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25th Anniversary



This month marks the 25th anniversary of our club's founding. Like most car clubs, we have went through our ups and downs but managed to make it through it all. The following pages document some of the events and changes that our club has went through in the early years of the club.

On a cold and snowy night in November of 1986, there was a meeting held at the Chuck-e-Cheese in St. Charles to see if there was enough interest in forming an all Ford car club. The club was eventually named "Fords Unlimited". As I pulled into the parking lot, I noticed a white with blue stripped '66 Shelby GT-350 sitting in the parking lot covered with icy road sludge and ice cycles hanging off of it. Close to the end of the meeting, I was introduced to Neal Ketchum. Neal and Dorothy Ketchum were the founders of our club. I commented that some guy had a Shelby sitting out in the lot covered with ice and snow. Of course, to my embarrassment, I found out that it was Neal's. He explained to me that if he was going to own one, he was sure going to drive it. Unfortunately, Neal passed away in January of 2000. Dorothy is still contributing to our club as she takes care of the bank statements, club rosters and mailing labels.

Neal and Dorothy contacted the national organization, Shelby Owners of America, and asked if we could pattern a local club after theirs. Our club was able to use their bylaws and insurance. Over the first several years, the Ketchums logged many hours keeping the club active and setting the groundwork that would last for the next 25 years.

In those early years, we continually searched for a meeting place. By mid '87, Ford Motor Company allowed us to use the salaried lunch room at the old Hazelwood Assembly Plant for our meet-



ings. It was roomy and quiet, but the only food available was from the vending machines.

Our first newsletter was published on June 24, 1987 (shown to the right was our first page one.) It consisted of two pages. In the pre-computer era, it was done pecking on the old typewriter. The first page had club news and the second was made up of ads for parts and cars. Gary Burch took on the thankless job of newsletter editor which he kept until February of 1995.

Also in June, our club participated in the first Mineral Area Mustang Club show. The show was held in Flat River, now known as Park Hills. Some familiar names who attended were Bill Bufka, Neal Ketchum, Ron Schodroski and Mark Hiatt.

Our first car show was held on August 1st, 1987 at the Terry Fisher Ford dealership on St. Charles Rock Road. I will pick up some of the editorial coverage

from our newsletter from that era. "The temperature was 102 degrees with a heat factor of 115 degrees. Fortunately for us this didn't keep the Ford enthusiasts away. We had 91 entries including cars from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois and of course Missouri. We had twenty classes and handed out 62 trophies including sponsors choice and long distance." Boy, how we have grown. Our 2011 show featured 47 classes, 229 entries and close to 150 trophies.

That was the only year that our show was held at a dealership. For the next two years, we headed for the shade of the campus of Lindenwood College. In 1990, the show was moved to MacDonnell Park where it has remained.

Our 1987 year ended with many club activities completed. Our members participated in the Show-Me Mustang Club show, the old Mineral Area Mustang Club show, the Yates Ford show, the Southern Illinois Mustang Association show, the National Convention of S.O.A., the SAAC National Convention, our first club picnic, the St. Charles Jaycees Beach Party display, the GTO/Fords Unlimited dragrace challenge, the nostalgia drags held at M.A.R., the Roaring Thirties Club show, the Ford plant car display and a couple of other local shows.

In 1988, as usual, the car show was an ongoing project. The date had been set for a two day event to be held on





June 18-19 and we moved the show to Lindenwood College (now Lindenwood University) to avoid the excessive heat that we had had the previous year. We were again selling raffle tickets to help support our car show.

In February our club toured the Hazelwood Assembly plant. In those days, they were only producing AeroStar vans.

By March, we had moved our meeting location to Rosemarie's Restaurant on Dunn Road in North County. That month it was announced that Mid-America Mustang and Pundmann Ford were to be the major sponsors for our car show.

Our support of the Show-Me Mustang Club started at their beginning show and was on our schedule again this year. Fourteen of our members were in attendance at this April show.

In May, some of our members attended the Gateway Falcon Club car show held at Noah's Ark while some members were able to make the trip to Tulsa for the SAAC car show.

