



On The Prowl

Mid-America Classic Cougars.

MACC Newsletter

March 2017

Welcome to our inaugural quarterly club newsletter, we are looking forward to being able to share club news, interesting articles, member features, tech tips etc. If it's of interest to you share it, I promise it will be interesting to our members as well. This is going to be a great format to highlight information about our cougars and hopefully helps us get to know each other a little bit better. Having said that we need content from you. Please feel free to submit ideas to our Club's email

Calendar of Events

April 9th Volunteer Meeting
Randy's House Bixby, OK

April 21st

6-8:30 pm Route 66 Tour of Tulsa

April 22nd

6-8am Start lining cars for show

8am -9pm 2017 Mid America
Nationals At Tulsa Fairground

MACC, LSCC and CCOA have been working very hard to put together a fantastic show here in the heartland of America. The response has been awesome, we have over 75 cars registered for the event and hope to have even more before the deadline. The event is free so make plans to come out and enjoy these lovely cars and the company of fellow enthusiast from all over the country. This will undoubtedly be one of the premier events, here are but just a few things planned for the event

Over 90 Cougars on display

Music by Tulsa's own band Jumpstart

Bar B Que dinner

Awards presentation for each class and Kid's Choice

On site pin striping by "The Wizard" Terry McConnell

Multiple Raffles throughout the day



Rain or Shine It Doesn't Matter (it's all indoors!)



2017 Mid America Nationals

It's a Golden celebration, the 50th Birthday for our beloved Cougar is upon us, and you are all invited to the party. The first of six national car shows will be held in our very own backyard, here in Tulsa, Oklahoma



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Goodie Bags

Johnny Lightning, AMT, Autoworld, American Car Collector magazine, Eaton Springs, Coker Tires and Wheels,

Tech Tips

1969 Cougars featured glued in glass, if you find yourself having to re-glue the glass in, it's recommended that you do not remove the old glue but simply add glue to the track and reinstall the window. Removing the old glue can sometimes cause issues with window not lining up correctly. 1970 models switched from the style.

This section we need/want your input. If you know a special trick when it comes to working on these cats, we would love to hear it. You can see these helpful hints here in future issues

Is That Your Ride!

We want to know about you and your ride, this will give us a chance all within the club a better chance to get to know each other within the club we all have a passion for these wonderful cars and getting to know the back story is half the fun. Please submit a picture of you with your ride, and tell us a little bit about it, how long have you had it are you still working on it, (most of us are) do you know the history of the car, what's in store for your ride. Each newsletter we will feature several members and their ride or rides We have such a great group here within our club with some truly remarkable rides and stories. We look forward in sharing in your stories. Please submit pics and information to jlphillips1966@me.com.



Introducing John and Amy Phillips and their 1969 Mercury Cougar, many of you may have seen her like this already but she is in for a major facelift for the upcoming car show. They can't wait to show her off hopefully it will be all complete soon. John and Amy found this car in Taylorville Texas where it spent all of its life. Purchased from the dealership that originally sold it new in 1969. It was owned by a Doctor in the town and the dealership bought it back and began a restoration on her about 12 years ago. Being an older restoration there were some issues starting to surface and they made the decision to make her into a resto-mod with many customizations. Although they do love and appreciate an original car they chose to do something a little unique. Fingers crossed the big unveil will be at the National Car Show here in Tulsa! John wants to publicly thank his wonderful wife Amy for the support and tolerance shown during this wild build, Thanks Babe!



