



## March 2019 Newsletter

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### **Next Meeting:**

Friday, March 1, 7 p.m.

Phil Long Ford of Denver

### **After Club:**

303 Sports Grill

8025 W. Bowles Ave.

Littleton, CO 80123

**8:30 p.m. Check-in**

# President's Letter

Dear Members:

Happy March Mustang Madness!! 2019 brings some exciting news for even more thrilling times for our favorite Pony!



**First**, we heard about the continuation of the West Coast Shelby styling inspired GT/CS: "Mustang fanatics have one more reason to celebrate in 2019, as Ford announced the return of a special-edition package for the beloved Mustang. Classic styling meets the performance and technology of the modern Mustang in the California Special, offered on the 2019 Ford Mustang GT Premium. Tracing its roots back to 1968, the original California Special featured a number of bold and unique design cues that made it an instant hit with enthusiasts."

**Second**, we heard about our favorite Pony Movie Star, the infamous Mustang Bullitt: "Fifty years after starring alongside Steve McQueen in the iconic movie 'BULLITT,' the original 1968 Mustang GT Fastback appears on stage at the North American International Auto Show alongside the powerful, technology-packed 2019 Mustang BULLITT. Mustang fans are very familiar with the American movie and specifically the iconic San Francisco car chase. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the movie "BULLITT," the new Mustang BULLITT will now rumble in cities around the world."

**Last, but not least by a long shot**, we heard about the Horse of all Horses - the Snake of All Snakes - the return of a ground-pounding monster: "Detroit - Fear the Snake. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the most-powerful Mustang ever, the 700-plus horsepower Shelby GT500, at the Detroit auto show Monday morning. The muscle car will take its place atop a Mustang lineup that includes a turbo-4 powered base Mustang, V-8 powered GT and high-revving GT350. For the first time in 50 years, the legendary GT350 and GT500 badges will be on sale together in Ford showrooms."

Our car is only getting better with age as the new models take styling cues from our heritage mustangs of the early sixties, add the dominant muscle of the late sixties and early seventies, and incorporate the technology and sophistication of our post-millennial Mustangs.

Our club has a large contingent of unique styles, years, models, name plates and

performance levels. These great examples of our Mustang heritage and community come to us with wonderful people who take pride in our hobby, cars and club!

Spring is around the corner - get ready for racing, car shows, cruises, and summer fun! We may have a few more cold nights, but it will be Mustang Madness once again before you know it. For now, however, our ponies wait patiently in their stables while we read about what is to come, listen to the sweet sound of 700 HP on YouTube, and start building our Power Point presentations on why we must have a new GT500 . . .

See ya'll in March!

Mike

(Editors note: he's not kidding. I fully expect a full multimedia slideshow selling the many reasons your DMC president must have the GT500.)

## Safety Moment



Thousands of injuries and fatalities occur every year from accidents on snowy or icy roads, according to the Federal Highway Administration. Many drivers are unaware of a common culprit in many of these crashes - *black ice*. So what is black ice? It is a transparent glaze that forms without bubbles, allowing it to easily blend into the surface of the roads.

Black ice is most likely to form when there is a sudden temperature drop, such as in the early morning and evening hours. Common problem areas are bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas of the road. These areas have much colder surfaces that rapidly freeze when air moisture makes contact - especially if they're near lakes or rivers.

### How to Prepare for Winter Driving

Use these tips to prepare your vehicle for driving on black ice or unexpected icy conditions:

- **Winter Tires.** Switch out your standard tires to winter tires once the temperatures start to drop. If your vehicle is regularly exposed to driving in snowy and icy conditions, the grip and handling provided by these weather-specific tires will be better than all-season tires.
- **Slow Down.** When conditions exist for an increased possibility of black ice, exhibit caution by driving slower than the posted speed limit and extending

your braking distance. This could give you more time to react calmly if you're caught on black ice.

### **Learn Possible Warning Signs Of Black Ice**

When favorable conditions are present, be on high alert. Black ice looks a lot like wet blacktop. Other indicators include:

- Absence of water spray on a seemingly wet road
- Cars suddenly swerving or skidding
- Brake lights ahead
- Cars or tire tracks in the ditch
- Shiny surfaces next to a dull black

### **Ways to React When You Encounter Black Ice**

If you're caught driving on black ice, use these tips to maneuver past the problem area:

- **Do nothing.** Avoid making sudden moves or turning the wheel. Smoothly lift your foot off the accelerator and glide across the ice in a straight line until you find traction.
- **Shift.** If possible, slowly shift to a lower gear for added control.
- **Brake wisely.** If you begin to skid, firmly press on your brakes to activate the anti-lock brake system (ABS). Or, if you don't have ABS, pump the brakes gently.
- **Avoid spin-out.** If your front end is sliding, steer in the opposite direction of the skid; if the back end is sliding, steer in the same direction.
- **Look toward where you want to go.** If you look where you think you might crash, then you might inadvertently veer the car in that direction.

Winter driving conditions can lead to unexpected dangers. Putting these tips into action can minimize your risk of injury. Stay safe out there!



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# 4th Annual FunRun Update

**Fun Run 2019 is shaping up to be quite the event!**

Slated for September 14-16, we will drive the backroads from Phil Long Ford to Taos to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Optional events are planned, including driving on a portion of Route 66 or spending the day on your own visiting the sites in Santa Fe, etc.

## Pricing

The event is \$500 total, double occupancy for the weekend (\$450/individual) and includes two nights at a hotel in Santa Fe, continental breakfast, one hospitality event with appetizers and one dinner. As always, there will be games and door prizes as well.