June was a very busy month for our club. Besides our car show, we attended the Mineral Area Mustang Club's show on the 4th. The Hazelwood assembly plant featured an open house on June 12th and our club was asked to display our cars. On the 26th, many members of our club headed west to Fulton, Missouri to participate in the Central Missouri Mustang Club's all Ford show.



Our show had grown from our first year. With participation in the mid-130's and lots of shade at Lindenwood, the show was a great success. We had increased the number of classes to 29 and the changes were well received.

To finish off the summer activities, our club had challenged the GTO club to a grudge match at Gateway International. Although we had went down to defeat the previous year, we were victorious this year. Our Parts Shelf department of our newsletter featured a '67 Mustang fastback, completely restored featuring a 302 engine and factory air. The asking price was \$5,500. I would imagine that it would be worth four times that amount now.

In October, the club headed through the wilds of Missouri, past the

river locks and sky lift of Clarksville, to Hannibal for our Fall Color Tour. This is a tradition that has followed each year for our club, although the location changes from year to year.

In November, our membership meeting was held at Pantera's on Natural Bridge. That was to be the last meeting there as we were moving to Isabelle's Restaurant in Bridgeton. In those years, it seemed that when we moved our meeting to a new restaurant, it was the "kiss of death" as so many went out of business after we located there. New board members elected that month included Bill Bufka, and Gary Burch. Our group also ventured to the local Funny Bone for a night out.

In December, our club had a Christmas dinner/dance that featured the then unknown band called "Butch Wax and the Hollywood's". A decision was made that month to move our '89 show to August 12-13.

Our year in 1989 started like all of the years preceding and up to the present. The car show has always seemed to be an all year planning event. Neal Ketchum was named the car show chairman and raffle tickets were being sold to defray the show expenses. The first prize was a Las Vegas trip.

Spring had arrived and we had moved our meetings to Larry G's after Isabelle's Restaurant went out of business. Our club participated in the Show-Me Mustang car show. This year it was held at Terry Fisher Ford. Later in the month, we headed south to Sam Schism Ford in Flat River for the Mineral Area Mustang Club's all Ford show. Some of our members ventured to Tulsa Oklahoma for Mid-America Shelby convention.



Also that Spring, our club participated in a Ford Display at Duquoin State Park in Illinois at the Street Machine Nationals. About a dozen of our members attended spending a very busy day viewing the thousands of street machines.

In June we headed west to Tower Ford in Fulton Missouri for the

Central Missouri Mustang Club's car show. Some of our members who went home with trophies were Ron Schodroski, Neal Ketchum, Dorothy Ketchum, Terry Koch, Syl Biermann and Jim Biermann.

July proved to be another busy month for our club. We attended the Chuck-A-Burger 25th anniversary celebration, the grand opening of the Florissant Performance Center and ended the month with a trip to Alton Illinois for the Southern Illinois Mustang Association's Mustang and Ford show.

In August we had some familiar names as new members. That month's inductees included Jack Anderson, Dan Jones and Chad Layton, son of your editor. Of course the big event of the month was our 3rd annual car show. This was to be the last year that our show was to be held at Lindenwood College. Club winners that day included Jim Biermann, Syl Biermann, Jack Greiwe, Bill Bufka and Bob Layton. We had 130 cars and trucks in attendance that warm afternoon.

Our October club picnic was held Blanchette Park in St. Charles. Later in the month our club channeled through the Missouri hills and valleys to the settings of Herman Missouri. Our club had met at Noah's Ark in St. Charles for this scenic trip.

Although probably somewhat unnoticed at the time, a very important member joined our club in November. Jeff Hohl became a member and has been an very important part of Fords Unlimited ever since. That month we elected a new board of directors that included current members, Jack Greiwe and Mike McDougal.

In those early years our club held a Christmas party each year. This years event was held at Noah's Ark in St. Charles. That evening a plaque was presented to Marilyn and Gary Burch for all of their contributions throughout the year.

