

SUN COUNTRY MUSTANG CLUB

P.O. Box 556

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October 2022

EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

Month	Date	Event	Location
December	10 th	Christmas Party/Banquet	Guy and Jan's Club House Gun Club Rd #76; (Sun Country estates)
April	17 th	National Mustang Day (<i>Happy Birthday Mustang</i>)	The World

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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:

Bob's Burgers and Brew, 121 N. Fair Ave., Yakima.
(across the street from Target) 6:30 pm, 3rd
Tuesday of every month

Deadline for newsletter submissions is 7 days after the event,

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

Membership Requirements:

Attend 2 meetings or club functions per year

Have a valid driver's License

Own a Mustang or Cougar

Provide proof of liability insurance

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

Annual Dues

Single: \$20.00 Family \$25.00

www.suncountrymustang.com

SCMC Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2022

Attending Members:

- President-Bruce Docken, Secretary-Jan Anderson, Treasurer- Jim Herriman, Past President-David Mitts, Dennis & Opal Duffield, Guests: Guy Anderson, and Velda Welch.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Checking; \$4,441.59, Savings; \$2,017.39
- **Our Car Show:** Our car show went well, a few glitches here and there, but a good show. Over 100 cars and a good turnout. Next year work on changes to classes, make some bigger-some smaller. David is resigning as show chairperson and we will be asking for volunteers for that position.
- **How can we split the job of being Car Show Chairperson?**
Artwork for the show programs and shirts. (David?)
Sponsors
Entries and laying out the map
Set up and tear down (divide?)
- **Christmas Party/Banquet**
Will be at Guy and Jan's Club House on December 10 ,2022, 3701 Gun Club Rd #76. (Sun Country Estates) Prices are the same as last year. Your Dues will need to be paid up.

- **Membership Renewals**

Our dues are DUE in October. Everyone will need to fill out a form and update their information. New officers to be selected by the Board, and nominations taken in October. We will vote in December at our Christmas party.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- **9/25 Duffield Picnic/Potluck 1p.m.**

- **10/2 PNW Mustang Car Show, Columbia Crest Winery, Paterson, WA**

1. Cars and Coffee, every Saturday (7-9am) at Tieton Village, Yakima.
2. Cars and Coffee 1st Sunday of the month, at Country Mercantile, Richland
3. Every Friday Cruise In at King’s Row in Selah(5pm) or the Stop N Go on Fruitvale Blvd. (6-9pm)

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Secretary, Jan Anderson

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October will be when the club members will need to renew their club dues. This year we will need each of you to fill out a new membership form when you send in your dues. We need to make sure the information we currently have is up-to-date. The form has been changed a little so please take your time in filling out the information requested. A copy of the form is attached to this newsletter. Print out the form, fill it out and send it in with your dues.

There are some club members who are currently receiving their newsletter via hard copy; if you definitely cannot receive the newsletter via e-mail then a hard copy will continue to be sent. When you fill out the membership form, please write on it that you would like to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter. If not noted then only an e-mail version will be sent.

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Happy Birthday to the following members:					
September	Gail Carlstrom	2 nd	October	Nancy Hall	12 th
	Sandy LeBret	2 nd		John Mertell	13 th
	Manny Imperial	9 th		Ann MacNeil	20 th
	Dick LeBret	17 th		Ray Fletcher	21 st
	Don Damm	23 rd			
	Richard Rettig	25 th			
	Pauline Walker	26 th			
	Craig Schenk	29 th			

¹ Posterity – You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it. *John Quincy Adams*

News concerning this years' Pony Trails (Saturday morning the 17th): This year we had 31 vehicles arrive for the "trail". I thought it would be quicker if each person read their own safety guidelines, but in speaking to some at the show it was apparent that most were like I would have been, "just sign the paperwork and get on with it". If I would do it again, I would read, out loud, the safety portion of the trail paperwork at the "driver's meeting" prior to the drive (as I have done in the past). We drove the back roads into Toppenish and arrived at the Yakama Nation Cultural Center. The only little glitch was that the lawn sprinklers were on and the staff members present couldn't locate anyone to shut them off, but there was plenty of parking without anyone getting wet. This year there were about half our club and the other half from out-of-town clubs. I was glad to see that our club members were able to take the time from preparing for the show to take in this tour. I was also glad to see some of those in attendance take advantage of the Center's gift shop. When we contacted the people at the Cultural Center, we advised them that we had no idea how many to expect, but we were hoping for 25 – 30 cars and of course that many and more people in attendance. I believe they were pleased that we were able to keep the staff busy on this otherwise possibly quiet Saturday morning. One of the staff members took "movies" of the parked cars and you can watch the video by going to the Yakama Nation Cultural Center facebook page (**not** the Yakama Nation Museum).²

