

# THE GALLOPING GAZETTE

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CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB

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## President's Perspective

### Welcome Members,

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the adopt highway trash pick up.

I hope everybody has been happy with the direction the club has taken. The club has been very busy all through the year. I hope will continue to support me in the upcoming year. I have put a lot of time and effort in the club.

Everyone don't forget the Club Christmas Party next month. This party is for all members and their families. Please remember to bring a toy to the meeting or Christmas Party for the **Toys for Tots Program**.

See you all Wednesday night,

Kenny Fischer, President

Happy Birthday to You,

Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday dear;

Dave Runnels ..6, Charles Houchens ..7, Leslie Anthony ..8, Lee Buckner ..9,

Manuel Nichols ..23, Allan Rickard ..23, Brenda Jones.. 25,

Rita Harding ..29, and Faye Braughton..29

Happy Birthday to You!

"**Y**oung man, about 50 people have promised me corn liquor, but you're the first one to produce. I like producers." These words began a relationship between my dad and Henry Ford that lasted 20 years or more. Indelible associations with Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, Calvin Coolidge, and William Jennings Bryan enhanced the experiences with Mr. Ford.

This tryst among men of destiny began in 1915. My dad had left Davidson College and journeyed 18 miles to Charlotte, N.C. to earn some money. Ford Motor Company hired him as a salesman. Gregarious in nature and with a gift for remembering names, Dad did well in sales.

# CORN LIQUOR INTRODUCTION

by Woody McKay

One morning, in conversation at Jordan's Drug Store with his boss, Mr. Langford, Dad learned that Mr. Ford was visiting in Asheville. Mr. Langford had just returned from a visit there with the automobile magnate.

"What's Mr. Ford looking for in

Asheville?" Dad inquired.

"He's desiring to find some corn liquor. He wants to see if he can make fuel out of it," Mr. Langford replied.

"Well, did you get it from him?" Dad questioned.

"No. I didn't know where to get any."

"I can get Mr. Ford a train load of corn liquor if he really wants it," said Dad.

Mr. Langford put Dad in touch with Mr. Ford's secretary in Asheville and the challenge to meet the big boss' need was accepted. Mr. Langford

## Coming Events

### December

3 - Chester Christmas Parade (Meet at WalMart at 12:30)

6 - Club Meeting at Richmond Ford at 7:30pm

16 - Club Holiday Party, Belmont Recreation Center

### January

3 - Club Meeting at Richmond Ford at 7:30 pm

Deadline for Next Issue : December 15, 1995

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB  
NOVEMBER 1, 1995

The November meeting of the Central Virginia Mustang Club was held on Wednesday, November 1, 1995 at Richmond Ford. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Kenny Fischer. New member/guest Steven Colbert, who owns an '84 and an '88 hatchback, was welcomed. Birthday greetings were extended to those members and their family members who were born in November. We need to select an election committee. Karen Lane volunteered to chair the committee. She will be joined by Brenda Jones, Joan Tucker, Ronald Martin, and Susan Morris. The slate needs to be published in the December newsletter to allow members an opportunity to consider the candidates before the election at the December meeting.

Second Vice-President Terry Wagner reminds everyone that year-end dues are due soon. We have about 80 members at this time. Treasurer George Cosier reported a beginning balance of \$2617.22 minus \$1105.00 (RIR) minus \$100.00 (Holiday Party deposit) minus \$70.00 (room deposit) minus \$45.00 (ABC license) minus \$29.13 (flowers) for a final balance of \$1268.09.

Kenny reported that the CVMC car show will return to Willow Lawn next year on September 14. The date will be finalized in January. He needs photos taken at the show to include with information to be sent to Ford and MCA. He will also include the video taken by Wayne Myers. Nellie Fischer has the usual merchandise and requests information for the newsletter. She reminds everyone of the Scavenger Hunt scheduled for November 4 at Bill's Barbeque at 3:00 pm. Toys-For-Tots are being collected again this year. Please bring new toys, unwrapped, to the December meeting or to the Holiday Party. The deadline for toys is December 18. Don Lane expressed an interest in the club once again contributing money to the Alden Aaroe Shoe Fund for the Salvation Army.