1990 started out with a tour of the Ford Assembly Plant in Hazelwood. This was to be one of several times that we would the tour the plant.

By March, we were on the move again as we moved our meetings to Denny's on Dorsett. That month we again visited the Funny Bone Comedy Club at Westport Plaza.

The nomads that we were, we again moved our membership meetings. We were again at Noah's Ark in April.

In May we visited Sam Schism Ford again for their car show. Members who are still with club that won that afternoon included Jeff Hohl, Jack Greiwe, Jim Biermann and Bob Layton.

June brought our annual trip to

Fulton for the Central Missouri Mustang's car show. That day it was so hot that the freshly laid asphalt started melting.

Our car show was again an August event but we had moved to J.S. McDonnell Park in St. Ann. The show had grown to 154 entrees and 23 of our members went home with trophies including 9 current members. Terry Koch won the shows 50-50 taking home \$124. That month, current member, William Cole joined the club.

The Ketchums graciously hosted the club picnic at their O'Fallon home in September. Lots of egg tossing and great food were available. Again on the move, we were holding our membership meetings at Miss Sherri's on Manchester.

In October our club headed south to Elephant Rock State



Park. This was one of our prettiest Fall color tours with great weather and lots of color that year.

November brought our election of our new board of directors. This was Jeff Hohl's first tour on the board. Even though he is known as the "Voice of Fords Unlimited", Syl Biermann was very active in our clubs leadership roles in those early years as he is now.

Our most memorable Christmas party was the one in 1990. That December evening started with some freezing rain and ice and then four inches of snow to top it off. As most of our members were slipping and sliding to the Westport Ramada Inn, we all felt that we were the only ones crazy enough to be in attendance. Surprisingly, most who signed up, showed up. Somehow, the inclement weather made the night more special.

In January of 1991, we were meeting at Larry G's for the time being. Our car show was the main event and Jeff Hohl had been named as car show co-chairman. Current members on the board of directors included Syl Biermann and Jeff Hohl.

By March, we were moving again. Our meetings were being held at Buster Murphy's off of Dorsett. Neal and Dorothy Ketchum had a furnace explosion at their home, but fortunately no one was hurt and the club records only suffered smoke damage, but lots of other damage was done.

In April, a very important member was brought into our club. Cindy Ahrens had joined and eventually became a club board member, club secretary and

an irreplaceable part of our club and car show.



Some of our group gathered for a photo at the close of the Mineral Area Mustang Club's show in '91. Seven of the participants are still current members.

In May, our club met with the Boone Trail Corvette Club for some serious drag racing. We kicked tail as we were victorious with a 12 and 4 record. Later in the month, we headed to Flat River for the Mineral Area Show with 14 of our members in attendance and 11 taking home trophies. We also took home the club participation money.

June had our club participating in the Show-Me show and the Central Missouri Mustang show. We took home the participation money at the latter show.

Our largest car show to date was held on August 18th. With 30 classes available, the show drew 165 entrees. The MacDonnell Park facility proved to be a great place for a car show.

The September club picnic was held at Neal and Dorothy Ketchum's home and featured a road rally. The first place winners were Jeff and Norma Hohl with the Burch's bringing home the third place trophy. That month, we also had a race challenge with the GTO club but went down to defeat this time.

Our October color tour took us north through Clarksville and later into Illinois to Pere Marquette Park, to Alton and then back home.

This year, our Christmas party was held at St. Andrew's Restaurant on Bayless. A new club logo was introduced that highlighted the club name in a more obvious way.

By 1992 we had a new board of directors that included current member, Jeff Hohl.

In March, our club had raised our dues from \$10 to \$12. That was the first increase in dues since our founding.

We headed to Illinois in April to take part in the Shiloh Valley Mustang Association's second car show. Jeff Hohl's Shelby replica took home a first place trophy as it always seemed to do.

June had it's usual run of car shows and we again added to our treasury by winning the club participation from

the Mineral Area Show. Ron Schodroski did manage to win the 50-50 drawing at the Show-Me show.

