

## MUSTANG CLUB OF HOUSTON

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# Exhaust Notes



DECEMBER 2018

## 2018 in the Rearview Mirror

By Roy Duke

2018 was a fun year for me. It started off by me taking the position as President of the Mustang Club of Houston after serving as Vice President in 2017.

As with the change in presidents over the past year, there was also an important change that took place for the betterment of the club. It started with an invitation back in April asking MCOH to have some of our Mustangs at a Re-Grand Opening of Planet Ford, Lincoln Mercury in Spring. When I received the email I jumped at the opportunity to have some of our members show off their prized ponies. I believe we had some 11 members present at this amazing event. Prior to the event, a couple of us went to visit with Planet Ford management to discuss the layout of the cars to be displayed. During that first visit I was asked about sponsoring dealers for MCOH and told by three different managers that Planet Ford would love to sponsor MCOH. So, later during the year Planet Ford in Spring became MCOH's sponsoring dealership. And each and every time I've gone by Planet Ford I have to pinch myself when I leave just to make sure I'm not dreaming. These folks are amazing and so kind, willing to help MCOH and its members in any way they can. And so in closing out 2018 we are looking forward to our first OPEN Car Show at Planet Ford on April 13, 2019. This will be a rain or shine show with all makes and models welcome. So mark your calendars and make your plans to be there.

Another change that took place in 2018 was the separation of our two meetings to be held at two separate dates instead of holding both the Board of Directors

Meeting and General Meeting on the same date, back to back. That made for a long day. I believe the Board Members like it better than being stuck for 4 hours in one day.

The two car shows we held were a big success in 2018, with lots of nice cars and trucks from almost all manufacturers present. Of course there were more Mustangs than others, but then again, what do you expect from a Mustang Club? And with our 2019 Spring OPEN Car Show being at Planet Ford we are expecting record numbers to attend.

It was from these two successful car shows that allowed MCOH to donate more monies to our two charities, Still Creek Ranch and Citizen for Animal Protection (CAP). For Still Creek Ranch, MCOH was able to fund the entire purchase of new basketball uniforms for the boys basketball team. What an honor and privilege it is to support such amazing charities and see the excitement on the faces of boys and girls who appreciate what it is we do for them.

I am encouraged about 2019 and look forward to working with MCOH members to make it the best year ever. But, the few can't do it alone. We need help from everyone. So I invite you to step forward and make sure MCOH goes above and beyond prior years of service to and for our community. Together we can make a difference.

# Autorama 2018

By Tom Patterson

Photos by Tom Patterson and Greg White

America's love affair with the automobile is legendary. Custom car shows have paid tribute to the innovative workmanship, and continuously re-invent and improve the vehicles of yesterday and today. Autorama hosts close to 20 events annually across the U.S. and Canada.. Hot Rods have been the heart of each show, but in recent years the composition has expanded to include classic cars, muscle cars, rat rods, low-riders, truck and motorcycles.

This year the Mustang Club of Houston participated in the Houston Autorama, held in the George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB) in downtown Houston. The show was held over the long Thanksgiving weekend, a time for family and friends and certainly Mustangs! MCOH has been represented in this nationally recognized show for many years, helping promote club recognition in our community. I have participated since 2007 and look forward to this event each year. It has become part of my holiday traditions.

Five club members showed their Mustangs over this four-day event, earning recognition awards in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Joe & David Marche - 2005 custom GT

Rex Engle - 2006 modified GT

Ray Coe - 1992 convertible

Mike Brend - 2015 GT convertible

Tom Patterson - 1967 coupe

For show participants it's a 6-day time commitment, with move-in into the GRB on the Tuesday preceding Thanksgiving day and move out on Sunday. Cars must remain at the show site for this time frame so it's a rather significant commitment by each participant. I want to thank our club participants along with the enthusiasm of club members who took time from their holiday to venture to Downtown Houston to visit the show and help promote our club.





Our own David Marche created this amazing light panel showcasing MCOH! He came home with two trophies! One was First in Class. Second was the best of the Rising Star Awards (Given to up and coming participants age 25 and younger)! CONGRATULATIONS!!!



## Dick's Garage, San Marcos

By Roy Duke

Joy Sutton did it again! She set up and arranged an awesome cruise for MCOH members and others to drive to San Marcos, Texas to visit one of the best selections of vintage cars around at Dick's Garage. Dick's Garage is closing its doors at the end of 2018. All vehicles and automotive history on display will be sold off at auction in Phoenix, Arizona. It's sad to see this happen, but as time moves forward it takes memories and history with it. I know these cars and history will go to good homes and I hope we'll be able to see them again in the future.



