

THE LEGEND

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Spring Fever Hits Mustangers as Club Meetings Take Off

Music City Mustangers have been breaking all records lately as attendance at monthly meetings continues to climb. Maybe it's the beginning of spring or the end of winter or the promise of summer, but some kind of Mustang Fever has definitely hit Music City.

Last Thursday's monthly meeting was attended by 45 or so MCMCers who listened to Don Sager's presentation on drum brakes. Billy Beasley won the 50-50 draw. At this meeting, the Board of Directors also announced their vote to sell the club golf cart. Plans are also being made for a springtime drive-by drive-through at a local Sonic.

At March's meeting, Gene Shield's did a first in the new series of presentations on the mechanical side of Mustang's with his short seminar on recognizing genuine 289 Hi-Po parts. His clear and straightforward explanation of how to recognize the real thing in Hi-Po's impressed everyone.

Next month's meeting should be an important one. Club President William Sanford has arranged for a representative of the insurance industry to give us a presentation on protecting our Mustangs, including an explanation of how "Stated Value Insurance" isn't necessarily what it sounds like. Should be a good one....

Music City Mustang Club meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Sylvan Park Restaurant at 5207 Nolensville Road. Mustangers start gathering there around six for dinner and talk, and the meetings start at seven.

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MCMC Stats-Of-The-Month

Membership:	59
New Members in 1994:	5
Beginning Cash:	\$NA
Expenses this month:	\$NA
Ending Cash	\$1123

MCMCers to Caravan to Jackson, TN Mustang Show

Music City Mustang Club Secretary Joe Spivey reports that plans are being made to caravan to the Jackson, Tennessee Mustang Show on Saturday, April 30th. Mustangers will gather at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at the Dickson exit on Interstate 40 for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. After collecting everyone and chowing down for the ride, the caravan of cars will

take off down I-40 for the hour-and-a-half ride to the show. For further details, call Joe Spivey at 790-7817.

Cobra Preview and Mustang Update

At the Two Rivers Car Show on February 19th, Tim Witt, Field Manager of Ford Motor Company's Memphis Regional Sales Office, spoke briefly about the new 1994 Mustangs, the debut of the new Cobras, and about planned changes for 1995. I scribbled some notes which I hope accurately reflect what he said. If mistakes were made, they're mine, not his

The 1994 Cobras hit the showrooms in late March. The engine is supposed to be the same as last years, a 245hp, 302c.i. Ford is only going to build 6000 Cobras, of these, 1000 will be convertible Pace cars.

Tim also let us in on some of the details for the 1995 Mustangs. In '95, Ford will be offering the new generation of "modular V-8s" as it's 8-cylinder option. This is the same 32-valve, 280 hp powerplant that's now being used in the Lincoln Mark VIII, the Crown Victoria, and the Mercury Marquis. Eventually, this will be the powerplant in all Mustang GTs, as well. This means higher quality, better fuel economy, and Tim added, fits in with the "just-in-time" inventory concept that seems to have revolutionized car-making.

Tim explained that the philosophy behind the "modular" engine concept is that all Ford engines will eventually have the same block and will be assembled on the same line. The six-cylinders will be just two buckets short.

As a final note, Tim let us know that the biggest problem with the '94 Mustangs is they can't make enough with the 3.8 liter six. Right now, only 50% of the Mustang output can be fitted with the sixes. The demand for the 8-cylinders has been drastically reduced, he added, courtesy of our old friends, the insurance industry.

Editor's Apology

You may have noticed this month's issue of **The Legend** is late. While your hardworking editor usually follows a policy of "Never apologize, never explain," in this case, he's going to make an exception.

Cathy and I moved this month. The whole process of closing on a house, packing, moving, getting settled, recovering, etc. set everything back weeks.

Sorry about that. And speaking of apologies, there was so much news to report this month that we had to cut the ads. They'll pick up again next month.

Club Picnic Scheduled For Cedars Of Lebanon State Park

The **Music City Mustang Club's** annual Spring picnic is scheduled for May 14th at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. The Club will furnish burgers and hot dogs, as well as buns and ice. Club members should bring their own drinks and a covered dish to share.

MCMC Member Discounts: The member discount program continues to grow. Dave Norton at Norton's Auto Restorations in Hendersonville now offers Music City Mustang Club Members 10% off on all parts. Call Dave for details at 824-1966.

Random Hoofbeats....

Somewhere around 70 **MCMC** members showed up at the 30th Anniversary Mustang Celebration sponsored by the **Mustang Club of America** in Charlotte, NC April 15-17th. Details and reports in next month's issue.

Club President William Sanford wants to start a **registry of classic Mustangs** for movie and TV producers. If you're

interested in seeing your baby in a movie, TV show, music video, call William.

Club T-shirts are for sale. Call Delores Scott or Susan Sanford for details.

MCMC now has a Post Office Box. It's P.O. Box 22026, Nashville, TN 37202.