An all day rain was our July event as we headed to Alton Illinois for the Southern Illinois Mustang Associations 15th annual car show. Most of that day was spent inside the Ford dealers garage and showroom.

Our August 15th car show had an important change. Due to a scheduling snafu with the St. Louis County Parks Department, we had to change our show to a Saturday. Everyone thought that this would be the "kiss of death" for our show, but we had the largest turnout of our then short history. We had 172 entrees on a day that started out with temperatures in the mid 50's and topped out in the low 70's.

Later in the month, our club participated in the All Ford Summer Nationals that was held at the now defunct Mid-America Raceways in Wentzville Missouri.

In September, members of our club headed to the American Roadhouse car cruise held in St. Charles. The restaurant is now known as JJ's.

By October, we had moved our meetings again. We were now at Ryan's Steakhouse off of St. Charles Rock Road and Highway 270. Our Fall Color Tour took us to Jefferson City and then back scenic Highway 94 with a stop at a winery on our way home. This was our longest tour as we had left early in the morning and got home way after dark.

Our club logo had again changed as we had dropped out of the *Shelby Owners of America* and needed to drop that part of our logo.

In 1992, our Christmas banquet was held at Noah's Ark in St. Charles. Jeff Hohl was our master of ceremonies and Ron Schodroski won the largest part of the 50-50 drawing.

As always, our car show was front stage as our 1993 year started. This years board of directors included Bob Layton as a first time board member. New member, Jim Steiner joined our club.

In May, our club was featured at the American Roadhouse car cruise in St. Charles. We displayed 15 cars and Cindy Ahrens went home with \$62 in 50-50 money.

Also that month, we made important changes. We had again moved our meetings. We were now at Berrie's Subs on Dorsett. We would remain there, for better or worse, for many years. May was the month that we implemented our current points system. The best news is that Jeff Hohl had introduced Mendenhall Re-

builders as a major sponsor of our car show.

Our trip to the Show-Me Mustang Club's car show was a precursor of



things to come. The show featured rain which turned out to be the theme of the year. 1993 was the year of the great flood and impacted many of our events from then on that year.

In August, we again participated the All Ford Summer Nationals held at Mid-America Raceways. During those years, our club had a racing contingent.

The flood did impair our '93 car show. Our attendance had dropped to 155



entries. Some things are just more important than a car show. The good news is that we had introduced, thanks to George Adams, the Fairlane Club of America's Midwest Mini-Meet to our show.

September brought our annual club picnic that was again held at the Ketchum home.

In October, a car show was held at the Ford Assembly Plant combined with the introduction of the new 1994 Mustang. We had eight cars on display.

Also that month, we again raced our way to victory as we had met the challenge of the Gateway GTO club. Current members participating were Jeff Hohl, Don Branson, Rich Mitchell and Terry Koch.

In November, our club was asked to display a classic Mustang at Dave Sinclair Ford for the introduction of the 1994 Mustang. We really couldn't find a volunteer so your editor displayed his 1966 Mustang with other vintage Mustangs.

Our last Christmas Party was held at Noah's Ark. It was decided that in the future we would hold an awards banquet in January.

In 1994 our board of directors included three current members. They were Jim Biermann, Jeff Hohl and Bob Layton. Our Points winners from the previous year were announced and the top five winners included, from first place, were Jeff Hohl, Jack Greiwe, Neal Ketchum, Gary Burch, and Ron Schodroski.

Jeff Hohl and Bob Layton had volunteered to be our car show co-chairmen and plans were underway for

our 8th annual car show. Classes were set. We had dropped the daily driver classes and added a Cobra replica class. Registration was still \$10 that year. There would be 33 classes for our '94 show.

The summer started with our usual trips to the Show-Me and Mineral car club's shows. The Fords Unlimited Drag Team again participated in the Summer Ford National's at Mid America Raceways. Winners included current members, Don Branson, Jeff Hohl, and Rich Mitchell.



In July, our club was asked at the last minute to have club cars photographed to be featured on the front page of the St. Charles Suburban Journals. Six of our members cars fronted these papers in full color.

