

SWMMC Pony Tales

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THE TWIN CITIES' CHAPTER OF THE MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA

Our First 2020 Cruise Was GREAT!

**Were you among
the almost 70
members who
were there?**

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By SWMMC President
Dan Nicewander

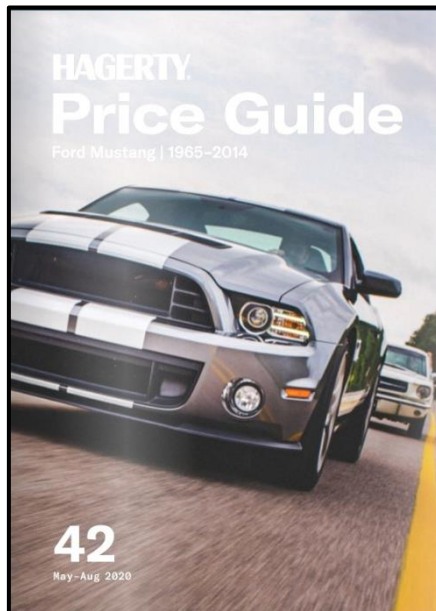
You know the old saying that
you can't get anything for free?

Well this month we're pleased to share
something pretty cool for all us Mustang folk
that actually IS free! Catch your attention?
Read on!

Hagerty's valuation team did something pretty
cool this week. Rather than just updating their
general valuation guide they also emphasized a few
"great" cars, and made special books for them. Well,
you've guessed it - one of the
"great" cars they picked is the
Mustang and they cover all years
and models from 1964-2014.

These won't be printed guides but
rather they're offering them for free
digitally! Now I wouldn't get too
excited about a price guide, but this
format and the timeliness of it
makes it a really interesting read.

For example, there's in the foreword
by the editor (shown below left)
they give a pretty major valuation company's
opinion on the value trends of our beloved rides.



HAGERTY MARKET RATING

The Hagerty Market Rating uses a weighted algorithm to calculate
the strength of the North American collector car market.



- The Hagerty Market Rating saw its second consecutive decrease for March, dropping 0.11 to 62.55. This is the lowest the rating has been since November 2019.
- Both the number of cars sold at auction and their median sale price are down from last month. With numerous collector car auctions postponed in the coming weeks due to public health concerns, expect auction activity to drop further. Private sales activity, meanwhile, is up from last month. People are still buying and selling cars.
- The number of both mainstream and high-end vehicle owners who believe that values are increasing is lower this month. For high-end vehicle owners, the number is at its lowest to date.
- This month's rating doesn't account for the most recent spasms in the stock market, nor does it take into account the most recent wave of event cancellations and their effects on the economy.

Current Rating	62.55	All-time High:	71.95 (May 2015)
Five-Year High	71.95 (May 2015)	Five-Year Low	61.91 (Dec 2019)
1-Month Change	-0.11 (Feb 2020)	12-Month Change	-2.07 (Mar 2019)
36-Month Change	-3.79 (Mar 2017)	60-Month Change	-7.93 (Mar 2015)

*The Hagerty Market Rating is updated on the 15th of each month. The March update was the most current at the time of printing.

Included below are some notable moves that occurred during the past four months. Percent change is based on the average value of all four conditions.

NOTABLE GAINS

- 1993 Mustang SVT Cobra R.....+25%
- 1968 Mustang GT Fastback 390/325.....+15%
- 1989 Mustang 5.0 GT Hatchback.....+12%
- 1976 Mustang II Cobra II.....+10.3%
- 1985 Mustang SVO.....+10.1%

NOTABLE LOSSES

- 1970 Mustang Boss 429.....-10.8%
- 1973 Mustang Mach 1 351/264.....-5.3%
- 1970 Mustang Mach 1 428/335.....-5%
- 1971 Mustang Boss 351.....-4.8%
- 1969 Mustang Boss 302.....-3.3%

INDICES

HAGERTY PRICE GUIDE publishes seven primary collector car indices that describe how various sectors of the market have performed over time. These seven indices, complete with commentary are on the following pages: *Blue Chip*, *British Cars*, *Ferrari*, *American Muscle Cars*, *Post-War German Collectible Cars*, *1950s American Classics*, *Affordable Classics*.

