

Second Adults' Name: _____ Birthday _____
 (at same address) (month/day) _____

Cell Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Child's Name: _____ Birthday _____
 (living at home) (month/day) _____
 (at same address)

Child's Name: _____ Birthday _____
 (living at home) (month/day) _____
 (at same address)
(if additional children, please use the back side of this form)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING THIS FORM:

I, the Applicant/Current member, hereby agree that while I am a member of the Sun Country Mustang Club, I will possess a valid Washington State Motor Vehicle Operator's License and Liability Insurance in compliance with the Washington State Financial Responsibility Act whenever I am participating in any Club activity that involves the operation of a motor-driven vehicle.

 Signature of Applicant/Current Member Date Amount paid
 Approved by:

 Membership Chair SCMC President Date approved