Carroll Lipscombe reported that the Octoberfest Parade scheduled for October 14 was cancelled due to severe weather. Up-coming parades include the Chester Christmas Parade on December 3, foul weather date is the 10th. He has registered us for 12-15 cars. Meet at the Wal-Mart on Route 10 at 12:30 pm, assemble at Chester Middle School at 1:00 pm, the parade starts at 2:30 pm, followed by dinner at the Western Sizzling on Route 1/301. He has also received notice concerning a Jefferson Davis Highway Parade this year. He will get more information before the next meeting. In Marty Belt's absence, Carroll reported for NASCAR that Morgan Shepherd is moving to the current Todd Bodine car for next year, the Factory Stores car.

Karen Lane reminded members of the up-coming Holiday Party scheduled for December 16 at the Belmont Recreation Center. A quick show of hands indicated that most members are interested in continuing with the gift exchange -- each member brings a gift with an approximate value of \$15.00 appropriate to your own gender. The children in the club will be taken care of separately. Brenda Jones introduced the doorprizes and the refreshments. Bonnie Fischer requests any photos for the scrapbook. There are several cars and parts for sale on the bulletin board -- be sure to check the board during the break. George Cosier has located some NOS clock parts for '67 clocks if anyone is building a thoroughbred car. He expects the clock parts to work about as well as the original parts did -- about two years. Don Lane again thanked the judges for a job well done at the September car show. There will be workshops scheduled in the spring. There will be an after-show meeting/dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse on November 18 at 5:00 pm.

Trash pick-up for the Adopt-A-Highway will be held November 11. Plan to meet at the Midlothian K-Mart at 9:30 am. Lunch to follow at the Pizza Hut.

Carroll reminds everyone to vote on November 7.

Kenny reported that the Virginia Car Council met last Monday and the main topic of discussion was emission testing. There is a 91 page booklet to use as a guide. The testing will start in mid-'96 for '68 and newer vehicles. '81 and newer vehicles must pass the same test as '94 vehicles. Oil burning polluters will automatically fail. Pollution equipment that has been removed must be replaced.

Adjourned 8:50 pm.

promised to pay expenses if Dad could procure the corn liquor. Dad's story went this way.

I called a Mr. Thomas of the U.S. Treasury Department, who in turn called Mr. Gudger of the Revenue Department in Asheville. Mr. Thomas called me back to say, "A gallon of the best corn liquor captured recently is yours, but you will have to sign a statement that you don't plan to drink it." I agreed. I borrowed a Model T Ford in Charlotte and drove to Asheville to pick up the little brown jug of corn liquor. As I entered the Revenue offices, I recognized an old hunting buddy who worked there. He assured me that my jug contained some of the best 'shine' he had seen in several years. I signed the statement required and proceeded to the Grove Park Inn where Mr. Ford stayed. As I walked into the elite domain of Grove Park Inn, you can imagine the look I got from the man at the front desk when I put my gallon of corn liquor in front of him. "I'd like to speak to Mr. Henry Ford. I have something he requested."

Mr. Ford was resting, but his secretary, Mr. Anderson, came to the lobby to receive the jug and to meet Dad. Mr. Anderson thanked him profusely for the delivery and then told Dad, "I am sure Mr. Ford wants to thank you in person and will get in touch with you. Where are you staying?"

"The Battery Park Hotel," Dad responded. Mr. Anderson got his room number and left.

For about an hour, Dad waited anxiously in his hotel room for the phone to ring. When it did ring, Mr. Ford himself responded on the other end of the line.

"Mr. McKay, I want you to come out and have dinner with me tonight so we can talk."

Dad accepted immediately. Once he hung up the phone and got over the initial shock of talking to Mr. Ford in person, he had another startling thought. For a man to eat dinner at the Grove Park Inn required a dinner jacket. And he didn't own one. The clerk at the desk of the Battery Park appeared about his size. Downstairs he went.