Debbie and I couldn't make the Sunday cruise because of my mother-in-law's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday lunch we had to get back for. From what I was told and saw on Facebook, it looked like Sunday was a big day for everyone. Thanks Joy for an amazing year of activities for 2018. You rock!

# Give me a BRAKE!!!

By Jaque Jones

On September 15, Richard and I traveled out to Cypress, headed to Duke's Garage and Lift Service.

We were prepared for a brake job, replacing rotors and brake pads on the 2014. Roy greeted us with a smile, and said, "let's get to it!" Then, before we knew it, here comes Dennis Osting!

We were working on removing the pads and rotors, and I heard a nice sounding motorcycle, and here comes Rex Engle!

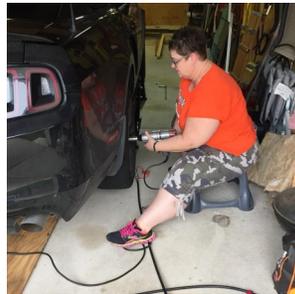
I can't say it went without a hitch - but after two trips to the auto parts store, lots of pounding and grumbling (and a little grease and dirt!), we finally got it all fixed.

We can't express our thanks enough for this club, and their generosity to help others. This was the first time Richard and I had done this, so we were thankful for all the knowledge and assistance!

*And hey, what girl doesn't like to get a little dirty? Roy even let me take off the tires!!!*



Rex supervising!



# Cruise to Still Creek Ranch

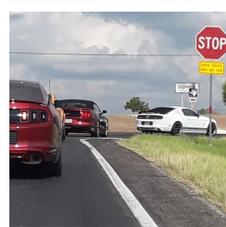
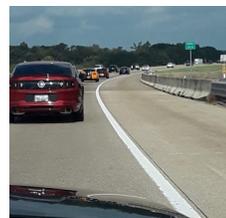
By Jaque Jones

On August 25th, we headed out to Bryan, Texas to give our charity, Still Creek Ranch, a donation. We were pleased to be able to help provide them with basketball uniforms!

Our first stop was Yankee's Tavern for lunch! It was awesome! (There might have been a few shenanigans there!) ***And everywhere we went, Joy seemed to be in my pictures! LOL***

We enjoy cruising, but get so much enjoyment out of helping our charities each year. What an awesome day!

The kids even voted on their favorite car! (I think Dennis cheated somehow!)



# Fall Open Car Show at Los Cucos

By Roy Duke

Photos by Jaque Jones and Kurtis Hickle

MCOH ended our 2018 Car Shows at Los Cucos Mexican Cafe on Clay Rd. We had a great turn out with lots of really nice cars, including "Pinky", a 1967 Playmate Pink Mustang coupe with a 390 Hi Po engine, white interior and real wire wheels. Thanks Horace for bringing Pinky out to play. Another Mustang we haven't seen lately is Charles Alexander's P51 tribute convertible. These along with other nice cars we've either seen or rarely have seen the last couple years.

We also met some new friends and even had some new members join MCOH at the show. In October we had 4 new members join MCOH. Thanks to the new members as well as our entire group for making this a successful show for MCOH charities. Charities, that's why we hold car shows... to raise money for our two charities, Still Creek Ranch and Citizen for Animal Protection (CAP).

I want to thank Los Cucos Mexican Cafe for hosting our show for the second time in two years. These folks love having the cars and trucks come out for the show and even gave all entrants a 10% reduction on our meals. You can't go wrong when you hold a car show at a great Mexican food restaurant.

I'm looking forward to 2019 and our first show of the year at our sponsoring dealer, Planet Ford in Spring on I-45. This will be an OPEN show, and all makes and models are welcome, cars and trucks. It's also a "rain or shine" show and we're planning on great weather too. So make plans for that show for sure. It's April 13, 2019.



Will Ballard won our Youth Award with his 2008 Grabber Orange



# Spring Open Car Show

**April 13, 2019 | Planet Ford**

**20403 I-45, SPRING, TEXAS 77388**

**Open to All Makes & Models**

**REGISTRATION 9 A.M. - NOON | AWARDS AT 2 P.M.**

**Registration Fee: \$30**

**Veterans, Currently Active Service: \$25**

**Fire Extinguisher & Proof of Insurance Required**

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# Where Has the Year Gone? By Joy Sutton

As my first full year of being MCOH Events Coordinator comes to a close, I thought I would reflect on this past year's MCOH events that I was able to attend, as well as my own personal road trips in my Mustang. For starters, where has the year gone?