And then there's a pretty cool Market Rating guide
below that shows the overall composite strength of

the Mustang and where it has gone
since the last update.

While most of us aren't seriously out
shopping our rides to see what we
can get for them, it's certainly good
to stay on top of their value – if
nothing else to ensure you're insuring
them for the right amount. But like
stocks you watch with no intention of
selling, it's fun to watch your ride's
ballpark value.

You can check out their full Mustang
Price Guide by clicking [HERE](#).

I'll close this month's Pit Stop by encouraging
you to get out and take your Mustang for a spin.
This is an odd year to say the least, but don't
just let it sit in storage. Come to our cruises
(where you can social distance) and if our
shows happen as we hope we sure would like
to see you (again, we'd ask you to social
distance). I hope you don't get to Oct and regret
you didn't do more driving as our winters are
too long for that!

I hope you enjoy reading this month's Pony
Tales! Dan... swmmcinfo@gmail.com

FOREWORD



The Ford Mustang has brought pleasure to millions of drivers. Even today, well over half a century since the first ones took the world by storm in 1964, the Mustang is still the definitive pony car and one of the most popular enthusiast vehicles in the world. And from a lightly used 5.0 GT to a historic Shelby race car, there's a Mustang for every taste and budget.

It seems like an eternity ago, but on January 10 of this year Steve McQueen's Highland Green '68 fastback from the movie Bullitt sold for \$3.74M and became the most expensive Mustang ever sold at auction. That result has far less to do with the Mustang market than it does McQueen and movie mystique, but some 1965-68 fastbacks saw increases anywhere from 3 to 15 percent since the beginning of the year. A few other models in the ever-popular 1965-73 generation grew slightly as well, but some more expensive favorites took a step back. The 1969-70 Boss 429, for example, shed between 8 and 11 percent, and now trades between \$271,000 and \$288,000 in #2 condition.

Several cars from the oft-forgotten Mustang II generation continued their upward momentum seen earlier in the year, but all of them are still cheap classics. The most expensive Mustang II – the 1978 King Cobra – is worth only \$13,800 in #2 condition.

Over the past several years Fox-body (1979-93) Mustangs are up across the board, although most earlier cars tracked straight this past period while later high-performance versions kept growing. The 1993 SVT Cobra R continued to shine as the ultimate-spec Fox-body, and is up 25 percent to a #2 value of \$86,000. Many

FOREWORD

later Fox-body Saleens are up 10 percent, as is the 1985 SVO, which carries a #2 value of \$19,500.

The newest Mustangs in the Hagerty Price Guide, namely the 1994-04 and 2005-14 generations along with the 2007-14 GT500 and 2012-14 Boss 302, are no longer depreciating as used cars, but they haven't gained any value, either. Aside from some limited-production high-performance models, most of these are simply not on the radar yet as collector cars but continue to offer affordable fun.

There are some uncertainties in the world at the moment, but the usual rules of collector car buying still apply. The rarest, highest-performing models with the lowest odometer readings have the greatest potential for collectability, and keen buyers will consider how they want to use their Mustang, figure what their longer-term plans are for the car, and set a budget.

Brian Rabold
Editor
Hagerty Price Guide



By SWMMC Vice President
David Anderson

I was "Under construction" last month! After all it is the construction season! 😊 So I am catching up this month and it is a fun list of 26 to catch up with! So glad to see many new members going the club this spring. Welcome to the Club!

I think you find many activities and a fun people to spend time with even with our reduced and changing schedules for this year. Be sure to stay up to date on our club events from the Newsletter, Facebook and Event Calendar on the Club's Website!

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer. The cruises have been fun to see and talk with everyone in person. Join our Virtual Club meetings! It was fun last month to see everyone on video conferencing!

Welcome to the Club!