"Bowman," he began after reading

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the name tag of the clerk, "I need to borrow your dinner jacket for the evening. I'm going to dinner tonight with Mr. Henry Ford at Grove Park Inn."

"You mean the rich car maker?" Bowman responded.

"Exactly," Dad replied.

He loaned him the dinner jacket—a perfect fit.

The events of that evening stretched beyond his wildest expectations and influenced the rest of his life. Arriving at the appointed time, he knocked on the door of the Ford suite. Henry Ford opened the door and ushered him in. Introductions included Mrs. Ford and guests: Mr. William Jennings Bryan, who was, along with Mr. Ford, the most strict prohibitionist of the era; Mr. Harvey Firestone, the tire maker; and Mr. Charles R. Crane, former ambassador to Russia. This orphaned boy from South Carolina realized he was in high cotton.

Mr. Bryan eyed the brown jug on the table and said, "I've heard of this stuff all my life and I'd like to smell it."

"That's easy to take care of," Dad replied. He pulled the cork from the jug and Mr. Bryan got his sniff. From the look on his face the great orator didn't respond favorably to the aroma. However, he made no comment.

All the notables excused themselves shortly afterward and headed for the lobby where reporters and news media had come to interview Mr. Ford. They sought information concerning a recent peace mission to Europe designed, in the words of Mr. Ford, "to get the boys out of the trenches and home by Christmas." World War I had begun, and although the mission was unsuccessful, Ford's attempts at peace were well known.

While the delegation entertained the reporters, Dad remained in the suite with the brown jug. His hands had gotten soiled when he opened the jug, so he went to the bathroom to wash them. He confessed later that while there, he poured a little of

the contents of the jug into a glass to sample its quality. Numerous times after that, he would recall that moment and say, "I discovered there is more conversation per ounce in good corn liquor than in any other whiskey in the world. When Mr. Ford and his guests returned to the suite, I felt as if I could hold my own press conference."

"Tell me about those moonshiners and the mountain people, Woody," Mr. Ford requested upon return. And for almost two hours Dad held the attention of these men and Mrs. Ford as he told stories of his acquaintances and experiences among the North Carolina mountaineers and the moonshiners.

Mrs. Ford interrupted the session around one o'clock. "Gentlemen, it's Mr. Ford's bedtime. Maybe we can hear more of these tales another time."

"Woody," Mr. Ford looked at Dad, "what are your plans for tomorrow?"

"I plan to drive back to Charlotte. I've got my job there and I have to return that Model T."

"Well, I would like for you to stay up here with me a few days. Is that a possibility?"

"But I have a job to do at Ford Motor Company."

Mr. Ford paused for a moment of thought before saying, "Tell you what. You call home tomorrow and tell them to send you some clothes and you stay up here. I'll try to run the Ford Motor Company a few days without you."

That evening saw Dad rise from salesman for Ford Motor Company to a new position that had no name. His competitors called him the "playboy" of Ford Motor Company. He preferred the title of Director of Special Services. For the next few years, interrupted by service in World War I in France, Dad did whatever Mr. Ford wanted him to do. Because of the fertile and ubiquitous mind of this engineering genius, Dad maintained a busy and varied existence.

Some of the incidents with Henry Ford, reflecting both his character as well as his amazing mind, comprise the features that will follow. ☺

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB  
SHOW MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 1995

An informal meeting of members interested in discussing the recent car show met at The Spaghetti Warehouse. The meeting was called to order after dinner at 6:35 pm by President Kenny Fischer. We have been invited to return to Willow Lawn next year on September 14. More space will be needed for a larger show. The new contact person there is Argie Mandacus.

Problems with the recent show and methods to correct were the main topics of discussion. The primary problem centered around the registration area. Karen Lane, Susan Morris, and Joan Tucker worked the area and developed ideas for improvement. Karen suggested more meetings before the show date of the persons working the registration area to assign responsibilities and the job responsibilities should be organized with each worker given specific duties instead of every worker doing every duty. A person is needed to direct the in-coming cars to the appropriate lane depending on whether or not the person was pre-registered, the registration packets need to be ready on a clipboard to distribute to in-coming cars to be filled out, and the staging inlet needs to be lengthened.