Seems like I was just planning our Mustang Day Bluebonnet Cruise! What a



great day too, the weather was perfect, the wildflowers were still in bloom, and we had a ton of cars! Speaking of great weather, how about the Spring Show? What a fun day! And how awesome was the turnout for the impromptu dinner before Richard's big surgery? We definitely need to have



more evening events! Then there were the Still Creek Ranch Cruises.

Part I didn't work out like we planned, but the food and weather were great and we were able to participate in the Cats and Coffee at CAP before hitting the road.



Part II was a great turn out despite the late August heat (thank goodness for A/C!), and having lunch at the Biker stop on the way was really fun.

Our last big cruise event was the Hill Country Overnight Cruise in early November. Those who attended had a great time and the weather was once again excellent! Murphy's Steakhouse is worthy of a repeat visit, and despite its imminent closing, Dick's Classic Garage in San Marcos still had some wonderful cars. We wrapped up Day 1 in San Marcos at Black's BBQ which was of course yummy. Day 2 we headed west to the Devil's Backbone, which should be on every Mustang's Bucket List!



The Fischer Store on the way was such a little gem! The Blanco town square is lovely, and our last stop in Wimberley for lunch was the cherry on top.



On a personal front, I took lots of trips in the Mustang this year. Most were in the fall and to some part of Arkansas. I went to several football games which



took me up through northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma to

get there. I was able to participate in the Cruising the Ozarks NWA Auto Week cruise to Devil's Den Park. It seemed a bit strange to me because it was all makes and models, not just Mustangs!

The weather was great and so was the turnout, there were 49 cars in total, and a good dozen or so were Trans Ams! It had only been a short time since Burt Reynolds had passed, so a rally call was put out and they were invited to lead the cruise. Most were black, but there other colors as well. The cruise itself was all backroads so lots of hills and curves, and the scenery at Devil's Den was so pretty and peaceful!

I took the Mustang back to northwest Arkansas on a cold weekend in mid-November. The game was cold and awful, but



the fall foliage made the trip worth it! I had just missed the peak in Arkansas, but southeast Oklahoma was stunning! And the Talimena Scenic Drive has now become my favorite fun and scenic route!

Hope everyone had as much fun in their Mustangs this year as I did! If not, make plans to join in some MCOH events next year! I'm



already thinking of ideas for Mustang Day 2019 and possibly another overnight trip! Here's to a safe and fun 2019 fellow Mustangers!

# MCOH Christmas Party at CAP

By Dennis Osting

Well, another successful and fun-filled MCOH Christmas Party and Gift Exchange was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at CAP (Citizens for Animal Protection) facility which is our usual monthly meeting location. The Board of Directors wants to thank all of you who came out to this event. This is one event which lets us just chat with other members of the club without having to walk around our cars with rag in hand looking to hunt down any smudges from wayward finger prints. From what I saw, everyone appeared to have a great time. And of special note, it was super nice to see some new faces taking part in this annual event. Actually, I think we had 5 new couples join us this year. It was a great turn out!

As with every year, the party is not only a party, but a potluck dinner and gift exchange. This year, I kept track of the attendees and the dishes that everyone was bringing. Through periodic email blasts, everyone was kept apprised of who was coming and the planned menu. As it turned out, we had a great variety of appetizers, food, salads, and desserts. I don't think anyone went away hungry.

And, for the first time, we held a raffle for a "brand new Mustang"! (More on that in a minute). This raffle was held to further benefit our two supported charities..Still Creek Ranch and CAP. Through the great generosity of those present and an after the raffle donation by Pete and Sharon Sigwardt, the raffle netted \$700 to be split between our charities. Thank you all very much for your generosity! We haven't held a raffle like this before and to be able to provide our charities with this unexpected sum is just over the top. Again thanks!!!!

*Now for a little background about the raffle.....*

The idea grew from the slow response I was getting for sign-ups for the event from my email blasts. So, I thought I would spur a little more interest by offering a "brand new, never been titled, garage find of a 2006 Mustang GT"! Well, I am so glad everyone has a good sense of humor about the "brand new Mustang" to be raffled off. As mentioned, this prize and raffle was meant to spur our Christmas Party attendance through curiosity! But, when my email lit up like a Christmas tree and some folks were already offering great sums of money for raffle tickets, I realized my "prank" was turning serious. I started hoping I'd get out of this party alive as the actual "new Mustang GT" was a 1:32 scale car I had in my garage! That's when I decided the prize needed to be something larger and the little red Mustang turned into the Remote Control 2010 Mustang GT 500. Anyway, I think we all had a good laugh and a good time. Also, congratulations to Jason Cameron for winning. He'll have to share some experi-

ences with it once he puts the rubber on the road! Now....what do I do for next year...ummmmm!!!!

