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# Exhaust Notes



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## New Year, New Ideas

By Roy Duke

As with everything in life, we must come to accept the new year and new ideas as we grow older. Some things aren't as easy to accept as others either. Take the new Ford Mustang Mach E for example. On Press Day of the Houston Auto Show, several MCOH members were able to take advantage of the free parking and free entrance. We had time to walk around and view all the new models from all manufactures and to hear what Ford Marketing had to say about the all new Mustang Mach E. Oh, for those not familiar with what the Mach E is, it's an all electric SUV using the name "Mach" E.

So why did Ford use the word "Mach" in an all electric SUV? That might be the question of the



year. About three years ago, John Clor with Ford Performance disclosed the idea of the electric Mustang in his article published in Mustang Times. In that article John disclosed the idea of Ford using an iconic word like "Mach". Of course eyebrows were raised by the Mustang purest about using the word "Mach" or any other wording tying an electric vehicle with a true Mustang, much less a word like "Mach". Several of us suggested the use of "Lightning" from the Ford Lightning pickup name. "Lightning" has an association with electricity when you think about it and would not smear the iconic Mustang namesake, "Mach". In talking with John Clor, he mentioned that he got his hand slapped for presenting the idea of using such an iconic name to Mustang enthusiasts through his article. But then of course, John is a purist as well, so leaking the idea to those of us in the Mustang Club of America was his way of taking the pulse of its members. Some think using the word "Mach" will diminish the value of the true "Mach I", by

association of something new like the "Mach E", mainly since there's another electric car company who's had several of its cars catch fire. Those of us who are Mustang purists want to protect our iconic "Mach" namesake from the futuristic automobiles, especially when it has to do with an electric SUV.

When we look forward to the New Year, we see our Mustangs as the best selling sports car in the country. We don't see our beauties dying off and being replaced by the Mach E, at least not in the near future. We do see our classics and more modern Mustangs take center stage in many car shows, both local and on the National stage at MCA Nationals. Our Mustangs are works of art if you will. True and personalized to our liking, both in their original state as well as modified. No matter what the future holds for the electric automobile industry, we know that we'll always have the tone and roar of what we've come to love in our Mustangs... without the "hum" of an electric motor. Of course, these are my opinions. Some people may like plugging their car in and watching the old electric meter spin and "Mach" speed.

The future is clear in some aspects and blurring in others. We have a clear vision of what the Mustang Club of Houston will do to support our two charities, Still Creek Ranch and Citizens for Animal Protection. To these organizations, we are committed to do our best to raise funds for financial support. By this, we depend on our membership, sponsors and our car shows. I encourage every member to make it a point to stop by our sponsors and say thanks. And, if you can use their services and/or products, please give them first thought. To get a current listing of our sponsors, please visit our website at mcoh.org. Let's make our future shine bright by supporting our sponsors, our shows and events. Together, we are the future.

# Meet our New “Ys” (pun intended) Board Members!

**Bryan Beautz**



Joined MCOH in 2017 after buying my 2012 Boss 302 in Race Red. I had retired in 2016 after 36 years with Marathon Oil and had decided that a hot rod was in the retirement plan. I enjoy golfing and working on my car and assisting others with theirs in our garage days. I also love going to and assisting with the shows that MCOH and Northside sponsor every year. I am married and live in the Katy Texas area.

I am working on the last of several modifications to the Boss and will have those things done later this year. It has been a pleasure participating with and now as a member of the board of the MCOH. I look forward to assisting and working with all the great members in ours and Northside's clubs thru the rest of this year. Thank you all for the chance to assist.

**Robyn Brend**



Joined MCOH in 2004 after purchasing a Laser Red 2001 GT convertible. Joining MCOH was a great way for us to get to know other Mustang owners! Our love of mustangs continued when we added a Rangoon Red 1965 convertible and a Red 2010 GT convertible in 2009. With mixed feelings, we sold the 2001 the same year. Today we still have the 1965 convertible along with a Ruby Red 2015 GT convertible. Can you tell my favorite color is Red

Professionally, I am Director, Compensation, Benefits and Payroll at NorthStar Memorial Group. Personally, Mike and I enjoy spending time with our 3 dogs, Becker, Annie and Bo. We enjoy helping with the MCOH car shows and going on cruises with the club. In addition to my Treasurer position, I also handle Sponsorship. Looking forward to working with the other Board members in 2020!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SPONSOR!!!

