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### **February 2011 - Newsletter**

**From the President:** Hello Everyone,

I would like to tell you now in the beginning; this is going to be a long newsletter so you just might want to print it off and find your most comfortable place to sit and relax.

Here it is a brand new year; as you know the weather has not been the most pleasant of all time and yes; it is going to get bad again before it gets better but hopefully it is going to start getting better soon. As my statement above reads; this is going to be a longer newsletter than usual but you didn't have to put up with me last month so I am going to make up for it in February.

Now mind you when I write these newsletters the thoughts that go onto paper are from MY head and what might be on MY mind at the time I sit down to write it and then other ideas are from what might have been brought up concerning the club or from a Board Meeting. It's like writing a book; my mind wonders, I just don't have the mind or the money to let it wonder far. So with that said; sit back and read what my thoughts are and I will try to keep it to the shortest story possible. Be sure to read this entire newsletter; there may be something that might be interesting to you.

Last month was my first time to attend a MCA meeting as a Board Member with a vote on items or issues brought up. I would like to congratulate Chris Neri for being elected to the Board for a two year term in a special election held by the Board. Now MSMC has four (4) board members sitting on a 30 member board with a vote.

If you look at the top of the page you will see a name added and a change in descriptions. I want to thank Ward Lindsey for accepting the position of MCA Regional Director for MSMC and now with Ward attending the MCA Board Meetings we will have five (5) voting members. There is no other MCA Club that has that many members sitting on the Board and we have only been a Regional Club for 17 months; what does that say about how far we have advanced as a club in just three years.

So with that said let's just think about this for a minute; in March 2011 it will be 3 years when four people branched an idea for a Mustang Club not knowing whether it was going to fly or fail. Then with seven people who sat down at the very first meeting at Jimmy Reddinger's house in March 2008; we paid our dues, thought up a name and a logo and right there you had the birth of the Mid South Mustang Club with a goal to have 20 members by the end of the year; but when 2008 closed out we had 37 members. We have seen the membership as high at one time to be over 100 and stands right now at about 83 paid members.

That says a lot about what can be done when a group of people come together with a goal in mind and set out to achieve that goal. MSMC has been built the last three years by every member that is and has been associated with MSMC in some form or fashion, through word of mouth or by being seen by people at car shows and events. We have members in Shelby County (Memphis and the surrounding areas), we also have members in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Mississippi and Missouri; you did not know that did you.

What we have achieved as a club is unbelievable; we have gone from a thought to a Regional Club of a Worldwide Organization (Mustang Club of America); this is something every member has had a part of doing, making Mid South Mustang Club one of the largest and respected club in MCA. Speaking of MCA; as being appointed to the Membership Committee to help raise the membership as a whole in MCA to a higher level, I feel obligated to start at home with MSMC before branching ideas elsewhere.

Okay; I know I have preached about MCA till you are blue in the face and I know some of you have your own views and beliefs of MCA and I respect that. What I believe MCA means to the Mid South Mustang Club is this; we as a club have made strides and accomplishments, so we agree on this because we have to; it is the truth. We as a club had reached a point to where we had made this one of the most outstanding clubs in the area; so what was left. We wanted to be recognized by our peers and other Mustang enthusiasts who we were; alas we bring in Mustang Club of America; where else could we get the respect of other Mustang Clubs for whom we had become. So we fought and I might say a fight that almost came to fisticuffs "literally" but now we are a Mustang Club that can be recognized and respected worldwide and be associated with a worldwide organization that is respected by major companies and other organizations namely Ford Motor Company. Of all the 180 or so Regional Clubs within MCA Mid South Mustang Club is near or in the top ten (10). That's right we are way up there in the top of the class; so when you think about it in a whole MSMC is not only one of the best clubs in the area; MSMC is one of the best clubs worldwide, do you see what I am getting at.

So when you look at the big picture could MSMC be recognized as one of the best clubs worldwide without MCA? Well if you are looking on the World Wide Web you will hit on us. Think about it like this; when someone in Australia is wearing a T-shirt they bought from the MCA Merchandise Store and it has a list of Regional Clubs on the back; you will find Mid South Mustang Club in that list .... They have shirts like that because I bought TWO while I was in Phoenix. There is no way MSMC would get that kind of recognition if not a Regional Club. Does MCA have its problems, sure just like any other organization; do they have too much to say over what Chartered Clubs do; maybe in some ways they do and then I feel in other ways they should have more. This is not a perfect world but we can be as near a perfect club as a Regional Club of MCA can be.

What I am getting at is this; out of the 82 paid members MSMC has; we are 82.92% MCA as far as MCA Members go, we should be 100%. It should be our goal as a club wanting to be the best; to be the best in everything we do. This is just my belief as the President of this club; we fought a 6 month hard battle to become chartered so let's make sure we keep our MCA Memberships up to date and if you are not an MCA Member go to [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org) and sign up, when you do I will need your MCA Membership Number so when you sign up go back to your account, at the top it will have your MCA number. Just email it to me so I can put it on the roster. These are my views on this matter and the position I have been put in, maybe I am wrong in my thoughts but as one of the founders of this club and the President; I can honestly say there is no other club in the world better than MSMC and there are no better members than MSMC Members; I will put both up for a challenge any day; Period!

Moving right along; The Board Members for MSMC met last Friday and some of the things discussed were; our First Annual MSMC Car Show, the date is going to be Saturday, May 14. We are going to need members to work on some of the Committees to help make this the best show put on in this area. There will be other MCA Clubs invited from the surrounding states and we hope to have as many as 150 to 200 cars, there will be an email sent out to the club for our first Show Meeting so if you are interested in helping put this show together and be a part of the MSMC very first show come out and help (we need you and cannot do it without you).