Our car show turned out to be the most successful show in our 8 year history. Our turnout was 200 cars and trucks. This proved to be a magic number that we were not able to surpass for many years.

By Fall, our upcoming elections were the important news along with the planning of our first Awards Banquet that was to be held in January of 1995.

Our 1995 board of directors included Jim Biermann, Jeff Hohl, Jack Greiwe, and Ron Schodroski. Our first Awards Banquet was held at Stegton's Regency in St. Charles. Jeff and Norma Hohl did all of the leg work on this important event for our club. The Points winners from 1994 were announced and they were Jim Kinzel, Terry Koch, Gary Burch, Mike McDougal, and Ron Schodroski.

After eight years of service, our newsletter editor, Gary Burch resigned from that position. Bob Layton took over as the temporary editor until a new one was found. Unfortunately, no one was and the position became permanent.

March brought in new member, Dan Jones. Mike McDougal introduced his new project. He had turned the family 1980 Fairmont Futura into a 460 cubed, fire breathing Pro-Street car.

By April, the club invested in its future by purchasing a computer. Club founder and computer expert, Neal Ketchum, had did some shopping and purchased the system for under \$1,200 which was a bargain in 1995. In our April newsletter, Terry Koch was selling his 70,000 mile 1970 BOSS 302 for \$15,000.

Them were the days!!!!

We made our annual trips to the Show-Me and Mineral cars shows. The Mineral Area show held at Sam Scism Ford had an all day rain that year. It was noted that their club had rain at seven of their nine car shows held at that location.



This year, the Fairlane Club of America held their Nationals in St. Louis along with a cruise at BigFoot 4x4 and eleven of our members participated. Club member, George Adams was chairman of the FCA show.

The day of our car show proved to be one of the worst weather wise. Although we did not have rain, the very hot and muggy day saw a drop in our show attendance with only 156 entrees. Even the shade of MacDonnell Park did little to help.

In August, our club participated in the St. Peters Lions Club show. We had sponsored two classes and some of our members helped work at the show.

The Mineral Area club put on a second show that year at Reuther Ford. This was to become the "Three Amigo's" show.

September was another busy month for our club. The Fords Unlimited Drag Team took on the Boonetrail Corvette Club at MAR. As we usually did, we came out victorious winning 14 of 21 runs.

The Fall had two of our members showing off new rides. Jim Biermann had purchased his '96 black Mustang GT droptop. It was used as a daily driver only. Mike McDougal had been restoring a '86 Mustang GT. The black beauty was also a daily driver but was show quality.

Our drag team continued to flourish as we took on the local GTO club and went away a winner again.

Our October Fall Color tour took us to Meramec State Park. We used this site for several years and were blessed with great weather each year.



Nominations were made for our '96 board of directors and plans were underway for our Awards Banquet.

Our 1996 Awards Banquet was again held at Stegton's in St. Charles. All of our ten winners that year are members still in the club. All five of our new board of



directors are current members also. They included, Cindy Ahrens, Gary Burch, Jack Greiwe, Mike McDougal, and Ron Schodroski.

In February, our club again toured the Hazelwood Assembly Plant. The turnout was outstanding with over 60 members and family in attendance. In those years, the plant was producing both Aerostars and Explorers. Jack Greiwe had arranged the tour.

Late May and early June is usually a rainy time and it again affected the Show-Me car show. On a very rainy day, our club only had two members in attendance, by far our lowest turnout for this show. On the other hand, the Mineral Area show had a beautiful day and our club showed up in force and some of our members even got involved with the creeper races.

Our club became more involved in the St. Peters Lions Club's charity car show. That year, besides sponsoring two classes, Neal Ketchum provided all of the needed forms, Jeff Hohl classified the cars and Syl Biermann became the "Voice of the St. Peters Lions Car Show". Other members helped park cars and count ballots. Bob Layton was chairman of the Lions event and greatly appreciated the club's involvement.