Saturday night cruise in at Majors' drive in (Saturday evening the 17th): I was not in charge of this event, but I was one of the many, many present. All parking places were filled and we started double parking some of the vehicles. There must have been around 40 vehicles in attendance. It was like the above pony trails, there was no registration needed all you needed to do was show up. Of course, since we had no idea of the number of vehicles, we just did the best we could in finding places for them. Our club needs to make sure we thank the management of Major's with putting up with us. Everybody who participated received their choice of a coupon for a free milk shake or \$2.00 off a meal of their choice. These coupons were provided by the management of Majors, so be sure to thank them when you get a chance. Everyone present received a door prize ticket and these tickets were drawn during the event. The weather was great, but was getting a little chilly towards the end and I saw at least one blanket come out that was purchased at the Cultural Center.

SCMC General Meeting Minutes

9/27/22

- **Treasurers Report;** Checking; \$8,288.92 and Savings; \$2,017.39
- **Welcome:** Visitor Joe Kores who has a 69 Mustang Fast Back.
- **Our Car Show:** Our car show was a successful show. We had 125 cars and heard good feedback from our visitors. We had 60 sponsors and good show proceeds. We could use more participation from members to make our show even better next year.
- **How can we make the Car Show Chairman's job easier?**
Artwork for the posters, entries, programs, and shirts.
Sponsors, Entries, Laying out the map, Setup, and tear down.
David Mitts will not be the Chairman of the show next year, he has done it for many years and would like someone to take over his job (he will help).

² "There comes a time when a moral man can't obey a law which his conscience tells him is unjust." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

- **Other Events:** The Duffield Picnic/Potluck on 9/25/22 was a fun event with good food and friends. Thank you so much Dennis, Opal, and family for having us at your beautiful home.
- **Upcoming Club Events:**
 - 10/1/22 Mary Hill car show**
 - 10/2/22 PNW Mustangs Car Show, Columbia Crest Winery in Paterson, WA**

Meet at the Zillah McDonalds parking lot at 8 am to cruise to Patterson.
- **New Officer Nominations in October, also Membership Dues are due! Update your information (See Amy for membership forms). Elections will be held at the Christmas Party/Banquet in December.**
- **Christmas Party/Banquet:**

Will be at Guy and Jan's Club House on December 10, 2022. The address is 3701 Gun Club Rd #76 (Sun Country Estates). Your Dues will need to be paid to attend. Velda is planning with Triumph Treatment Services to provide 20 children under the age of 10 to give Christmas shoe box gifts to. More info on the party to follow later.
- **October Cruise: Cruise the Canyon to the "Red Horse Diner" in Ellensburg on Saturday October 15th. Meet at the beginning of the Canyon at 10am. If you are going please contact John Mertell at jmertell71@gmail.com or text to (509) 833-0001.**

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm. Jan Anderson, Secretary

My two cents worth concerning the information in the minutes;*(I can do this because I need to fill in the space in the newsletter)*

1. **As to our car show being a success,** I guess that depends on how you label success. Some armies would say they won a battle, but in doing so they lost 75% of their fighting force. As to making the show better next year; we will need to have **MORE** members volunteer to work the show, either in the background or up front, it's up to each of us **NOT** to stand on the sidelines. **AND** that is to **ONLY** have next year's show come close to measuring up to this year's show. It would be wrong of me to not give some examples as to "background" work for the show:
 - a. Seeking sponsors for various car classes.
 - b. Seeking people/businesses to donate items for the raffle/door prizes
 - c. Seeking items for the goodie bags (for Amy and I this begins in June prior to the show, but we have found that this should begin earlier.). By needing to start earlier this means the show flyer and registration form needs to be completed prior to this time. So, as you can hopefully see, if the background for the show isn't completed in a timely manner, then some of the show could be in jeopardy.
2. **Car Show Attendance:** We had a good number of vehicles attend the show and the pony trails. We also had a record number of vehicles at Majors'. I believe this has a direct correlation to what we are able to give those in attendance at little to no cost up front (except of course for show registration). Most of us feel good about getting something free, even if it's only water as we are leaving the car show.

³ The price of freedom of religion, or of speech, or of the press, is that we must put up with, and even pay for, a good deal of rubbish.