Last week I sent out an email concerning a cruise March 19<sup>th</sup> to Sikeston, MO. and meet up with the MCA Club from St. Louise, MO for lunch at Lambert's. This is going to be a fun cruise so let me know if you can make it, email myself or another one of the Officers so we can get a count on who will be going up there,

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We have another event taking place on March 26, which will be Mustangs in the Hose at the Tupelo Auto Museum which John Farmer is putting together for the second year. This is an event we need to make a strong showing; it is right in our own backyard so to speak; I have been told dinner is going to be served about two (2) hours earlier than last year so we aren't getting home around 10 PM or later. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative this year than it was last year .... By the way; the person who sells the MCA Merchandise will be there so (you too can be a proud owner of one of the shirts I bought), let's get signed up for this event, signing up is sending an email to let us know you will be attending.

In the month of April on the 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Second Annual Picnic out at Shelby Forest, we will probably be at the same Shelter as last year, so gear up for that; last year it was a lot of fun, yeah; I left early to go buy a new truck, fun fun fun!

The Poker Run will be in September again this year.

The Bon Fire is going to be in November this year and will be at Billy's again.

Everyone seemed to like where the Christmas Party was held so we are going to reserve the same place earlier so we can get it on a Saturday this time also it will be earlier in December.

All these events and more will be happening so when we put them out later on in the year be ready to have some fun.

### **Events Coming Up:**

Chris Neri will be taking over the Car Show Events for the club and letting everyone know about local shows weekly and where we will be meeting up to cruise to the shows when the club goes as a whole. He will also be putting them on the Forum; if you did not know this already we are doing away with our old Forum and we will be using the new Forums provided by MCA. All you have to do is go to the web site and click on the Forum and it will send you directly to the MSMC Forum; sign in and take off. **If there is any member who wants to get the club together for a show that Chris masy not have listed just send out an email to the club and get a response from everyone that might want to attend.**

#### **February 14 - Mustang Monday @ Hooters**

We are going to cancel this event for February due to it falling on Valentine's Day, I just don't think telling your wife hey baby you wanna go get a beer and some wings tonight; cause I Looove You. I have no problem with it but I don't think I will sleep good that night.

#### **February 22 – Club Meeting**

Fox Ridge Pizza; Germantown Parkway and Dexter 7:00 PM, get there earlier if you plan on eating.

### **Club Membership Dues:**

As you know our membership dues are annually and what that means is your dues are due the same month in the year you joined MSMC. A new year is here and some of you **have** club dues that are coming up; I know we all lead busy lives and sometimes we forget things that we don't usually do on a monthly basis and especially when we don't get a reminder, so when membership dues are up for renewal Michael Beach our Membership Director will be keeping up with that for you and we will be sending you a self addressed envelope with a renewal form, please note any changes on the form so we can update our roster; remember it's the dues and sponsor money that keeps us going also we need to remember to keep our personal membership with MCA current and active.

### ***Mustang Club of America***

Be sure to renew your MCA Membership as it expires, as a new MSMC Member we pay half of your first years MCA dues but after that first year it is the members responsibility to renew the membership. As a MCA Regional Club it is MSMC's duty to be loyal to MCA and keep our memberships with MCA at the highest level. You receive many benefits as a MCA Member please keep this active. If you are a MSMC Member but have yet to join MCA you can either go online to [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org) and register online or you can see one of MSMC's Officers for an application. Let's do that as soon as possible. If you join online please let myself or Michael Beach know when you receive your MCA Member # so it can be recorded it on the Club Roster.

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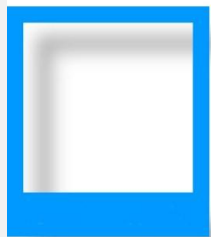
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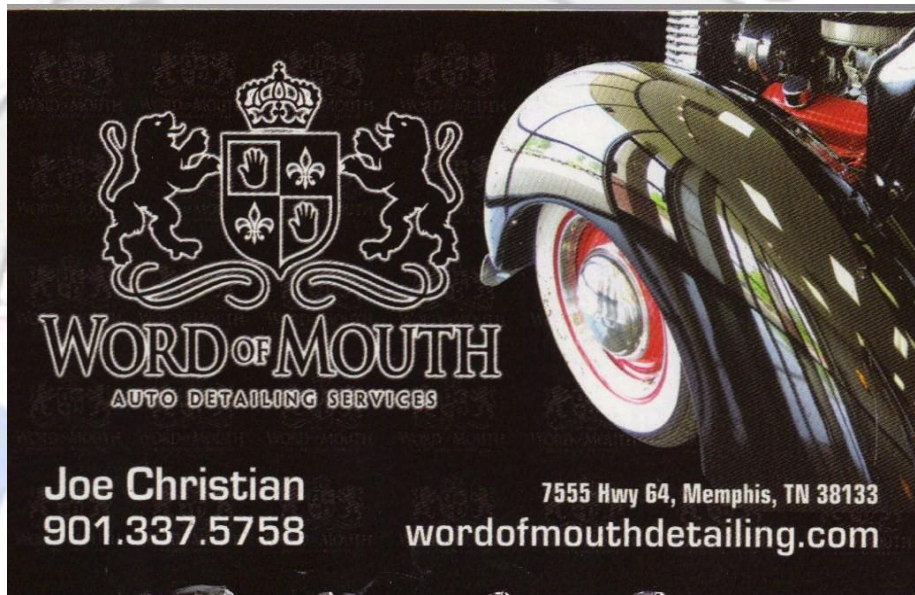
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