Another problem at the registration area was the workers leaving to prepare their own cars. Debbie Shaver suggested that perhaps this is the time for CVMC members to cease judging their own cars. Carroll Lipscombe reported that the Lynchburg area group displays their cars instead of judging. The newer members of the club would miss a great opportunity to watch and learn from some of the more experienced members. George Cosier suggested retiring our own vehicles on a volunteer basis. There were some complaints this year about paying the entry fee only to display a car. The consensus was that the \$10.00 goes to the club so it is money well spent.

The suggestion was made to move the technical (safety) inspection to an area following registration. Kenny suggested 2 or 3 persons to do nothing but tech inspections and to do the inspections after the vehicles have been parked. This idea was discarded after discussion involving the premise that many car owners remove the driving battery and replace it with a show battery, thus rendering the electrical systems on the car inoperable. Also, all the judges are capable of doing the tech inspections, so there is no reason the tech inspections need to cause a slow down in the entry process. All judges will be expected to assist with the tech inspections.

Recording the VIN on the tech inspection sheets took valuable time. Perhaps we could use the car number or the tag number, but these are not acceptable for a MCA national show. Carroll suggested a sign at the beginning of the registration line requesting the driver to have the car registration ready in preparation for recording the VIN on the inspection sheets. A list of the available classes could be put on the clipboard or on another piece of paper included with the rules in the registration packet. We need to have as many classes as possible to make the greatest number of participants happy. Lonnie Tucker suggested color coding the various pieces of paper and perhaps presenting the registration packet in the form of a pamphlet.

Judges should have numbers and not sign their names to the judging sheets. Don Lane suggested a number corresponding to the birth month and year of the judge. Doubtful there would be any conflict among judges.

The person working registration will put the registration sheets in numerical order to speed the paperwork details after judging is completed.

We need to clarify the difference between street/occasional driven and daily driven primary transportation. This could also be clearly included on the registration clipboard.

To facilitate the awards ceremony, the plaques could be lined up 1-2-3 prior to the ceremony. More persons involved in totalling the scores would speed things along in the trailer.

Fines will be published concerning penalties for horseplay on the show grounds. Also, no trailers will be allowed inside the show area, except for the trailers.

Steve Lane suggested that the judges know the classes they will be judging ahead of time and be familiar with the class. A judge or team of judges should judge an entire class to ensure fairness to each participant. Each judge should also have a copy of a data de-coder book. Karen suggested that the judges use #2 pencils in case of foul weather. A question arose concerning cars without a data plate -- they should start a car in the color category because there is no way to verify the correct color. The point value of this line needs to be changed on the judging sheets before next year's show. Lonnie suggested a judging school where each judge would evaluate a car individually and then collectively discuss the scoring sheets. The hats purchased for the judges to wear will be handed out this year.

Kenny would like to start in January contacting the magazines and vendors. The flyers need to be ready by February because the car show season starts in February. He would members to consider discontinuing the use of the free 30-day lease of a Mustang convertible from Richmond Ford again this year. We only made about \$100.00 last year. Karen would like to see more items raffled or auctioned in a silent auction.

Lonnie and Terry Wagner have expressed interest in computerizing the car show.

There were only two written complaints this year which Kenny personally handled.

Adjourned 7:35 pm.

## CMC CLUB OFFICERS

	Home	Work
President.. Kenny Fischer	743-1490	794-0500
1st V.P. .... Don Lane	748-6889	748-0723
2nd V.P. .... Terry Wagner	276-3129	378-5253
Secretary..... Debbie Shaver	768-1209	
Treasurer.... George Cosier	271-2139	
Nat'l Director.. Paul Oliver	744-8016	

## 1994-95 Directors

Carroll Lipscombe	329-5901
David Lythgoe	781-0105
William Jarvis	262-2137
George Cosier	271-2139

