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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The car club scene is finally getting started for 2014, with the annual Vivian Red Bud Car show and festival that happened the 3rd Saturday in March. I was unable to attend, but even though the weather was not very promising, I heard that Vivian was able to have their show, and get everyone out of town and home before the bottom fell out and the rain hit.

Thanks to the few club members that decided to brave the impending rain and thunderstorm forecasts by the local meteorologists, pressing on to represent our club in Vivian. I really wanted to go to that show, it was a blast last year, they had some great door prizes, but family duty called, and I had to miss it. I will definitely plan to go next year.

The last Saturday in March was the Mopar Nationals car show at the First Baptist Church on Ockley Drive in Shreveport. We always try to supply club members to help judge the show in return for the Mopar guys coming out to judge our show in September. This year was no exception with 8 Mustang club members coming out to judge. Just before registration closed down, they had a count of over 114 cars in attendance which was very apparent by the rows of cars present this year. Last

year, the weather was cold and threatening rain most of the day, so there were maybe only 60 cars that came out for the show in spite of the bad weather, so I am sure the Mopar Club was thankful and happy for the great weather this year.

I got to visit with several of my Mopar friends, I also got to see Ronnie Causey, who was emceeing this show for the second year. I was able to visit with him about our show in September, and also to remind the Mopar guys of the date for our show later this year. Although I was unable to participate in judging the show, I was able to visit with several Mustang and Mopar club members, and even got to see some old friends that I haven't heard from in a while. All in all, it was a beautiful day for a car show. Thanks so much to our fellow Mustang club members that came out to Judge the show.

This Month, the Marshall Texas Cruise in Starts up in downtown Marshall the second Saturday, and so does Breakfast and Fast Rides happening on the 4th Saturday morning each month.

See yall out there!
Thomas Monahan



MCA NEWS

Yeah!!!! We're getting to the last minute details for Charlotte. I know that those who are going are just as excited as I am. The Mustangs Across America guys will be driving through Bossier City on Monday Apr. 14th. Their staging area for departure is near the Horseshoe Casino. If you want to see a lot of cars leaving the area, they'll be leaving there around noon or maybe a little later. We'll be joining up with them in Atlanta on Tuesday evening. Just can't wait. Be looking for pictures.

Reminder to the ones who are leaving with us on Tuesday. BE ON TIME!!!! Don't forget, Rob, if you need a wakeup call, let me know. We'll be leaving the Wal-Mart parking lot next to the Sonic on Airline Dr. at 6 am. Also, don't forget a spare set of car keys. As Rob can vouch for, it can be costly when you have to call a locksmith. With the weather being as it has been, I would suggest layering your clothes. You don't know what it'll be in that part of the country. Jeans, sweatshirts, jackets, and rain gear are a must. Sun screen also. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

I'll be going to the board of directors meeting in May. I'm sure it will be about what could have been done for the 50th. If you want me to bring anything up at the meeting, please let me know.

Last, but not least, I want to wish Tommy & Donna Gayer and Wayne & Terry Lowry a safe trip coming across with the Mustangs Across America group. Drive safe and we'll see you all in Atlanta.

The next anniversary trip will be in Kansas City and that'll be for the MCA anniversary celebration. I think it's in 2015. No date yet.

See you on the road,
Donna



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ACTIVITIES

Spring has sprung and so comes the car show season. April is the big kick off month for shows and cruises so let's get those ponies dusted off, gassed up, and hitting the road. First we start off our month with our monthly meeting at Asbury Church on Airline Drive in North Bossier 5:00 the first Saturday of each month. This month we will be cruising to Denny's on Old Minden Rd for dinner.