Introducing Dan and Felicia Whisnant, they have a beautiful 68 Cougar (affectionately known as "Kitten". They purchased Kitten from the original owner in March 1998. He had special ordered the car in Dallas, Texas in late 1967. The original paint color was Black Cherry



with a black vinyl top and in 1979 she was painted black. Kitten had been sitting outside for 10 years when they purchased her. Her facelift included: engine and drive train rebuild, paint, headliner, vinyl top, driver's seat insert, carpet, and new tires. Rear bumper, luggage rack and front bumper guards were re-chromed; side runners were stripped and re-anodized. Dan did the body work, paint and engine rebuild. Dan and Felicia replaced the front window several years later. The remainder of the car is original. Kitten became a daily driver in 2000. Daily driving was cut back in 2008 when gas prices skyrocketed. Recent improvements include: disc brakes, led brake lights, led back up lights, led gauge lights, clock, intermittent wipers and new HVAC system. Sadly, she is no longer a numbers match car as the engine crashed in 2006 and the block was trash. Kitten is now due for a complete makeover having been on the road for 16 years.



Introducing David and Diane Hall, shown here with their Gorgeous 67 Cougar. We asked David to share a little about himself and his ride.

My name is David Hall and I am married to my wife and best friend Diane Hall. Diane and I have always liked the Mercury Cougars as not everyone has one and are somewhat rare not to mention a good looking car. I bought her a gold 1968 standard back in 1985. It was a little rusty but ran pretty good. We were just starting our family and didn't have the extra cash to restore it. So I sold it to pay some bills. As we raised our children and they moved out of the house I wanted to get back into cars. I bought a 1970 Mustang and it was a rust bucket. So rather than tying up a bunch of money in it we decided to sell it and find another car in better shape. Diane wanted another Cougar. I searched for one and found one in Oklahoma in September of 2009. I

figured it wouldn't be as rusty as the old Mustang. I found a 1967 Mercury Cougar 302 auto with factory ac. The transmission was out so I couldn't drive it. It appeared pretty solid so I bought it. We towed it back home to Missouri. I had the transmission rebuilt and installed it. We ended up parking it until February 2014. I found a fellow who turned into a good friend after he rebuilt the body for me. Kenny Drake spent countless hours on our car. It was initially supposed to be just a strip of the color and repaint. After he stripped the paint we found the car had been wrecked in the passenger side ripping the rocker panel into. One of the prior owners had installed bondo to cover it up. Also the top was rotted under the vinyl. I bought another 67 for the roof and other parts we might need. Kenny repaired the roof, the quarters and installed a donor "B" pillar along with a rocker panel obtained from West Coast Classic Cougars. He also installed new floor pans and the front section of the inner fender aprons. He installed all new rubber seals and painted the car a maroon metallic urethane called Claret. I had new carpet, headliner and a new vinyl roof installed by Elrods Upholstery. Kenny did the car in time for me to take it to its first car show in July in Des Moines at Good Guys. After driving it we discovered the front end needed work so I bought a Mustang II kit for it. I also bought a short block 302 for it. Of course I wanted it to sound good so I bought a set of aluminum heads with roller rockers a big mutha thumpr cam. summit 4bbl intake with a 650 Edelbrock carb. shorty headers and a yukon dura grip with 3.55's in the rear-end. A 3500 stall converter in the C-4 tranny. The next projects I want to do are the electric headlights, a 4 link rear-end with bags front and rear and 4 wheel disk brakes. We've gotten lots of compliments on her. Heard numerous stories of people who had one in the past. Anyway we are looking forward to seeing the other Cougar owners and hearing their stories and admiring the cars. We can't wait for the show!!

Looking for Parts /-Parts for Sale

If you have something you are ready to part with, or something you are looking for send us the info we will gladly add it in this section. Tell Us-Year-Part-and what you are wanting to sell it for/ buy it for/ trade for it etc.

Did you know?

Did you know that all 1970 Cougars with 428CJ engine are "Q" codes regardless of whether they were equipped



with Ram Air, which should have been designated as "R" code engines? --WCCC

Did you know that of the 11,900 Dan Gurney Special Cougars built in 1968 only 1 was an XR7? --WCCC

Did you know that in 1972 only 1% of the Cougars did not come with power steering? --WCCC

Did you know the Mercury Cougar has made an appearance in many movies and TV shows, the IMCDB (Internet Movie Cars Database) will allow you to search by car and bring up a list of movies with screen shots of the car. Check them out at the website below.

<http://www.imcdb.org/vehicles.php?make=Mercury&model=Cougar&page=1>

Got a fun fact email it to us!

Car Shows



Randy and Kendall at the Daryl Starbird show here in Tulsa

This is certainly going to be a fun section to make entries to, we have a great club with awesome people and cars it's time we show it as a group. Let's put the Cats on the show map again. We would love to hit some of these as a group there were 10

cars that made a presence at Arnold's Hamburgers Car Show in Tulsa on March 4th, can you imagine what it looked like having the Cats arriving as a group, surely this was a site to behold (and I will refrain from calling you Shirley). Having members in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri we need to hear from you what car shows are in your area, we understand it isn't always feasible to travel here so we would like to take some road trips so let us know of car shows in your neck of the woods. Here is a list of Car Shows in the Oklahoma area, let's get together and plan on making a few as a group.



The clings on the previous page represent the National Cougar Car Shows going on across the country

Tulsa OK April 21-22, Carlisle, PA June 2-4, Dearborn Ford HQ June 9-12, Cypress, CA June 23-24, Abbotsford, BC July 1-2, Tacoma, WA Aug 5-6

April 9th 2017

Tahlequah, OK

The 5Cs Car Club will be hosting their 30th Annual Car show during the Red Fern Festival 32 classes plus specialty trophies, \$100 for best club attendance registration info www.5ccarclub.com

May 6th 2017

Prague, OK

Prague Kolache Festival Car, Truck and Bike Show

48 Classes- 2 trophies per class, plus specialty awards for Best of Show, Best Paint, People's Choice, Best Engine, Best Original, Club Participation, Classic Ford, Best Interior, Best Tire and Wheels, Longest Distance. Info www.route66cruisersok.org/17carshow/Prague02232017.pdf

May 13th 2017

Bartlesville, OK

32nd Annual Oldies and Goodies Car Show

Join us in beautiful downtown Bartlesville, OK. for our 32nd annual Oldies 'n Goodies Car Show. Enjoy food, vendors, event t-shirts, a live DJ, a salute to veterans and more.

Registration is \$20 per vehicle. The registration booth will open at 8:00 am and close at 11:00 am. Judging will begin at Noon. Awards presentation will be at 3:00 pm. Absolutely no alcohol or cooking will be permitted at the event.

This is an Open Class Show. Our judges will select the top 20% of all registered cars to receive \$100 cash each. From this group, judges will select candidates for our High Five





class and judge them on a 100-point scale. The High Five winner will be awarded \$500 and a best of show trophy. The four runners-up will receive \$100 each and a special plaque.

oldiesngoodiesclub.com/events.php?action=fullnews&id=218

June 9th -10th Dearborn, MI

CCOA Nationals, The Cats Classic Cougar Club will be hosting one of the 6 National events at the Ford Headquarters for details catsccc.com. There maybe a couple of our members attending if interested see Randy

June 10th 2017 Stroud, OK

Stroud 8th Annual Historic Rr. 66 Car, Truck and Bike Show

33 Classes -2 trophies per class, Plaques for Best Interior, Best Tires and Wheels, Club Participation, Classic Chevy, Ford and Mopar

June 10th Collinsville, OK

15th Annual Hogs N Hot Rods This show has really turned into a premier event for the area, more details will be shared when they come available Check out their FB page Hogs "N: Hot Rods

June 11th Collinsville, OK

East Side Baptist Church will be hosting a car show, more information to follow

June 23rd-24th Cypress,CA

CCOA Western Nationals- Sothern California Cougar Club & Mercurys is hosting one of the six CCOA National events to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. www.socalcougarclub.com There maybe a couple of our members attending if interested see John Phillips 918-443-7300

Sept 17th 2017 Claremore Lake

Route 66 Car and Motorcycle Show at Claremore Lake- There are over 40 classes with 3 awards per class. Custom built trophies for Best Ford, GM and Mopar Best Paint, Best of Show, Gas Card awarded for distance \$100 Club participation award (let's get it this one), Pin-Up Contest, Arts and Crafts, Food and Music, Drawings for cash and prizes throughout the day. Register before Sept. 12th and

its \$15 and get entered for a \$50 drawing, after Sept 12th it is \$20 no entry for drawing. Get registration form from their website www.route66cruisersok.org

Sept 29th-Oct 1st Fort Worth, TX

28th Annual Summit Racing Lone Star Nationals at Texas Motor Speedway

Featuring Hot Rods, Customs, Classics, Muscle Cars and Trucks thru '72, GoodGuys AutoCross, Vendors, Swap Meet, Cars 4 Sale Corral, Track Cruise and All American Sunday.

These are just a few that I have found there are plenty more around, check out websites below let us know what looks good to you!

Websites

Car Shows and Cruises

www.route66cruisersok.org/carshow.htm

www.carshowfinder.org

Cougar Parts

www.westcoastclassiccougarinc.com/

www.autokrafter.com

www.mustangsunlimited.com

www.johnsclassiccougars.com

www.npdlink.com

www.cjponyparts.com

Facebook Groups

Mercury Cougar Group 1967-68-69-70-71-72-73

Mercury Cougar Drivers

Mercury Cougar Restorations 67 68 Group

Mercury Cougar 1969 1970 69 70 cars & parts – buy and sell

Mercury Muscle Cars

Mercury Cougar 69 / 1969



We are not alone Cougar Clubs



Cougar Club of America-- cougarclub.org

Mid America Classic Cougars --Midwest
midamericaclassiccougars.com —

Fordnutz Cougar Club -- Canada--fordnutz.org

Lone Star Cougar Club— Texas --
lonestarcougarclub.com

Mercury Stray Cats— Central California---
classiccougar.com

New England Cougar Club—necougarclub.com

Delmarva Cougar Club-- Delaware
<https://www.facebook.com/dcconline/>

Southern California Cougar Club -- socialcougarclub.org

Cats Classic Cougar Club –Michigan--catsccc.com

Cascade Cougar Car Club – Washington State
cascadecougarclub.com

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How do you like the format of the newsletter? Do you have any ideas to make it better? Want to contribute a story? If you answered yes to any of these we need you involved. Submit your ideas to our club website. Remember we want pics of you and your ride for our "Is That Your Ride" feature". In an effort to save the trees we need to make sure that everyone's email address is up to date so that we

can push the newsletter electronically. You can send your email address to jlphillips1966@me.com please include your name so I can setup mailing groups.

Message from Our MACC Officers

Mid America Classic Cougar Club has come a long way in two short years. We have gone from a few local Cougars owners discussing the possibility of starting a club to hosting a National Cougar Show in Tulsa celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our favorite car - the Mercury Cougar. We currently have 39 club members and now the first edition of our On The Prowl newsletter is coming out. I would like to thank John Phillips for stepping up to be the first editor of the newsletter. He has done a great job and I look forward to seeing a new edition each quarter. I encourage all club members to forward pictures, Cougar stories and any other interesting Cougar items to John for future newsletters. Curt Mount has also volunteered to be the club's Event Coordinator. Curt will be finding great car shows and events for the club to attend in 2017 and beyond. If you know of car shows that the club might like to attend please forward the info to Curt. I look forward to seeing all club members at the National Cougar show on April 21/22. By Randy Christian – MACC President.

April 9th will be a volunteer meeting at Randy Christian's house. Please plan on attending to receive your volunteer shirt, coordinate with your group and put together goodie bags. 13807 S 19th Court, Bixby OK 74008 @ 2pm to ?