**1995-96 Directors**

Richard Jones	740-2096
Mark McChesney	458-4674
Tom Barnett	360-2349

## WHO TO SEE FOR WHAT

Awards & Trophies	Kenny Fischer	743-1490
Car Shows	"	"
Charitable Organizations	Brenda Jones	740-2096
Club Merchandise	Nellie Fischer	743-1490
Membership	Terry Wagner	276-3129
NASCAR/Motorsports	Marty Belt	556-3848
Newsletter	Nellie Fischer	743-1490
Parades/ Cruises	Carroll Lipscombe	329-5901
Judging	Don Lane	748-6889
Picnics/Partys	Karen Lane	748-6889
Program Speakers	Don Lane	748-6889
Publicity		
Refreshments/Door Prizes	Brenda Jones	740-2096
Scrapbook	Bonnie Fischer	276-3384
Sponsors		
Trivia	Monte Evans	730-2864

## TECHNICAL ADVISORS

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.

Sonny Coble	282-4932
Kenny Fischer	743-1490
Bill Jarvis	262-2137
Carroll Lipscombe	329-5901
Rick Nochta	222-8481
Richard Jones	740-2096
Bill Braughton	749-3673

## FOR SALE

1993 MUSTANG GT CONV. VIBERENT RED WITH WHITE LEATHER AND TOP, AUTO, AIR, STERIO WITH CD. ONLY 5600 MILES, \$18,900 BILL ALLEN 740-1981

## PARTS FOR SALE

'70 Boss 302 stripe kit \$175.00  
'67 NOS R Front Fendor \$250.00  
Call Kenny at 743-1490

### Rick's Tips

Correction sorry for mis print

When you see an aluminum intake that looks new it has been glass beaded not sand blasted.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 222-8481 during the day.

Happy cruisin..... Rick

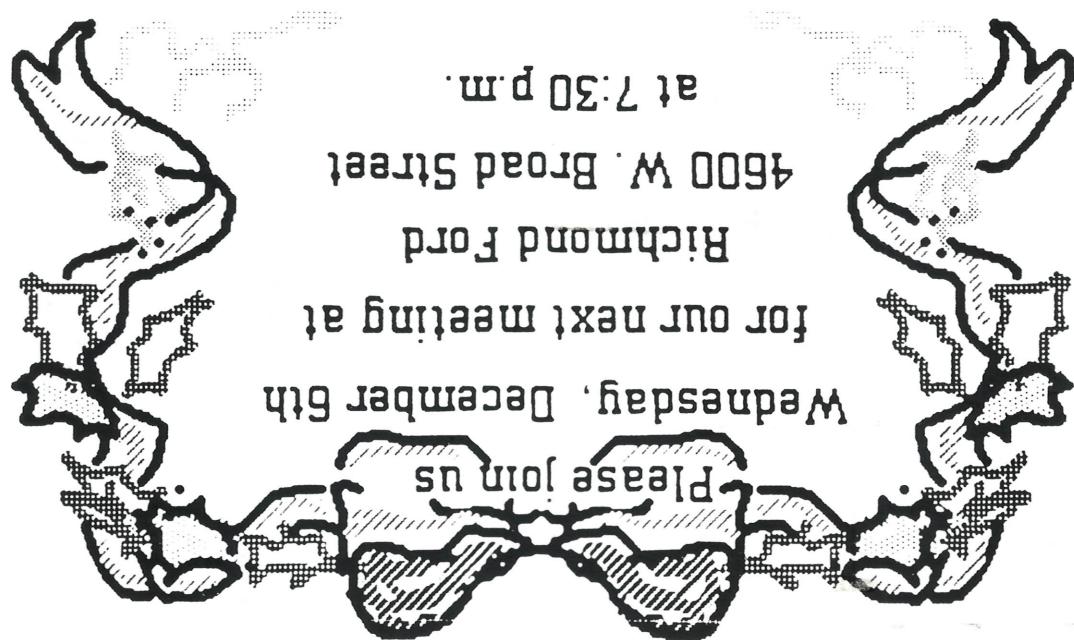
## TIME TO RENEW !!!!!

Dues are due as of January. Please try to renew early  
Return this with renewal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_



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