**Space Available on First-Come First-Reserved Basis!**

**Non-refundable deposit of \$300 (\$250/individual) is due on**

**March 1st.** There will be a \$20/credit card fee if you pay by credit card so we suggest you pay by check! Final payment is due on July 5th. Contact Linda at [lkbsmith@msn.com](mailto:lkbsmith@msn.com) to get on the list before we sell out!

## Please Thank Our FunRun Sponsors:



Terry Palco, Phil Long Ford; Jerry Jones, CO Off Road; Marci Reece, State Farm

Missing: Paul Lauenberger, Chrome

Photo Courtesy: Gina Betzer



A special thanks also to Marci Reece (State Farm) for helping to sponsor the hospitality event upon arrival in Taos!

# Member News



## Current Membership

100 Members/Families

Members/Guests Present at February Meeting: 58

## March Birthdays

- 3/1 Tammy Cospers
- 3/2 Chris Cayo
- 3/3 Lisa Castillo
- 3/7 Cathi Gomez
- 3/11 Tracy Dankof
- 3/11 Wes Thornton
- 3/13 Arthur Apple
- 3/13 Brett Grooms
- 3/14 Ken Roth
- 3/16 Jon Holdman
- 3/19 Geri Durbin
- 3/30 Jack Hawkins
- 3/30 Diane Langren



## Membership Dues are Due!

Annual membership dues are due. DMC by-laws state annual dues of all active members will be due and payable within 60 days after the beginning of the calendar year. We add a grace period of 30 days (end of March). **Memberships not renewed by the end of March will be removed from the Membership List and will no longer receive the monthly Newsletter or any club correspondence.** However, we will accept your membership dues at any time and gladly return you to the Membership List. Dues are \$40.00 (for renewals and New Members) and can be paid at DMC meetings. If you are unable to attend the DMC meetings, please mail your dues to the Club at:

**Denver Mustang Club \* P.O. Box 621111 \* Littleton, CO 80162**

## Information Verification

Sometimes your personal information may change, such as a phone number or an e-mail address. When you renew your membership, please verify your information is correct. If you cannot attend a meeting in 2019 and you have had any changes to your information, please e-mail the changes to Tammy at [swt99gt@gmail.com](mailto:swt99gt@gmail.com).

If you (or someone you know) are not receiving your monthly newsletter "Horse Tales" in your e-mail, please let Sandi Rhynard (our newsletter editor) know at [denvermustangclub@gmail.com](mailto:denvermustangclub@gmail.com).

## DMC Caring Connection

The Mustang may bring us together, but friendship keeps us connected. DMC would like to send caring thoughts to those who are going through a difficult time, including:

- Rich Barnes (Family of Cospers)
- Bill Anderson, Sr.
- Scott Beltz
- Jim Cospers
- Mike and Pat Emore
- Ron Fox (his health as well as the passing of his mom, Ruth, in Feb.)
- David Jorgensen
- Lance Marbut
- Wendy McCauley
- Pete Peterson
- Jerry Jones
- The Katz family

If you have a friend on this list that you haven't spoken to in a while, now is a great time to reach out and share some sunshine.

If you are feeling under the weather or going through a difficult time, we'd love to add you to our Caring Connection list. And, sincere apologies if we've missed anyone. Please send details to Sandi Rhynard at [denvermustangclub@gmail.com](mailto:denvermustangclub@gmail.com) for inclusion next month.

## Hands of the Carpenter

The DMC is working with [Hands of the Carpenter](#) to provide volunteers to help with oil changes on the 4th Saturday of every month.

Hands of the Carpenter serves single women in need by providing automobile

placement, repair and maintenance to assist in their efforts to become and remain economically self-sufficient.

Several DMC members (Joe Dietz, Brett Grooms, Ernie Sotolongo, Tim Steenson, Steve Katz, Mike Rhynard, and Mark Gomez, etc.) are involved and provide volunteer support. We would like to create a way for more members to become involved.

More to come as we get it finalized.

# Calendar of Events

Update your calendars as schedules allow! (Bold indicates DMC member is taking lead on DMC meet-up.) Watch Facebook for more details.

## APRIL

**7: Bowling** (Jim/Tammy)

16-21: Mustang Museum Opening in NC

27: Hands of the Carpenter (See Mark)

**28: DMC Garage/Project Day** (Ken/Mark)

## MAY

3: Club Clash @ Bandimere

24: Club Clash @ Bandimere

## JUNE

**1: Georgetown Cruise** (Mark)

7: Club Clash @ Bandimere

**9: Ford Fest 7a-5p** (Mike)

13-16: RMMR (**Club Dinner night 6/13 - Joe planning**)

15: Bad Does Good Children's Hospital Car Show

## JULY

12: Club Clash @ Bandimere

**14: DMC Club Picnic @ Reynolds Landing**

**27: Phil Long Car Show (TBD)**

## AUGUST

**11: Littleton Elks Car Show**

16: Club Clash @ Bandimere

**23-25/26: DMC Camping Trip** (Marci & Rob)

## SEPTEMBER

**14-16: 4th Annual FunRun**

20: Club Clash @ Bandimere

27: Club Clash @ Bandimere

28: Bandimere Top Performer Race 7a-6p

## **OCTOBER**

**6: Brunch**

**26: Fall Festival @ Colorado Off Road 2-6pm**

## **NOVEMBER**

**16: 9Cares and Breakfast**

## **DECEMBER**

**7: Christmas Party at Arrowhead Golf Course**

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