By Bryan Beautz

Legacy Ford is the newest Sponsor of MCOH. They are located at 27225 Southwest Freeway, Rosenberg Texas 77471. Phone 800-373-4156. They are open Monday through Saturday with great deals on new/used cars and service for all makes and models. Our contacts there are Patrick Sexton (General Manager), Toni Storie (New Car Sales Manager) and my son, Robert Beautz for service. They are a family-owned business and a close-knit group that are willing to assist and support us. Patrick and some of his team came to our January meeting to tell us about and introduce their team to the members that were in attendance.

We will be holding the Everage Memorial car show at Legacy Ford on June 13 and not only are they providing the site, they are going to assist with food vendors and advertising for the show. I am hoping that we can have a huge turnout to support the fund raiser but also to show Legacy the great team we have at MCOH. We are thankful for great sponsors like Legacy and are working with them on discounts for parts and service. When there talk with Patrick or Tony and they will treat you like family.





# 2019 MCOH Christmas Party By Roy Duke

Our 2019 Christmas Party was a blast, as always. Two large turkeys, carved by our very own Shane Masters and a nice size Honey Baked Ham, plus all the fixings, sides and desserts brought in by members. I'm pretty sure the food was great, because at times you could have heard a pin drop. Ha! But seriously, the food was awesome and as always, more than we could eat. A big thanks to everyone who brought food and helped out in setting up and any duties needed, including cleaning up and emptying the trashcans.

Food wasn't the only thing that was a big hit. As usual, the White Elephant Gift Exchange was a big hit. I think Pete Sigwardt had the most fun with this, as he's most eager to mark a gift with the appropriate "dot" to track

how many times a gift might exchange hands and mostly when the gift had reached its limit and marked it "RED", meaning it couldn't be taken again. The gifts were really awesome too. It seemed the entire room was glued on the next gift being opened as folks drooled in lust to lensure they knew who had the "Holy Grail" of gifts, so that when their turn came, they quickly retrieved their prize gift... to only have it taken by yet another drool soaked "gift mugger". What a great time had by all.

As though it's just the start of 2020, Christmas will be here before we know it. So start thinking about those favorite side dishes, desserts and the big gift exchange. You won't be disappointed for sure.





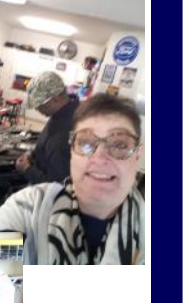
# Ford vs Ferrari by Jaque Jones

November 16, 2019 was a great evening of fun for MCOH! We planned an event through Eventbrite to see the Ford vs Ferrari film at Star Cinema Grill, 8920 Fry Road, Cypress, Texas. Star Cinema was gracious enough to hold the entire theater open for just us! We sold 81 tickets! Didn't quite pack the entire house out, but it was an amazing movie! There was great food there at Star Cinema and we all had an awesome time. Those reclining seats rock!



## Another Garage Day with the Joneses

Thanks Bryan for the use of your garage, and thanks to EVERYONE who was able to come out and help! We replaced a door, rear shocks, trunk weatherstripping and of course, Jaque supervised!





# Halloween Car Show - National Museum of Funeral History

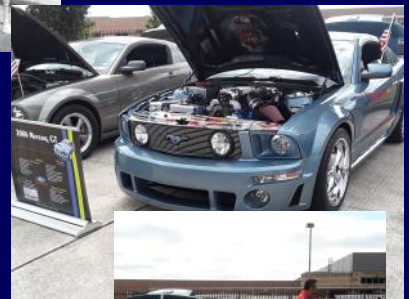
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by Jaque Jones

Once again, the Halloween Show didn't disappoint! It turned out to be a fantastic day, October 26th, though it started out quite chilly in the morning. There were so many different types of vehicles, I couldn't even figure some of them out!