On Saturday the 12th, Downtown Marshall Texas will be holding their second Saturday of each month cruise night. We will be leaving the Texas Welcome Center at 2:00 pm. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet if you plan on going. Wednesday the 16th is our board meeting held at Reed Industrial off of Mt. Zion Rd in Shreveport 6:30. All club members are welcome to attend and points will be awarded. Happy Easter on Sunday the 20th and when I get some time off after that. Saturday the 26th starts up the Breakfast and Fast Rides the 4th Saturday of each month. In April we will be at Southfield Grill on Ben-

ton Rd in Bossier City 9-11:00 am. Overflow parking will be provided next door at the thrifty liquor.

That is all for April but lots will be coming up soon. Make sure we have your email address because we do weekly emails for upcoming events, or if you would prefer a text make sure I have your cell phone number. Lots of times on Thursday evening I will text the weekend's events. Hope everyone has a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Just an extra note -- next month we will be cruising to Waskom after the meeting for dinner so make sure you come gassed up and ready to hit the road.

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Spring vehicle maintenance checklist: be prepared!

1. Inspect your windshield wipers. The chilly temperatures of winter can cause the rubber blades to lose their effectiveness. If you need new blades, you might opt for blades optimized for summer conditions.
2. Check the condition and level of your oil. If it's been over 3,000 miles since your last oil change, it's probably best just to do an oil and lube. The searing heat caused by summer driving is unkind to motor oils. If you live in a mild climate or will be towing a trailer, a higher viscosity oil might be necessary.
3. Evaluate your battery. Did you know that summer can actually be tougher on your battery than winter?
4. See if your engine needs more coolant, and check its condition, too. You may need to add coolant or have a flush-and-fill performed. Trying to make it through summer with inadequate coolant is a recipe for a vehicle breakdown.
5. Speaking of keeping cool, test your air conditioning system. If it's not providing enough cool air, you may need more refrigerant. Or, you might have a clogged condenser, leak, or loose drive belt. Regardless, it's smart to fix this situation in spring before the peak heat of summer arrives.
6. Check your tire pressure. Wide temperature variations are common with changes of season and can cause your tires to lose pressure more quickly. Under-inflated tires don't perform as well as properly inflated tires. Also, be sure to rotate your tires according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
7. Monitor the tread on your tires. If they look worn, replace your tires before the heavy rains and reduced traction of summer comes along. Don't forget to check your spare tire too (unless you have a Shelby.) A flat or dry-rotted spare is just dead weight.
8. Winter conditions and salt on the roads can lead to corrosion of brake parts; Anti-lock braking systems get an especially hard workout in winter's slick conditions. Nothing is more crucial to your safety than your brakes, so get them checked. Trouble signs: pulling to one side when you hit the brakes, squeaking or grinding noises and a brake pedal that feels too soft.
9. Determine if you need to replace any belts or hoses. Look for cracks, swelling, fraying or leakage. If something looks borderline, you should replace the belt or hose because summer's heat and humidity will likely cause it to fail.
10. Check the shocks or struts for signs of physical damage, such as leaking, rusting, or dents. Also be aware of the warning signs that you may need them replaced: vehicle rolls or sways on turns, front end dives when braking, rear end squats when accelerating, vehicle sits lower in the front or rear, a loss of directional control during sudden stops, and the vehicle bounces or slides sideways on a winding and rough road.

Don't be this guy.
Changing your wiper
blades regularly is a lot
easier than using a
squeegee!



April 2014

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- 5 Club Meeting. 5 PM
- 11-12 Red River Street Rod 41st Annual Street Rod Reunion
- 12 Marshall Cruise Night
- 16 Board Meeting
- 26 BreakFast & Fast Rides

May 2014

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- 3 Club Meeting. 5 PM
- 10 Marshall Cruise Night
- 17 Magnolia Blossom Festival and Car Show. (Magnolia AR)
- 21 RRCMC Board meeting
- 24 BreakFast & Fast Rides

April Birthdays

Jeff Crockett
 Tina DiDanenico
 Angie Fontana
 Matthew Jones
 Troy Jones
 Henry Lawrence
 Trey Luce
 Kay Stratton
 Barbara Winderweedle

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