Our tenth anniversary show rebounded from the previous year and had 172 entrees. The weather was great for a Missouri summer and our member participation was outstanding. The winner of the 4x4 truck class was future member, Mark Lazzareschi. That year, we gave event T-Shirts to the first 150 entrees and basically to anyone who wanted one.



In September, our club was again challenged by the GTO club with the usual results as the Fords Unlimited Drag Team was victorious again.

Our Fall Color Tour took us to Meramec State Park again. Our pavilion was located right next to the river and members did some wading and fishing that day. Jack and Lynda Greiwe set up the cruise/picnic for our club that year.

The winter months saw the nominations for our '97 board of directors and the planning of our Awards Banquet. Plans were already underway for our following years events.

Our new board of directors for 1997 included Jeff Hohl, Gary Burch, Jim and Syl Biermann, and Mike McDougal. We held our Awards Banquet again at Pio's in St. Charles with Jeff Hohl winning

the Point competition from the previous year.



Our late winter tour was held at the St. Louis car Museum. We all headed for dinner afterwards.

The Mineral Area Mustang held their annual rain show in June. That club should have been rain makers. The highlight of the month was a new member, Mark Lazzareschi, who has been a pillar of the club ever since. The first Wheels in Motion show was also held that month. That year show goes met at Blanchette Park in St. Charles and then paraded to the parking lot of the Golden Rod showboat. The show raises money for kids with cancer.

In July, our members worked the SCCA races at Gateway International Raceway. This was the second time that we had worked at the event. We were paid \$200 each time we helped out. Also that month Jeff Dugo joined the club. Jeff owned a '67 Cougar at that time.

Our car show was held in August that year. This was the first year that we had a special segment of our show for late model Mustangs. That year it was called "Fabulous 5.0's" and was sponsored by the old Gateway 5.0 Mustang Club. We had 174 entrees that year. Our club also participated in the St. Peters Lions Club show that month.

In October, we held our color tour at Meramec State Park. We always had great weather at that park. We also made a trip to Noah's Ark for the Gateway Falcon Club all Ford show. We had completed our work schedule at the SCCA races for the year. We made a total of \$600 for our efforts. We had learned that the Mineral Area Mustang Club had decided that they would not hold any more shows at Scism Ford. Their turnout was always disappointing due mostly to the consistent rain.

In 1998, our board of directors was filled with many familiar names that included Syl Biermann, Bill Bufka, Jeff Hohl, Neal Ketchum, and Bob Layton. It was decided early in the year that we needed new meeting locations for both our board and membership meetings. Our

Awards Banquet was held at Pio's restaurant in St. Charles and Bob Layton won the points race honors that evening. Co-chairmen for our show had been named. They were Jeff Hohl and Bob Layton.

By February, our club had dropped out of Shelby Owners of America. They were no longer able to provide insurance for our show and we did not have much local involvement with that organization. This also required a logo change.

We finally found a new meeting place for our board meeting. We were then meeting at Fuddrucker's. Thanks to Jack Greiwe, we were able to move our membership meetings to Hatfield's and McCoy's and our member turnout more than tripled.



Our first "Blue Cruise" was held in June. That year, co-hosts included the Show-Me Mustang club and the old Gateway 5.0 club.

Our finest moment of all our car shows may have been our rain show in '98. That day, it rained early morning, throughout the day and it never stopped. We had to move what was left of the show to the other side of the park as to have more pavement to park our cars. But even with the terrible weather, we were able to register 78 cars and trucks and the vast majority of our participants made the best of the soggy day.



In late September, the Gateway Falcon Club held their annual car show. With our great turnout, we were able to take home the club participation money. Donna Layton's '92 LX droptop was purchased from that show and she then became a member.

Our color tour was held again at Meramec State Park. Eric Hohl was able to show off his recently purchased '90 LX. The now tangerine Mustang was all stock back then. Syl and Judy Biermann were the tour organizers that year. We also finished our last SCCA race for the year. Our club had worked three races in '98 and with the loss of revenue from our rain show, the income was a welcome addition to our depleted treasury.



For 1999, our board of directors included Jim Biermann, Bill Bufka, Jeff Dugo, Mark Lazzareschi and Bob Layton. Our Awards Banquet was held at Pio's in St. Charles and we truly had an overflow crowd as we had to turn some members away.

In February, our club was able to schedule another tour of the Ford Hazelwood Assembly Plant. This was always a popular event.

March events included our late winter tour with another trip to the St. Louis Car Museum. Club member, Jim Steiner, announced to our club that he would be running the car cruises held at Copperuz's Restaurant in Florissant.

April was the start of our SCCA race schedule. Unfortunately, our first race day was rainy and cold but our members hung in there.

Our second annual "Blue Cruise" was held in June. That year, we had four clubs involved that included the Show-Me Mustang Club, the Gateway Falcon Club, the Gateway 5.0 Club and our club. Due to the foul weather, the participant turnout was small.

The summer heat was prevalent at our July car show. That afternoon the temperature reached 99 degrees with a heat index of 107. The good news is that the sales of bottled water were brisk. The heat and humidity hurt the turn-



25th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate our 25th anniversary with a trip to Cahokia Mounds followed by a trip to Ravanelli's Restaurant for a late lunch. We will meet at Visitation Academy located at Ballas Road and Hwy 40/64 at 9:15 and leave at 9:30 am. From there we will caravan to the Mounds. We are scheduled for a movie at 11 am. There is a small donation requested for the movie but this is not mandatory. We will leave the Mounds around 12:45 pm and head to the restaurant. We will bring some of the historic club memorabilia to reminisce. We will need a head count so we can let Ravanelli's know how many to set up for. This will be a club event for points.

out somewhat, but we did manage 170 entrees.

Our summer also included trips to the Show-Me Mustang Club show, the St. Peters Lions Club show, some members participating in the St. Peters Olde Tyme picnic parade and the Three Amigo's car show in Arnold.

By September, we were again at the Gateway Falcon Club car show and managed to take home the club participation money again. That month, Vern and Jamie Anderson joined our club.

Our Fall Color Tour took us through West County down Hwy. 44 to the St. Alban's com-

plex, through Washington Missouri, and back up Hwy. 94 with a stop at the Mount Pleasant Winery and ending at the St. Peters Lions Club for our picnic. The day was sunny but cool and we welcomed the warmth of the Lions Club building.

By December, plans were already under way for our 2000 car show and the scheduling of many of the upcoming year's events. All in all, the nineties ended on a positive note.

In the decades plus since these early years, our club has been blessed with great leadership with both our club and car show.

As we start our next 25 years, the lessons that we have learned in our first 25 years, will help guide us for many more successful years.



Odds & Ends

This is your second notice on dues. You will be delinquent at the end of next month. Your dues are \$20 and your check should be made out to "Fords Unlimited". Send to Fords Unlimited, 14 Flagstone Lane, St. Peters, MO 63376-1528. Thanks.

Club secretary, Cindy Ahrens recently had a knee replacement. She is missed. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are now taking reservations for our 2012

Awards Banquet that will be held on January 21st. The cost will be \$12 per adult, 11 and over, kids 4 to 10 are \$5 and kids under 3 are free. A check for your party is required as a reservation. Details will be posted in future newsletters.

As of press time, we are still accepting nominations for our 2012 board of directors. Board members will serve a two year term. If interested, please contact Syl Biermann at 636-395-5003.

Our 50-50 winner at our October meeting was Barb Giese. Barb won \$33 which she donated to our toy drive. Thanks Barb.



Fall Color Tour

On October 16th, our club headed to the Columbia Conservation Area to start our Fall Color Tour. First we viewed the confluence of the mighty Mississippi and Missouri rivers from the Missouri side and then we headed to Hartford Illinois to the Lewis & Clark Towers to take the view from 150 feet above.

From there we headed up Highway 3, through Grafton to Pere Marquette State Park for our picnic along the riverfront. What a day! The weather was outstanding for mid-October, except for the strong wind gusts during our dinner.