There were lots of costumes, coffee and hot chocolate as well! If you have never been to this show, even as a spectator, it's so much fun! The haunted house is always a hit, and this year, while waiting before the awards began in the theater, we even got to watch a Scooby Doo movie! Hey, who doesn't like that??? Anyway... come check it out this year. Always much much fun!

And our newest Director at Large, Bryan Beautz, came away with a Best in Show - Modern Car!!!





# 2019 Arkansas Travels and Guide to Mustangs on the Mountain 2020

by Joy Sutton

Since many of us are planning to attend the MCA Thunder on the Mountain show this year, I wanted to write about my 2019 travels to Eureka Springs and the surrounding areas to give everyone ideas about what to see and do while there and on the way! My October trip was with friends, so I couldn't take the Mustang. But I was glad I didn't, because parking is minimal and navigating those narrow, high inclined, switchback side streets in the cramped downtown area would be a nightmare in a low car!

We took two days to drive to Eureka Springs, staying the first night at the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge just outside Mena, on the Arkansas end of the Scenic Talimena Scenic Byway. The views from the Lodge are breathtaking and the onsite restaurant was a lifesaver at the end of a long day of driving. The next day we took a long and scenic route to Eureka Springs, stopping at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium Museum in Booneville, Mount Magazine (more breathtaking views), and then driving the Scenic Pig Trail Bypass with its many switchbacks and fun curves.

We stayed at the Basin Park Hotel in Eureka, but on our next trip we plan to stay at the Crescent Hotel farther away. You can see both in the picture, the Basin has the green awning and the Crescent is the huge building farthest away. Both are very old and haunted! You do not have to stay at either to do their nightly ghost tours. We did the Crescent VIP tour and were on edge the entire time!



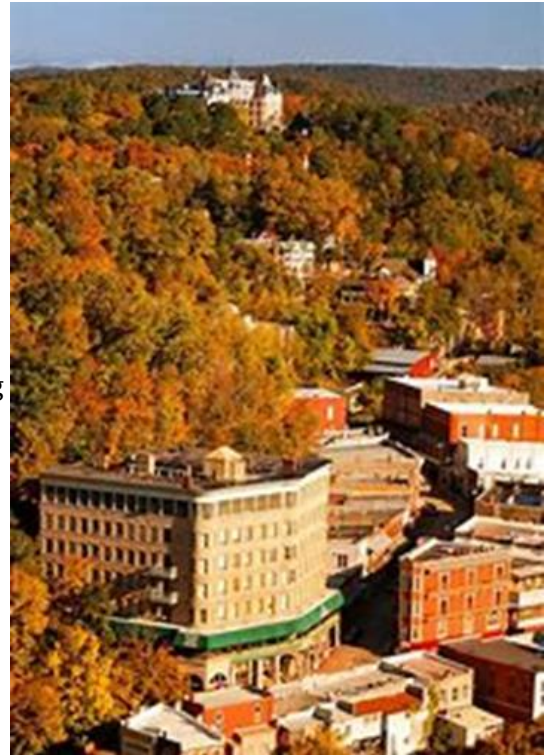
Our tour guide dressed in period clothing and was very informative and entertaining. The hotels are owned by the same people and have a shuttle that runs back and forth between the two hotels daily. I don't think you have to be a hotel guest to use their shuttle.

In addition to fantastic ghost tours, Eureka Springs has lots of small shops, bars, restaurants and art galleries right in the center of town. There are also historic Queen Anne tours, museums, magic shows, music shows, and plays.

A few miles south of town is one of my favorite attractions, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. They are a forever home to mostly tigers, but also lions, leopards, cougars, bobcats, bears and monkeys. We took the last tour of the day, which has a bonus demonstration of their Behavioral Management Program. By training them with

"treats" it allows them to administer vaccines and check stitches, etc, without the stress of sedating and transferring the animals to the onsite vet clinic. It has been a huge success; apparently big kitties love treats as much as the small ones!

Some other great attractions close to Eureka Springs (that make for a great drive in the Mustang) are Thorncrown Chapel, the Christ of the Ozarks statue, and Beaver Lake. We ventured a bit farther out of town (35 miles SW) to attend the annual War Eagle Craft Fair at the War Eagle Mill. The Mill is open year-round and is a working mill with a still drivable single lane bridge over the creek.