Finally, boy oh boy, the gift exchange never fails to be a good time. From Richard Jones campaigning to exchange his "coveted" blanket to Cris Cruz getting the most gifts taken from him, and Jaque Jones getting all that candy and a box of "insulin" (*not really, but great comment by someone*), I think this event has become the special part of our Christmas Parties. Anddddd....the person who ended up with the white RTIC tumbler with the black running horse on it, you broke my heart. Since I was almost last and owning a Oxford White with black accents GT, I was getting ready to pounce on that tumbler. Guess I'll need to pony up the money for one myself.

Anyway, I think the annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange was another success. Again, thanks to everyone in attendance. And if you didn't attend, there is always next year, and we would really love to see all our members there! Hope to see you at a MCOH event real soon! Cruise On!



Shane had a little pie to go with his whipped cream!

# MUSTANGS TAKE FLIGHT

Destination - Houston - 2019

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ETA March 29 Groundstop Thru March 31

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**By Day:**  
The World Class Lone Star Flight Museum  
Historically Significant  
Mustangs parked amongst  
Over 40 Historically Significant Aircraft  
Airplane Rides, Aviation Hall of Fame, Flight Simulators

**By Night :**  
The Grounds of NASA's Mission Control  
Private MCA Event @ Space Center Houston dine in Astronaut Room,  
Banquet Includes FREE Simulator Rides, Space Exhibits, Equipment,  
Moon Rocks & more

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## Elections were held in November, and here are your 2019 Board Members

### *Elected Positions*

<i>President</i> .....	Roy Duke
<i>Vice President</i> .....	Dennis Osting
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Tom Patterson
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Jaque Jones
<i>Director at Large</i> .....	Joy Sutton
<i>Director at Large</i> .....	Zach Applebach
<i>Director at Large</i> .....	Rex Engle
<i>Director at Large</i> .....	Mike Brend
<i>MCA Director</i> .....	Ray Coe

### *Appointed Positions*

<i>Activity Coordinator</i> .....	Joy Sutton
<i>Youth Coordinator</i> .....	Zach Applebach
<i>Newsletter Publisher</i> .....	Jaque Jones
<i>Newsletter Editor</i> .....	Roy Duke
<i>Sponsorship</i> .....	Robyn Brend
<i>Membership Director</i> .....	Roy Duke
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i> .....	Michael Quintero
<i>Historians</i> .....	Greg Miles and Rex Engle
<i>Website</i> .....	Pete Sigwardt and Jaque Jones



# What's Happening...

## January 23rd/27th

The 36th Annual 2019 Houston Auto Show At NRG Center, One NRG Park, Houston, Tx. The Auto Show Is The Largest Auto Show Of The South.

## March 2nd Sat.

The 5th Annual West Houston Muscledalooza Car Show Festival at Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr., Sugar Land, Tx. Pre-Registration Includes FREE T-Shirt.

## March 2nd Sat.

Clear Springs High School 7th Annual Car Show at 501 Palomino Lane, League City, Tx. \$20 Entry Includes T-Shirt First 75--Benefits the CCISD Automotive

## March 16th Sat.

Saturday At The Strand Spring Open Car Show at Pier 21 In Galveston, Tx. Entry \$30-- 50/50 Jar Door Prizes--Benefiting Wounded Warriors Project

## March 29th-31st

Mustangs Take Flight Mustang Club of America, National Car Show at Lone Star Flight Museum

## April 6th & 7th

"Spring Fling" at KC Hall In Rosenberg, Tx 2007 Kay Cee Drive Rosenberg, Tx. "RAIN OR SHINE" Sponsored By Rosenberg Council #2801 Of The KC's (Always On Saturday Easter Week-end)

**April 13 Sat.  
MCOH Spring Open  
Car Show  
Planet Ford in  
Spring, Texas  
Open to All Makes  
and Models  
Entry \$30  
Registration opens  
at 9AM**

## April 20th Sat.

Space City Cruisers Fall Extravaganza Car, Truck & Bike Show. No Pre-Registration, Pay At The Gate \$30, Opens At 7AM

## MCOH OFFICIAL SHIRTS

MCOH official polo shirts are available!

Contact Dennis Osting for more information.

Let's represent our club with pride!!!

Ladies and men's styles are both available



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