Alan Bearder, Carver, Shopping for '69 Mach 1

Greg and Kyle Berger, Lakeville, 66 Mustang Convertible

Wylie and Robin Benedict, Hastings, 2001 Bullit

Tanner Bennett, Burnsville, 1991 Mustang GT

Tim and Jessica Bessette, Prior Lake, 2007 Saleen S281 Extreme

David Bonine, Minneapolis, 07 Ford Mustang

Jim and Vic Bradley, Mound, 1968 Mustnag California Special

Anthony Deml, Owatonna, 1994 Mustang GT convertible

Andy and Ashley Doan, Brooklyn Park, 1971 Mustang Fastback

Brian and Carla Farr, Minnetrista, 2012 Mustang V6 Convertible, 2013 Mustang Boss 302

Jasen Grotte, Zimmerman, 2000 Mustang GT convertible, 2003 Mustang SVT Cobra convertible

Steven and Patty Herbert, St Paul, 2020 GT convertible

Galen and Pamela Houk, Hutchinson, 2016 Mustang GT Premium Convertible

Rena and Ron Jensen, Chanhassen, 2012 Mustang GT

Kimberly Johnson, Afton, 68 California Special, 06 GT convertible (planning to sell...anyone interested?)

Calvin Kidd, Minneapolis, 2015 Ford Mustang

Thomas and Shawn Mevissen, Elk River, 2010 Shelby GT500, 2006 Foose Stallion, 66 Coupe project car

Denny Minor and Debbie Affeldt, Clear Lake, 2018 Mustang Convertible, Eco-Boost Premium, Orange Fury

Eric Pope, Crystal, 1983 Mustang GLX Convert 5.0 5 Spd

Derek Randolph, North Branch, 2006 Ford Mustang GT Deluxe Convertible

Todd and Kathy Schwartz, Elysian, 2017 Mustang convertible Ecoboost race red

Shubh Sharma, Farmington, 2019 Mustang ecoboost premium convertible

Kade Slattum, Hastings, 2001 Mustang SVT Cobra Mineral Grey

Scott Sokol, Chaska, 1969 Ford Mustang, 2006 Saleen S281 Extreme, 2003 Mustang Cobra convertible

Mike Steffen, Bloomington, 2012 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500

Eric Tonn, Hutchinson, 2018 Mustang GT

We have over 400 combined individual members! Great group of people to always have activities and people participating!

Description	Totals
Memberships	249
Significant Others	168
Combined Members	417
New Members	26
Combined Emails	261
MailChimp	261
MCA Members	37

Since being founded in 2012, our club of friends has continued to grow each year. We are very glad to see that as time goes on more people are staying on as members!

Membership year	# of Members
1	41
2	71
3	47
4	39
5	17
6	10
7	12
8	7
9	5

Your SWMMC VP – Dave “Major Hazard” Anderson

Show Scene



By SWMMC Show Directors
Phil and Ruth Riddell

Does anyone know the significance of January 5th, 2020? That's day one - the day the WHO (World Health Organization) published our first info on Covid19. Now just over 5 months later we're still dealing with quarantine, with deaths happening all over and with our own loved ones being sick. For those that are sick, we're thinking about you and hope you get well soon.

From a show standpoint the SWMMC is being very diligent and careful in deciding when and if we are going to continue shows this year. We have decided the **Mustangs On The Mississippi** show at TI will not happen this year due to Covid19. By the time things open back up again, the Leadership Team does not feel we could do this show properly and make it a great show.

The All Ford Show at Apple Ford Shakopee has been pushed back to September 13th and moved earlier in the day to 8am to 11:30am. This will allow everyone to get home for the Packer / Viking game (ed note – Phil is rooting for the Pack!) 😊

And the Muscle Car Bash (Mustang vs Camaro vs Challenger) is still as scheduled at France Place Parking lot from 4pm to 7pm on August 15th.

Like we said last month, we'll continue to be diligent in monitoring the situation with Covid19 which may impact these future shows. We will be sure to notify the club with any changes as they happen. We want to do the shows but we want to keep everyone safe so they may return next year!

I'll end this month with a little joke that gave me a chuckle...

I work a retail job. My friend neglected to properly put his Mustang in park in his space. It moved backwards across the lot and in to a customer's Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Luckily for him, the damage was not serious.

Unlucky for him, all of my coworkers (and a few customers) proceeded to mercilessly roast him on the showroom floor.

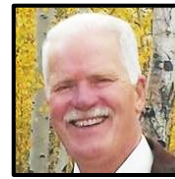
Looking to me to defend him, he asked, "Why don't you back me up?"

