FORT SMITH ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Monthly Membership Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2018 The Barn Catfish Buffett

6:00 P.M.

Items of business for the upcoming meeting:

Club T-shirts, caps, nametags

November meeting activities

Local Car Shows & Events

Trinity Baptist Church Alma Festival Oct. 20th

Saturday October 27th Tour to Newman Garage

VCCA Tour to Choteau

Christmas Party Activities



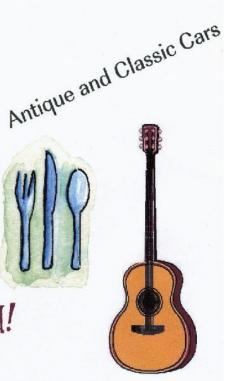
TBC Fall Festival

October 20, 2018 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Car Show / Competition Games For Children Free Food **Gospel Music** No Entry Fee **Drawings for Bicycles**





Great Live

Plenty of Candy

Good food!



Fun for all!!!

Motorcycles welcome!

Trinity Baptist Church 5020 Hwy 71 North Alma, AR 72921

For information contact: Gary Baldwin 479-806-2238



Newman's Garage Tour Hwy 271 Fort Smith Saturday, October 27th

Leave Burger King on Hwy. 271 at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch following the tour at Western Sizzlin on Towson Avenue Encourage everyone to drive their antique autos



VCCA Tour

Detwiler Farm in Choteau, OK Saturday, November 10th

\$20.00 per person reservation must be received by the October 18th meeting For more information contact Ed Vann 479-629-5636

Model T: Ford Automobile

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Ford Mustang debuts at World's Fair



The Ford Mustang, a two-seat, mid-engine sports car, is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York, on April 17, 1964. That same day, the new car also debuted in Ford showrooms across America and almost 22,000 Mustangs were immediately snapped up by buyers. Named for a World War II fighter plane, the Mustang was the first of a type of vehicle that came to be known as a "pony car." Ford sold more than 400,000 Mustangs within its first year of production, far exceeding sales expectations.

The Mustang was conceived as a "working man's Thunderbird," according to Ford. The first models featured a long hood and short rear deck and carried a starting price tag of around \$2,300. Ford general manager Lee Iacocca, who became president of the company in October 1964 (and later headed up Chrysler, which he was credited with reviving in the 1980s) was involved in the Mustang's development and marketing. The car's launch generated great interest. It was featured on the covers of Newsweek and Time magazines and the night before it went on sale, the Mustang was featured in commercials that ran simultaneously on all three major television networks. One buyer in Texas reportedly slept at a Ford showroom until his check cleared and he could drive his new Mustang home. The same year it debuted, the Mustang appeared on the silver screen in the James Bond movie "Goldfinger." A green 1968 Mustang 390 GT was famously featured in the 1968 Steve McQueen movie "Bullitt," in a car chase through the streets of San Francisco. Since then, Mustangs have appeared in hundreds of movies.

Within three years of its debut, some 500 Mustang fan clubs had cropped up. In March 1966, the 1 millionth Mustang rolled off the assembly line. In honor of the Mustang's 35th anniversary in 1999, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp commemorating the original model. In 2004, Ford built its 300 millionth car, a 2004 Mustang GT convertible 40th anniversary model. The 2004 Mustangs were the final vehicles made at the company's Dearborn production facility, which had been building Mustangs since their debut. (Assembly then moved to a plant in Flat Rock, Michigan.)

Over the decades, the Mustang underwent numerous evolutions, and it remains in production today, with more than 9 million sold.







A Short History of Car Clubs in the USA



Traditional car clubs have been gathering car aficionados for decades now, all with a passion for a certain type of car or driving activity. Car clubs have made their way onto the internet as well, allowing those who live great distances away from each other to be a part of something that brings them close in mind. Some of the original car clubs still exist today, with their specific rule-set, standards and

ideals. Most clubs have a specific way that you can become a member, such as by contributing or being involved in their events. In the end, once you become a member, you receive perks for your involvement. This can involve: an event schedule, members-only apparel, car decal, books, discounts, parties, to mention a few. Of course, one doesn't really need to mention the ability to get together with other people that feel the same way you do about your hobby. Let's take a look at a three clubs that are still loud and proud, and how they came about.

To start, let's look at one of the oldest ones out there, that bring in cars that are even older. The Antique Automobile Gub of America (AACA), was started after frustration with the recently created Antique Automobile derby, being so disorganized. In September 1935 two Derby contestants

(who went on to become the founding members of the new car club), sent out a letter, asking other derby contestants if they wanted to create and join a car club. Many agreed, and the next month, another letter was sent out, requesting a meeting at the Automobile Club of Philadelphia. November 11th marked the start of the next annual Derby, and they wanted to be more organized. The meeting was held, and it led to the discussion of the Derby, and more momentously, the creation of the AACA. Over the years, the club grew, and additions were made to the club's traditions and mission. Overall, though, it still is and will continue to be, the Antique Automobile Club of America.

- Another veteran club we can look at, is the actual Veteran Motor Club of America. Starting with just 12 members, the VMCCA was founded in December 1938. The first car meet was held the next year, in September, and it involved many motoring celebrities of that time. Slowing down through the war, 1941-1945, the club was not abandoned. It continued to grow and now consists of more than 3,000 members, worldwide!
- The Classic Car Club of America, was created by car hobbyists, who owned and drove cars that were considered "too modern." So these Cadillac and Packard enthusiasts joined together in 1951, to create this club. As all clubs start out small, the CCCA started the beginning of 1952 with only 25 members. At the International Motor Show, in March 1952, the club exhibited there, and added 75 new members during the show. This number doubled throughout the year and increased exponentially over the years. Now, the CCCA has thousands of members, all happy to be showcasing their classics

Car clubs are an excellent way for enthusiasts to share their passions for automobiles. They are designed to bring like-minded people together, and have done so for almost a century. So if anyone ever made fun of you having a toy club when you were a kid, don't sweat it. We are all just kids, who like talking about the things we like, with those who like

CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA