

THE GALLOPING GAZETTE

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CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB

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President's Message

Hello Members,

Well, the Father's Day mall show at Virginia Center Commons is just around the corner. At this time, I have 13 cars signed up for the show. If a couple more of you are interested, please let me know. I'd like to put 15 cars in the show if at all possible.

I will be meeting with the folks at V.C.C. on June 2, to finalize the details for the mall show, and getting a general idea how they want to place us. So that I can fill you all in at the meeting.

For those of you not at last months meeting. The club is going to have a raffle at our September show. We will have tickets available for members to pick up and sell at the meeting on Wednesday. 1st prize will be a homemade quilt made by Marie Wheeling (Nellie's grandmother). 2nd and 3rd prize will be a \$100.00 and \$50.00 Gift Certificates from Midas Muffler and Brake on Hull Street. All prize are being donated to the club, so we can raise money to help pay for the trophies and other expenses generated by our fall show.

I would appreciate everyones participation in this and the three members that sell the most tickets will receive a prize.

Also at the last meeting, the decision was made that all awards, trophies, certificates, etc. won and received by the club since it began will be kept in the possession of the current President. Anyone in possession of these awards, please bring them to the next meeting or contact me so arrangements can be made to have them picked up. The purpose of this is to make one person responsible for getting these awards to our show so they can be displayed.

Thats all for now. Everyone please come to the meeting and pick up your tickets.

Until then, Kevin



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**



May 6, 1992 Minutes

The May meeting of the CVMC was called to order by the President, Kevin Kean at 7:40 pm.

- Kevin introduced Lee Gray to talk about the car show at Hermitage to raise funds for the band to go to Pasadena for the rose bowl parade. They are going to have cans to collect votes. The person who collects the most money wins a trophy. He is trying to get one of the NASCAR cars there, and Channel 12 will be there to broadcast.
- Kevin reported that Donna Seay had to step down from the Secretary's position. Brenda Jones has been mentioned to take over, and was elected by the membership.
- Kenny advised the club members of upcoming car shows.
- current membership was 59 paid members. +4 new that joined at the meeting
- Monte mentioned that Merchants Tire on Hull Street (Genito) shop there would be a car show on May 23, reg. fee \$5.00
- The club welcomed visitor Bob Corder and new members Rich Bobb, Timmie Morrison, Mack Hawkins, and Tom Barnett.
- Al had gotten all the information to send to the magazines.
- Nellie has merchandise to sell, T-shirts, hats, etc. Also needs info. for the newsletter.
- Steve Smith talked about the Cruise to Chesapeake Auto show Sunday May 17th and told about the Cruise to Bill's this Saturday.
- Carroll mentioned that May 9, is the Armstrong Drug Abuse parade. He also said that we, the club, took first in the Azalea parade.
- Cheryl and Holly asked for suggestions about having a picnic or party. No other report.
- Bonnie brought the CVMC scrapbooks for viewing.
- Monte went over the Nascar record 13 for Fords. All but 4 tickets have been sold. He also mentioned about having a training session for judging. Monte gave us some trivia.
- Kevin announced that the car show will be Sept. 19, 1992- at Virginia Center Commons. Vendors and PA system is Welcome. They are possibly going to donate a people's choice and best of show trophy. He feels that this may be a permanent location for our show. The mall is working with some of the radio stations for a remote. The club will do an inside mall show at Va Center Commons, Father's day weekend they go in June 18 and come out June 21. Richmond Ford will have an Appreciation Day. - [Break called]
- Kevin mentioned after break about trophies that the club has won. They will be put in the hands of the current President.
- Gene gave the Treasurer's report balance of \$455.58. Insurance will run around \$400.00. This will essentially wipe the revenue out. Ideas to raise money- car wash, 50/50 raffle, photos of cars, yard sale, and contact local malls about shows.?
- Raffles were given
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Secretary, Brenda Jones

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting May 3, 1992

- Certificate of Ins.- no longer accepted fax or phone calls, all notices must be made in writing.
- Discussed Donna's personal dilemma of being Secretary of the club. She new job prevents her from attending all the meetings. An appointment of a new secretary by the membership will be needed.
- Set up a club display of all trophies. Kevin proposed that all trophies that the club has won and the correspondence to be put in the hands of the acting president.
- Fall show at Va. Center Commons -Sept. 19, 1992. Still talking with heads there.
- All Ford Day July 11, 1992 at ACCA Temple.
- Steve brought up cruise.
- Carroll talked about parades
- Gene said that the state corp. commission has a form that needs to be updated and he presented a financial statement.
- Nellie discussed the newsletter cost and the board awarded her with \$75.00 (for two month) petty cash fund rather than take the money out of her pocket.
- Al was working on sending out information on the clubs show and to make us known to magazines.

******In this article, "RC" stands for "RACING CHAMPION", and "DOT" stand for "DAYS OF THUNDER."*******

The Racing Champion cars started appearing late 1989, early 1990. Racing Champion was the first to manufacture die-cast "real race" cars other than the limited efforts of ERTL and MATCHBOX. I believe RC is one of the ones that can be credited with setting the racing collectable industry on fire! RC has gone through many changes since their meager beginning.

The first RC releases were the "flat bottom" set of six cars. That original release included Earnhardt, Elliott, L. Pearson, D. Allison, M. Waltrip and Marlin. Late in 1990 an additional 10 cars were released. These early 16 cars are the Series I cars and are the most desirable of any RC cars.

Series II was released in 1991. A packaging change easily distinguishes the two series apart. In addition a packaging change occurred during Series II production. Dale Earnhardt's photograph and car was removed from the back of the package and replaced with Richard Petty. Hence, the third packages are referred to as the "PETTY BACKS." With Series II the wonderful quality RC was known for went out the door. RC geared up production to meet demand and quality was overlooked. Most Series II cars had so many flaws, that it appeared as most cars had been involved in speedway accidents. A good quality Series II RC car is hard to find, almost rare.

Also with Series II came multiple variations, which many feel was done on purpose to increase demand even more. In addition it appears that a fourth packaging change is in the works. I feel RC took a steady slide down after production of the EXXON DOT cars. A definite difference in quality can be seen prior to the DOT cars.

Too many variations on the same cars, lowers the value of an item because too many variations makes the value of an item too hard to keep up with. Also, if each variation has about the same amount available, no separate variation will be worth more. Some RC cars had as many as seven variations last year. When compounded with the number of different cars and different scale sizes available, and multiple variations in each, this can be overwhelming.

In addition, It appears that RC gives independent dealers first crack at new releases with a six week headstart over major department stores. If a dealer has a new release at an inflated price, you will be able to get this same item in the department stores for around \$1.50 in about six weeks. Dealers are still telling folks cars are rare and won't be available. They know in six weeks time from the date of release that your local department store will have all you could want. They want you to buy their overpriced stock before you realize they are available at a cheaper price. Cars available in department stores are plentiful and are not usually rare or a good investment. Even though RC will not release production figures, it is estimated from reliable sources that over 750 million RC cars were imported in 1991 alone. There appear to be as many or more RC cars imported already this year. Remember RC is a business and their goal is to make money. At this time, very few RC cars have limited production figures.

Be very cautious of clubs that are formed only to sell you items they produce or market. There are several that deal in RC products. These clubs tell you that only members will be able to buy their items. These clubs are out to make a profit. They will accept as many members as apply and they will produce as many items as they think they can sell. A lot of these clubs have gone bankrupt and members have paid for items they will never see. Others have opened sales to non-members at the membership price after collecting very high membership fees from its members. I luckily had contacts to steer me away from these clubs.

My best picks for Racing Champion products are: the flat bottom cars; any Series I cars and haulers; first JC Penny set with RC case; first Sears set with B/W Davey, BL/W Kyle; 1991 Bill Elliott Ford Motorsport Combo Set, 1991 Ford Motorsport 1/64 car set; 1/24 Bobby Hillin/Mellow Yellow; Rob Morso, Series I only, Exxon DOT cars, Bill Elliott Red Coors no stripe, B. Elliott Coors Light Strip in number/door, and any Earnhardt item. Most of these were produced prior to the Exxon DOT cars. As far as I am concerned most other RC cars are only toys, and should be treated as such.

The Series II and current RC cars are great buys if you buy them for your own personal enjoyment and do not buy them for an investment value. Some of my most valuable items were bought because I liked the driver, etc., and not because I was looking for an investment. However, if you buy the RC cars thinking you have even a good investment, you should check out other types of racing memorabilia.

A FEW THOUGHTS AND WORDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank Brenda Jones for stepping in and taking over my secretary duties in my absence.

With my mother's recent illness and my new career responsibilities, I find that I cannot devote the same amount of time to club affairs as I have in the past years. Even though I don't seem to be able to come to any events or meetings, I haven't lost my interest in the CUMC, and hopefully, I will get back to our monthly meetings soon. Contrary to popular belief it has nothing to do with Earnhardt and the miserable season that team appears to be having. Keep an eye on that "BLACK 3", it'll be back out front soon!!! By the way don't bother bringing me any of those cute little "milk cartons", "missing notices", or "part orders". I can assure you that I have seen them All!!!

By the way, a rumor I heard while traveling (NOTICE-I SAID RUMOR!) is that Dale Earnhardt may be the driver next year in the Jr. Johnson Thunderbird #22! Sterling Marlin's and Dale Earnhardt's contracts expire this season and Jr. Johnson has already stated many times that he would like to have Dale as a driver one day. Could you imagine Dale Earnhardt and Bill Elliott out of the same shop. I would say that it would be the GOOD, the BAD, and could get very UGLY! There are also many other things that points in this direction, but since its just a rumor... we'll leave it.

**Once again, I would like to thank Brenda Jones for doing a great job.
Hope to see you soon.**

Donna Seay

Coming Events

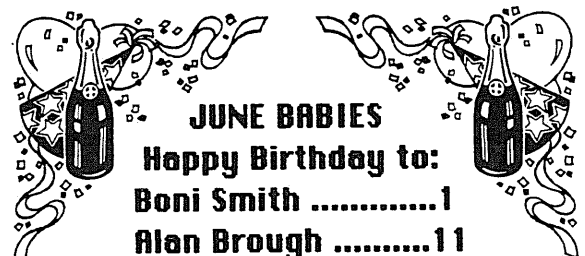
June -

- 3 - Club Meeting at Richmond Ford at 7:30 pm**
- 6 - Club Cruise at Bill's on Midlothian Trnph.**
- 26 - 28 - Chesapeake Annual Super Street Weekend in Chesapeake, Va.**

July -

- 1 - Club Meeting at Richmond Ford at 7:30 pm**
- 11 -All Ford Day at ACCA Temple**
- 18-21 - Mall Show at Virginia Center Commons**

Deadline for Next Issue : June 20



JUNE BABIES

Happy Birthday to:

Boni Smith1
Alan Brough11
Carolyn Timms15
Mark McChesney ..20
Sylvester Graves ..22
Terri Herndon.....24

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Bill Jarvis	262-2137	Carroll Lipscombe	329-5901
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WHO TO SEE FOR WHAT

Awards & Trophies	Kenny Fischer	743-1490
Car Shows	" "	" "
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If you have any technical questions regarding Mustangs, you can call one of the following members for help. They will try to answer any questions you might have.

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Please join us
Wednesday, June 3rd
for our next meeting at
Richmond Ford
4600 W. Broad Street
at 7:30 p.m.