I said "Back up seems to be the last thing you need. I'd just learn to roll with it. You might say I'm pretty neutral on it..." 😊



Your SWMMC Show Directors – Ruth and Phil

Cruise Corner

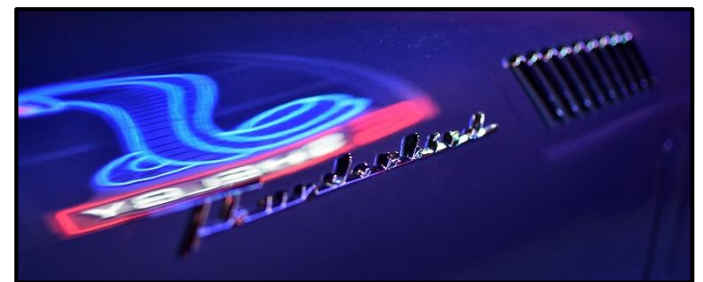


By SWMMC Cruise Director
Steve Gunderson

Greetings, all. Our first "official" cruise for the 2020 season is in the books! We had 37 cars and 66 members make the trip to Remlinger's Muscle Cars in Winona to view a nice collection that is still a work in progress. I think this will be one worth re-visiting in a couple of years when he gets his "Main Street" completed. Thanks to everyone for



doing their part to maintain some social distancing at our meeting stops and at Remlinger's. I know it is a difficult thing to do with a group of people that love to socialize! Just one of the reasons this is such



a great club! See the pics in this column that, along with the cover shot, were taken by club member Alex Oas. Thanks Alex!



As of this writing, our June and July cruises are still a go as planned, however, we won't know for sure until after June 1st on the El Rancho Manana horseback/trolley ride, so, watch for updates in your inbox as we get closer to that event. We are working on some options, if we cannot go to the ranch.

For those planning on going on our Bridges of Madison County/John Wayne Museum overnigher to Winterset, IA (*ed note – the John Wayne birthplace and museum are EXCELLENT!*) in July, our host hotel has asked us to please call and make your reservations for your rooms as soon as you can. We do have a block of 20 rooms on hold at the Covered Bridge Inn (515-462-4888), just mention Southwest Metro Mustang Club when you call to get the negotiated rate of \$79 + tax for Saturday, July 11th.

You just need a credit card to hold the room, if for some reason your plans change as we get closer, you can cancel up to 24 hours prior to July 11th. The hotel



has asked us to reach out early to ensure we have enough rooms for our group, but it also allows the hotel to free up some rooms for other guests, as that is a busy time of the year for them.

The 'official' invite will still be forthcoming a couple of weeks prior to the July 11 cruise date.

It is certainly nice to see some of the Stay at Home restrictions beginning to lift; however, it is still important to maintain social distancing protocols for future events. Stay healthy and stay safe!

Your SWMMC Cruise Director – Steve





By SWMMC Charity Committee Chair, David Kronk

The charity committee is happy to announce the awarding of two \$750 scholarships to Prior Lake High School seniors.

One winner, Shane Draginis, is planning on attending the GM technician program at Dakota County Technical College. He is the first senior we've seen in four years that is going into an automotive related career.



The other winner, Tyler Kingery, has been racing late



models, so he also has a strong automotive interest.

We are still planning a volunteer opportunity at Feed My Starving Children once they re-open. Currently they have suspended packing until July 31.

Your SWMMC Charity Committee Chair – David

This month's Ride and story come from new SWMMC members Todd and Kathy Schwartz. They write...

"Todd and Kathy here. We became new members this winter.

A couple of years ago, after searching around the area we found the Mustang we were looking for. A 2017 Race Red, Ecoboost, convertible in Albert Lea. We have owned the car for 2 years.