Our dinner included pork steaks and chicken breasts and many, many fantastic side dishes and deserts. As usual, we do the food things so well. Special thanks to Syl Biermann and Bill Giese for setting up the tour, to Donna Layton for preparing the club supplied mostaccolli, to our chiefs, Syl and Jim Biermann, and Ron Schodroski and to our families for such a great day.



Club Events

November 2nd

Board of Directors Meeting

@ Sybergs-7pm

November 5th

25th Anniversary Celebration

November 9th

Membership Meeting

@ Spazio's-7pm

(Board elections this night)

We have started our annual Toy Drive. Get into the holiday spirit by donating one or two **unwrapped** toys that will be donated to the Marines "Toys for Tots" campaign. If it would be easier, we will accept cash donations and do some serious Christmas shopping. We would like to have all donations in place by the end of November as the Marines will want their donations in early December so they can get the toys distributed. Starting last month, the clubs half of the 50-50's from our membership meetings has been donated to this cause.

Anyone having any donations should bring them to the membership meetings or contact Bob Layton or Jim Biermann to make arrangements.



PARTS & EVENTS



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CARS FOR SALE

1962 Fairlane Futura. 4 door, clean title. It runs but needs a gas tank, tires and battery. Would trade for labor/parts for my 1960 wagon. Negotiable. Car is located in High Ridge.

Chris.Schroeder@energizer.com Cell 314-974-0193. Work 314-985-2434.

1950 Ford Sedan. Chopped 2 1/2 inches. Elec. Sunroof, rolling chassis, IL title. \$2,500. 205-388-0560.

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1954 Mercury Monterey Sun Valley. Original engine & trans. Ready for restoration. Good title. \$7,000 or OBO. 816-820-5257.

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For Sale. 1965 Mustang. GTA A code 2+2 project car. Lou @ loubewig@fidnet.com

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PARTS FOR SALE

For Sale. 4 like new '05 to '09 stock Mustang wheels 18x8.5. Lou @ loubewig@fidnet.com

For Sale. 17" 5 spoke mags & lug nuts. P235/55x17. Pirellis ZR rated. \$1,100. royce-basnett@sbcglobal.net

For Sale. (4) 16" Wheels & Tires for Fox

4 lug Mustang. (4) 16x8, 5-spoke wheels w/(4) 225-55R16 tires, \$500 OBO. 636-240-5189 Cell 314-422-2623.

For Sale. Lear Fiberglass flat cover for Ranger 6 ft. bed. Like new. Ford Torch Red. Make offer. Call Mark-home-636-240-5189. Cell-314-422-2623.

For Sale. Lettering for bumper covers for late Fox bodied Mustangs. Black, brand new. \$8 per set. Bob @ 636-397-4487 or mickie6t6@netzero.com

For Sale. Two Mack I wheels with factory center caps, \$150. Set of 4 17x9 Tech Monoblock wheels w/Kumho V700 275x40ZR17 Victoracer \$500. Small block Ford front sump oil pan, blasted & painted, \$40. Gary Burch @ 636-575-3376.

For Sale. Parts for a 2000 Mustang GT. GT engine & 5spd. Trans. Also Hypertech Tuner & K&N Cold Air intake. Fiberglass Cobra Front Bumper cover. Will take \$900 for all. 618-604-1970.

AREA EVENTS

November 5th. Fords Unlimited's 25th anniversary celebration. Details on page 6 of this newsletter. **Club event.**

January 21st. Fords Unlimited annual Awards Banquet to be held at the Airport Holiday Inn. Details to follow. **Club event.**

July 29th, 2012. Fords Unlimited's 26th annual car show to be held at J.S. McDonnell Park. 48 classes. Details to follow. Club event.

Our monthly membership meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except January at Spazio's, 12031 Lackland Road, Maryland Heights, MO. Phone number is 314-576-0488. Please call Spazio's to check on weather related meeting cancellations.

Our board of directors meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at Sybergs which is located at the NE corner of Highway 270 and Dorsett Road. Check with any board member on weather related cancellations.

All meetings start at 7 pm.



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