3. **Car Show Help:** Dave reported that we had enough help, what else could he say? The show was over, we made it through it with those who decided to help out. Dave worked his tail off seeing this show to completion. Dave and Marcie a thank you seems so little to give but, **THANKS**. I doubt a lot of us who usually “headed -up” a section of the show asks for help (me included), but that doesn’t mean we should be given a slap on the back and “way-to-go”, we really need to have an index finger shaken at us with “shame on you”. Without training others, we are really letting the club down since we are not training others up to take our place. Maybe it is those of us who does not request help, but really could use it are more to blame than those who stand on the sidelines, maybe waiting to be asked.
 4. **Membership Dues are due!** Some of you have children who have moved away, or replaced cars several times since you first joined the club, and then there are some that no new information would be gained by filling out these forms, but they really should be completed every year so we know the information is current. Update your information. Don’t see Amy for these forms, she will have forms for the new members, but not necessarily for all members renewing their dues. These updated membership forms are available in last months’ newsletter as well as in this newsletter. Print the form attach a check, place both in an envelope and send it to the club’s post office box.
 5. **Visitor:** Joe Kores was listed as a visitor but prior to the end of the meeting he joined the club. If some of you do not remember he has a 1969 Mustang fast back.
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➤ Upcoming Club Events:

10/1/22 Mary Hill car show: I received no information concerning anyone in the club who attended this show.

10/2/22 PNW Mustangs Car Show, Columbia Crest Winery in Paterson, WA

This was reported to be the last car show that was going to be held at this winery. I believe we had twelve members in attendance. **Bruce Docken** won the all-around award for his Mustang given out by the winery staff. **Jimmy Herriman** won a first-place award with his electric Mustang; **Mary Clark** won a first-place award in her Mustang class and **Craig Schenk** won a second-place award with his pickup.

The remaining club members present were: Harold Clark, Bruce and Nancy Hall, David and Audrey Haynes, Doug and Amy Heilman, Heinz and Doris Humann, Rob Lions, John and Deborah Mertell, Dave Mitts, (*Jimmy brought two cars*).

For those of our club in attendance of the winery show AND are very familiar with the workings of our show, this show did not have the “*FLUFF*” that I mentioned at the last general meeting. A show can be “successful” without the “*FLUFF*”, but not too memorable. As I stated at the meeting as long as the following runs somewhat smoothly you can have a car show;

- Gate
- Parking
- Registration

⁴ It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people’s minds. *Samuel Adams*.

- Awards (I mentioned at the meeting about voting tabulation, but people attending a car show don't care if you use computers or your toes to add up the votes, you just need to do this in a timely fashion.)

This winery car show was just your basic car show, nice scenic place to have it, but still just basic.

- ✓ No raffle,
- ✓ No door prizes,
- ✓ No music (and hardly any sound system), There was a live band, but you needed to be in the courtyard in order to hear them. This was also the case during the awards presentation, those outside the courtyard had a hard time hearing anything.
- ✓ No signs at the gate of the winery, showing this is the car show place (an easy trap to fall into when you start thinking that **EVERYONE** knows where they are going and you fail to think of "first timers" or, heaven forbid, you don't care about first timers). No signs anywhere on the drive to help reassure people they were going in the right direction (I guess that is what GPS is for).
- ✓ Only first and second awards. (I wonder if there are only two vehicles in a class and the second vehicle doesn't even get one vote, should they even get a second-place award?).

I think I digressed too much concerning this show; it's just that after the years putting on this show has it changed or has it needed to? Did it, at one time, have more fluff, but it ran out of workers?

I believe, there's a lesson for us to learn by our club members who attend other shows; What do we want our show to be like? Or maybe a better question would be; What do we want our club to be like?

Let's face it, even if I only speak for myself, a lot of us club members are getting older and it's not that we don't want to do the work but that's the problem, it is beginning to be more work than pleasure. I don't know one club member who would not mind playing "second fiddle" to help someone else take the lead. It would make it much easier for club members to take on the show chair positions if each of these positions were written up and placed in a notebook of some type so each step could be reviewed and used as a map to better perform each specific task.

Happy Birthday to the following members:					
November	Velda Welch	1 st	December	Don Champoux	2 nd
	Doug MacNeil	4 th		Harold Clark	10 th
	Todd Wells	6 th		Alan Frazier	12 th
	Jason Herriman	9 th		Joe Koreis	15 th
	Virgil Clark	10 th		Tammi Stewart	26 th
	Guy Anderson	21 st			
	Craig Lee	28 th			
	Stephanie Clark	29 th			

⁵ "One of the most pathetic – and dangerous – signs of our times is the growing number of individuals and groups who believe that no one can possibly disagree with them for any honest reason." *Thomas Sowell*

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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⁷ One more item I wish to express, “**THANKS, VIRGIL**” for doing whatever needed done.

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) Own a Ford Mustang, or Mercury Cougar
- 2) Possess a valid Washington State Driver's License
- 3) Carry insurance that satisfies the WA State Financial Responsibility Act.
- 4) 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 (month/day) _____
(Applicant/Current Member)

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 (month/day) _____
(at same address)

Cell Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

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

Child's Name: _____ Birthday (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