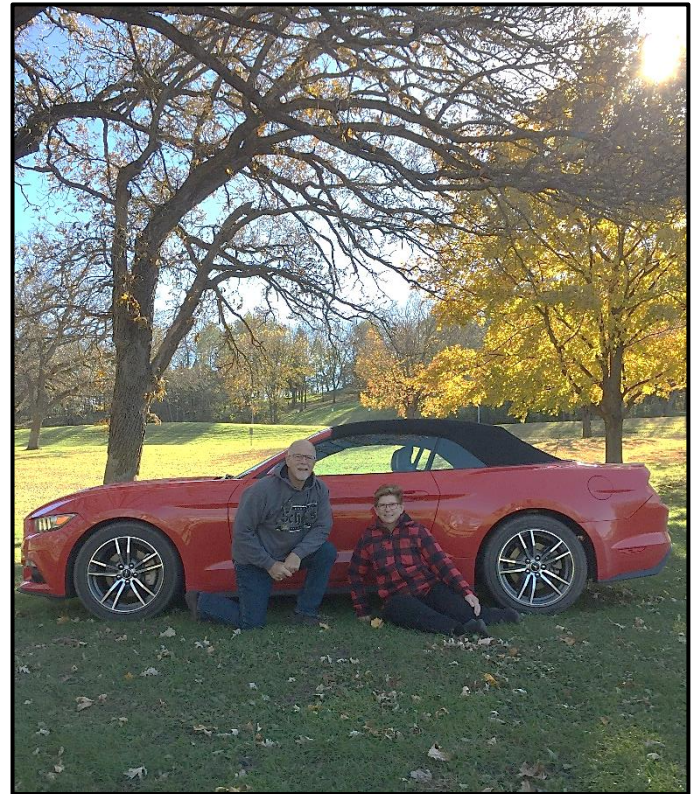
Now, here's the back story. We have spent years motorcycle touring. However, after struggling with getting older and dealing

with knees and hips, it was time to make a change to 4 wheels.

Before we got married, I had previously owned two Mustangs - a 1964½ red convertible with a 170ci, and an automatic transmission. Then, we had the chance to purchase a 1966 convertible with a 289ci, 4 barrel, 4 speed with Pony Interior. We loved both of these cars. Kathy had always said "I wish I had known you when you had the red Mustang convertible. I always loved that car."

It only seemed right that we would shop for another red Mustang convertible, and this time one she that could drive as well.

After looking around the web, we found SWMMC. We participated in the club's cruise to Remlingers in Winona and look forward to going on more rides and meeting folks that love to ride and talk Mustangs!" - *Todd and Kathy Schwartz from Elysian, MN (near Mankato)*



If you'd like to have your ride published in our newsletter, please send me a short write up and a picture or two!

Dan... swmmcinfo@gmail.com



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FOR SALE: Mustang Caps - \$20!

Club member David Gohl has a limited offer for all SWMMC members. A structured cap with Mustang patch and American Flag embroidered on the bill.

This Mustang cap has a Velcro adjustment so sized to fit most.



For every cap sold, (ed note - here's the cool part!) David will donate \$5.00 of the \$20 sale price to the club for use with our charitable efforts with existing high school programs. And – it includes shipping! Credit cards will be accepted, or you can go to Etsy.com and locate the listing under CapandPatch.

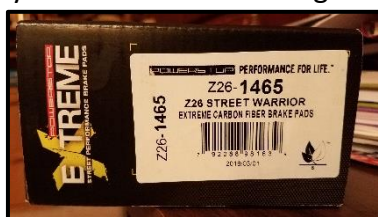
Limited to quantities on hand, contact David Gohl at 952.358.0201 by phone or text, or email him at david.g.m.gohl@gmail.com to get yours today!

FOR SALE: SWMMC Member T-Shirts and caps!

We carry only the highest quality of club t-shirts and caps in most sizes! We have these at most all of our club events including our monthly meetings, shows and cruises, and are only offered to members. Contact us to reserve one.



FOR FREE: New Rear Brake Pads – for 2011-2014 Mustang - ordered by mistake. I have had a great experience using these pads in my 2005 GT on the street and at the track. **Free** to who claims them first at tk421tk421x2@gmail.com"



FOR SALE: SWMMC Club Jackets! If you are interested in purchasing a club jacket, please contact Jill at [HERE](#) who has our logo all set up and ready to be embroidered on your favorite style. There are a wide variety of types, sizes and colors.



FOR SALE: SWMMC Club Merchandise! We've partnered with CafePress.com to allow our logo to be placed almost 200 items that members might be interested in. To see the different items that you can purchase with our logo, click [HERE](#)





By SWMMC Vice President David "Maj Hazard" Anderson
Welcome to the **Fun Zone!**

I'm taking a break from Track Day prep to head out to Road America for Track Day Tuesday May 26th to create my Newsletter entries!