On a separate trip to Arkansas, I finally got to see the Arkansas Grand Canyon, about 67 miles SE of Eureka Springs. Another quick scenic drive about 20 miles west of the Grand Canyon is the Buffalo River and the Boxley Valley Elk herd. They are usually in the fields at a distance, but on my trip one guy decided it was time for his close-up; talk about right time, right place!

**MCA Thunder on the Mountain Tip #1:** Park the Mustang for the show and leave it! Only drive it on the main highways (show hotel roads are fine) or if you plan to do a cruise or any sightseeing outside the city. Most people walk or take the trolley anyway, as parking is minimal in the heart of town. We parked in the lot reserved for our hotel and walked or took their shuttle, so did very little driving ourselves while in town.

**MCA Thunder on the Mountain Tip #2:** Make sure to see some of the sights in Eureka, whether it be the history museum, a Queen Anne tour, shopping, or a nightly ghost tour!

**MCA Thunder on the Mountain Tip #3:** Try to do a little sightseeing outside of town too, the drives are wonderful and there are so many scenic views and photo opportunities! I highly recommend Turpentine Creek and it's only a 15 minute drive from town!

**MCA Thunder on the Mountain Tip #4:** If you will be busy with the car show all weekend, try to schedule a day or two extra to see some sights before or after the show!

**MCA Thunder on the Mountain Tip #5:** If you are driving, try to share the driving with your passenger or split the trip into two days. The quickest (and least scenic) drive is about 10 hours, but who wants to drive through DALLAS? I recommend taking 259 through Longview and East Oklahoma where you can hop on part of the Talimena Byway (if you have time) or just continue on 259/59 and see the Three Sticks Monument in the Ouachita Forest (still a great drive). If you are lucky enough to have time, I highly recommend taking the entire Talimena Byway! You can access it by driving through Paris, Hugo, and Antlers to Talihina, OK where it starts. All of these drives will also take you through historic Fort Smith, AR and Fayetteville, AR home of my alma mater (unless you want to get even more scenic)!

**MCA Thunder on the Mountain Tip #6:** Plan, Plan, Plan! Check out the Eureka Springs website <https://www.eurekasprings.org/> and <https://www.arkansas.com/> for info on all the sights and attractions I mentioned, and more!



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# Autorama 2019

By Tom Patterson (pics by Greg White)

America's love affair with the automobile is legendary. Custom car shows have paid tribute to the innovative workmanship and continuously re-invents and improves the vehicles of yesterday and today. Autorama hosts 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. [autorama.com](http://autorama.com)

This year was an innovative year with both the Mustang Club of Houston and Northside Mustang Car Club participating in the Houston Autorama, held in the George R. Brown convention center in downtown Houston. The show was held over the long Thanksgiving weekend, a time for family and friends and certainly Mustangs! MCOH and NMCC have 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 Autorama each year. It has become part of my holiday tradition.

Twenty eight cars from MCOH and NMCC participated in this year's event, representing all Mustang generations from 1965 to present. Mustangs from both clubs presented well, receiving recognition awards from first place to class awards.

MCOH Autorama participants: Ray Coe, Roy Duke, Dennis Osting, David & Joe & Marche, Cosmo DeBartolo, Rex Engle, Mike Brend, Michael Keogh, Greg White and Tom Patterson

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 all participants who showed their cars along with the enthusiasm of club members who took time from their holiday to venture to DT Houston to visit the show and help promote our clubs in the Houston community.









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# What's Happening...

## March 7th

6th Annual Musclepaloosa  
Typhoon Texas Waterpark  
Katy, Texas

## March 28th

Northside Mustang Car Club  
Annual ALL FORD Show  
Conroe Outlet Mall  
Conroe, Texas

## April 11th

Space City Cruisers  
Annual Spring Car Show  
Walter Hall Park  
League City, Texas

## April 18th

**MCOH**  
**Spring Open Car Show**  
**Planet Ford**  
**Spring, Texas**

## May 2nd

Wild Horse Mustang Club  
Spring Show  
Silsbee Ford  
Silsbee, Texas

## May 2nd and 3rd

Keels and Wheels  
Concours D'Elegance  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
Seabrook, Texas



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