I'm really excited to get back out on the track. The first event was canceled due to COVID-19. Tracks are starting to open up now and holding events with plans for social distancing. There is typically plenty of spacing at events as the crowds are not large, especially when compared to the large open areas at the track pits designed for much larger events.

Trevor, Pete and myself will be heading out to Lakehart WI this afternoon to hit the track tomorrow. We've been preparing going over the cars to make sure they are mechanically sound once last time. We've all done upgrades since last year, brake upgrades, after cooler upgrade, new rims, fuel pump, fuel tank, latest tune updates and sticky tires for the track... yes, it's come to that, special parts just for track day! "Boogity, boogity boys, let's go racing!!"



Here's a shot of my '15 getting an update from Casey's magic laptop.



Rumor has it Rock Falls Raceway in WI is open and that Grove Creek is working on getting approval to open.

I think we'll be hitting Rock Falls next for a little straight-line racing.

Watch for writes up on the upgrades, track results and next events in future Newsletters.

Carroll Shelby: [voice over] "There's a point, seven thousand RPM, where everything fades. The machine becomes weightless, just disappears. And all that's left is a body moving through space and time. Seven thousand RPM. That's where you meet it. It asks you a question. The only question that matters, 'Who are you?'"

Ken Miles: "I am H...A...P,P,Y, H...A...P,P,Y"

From co-racer and SWMMC member Pete Schmidt: Here's a few shots of race day. What a great time!



It was a great day of racing and Spotted Cow!



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2020 SOUTHWEST METRO MUSTANG CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

04 Annual Banquet
29 Monthly Meeting

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9-11 Iola WI Old Car Show
11-12 **Cruise** - Overnight:
Bridges of Madison City & John
Wayne Museum Winterset IA
17-19 Street Machine Nats
24-26 **Show** - Mustangs on the
Mississippi All Mustang Event
29 Monthly Meeting

7 Off Season - Shooting
26 Monthly Meeting

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8 **Cruise** - Muscle Car
Restorations Chippewa Falls WI
15 **Show** - Pony Wars, France
and 494
16 UMRSAAAC All Car Show AS
26 Monthly Meeting

7 Off Season - Axe Throwing
25 Monthly Meeting

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1-7 Sturgis Mustang Week
20 **Cruise** - Dragon Willow
Winery Long Prairie
26 Muscle By The Lake 10 at
the Nicewanders
30 Monthly Meeting

17 **Cruise** - Nat Mustang Day,
Shortstop Bar & Grill Fridley
19 **Cruise** - Kings Miesville
29 Monthly Meeting

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10 **Cruise** - Fall Foliage Run &
Hoisington BBQ Hager City WI
28 Monthly Meeting

2-3 Shelbyfest Jefferson City
9 **Cruise** - Remlinger Muscle
Cars Winona
17 **Show** - All Ford, Apple Ford
Shakopee
27 Monthly Meeting
31 Fun Zone - NASCAR in KC

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18 Monthly Meeting
21-22 Muscle Car & Corvette
Nationals, Chicago

7 UMRSAAAC Apple V Show
14 **Cruise** - El Rancho Manna
Horseback Trail Ride or Horse
Drawn Trolley Ride Richmond
19-21 Back To The 50s
24 Monthly Meeting

JUNE						
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DECEMBER						
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05 Dec Off Season Activity
25 Christmas Day

Monthly Meetings SWMMC Shows SWMMC Cruises Fun Zone Off Season Other Events

Many activities have been cancelled or changed. This is for your reference only. Watch your Email for the latest updates!

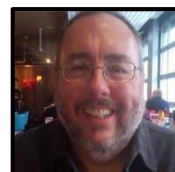
Your 2018 SWMMC Leadership Team



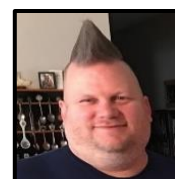
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Are you interested in becoming part of the club's leadership team? We would love to have you shadow one of us to help you see what's involved - and why our roles are not all that hard! Just talk to us at any club function!

ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover shot was taken on our cruise to Remlinger's Muscle Car Museum by club member and professional photographer Alex Oas. What a great shot that summed the atmosphere inside the museum!